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# Time for real investment

'We need the support of national government and politicians of every hue'

by COLIN CAMERON

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THE A83 trunk road is a vital route serving Argyll and the Isles. But the artery has a problem with blockages.

Over the years, since a very wet spell in August 2004 triggered landslides across Scotland, the stretch of this road at the Rest and Be Thankful has been increasingly prone to disruption by debris flows.

## Disruption

Some argue that climate change is at the root of increased rainfall, but whatever the reason the resultant road closures have caused significant disruption and cost to travellers and businesses in Argyll and the Isles.

The reputation of risk now attached to the A83 in the wake of regular national media reports of 'closures on the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful' has had a chronic negative impact

on tourist traffic year after year.

Responsibility for the trunk road network lies with the Scottish Government department, Transport Scotland. Many people across Argyll and the Isles believe the measures so far taken by the agency to counteract, or mitigate, landslides are nothing more than a sticking plaster, and that more money and effort needs to be spent to provide a more permanent solution.

A recent narrow escape by a Lochgilphead motorist, whose car was almost pushed into Glen Croe by landslide debris, brings the issue into sharper focus than ever before.

## Investment

The positive campaign in *The Campbeltown Courier* and *The Argyllshire Advertiser* will press for invest-



The A83 at the Rest, showing protective netting designed to mitigate the effects of landslides – but is it enough? 06\_a11Rest01

ment that treats this matter with the seriousness it deserves.

Look elsewhere in Scotland. The new Forth bridge crossing has an estimated price tag of £1.35 billion. Upgrading the A9 will cost in the region of £3 billion.

The Aberdeen bypass will take £0.745 billion of taxpayers' money.

Including recently-announced measures to build more fencing and improve the old military road as a detour, the Scottish Government will have invested £13.5 million in the Rest and Be Thankful since a significant landslide in 2007.

This equates to £0.0135 billion – and

that is in the best part of a decade.

It is hard to avoid the conclusion that if 'Argyll's M8' was a major route serving Edinburgh with its government departments, parliament and financial institutions, the matter would have been resolved long ago.

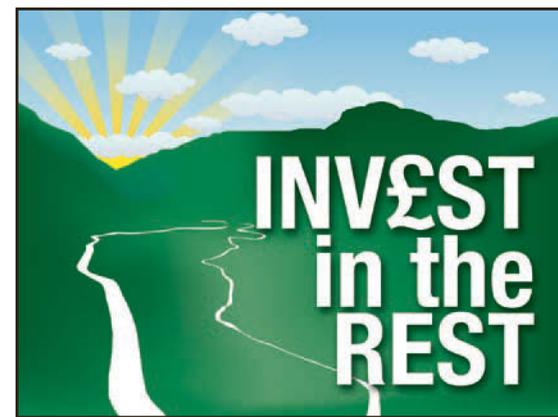
The fact is that, in rel-

ative terms, the A83 is at least as important to the people of Kintyre, Gigha, Mid Argyll, Islay and Jura, upper Cowal, and beyond.

We need the whole-hearted support of national government, and politicians of every hue.

It is within the gift of Transport Scotland, the transport minister and the Scottish Government to provide a solution at the Rest that will remove the economic and safety risks completely, or as far as practicable.

All it takes is the political will to address this on behalf of the taxpayers, voters and long-suffering people of Argyll and the Isles – and for everyone who wants to visit this beautiful gem on the West Coast.



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# Woodlands Art Group project adorns library

A CAMPBELTOWN art group has seen its masterpieces presented in the town's library. Woodlands Art Group's 2015 Jolomo project,

based on the artwork of John Lowrie Morrison, is currently brightening up the library walls in the Aqualibrium.

Shelagh Cameron, the group's tutor, said: 'The group worked on the paintings for six sessions.

'They really enjoyed creating the work and it is great for them to be able to see their paintings up on the walls here.'

The group, known as WAG, meet every Tuesday for arts and crafts sessions.



Margaret McLean and Kristofer Dickinson standing next to their paintings. 04\_c10woodlands02



Girls at the Guiding anniversary.

# Girl Guides hop aboard the Routemaster

KINTYRE Girl Guides put their heads together on the organisation's Thinking Day to create a collage of an iconic London Routemaster bus.

A photograph of the collage was sent to the Pax Lodge Guide Centre in London, which will collate all the photographs received into one large Routemaster Bus as this is the logo of the centre.

Thinking Day celebrates the birthday of Lord Robert Baden-Powell and his wife Olave on February 22. Kintyre guides marked the anniversary five days later on February 27. Girls from the Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units took part in a range of games and activities including making the collage. The girls also sampled international foods.

A spokeswoman said: 'Spaces within the local guiding units are in demand and in order to offer guiding to as many girls as possible we would like to recruit new leaders for our Rainbow and Brownie sections.'

'If any woman aged over 18 would be interested in joining us we can be contacted at [kintyreguiding@gmail.com](mailto:kintyreguiding@gmail.com)'

# Unwanted Christmas cosmetics and toiletries help Women's Aid

AS ADVERTISED in *The Courier*, at the beginning of this year, the Rotary Club of Campbeltown again collected unwanted toiletries and cosmetics to help the local branch of Women's Aid.

### Extremely grateful

A Rotary spokesperson said: 'Women's Aid are extremely grateful for the amount of help they have been able to

give, thanks to the generous support of the public. The Rotary Club wishes to thank most sincerely all who gave to this appeal including the businesses who so willingly accepted collection boxes, namely: Keith Stationers, Numero Dix Hairstylist, Ralston Road shop and Muneroy Stores, Southend. 'A very big thank you to you all.'

# Guilty of making racial and sectarian remarks

A SHERIFF told an Islay man she hoped a £500 fine would make him think twice about uttering his offensive views in public.

Gordon Islay Fraser, 35, of 23 Grantness Cottages, Ballygrant, was convicted of making racist and sectarian remarks following a trial, when he defended himself, at Campbeltown Sheriff court on Wednesday. Earlier the court heard that he made offensive comments about Mohammed and Islam during a barroom debate on the subject of refugees, at the Bowmore Hotel Islay on November 27 last year.

# Sentence deferred on drunk driver

A DRUNK driver hit a stationary car so hard it flipped on its roof, a court in Campbeltown heard on Wednesday.

Philip Anthony Gray, aged 37, of 10 Seallach na Mara, Bowmore, Islay, pleaded guilty to two charges, one of driving dangerously and at excessive speed and another charge of being nearly three times over the drink drive limit.

After hearing Gray was prepared to pay compensation for the damage to the car and the owner's house, which was structurally damaged, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC deferred sentence for a financial report.

# Council takes over community centre

A PUBLIC meeting is to be held to discuss the future of Kintyre Community Education Centre's moveable assets next Tuesday March 15 in the centre at 6.30pm.

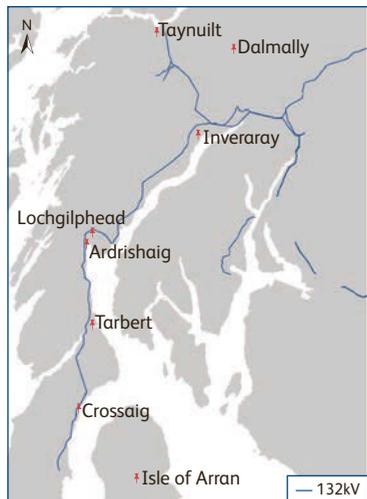
As part of Argyll and Bute Council's money-saving exercises it plans to take control of four community centres in the county.

Currently the centre is run by volunteers who pay a £10,000 levy to Argyll and Bute but the Council thinks it can make more by managing the centre itself.

## Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc



### Argyll Reinforcements



Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc (SHE Transmission) intends to reinforce the existing transmission network in Argyll to enable renewable energy to connect to the network and enhance security of supply.

We will be holding public exhibitions in regards to three projects, two of which are new:

- Inveraray to Crossaig overhead line replacement project
- New substation located near Ardbrecknish and new overhead line to Dalmally (new)
- Replacement overhead line between Taynuilt and Ardbrecknish (new)

We will be holding public exhibitions on the following dates where we warmly welcome members of the public to find out more and comment on the proposals.

Exhibitions			
Location	Venue	Date	Time
Inveraray	The George Hotel	Tues 8 March	14:00 – 19:30
Dalmally	Community Centre	Weds 9 March	14:00 – 19:30
Taynuilt	Village Hall	Thurs 10 March	14:00 – 19:00
Kilchrenan	Village Hall	Tues 15 March	14:00 – 19:30
Portsonachan	Village Hall	Weds 16 March	14:00 – 19:30
Skipness	Village Hall	Thurs 17 March	14:00 – 19:30
Tarbert	Village Hall	Tues 22 March	14:00 – 19:30
Lochgilphead	Argyll Inn	Wed 23 March	14:00 – 19:30

For further details about the project please visit our website: [www.ssepd.co.uk](http://www.ssepd.co.uk) or contact our Community Liaison Manager, Kelly Scott on 0734 202 6270 or [Kelly.Scott2@sse.com](mailto:Kelly.Scott2@sse.com).



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## Kintyre broadband outage 'appalling'

A SKY broadband customer trying to run her business on the internet has been told to buy a new hub after outages across the area since Friday.

Alison Clements has recently leased Muasdale Holiday Park to a new proprietor but needs a good internet connection to run her own business operation.

Mrs Clements told *The Courier*: 'Sky are sending a new hub because they think that is the problem but businesses everywhere in Kintyre are suffering.'

'Two years ago BT installed fibre optic cables along the A83, which we were told could only be done at night. This kept my guests awake but boxes have not been installed and no one is able to access the super-fast service.'

Marilyn Shedden who writes *The Courier's* Thought for the Week column was forced to send it via a friend on a usb stick because she was unable to get a broadband signal this week.

As *The Courier* went to press Sky had not made a comment.

## Wind farm funds shared

CAMPBELTOWN Community Council members awarded money to nine organisations from the Tangy Two wind farm community fund.

Nearly £1,800 was split between the following groups: the Schools Badminton Club to run a competition, Campbeltown Tennis Club, the Sea Cadets, the Crime Prevention Panel, Castlehill School Outdoor Classroom, Kintyre Food Bank, the Community Garden, and Kintyre's Lunch Club.

In addition the Road to Drumleman Project received a grant and is currently looking for a venue to hold a two week permanent exhibition.

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# Sea cadets campaign to keep Kintyre clean

by MARK DAVEY  
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CAMPBELTOWN sea cadets staggered away from the shore at Trench Point when they collected more than 50 sacks of refuse.

Five cadets gave up their Saturday afternoon last week to take part in a beach clean under the banner of Clean for the Queen in an initiative organised by Ar-

gyll and Bute Lord Lieutenant Patrick Stewart.

The scheme, blessed by the Keep Britain Tidy charity, celebrates the Queen's 90th birthday but it has had a mixed reception in the mainstream media with the Daily Record slating it as modern day serfdom.

It has attracted a number of celebrity back-

ers including Kirsty Allsopp who revealed that the Queen is a keen litter picker and will always stoop to pick up refuse.

Mr Stewart met the five cadets, two leaders - Ellie Gannon and Marion Willett, volunteers John and Ismay Duncan and a *Courier* reporter at Trench point.

Mr Stewart said: 'Thankyou very much for volunteering you are



Sea Cadets with the Lord Lieutenant, Marion Willett and Ellie Gannon before the clean up.

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joining 1,000s of other people around the United Kingdom today.

'There are tons of rubbish along shorelines in Kintyre, Trench Point is on a curve and collects anything thrown into the water along the Esplanade.

'First we will collect

clear plastic bottles in transparent Argyll and Bute sacks.'

He warned the youngsters against picking up syringes or anything which they were unsure about and to call an adult.

About an hour later the cadets were surprised to

find that they had filled 27 sacks with plastic bottles which could only have been thrown away by other Campbeltonians.

Mr Duncan had also collected a heavy sack full of blue rubber gloves used in seafood processing. By the end of the afternoon the cadets were surrounded by the rubbish they had collected and wanted to know if there was a solution.

Mr Stewart said that if the bins were designed like a recycling bin with a flap then rubbish would not be blown out by the wind or pulled out by birds, there should be more bins and they should be emptied more frequently.

## Council claim library cuts fully assessed and legal

THE COUNCIL has responded to a politician's strong claim that it could be in legal hot water regarding its decision to cut librarians' posts.

Last week, *The Courier* reported on MSP Mike Russell's claims that the council could face legal action for not providing an adequate library service to its constituents, particularly school children.

He also claimed that the Equality Impact Assessments carried out 'would have to conclude that the measures would disadvantage a number of groups contrary to law.'

In response, a spokesperson for the council said: 'We would like to do all that our communities want us to, but drastically reduced funding means that just is not possible.'

'Unfortunately the school and mobile library services were two areas where changes had to be made.

'Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) were carried out for each of the service choices options. What appeared in the revenue budget pack was a paper outlining the council's general approach to assessing equality impact.'

