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# Star billing for Jane!

## Chairwoman of Campbeltown Community Business Ltd is named citizen of the year

JANE MAYO, who chairs the volunteer board behind the rebirth of Campbeltown Picture House, has been given star billing herself after she was named Campbeltown's Citizen of the Year.

'The Wee Pictures' reopened in December 2017 after an incredible renovation and transformation.

Jane, who chairs the volunteer board of Campbeltown Community Business Ltd, which owns the cinema, received her award at the town's Argyll Hotel at the ceremony organised by the Rotary Club of Campbeltown.

Hers was one of the three awards handed out by the club annually; as well as honouring outstanding work by a local person such

as Jane, the club also recognises the area's young people and two subjects very close to the hearts of Kintyre – music and farming.

Guests at the Argyll Hotel were told in her citation that Jane has been the driving force behind the restoration of Campbeltown Picture House, creating a first-class community asset, attractive to both locals and visitors.

'The Centenary Project to totally refurbish and upgrade the cinema has taken years of relentless work. Jane had the vision and drive to believe that more than £3 million could be raised to make it happen. She galvanised a team of volunteers who enthusiastically helped achieve this.

'They helped keep

the cinema going in Campbeltown during the Picture House closure with monthly screenings in the Victoria Hall.

'The newly-refurbished Picture House opened in December 2017 and is a fantastic asset to Campbeltown.

'It now boasts two screens showing several films, seven days a week. Picture House archives are well-displayed, and there is also a conference room and coffee shop.

'It may never have happened without Jane's vision and drive.'

Kathryn Semple was named young stockperson of the year and Amy Paterson as the most promising young musician.

For more details, go to page three.

## Campbeltown Brass is Scotland's best



Band members and supporters celebrate after the win.

CAMPBELTOWN Brass' senior contesting band has very good reason to blow its own trumpet, after being crowned the best second section band in Scotland.

The band was victorious at

the Scottish Brass Band Association Championships last weekend, with players as young as 11 taking to the stage at Perth Concert Hall.

### Qualifies

The band now qualifies for

the national finals of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain, to be held at the Centaur, Cheltenham, in September.

For more on the band's success, turn to page four.

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# Airport wants to hear from you

THE OWNERS of Campbeltown Airport want to hear from you and how customer service can be improved.

Airport manager John Lamont went along to the Campbeltown Community Council meeting on Tuesday night on behalf of Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd to brief the councillors on a new move by HIAL.

'We are looking at customer service at the

airport, from the minute you arrive in the car park, to boarding the aircraft,' he said.

'It is all about engaging with the local community fully to find out what they would like to see and if there is anything else that HIAL can do to improve its service.'

Part of this will involve a massive customer service and satisfaction survey as part of the company's strategic plan for the next four years.



Passengers joining their flight at Campbeltown Airport.

It is looking at what else we can do to assist people,' he said.

'This plan for more engagement is in its early stages, and I thought this [meeting] would be a good place to start. In coming months you will see people from my head office coming down to meet people in the area.'

Tuesday night's feed-

back from the community council was all positive for the Campbeltown Airport and its staff but there are some issues with matters at Glasgow Airport, regarding passengers from the Campbeltown flight being left standing in the rain with nowhere to shelter on arrival before going through security.

Mr Lamont said he would help look into these.

## Campbeltown Sheriff Court . . . Campbeltown Sheriff Court . . .

### Man on LSD admitted having child porn images

A 20-YEAR-old man handed himself in to police for downloading nearly 700 indecent images of children, after taking LSD earlier that day.

Jamie Robertson, of 42 Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty to possessing indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children between July 5, 2014, and May 9, 2017.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told Campbeltown Sheriff Court that on the evening of May 9 Robertson 'entered the Campbeltown police office stating

that he wished to hand himself in, that he had downloaded indecent images of children on his computer.

'He appeared agitated. He informed officers that he had taken LSD earlier that day. He was seen by a doctor and was deemed fit to be detained. He was interviewed by police in relation to the admission he had made.

'He stated he had only made this statement as a result of taking LSD.'

Police seized Robertson's laptop, PC and mobile phone, which were sent for examination. In total, across the three items police found 687 images in the lowest category C, and six in category B.

Mr McGinty continued: 'The accused was detained once again. He stated, "I am proud of myself for handing myself in. Are there any self-help groups in Campbeltown?" He was cautioned and charged, and made no further reply.' There were no previous convictions.

Sheriff Patrick

Hughes said it was 'a serious matter', and deferred sentence to obtain a criminal justice social work report and a restriction of liberty assessment.

### Man banned from woman's home street for five years

A CAMPBELTOWN man facing his sixth offence relating to the same woman has escaped a prison sentence, but been banned from contacting her or entering her street for five years.

Stephen McCosker, 43, of 13 Kirk Street, pleaded guilty to be-

having in a threatening or abusive manner to the woman on New Year's Day, by entering her home uninvited while intoxicated, repeatedly refusing to leave when asked to, shouting, swearing, acting aggressively, and uttering derogatory remarks.

