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Caring is so lonely

Daughter offers
'lifeline' to others
looking after
dementia sufferers

by **GRAHAM CRAWFORD**
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ISABEL Melville wants to offer a lifeline to Campbeltown's dementia carers - and herself.

She has come up with an idea which she believes will offer hope and an escape from the 'terrible isolation' felt by those in her situation.

'I told my father, Dr Bill MacDonald, as he was dying that I would keep my mother at home for as long as possible, and he smiled,' Isabel told the Courier.

'I'm doing that as willingly as I can, but it is awfully hard at times.

'It is exhausting and lonely.

'I am with my mother, Isabella, 24 hours day, seven days a week. It takes its toll. My life revolves around her entirely.

'She wants me sitting beside her all the time. She does not even like me to nip away to the toilet or the kitchen.

'As with a lot of elderly people, her night time can turn into day. She can be up and about at 4am, so I have to be up with her.

'Much of the time, we

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Isabel Melville is a full-time carer for her mother, Isabella MacDonald. 08_c10carers01

Alex is Citizen of the year

CAMPBELTOWN stalwart Alex McKiven told this week of his 'shock and delight' at being named the town's Citizen of the Year.

The award acknowledges his life-long involvement with football and his role in organising the annual Mull of Kintyre Music Festival.

Full story on page 5

Shock at ordeal for dialysis patients

THE extent of the ordeal faced by Campbeltown's dialysis patients in getting to and from Alexandria three times a week for treatment was outlined this week by an advocacy officer with the National Kidney Federation.

'It is horrendous what they are being asked to do,' said Ewen MacLean.

Full story on page 7.

Leading the way in tackling dog mess

DOG owners taking their pets to training classes are also being educated in cleaning up after them.

Not all dog owners are irresponsible, said Enid McMurchy, of Grrroomers Dog Salon.

Full story on pages 14-15.

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Fine for drinking in public

TWO people received fixed penalty fines last weekend for consuming alcohol in a public place in Campbeltown.

The first incident occurred on Saturday at 11.30pm on Burnbank Street and the second on Sunday on Burnside Street.

On Sunday at 8.30pm a householder on Burnside Street was given a fixed penalty fine for anti-social behaviour after playing music too loudly.

Microsoft scams

POLICE have reiterated warnings to residents over email and phone scams, reminding people to look out for elderly relatives.

According to Police Scotland, there has been a marked increase in calls and emails to residents in the Kintyre area

from people purporting to be from Microsoft.

They claim they can fix a problem with a person's computer before asking for passwords and bank details.

A spokesman for Police Scotland said under no circumstances should people give out these details and any suspicious emails should be forwarded on to the email provider.

Elderly relatives should also be made aware of these scams as they are often the victims.

Breach of the peace

TWO men were arrested in Campbeltown last Sunday for breach of the peace.

The first incident involved a 21-year-old on Shore Street at 1.05am, while the second involved a 22-year-old on Main Street at 1.40am.

Both were later given fixed penalty fines.

Campbeltown harbour lights to be permanent

SPARKLING lights around Campbeltown's harbour area are to become a permanent feature.

Thanks to funding from Argyll and Bute Council and Campbeltown Christmas Lights Committee, the lights will continue to brighten Hall Street and the Esplanade at nightfall.

They were switched on along with the town's Christmas lights at the end of November.

Funding

The poles for hanging the lights were paid for as part of Campbeltown's CHORD funding to regenerate the town, while the lights were funded by the Christmas Lights Committee.

Kintyre councillor Donald Kelly said the

committee approached him last year to discuss arranging lights along the town's harbour front after poles which were there before the harbour was redeveloped were taken away.

He said: 'I was delighted to support the request and new poles were put up as part of the work to the seafront. The lights have given the harbour a touch of class and are a credit to all who fundraised for them.'

The LED lights will last for five years and are very cheap to run.

Raymond Harvey, of Campbeltown Christmas Lights Committee, told the Courier the new lights were funded by generous donations from the town's contractors, shops and business-



The new lights along Campbeltown's harbour front. 20_c09lights01

es as well as members of the public.

He said: 'They will make a huge difference for people coming off

the ferry in the summer evenings.

'They will see a sea-side front rather than seeing nothing.'

'I would love to have them down to the paddling pool but that would mean a lot more fundraising.'

Caring is very exhausting and so lonely

Continued from Page 1 see no one but each other. Being a carer is an exhausting and very lonely profession.

'My mum goes into day care at Campbeltown Hospital for five hours once a week, and I'm fortunate to have that because there is a waiting list.

'It gives me the chance to do the week's shopping and catch up on a few other things.'

Last week, Isabel, 57,

had to go to Glasgow for a MRI scan for a back problem. She had to take her mother with her and leave her briefly with an aunt in the city.

Respite care

She said: 'I put my mother into respite care for a week recently and she was really happy.

'She loved the company. She and two other old ladies would fix breakfast for themselves and chat away all day.

'She needs company

and so do I - and I'm sure there are many other dementia sufferers and carers in Campbeltown in the same position.'

Isabel returned from Spain two years ago to help her parents in their large home overlooking Campbeltown Loch.

Since Dr MacDonald died a year ago, Isabel's condition has deteriorated and Isabel is feeling the strain of doing everything on her own.

Realising something has to change for her, Isabel, a former nurse, has come up with a simple idea which she believes could be transformative for her and others.

Days off

'We have a large lounge and a big dining room. If four or six other carers brought their parents here, say between 9am and 5pm Mondays to Fridays, it would mean half the carers could take days off on a rota system.

'It would also give carers and dementia sufferers much-needed company.

'We would need volunteer drivers, and volunteers to assist in the likes of making meals would also be welcome.'

Discuss

Anyone wishing to discuss the idea with Isabel can call her on 01586-552013.

* What do you think of Isabel's idea? Are you in similar situation? Do we fully realise the stresses and strains on the country's many carers? Write to editor, Campbeltown Courier, Main and Longrow South, Campbeltown, PA28 6AE or email editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

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Hauliers dismay over A83 delays and 'solutions'

'It's getting beyond a joke'

CAMPBELTOWN'S hauliers insist something has to change if landslips and road closures of the A83 at Rest and Be Thankful are to be a regular occurrence. Relying on the new diversion route via the Old Military Road is not the long-term answer, they said this week, following the road being closed for the third time in a fortnight.

First time

The Old Military Road was used for the first time after a landslide early last Thursday morning. This followed a landslide at Butterbridge on February 23 and an accident five days later.

Archie McMillan, man-

aging director of AM Transport, said: 'The Old Military Road is better than nothing, but if we're seeing the effects of climate change then we need a permanent solution.'

'The UK Government can find £130 million quickly enough for flood prevention in England - we have had this problem for 15 years.'

Peter McKerral, director of Peter McKerral and Co, which transports livestock, timber, general haulage, hay and straw on the A83 every day, said the diversion via the A82 added one hour on to journeys each way. He added: 'By the end of the week you are strugg-

ling to give your customers a service.'

'The Old Military Road is not ideal but it is another option and takes pressure off the A82.' He added: 'You really don't want to be using the alternative road.'

'It's getting beyond a joke.'

Not suitable

Calum McFadyen, director of McFadyen Transport, said: 'The current set-up and alternatives are not suitable, long-term solutions.'

Last Thursday's closure saw a landslide south of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, closing the A83 until Monday night.

A fallen power cable near Cairndow also closed the route most of Saturday.

Campbeltown councillor Donald Kelly told the Courier: 'Argyll First's petition was the catalyst for the proposed programme of improvements to the A83 including the work at the Rest and Be Thankful.'

'Given the latest events, the Scottish



Few people see convoys on the Old Military Road as a long-term solution to landslip problems on A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Government has to look again at the preferred option of upgrading the Forestry Road adjacent to the Rest.

Discussed

'We will be expecting that issue to be discussed along with updates and confirmed timescales for the removal of the pinch points and the installation of the safe pedestrian crossing points at Tarbert and Ardrishaig when the Taskforce meets on March 18.'

Roadworks require lengthy detour

DRIVERS are being warned about roadworks overnight on the A83 near Dunderave, east of Inveraray which will close the route and involve a lengthy diversion.

The works will take place between Sunday and Friday, March 16-21, between 9pm and 6am for the renewal of the road surface and associated road markings.

The westbound diversion will be from Tarbet via Crianlarich, Tyntrum and Dalmally to Inveraray. The eastbound diversion will be the reverse route.