The spokesperson also claimed that island communities affected by the decisions on school librarians and mobile services will see public library services delivered out-of-hours from the school, therefore maintaining an adequate level of provision.

The spokesperson added: 'In reaching decisions, necessary to bridge a significant funding gap, the council

have taken steps to ensure that it continues to comply with its statutory obligations.'

In response, Mr Russell said: 'Argyll and Bute Council need to publish the full assessment it made of these cuts, because I do not believe that if done properly it could have justified these damaging changes.'

'In addition I find the council's assertion about the 'adequacy' of provision to be unconvincing, and I suspect it does too. The council knows that the cuts will breach legislation, and it should admit that now and abandon the cut rather than face defeat in court with all that such a process would cost ordinary council tax payers.'

'It is time for the Council to admit it got this wrong.'

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## Great Wall marathon runner pushes through pain barrier for Auchinlee

A GRANDDAUGHTER raised more than £4000 pounds for the residents of the care home which looks after her grandpa.

Alison Millar completed a Great Wall Mull of Kintyre (MOK) Triple Challenge which saw her complete two MOK half marathons, a 150km cycle around Kintyre and a 31 mile trek along the Great Wall of China.

She presented a cheque

for £4727.64 to Auchinlee Care Home, run by CrossReach which specialises in caring for older people with dementia, for the residents there, including her grandpa Jim Millar.

### Fantastic work

Alison said: 'Ever since my grandpa has been a resident my eyes have been opened to the fantastic work that the staff at Auchinlee do, they take great pride in

ensuring every single resident is cared for as if they were living in a big family home.

'My grandpa always says he is very lucky to live in such a nice place.'

Alison also said it was the hardest physical challenge she had ever taken on.

She revealed: 'I have never experienced pain like it during the final half marathon, I do not think I had realised just how tight my calf muscles had got whilst climbing the many steps of the Great Wall of China.

'When I came back home to run the final 13 miles I could barely walk let alone run, it was torturous, but I got a huge sense of achievement when I completed the final mile'.

The final total includes £500 raised by Kintyre Choral Club, of which Alison is a member, from a fundraising concert held in the Lorne and Lowland Church on December 12 last year.



Alison Millar handing over the cheque to Christine Adie (Senior Care Worker at Auchinlee) in the presence of her grandpa Jim.



NHS staff Anne McMillan, Margaret MacFarlane, Catriona Watt and John Mathieson. 04\_c11jobsfair03

## Jobs fair champions Apprenticeship Week

by BEN RAMAGE

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THE THIRD Campbeltown jobs fair saw several groups emphasise the growing importance of apprenticeships.

Argyll and Bute Council were keen to high-

light the route of apprenticeships as a way into the job market for young school leavers, as were Skills Development Scotland (SDS) and ACHA housing.



SDS Area Manager Alex MacDonald with Frances Webster, left, and Kay Johnston, right. 04\_c11jobsfair02

Julie Hallett, HR officer for Argyll and Bute, was also at the fair championing apprenticeships.

She said: 'We have 20 modern apprentice places this year across the whole region, and while there are none in Campbeltown we are looking to develop these.

'Apprenticeships are an increasingly important way to get into the workplace for young school leavers.'

SDS Team Leader for Argyll and Bute Alex MacDonald was also keen to stress the benefits of apprenticeships.

He said: 'They are great because, especially here, you can live at home, study, and earn a good wage all at the same time.

'We have to help young people into work, and we are trying to make employers as well see that qualifications from apprenticeships are just as valued and important as diplomas and degrees.'

### Proactive

Karen Capocci, ACHA HR in Ardrishaig, said: 'ACHA are very proactive with young people, and we want to make them see that apprenticeships can be a foot in the door. They can be an opportunity into work.'

The fair also highlighted a need for carers due to the upcoming Health and Social Care partnership, with the NHS and care home specialists Carr Gomm and Carers Direct Ltd both advertising care positions.

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## Grammar pupils pioneer primary homework club

A PILOT homework club at Dalintober Primary School has taken off thanks to 18 inspiring Grammar School tutors. Dalintober invited S5 and S6 pupils to sign up and mentor interested P3 and P4 youngsters who attend the Monday afternoon club.

The tutors assist 20 youngsters to complete some of their homework tasks and activities before the primary pupils take them home to discuss with parents.

Head teacher Caroline Armour said: 'We work very closely with

Campbeltown Grammar School to provide opportunities for work experience placements and career opportunities for their senior pupils.

'The calibre of their interactions with our young pupils is inspiring and they are excellent role models.

'Our generation of pupils and their families live such busy, active lives that I felt it was important to provide an opportunity for parents and pupils to access support in the completion of homework tasks and activities.'



Recycling workers at the Bengullion Road site. 25\_c26recycle01

# Recyclers escape the bin in proposed council cuts

by MARK DAVEY  
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CHAMPAGNE corks are popping at a Campbeltown recycling charity after councillors made a U-turn on proposed cuts. Kintyre Recycling Ltd (KRL), which employs workers with special needs and learning difficulties, has retained 22 jobs and £300,000 in the local economy after Argyll and Bute Council retreated from a planned change to its recycling collections.

Since the council's meeting, three weeks ago, which set its 2016/17 budget, a number of meetings have been held with KRL staff reaching an agree-

ment to work together more proactively.

This will boost recycling and reuse activities in Kintyre in the future. In addition the charity, which has served Kintyre for three decades, is now able to proceed with its plans for a new factory in Bengullion Road.

KRL bought those premises for £41,230 last June with help from the National Lottery through the Scottish Land Fund.

KRL manager Amanda Card said: 'All staff and directors of Kintyre Recycling are very pleased to state that the coun-

cil has decided not to go ahead with its planned changes to its recycling collections and that Kintyre Recycling will continue to provide this service.

'Kintyre Recycling would like to thank everyone in the community who showed support for us by responding to the consultation, filling in our survey or writing letters and phoning councillors.

'It was all very much appreciated and helped our cause. Thank you everybody and if you are not presently recycling please give us a call on 01586 553858.'

KRL has a drop-off point on the Esplanade in Campbeltown on

the second Monday of every month from 10am to 1pm.

The charity accepts any clothing, shoes, bedding, soft toys and bags, also remember textiles can be picked up at weekly kerbside collections throughout Kintyre.

Monthly there is a textile collection at the Esplanade on the second Monday of every month from 10am to 1pm. The next collection is on March 14, followed by April 11; May 9; June 13; July 11; August 8; September 12; October 10; November 14 and December 12.

Recycling supports KRL and charities both at home and abroad.

## Spaceport petition rockets into cyberspace

A LABOUR politician has launched an online petition seeking public support for a spaceport at Campbeltown Airport.

Highlands and Islands MSP, David Stewart said: 'The siting of the Spaceport in Campbeltown has the potential to be of major benefit to the local economy. Campbeltown airport is, in my opinion, by far the most suitable of the shortlisted sites.

'The petition can be

found at [www.ipetitions.com/petition/campbeltown-airport-uk-spaceport](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/campbeltown-airport-uk-spaceport)

'I urge everyone to sign it and show support for an enterprise that will put Argyll at the forefront of modern technology.'

On the petition site Mr Stewart emphasises Campbeltown's suitability including:

it is the only site with a runway in excess of the required 3,000 metres, it is in an area of

low population density – but is only a 30 minute flight from Glasgow International Airport, it has good on-site infrastructure and over

1,000 acres available for development, it has already been approved twice for space flight, once by NASA and once by Virgin Galactic.

## Canadian seeks Scottish voices in the ether

A RADIO fan from Canada has asked *The Courier* for help to track down a web-based station named Clan Radio.

Brian Campbell from British Columbia says it was pure Scottish content with live performances of Scottish artists.

If any readers can help contact Mr Campbell at [brianc@shaw.ca](mailto:brianc@shaw.ca) or call 604-796-0424.

## Healthcare partnership report highlights problems

A LACK of information and staffing worries are part of a report published on the upcoming integration of care services.

A joint inspection was carried out last year by the Care Inspectorate and Healthcare Improvement Scotland to find out how well NHS Highland and Argyll and Bute Council are currently working together to deliver services.

The report on the inspection, which spoke to more than 100 people and their carers and around 400 staff from health and social work services, found that staff felt they were not given enough information regarding the upcoming health and social care integration.

Some staff also said they felt they were working to capacity and, as a result, were unable to carry out early intervention work, while also pointing to pressures in some front-line services

being affected by vacancies and staff absences which impacted on staff morale.

The majority of staff said they felt valued by their colleagues, partner agencies and line managers. They also welcomed integration and saw this as the formalisation of a joint working approach that already existed for most of the health and social work services.

### Vulnerable

The report itself states that the Partnership should enable a wider range of people to access independent advocacy services. This would ensure the most vulnerable are supported through challenging life events to express their own views as far as possible.

It also recommended that the Partnership should work towards improving the geographic equality of services, ensuring that accessing services are

more joined up and effective.

Councillor Maurice Corry, the Council's Policy Lead for Health and Social Care Integration, said: 'The findings show that the vast majority of staff and clients are happy with the services on offer. This can only get better as we progress with the integration of services.

'Whilst there are some improvements to be made, overall this is a positive report. The Council and NHS have a long history of successful partnership working and the foundations for ensuring the integration is successful are already in place.'

Christina West, Chief Officer for the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) said: 'This report sets out our strengths as well as areas for improvement. We will use the report as a solid foundation from which to move forward within the HSCP.'

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## Keep Kintyre clean

LAST Saturday Campbeltown Sea Cadets got filthy improving the environment for all by removing rubbish from Campbeltown Loch's shore.

Everyone involved in the afternoon project was astounded by the number of clear plastic bottles collected, especially when they realised that many of these must have been thrown into the water.

Litter in Britain has always been a problem, causes much angst and fills newspaper columns. So much so that the Queen apparently has her own litter-picking stick to help collect small items of rubbish.

Litter is one of the subjects regularly raised at Campbeltown Community Council meetings, but it is really grassroots education which is needed.

That is why last Saturday's event is so important, because it was young people who had volunteered to take part and will hopefully go on to tell their friends about the experience.

Perhaps they will even say something if they spot a pal throwing wrappers on the ground, because after nearly four hours' work on a foul-smelling beach all were reluctant to return.

Better bins along Hall Street and the Esplanade, supplied by the council, would be a step in the right direction, although as much litter seems to find its way out of bins either due to wind or birds.

However, there is no excuse for the smashed glass bottle under one bench on the esplanade on Tuesday morning. This could easily injure a child playing on Kinloch Green, a pet or a scavenging bird.

Special thanks should also go the mum who spotted what was happening from her garden and brought her two young sons, complete with specially-sized litter picking sticks, to take part.

She told the cadets that they regularly pick litter off the shoreline in front of their house.

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## Rotary volunteer's are the heroes of Sale of the Century

Sir,  
Campbeltown Rotary Club would like to thank members and various non-Rotarians who helped at the Sale of the Century on Saturday February 27.

We are deeply grateful to members of the Inner Wheel Club, who provided tea, coffee, filled rolls and biscuits throughout the day. They kept us all going and did so with a smile.

Thanks are also due to Jim Martin, who provided and drove a lorry on Thursday evening and got goods into the Victoria Hall.

Peter McKerral and Company, and Andrew Smith and Son provided vehicles to help with deliveries after the sale.

There were also various volunteers who helped and who deserve our gratitude.

The young man employed in the Victoria Hall on Saturday was a great help, especially towards the end of the sale.

Finally thanks are due to the public of Campbeltown and Kintyre, who continue to support these sales and help Rotary to go on helping others locally and in the wider world.

Thank you all.  
**Agnes Stewart,**  
**Campbeltown Rotary.**

## Communications' inquiry shut down by SNP

Sir,  
The Argyll and Bute Economic Forum is correct to highlight the need for 4G mo-

bile phone signals in order to help local businesses.

When I was the local MP, failures on the part of BT and Vodafone to deliver a decent broadband service and a reliable mobile phone signal were a major cause of concern. About a year ago, I set up a Select Committee investigation into the failings of these companies to deliver a decent service to rural Scotland and had them publicly questioned in front of the Scottish Affairs Select Committee.

The SNP took over this committee after last year's general election and I was very disappointed when they shut this inquiry down.

Could our member of parliament and MSP please help those of their constituents without a decent broadband or mobile phone service by getting this investigation re-started?

**Alan Reid,**  
**LibDem candidate for Argyll and Bute, Dunoon.**

## Obfuscation and waffle

Sir  
The reason the LibDems lost Argyll and Bute narrowly to the SNP's Jim Mather in 2007 – in the last result announced which gave the SNP the one seat that put it in Government – was the decade of LibDem obfuscation and waffle about the ferry service into Dunoon.

The fact that no boats had been commissioned as we approached that election or had even been discussed at Government level despite years of promises, and the construction of a ro-ro facility for them, was well known

to the people of Cowal and the LibDem vote in this area collapsed, despite holding up everywhere else in Argyll and Bute. I can provide the figures to show this if need be.