Sentence had been deferred for reports until March 8, when McCosker's defence agent, Stephen MacSporran told Campbeltown Sheriff Court: 'It was during a time when my client was suffering from mental health issues and alcoholism.'

Sheriff Hughes sentenced McCosker to 120 hours of unpaid work, reduced from

180 hours, to be carried out within six months.

He also imposed a restriction of liberty order, requiring McCosker to stay at home between 7pm and 7am for six months, reduced from nine months, and a non-harassment order banning McCosker from contacting the woman or entering her home street for five years.

### Lead thieves escape jail

TWO LABOURERS have been fined £200 each for stealing £87 worth of lead from an Islay building site.

Jamie Inglis, 28, of 52 Dawson Place, Bo'ness, and Jason Taylor, 25, of 34 Kinneil Drive, Bo'ness, admitted stealing lead metal sheets from the Machrie Hotel construction site near Port Ellen on February 11 last year.

The manager of the building site said both the accused had been working there since Christmas, but had quit the previous day. They confirmed no one had been given permission to take these.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes fined the pair £200 each, telling the court: 'This is a serious matter. These fines have been imposed as a direct alternative to custody.'

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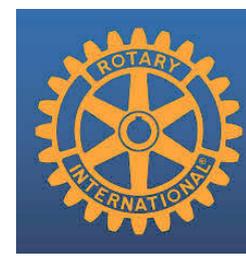
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# Rotary rewards young people's achievements



## Campbeltown Rotary Club hands out awards at citizen of the year evening event

THE ROTARY Club of Campbeltown celebrated the achievements of Kintyre's young people at the club's citizen of the year event.

The dinner at the Argyll Hotel saw Jane Mayo of Campbeltown Picture House named as citizen of the year, 2017, and two other awards were given.

These were young stockperson of the year and most promising young musician.

When it came to the farming award, it was a case of keeping it in the family.

Kathryn Semple was

the worthy winner, following in the footsteps of her sister, Jenny, last year.

She is the daughter of Gavin and Ina Semple of Kilkeddan Farm, Peninver.

Each young person who shows cattle, sheep and other livestock at the various shows throughout the year gains points for placings; these are collated at the end of the year and the person with the most points is the winner.

Campbeltown Grammar School pupil Amy Paterson was named as



Left to right: Citizen of the year Jane Mayo, Rotary president Margaret Bakes, most promising young musician Amy Paterson and young stockperson of the year Kathryn Semple.

most promising young musician.

A fifth-year pupil, she is a very talented musician, playing tenor horn, violin, drums, percussion and piano.

She passed grade

eight tenor horn with distinction when she was 14 years old.

As principal horn in Campbeltown Brass's senior band she regularly plays solo, and also as an individual

soloist at various competitions throughout the year, winning many competitions over the years.

She has passed National Five music exam and is sitting high-

er music and National Five music tech this year.

Amy has also passed grade seven violin.

As well as playing classical violin, she plays fiddle in the Western Sound ceilidh band.

As well as continuing with her own music studies, Amy helps out at junior band rehearsals.

She teaches brass and drums to some of the beginners' band members, passing on her knowledge and skills to others starting out.

She loves to entertain and often plays at concerts, charity events and ceilidhs, and would like to continue with her music studies after she leaves school.

## New head for a new school

CAMPBELTOWN has a new grammar school and now it has a new head teacher.

The new head has been named as David Fyfe.

Mr Fyfe taught in Argyll and Bute for seven years at Oban High School before he left in 2011 to take up a depute head teacher's post in North Ayrshire; he then became depute head at Vale of Leven Academy in 2014.

Parents have been told by letter that it is hoped negotiations with West Dunbartonshire Council will allow Argyll and Bute Council to have Mr Fyfe start after the Easter holidays.

Betsy Campbell is acting head teacher in the meantime and Pauline Inglis, the education officer for Kintyre, thanked her for taking the school through its recent move.

# Solution needed after Auchinlee care home closes

LONG-term solutions must be thought through for the care of older people in Kintyre and Mid Argyll, says Councillor Donald Kelly.

With the closing of Auchinlee Care Home in Campbeltown, the majority of residents have gone to Lorne Campbell Court, where accommodation has been modified for their care, but the councillor fears that momentum might be lost.

'Six staff moved with them from Auchinlee and four more are to be recruited - all Argyll and Bute staff,' said the councillor. 'Lorne

Campbell Court was a short-term measure to continue to deliver nursing care model. We are not taking a look at other avenues and other ways of caring for folk in the community.

**Pressure**  
'People need to be cared for in their own locality. We need to be putting pressure on to fulfil the promises made when the Auchinlee closure was announced, to find alternative accommodation to meet needs of the community long-term.'

He added: 'We have got an ageing popu-

lation and must make sure we have the capacity to look after the elderly. There are always going to be people who can't go into the community and need nursing 24-7.'

Councillor Kelly fears that if long-term solutions are not found now, there

will be elderly people bed-blocking at Campbeltown Hospital or 'out-sourced' to care homes as far away as Glasgow.

**Extension**  
Among the solutions he would like to see investigated more fully are the possible extension to the existing pri-

ivate nursing home in Campbeltown and the use of suitable accommodation at the former air base.