A BEAR Scotland spokesman said: 'When it is safe to do so, queuing traffic will be escorted through the works once every two hours. Times have been estimated at 10.30pm,

00.30am, and 2.30am to allow traffic through, although these times may vary slightly depending on the progress of the works.'

'Queuing traffic will also be allowed through at 4:30am to allow road users heading for the Islay ferry service departing from Kennacraig to make the final check-in time at 6.30am.'

'However, drivers are encouraged to use the alternative signed diversion route. Outwith working hours temporary traffic signals will be in operation.'

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Pupils become budding broadcasters

PUPILS from Castlehill Primary in Campbeltown have been investigating the history and regeneration of the Old Schoolhouse, Big Kiln Street, which became a backpacking hostel in 2012.

The oral history and digital editing project was organised by the Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) and Argyll FM and was delivered by local social enterprise Inspiralba.

Campbeltown Backpackers, as it is now known, is owned and operated by Kintyre Amenity Trust, which was gifted the Old Free Church School on the same site as the heritage centre which the charity runs.

Funding was secured from a range of sources including THI, Argyll and Islands Leader Campbeltown Area Restoration Scheme and

Highlands and Islands Enterprise, leading to the restoration of the B-listed building.

A need was identified locally for budget hostel accommodation and the former school was refurbished, with the backpackers opening in April 2012.

P7 pupils recorded interviews with local people about the former schoolhouse and researched its history.

Councillor Rory Colville, chairman of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee, said: 'The level of engagement between the council and the community has been a cornerstone of the Campbeltown CHORD project and it is great to see another project involving our schoolchildren.'

A spokesman from Kintyre Amenity Trust said: 'We really enjoyed

welcoming the children into the school that was alive with children of the same age 150 years ago.

'The Free Church of Scotland was very keen on education and the pupils went on to great things.

'Archibald McKinnon, the painter of Campbeltown Fair and Duncan McEachran who became a pioneering vet in Canada are just two examples. The school played a major part in the social history of Campbeltown.'

The project with Castlehill primary follows on from work by Dalintober primary on the town hall. The Castlehill pupils' work will be stored digitally by THI and will be broadcast on Argyll FM on Saturday, March 22 at 8pm, with a repeat on Tuesday, March 25 at 4pm.



From left: S3 pupils Emma Bannatyne, Iona McDougall, Brandon Wells and Erin Ferguson were serving up the tasty banana treat last Thursday. 20_c11bananas01

They are happy to go bananas

THIRD-year pupils at Campbeltown Grammar have been doing their bit for Fairtrade Fortnight by making a banana-based dessert.

Pupils studying home economics and religious education aimed to highlight the plight of banana

farmers who receive very little money for their fruit because of cheap prices in supermarkets.

Post-lunch pudding

Last Thursday they made caramelised bananas with butter-scotch sauce, which was offered to fellow students as a post-lunch

pudding. Bananas were also handed out.

All the bananas used were provided by the Co-op which sells Fairtrade products.

RE teacher Ron Wilson said: 'We'd like to say a big thank you to the Co-op for the bananas.'

Fresh approach offered to food suppliers

A KEY tender worth £60,000 to fresh meat or fish suppliers is up for grabs with Argyll and Bute Council.

In an effort to support local and SME food producers, the council is hosting a suppliers' forum on Tuesday, March 25 in the council chambers, Kilmory Castle, in Lochgilphead and is urging any fresh meat or fresh fish suppliers or distributors to come along.

The event will outline the opportunity, the procurement process and meeting suppliers and

distributors interested in collaborating with each other.

Council buyers for this tender will be in attendance and available for questions.

A council spokesman said: 'The goal is to establish whether suppliers in the market are willing and able to work together to bid for this type of council contract.'

'Also on hand will be Argyll and Bute's Business Gateway team to outline the free support available for businesses to help them enhance their tendering skills.'

Council leader, Councillor Dick Walsh said: 'This is a fantastic opportunity to meet the council's buyers for this contract and discuss the possibilities available to suppliers.'

Take place

The event will take place between 10am and noon at Kilmory Castle.

Anyone wanting to attend can book a place by contacting Elaine Appleby, purchasing officer, by March 18 either by email to Elaine.appleby@argyll-bute.gov.uk or telephone 01369 708594.

Argyll and Bute businesses back new qualifications

A WORK-based qualification to help young people secure employment is being backed by Argyll and Bute employers.

Companies across Scotland are offering work placements and assessing young people to help them achieve an SQA approved Certificate of Work Readiness.

For more information on the Certificate of Work Readiness, visit ourskillsforce.co.uk/recruit/certificate-of-work-readiness.

Survey on delivery costs to rural areas

KINTYRE businesses are being urged to fill in a survey aimed at assessing the effects of high delivery costs to rural areas of Scotland.

Citizens Advice Scotland has created the survey as it believes suppliers are unfairly charging firms in a number of postcode areas across the Highlands and Is-

lands with inflated postage prices with no relation to actual shipping costs.

This has led to increased costs for consumers and businesses, increasing pressures on small and medium businesses. Rhoda Grant, MSP for Highlands and Islands, said: 'This is an issue that affects people right

across the area; this is why I think it is important and will be actively encouraging businesses to respond to this survey.'

'Consumers and businesses across the region have been getting a raw deal on postage for too long. The results of this survey will put pressure on the Government, reg-

ulators and suppliers to ensure the region gets a fair deal on postage.'

The survey can be found at tinyurl.com/DeliveryCosts and hard copies can be picked up from all Citizens Advice Bureaus in Scotland. The deadline is 5pm on March 14 and it is open to any business, anywhere in Scotland.

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Alex is named Citizen of the Year

'It came as a complete surprise'

CAMPBELTOWN stalwart Alex McKinven has told of his 'shock, delight and honour' at being named Citizen of the Year by the town's Rotary Club.

This award acknowledged his life-long involvement with football, as player and manager, as well as his role in organising the annual Mull of Kintyre Music Festival, which promotes music in the town.

Alex told the Courier: 'It came as a complete shock.'

'I am really delighted and honoured to follow in a long list of people who have done so much good for the town.'

'I am also extremely grateful to all the people for their congratulations and kind sentiments.'

'That's been quite overwhelming, and a really nice feeling.'

Campbeltown Pupils AFC goes back to 1919 but had to be reinstated in 1959 by the McKinven family - Alex along with his father, brother and brother-in-law - after the interruption of the Second World War.

In recent times he has published a book, Kit and Caboodle, about the history of football in Campbeltown.

A retired district clerk,

the 69-year-old also leads tourists and locals on tours of the town.

During the presentation to Alex, held at the Argyll Hotel, members of the Rotary Club of Campbeltown and the Inner Wheel Club gathered to also present an award to Colin Ronald, named Most Promising Young Musician of the Year.

After an enjoyable meal, president elect Laurens Denson asked Margaret Bakes to read the citation for Alex McKinven.

A citation for Colin Ronald mentioned his prowess on bagpipes and guitar and his involvement in helping other young musicians.

He is studying for Advanced Higher music and hopes to pursue a musical career.

Both Alex and Colin were presented with a framed certificate and Colin also received a trophy and cheque for £200.

Colin played two pipe tunes, Balmoral and Farewell to Nigg, then sang the song I See Fire by Ed Sheeran to his own guitar accompaniment. The very happy evening finished with the traditional toast to Rotary International.



From left: Most Promising Young Musician of the Year Colin Ronald with Laurens Denson, president elect of the Rotary Club of Campbeltown, and Citizen of the Year Alex McKinven.

GRADUATION



Susan Linklater recently graduated from Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh with a MA Honours of the second class (upper) in Accounting and Finance. Susan is the granddaughter of Chrissie and the late Neil McArthur, Fort Argyll, Campbeltown. Currently Susan is working for Serco Northlink at Scrabster and getting work experience from Victor T Fraser & Co in Caithness. Susan is the daughter of Christine and Bryan, Orkney.

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For the likes of Isabel Melville - whose story is told in this week's Courier - who are looking after a relative with dementia, the role puts a demand on them almost 24/7, seven days a week.

It is an enormous strain which must take a physical and mental toll on the carer sooner or later. And, given the age of many elderly these days, the carers themselves are often unlikely to be young and fit and indeed may have health problems of their own.

Isabel and her mother's story puts the issue of caring for our increasingly elderly population into sharp focus.

The NHS and a financially-straitened state cannot do any more, so it must fall to others, chiefly relatives, to take up the slack. However, as Isabel suggests, the real solution may lie in people uniting and working together.