I share the anger most people in this area have about the ridiculous and unsuitable passenger-only service that has been inflicted on us, but I will not have Alan Reid suggesting that it is nothing to do with the Labour/LibDem administration that set this up by abandoning their many promises to us on this issue

I am rather more concerned, however, by Alan Reid's attempt to disguise the LibDem result at the last Scottish election in which they came in fourth with just over 3,000 votes.

Unless they can multiply that by four they will not be challenging in Argyll and Bute. In fact they will not be challenging anywhere if the evidence of their recent conference is anything to go by.

A legitimate and scary vote to allow fracking by a gathering of delegates in a sparsely attended conference has since been countermanded in panic by the LibDem leadership which gives an accurate reflection of where that party currently stands.

**Dave McEwan Hill,**  
**Dalninlongart,**  
**Sandbank,**  
**Argyll.**

## Former education minister should mind his ps and qs

Sir,  
As I read MSP Michael Russell's letter in the *Courier* of Friday February 26, about educational cost cutting deci-

sions, I thought this is a bit rich coming as it does from a former Scottish education minister.

This is the minister who helped promote a reduction in the number of college students in Scotland of between 120,000 and 150,000.

The same minister who as part of the Scottish Government reneged on a promise to reduce primary class sizes, the minister who oversaw a fall of more than 2,000 teachers in Scottish schools during his term in office.

This, too, is the minister who oversaw the introduction of the shambolic and widely-detested Curriculum for Excellence, and the minister who at Holyrood faced accusations from all sides of the chamber of intimidation and bullying over the resignation of the Chair of Glasgow's Stow College.

I could go on. If, however, like me, you believe that, sadly, educational standards in Scotland may just be slipping under this government it may not be so easy in the future to prove it.

Despite the European and Internationalist view of this government, they have decided to exit from two surveys which allow national school systems to be compared with others around the world. And so one way to avoid criticism is to ensure no evidence of educational slippage is available.

Who was responsible for this wheez? You guessed it, step forward the former education minister our own Michael Russell.

**R Finlay,**  
**7 Glengilp,**  
**Ardrihaig.**

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# Kintyre Pipe Band's ceilidh raises hall's roof

ALL THREE sections of Kintyre Pipe Band came together to treat the Victoria Hall to a mesmerising performance.

At their annual fundraising ceilidh last Saturday night, the beginner, novice and 3A bands all played separate selections before coming together to form a huge band and play several songs, which greatly impressed the bumper crowd.

Next Oban band Ceol

an Aire took to the stage to provide the music for a well-danced ceilidh, which saw willows stripped and Gay Gordon's danced long into the night.

There was also a large prize raffle of which the proceeds, along with the ticket sales, will go towards funding the Pipe Bands' upcoming season, which will see them travel to various competitions across the country.



All three Kintyre bands performing together. 04\_c11ceilidh01



Beginners band pipers. 04\_c11ceilidh02



Ceilidh band Ceol an Aire. 04\_c11ceilidh03



Pipe and drum tutors John Brown, Tommy Blue and Stewart Blue.

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12th March 7-30 pm  
£12, £10(conc), Free  
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**Little Gaelic Voices**  
Saturday 12th March  
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**EASTER FUN**  
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**Annual Sale of Work**  
Saturday 12th March  
at 2pm  
in the church hall.  
Usual stalls.  
Afternoon tea £3.  
Donations gratefully received.  
Entrance - silver collection.  
All Welcome.

Lochgilhead Primary School  
PTA & Parent Council  
**Coffee Morning**  
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Saturday March 12th  
10am - 12 noon  
Musical Entertainment provided by  
primary pupils  
Chocolate themed raffle

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Monday 14th, Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th March  
Venues: Ardrihaig Public and North Halls  
Sessions daily 9.30am & 1.30pm. Admission £1  
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9.30am & 1.30pm School Choirs &  
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**INFORMAL MEETING**  
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**Mid Argyll Young Farmers Club**  
welcome local 14 - 30  
year olds to their  
**QUIZ NIGHT**  
Thursday 17th March  
Kilmartin Hotel  
7.30pm start  
Family & Friends welcome!

**Skipness Village Hall**  
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Guest Artists  
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**DANCE PERFORMANCE**  
by the professional company  
**Plan B**  
Ardrihaig Public Hall  
Friday 11th March  
This new production 'And Now...'  
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Starts 7.30pm  
All tickets £5 at the door

# Newly-crowned Oscar winners come to Campbeltown

IN THE wake of the Oscar ceremony which gave several films legendary status, many winners will soon grace the Victoria Hall's screen.

On March 12 and 13, Campbeltown Community Business (CCB) Ltd are bringing best picture-winner *Spotlight* to town, as well as *The Revenant*, which saw Leonardo DiCaprio finally get his hands on a main gong as well as a second consecutive best director prize for Alejandro González Iñárritu.

*The Big Short*, a black comedy which scooped the best adapted screenplay, will show, as will the nation's favourite bumbling soldiers, as *Dad's Army* renew their silver screen antics.

For children, and



The nation's favourite old soldiers are back in action.

young at heart adults, Alvin and his cheeky Chipmunk friends will bring their animal magic to the Victoria Hall.

*Goosebumps* sees comedy legend Jack Black trying to stuff imaginary demons back into the books they have escaped from.

Double Oscar winner *Spotlight* tells the true story of the Pulitzer Prize-winning Bos-

ton Globe investigation which rocked the city and caused a crisis in the Catholic church.

The investigative thriller traces the steps to one of the biggest cover-ups in modern times and stars Michael Keaton and Rachel McAdams.

### Mauled

*The Revenant* tells the brutal but beautiful story of an expedition into uncharted American wilderness where explorer Hugh Glass is mauled by a bear and left for dead.

Guided by sheer will and the love of his family, Glass navigates a vicious winter in a will to live and find redemption.

The dramatic film garnered three Oscars and five Baftas.

*Dad's Army* sees many of the TV shows fa-



Best Picture winner *Spotlight* investigates a scandal.

## What's on in Campbeltown

### Inner Wheel to spin coffee beans

CAMPBELTOWN Inner Wheel are hosting a coffee morning tomorrow (Saturday) in a bid to raise funds for Alzheimer's Scotland.

Held in the Red Cross Hall from 10am to 12 noon, entry will cost £1.50 and tea, coffee and biscuits will be for sale.

### Diecast model's on Sunday show startline

DIECAST transport models like Corgi cars will roar into Campbeltown's Masonic hall for

a one-day motoring pageant this weekend.

On Sunday, from 11am to 4pm, model trucks, trains, buses, cars, motorbikes and boats will be on show for enthusiasts to enjoy.

All proceeds from the event, which will also feature a grand raffle, tea and coffee and home baking, will go to Leukaemia Research Campbeltown.

Admission is £3 for adults and £2 for children.

### Evening of mediumship for Campbeltown

SPIRITS will be beckoned at an evening of

mediumship next week.

Held at the Seafield Hotel on Tuesday March 15 from 7.30pm, psychics Sandy Campbell and Eleanor Walker will hold an evening of mediumship.

Tickets cost £10 and are available from George McMillan Newsagents on Main Street.

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avourite characters bring a feature-length escapade to the cinema. Set in 1944 as the Second World War is reaching its climax, MI5 discovers a radio signal sent direct to Berlin from Walmington-on-Sea which means there is a spy on the loose.

The war's outcome is at stake, and these most unlikely of heroes go into action.

The film stars Toby Jones, Bill Nighy, Michael Gambon and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

*The Big Short* is a gripping black comedy starring Christian Bale, Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling and Brad Pitt.

When four financiers foresee what the big banks, media and government refuse to, the global collapse of the economy, they have an idea: *The Big Short*.

But their bold investment leads them into the dark underbelly of modern banking. *Alvin and the Chipmunks: Road*

*Chip* renews its animated comedy.

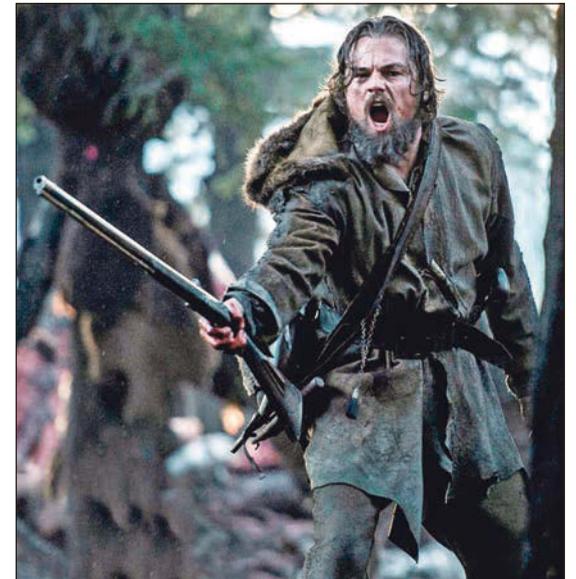
Alvin, Simon and Theodore come to believe that Dave is going to propose to his new girlfriend in Miami, and dump them.

They have three days to get to him and stop the proposal. Fans of Alvin will not be disappointed.

*Goosebumps* stars Jack Black and Amy Ryan in a clever mixture of monsters, mayhem, comedy and romance.

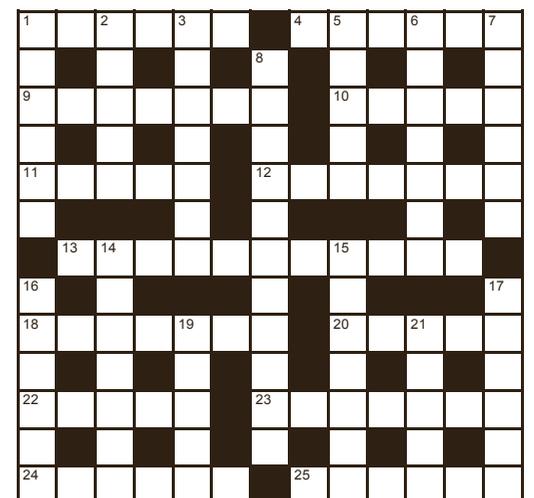
Upset about moving from a big city to a small town, teenager Zach Cooper finds a silver lining when he meets Hannah, the daughter of young adult horror author R. L. Stine.

But every silver lining has a cloud, and trouble comes after the writer's imaginary demons are set free on the town of Madison, Delaware. It is up to Stine, Zach, and Hannah to get all of them back in the books where they belong.



Leo DiCaprio dazzles in *The Revenant*.

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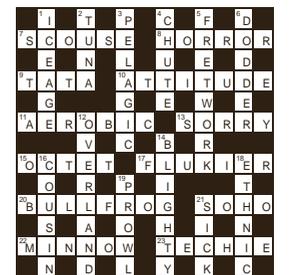
### Across

- 1 One of an America Indian people (6)
- 4 It has points in the desert (6)
- 7 Chauffeur-driven vehicle! (7)
- 10 Exhausted, broken (5)
- 11 Warm and damp (5)
- 12 Describing me, and now you (7)
- 13 Fussy (3-8)
- 18 Performance of music (7)
- 20 Back in (5)
- 22 A concept by Niccolò Machiavelli centered on the ability of a leader (5)
- 23 Instrument when blown by oneself, is boastful! (7)
- 24 Jams (3-3)
- 25 British man (6)

### Down

- 1 Young dragonflies (6)
- 2 Poison (5)
- 3 Black bird (7)
- 5 Lower joint of the leg (5)
- 6 Without the upper half (7)
- 7 Detonate (3,3)
- 8 Something which doesn't usually occur (11)
- 14 Alfalfa (7)
- 15 Encourage (7)
- 16 Iron stand (6)
- 17 Information found at the bottom of the page (6)
- 19 Card game like the sound from an instrument (5)
- 21 November birthstone (5)

## Last week's solution



## Campbeltown Picture House at the Victoria Hall



### Saturday 12 March

- 2:30pm **Alvin & The Chipmunks: Road Chip** (U) 92 mins
- 4:45pm **Spotlight** (15) 129 mins The true story of an investigation that would cause a crisis in one of the world's most trusted institutions. Nominated for 6 OSCARS
- 7:45pm **The Revenant** (15) 156 mins Nominated for 12 OSCARS, Winner of 5 BAFTAs including BEST FILM

### Sunday 13 March

- 12:30pm **Goosebumps** (PG) 103 mins 'a clever mixture of monsters, mayhem, comedy and romance' Daily Express
- 3:00pm **Dad's Army** (12A) 95 mins Toby Jones, Bill Nighy, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Michael Gambon.
- 5:30pm **The Big Short** (15) 130 mins A gripping black comedy about four financiers. Nominated for 5 OSCARS

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## About you

**Q3 - Thinking about your personal circumstances, what is your attitude towards your present household income?**

Select one

- Comfortable On Present Income
- Coping On Present Income
- Finding It Difficult On Present Income
- Finding It Very Difficult On Present Income

**Q4 - Which of the following most closely describes the extent to which you are involved in your household finances?**

Select one

- I make all the decisions for the household
- I share the responsibility with my partner
- I have very little input as someone else in the household deals with them

**Q5 - To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements (please select one per line).**

	Agree strongly	Agree slightly	Disagree slightly	Disagree strongly	No opinion
I don't like the idea of being in debt	<input type="radio"/>				
I am more aware of personal finance than I used to Be	<input type="radio"/>				
Financial security after retirement is your own responsibility	<input type="radio"/>				
It is important to be well insured for everything	<input type="radio"/>				
I trust Banks/Building Societies to look after my money	<input type="radio"/>				
I look for profitable ways to invest my money	<input type="radio"/>				
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I usually consult a professional Financial Adviser before deciding on financial matters	<input type="radio"/>				
I'm interested in Financial Services advertising	<input type="radio"/>				
Price comparison websites have helped me reduce my household outgoings.	<input type="radio"/>				
I only take out loans when they are absolutely necessary	<input type="radio"/>				

**Q6 - When do you think you will retire?**

Select one

- I am retired
- I'll retire in the next 10 years
- I'll retire in the next 20 years
- I'll retire in the next 30 years
- I've got more than 30+ years before retirement

## Retirement planning

Last year witnessed unprecedented changes to the retirement landscape and increasingly financial security after retirement is your own responsibility.