There is a substantial brown-brick office block which was its administration centre and this could be developed.

'When they visited

Campbeltown, I took Care Commission representatives to the base and showed them. The office block absolutely requires investigation. With modifications it could be turned into multifunction care centre with accommodation for people still living independently.'

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# Brass crowned best in Scotland

**Hannah O'Hanlon**  
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CAMPBELTOWN has the best second section brass band in Scotland.

From one of the smallest communities in the country, Campbeltown Brass's senior contesting band won the second section at the Scottish Brass Band Association Championships at Perth Concert Hall last weekend.

The band was the youngest in its class, with members as young as 11 performing.

The competition was blind-judged, with adjudicators Mark Wilkinson and Ann Crookston unable to see the 11 bands which took it in turns to play *Ex Terra Lucem*, com-

posed by Johnny Bates. Stephanie Mitchell is Campbeltown Brass musical director but the band was conducted by Paul Kieran during the championship, with assistance from Charlie Farren, both from Whitburn Band, which was crowned the top championship band in Scotland at the contest.

The band's soloists were: Kirsten Souter, principle cornet; Amy Paterson, solo horn; Hannah Oman, soprano cornet; Tanya McDonald, flugel horn; and Ali Cupples, solo euphonium.

Brass band music magazine *British Bandsman*, which live-Tweeted during the event, wrote of Campbeltown Brass:

'For such a young band it's heart-warming to hear such mature sounding soloists.'

'Another thing that separates this is that the tuning is absolutely on point and there is music making in abundance.'

The band now qualifies for the national finals of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain, to be held in Cheltenham, at the Centaur, on September 15.

Campbeltown Brass will make the 13-hour journey to compete against the top performing bands from regions across the UK.

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara contacted the band after its success to offer his congratulations.



The senior contesting band on stage in Perth Concert Hall.

Band manager Katrina Barr told the *Courier*: 'We are extremely grateful to members who have given up their time for extra re-

hearsals and parents for their support, and we are looking forward to representing Scotland in the national finals later in the year.'

The last time the band made it to the national finals, in 2016, it cost £8,000 to get there, so as much fundraising as possible will be done

in the run-up to this year's competition to ensure that one of the most remote bands in the country can make it to the finals.

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## Traditional musician of the year to perform at MOK Fest

THE MULL of Kintyre Music Festival Gaelic night opens the festivities on August 8 with BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year 2017 finalist, Kim Carnie, who will be accompanied by Innes White on guitar.

The festival's organisers are delighted with the response to the announcement of the headliners for the Friday and Saturday night concerts at this year's event, and are announcing many of the bands who will play across the rest of the event which runs from August 8-12.

Iain MacPherson and Raibeart MacCallum will also perform, with more acts still to be confirmed for this event, which will be held at the Seafeld Hotel.



Kim Carnie will headline MOK Fest's Gaelic night.

The Mitchell's Glen-gyle Dalriada Connections concert on Sunday August 12 in Campbeltown Heritage Centre will feature Gaelic vocalist Darren Maclean, Ciaran Mulholland from Northern Ireland plus a host of local and visiting artists.

### Celebration

With one more main band still to be confirmed this event will once again be a fantastic celebration of Scot-

tish, Irish and panga-gyle Celtic music.

The Sunday night concert sees the return of Campbeltown super-group Slainte Davaar Allstars, featuring some of the best musicians from Kintyre.

They are joined on stage this year by Deep Under Gullion, a collaboration of Gullion and Deep Joy, performing a joint set for the first time at Survivors' Night.

Expect many more bands to be announced for this legendary event soon.

The festival also has firm favourite, the Young Folk Night on Thursday August 9 as well as the newly re-branded parade, Carni West on Saturday 11.

This will be followed by a new Saturday afternoon open air event, of which there will be more news over the next few weeks.

The Saturday afternoon Festival Club will yet again feature some fantastic music with local band Western Sound performing as well as the mega Saturday session.

Tickets for all the concerts should be on sale by mid-May and you can find out more about the event at [www.mokfest.com](http://www.mokfest.com).

# Pipe band gets spirited sponsorship deal

A SPIRITED company has signed a three-year sponsorship deal with a Kintyre pipe band.

It was announced that Beinn an Tuirc Distillery will support the 3A band, which changed status from a school band to a community band recently, to allow school-leavers to be members, at

a Trail West ceilidh on Saturday night.

Niall Macalister Hall, director of Beinn an Tuirc Distillery, said: 'We're delighted to sponsor the band, and are sure it will have huge success in the coming years, especially now it is open to senior members.

'We're proud to sup-

port it, and will be helping with additional fundraising, including a gin-tasting in Campbeltown around the end of summer.'

The Victoria Hall was packed for the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band fundraiser, which kicked off with an impressive 'jig-tag' performance by S4 stu-

dents Ryan, Josh, Fraser and Calum.

There was a display from each of the bands: beginners, with schools' tutor Ian McKerral; novice juvenile, with pipe major Fiona Mitchell; and 3A, with pipe major Julie Blue.