Perhaps, in these more austere times, we are seeing the beginning of the end of the selfish generation. Perhaps we will have to rediscover a community spirit where we all pitch in and help each other.

Along the way, it would not go amiss from the rest of us to have compassion and fully understand what life as a carer - or as a dialysis patient faced with impossible endurance tests amid constant fatigue (see page 7) - actually entails.

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Third-rate answer to Rest landslips

Sir,
When someone offers you a way out of a tight spot perhaps it is ungrateful to complain about it later, but I have to say I am not that thrilled and impressed by the use of the Old Military Road, taking traffic in convoy form, to provide an alternative route following the latest landslip on the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Yes, it is better than nothing and saves a very lengthy detour and yes, my thanks go to the roads staff at the location who have to tolerate fairly miserable weather conditions.

But, and it is a big but, there is a voice in my head which is saying 'Is that it? Is that really the best we can do in the situation for our businesses, commuters and tourists?'

One has to ask, knowing how unstable the ground is around the Rest, is this really a long-term solution? The Old Military Road is now a single track of tarmac which wends its way up the hill, passing many awkward spots where a momentarily careless driver could easily tip into a small burn or hit a rock. Then what? Another protracted delay while it is removed or rescued. The same applies to potential breakdowns.

The whole set-up, while well organised, all smacks of a rather amateurish, third-rate answer to a serious problem. Was this the best the Scottish Government could do? Is this all that the people and businesses of Argyll merit - in keeping as it is with our atrocious, pothole-ridden roads?

I would be interested to know if others feel the same way.

And here is one final thought to consider - just like earthquakes and volcanic eruptions come in various magnitudes, so do landslips. Perhaps the slips we have seen thus far are just the precursor to something fairly monumental. What good would the new barriers and fences do if the ground was seriously undermined above and underneath them? Where would the fall-out end up? Well, it certainly would not stop on the existing A83. If relentless heavy rain, day after day as we have witnessed this winter, is to become the norm, there is no telling what catastrophe lies in store in those hills. A torrent of mud and boulders could career down onto the Old Military Road and heaven help any vehicles and their passengers. On that cheery note.

G Wallace
Glasgow.

Yes to a better future for Scotland

Sir,
Ron Knight's letter in last week's Courier epitomised the deeply cynical tactics of the No campaign, throwing up political chaff to disguise the reality that a No vote means more privatisation and job losses regardless of the face in 10 Downing Street.

Mr Knight is wrong to state that a currency union would lead to excessive spending by the Scottish government - leaving aside the inconvenient truth that it has been profligate London politicians who have delivered an unsustainable £1.5 trillion UK debt

while John Swinney has meticulously balanced Scotland's books, currency unions are designed to reinforce financial discipline. I suggest Mr Knight read the Government's White Paper 'Scotland's Future' before shooting himself in the foot.

It is outrageous that Better Together are concocting a welter of scare stories when, just last week, we had Scotland's most respected charities describing a 'humanitarian crisis' with 870,000 Scots being 'battered' by monstrous welfare reforms, stagnant wages, rising utility bills, higher living costs and job insecurity.

This in a Scotland that international ratings agency Standard and Poor's described as having wealth levels comparable to Germany's. If this is 'Better Together' the Tories and their Labour/Liberal allies are both blind and delusional.

Scotland has a choice. To accept the status quo is as good as it gets, that the economic apartheid of the Westminster elite is 'the best of both worlds', or to change the road London has been driving for decades, vote Yes in September and use our new powers to create a fairer and more prosperous country.

Ron Wilson
Yes Scotland - Kintyre

Help sought

Sir,
Could anyone among your readers help a young person with cystic fibrosis?

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Laura Findlay
Social Wellbeing
Development Officer

Trying to trace birthplace

Sir,
On my birth certificate, it states I was born in the gamekeeper's cottage at Limecraig, Campbeltown on July 1963.

My father was William Trotter and my mother is Helen Trotter.

I've tried to find on a map where this is. I was wondering if any of your readers would know where it was or if they knew my parents. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Graham Trotter
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Dialysis patients' torturous ordeal three times a week

'The journey is tedious, cold, uncomfortable and exhausting'

THEY are torturous, exhausting journeys that healthy people would balk at having to make.

Three hours or longer each way on twisting, turning roads three times a week.

Yet, kidney patients from Campbeltown are doing just that - either side of a draining four to five hours on a dialysis machine at Vale of Leven Hospital.

'It is horrendous what they are being asked to do,' said Ewen MacLean, Scotland's advocacy officer with the National Kidney Federation.

'I recently made the

journey to and from Glasgow myself and could not believe how bad it was.

'These people have no kind of life. The journey is tedious, cold, uncomfortable and exhausting.'

'The dialysis treatment itself takes a lot out of you. Most patients refer to a 'dialysis hangover' after it.

Not acting

'It beggars belief that NHS Highland is not acting immediately to put a stop to the need for these journeys.'

As the Campbeltown Courier reported last week, Councillor Donald Kelly and MSP Jamie McGrigor are calling on



Many dialysis patients find the treatment tiring.

NHS Highland to provide a dialysis unit in Argyll and Bute.

'This is causing enormous distress and inconvenience to patients,' said Councillor Kelly.

Mr MacLean added: 'A government initiative says patients should not travel any more than 40

minutes for dialysis.

'I have a short drive to receive mine and I find that exhausting.'

Lobbying

'I've started lobbying the decision makers to get things moving on for dialysis patients from Campbeltown and Lochgilphead.

time, I'm advising the Argyll patients on how to set up a kidney support group to help press their case.

'I hope a solution can be found sooner rather than later.'

'These people cannot be expected to go on making this dreadful journey.'

Dialysis patients in north Argyll are having to travel to Fort William or Inverness for treatment.

A NHS Highland spokesman said that it recognised the journeys being made by dialysis patients were 'onerous' and was examining the demand for a more local service.

He added that while it was taking the issue 'very seriously', it also had a range of 'competing priorities for service developments'.

Motorists caught speeding

SEVEN motorists have been caught speeding on the A83 during the past 10 days.

Two were caught on Monday and Tuesday while coming into Campbeltown, while another was spotted on Saturday at Glencraigs.

On March 3, four people were caught speeding on the A83, while another driver was stopped with a defective tyre.

All received £100 fines and three penalty points on their licences.

Thefts from church

POLICE are appealing for witnesses following a break-in and thefts from St Kieran's Church, Argyll Street, Campbeltown, overnight between Saturday and Sunday.

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Community Open Days

Ugadale Hotel	Machrihanish,	Sunday 16th March	2pm - 5pm
Argyll Hotel,	Bellochantuy,	Monday 17th March	3pm - 6pm
Village Hall,	Tayinloan,	Monday 17th March	3pm - 6pm
Community Hall,	Glenbarr,	Tuesday 18th March	3pm - 6pm
Village Hall,	Clachan,	Thursday 20th March	3pm - 6pm



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Man to trek through Kintyre in Bannockburn commemoration

ONE MAN and his dog will pass through Kintyre as they walk 1,000 miles in the footsteps of Robert the Bruce for the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn.

Gregor Ewing, 42, from Falkirk, and his border collie, Meg, aim to recreate the route taken by Bruce as he reclaimed his kingdom of Scotland.

They will start their nine-week journey from Rathlin Island, Northern Ireland, on Monday, before catching a boat to Kintyre.

They aim to trek an almost circular path around Scotland before ending at Bannockburn, near Stirling, where Bruce had his famous victory over the English in 1314. They will cover around 18 miles per day.

Mr Ewing said: 'I will be following the route of Bruce's campaign of 1307-1308 to the north-east of Scotland before continuing on to other locations critical to King Robert's eventual victory.'

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Peninver Juniors pictured at the recent Kintyre Drama Festival. 20_c09drama06.

Stage is set for Peninver Juniors to shine

PENINVER Juniors' members will carry the flag for Kintyre when they represent Argyll tomorrow (Saturday) in the Scottish Community Drama Association's west of Scotland final.

Peninver, most of whose members come from Campbeltown, recently won the Kintyre festival with its hilarious rendition of *Dombey Dom*.

Exuberance

'For sheer exuberance and entertainment value tomorrow's festival is second to none,' said Maureen Johnson, chairwoman of Kintyre SCDA.

'It is Campbeltown's privilege this year to host this festival, which brings together the best junior teams in the

west of Scotland for a full day of drama and comedy.