**Q7 - How would you describe your current attitude to saving for retirement?**

Select one

- I don't currently save anything towards retirement.
- I've embraced the idea of a pension and save a significant amount.
- I've embraced the idea of a pension and save an adequate amount.
- I've embraced the idea of a pension, but don't think that I save enough.

**Q8 - Which of the following financial strategies have you adopted for your retirement**

Select all that apply

- Invested in property with a view to equity release or rental income.
- My company has (had) a final salary pension scheme.
- Auto enrolled in a company pension
- A personal / private pension
- A Self Invested Personal Pension (SIPP)
- Save regularly in an ISA (either cash or shares)
- Rely on the State pension.
- None.

**Q9 - Where will you go for guidance and advice about your pension when it comes to retirement?**

Select all that apply

- Friends & family
- Paid-for professional adviser
- Internet search engine
- My current pension provider
- My employer
- Pension wise
- Other
- Don't know.

**Q10 - When you are retired which of these options would be preferred for managing your finances?**

Select one

- Taking some cash to spend in the early years of retirement, and using the rest to provide a guaranteed income for life.
- Investing in a pension plan and drawing income from it each year.
- Using all my money to buy a product that will give me a guaranteed income for the rest of my life.
- Taking all my money as cash and investing it how I see fit.
- Investing it in buy to let properties.
- Don't know.

**Q11 - Thinking about the types of pension that exist, how well do you feel that you understand them?**

(Please select just one option per line).

	I fully understand	I have some knowledge, but would like to know more	I've heard the terms, but I'm not interested	I've not heard of this
Annuity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Retirement income drawdown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Workplace pensions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Individual savings pensions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q12 - The UK government has introduced the New State Pension, how well do you feel that you understand the following elements?**

(Please select just one option per line).

	I fully understand	I have some knowledge, but would like to know more	I've heard the terms, but I'm not interested	I've not heard of this
How much state pension you are likely to receive when you retire.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The effect of having been contracted out of the state scheme at any working life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How the new state pension will be calculated	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How to top up your state pension	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## Banking

**Q13 - Thinking about your bank; to what extent do you agree or disagree with the relative importance of each attribute in your choice of bank (please select one per line).**

	Agree strongly	Agree slightly	Disagree slightly	Disagree strongly	No opinion
Locality (having a branch that is local to me)	<input type="radio"/>				
Company reputation (trust)	<input type="radio"/>				
Counter staff / Personal service	<input type="radio"/>				
Interest rates (on savings and or loan)	<input type="radio"/>				
Personal experience	<input type="radio"/>				
Telephone / internet banking facilities	<input type="radio"/>				
Range of services	<input type="radio"/>				
Overdraft charges	<input type="radio"/>				
Loyalty scheme	<input type="radio"/>				
Personal recommendation	<input type="radio"/>				
Reviews	<input type="radio"/>				
Advertising	<input type="radio"/>				
Introductory offers	<input type="radio"/>				

**Q14 - And what is your preferred method for accessing your banking services?**

	Select one
Via the internet.	<input type="radio"/>
Via the telephone talking to someone	<input type="radio"/>
Via the telephone using an automated service.	<input type="radio"/>
In a branch	<input type="radio"/>
Via an ATM	<input type="radio"/>
By post.	<input type="radio"/>

**Q15 - Increasingly banks are offering current accounts with a bundle of benefits, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the relative importance of each benefit that could be offered. (Please select one per line).**

	Agree strongly	Agree slightly	Disagree slightly	Disagree strongly	No opinion
Cash back on utility bills or travel	<input type="radio"/>				
Cash back on direct debits	<input type="radio"/>				
Car insurance	<input type="radio"/>				
Travel Insurance	<input type="radio"/>				
Mobile phone insurance	<input type="radio"/>				
Home insurance (Buildings & contents)	<input type="radio"/>				
Enhanced ISA interest rate	<input type="radio"/>				
Extended warranty cover on white goods purchased in the last year.	<input type="radio"/>				
Access to a 24-hour home emergency service	<input type="radio"/>				

**Q16 - Would you consider paying a monthly fee to your bank to access the benefits of a product bundle?**

	Select one
No - I would not	<input type="radio"/>
Yes - if the overall bundle resulted in my annual outlay on these products decreasing.	<input type="radio"/>
Yes - if it was a tiered approach that allowed me to select the benefits I wanted.	<input type="radio"/>

**Q17 - Would you consider switching your bank account to another provider?**

	Select one
Yes	<input type="radio"/>
Maybe	<input type="radio"/>
No	<input type="radio"/>

## Relationship with your local weekly newspaper

**Q18 - To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements (please select just one option per line).**

	Agree strongly	Agree slightly	Disagree slightly	Disagree strongly	No opinion
I rely on my local newspaper to keep me up to date with the latest offers from local shops.	<input type="radio"/>				
I trust what I read in my local newspaper.	<input type="radio"/>				
I find the adverts in my local newspaper are most useful in helping me make purchase decisions?	<input type="radio"/>				
I know that if something is advertised in my local newspaper, then it will be available in my area.	<input type="radio"/>				

**Q19 - Which of the following have you personally done as a result of seeing something advertised in your local newspaper?**

(please select all that apply)

	In the last 3 months	In the last 12 months
Researched a product in a shop.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Researched a product / service online.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visited a brand / advertisers website.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visited / followed a brand / advertiser on Social media.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bought a product / brand / service in store.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bought a product / brand online.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Talked about a brand either through word of mouth or via social media	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recommended a product / brand or service to someone.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
None of the above.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**In order for us to analyse the information, please can you categorise yourself**

**Q20 - What gender are you?**

	Select one
Male	<input type="radio"/>
Female	<input type="radio"/>

**Q21 - Which age group do you fall into?**

	Select one
18 to 24	<input type="radio"/>
25 to 34	<input type="radio"/>
35 to 44	<input type="radio"/>
45 to 54	<input type="radio"/>
55 to 64	<input type="radio"/>
65+	<input type="radio"/>

**Q22 - What is your current employment status?**

	Select one
Working Full-time (30+ Hours per week)	<input type="radio"/>
Working Part-time (8 to 29 hours per week)	<input type="radio"/>
Working Part-time (less than 8 hours per week)	<input type="radio"/>
Not working - Retired	<input type="radio"/>
Not working - Long term Illness / Disabled.	<input type="radio"/>
Not working - Other	<input type="radio"/>

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**Recycling guru talks food waste**

ZERO Waste Heroes volunteer co-ordinator Catherine Wilson stopped by at Bellochantuy Rural to speak on a food waste campaign led by 'Love Food, Hate Waste'.

The non-profit organisation is aiming to discourage food waste, and Catherine highlighted areas in which people can be more economical with their food.

This included correct portion sizing and careful consideration of buy one get one free offers.

The SWI group then took part in a quiz on storage dates, use-by dates and other food questions which was enjoyed by all the participants, before she judged the night's competitions.

Full results: Baking (two soda scones); Gold: Nettie Semple. Handicraft (Valentine card); Gold: Lois Fell; Silver: Libby Kerr. Fun (Teapot); Gold: Elaine Hemmings; Silver: Tricia Fair and Libby Kerr; Red: Janet Hamilton, Nettie Semple and Angie Smith.

**DRUMLEMBLE**



All of the pupils' impressive costumes.

**TAYINLOAN**

**Carpet bowls roll in Tayinloan**

TWENTY pairs competed at the West Kintyre Royal National Lifeboat Institution Women's Guild annual Carpet Bowls competition.

Held in Tayinloan Village Hall over three days from February 24 - 26, the winners were Gordon Graham and Gavin McLachlan, with Anthony Fox and Alistair McConnachie coming in second.

The Women's Guild would like to thank everyone who came along and took part.



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**Primary pupils ditch uniforms for World Book Day**

DRUMLEMBLE and Carradale primary schools celebrated World Book Day in style by dressing up as their favourite fictional book characters.

Gangster Granny, Katy Morag and the Cheshire Cat from Alice in Wonderland all made an ap-

pearance as the pupils arrived at school on Thursday March 3, before taking on a number of book related activities.

The Carradale children then travelled to Drumlemble to participate in more literary activities.

These included using musical instruments to tell a story, using their imagination to draw a character which was being described to them and acting out various stories.

There were three categories for the covet-



Some of the pupils with their favourite book.

ed best costume award; most colourful, most original and most imag-

inative. Acting-shared head teacher of both schools, Laurene McIntosh, said it proved incredibly hard to choose the winners, as all the pupils had such fantastic costumes.

In the end the winners were: Most colourful: Jack, Morgon-Faith and Aurora. Most imaginative: Tyler, Katie and Connor. Most original: Zoe, Thomas and Isaac.

**ISLAY**

**Port Ellen ferry terminal to close in April for upgrades**

ESSENTIAL repair work at Port Ellen Ferry Terminal will require ferry operator CalMac to divert all Islay services to Port Askaig for around three weeks.

The port's linkspan is being replaced, along with cylinders and pipework being upgraded by owner, Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL), requiring closure from April 18.

There will be no reduction in overall service, but an amended timetable will operate. A bus transfer ser-

vice will be provided from Port Ellen to Port Askaig for foot passengers.

CalMac's director of operations, Drew Collier, said: 'While this closure will, unfortunately, cause some inconvenience to the travelling public for a short period of time, this is essential upgrade work being carried out by the port owners CMAL.'

'To help us limit disruption as much as possible we ask that foot passengers looking to travel to or from Port Ellen should book with our contact centre 24 hours before they travel during this period. This will allow us to plan road transfers effectively.'

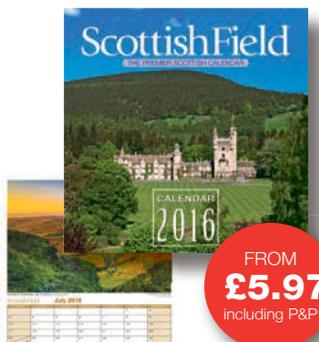
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# Glenside Tractors ploughman takes the Kintyre crown

AFTER weeks of rain, including a deluge on Thursday night a good dry day on Friday and Saturday ensured the success of Kintyre Agricultural Society's annual ploughing match.

It was held this year at Kilblaan farm in Southend on Saturday March 5.

In an excellent field kindly provided by the McLean family 13 competitors tested their mettle. The winner of the over 12 inch class Jamie Reid, from Glenside Tractors, was the undisputed champion ploughman for 2016 winning his first ploughing match medal. Ian Barbour was

the reversible winner and in a welcome return to competitive ploughing Kenny Ronald won the 10-12 inch class.

Hugh Galbraith, Archie McCorkindale and Thomas Cameron were the judges.

The Agricultural Society would like to thank the McLean family for hosting the ploughing match, the judges, Sue McGuire for providing the refreshments and to all competitors and helpers for making the day a success.

The full results are as follows: Class One 10 - 12 inch: 1 Kenny Ronald and 2 Jake Ronald. Extra prizes: Best break: Jake Ronald, Straight-

est: Kenny Ronald, Best first six furrows: Jake Ronald, Best last six furrows: Kenny Ronald, Best ins and outs: Kenny Ronald and Best finish: Kenny Ronald. Class Two over 12 inch: 1 Jamie Reid, 2 Paul Newall and 3 Thomas Ralston. Extra Prizes Best break: Jamie Reid, Straightest: Paul Newall, Best first six furrows: Jamie Reid, Best ins and outs: Jamie Reid, Best finish: Jamie Reid. Class three reversible: 1 Ian Barbour, 2 Stuart Newlands and 3 Fraser MacPhail.