Ms Blue said: 'We are delighted to have

secured a sponsorship with Beinn an Tuirc Distillery for the band, which will help us greatly towards running costs.'

Before Trail West came on stage, there was a rousing mass bands performance, with all three bands performing together, before marching out



Directors of Beinn an Tuirc Distillery, Emma and Niall Macalister Hall, with 3A band pipe major Julie Blue.



Kintyre's mass bands performed on Saturday night.

the hall to uproarious applause.

Most of the pipers and drummers had a quick change of clothes and were back in the hall by the time four-piece ceildh band Trail West were on stage.

The rest of the evening was spent tak-

ing part in dances including dashing white sergeant, Canadian barn dance, St Bernard's waltz, the Boston two-step, and the ever-popular Orcadian strip the willow. There was a raffle during the interval, and the event raised £5,605.40.

## The call is out for Kintyre's musicians and dancers

THE CALL is out for Kintyre's talented musicians and dancers to head up the road and join the 35th anniversary of Oban's Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival.

The organisers hope to beat recent record numbers of 1,100 entries in the 125 competitions to mark this occasion.

They are looking

for budding Highland dancers, fiddlers, pipers, pianists, accordion and clarsach players, and not forgetting those proficient in woodwind and brass to come along and show their talents.

'Each year we have performers from all over Scotland, from neighbouring towns like Campbeltown to as far afield as Edin-

burgh, Dingwall and Skye, and this year we have our first entry from Germany!' said Breege Smyth, who chairs the festival committee.

The festival, from May 4-6, brings many venues alive in the town with music, and outdoor performers in the heart of the town.

Organised by volunteers, the committee has been proud to attract more than 3,000 visitors to the town which is a welcome boost to the local economy through hotels, restaurants and travel.

Over the years the economic impact has been acknowledged, and the festival would not be possible without the support of many local businesses.

'The festival has retained a unique family feel that is the hall-

mark of true Highland hospitality, despite the competitive nature of the programme,' said Breege.

'Each year I am delighted that our funders and the businesses of Oban share our passion and are generous in support - particularly as we have been going to 35 years.'

This year's Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival is supported by EventScotland, part of VisitScotland's Events Directorate, through its National Events programme.

Please check the website on [www.obanfestival.org](http://www.obanfestival.org) for the grading required as certain masters events are for prize-winners only.

Entries close Monday March 19.



Two young competitors at the Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival.



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## Editorial

### Success for Kintyre groups

IF YOUR local newspaper cannot boast about you, then who can?

So congratulations to everyone who has been a winner this week; you are brilliant and your wins are well deserved.

Campbeltown Brass senior contesting band is the best in its section in the whole of Scotland; Kintyre youngsters walked away with all the top prizes in the Argyll and Bute primary schools' badminton championships.

Eight Campbeltown social enterprises have been to the Scottish parliament to be honoured at a reception, while here in the town the Rotary Club of Campbeltown has just awarded its citizen of the year awards.

And to top it all off, Campbeltown Pupils had an incredible four-goal away win on Saturday.

The journey to success can be a long one with plenty of practising, training, preparation and hard work.

And if you live in Kintyre the journey to success also means just that – a long journey!

The brass players travelled 320 miles to Perth and back; the badminton players travelled the 100 miles up and down to Lochgilphead, and the Pupils went on a 260-mile round trip to Paisley, with the parliament trip clocking up 370 miles.

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## Roads need large-scale investment

Sir,

At the recent MAKI Area Committee I spoke to George Fiddes, the Transport Scotland area manager, about the terrible state of the trunk roads in Argyll.

I asked how did our trunk roads get this bad, when will they be completely repaired, and what is being done to stop this happening again?

When it comes to our trunk roads, a programme of works is desperately needed, with substantial and sustained investment from central government.

Trunk roads are not just for our growing tourist population but for all of Argyll's residents, both on the mainland and the islands.

We have a huge up-coming spike in logging tonnage on our roads over the next 10 years along with 72 fully-loaded articulated lorries that leave Islay every month packed with whisky to a value of over a million pounds each.

All of this combined means that now more than ever we need large-scale investment from central government coffers otherwise we will see a worsening repetition of last winter's problems.

The following day, while attending the environment, development and infrastructure committee, I was delighted to back a motion that noted the significant capital investment in Argyll and Bute roads of £40m over the past six years, in the context of reducing local authority funding.

This level of investment means that the roads network in Argyll and Bute is among the fastest improving in Scotland.

I welcomed the additional capital investment of almost £15m in Argyll and Bute's roads network agreed unanimously at the council budget in February 2018.

The lead of the council

## Down memory lane



Pat McCulloch of Linlithgow sent us this photograph dated March 1, 1947, when a major snowfall hit Kintyre. Mr McCulloch, who grew up in Southend, wrote: 'I was snowed in last week and it reminded me I had a photograph of my dad's depicting the snow problems in 1947. It shows a delivery of supplies to Southend by boat. My dad John Reid [of the] ex-Chicken Farm, Southend, is in the picture.'

plans to write to the Scottish Government calling for additional investment in Argyll and Bute's trunk roads network.