'The other plays, *Teechers*, *The Edge*, *Nursery Crimes*, *The Magic Paintbrush*, and *LittleBro Morning*, *BigSis Afternoon*, will bring us a delicious mixture of high drama, thrills, spills, laughter and perhaps a few tears.'

Campbeltown Grammar School is the venue at 2pm and 7pm, with three performances in the afternoon and three in the evening.

Tickets, £12 for the two sessions, are available from the town's Yorkshire Building Society and should also be available at the door.

Sale of the century raises £4,000-plus

IT WAS a busy weekend for members of the Rotary Club of Campbeltown as they hosted their first sale of the century of 2014 on Saturday at the Victoria Hall.

Despite there being fewer than the usual number of lots in the auction, more than £4,000 was raised.

More than £400 raised in the raffle will go to the Rotary's preferred charity Wateraid, which works to provide clean water for those who have none.

Filled rolls

Throughout Saturday, tea, coffee, biscuits and filled rolls were available thanks to the Inner Wheel Club of Campbeltown.

A spokeswoman for the Rotary Club said it was extremely grateful for the help given by non-Rotarians, without whom it would be impossible to continue to provide the service of delivering goods at the

end of the sale.

She added: 'Thanks are due to Jim Martin for providing a lorry and driver to take goods to the hall on Friday, and to James Young, Drum, Andrew Smith and Glenside Tractors for providing vehicles and

drivers for the delivery service.

'The club is also grateful for the continued support of the public of Campbeltown and Kintyre, as this helps Rotary to help others, locally, nationally and internationally.'



From left: Rotary Club members Agnes Stewart, John Kerr, who was auctioneer, and Cecil Finn on stage at the sale. Alan Milstead holds up a painting for sale. 20_c11sale02

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Raymond Hosie from Campbeltown sent in this picture of the aurora borealis on February 27 looking north to Davaar Island. He took it at 10.30pm from a layby near Kildallig Farm on the Lear'side road.

Kintyre school pupils relish poetry performance

PUPILS from Campbeltown Grammar and three primary schools were treated to a fun, interactive storytelling session on Monday.

Jim MacCool, a dramatic poet, visited the grammar school in his first visit to Kintyre, bringing his musical instruments with him as part of a national storytelling tour.

Jim is from the shanachie and travelling bard tradition, playing instruments such as the bodhran. He has performed Irish and Scots folk ballads, poetry and tales all over the world but spends much of his time travelling around the UK.

Yarn-spinning

First-year English pupils at Campbeltown Grammar

School had a chance to hear his Celtic yarn-spinning show first, before P7 pupils from Southend, Castlehill and Dalintober primary schools came to hear his second performance.

A spokeswoman for Stratford Festival of the Arts, which runs Jim's National Storytelling Tour, said: 'The pupils loved

joining in with Jim's songs and rhymes, nearly taking the roof off with their lusty responses.

Cherished

'Jim's stories of island life are now being relished and cherished by this new generation and their teachers who were equally as mesmerised and charmed by Jim MacCool's stories and show.'



Jim MacCool sings a song while playing the tambourine, encouraging the primary school pupils to clap along. 20_c10poet01



Lorne and Lowland Church Choir sang at the church's guild concert last Monday night.

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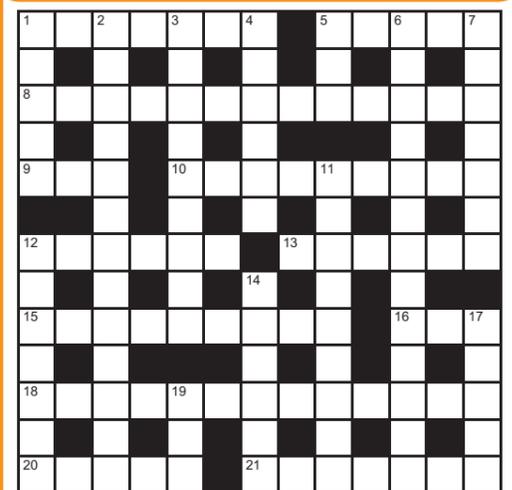
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This time last year, by the end of March, the big problem was the snow.

Kintyre was hit badly, as was other parts of the country. Indeed, in Shropshire one disgruntled farmer was so frustrated that he wrote 'WHERE IS SPRING?' in 40ft-high letters on his snow-covered fields.

Beef farmer Nicholas Stokes, 57, used his quad bike to etch out the giant

letters on his land. 'This is the worst spell of freezing weather I have know and it's coming on the back of months of persistent rain,' he declared.

Let us hope that is not repeated this year in Kintyre because we have certainly had the months of persistent rain. Record amounts and the ground is still trying to recover.

However, because of the sodden winter this week's bursts of sunshine, even offered heat out of the wind, has been all the more welcome. Suddenly,

there is the promise of the land coming awakening and coming to life again. Wonderful.

It has been a time for farmers to grab the moment and try and get as many of spring's key tasks under way.

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Courier farming

Ralston family picks up breeder of the year trophy

Award presented at AGM

THIS YEAR'S Kintyre and District Ayrshire Breeders Club trophy for Premier Breeder of the Year has been awarded to the Ralston family.

The award was presented by Colin Christophers, president of the Ayrshire Cattle Society, during the club's 42nd annual general meeting at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown.

Mr Christophers then gave a detailed account of the formation of the Rosehill herd and a report on the society and his year as president.

Murray Ralston, chairman of the Kintyre and

District Ayrshire Breeders Club, welcomed 20 members to the meeting and expressed the sadness of the club on the death of Hamish Smith a few days after presenting the Premier Breeder of the Year trophy at last year's AGM. Hamish was a past chairman of the club and a dedicated supporter of the breed.

Murray gave a detailed account of the events over the past year, which were well supported and thanked everyone for their assistance in organising the conference in May, especially Robin and Iona Barr.

The treasurer, John

Ferguson, presented the accounts for the year showing a small deficit following the Ayrshire Cattle Society Conference.

Office bearers were elected for the forthcoming year: chairman: Thomas J Cameron, Drumavulin; vice-chairman: Malcolm Ronald, Ormsary; secretary: William Ralston, East Drumlemble; treasurer: John Ferguson, Kilervan, re-elected.

The meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks by Thomas J Cameron to Colin and all concerned for the success of the club.



From left: Graeme McMillan with the Alta Cup for highest placed young farmer, Murray Ralston with the Premier Breeder of the Year trophy and William G Ralston, Darloch, with the stock-judging cup. 20_c11ayrshire01

Store cattle and young bulls sell well at Stirling

CALEDONIAN Marts in Stirling sold 731 store cattle and 23 young bulls on Monday.

Bullocks 401 averaged 235p to 273p per kg for three 370kg Limousins from Redhall, Gargun-

nock and £1,390 gross for four 600kg Limousins from Carmichael Estate, Lanark.

Heifers 309 averaged 226p to 309p per kg for a 495kg Limousin from Redhall, Gargun-

nock and £1,530 gross for the same animal.

Bulls 23 averaged 204p to 260p for four 315kg Limousins from Mains of Burnbank, Blairdrummond and £1,210 gross for a 575kg Lim-

ousin from Mains of Burnbank. Twenty-one black and white bullocks averaged 160p per kg to 175p per kg for a 480kg from Knockraich, Fintry and to £840 for the same animal.

Saying cheese in Taiwan

SALES of Mull of Kintyre cheddars, produced in Campbeltown Creamery, have been performing well on supermarket shelves in Taiwan, according to First Milk.

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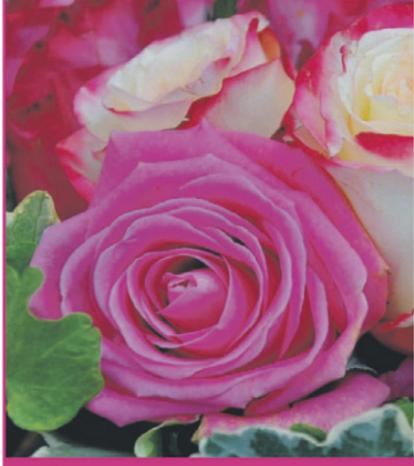
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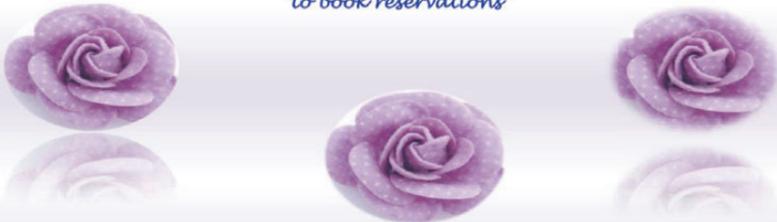
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Grant Logan goes to the class with his golden retriever, Tulla. 20_c10dog05



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Adult dogs and their owners who take part in the Thursday night classes are joined by puppies later in Dog and owner training classes take th

by PAMELA PATERSON
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CAMPBELTOWN has a dog fouling problem.