Extra prizes: Best break: Ian Barbour, Best first six furrows: Ian Barbour, Straightest: Ian Barbour, Best last six furrows: Ian Barbour, Best ins and outs: Drew McKendrick and Best finish: Ian Barbour. Special prizes: First on field: Ian Barbour, First finished: Gavin Reid, Least experienced: Jake Ronald and Grant McKendrick, Youngest Competitor: Jake Ronald, Fur-

thest travelled: James Young, Oldest competitor: Gavin Reid, Best looking ploughman: Fraser MacPhail, Hardest luck: Gavin Reid, Worst Plot: Fraser MacPhail and Tidiest Yoke: Grant McKendrick. Tractor prizes: Best maintained: Gavin Reid, Second best maintained: Fraser MacPhail. Oldest Tractor: Jake Ronald and Newest tractor: Stuart Newlands.

Cup winners: Kintyre Agricultural Cup and winner of the RHAS Medal Jamie Reid.

Messrs Ralston Cup for winner in non-medal class: Ian Barbour. John Cullen Cup for winner of reversible class: Ian Barbour, John McKay Cup for best lot by 25year-old or younger: Jake Ronald, Glenside Cup for most points using Case/International tractor Ian Barbour. Hamilton Bros. Cup for most points using Massey Ferguson tractor: Kenny Ronald and Ford Cup for most points using a Ford tractor Jamie Reid.



Ploughing a straight furrow at Kilblaan Farm last Saturday.

## Average prices down on last year at Dalmally

UNITED Auctions held the annual March sale of all classes of cattle and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart last Saturday.

Bullocks sold to an average of £746.67 per head or 239.26 pence per kilogram (Kg). Heifers sold to an average of £676.88 per head or 215.65 pence per Kg.

Bullocks sold to 301 pence per kilo for a pen of six.

Charolais from Barnakill and Achnacone Farm led the kilo prices for Heifers with Limousin Crosses selling to 262 pence.

Though averages, in keeping with current trends, were back on the year, levels compared favourably to prices obtained at principal mainland centres.

A good selection of grazing cattle were on offer.

Breeding Cattle sold to £1400 for a pair of incalf heifers from Achnacone Farm.

All classes of sheep sold well.

Principal lots and prices: Top prices per head bullocks: Aax: £790 - Barnakill Farm.

Charx: £1015 and £930 - Barnakill Farm: £800 (2) - Bragleenbeg: £890 - Lurignish: £880(2), £860 and £825 - Achnacone Farm: £805 (2) - Tullochcan Farm.

Simx: £880 (3) - Achnacone: £850 (3) - Cornaigmore, Coll: £825 (4) - Blarghour Farm: £825 & £800 (3) - Achnacone.

Heifers: Charx: £820 - Couston Farm: £720 - Barnakill. Limx: £820 and £810 - Lurignish: £790, £780 (2) and £755 - Achnacone: £740 - Lurignish. Shx: £720

- Barnakill. Simx: £980, £930 - Blarghour: £910 - Drimmin Estate: £900 and £875 - Blarghour: £815 - Achnacone: £800(2) and £790 - Blarghour Farm.

Top prices per kilo for bullocks: Aax: 197p - Barnakill Farm. Charx: 301p (6) and 263p(5) - Barnakill Farm: 238p (2) - Bragleenbeg. Limx: 270p (2) - Tullochcan: 262p (2) - Achnacone Farm: 256p (2) - Couston Farm: 251p (3) and 236p - Stronesker: 234p (2) - Boreland Farm. Simx: 267p - Stroneskar: 262p and 255p - Achnacone: 243p (4) - Cornaigmore, Coll: 240p (3) - Achnacone: 236p (4) - Blarghour: 236p

- Stroneskar. Heifers: Charx: 248p (6) and 232p - Barnakill. Limx: 262p, 244p (4) and 237p - Achnacone. Shox: 232p - Barnakill. Simx: 244p - Achnacone.

Incalf heifers: £1400 (2) - Achnacone. Sheep: Lambs: Bf £74.50 - Crunachy: £69.00 - Drissaig: £54.00 - Lephinkill. Texx: £55.50 - Evanachan. Cross £ 69.00 - 10 Kilvaree: £58.00 - Keilbeg. Mule: £54.00 - 10 Kilvaree. Ewes Beltx: £56.00 - Evanachan. Texx: £57.50 and £56.00 - Tombuie. Chev £50.50 - Maam. Cross £40.00 - Evanachan. Mule £41.00 - Barguillan. Bf £43.00 - Crunachy.

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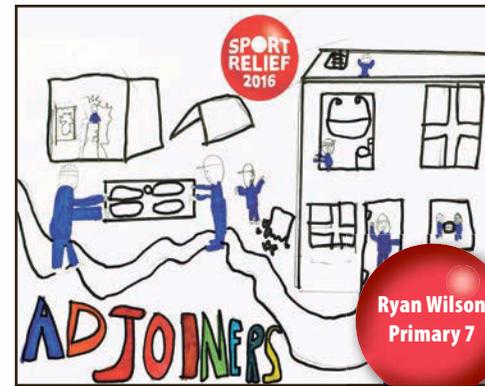


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# Airline woos students with fare flights package

FLYBE franchise partner Loganair is ready for take-off with a revamped student fare offer from Campbeltown to Glasgow.

The airline has devised an 'enhanced flexibility fare for frequent flying students'. This has a 40kg luggage allowance free of charge which is double the usual 20kg limit for students and passengers with a Young Scot Card.

## Amendment

Discounted fares will remain on offer closer to the date of departure and customers will be able to make one amendment to the return part of their itinerary as part of the ticket.

Fares are open to all students aged between 12 and 25 inclusive who



Students ready to board a plane.

are enrolled in full-time, vocational, technical or nursing training courses. They are also available to Young Scot Card holders.

Passengers who are el-

igible for the Air Discount Scheme (ADS) can also combine this saving into bookings, offering further price reductions.

Loganair has launched

a 'Student Fare and Flight Finder' portal on its website to assist the search for different travel options and fares can be booked via the airline's call centre.

## Kintyre organisations lose a loyal volunteer

A GAELIC singing farmer who often played the villain in amateur dramatic pantomimes passed away recently.

Donald Macalister Hall who was born on August 28, 1940 died on February 23, aged 75, after a long and courageous fight with cancer.

Donald was a farmer and landowner who ran Torrisdale Estate, near Carradale.

Quick-witted and kind, Donald played a huge role within the local community, and was probably best known for his two passions in life – amateur dramatics and singing. He was a very active member of the Tarbert Gaelic Choir, Carradale Church Choir, and the Ceanan Tuirc Male Voice Choir.

Donald even managed to attend a choir practice only a few weeks ago, despite feeling unwell.

Donald was also the ubiquitous pantomime villain, stage hand, and was often seen in more serious roles staged by the Carradale drama club.

Donald served a huge number of local organisations over the years, and in the main not out of a sense of duty, but because he either enjoyed it, or genuinely wanted to help.



Donald Macalister Hall at Torrisdale Castle.

He was a church elder and fabric convenor for the Church for many years, he served on the committees of Network Carradale, the Area Tourist Board, the Windfarm Trust, the Village Hall, Abbeyfield, the Senior Citizens and the Community Council. He was also a Justice of the Peace until retir-

ing on his 70th birthday.

Donald was born in 1940 in Edinburgh, and was the eldest of four children of Donald Stuart and Molly Macalister Hall.

He spent his formative years at Torrisdale during the war, and was educated at Rickerby House School, Ecclefechan, and then at Uppingham School, Rutland.

After leaving school he attended agricultural college at Auchincruive in Ayr.

Upon graduating, he spent three years travelling and working in New Zealand, before returning home to Scotland.

The estate played a large part in his life, and it was in 1969, when his own father died quite suddenly, that he took over the reins, while at the same time farming in Berwickshire.

In 1976, and with a young family, it became too much of a strain to split his time between two properties so he moved back

to Kintyre permanently. He initially farmed, but soon began to develop the estate's successful self-catering business and leased the farm to a neighbour.

Donald had not long returned from spending last Christmas in New Zealand, where he visited several times over the last 13 years, to see his daughter Juliet and her family.

He knew this would be the last time he would visit a country that he loved, however, he was determined to go.

Donald is survived by his wife Mary (nee Arthur), who he met in 1967 after her parents had moved to Grogport, daughter Juliet, sons Niall and Kenny and a total of six grandchildren.

Throughout the last three years he fought his illness with bravery and humour, and was never once heard to complain or be bitter.

Donald was a remarkable man and will be greatly missed by his family, friends and community.

## Canadian passed away 30 years to the day after her husband

A CANADIAN whose Campbeltown children's parties were legendary for their sophistication and fun has died aged 103.

Olive Lees came to live in Campbeltown in 1935 when her husband David took up the post of classics master at the Grammar School.

When Olive died on January 16, it was on the same day of the month that David had died 30 years before.

Coming from Montreal to Campbeltown - as to any small town in Scotland - in the 1930s proved to be a real culture shock.

Olive found the central heating and electric light in her home city were replaced by coal fires and gas lighting; when she went into a shop, the other customers stopped talking to listen to her Canadian accent.

Her two elder children, Marilyn and Laura were

both born in Campbeltown.

Her children's parties were legendary for their sophistication and fun and she had a Christmas tree sent from Glasgow every year.

While her husband saw service in the Royal Air Force, Olive took part in the war effort in the town, helping to prepare field dressings from moss and serving teas for submarine crews.

Olive was involved in the work of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service and was an active supporter of the lifeboats and the church.

After the war the family moved to Elgin where David Lees was headmaster of Elgin Academy, and where their son Russell was born shortly afterwards.

David became Rector at the High School of Glasgow and the family moved again.

Olive was able to spend her last years at



Olive Lees as a young woman.

home, looked after by her daughter Marilyn with support from the rest of the family and a team of carers.

With six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, her family was the most important factor in her life and she supported them all at every turn.

At a service of thanksgiving in Ibrox parish church Glasgow, the minister said: 'This was a life well-lived by a woman well-loved, and for that we are grateful to God.'



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## The groom with va-va-voom!

It's time to focus on the guys! As with wedding dresses, groomsweat goes through trends.



### Groomsweat

Back in the day, morning suits were all the rage, and before that, Edwardian style suits. But today, the trend is towards more informal and individual- really, almost anything goes. Choosing the right attire for your special day is a combination of taste, time of day and style of the wedding. The first question you need to ask yourself 'Formal or casual?' Once you decide that, here is a look at what is available:

#### Formal wear

**The Morning Dress/Suit:** A traditional choice consisting of a tailcoat, waistcoat, and (striped) trousers. Morning suits should only be worn for noon/early afternoon weddings.

**The Tuxedo:** Classic black tie evening wear, complete with satin-striped trousers and bow tie (cummerbund optional). Should be worn to evening weddings only. Avoid coloured bows and cummerbunds at all cost (we're not in 1983!).

**Dress Kilt:** Kilts are a romantic Highland tradition that is very popular in this part of the world, especially if you have your own tartan. Pair with a new jacket, waistcoat and flairs for a dashing look. The groomsman and ushers can wear their own tartans for a mix and match look, or hire matching tartans.

#### In the casual corner we have:

**Casual Suit/Jacket:** A linen or cotton suit makes a casual and very comfortable wedding outfit for the summer groom. In winter, try a wool jacket and trousers instead. Either can be accessorised with a great bow-tie to make a groom stand out in a fun and relaxed way.

**Modern Day Suit:** Simple, elegant, preferably slim-fit (depending on the groom) two piece suit and easily accessorised with a fun colourful tie to coordinate with the bridal party. Choose a slim cut three piece suit for a dapper alternative.

**Waistcoat & Bowtie/tie:** Relaxed and informal look for a groom, best for a summer wedding. Probably best to buy a jacket to fall back on just in case!

## Stationery and favours

They say success is in the details, and it's no different with a wedding. Stationery and favours may seem like small niceties, but they will make the first and last impressions on your guests. Check out our fun ideas and see how you can get creative!

### Stationery

Unless it's a small casual affair, your day will require wedding stationery. You'll need invitations, along with RSVP cards, inserts and place cards, thank you cards and, for large affairs, a programme.

The price per piece can vary widely- it all depends on the design, ink, typeface, printing process, paper and quantity. Top-of-the-line papers, colour ink, formal printing techniques (like letterpress and engraving) and custom design will add to your costs, as will decorative extras like envelope liners and multiple enclosures.

Order your menu cards, programs and thank-you notes with your invitations. That way, your stationer can include all of the pieces in one order, which may save you money and time. Also, don't forget those little items like favour tags and welcome bag notes.

Custom monograms—not the letter-locking designs of the past—are taking on a whole new look, with elements that are meaningful and representative of the to-be-weds. Steal this idea for everything, from your wedding invitations and cocktail napkins.

Gold foil is popping up everywhere, from invitation text to small escort details. Be adventurous with a heavily patterned gold design, or use the technique to highlight your names or your wedding date. Silver foil is a close runner-up, and copper is not far behind. Consider mixing two metallic foils for a daring design.

### Favours

How to make sure your guests will eagerly snap up their favours? Make them edible, make them memorable, and maybe even make them yourself. Here are some ideas to get you going:

Getting married at the beach? Give boxes of saltwater taffy (preferably from a local purveyor) tied with ribbon in your wedding colours. For a barn wedding, present your guests with jars of local jam or honey to echo your wedding theme.