I would ask this to include greater recognition of the importance of roads to the economy of Argyll and Bute, and Scotland, with regards to the whisky, renewables, timber, marine and tourism industries.

We must highlight the urgent requirement for funding to address the additional burden on roads budgets caused by severe weather.

For many in the Kintyre and Islands ward and across Argyll and Bute this has been a long time coming and is more than welcome.

I will do all that I can to make sure my ward is no longer sidelined as it has been in the past.

**Cllr Alastair Redman,  
 Islay.**

## Thoughts on 'thought for the week'

Sir,

Although privileged to count Marilyn Shedden as one of my closest friends, I rarely know in advance

what 'thought for the week' is about, as I prefer to enjoy reading it on the day it is published.

Whatever this week's 'thought' will concern, I know that Marilyn's modesty will prevent it from covering the extent and content of the correspondence she has received since her column was criticised in last week's *Courier* letters.

Support has come from a wide and diverse range of readers. This speaks volumes regarding the breadth that Marilyn deliberately encompasses within 'thought' – sometimes biblical, often charming anecdotes about the people who make up the rich fabric of our communities, on occasions concerning her beautiful Rough Collies, Carys and Jazz, at other times on world events and gentle challenges to social conscience.

The capacity of 'thought' to have something for everyone is why so many people value it and why there was sadness at how it was treated in last week's letter.

Marilyn would be the first to recognise that not

everyone can always agree with her views. Marilyn would be the last to be ungracious about another person and criticise him or her in the way she herself was last week.

**Catriona Hood,  
 Whitehouse**

## Kintyre rape crisis team here to help

Sir,

I am writing this in the light of the recent social media campaigns #ME TOO and #TIMES-UP and #Wee-SeeYou from Survivors UK, as well as the ongoing stories of sexual abuse involving men and women in the media.

With these recent campaigns and also the upcoming story line in *Coronation Street* concerning David Platt being drug-raped, it is important to realize these events happen to both men as well as women and often men find it harder and take longer to talk about their experience.

These stories can often prove to be triggers to bring back painful memories of personal experienc-

es and even flashbacks of the events that have happened bringing back smells sounds and painful frightening feelings from that time for survivors.

If you or your family member, partner or friend have experienced sexual assault, we here at Argyll and Bute Rape Crisis can help.

We now have a new office in Kintyre covering Mid Argyll and Islay.

We can also offer support face-to-face or through email (support@ab-rc.org.uk), Skype or our telephone helpline (0800 121 4685).

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**Ailsa Wilson,  
 support and  
 advocacy worker,  
 Argyll and Bute  
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## Tarbert Castle's Tesco tokens

Sir,

Tarbert Castle Trust is making progress with funding for our community archaeology project, and have been successful in our application to Tesco for help.

We have been awarded £1,000 but this can be as high as £4,000 if customers in the Campbeltown store vote for us.

If you are shopping at the Tesco store in Campbeltown, please ask for a blue token and vote for one of the three projects displayed in store.

Voting will be open during March and April.

**Robert McPhail,  
 secretary and treasurer,  
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### Specsavers' teams up-skill awareness in glaucoma - the silent thief of sight

In the build up to World Glaucoma Week this week, Specsavers teams have been up-skilling to better support patients with the condition.



his condition is now managed by using eye drops daily.

Often symptomless in its early stages, glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible sight loss. It is thought to affect 700,000 people in the UK today, but as many as 50% of cases are undiagnosed\*.

Alan, now an advocate of regular eye tests and good eye health, believes early diagnosis and careful management has saved his sight. He says: 'I would strongly urge people to go for regular eye tests, and to make the most of the advice and support provided by their local optician.'

In conjunction with the International Glaucoma Association, Specsavers has developed training for its retail teams to assist sufferers with their treatment. Specifically, they will be advising on how to effectively administer eye drops, which are crucial for managing the condition.

Karen Osborn, chief executive of IGA, says: 'The majority of people who are diagnosed early with glaucoma will retain useful sight for life. Most will be treated with medical eye drops. Unfortunately we know from calls to our helpline that many people aren't told about how to put the drop in the eye correctly, or aren't advised about the aids that are available to help them. We are delighted to work with Specsavers on this often over-looked aspect of glaucoma management.'

This new training complements the skills held by Specsavers' optometrists, who have collectively completed almost 5,000 postgraduate glaucoma accreditations since 2017, through a variety of accrediting bodies including Cardiff University and the College of Optometrists.

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# Turn Wee Toon into Window Wanderland

**'We hope that as many people as possible will join in by creating their own display'**

DROP-IN events will help Wee Toon residents turn their town centre into a Window Wanderland.

Campbeltown Picture House hopes that people will turn the town into a film-themed outdoor gallery with a wide selection of movie-inspired displays this weekend (March 17 to 18).

'It is exciting that Campbeltown will be taking part in Window Wanderland for the first time this year,' says Jane Mayo, chairman of Campbeltown Community Business Ltd, which owns CPH.

'As we prepare for the official relaunch of the cinema, what better theme for our first Window Wanderland gallery than a

celebration of movies and cinema.