And, rather than sticking their heads in the sand, several of the town's dog owners would be the first to admit that the town's pavements have been covered in the brown stuff for far too long.

They have had enough of being tarred with the same brush as those who fail to pick up after their pets.

In an attempt to educate dog owners - both new and not so new - Enid McMurchy of the town's Grrroomsers Dog Salon is leading a campaign to teach people how to clean up after their dogs.

She said she has had her fill of people blaming all dog owners for mess left on the pavements when it is just a small, irresponsible minority to blame.

'I think it's got worse in Campbeltown over the past couple of years,' she said. 'It's disgusting.'

The town's dog obedience and management group is teaching both adult dog and puppy owners how to pick up after their animals.

Enid added: 'We try to encourage getting the dog into a routine. When you've fed it, a couple of hours later it's going to need to do its business.'

She said the puppy classes are to get owners 'off on the right footing', adding: 'We want to tell the rest of the town that not all dog owners are irresponsible.'

All the dogs in the classes are taught how to socialise and owners learn how to keep them under control as part of the Kennel Club's Good Citizen dog training scheme.

Enid even suggests that people who are afraid of dogs should come along to the Thursday night classes.

She said: 'If people are frightened of dogs or want to learn more they are welcome to come and sit in the classes, so they can learn a bit. It's good for people who are worried about dogs to see they're fine.'

However, it is not just the smell and the unsightliness of dog fouling that Enid is keen to get across, but also the dangers. She has seen dog dirt all over Westport Beach and on the grass in Sound of Kintyre - places where children play.

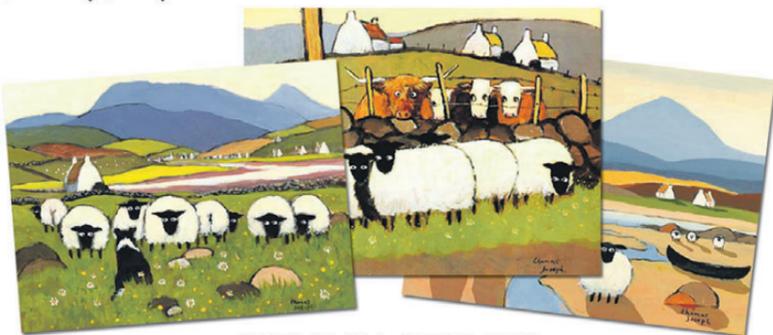
All dogs have an infection with roundworms called Toxocara Canis at some point in their lives, with puppies worst affected.

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tion which lasts between six and 24 months.

Symptoms include eye disorders, dizziness, nausea and, in extreme cases, seizures.

Children aged between 18 months and five years are most likely to be affected by toxocariasis as infected soil samples are most often found in play areas.

Problem still remains

As more dog owners are educated by Enid and other members of Campbeltown's dog obedience and management group, the problem still remains with those who continue to refuse to pick up after their dogs.

Argyll and Bute Council is fully aware dog fouling 'remains a serious issue' across the region and has staff patrolling problem areas.

A council spokeswoman said: 'As resources permit, patrols partner wardens with police officers. The difficulty is actually catching dog

owners who do not clear up once their pet has fouled. However, the public can assist us by contacting our customer services centre and providing information which helps wardens. The service centre number is 01546 605514.

'If anyone feels uncomfortable in giving the name and address of someone failing to clean up after their dog, they can at least tell us the exact location this occurs, the approximate time the dog owner exercises their pet and a description of the dog. We can then step up patrols at specific times.'

All council bins are dual waste, for both litter and dog dirt, making it easier for dog owners to locate a place to dump their dog's business.

Those caught dog fouling risk a fine of £40, going up to £60 if it is not paid within 28 days. Failure to pay risks court proceedings with a £500 maximum fine.

However, Enid feels the coun-

cil could go further by adopting a campaign similar to that used by Falkirk Council, called the Green Dog Walkers (GDW).

It aims to change attitudes to dog fouling in a 'non-confrontational, friendly way'.

Volunteers wear a special armband or their dogs wear a special collar to show they have pledged to clean up after their dog; carry extra dog waste bags; be happy to lend a bag to those without; and remind other dog walkers to clean up after their dogs.

The scheme is proving to be successful, with hundreds of people outwith the Falkirk area also signing up to be a GDW.

In Campbeltown, meanwhile, Enid McMurchy and other responsible dog owners will continue to fight the good fight, in the hope people are shamed and educated into eradicating dog dirt from the streets for good.



The dogs are put through their paces at the training and obedience group. 20_c09dog01



Three of the puppies sit calmly with their owners during the class which teaches them how to socialise with other dogs and people. 20_c09dog04

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Islay turbine project given huge funding boost

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Islay Energy Trust plans to use the money to develop the wind turbine with communities on Islay, Jura and Colonsay. Income from the electricity generated will be distributed among the three islands.

A home energy advisor will also be employed to offer support and advice to households who are in fuel poverty or require energy efficiency advice.

Lindy MacLellan, project officer, said: 'Islay Energy Trust has been working on the Is-

lay Community Wind project for the past four years with the aim of providing community benefit from renewable energy generation.

'This award from the Big Lottery Fund will help us do just that and will also help to support the creation and administration of the Community Benefit Fund in its early years.

'The fund will provide around £80,000 per annum for distribution within Islay, Jura and Colonsay.

'Priority will be given to support for community businesses, support for local organisations and the establishment of an energy advice service which will include the provision of small grants to aid those in fuel poverty.'

The Big Lottery Fund gives out money from the National Lottery to

community groups and projects which improve health, education and the environment.

Work starts to upgrade Bowmore waste water network

WORK has started to upgrade a section of the waste water network in Bowmore, Islay.

This will involve the installation of a 21-metre section of sewer pipe to help reduce debris spillage from the network.

Work began at Main Street and The Square and will last until the end of March.

Scottish Water is reassuring customers that properties will not be affected during the work and once it has been completed the area will return to its origi-

nal state. A spokesman said: 'Customers will be given advance notice and contacted directly should there be a need for any interruptions.'

'Scottish Water would like to take this opportunity to thank customers for their cooperation and will make every effort to minimise any possible disruption while this essential work is carried out.'

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SWRI Bellochantuy learn about Peninver gardens

THE LADIES of SWRI Bellochantuy were given a fascinating history of the gardens at the Smiddy in Peninver during a recent meeting in Glenbar.

Livingstone and Christine Russell explained how their house and gardens had developed over the past 25 years.

When they bought their home the gardens were very overgrown with bracken and shrubs. Livingstone and Christine illustrated their talk with a comprehensive presentation of photographs of how the gardens and house have developed and improved.

They said all the work had been done by themselves with the help of machinery, and they had learned through trial and error what plants and shrubs work best in their garden.

Christine had honed her skills in bridge-making and wall-building while Livingstone provided the labour.

Their endless hard work had resulted in a garden full of colour and interest, while the house had been renovated and extended with many of the original features restored and maintained.



Islay Natural History Centre will remain open after receiving sponsorship from Bruichladdich Distillery.

Islay Natural History Centre to remain open

ISLAY Natural History Centre in Port Charlotte is to remain open, following the announcement of a sponsorship deal with Bruichladdich Distillery.

Fears had been raised after the centre's lease with Scottish Youth Hostels Association (SYHA) expired and a sale of some of Islay Natural History Trust's equipment was to be held before they vacated the premises on March 28.

Thanks to the sponsorship deal with Bruichladdich Distillery, SYHA has agreed to draw up a new lease covering the next two years.

The distillery has some ideas about a public display area, possibly relating to the history of distillation on Islay or the Botanist, the distillery's Islay dry gin.

Displays

Islay Natural History Centre houses displays about the flora and fauna of the island downstairs from the youth hostel.

The trust says it is extremely grateful to Bruichladdich Distillery for the sponsorship and details of opening hours will be announced in due course.

RHUNAHORINE



Pupils from Rhunahaorine Primary School with their fruit basket and letter from Breckenridge.