In the autumn, caramel apples decorated with sprinkles in your wedding colours are hard to resist. For a winter wedding, a few teabags in a decorative box together with some elegant tea cookies will let your guests reminisce about your wedding as they relax by a roaring fire.

For spring and summer consider seed packets tied with ribbon, or a heart-shaped card made out of handmade paper embedded with wildflower seeds that your guests can plant where they wish. Or place one tulip and two crocus bulbs each in tulle squares, tied with ribbon that matches your wedding colours. Another option that provides visual impact at your reception is to place small plants in pots painted in your wedding colours, or wrapped in matching fabric.

And one favour that is always popular- wine. Many wineries will sell miniature bottles of wine, and custom-print labels for you, or you can print your own.



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## Choosing a photographer

There are a whole host of people out there that would love to be your wedding photographer.

It can be quite overwhelming to find the right one for you, but it all comes down to three main things to look for.

Do you like the photographer's style?

Look on a prospective photographer's website. Look through examples of his or her work, or if they have a studio go in and have a look around. This can give you some idea of how the photographer works, and if you like what you see then they should be able to do the same for you.

Can the wedding photographer do the job within your budget?

There is always a limit to how much you can spend on your wedding photos. Sadly, it is no good finding someone who does amazing shoots but then charges you the earth for the time and prints afterwards. So always look at the small

print and see exactly what you will be getting for your money.

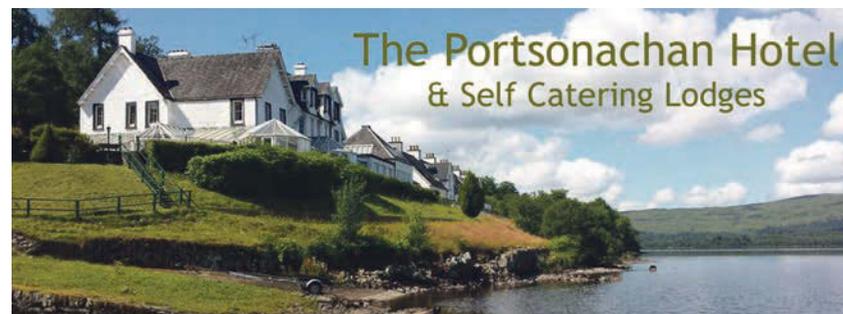
Does the photographer have a right character for your wedding?

Always arrange a meeting with the photographer or their company. Talk to them and get to know them just a little. You need to know if this is someone you can work with or even like. You need to look for someone who is not too shy so they can get people together for the shots you want. On the other hand you do not want the wedding photographer who is so overpowering that they take over your wedding.

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Moving the rubble was a draining task.



Working on the playground's Nessie.

# Grammar pupils bring Gambian nursery to life

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar School pupils have just returned from an eye-opening humanitarian trip to Gambia.

From February 9 to 21, 16 pupils and four members of staff, including CGS4Gambia creator Agnes Stewart, headed out to the village of Jarrol to put the finishing touches to a nursery that has been built using the money they raised over the last two years.

The trip began in Banjul, where the group spent three days visiting nurseries and donating toothbrushes, resources and equipment to the impoverished sites.

Agnes, who was on her fourth trip to Gambia, having set up the project originally, said: 'The three nurseries we went to were a real eye-opener for the pupils, to see the level of poverty children there have to grow up in.'

'I think that will stand them in really good stead going forward in their lives, to really appreciate how good we have it back home.'

The group then travelled to the village of Jarrol to begin six nights camping and working

on finishing the nursery they fundraised for.

This included painting the inside and outside of the building, creating the playground equipment – including a Loch Ness monster made from old tyres, putting up blackboards, and an energy-sapping task for the boys of moving rubble from outside the building in the scorching heat.

Agnes said: 'The boys had it really tough, having to move the rubble in the 40-degree heat, but everyone pulled together and the group got on really well and built up a good relationship.'

'They also formed a close bond with a lot of the villagers, most of whom could speak some English.'

It was not all work for the pupils though, whose hard work was rewarded with a cultural insight into life in Gambia.

They celebrated Gambian Independence Day with the local people, which included dressing up in African attire, as well as playing in a cross-country football match between Scotland and Gambia in which

the Scots had to borrow a few players to make up their team.

While the Scots valiantly lost 1-0, the pupils were all delighted with the overall trip and many mentioned what a worthwhile and fulfilling journey it had been.

In the group's feedback, when asked if the trip had changed their perspective on life, one pupil said: 'The people of Jarrol are so happy with so little. It has made me appreciate everything so much more.'

Another pupil said: 'The trip taught me to stop dwelling on what I do not have and to be happy with what I do have. After coming back it is hard to complain when you have seen a child's eyes light up at a stick.'

While in Jarrol the group also donated food, money for which had been raised by S1 pupils to provide the nursery children with breakfast every day, and visited triplets that the Co-operative has supported with food and clothing.

The nursery will be completed and ready to open after the summer, when a boundary wall has been put in place.

Agnes said: 'The whole project has been amazing.'

'It has been so worth it, even though it is so hard to arrange everything while also working full time, but, particularly with this nursery, you can see the difference it is going to make to these children's lives.'

The group will be giving a presentation to parents on March 29, in a venue that is yet to be confirmed, when members of the public will be invited along to see the excellent work the group has achieved.



The finished Nessie in the



A Gambian child with his ne



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The whole group outside the nursery.



Agnes Stewart with two local children.



Painting the outside of the nursery building.



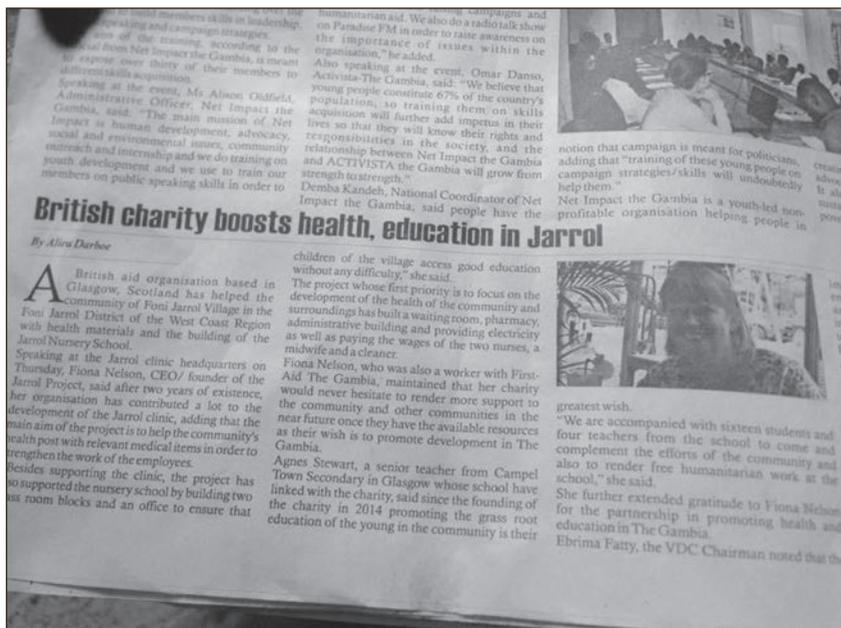
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# Tarbert seamstress stitches family methods into new business

A SKILL passed down through the generations has helped a Tarbert woman set up her own soft furnishings business. Bea McAllister launched Tarbert Soft Furnishings last year with support from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, creating and repairing items, offering alterations and even making wedding dresses.

Sewing was a big feature of Bea's childhood, with her grandparents, mother and uncles all skilled at it, and she carried this into her career working for factories and dressmakers.

After living in Tarbert for 18 years, Bea decided to set up her own venture which is already attracting customers from across the area.

Bea said: 'Growing up my whole family learned how to sew and we often repaired our clothes and made items

for the house. Sewing was just something we all did from a young age and it made sense that I use it in my career.'

'But more importantly, I love it, so this meant I always did it at home, too, for my children and friends. Recently, more and more people have been asking me to repair or make things for them and it made sense to set up my own business.'

'Tarbert Soft Furnishings offers a variety of services which appeals to my customers who perhaps initially want a dress altered but then come back to get cushion covers made or upholstery done.'

Although I am based in Tarbert we have customers in Campbeltown and Lochgilphead which is fantastic. As well as alterations and tailoring I have made wedding dresses, upholstered couches, headboards, mattresses and carried

out large jobs for commercial properties.'

Bea has recently completed working on the Islay Frigate Hotel's soft furnishings as well as local yachts and fishermen's waterproofs.

This mix of work has meant Bea is now expecting to employ someone before the end of the year to cope with demand.

She added: 'The smaller pieces of work like alterations keep me busy and we have had some bigger contracts which are challenging but extremely worthwhile. If I continue in the same way and keep securing larger work it is inevitable I will need to take someone on a lot sooner than I envisaged.'

'Seeing the finished piece regardless of what it is has always been a thrill and now it is my own business it's even more satisfying.'

'A friend of ours Da-



Bea at Islay's Frigate Hotel.

vid Steel told us about the support that was available to us locally. Business Gateway then guided me in the right direction and my adviser Donald has been a rock throughout the whole process.

'There were so many

things I had not thought of that Donald helped me with such as advising me on tax issues and making sure I understood the legalities of setting up a business.'

Donald Melville, Business Adviser, Business Gateway Argyll and

Bute said: 'Bea is using a lifelong skill to set up her own business and her experience and talent has ensured that Tarbert Soft Furnishings get off to a flying start.'

'We have given Bea one-to-one advice on a number of areas which

enabled her to launch her business confidently and effectively.'

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He said: 'I have worked in business and community development for over 20 years and in this time I have focused more often than not on start-ups and small businesses.'

'My favourite part of being an adviser is working with local people and helping them

through the early stages of setting up.'

'I enjoy demystifying the jargon and helping people work through their ideas so the clients can see their idea simply set out before them. This puts people at ease and usually gives them real confidence to push ahead with their venture.'

'Rurality is a big issue in Argyll and having lived on an island for the majority of my adulthood, I am well used to the issues that people face whilst living and working in a remote location.'

'But starting a business here does have its advantages; you have access to a smaller but usually much more loyal workforce, premises can be cheaper and the stunning landscape and natural resources here are an asset to many businesses.'

#### Boost sales

'Strong regional provenance can help boost sales and the use of scenic photography can help with promoting your service or product, especially to an international market.'

'Due to the geography of Argyll and Bute,

making the most of telecommunications and ecommerce is important.'

'The technological advances in the last two decades have completely changed how we communicate so nowadays where your company is based is not as important as it once was. From an office in Argyll you can communicate quickly with customers around the world.'

'Another positive of launching a business in a smaller community is the capacity for collaborations. This can be on joint promotional ven-

tures or taking on large more diverse jobs together. It can lead to a great deal of success not just for the businesses involved, but also the larger local economy.'

'People often ask me my top tips and over the years I have learned a lot of things. My top three tips however, are:

1. When taking on an employee make sure you get the right person. I have a phrase that I tell people who are looking to recruit and that is: 'Recruit for attitude, train for skills'.

With the right attitude and training you can get

the most from an employee. Training makes their position in the business more interesting and rewarding and makes them feel empowered.'

2. Have fun at work. Not only will you enjoy the long hours required in running a business, but your employees and customers will be happier.

3. Keep on top of invoices. If you are not getting paid then cash flow is compromised and can lead to all sorts of trouble.'

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initial idea into a business is not always easy and that running a company can be daunting. That is why it offers a range of services that will give you the knowledge, skills and motivation to kick start your entrepreneurial dreams.

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**Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 Planning Application Pre-Application Consultation**

Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd is conducting pre-application consultation on the development of a land based re-circulation fish farm at Machrihanish, Argyll (by the existing Marine Environmental Research Laboratory). A public drop-in information session will be held on Tuesday 22nd March 2016 at the Ugadale Hotel (Kintyre Club Room) from 11am-8pm. Any interested persons may attend at any point during that time.

Anyone wishing to comment on the proposal should do so by writing to the following address by 1st April 2016: Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd, Environmental Department, Stob Ban House, Glen Nevis Business Park, PH33 6RX. Alternatively, please email [david.biggin@marineharvest.com](mailto:david.biggin@marineharvest.com).

PLEASE NOTE – No application has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council in relation to this proposal. Any comments made to the prospective applicant at this time are not representations to the Council and would not be considered as part of any future application. If the prospective applicant subsequently submits a formal application for planning permission there would be an opportunity to make representations on that application to the Council. Further information can be obtained from Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd, Tel: 01397 715071.

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Maryanne Logie has registered their croft Tigh-na-Croit, North Knapdale, on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland.

Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 26th November 2016.

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## Eaglesham Garage soars high as Isuzu dealer of the year 2015



*A stellar contribution to Isuzu sales and customer service has earned Eaglesham Garage of Glasgow the accolade of Isuzu Dealer of the Year for 2015.*

As an Isuzu specialist since 1989, Eaglesham Garage was able to count on its extensive experience and expertise as it ranked among the best dealers in the United Kingdom on sales alone. The Scottish team sold 112 of the multi-award winning D-Max pick-ups throughout the year – a 17 per cent increase on its 2014 total.