'We hope that as many people as possible will join in by creating their own display and contributing to a town-wide display, and there is still time to sign up.'

Anyone can have a display in their windows, whether in a flat, a house, a business, a shop, a school, a nursery, or even a car, van or motorhome, and there is still time to sign up for the free event by visiting <https://windowwanderland.com/take-part/?eventID=5720>

The free drop-in sessions, at noon tomorrow (March 17 and 18), will provide inspiration and free materials to take away to help create displays.



This display from a Window Wanderland in Strathbungo, Glasgow, took inspiration from Harry Potter.



The Very Hungry Caterpillar inspired this Strathbungo display.

## LIFT on to housing ladder

FIRST-TIME buyers in Argyll and Bute are encouraged to examine how the LIFT scheme could help them buy a home.

The Scottish Government's Low-cost Initiative for First Time Buyers (LIFT) scheme provides eligible applicants with funding of between 10 per cent and 40 per cent toward the purchase price of a property advertised on the open market.

Managed for the past 12 years by Link Group Ltd, LIFT has helped thousands of families and individuals, such as Morag Campbell, buy a new home.

Morag said: 'I thought it was going to take me years to buy a home, but then I found out about the LIFT scheme. It helped ease some of the financial pressure and I managed to buy a home sooner than I thought was possible.'

LIFT helps first-time buyers and also gives priority access to groups including social renters, disabled and older people with housing need, armed forces personnel and veterans who have recently left the military.

Link Group chief executive, Craig Sanderson said: 'It's great to know the LIFT scheme has helped so many people buy a high-quality home at an affordable price. We look forward to helping more buyers take their first step onto the property ladder.'

Councillor Robin Currie, policy lead for housing said: 'Buying your first home can be very daunting, but the LIFT scheme can alleviate some worries by making your mortgage repayments more affordable. I'd urge anyone who thinks they may be eligible to get in touch with the LIFT team today.'

More information is available at [www.link-housing.co.uk/lift](http://www.link-housing.co.uk/lift).



Sharon Erskine and Melissa McCrossan from Home-Start MAJIK.

## £18k lottery award for Kintyre families

HOME-Start MAJIK (Mid Argyll, Jura, Islay, and Kintyre) has been awarded £18,125 from the Scottish Children's Lottery to support local families.

Home-Start MAJIK supports families across Argyll and Bute, including Cowal and Bute, who have at least one child under the age of five.

Aiming to give children in the

area the best start in life, the charity responds to the needs of each family and offers one-to-one support, group sessions and home visits to parents and carers.

Sharon Erskine, acting manager and coordinator at Home-Start MAJIK, said: 'We are aware that there is no rule book for raising a family and it can seem overwhelming at times.

'Our volunteers are trained to support local parents in giving their children the best start in life, and we are more than grateful to Scottish Children's Lottery – and the people who play – for supporting our core service.'

Charities that support children in Scotland can apply online for Scottish Children's Lottery funding.

## OFFERS & competitions

To enter, send separate entries (in the same envelope) with your name, address, telephone number and email address to **Scottish Field Competitions, Fettes Park, 496 Ferry Road, Edinburgh EH5 2DL** or enter at [www.scottishfield.co.uk](http://www.scottishfield.co.uk). Closing date, unless otherwise stated, is 31 March 2018. **Winners drawn from all competitions also enter a prize draw to win a bottle of Berry Bros. & Rudd Islay Reserve whisky.**

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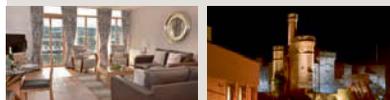
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**FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN, just answer the following question: What river runs through the centre of Inverness?**

The prize is a stay in a deluxe one bedroom apartment for two nights. Stay must be taken before end of June. Accommodation is for two persons sharing. Prize includes car parking.

Entrants must be 18 or over. Employees of Scottish Field, the competition promoters, and their direct families are ineligible to enter. No purchase necessary. The winner will be first correct entry drawn after closing date. No cash alternative is available. The winner will be informed by telephone. Promoter reserves the right to request post publicity. Indicate if you do not wish to receive further information from promoter. Usual Scottish Field rules apply. Information will be shared with promoters and sponsors.

## Minister leads praise at Cafe Church

RODGER CROOKS, minister at Campbeltown Free Church, donned his guitar on Sunday March 4 to accompany the praise at Cafe Church.

Rodger led the gathered group in singing 'How deep the Father's love for us', and 'When I survey the wondrous cross' to the Celtic tune, O Waly Waly.

These praise items helped the congregation focus on the significance of the death of Jesus, the topic of Rodger's talk. Answering the question: 'Was Jesus' death pointless?'

Rodger showed from scripture the reasons



Rodger Crooks

and necessity of Jesus' death.

The next Cafe Church,

on Easter Sunday at 2.30pm will focus on Jesus' Resurrection.

# Eight Kintyre companies celebrated at Holyrood

EIGHT Campbeltown social enterprises have had their achievements recognised in the Scottish Parliament.