Rhunahaorine pupils go bananas for Fairtrade

RHUNAHORINE Primary School pupils have done their bit for Fairtrade Fortnight this week, asking their school fruit supplier to send them only Fairtrade bananas.

Primary 6 pupils, who sent the letter, received a reply from Ar-

gyll-based fruit supplier Breckenridge explaining they will be giving them Fairtrade bananas in future.

The company also donated a basket of fruit to the school for their open day last Friday.

Pupils of all ages went bananas with stalls,

baking, recipes and music while dressed in yellow or in their pyjamas.

Money raised will go towards Fairtrade Fortnight.

Ruth Reid, headteacher at Rhunahaorine, said a big thank you to Breckenridge for their support.



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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE Standing Stone at Beacharr is quite a landmark just above Beachmenach, on the Kintyre peninsula.

Walking on the beach below, the stone looks like a man waving from the top of the hill.

It is a marker from the people who have gone before us – a sermon in stone in some ways.

But what does it say to us in this 21st century?

It is hard to know what these early settlers here wanted to convey by the markings on the stones, and the positioning of them.

There has been much speculation about standing stones by many knowledgeable people over the years, but there is still a mystery about them.

This is a solitary stone, unlike the groupings around the country at Callanish, Fortingall, Lam-lash, Machrie, Kilmartin and many other places.

I wonder what we will leave behind as our markers.

Will there be anything visible left from this computerised and technological age that will stand the test of time?

What will be our legacy?

It is said that if you want to see a tribute to Christopher Wren, visit St Paul's Cathedral.

This is indeed an amazing legacy, and one to which not many can aspire.

However, I think when we go into our wee churches which are scattered throughout the land, we do see a legacy.

We remember the saints who have witnessed and worshipped there and kept the flame of faith alive for us.

Their legacy is in the stories that are told of friendship, of faith, of holding fast in bad times as well as good.

It says in scripture that we are 'living stones' and we can all think of the folk we have loved and lost who left their indelible mark upon our community, our church and on our hearts.

They are the living stones who have built a sure foundation.

This will be our legacy.

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Excitement builds for Commonwealth Games

YOUNGSTERS and councillors across Argyll gathered to mark Commonwealth Day as excitement builds for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow this summer.

Pupils from Lochgilphead Primary joined councillors to raise the flag on Monday when a record number of 500 Commonwealth flags were to be raised across the UK.

Pledging support

Councillor Douglas Philand, depute provost of Argyll and Bute Council, raised the flag at Kilmory Castle on Monday after pledging the local authority's support to the Commonwealth of Nations.

He said: 'Our communities are busy getting active, marking the Commonwealth Games Legacy which promotes activities and the use of local facilities.'

'The council's Active Schools service has encouraged primary and secondary school pupils to take part in the Commonwealth Games



Lochgilphead Primary pupils Ailsa Wilson, Connor Rennie, Andrew Ritchie and Rowan MacDonald, helped Douglas Philand, depute provost of Argyll and Bute, raise the Commonwealth flag at Kilmory Castle on Monday. 06_a11flag01

Passport project which awards points for each sporting activity in which they participate.

'Our primary schools are also participating in a Commonwealth Games art project to create a

piece of cloth which represents Scotland's welcome to the Commonwealth in 2014.

'The Commonwealth Games will leave a lasting legacy for Argyll and Bute.'

New lead chaplain appointed

RAYMOND Deans has been appointed lead chaplain for Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership.

He will be working closely with staff, patients and carers across Argyll and Bute.

Mr Deans said: 'I have been working as a chaplain, part time, on Bute for 10 years and in January I was interviewed and now have the post

of lead chaplain for Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership.

'I am looking forward to working with my colleagues in Campbeltown and Oban as we seek to develop the chaplaincy.'

Spiritual care

'As part of my work to develop the chaplaincy service, I am happy to meet with staff, patients and carers at any time and will be provid-

ing training on spiritual care to staff.

'I would also like to develop chaplaincy visits for patients who are being cared for in their own homes and who might value a visit by the chaplain, even though they have not actually been in the hospital itself or have now been discharged.'

Mary Wilson, allied health professional lead

for the CHP and who will be managing the chaplaincy service, added: 'I look forward to working with Raymond to raise the profile of the work our chaplains do across Argyll and Bute.'

'Raymond is very experienced and extremely enthusiastic and I know that he is looking forward to embracing the challenges and opportunities of his new role.'

Complaints about wood burning stoves

A NUMBER of complaints have been received by Argyll and Bute Council about the installation of wood burning stoves.

In England and Wales the installation of these stoves is restricted to installers approved by HETAS, the official body to approve wood burning appliances.

This does not, however, apply to Scotland.

Each stove must be installed at a minimum distance between itself and nearby combustible materials in the home. Otherwise, heatshielding must be present to avoid the stove or flue setting nearby items on fire.

Anyone with concerns about their wood burning stove should contact Citizens Advice Service on 0845 4040506.

Voluntary Action to host Wonder Day

CHARITABLE organisations and groups are being invited to visit Argyll Voluntary Action's (AVA) office in Campbeltown next week as they host a Wonder Day.

On Tuesday, March 18, AVA will open its doors to the public to give them a chance to find out what happens at the

office. AVA is particularly interested in hearing from local organisations who are looking for volunteers, or individuals thinking about volunteering.

Wide range

The organisation also offers a wide range of services to groups and individuals, as well as a Community Shop Fund.

Local groups struggling to operate can apply for a small amount of money from this fund, which is raised through the community shop.

Forms are available from michele@argyllvoluntaryaction.org.uk.

The event runs from 10am until 4pm at the AVA office at 21 Longrow South.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

God says, 'As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease' (Genesis 8:22).

BIRTHS



BAIN

Christopher and Helen are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, Erika Macdougall Bain, on March 7, 2014. First grandchild for Jim and Lorna, Oban, and John and Jessie, Muasdale. Many thanks to Campbeltown Maternity Unit and the RAH, Paisley.

BROWN - Keith and Jenny are delighted to announce the birth of Duncan Robert, born February 24, 2014. A little brother for Niamh.

MCKEAN - David and Jo (née Chrystie) are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Noah, on January 24, 2014 at Southern General Hospital. A beautiful wee brother for Luke and second grandchild for Colin and Florence.



RUTHVEN ARENSBACH

Thomas and Karen (née Ruthven) are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Helena, on February 20, 2014, at Frimley Park Hospital, Surrey. Grandparents absolutely delighted.

DEATHS

GALBRAITH - Suddenly at home, Sheanakill, Clachan, on March 6, 2014, Peter McSpornan Galbraith, in his 79th year, formerly of Glenbarr, dearly beloved husband of Helen Dickson and a much loved father of Rhona.

FLOYD - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on March 10, 2014, Morag Floyd, aged 67 years, of Talloch, Glengilp Road, Ardrishaig, beloved wife of Alexander (Sandy), much loved mother of Alex and Brian, loving gran and nana of Jamie, Alexander, Robert, Sophie and Melissa and dear sister of Margaret. A good friend and neighbour to many. Funeral service was held on Thursday, March 13, 2014, in Ardrishaig Parish Church, followed by cremation service at Cardross Crematorium. Sadly missed.

MACDONALD - (Skye/Lochgilphead/Aberchirder). Suddenly, but peacefully, at Balhousie Care Home, Huntly, on Sunday, March 9, 2014, John Mackenzie Macdonald, aged 100 years, beloved husband of Annie, much loved dad of Allison, a loving grandpa and great grandpa, also a dear father-in-law. Funeral service was held in Strathbogie Church, Huntly on Thursday, March 13, 2014.

MACKELLAR - On March 10, 2014, peacefully at Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban, Mary MacKellar, née Bruce, in her 88th year, beloved wife of the late Archie MacKellar and much loved mother of Margaret, Donald and Bruce, a dear mother-in-law, gran, great gran and aunt. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, (today) Friday, March 14 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Tarbert Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Tarbert Parish Church.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CAMPBELL - Dugald, Maureen and families of the late David Campbell would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for cards, flowers and telephone calls. Thanks to all doctors and nurses at Campbeltown Hospital, district nurses, ICT Home Care, Carr Gomm girls and Lorne Campbell Court for all their care and attention over the last few years. Special thanks to Matthew Ramsay for a comforting service, Stuart Irvine for playing the organ, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for efficient funeral arrangements, Carradale Hotel, and finally to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. A retiral collection raised £297.09 for the Fishermen's Mission.