In addition to vehicle, parts and accessories sales, the Dealer of the Year award jury – made up of Isuzu UK's senior management team – takes into account sales aftercare and general customer service when appraising the network's numerous sales and service dealer sites.

William Brown, General Manager of Isuzu UK, said: 'It was not just Eaglesham Garage's strong sales results – ranked among the best of all Isuzu dealers – that helped it to win this prestigious Isuzu Dealer of the Year award. Its excellent improvement over its performance in 2014 was taken into consideration, as well as a general all-round excellence in its approach to catering for customers' needs.'

With more than 25 years' experience, the Eaglesham Garage team had also completed the full Isuzu UK training schedule throughout 2014 and 2015, equipping its staff to deliver outstand-

ing service to all of their customers. Eaglesham only dropped one mark out of 20 in an impressive customer service score.

In the same awards ceremony, which took place last month, Simon Green, Dealer Principal of family-run K T Green Isuzu specialists from Leeds, West Yorkshire, was named Pick Up Professional of the Year. David Taylor Garages of South Wales were Sales Dealer of the Year and Roger Young Isuzu of Saltash was named Accessories Dealer of the Year.

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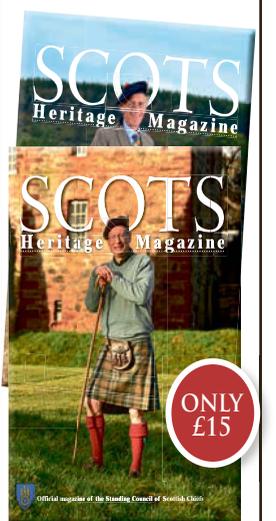
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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT WAS a glorious sunny day, but with a sharp northerly wind.

However we wrapped up well and set off to the beach with a picnic.

It was the pups' third birthday and we had made them a special doggy cake.

We had a lovely time and all came home tired but happy.

People keep telling me that they are no longer 'pups' and while I realise this only too well, I just cannot believe those three years have gone so quickly.

We have often said that we would like to have them back as tiny pups just for a day, with the knowledge of how well they would grow up.

Most of all we think of all the life-changing joy and love they have brought into our lives in these three short years.

I am sure many parents long for some of the precious childhood years back.

I am sure they would love to relive those moments of first steps, first tooth, first word and so much more.

In this busy world where time dominates all we do, many people regret the time they did not spend on the important things of life.

They regret the times they always put work first, the times they did not take time.

Time can be the greatest gift we have and we should spend it wisely.

At this time of Lent, Jesus took time with his disciples.

He made sure he said all the things he wanted to say and told them all they would need to know.

He told them he loved them, he shared stories with them, he created memories for them for when he would not be around.

Spend time with those you love, leave your footprints on the shore of their lives – and watch out for the paw-prints too.

## From our files:

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

March 15 1991

£5.3 million hospital starts next month

WORK is due to start next month on the construction of Campbeltown's new general hospital, which will replace the Cottage, Withchburn and Calton hospitals.

The contract for the hospital has been awarded to Balfour Beatty Northern Ltd. who should complete the building by spring, 1993.

Costing £5.3 million, the new hospital is a single-storey extension to the health centre and should become one integrated complex providing health care for the local community.

Although welcomed locally, in principle, fears have been expressed both publicly and

privately over the provision of beds in the new hospital. At present there are 51 geriatric beds, which will be reduced to 39, while the eight maternity beds will be cut to four, totalling a net loss of 16 beds.

Foreseen as one of the major problems in the future is a lack of an out-patient casualty unit in the new hospital.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

March 17 1966

'Go Liberal with the rest of the Highlands ... or fall behind' - Mr MacKay

UNLESS Argyll followed the example of the four other Highland constituencies, who in 1964 elected Liberal MPs, the county would fall far behind the rest of the Highlands in the development of tourism, agriculture, industry (traditional or otherwise) and the ultimate solution of the unem-

ployment problem. That was said by Mr John J MacKay, Liberal candidate for Argyll, when he addressed a meeting in the Town Hall, Campbeltown, on Friday.

And the reason? In the next parliament, which may go on for four years, explained Mr MacKay, the fight for the Highlands would be largely mounted by these same Liberal MPs who in the previous 16 months had consistently 'shouted the odds' for their constituencies and who in the future would fight tooth and nail until their constituencies' share in the prosperity and development of Britain was assured.

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

March 11 1916

Thrift and patriotism

THOUGH the campaign for

all-round national economy should by now have passed beyond the initial stage of persuasion and conversion, and should be beginning - as we think it is - to show practical results among all classes of the community, we make no apology for reverting to the Ministerial admonitions and suggestions urged by the War Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the First Lord of the Admiralty, at the inaugural meeting at the Guildhall the other day.

The British people cannot set too clearly before their minds the wide range of savings that are required of them, both as individuals and as a nation, if the entire resources of Britain's might are to be applied with promptitude and effect to the defeat of her enemies.

## Non commercial community café reopens

THE Water of Life Café which makes no fixed charge for a cuppa but instead relies on donations is open once again.

The Café, which welcomes all ages, was started by Campbeltown Free Church in September 2014. It reopened on Wednesday of last week after a break of 10 weeks.

There is no charge for the tea, coffee and home baking on offer – instead visitors are simply asked to make a donation.

Some of the funds raised at the café are given to various needy causes – in Kintyre, nationally and internationally.

In the past 15 months around £2,100 has been donated to organisations

including Dochas, Kintyre Dialis Fund, Médecins Sans Frontières - for Syrian refugees - and Tearfund for its Ebola appeal.

All the proceeds from the Café on Wednesday March 16 will be given to Shopper-Aide.

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Customers enjoying a cuppa last Wednesday.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

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**BIRTHS**



**MCEACHRAN**

Avery Willow McEachran, born on February 29, 2016, at Campbeltown Hospital. A beautiful little sister for Eleya and Zac. Many thanks to Isobel and Becky.

**DEATHS**

**CASCI** - On March 6, 2016, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Gina Casci, née Guidi, in her 99th year, beloved wife of the late Primo Casci, much loved mother of Gloria, Giuliano and Paul, dearly loved gran of Steven, Angela and Adrian and a dear great gran. Requiem Mass will take place at St Margaret's RC Church, Lochgilphead, on Monday, March 14, at 10.30am, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, Tarbert, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to SCIAF.

**DOCHERTY** - Suddenly but peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on March 6, 2016, George Docherty, in his 82nd year, 23 Castleacres and formerly of Glebe Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Mary McCallum, much loved father of Caroline, father-in-law of Eddie, loving and much loved granda of Nicole, Lynzi and Abbi, great granda of Calvin and a loving brother-in-law and uncle. Service will take place in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Intensive Care Unit 4, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow.

**LEES** - Suddenly, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley on March 3, 2016, Andrew (Andy) Grant Lees, aged 71 years, of Torwood, Tayvallich, beloved husband of Liz, much loved dad of Fiona and Grant, adored grandpa of Lewis and Jenna and a much respected father-in-law. A dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. Serving District Governor of Rotary District 1230. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held today,

Friday, March 11, 2016, at Tayvallich Parish Church, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Carsaig Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to Marie Curie and Rotary Foundation.

**MCDUGALL** - Suddenly at home, Northview, Lochpark, Carradale, on March 2, 2016, Charles McKinlay McDougall (Charlie), in his 91st year, dearly beloved son of the late Charles and Liz McDougall and a loving and much loved uncle.

**MCGUINNESS** - On March 8, 2016, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Robert Hood McGuinness, aged 59 years, beloved son of the late Robert and Annie McGuinness, much loved brother of Peter, Ebbie, Anne and the late Ian, dear brother-in-law of Dugald, devoted uncle of Anne and a dearly loved uncle of all the family. Funeral service at Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Saturday, March 12, at 10.30am, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers, or donations if desired, to Lochgilphead Parish Church.

**SCALLY** - Peacefully after a short illness, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 3, 2016, Mary Thomson Duncan (May), in her 77th year, Lorne Campbell Court and formerly of Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Jim Scally and the late Davie Paterson, much loved mother of John, Davie and the late Jim and a loving and much loved granny.

**THOMSON** - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on March 6, 2016, James McArthur Thomson, in his 94th year, 12 Wilson Road, Lochgilphead, dearly beloved husband of Margaret McIntyre and a much loved father, grandpa and great grandpa. Service in Kilkerran Cemetery on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 11.30am, to which all friends are respectfully invited. To all attending the service please meet at the cemetery gates at 11.20am.

**WHITEFIELD** - Peacefully at home in Kilmartin, on March 5, 2016, Nan, in her 80th year, loving wife to John, much loved mother to Graham, Joyce, Janice and Irene, dear mother-in-law to Alison, Keith, Robert and Donald, and adored granny to Craig, Ross, Lewis, Ashleigh, Rebecca, Keir, Aaron, Caitlin, Eoghan and Isla. A dear sister, aunt, good neighbour and friend to many. Funeral service was held on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at Living Stones Christian Centre, Kilmartin, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**CURTIS** - Mary-Ann and family would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers, phone calls and visits received following their recent sad loss of Brian. Special thanks to Dr Phillips, Dr Harris, Jackie Gilmour and the whole team at the Mid Argyll Hospital for their exceptional care and attention given to Brian. Our thanks are also extended to Rev Hilda Smith and Father David Connor for a most appropriate, personal and uplifting service, and also for their continued support. Also, to Rev Derek Gibson for his visits. Grateful thanks to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their caring arrangements, and to Harry for piping at the graveside. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. We were overwhelmed by the great numbers in attendance. The retiral collection has raised over £1,100 for Marie Curie and Macmillan Nurses.

**MACALISTER HALL** - The family of the late Donald Macalister Hall would like to thank all relatives and friends for the beautiful flowers, cards and expressions of sympathy following their sad loss. Thank you to doctors and nurses at Lorne and the Islands Hospital, Oban, to Donna, Sandra and Gillian at the MacMillan Unit in Oban and to Kitty in Campbeltown and Dr Elder. Thank you to Rev Steve Fulcher for all his support and for conducting a very uplifting service, to David McEwan for playing the organ so beautifully and to choir members from Tarbert Gaelic Choir and Ceann an Tuirc for their lovely singing. Thanks too to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their handling of funeral arrangements and to the Glen Restaurant for the lovely tea. Finally, thank you to everyone who came to pay their respects at the church and the graveside - I think Donald would have enjoyed the service. The retiring collection in aid of MacMillan Cancer Care and Saddell and Carradale Parish Church raised £1,200.

**IN MEMORIAMs**

**MACDOUGALL** - In loving memory of our dear grandson, nephew and cousin, Alasdair, sadly taken from us on March 13, 2007. Your name we often mention, our thoughts are with you still, You haven't been forgotten, and Alasdair, you never will. - Love from all the family in Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead xxx.

**MCCORMICK** - Barbara, March 13, 2011.

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**MCCORMICK** - Barbara, March 13, 2011. Sadly missed.

- Leslie, Debbie and children.

**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. Silent thoughts of times together, Still hold memories that will last forever.

- Love Norma, Jim and family.  
**WARDROP** - Our beautiful Lynsey, Somewhere over the rainbow, We love you so much. - Mum, Dad and Fallon xxx.