The businesses were honoured alongside others from Dunoon and Rothesay, at a Scottish parliamentary reception on March 7, hosted by MSP Michael Russell.

The event also marked the conclusion of the three-year Vital Spark programme, delivered by social enterprise development agency Firstport in partnership with local support organisation InspirAlba, and saw the launch of a new publication, *Stimulating Social Enterprise in Argyll and Bute*.

Josiah Lockhart, Firstport chief executive, said: 'We now have 18 active early stage enterprises, 12 of these are actively trading and six have taken on pre-

ises. Twelve new employment and volunteering opportunities have been created, and more than £125,000 of grant funding has been secured.'

Ailsa Clark, InspirAlba development manager, said: 'Social enterprise plays an integral part in the fabric of our rural communities not just economically, but also socially, in terms of the essential services they provide and the significant social benefits delivered.'

'Vital Spark has enabled us to raise the profile of social enterprise and stimulate new activity. We aim to continue to encourage social enterprise solutions and have secured five years of further funding support locally from UnLtd.'

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell, who hosted the event, said: 'Social enterprise has a



The Vital Spark group with MSP Michael Russell.

vital role to play in rural communities like Argyll and Bute. With strong local knowledge and skills, it can fill gaps in service pro-

vision that are inevitable at times of financial and social pressure and create employment and volunteering opportunities.

'I am grateful for the work done by Vital Spark to raise the profile of the social enterprise approach as a way of doing business.'

'It has helped both the participants and the wider community to understand what social enterprise means as well as illustrate the positive impact it can have.'

The Vital Spark social enterprises in Campbeltown are: Wee Toon Environmental Solutions, Clean Team, Homesong, Keeping It Local Campbeltown, KytKat, Kintyre Cultural Connections, 3B Design Studio, and Fancy Drawers.

More information on Firstport and Vital Spark is available at [www.firstport.org](http://www.firstport.org).

## Police warn public of telephone scams

POLICE are reminding the public not to be taken in by unexpected telephone calls from people saying that they are from firms such as BT or Microsoft.

This type of scam

is very prevalent and callers often say that they have identified a fault with the person's computer or broadband speed. The caller then seeks to persuade the person to give bank

details for payment to rectify the fault.

Sometimes the caller persuades the person to download an application to their computer but which also allows remote access to the computer.

This can allow access to PayPal or internet banking meaning that money can be taken from accounts without permission.

A woman in Campbeltown recently received a call from someone saying they were from Microsoft and there was an issue with her computer as it had been hacked.

The woman was persuaded to provide her computer and bank details and then a computer virus was remotely installed on her

computer. Thankfully, in this case, the woman realised something was not right and contacted her bank which prevented any money being taken.

Sergeant Iain MacNicol of Lochgilphead Police said: 'I would urge people not to trust any unexpected callers who say they are going to help you with your broadband or computer faults. No genuine company will call without you first having reported a fault.'

'Do not be duped into downloading applications or giving out personal or bank details to pay for a repair you didn't report. My advice is to just tell any such callers that you don't have a computer or broadband and just end the call.'

## Town hall tables benefit common good

UNWANTED civic Campbeltown town hall furniture sold by Argyll and Bute Council has raised £1,710 for the common good fund.

Items for sale, from the town hall and municipal buildings in Helensburgh, included a number of tables and chairs and gave members of the public the chance to buy a piece of civic history.

Funds from the Helensburgh furniture will be used to display other items of civic interest in the Helensburgh and Lomond Civic Centre.

It's not too late to buy some of these unique items as all un-sold furniture will go under the hammer at McTears Auctions in Glasgow today (Friday March 16). To view the furniture for sale go to [www.mctears.co.uk](http://www.mctears.co.uk)

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# The Argyll

## Getting married? This is

Lochgilphead High School, 18th March 2018  
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Brides to be can see all that Argyll has to offer for their wedding day at the Argyll Wedding Show in Lochgilphead on Sunday.

In its fifth year, the Argyll Wedding Show will be coming to Lochgilphead High School for the first time to showcase everything from wedding gowns to videography.

With 25 local exhibitors flocking to the event, soon to be newlyweds will be

able to experience all that Argyll has to offer for the wedding of their dreams.

A few of the exhibitors confirmed to be attending the Lochgilphead event are Argyll Hog Roasts, Timothy J Sharp (Jeweller) and Cromlech Events.

Brides will be able to inquire on the day about anything they may need for which will complete their special day, with models also showing off the lat-

est trends, ready to answer any questions brides may have.

The event is supported by the Scottish Wedding Directory, with all those who attending receiving a free copy of the magazine.

The Argyll Wedding Show takes place at Lochgilphead High School on Sunday March 18 and at Dunoon Grammar on Sunday March 25, kicking off at 11am.