HAMILTON - The family of the late Angus Hamilton would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to all medical staff involved in his care, thanks also to Rev Thomas Bryson for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for catering, and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for the clock fund raised £130.

MACCOWAN - Pam. Her son and daughters, Hamish, Cathie, Ann and Maggie, wish to express their sincere thanks to friends and neighbours for all the support, kind expressions of sympathy and kindness shown to them on the sad passing of Pam. Sincere and grateful thanks to the staff of the Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead for their exceptional care. A special word of thanks to Susan and the carers who made living at home possible for her. Thanks also to the Rev Roddy MacLeod for his warm and comforting service, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their exceptional care. A special word of thanks to Susan and the carers who made living at home possible for her. Thanks also to the Rev Roddy MacLeod for his warm and comforting service, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their exceptional care. A special word of thanks to Susan and the carers who made living at home possible for her. Thanks also to the Rev Roddy MacLeod for his warm and comforting service, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their exceptional care.

IN MEMORIAMS

MACDOUGALL - Treasured memories of our son, Alasdair, who was tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007. Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts, loved and missed always. See you later. - Mum and Dad xxx. **MACDOUGALL** - Precious memories of Alasdair. Gone but never forgotten and forever in our hearts. A huge miss! - Nikki, Mhairi, Codi and Esmée xxx.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of our dear grandson, nephew and cousin, Alasdair, sadly taken from us on March 13, 2007. Memories are a gift to treasure, Ours of you will last forever.

- From all your family in Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead xxx. **MCALLISTER** - March 18, 2013. Partings come and hearts are broken, Loved ones go with words unspoken, Deep in our hearts there's a memory kept, For a husband and father we'll never forget. In quiet thoughts I live again, The days that used to be, How rich in kindness, love and care, How dear you were to me. I've lost my life's companion, A life linked to my own, You're still mine to remember, A husband proud to own. - Loving wife, Mary and family.

MCALLISTER - Roderick, March 18, 2013. I wish that I could see you, Dad, For just a little while, I wish that I could hug you, Dad, And see your lovely smile, But wishing gets me nowhere, And longing is in vain, So I will hold you in my heart, Until we meet again. - Your loving daughter, Michelle xx.

MCALLISTER - Roderick, March 18, 2013. No greater loss have we ever bore, Than the day your life here closed its door, The sadness, its pain, the emptiness will remain, Until on Heaven's doorstep we will meet again, With arms open wide, We will stand side by side, And no longer have to bear this incredible sorrow, So will wait till then with each new tomorrow. - From your loving children, Susan, Roddy, Hughie, Peter and all their families. We will remember, forever our dad. **MCALLISTER** - Roderick, March 18, 2013. Dad, a year ago you went away, You're loved and remembered every day. - Dolores, Alf and boys. **MCCORMICK** - Barbara, March 13. Mum and granny, sadly missed, never forgotten. - Leslie, Debbie and children.

MCCORMICK - Barbara, March 13, special mum and devoted granny. In our hearts you always stay, Loved and remembered every day. - Ishbel, Dougal, Christopher, Kyle and Morgan xxx. **ROBERTSON** - In loving memory of our dear sister and aunt, Margaret, died March 6, 2006, and our dear brother and uncle, Jim, died March 14, 1997. In our hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered every day. - Love, Norma, Jim and family.

STIMSON - Treasured memories of Fona, who passed away March 12, 2013. Loved and remembered every day. - Dawn, Betty and families.

CHURCH NOTICES



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



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Sunday 16th March 11.00am Sunday School 12.45pm Worship Service Mr Calum Ferguson
Thursday 20th March 12 noon Prayer and Bible Study
All Welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980

Highland Parish Church
SCO02493
Sunday 16th March 11.15am Rev. A. McIvor
Tuesday 18th March Badminton
Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SCO11686
Saturday 15th March Guild Sale of Work Church Hall 2pm
Sunday 16th March Morning Worship 11.15am Creche, Triple C, Next Generation Rev. P Wallace
Tuesday 18th March Parents and Toddlers 9.45am BB Anchor Boys 6 - 7pm BB Junior Section 7.15 - 8.30pm
Thursday 20th March Choir practice 7.30pm
Friday 21st March Lunch Club 12.00 noon

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Sunday 16 March 2014 11.00am
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Speaker: Graham McLean "Breaking the alabaster box"
Thursday 20 March 2014 7.30pm
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All Welcome

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Thursday 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Lt. Mark Scoulding

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Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 16th March 2014 11.00am Service
At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae
Monday 17th March 2014 Ladies Meeting Tom McKay, Lochgair 2.30pm, Free Church Hall
Scottish Charity SC015187

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 16th March 2014 11.15am Family Communion with crèche
Pastor Ross Ferguson
Coffee from 10.45am
7.00pm Congregational Forum
Wednesday 19th March 2014 10.00am Jellytots Toddler Group 7.30pm Prayer and Bible Study
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MOKrun training plan - gently does it

SO it is week two of the beginners' training plan for the MOKrun 10k in May.

You should have had three sessions last week combining a little easy running and some brisk walking.

It is a gentle, low-key start to allow your body to adapt and we are going to continue on that theme this week.

A little tip: if you are feeling any chafing around the feet or anywhere else, cover the area in vaseline before you set off.

However, if the problem persists you may have to ask if your footwear is appropriate.

Indeed, it would make sense to alternate more than one pair of trainers to minimise the impact on your feet and muscles.

Eleven weeks to go: Tuesday - walk 5min brisk, run 15mins easy, walk 5min brisk; Thursday - run 15min easy; Saturday - run 25min easy.

You do not have to stick to those days, but it is preferable to give yourself rest days between the active ones.

Darts results

CAMPBELTOWN District Darts Association week 15 results: Kilbrannan C 5 Southend 5, Ailsa 4 Commercial 6, Kilbrannan B 5, Fiddlers B 5, Burnside 6, Kilbrannan A 4.

Ian Smith scored 180 for Kilbrannan A, Bobby Mathieson and Martin Coffield scored 180s for the Burnside.

On Monday, March 17, the Jim Alibone mixed doubles will take place in the Fiddlers.

No winners

THERE was no winner of the Machrihanish Golf Club lotto drawn on Monday.

The numbers were 2, 8 and 19.

The next draw on Monday, March 17 will have a £200 jackpot.



The prizewinners at the Kintyre primary schools badminton competition held on Sunday in Campbeltown. 20_c11badminton01

Badminton competition is a smash hit

FOUR Kintyre primary schools took part in a keenly-contested badminton competition at the Victoria Hall on Sunday. Around 50 competitors took part, with most entries coming from primary 4 and 5 aged children.

At the end of a successful day, awards were presented by William MacKinnon.

In his last year at Campbeltown Grammar, he has been a regular umpire at this event.

He is the Argyll and Bute under-19 mixed doubles champion with his partner Gina McMurchy. Badminton awards: Primary 4/5 singles winner: Jane Scott (Castlehill), runner up: Jordan Todd (Dalintober); Pri-

mary 6 singles winner: Gregor Campbell (Glenbarr), runner up: Elliot Gemmill (Carradale); Primary 7 singles winner: Archie McKellar (Castlehill), runner up: Robert Todd (Dalintober); Girls' doubles winners: Lauren MacKinnon and Jessica Ronald (Castlehill), runners up: Iona Campbell and Jessica Lang (Dalintober); Boys' doubles winners: Mathew Lamont and Archie McKellar (Castlehill), runners up: Gregor Campbell and Sonny Scott (Glenbarr); Mixed doubles winners: Jane Scott (Castlehill) and Gregor Campbell (Glenbarr), runners up: Mary Thomson (Dalintober) and Archie McKellar (Castlehill). Other awards: Good



Robert Todd gets ready to serve during one of the semi-final matches. 20_c11badminton04

effort: Jack Campbell, Kelly Graham, Liam Stacey and Jennifer McMurchy; Most improved: Rona Campbell, Gareth Harvey, Kel-



Archie McKellar and Mary Thomson play in the final of the mixed doubles matches. 20_c11badminton02

Crucial test on the cards for Campbeltown Pupils

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils face their most crucial game of the season tomorrow (Saturday), with a top-of-the-table clash at home to old rivals Eaglesham AFC.

Although the McFadyen sponsored Campbeltown Pupils lead the league, in truth, having won seven of their eight fixtures, the visitors will feel they are in the driving seat for this season's Premier One Championship. However, there is a lot of football to be played and there will be slips along the way, but tomorrow's

fixture is of massive importance as the home side cannot afford to lose.