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**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
Sunday 13th March 2016  
Morning Worship Kilmartin 10.00am  
All welcome  
Annual Stated Meeting  
Tuesday 22nd March, 7.30 pm Church Hall, Kilmartin.  
The operation of the Unitary Constitution will be the major item on the agenda.  
SCO 02121

  
**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**  
Sunday 13th March 2016  
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE  
Rev. Hilda Smith  
All Welcome  
Every Tuesday 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
Bumps, Babies and Toddlers  
Every Wednesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe  
More info. at [www.lpchurch.co.uk](http://www.lpchurch.co.uk)

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
Sunday 13th March  
Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm (including the Lord's Supper)

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**  
Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)  
Sundays 11.00 am Eucharist & Coffee  
St Columba's, Paltalloch, (SC031391)  
1st Sunday of the month 9.00am Holy Communion  
3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong  
Father Simon Mackenzie 01546 602315

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
Charity Number SC001002  
Sunday 13 March  
Inverlussa Church  
Prayer meeting 10:30 am  
Morning Worship 11:30 am  
Saturday 12 March  
CAFE CONNECT 10:30 am  
Achnamara Hall  
Monday 14 March  
Tayvallich Church  
Prayer meeting 10:30 am  
Thursday 17 March  
Tayvallich Hall  
Messy Church 4 - 6 pm  
All welcome  
Enquiries 01546 606926  
[www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs](http://www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs)

**SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNESIDE AND KILBERRY**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
Sunday 13th March 2016  
Skipness Service 10.00am  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
Kilberry Service 2pm  
Mr James McLellan  
For all church enquiries and pastoral care  
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735  
Everyone very welcome  
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622  
Skipness SC004280

**ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH**  
LOCHGILPHEAD  
Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY  
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN  
Saturday 5pm Fr. David Connor 01546 602380  
All Welcome (SCO002876)

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
Sunday 13th March 2016  
11.00am  
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch  
SPEAKER: Norman Weir 'Come & Dine'  
Thursday 17th March 2016  
7.30pm  
Prayer, Word and Sharing  
All Welcome

  
Argyll Street, Campbeltown  
St Kieran Episcopal Church:  
Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277  
Sunday 13th March  
Passion Sunday  
Holy Communion 10.45am  
Details of services are on the church door.  
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141  
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George Street, Campbeltown  
Sunday 13th March  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Kenny Boyd  
2.00pm Explorers Club for all Primary School children  
7.00pm Congregational Fellowship  
Wednesday 16th March  
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
2.00pm Water of Life Cafe  
All Welcome  
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Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

  
Sunday Service  
11.00 am  
with Sunday School followed by refreshments  
Pastor Chris Holden  
mainly music  
10.00 - 11.30 am  
every Thursday (term time only)  
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We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**  
Sunday 13th March 2016  
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair  
Charity No. SC016097  
Minister:  
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell  
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am (Sacrament of Holy Communion)  
Glenaray and Inveraray  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
Seirbheis Ghàidhlig  
Monthly Gaelic Service in Lochgair Church at 3 pm  
All Welcome

  
Lochgilphead Baptist Church  
All Welcome  
Pastor Derek Gibson  
All Welcome  
Sunday 13th March 2016  
Morning Service 11am  
mainly music  
Tuesdays at 10.15am  
Jumpstart  
Fridays from 10am  
Scottish Charity SC015187

**Highland Parish Church**  
  
SCO02493  
Sunday 13th March 2016  
The service will be held in the Church at 11.15 am  
And will be conducted by Rev Chris Fulcher  
There will be a Church Board meeting at the end of the service  
The Annual Stated Meeting will be held on Sunday 20th March.

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
Sunday 13th March  
Service 11.15  
Next Generation, Triple C, Creche  
Rev P Wallace  
Tuesday 15th March  
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am  
Boys' Brigade  
Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall  
Thursday 17th March  
Choir 7.30pm  
Friday 18th March  
Lunch Club 12.00 noon

  
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Tuesday  
12.15pm Lunch Club  
1.30pm Home League  
Wednesday  
7.00 pm Make and Munch Craft Group  
Thursday  
7.30pm Bible Study  
All welcome

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
  
75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
Sunday 13th March 2016  
11.00am Family Communion Service  
Mr Gordon Cosgrove  
Tuesdays 15 March  
10am- 12  
Coffee morning  
All welcome  
Wednesdays  
12.30pm at the Free Church  
Joining in fellowship with Campbeltown Free Church for Prayer and Bible Study  
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# Maguire hat-trick sees 'Dale edge feisty encounter

**Carradale**

**4**

**Bellaire**

**3**

West of Scotland AFL

CAMMY Maguire's hat-trick was enough for Carradale to beat 10-man Bellaire, who had a player sent for an early bath after punching a 'Dale player.

Ryan McConnachie also netted in what was an increasingly heat-

ed affair, with tempers spilling over on more than one occasion.

The Andrew Smith-sponsored 'Dale took the lead on the 3G pitch at Kinloch thanks to an excellent quick free kick from Maguire which found the top

corner after 17 minutes. Six minutes later Maguire turned provider, selflessly cutting the ball back in the box to set up McConnachie for a simple tap in.

At the end of an excellent 15 minute period, Maguire made it three after latching onto a through ball and coolly rounding the keeper to slot home.

The visitors from Greenock, who have



Hat-trick hero Maguire firing a shot from distance. 04\_c11carradale01



Maguire slotting home the winner. 04\_c11carradale03

won just once this season, fought back to 3-1 just before half time, pulling one back from the penalty spot.

The home side's early dominance looked to be ebbing away, and some more poor defending allowed Bellaire to draw back to just one goal behind.

There followed a moment of madness from

a Bellaire player which saw him sent off after hitting Carradale's David Johnstone in the middle of the pitch.

## Rallied

Far from dominating their now-weakened opponents, Bellaire rallied following the sending off and they almost punished Carradale when a ball over the top was not dealt with, the vis-

itor's striker lashing a shot onto the bar which would have levelled matters.

The home side finally took control of the game in the last 20 minutes and moved further ahead after McConnachie's excellent run saw his finish bounce off the post back to Maguire, who steadily slotted the winner, sealing a man of

the match performance in the process.

The visitors made it 4 - 3 two minutes from time, but it was too little too late and 'Dale celebrated a much needed victory.

The match ball was sponsored by Archie McKellar, and the 'Dale now travel to bottom of the league side Cardross this weekend.

## Ten out of ten for young Pupils

**Campbeltown Pupils**

**10**

**Baljaffray United**

**0**

DFDL Under 14 League



The Pupils were on the rampage right from the start of the game.

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THE UNDER 14 Pupils smashed their way back to the top of the table after notching an incredible 10 goals against hapless Baljaffray.

Braces from Calum McKillop, Robbie MacIndeor and Glenn Agutu were added to by strikes from Elliott Gemmill, Matthew Lang, Ryan McGrory and Ross Souden.

Baljaffray arrived after the long trip from Glas-



Pupils player taking on the Baljaffray defence.

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gow at the bottom of the league and yet to pick up a win this season, and the young Pupils showed them no mercy by putting three past the

visitors in the opening 15 minutes.

They went into half time 7-0 up, with the game as a contest finished after 45 minutes.

Baljaffray were a credit to their coaches, though, as they never gave up. But they were powerless to stop the Pupils, who made several changes at half time, extending their lead to an impressive 10.

The heavy victory, combined with previous league leaders PFD United not having a league fixture last weekend, saw the Pupils return to the top spot.



Elliot Gemmill smashing the Pupils further in front. 04\_c11pupilsu14s01

## Pupils pipped at the post in Marshall Cup match

**Drumchapel**

**3**

**Campbeltown Pupils**

**2**

Jimmy Marshall Cup - 2nd Round

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils were beaten in the Jimmy Marshall trophy in the cruellest fashion possible, having dominated throughout only to lose out to a last minute penalty. The travelling Kintyre side twice led their league leading opponents, but gave up the victory in a chaotic last five minutes of the game.

In only their third appearance of 2016, the Pupils put last week's league defeat behind them and controlled the tie from the start.

The McFadyen Contractors-sponsored side dominated possession for large spells of the first half and deservedly gained the lead in the 23rd minute when Ryan Deans was felled in the box after beating a Drumchapel defender.

Team captain Paul Grumoli stepped up and

buried the ball beyond the diving keeper.

A few minutes later the visitors were dealt a bitter blow when striker Gary Grumoli was forced to leave the field with a leg injury.

The second half continued in the same vein, with the visitors well on top and looking for decisive counter-attacks.

Substitute Ellis Robertson threatened when he broke free on the left after side-stepping his opponent, but his supporting attackers strayed into an offside position and a glorious chance to stretch their lead was lost.

High-flying Premier One league leaders Drumchapel found an equaliser against the run of play with just 13 minutes remaining, a great strike from the edge of the box as the Pupils defence backed off, but

well against the run of play.

Ryan Deans restored the Pupils lead in the 81st minute when he got on the end of a cushioned pass to volley the ball home.

The unpredictability of cup ties came through with just three minutes left on the clock, as Drumchapel conjured an equaliser when the ball was accidentally knocked from Reid Anderson's grasp and stabbed home by a surprised but grateful forward.

After dominating for so long, the Pupils managed to concede a penalty kick in the last minute of the game, and the ball was confidently driven home for a late home winner, leaving the visitors scratching their heads as to how they managed to let the tie slip from their grasp.

The Pupils return to home league action this weekend, facing East Kilbride at Kintyre Park with a 2pm kick off.

### Runners build fitness for MOKRUN

ATHLETES preparing for the Mull of Kintyre Run (MOKRUN) should be on the start line of their second week.

The training schedule for week two for runners aiming for the 10K is as follows: session one: five minutes walk, 10 minutes of: one minute run, one minute walk and five minutes walk. Repeat this for sessions two and three.

The week two schedule for half marathon runners is as follows: First session on Tuesday: three miles hard run, upping to four miles quality run on Thursday, four mile easy run on Saturday and a seven mile long run on Sunday.

Runners wanting to put their fitness to the test could tackle the 8.5-mile point-to-point Crinan Puffer Race, along the banks of the Crinan Canal, on Sunday April 24. There are still places available at: www.entrycentral.com/crinan-puffer

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# Argyll club wipe the green against Stronvaar

CAMPBELTOWN Bowling Club's newly elected President Steven Dickson officiated at the Stronvaar Club's annual open carpet pairs competition won by rivals from the Argyll Club.

The tournament, run in a round robin format, was one of several that herald the end of the indoor season.

Semi-finals were played between Hugh McCorkindale and Gavin Semple against Neil Maguire and Hugh Newlands and John McCormick and Stuart Blue against Lee Allen and David Reid of the Argyll club.

Two decisive wins saw the final contested by Maguire and Allen for the Archie and Fiona Smith cup.

Unfortunately for Maguire and Newlands the Argyll pair of Allen and Reid hit top form and there was little the home duo could do to prevent them winning the match with an end to spare.



Bowlers John McCormick, Gavin Semple, Hugh McCorkindale, Hugh Newlands, Neil Maguire, Stuart Blue and Steven Dickson, with Lee Allen and David Reid seated.

### Campbell excels at Scottish Indoor championships

GREGOR Campbell ran his way to a silver medal at the Scottish Indoor championships.

Held in the Emirates Arena in Glasgow last weekend, Gregor, from Glenbarr, won silver for his 2nd place in the Under-13s 1,500 metres in an excellent time of four minutes 56.5 seconds, just two seconds behind the winner and well clear of third place.

### Lotto winner

A LUCKY man picked the three number Dunaverty lottery winning numbers last week, scooping a jackpot of £900. Craig Martin correctly guessed the numbers 1, 7 and 18.

The next draw will take place on Sunday March 20 with a jackpot of £100.

### £500 jackpot

There were no lucky winners of last week's Machrihanish lottery, with the numbers 1, 9 and 19 going unclaimed.

The next draw will take place on March 14 with a jackpot of £500 up for grabs.

## SPOT THE BALL

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# Youngsters seal Argyll final qualifier at indoor athletics

JUST UNDER 70 children took part in this year's indoor athletics competition to decide who would qualify for the upcoming Argyll Final athletics tournament.

Nearly 70 pupils competed across five different age categories over seven disciplines, including running, high jump and javelin.

The 22nd event took place last Saturday at Campbeltown Grammar School, instead of the usual venue, the Victoria Hall.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the day, which saw them jumping, throwing and running to try and claim a trophy and a qualifying place during three hours of competition.

Castlehill, Dalintober and Carradale schools shared the honours in the younger age groups, with Castlehill providing three overall champions, Dalintober providing two, and Carradale and Dalintober tying in the under

11 girls' contest. There were medals handed to all participants, with the top six in each age group qualifying for the Argyll Final competition and the overall winner handed a trophy for their success.

The Argyll Final will be held at the Atlantis Leisure Centre in Oban on Sunday March 20, starting at noon, with registration from 11am.

The organisers would like to thank the eight sports leaders from the Grammar School who helped officiate at the events and ensured the day was a success.

Full competition results and qualifiers: Girls Competition: Under-7s: 1: Erin Ralston. 2: Ayla Campbell. 3: Lucy McFadzean. 4: Grazia Graham and Ailie Renton. Under-9s: 1: Kirstie Renton. 2: Violet Campbell. 3: Erin Green. 4: Evie Judge. 5: Niamh Quinn. Under-11s: 1: Claudia Graham and Anna Gemmill. 3: Sophie Durnan. 4: Sophie Renton. Un-

der-13s: 1: Jane Scott. 2: Caryn Kerr. 3: Christina McTaggart. 4: Emma Matthews. Under-17s: 1: Ashley Connor. 2: Jenny Semple. 3: Isla MacKinnon. 4: Iona Reid. Boys Competition: Under-7s: 1: Ryan Johnstone. 2: Liam Judge. 3: Jack Green. 4: Isiah Doxsey. 5: Taylor Purser Under-9s: 1: Oliver Reid. 2: Sean Charwood. 3: Callum McAllister. 4: Conor Morris. 5: Angus Matthews. 6: Max Graham. Under-11s: 1: Euan Charwood. 2: Callum Ellis. 3: Owen Reid. 4: Ruairidh Campbell. 5: Lewis Gilchrist and Ryan Shields. Under-13s: 1: Lochlain Ellis. Under 15s: Miller Irwin.



The overall category winners of this year's competition celebrating their victories.

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The Under-9 boys category enjoying the day's competition.

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One young competitor in the Under-17 high jump. 04\_c11indoorathletics05



A boy racing in the Under-7 category. 04\_c11indoorathletics02



An Under-11 boy launches a javelin.

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