A win will give Eaglesham the impetus to kick-on for the championship, but a reverse will blow the league race wide open and set-up a thrilling end to the season.

Results over the past two seasons suggest an unpredictable game, with the visitors winning their home fixture 4-2 earlier in the season, and the Pupils storming to a convincing 5-2 win

against the same opposition in the Jimmy Marshall Cup last season.

The home side need to be disciplined behind the ball, but also require to close down quickly and release the pace of their attack to disturb the opposition.

Recent games have shown the good and bad of the home side's make-up. Tomorrow, there is only room for the positive. Nothing less will do.

The game kicks-off at 2pm. Please check local posters for news of venue.

Scottish Amateur Football League Premier Division One

Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Campbeltown Pupils	12	7	3	2	34	21	24
Eaglesham	8	7	0	1	20	9	21
Hillington	12	6	3	3	34	26	21
Shawlands FP	9	4	2	3	26	22	14
Rolls Royce EK	9	4	2	3	21	19	14
Centre	9	3	2	4	18	22	11
Rutherglen	11	3	2	6	20	27	11
Dunoon	11	3	2	6	14	25	11
Kings Park Rangers	9	3	0	6	20	22	9
Paisley	10	1	2	7	12	26	4

Smith is given his rightful place among the greats

ALEX McKINVEN, chairman of Campbeltown Pupils and also Campbeltown Community Football Club, pays tribute to Douglas Smith, who has just been posthumously inaugurated into the SFA Hall of Fame and who had a big impact on amateur football in the area

THE late Douglas Smith of Drumchapel Amateurs, past president and founder member of the Caledonian Football League, was posthumously inaugurated into the SFA Hall of Fame on Thursday, February 20.

Words are insufficient to describe a man who devoted the best part of his life to the organ-

isation of youth football, a father figure to a regiment of young men who became household names and personalities in the Scottish game.

At a time when our senior clubs ignored the full potential of youth, Douglas set about creating his own football academy, Drumchapel Amateurs, soon to be

acknowledged as a well-spring of talent for the professional game.

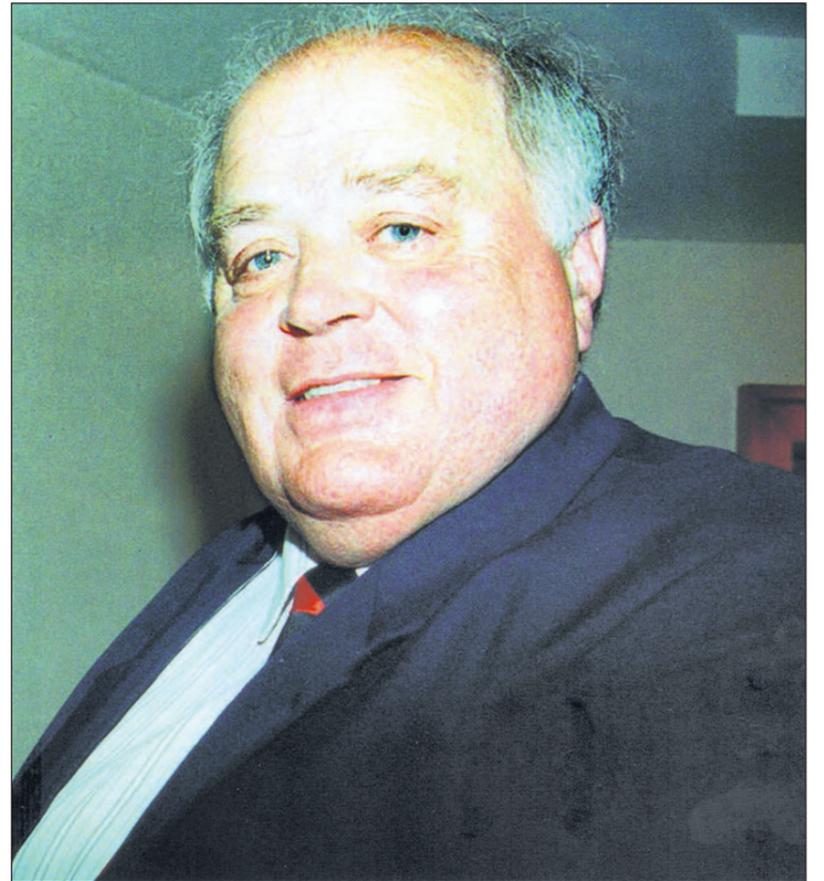
In his autobiography, Sir Alex Ferguson singled Douglas Smith out as the biggest influence on his career, describing his former mentor as 'indefatigable'...unflagging or tireless, and a football purist who insisted the game was foremost about entertainment. Lavish praise indeed, but did you know there was a Kintyre connection to this story?

When Douglas Smith was invalided out of the army in 1949, he took it upon himself to organise the local BB football team, the 2nd Glasgow Company. He soon

found immense talent among its younger members and set about creating a community football club, in time, one to become the most famous boys' club on the face of the planet.

Searching for somewhere to set-up a regular summer camp, Douglas contacted Neil Watson of Ardnacraig Farm near Peninver, in his own right. A man whose pedigree included that of a talented local amateur footballer.

The die were cast. From that moment on, Drumchapel returned every summer to Kintyre's eastern shore to enjoy the fine hospitality on offer, and, of course, made many



Douglas Smith held regular training camps in Peninver for his boys' club.

friends along the way. It was an association that lasted the best part of 40 years.

The area also benefited from an influx of talented players each and every summer, a who's who that included a host of future Scottish international players such as Andy Gray,

Archie Gemmill, John Wark, Asa Hartford, Eddie McCreadie and John Robertson.

Douglas Smith was also instrumental in proposing Campbeltown Pupils AFC for membership of the Scottish Amateur Football League, a move that, in time, would enliven the area's

football scene.

He was simply one in a million and the SFA Hall of Fame is enriched with his presence.

Douglas Smith, a man whose contribution to Scottish football is second to none, has at last found his rightful place among the greats of the game.



Sir Alex Ferguson praised Douglas Smith

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Making inroads on the best

Campbeltown runners are shining over cross country as well

CAMPBELTOWN athletes - led by Kenny Campbell - are certainly no longer backmarkers in the Scottish running scene.

The 38-year-old Southend fisherman's long journey to Stranraer two weeks ago paid dividends when he smashed his half marathon PB to clock just 74 minutes 4secs for fourth place.

Leading

Ahead of him were three of the country's leading road runners.

It was the perfect boost

for Kenny as the London Marathon looms ever nearer.

He will be hoping to dramatically revise his marathon best time of 2hrs 40mins set in that event last April.

Encouragement

Fellow Campbeltown Running Club member Jennifer Reid received similar encouragement for London from her outing at Stranraer.

She finished just a few seconds shy of her personal best to run 1hr 37min 33sec and place

49th overall and lift the third female vet prize.

CRC's Stuart McGeachy and James Murdoch have also been prepared to travel to mix it with the country's best.

They turned out in Falkirk last month for their first taste of the Scottish National Cross Country Championships and were thrilled by the experience, finishing 175th and 263rd respectively out of a field of 566 competitors.

Gutted

Stuart, who started steady and worked his way through the field in the three-lap event over a muddy and hilly seven and a half miles, told the Courier: 'This was my first cross country race and I am just gutted that I waited so long to do it.'

'It was easily the best running experience I have had.'

'At times, especially early in the race when everybody is still bunched and charging down on the same corner on a narrow path, it felt like being in the middle of a herd of wildebeests.'

'I'm determined to return next year and see if I can improve on that run.'

'I'd also like to see the club participate in the four-man cross-country relays in October.'

'These are fast and furious legs over two and



Kenny Campbell gave his training for London Marathon a boost with a big half marathon personal best in Stranraer recently. 08_c11campbell01

a half miles each, and I believe the club's runners could do well.'

James, the fastest improving runner in the club, agreed. 'At the moment I'd be more suited to the shorter distance,' he said.

'Campbeltown may be a relatively new club but people are starting to take notice of us.'

'The great thing is, I can only see our runners getting better as they gain strength and experience.'



James Murdoch is Campbeltown Running Club's fastest improving athlete. 08_c11murdoch01



Stuart McGeachy had 'easily his best running experience' when he took part in the Scottish National Cross Country Championships for the first time. 08_c11mcgeachy01

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