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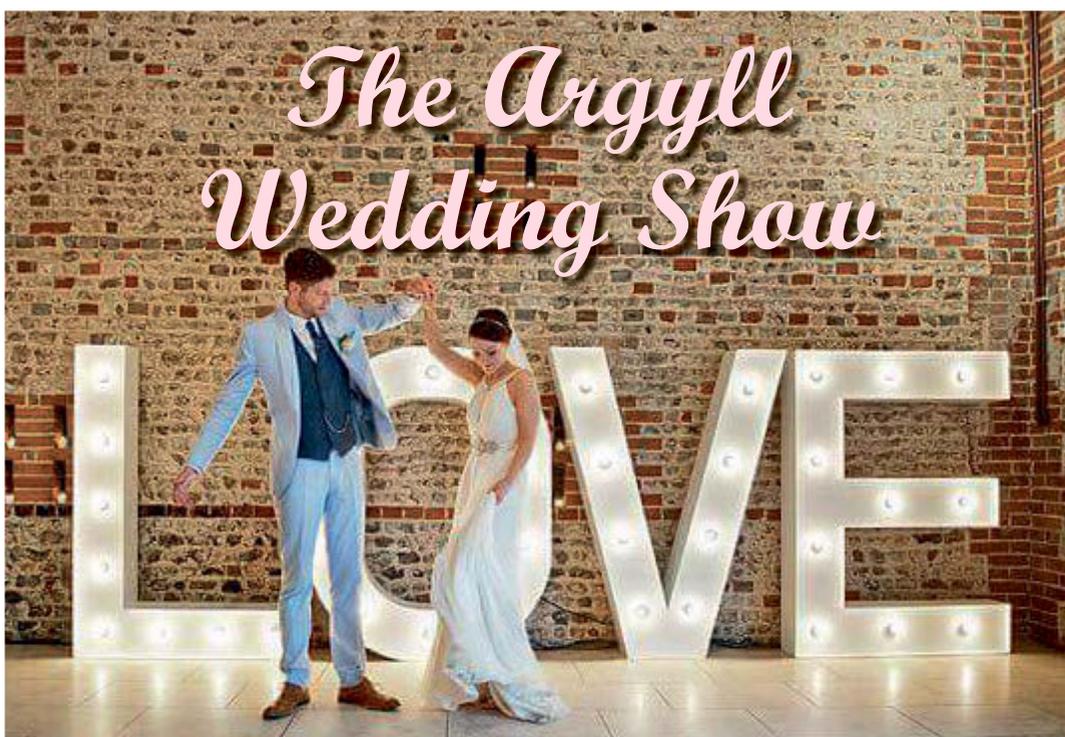
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The nation is being challenged to come together to beat an epic one billion steps a day, every day, for Sport Relief this year from March 17 to 23. Celebrities Zoe Ball, Greg James, Alex Jones and more are taking on epic challenges of their own. The stars will also be out in force for a night of TV entertainment, on Friday March 23, live on BBC One.

Comic Relief chief executive Liz Warner said: 'Sport Relief gets us all donning our trainers and taking on all

types of sporty challenges or running a mile at school to help raise funds.

'In 2018, we have more British celebrities than ever pushing themselves to the limit to help us raise money for Sport Relief, which gives 50 per cent of funds to the UK and the other 50 per cent to the most desperate communities in the world.'

'This is the first time we have asked the nation to take up a collective challenge and we can't wait to see how many steps we can all do. Let's hit a billion steps and get more donations and sponsors coming in to help others.'

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# Ayrshire Breeders Club has a successful year

KINTYRE and District Ayrshire Breeders Club held its AGM in the Ardshiel Hotel on Friday March 2.

Outgoing chairman,

Malcolm Ronald, gave a resume of the year's events, which were all well supported, and he thanked everyone for their participation in

all the competitions.

Condolences were expressed to the families of two founder members, Archie Millar and Mary Barr, who had recently passed away.

The treasurer's report showed healthy bank balances and the only change to office bearers was the appointment of a new chairman, Andrew Ralston, as Malcolm Ronald had completed his two-year term of office.

#### Most points

Following the business, the Hamish Smith Premier Breeders Trophy for most points overall was presented to Thos M Ralston & Sons, East Drumlemble.

Current Ayrshire Cattle Society president Philip Williams was unable to address the meeting due to illness, so the club was very grateful to Archie Reid for stepping in at short notice with an interesting account of his farming experiences

at Keprigan. He supported his presentation with numerous

photographs, many of which are always per-

manent at this time of year!

Andrew Ralston pro-

posed a vote of thanks to all concerned for the success of the meeting.



Andrew Ralston receiving the Premier Breeders Trophy from chairman Malcolm Ronald.

## Holstein breeders hold AGM

THE KINTYRE Holstein Breeders held their AGM on Thursday March 1, in the Ardsheil Hotel.

The guest speaker, Gary Mitchell, vice president of NFU Scotland, was unable to be present due to the adverse weather but delivered his presentation by video link from Stranraer.

Following the AGM, chairman Sandy Pirie presented both the James McLean cup for most points in club competitions, and the KF cup for most points in show competitions to Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan Farm.



Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan Farm, with chairman Sandy Pirie.

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The Scottish Government appreciates that change can sometimes be challenging. That is why we are offering farmers and crofters applying under the SAF in 2018 more support to help them make the switch to applying online.

This includes, for example, refreshed online guidance and regional events held this spring to demonstrate how to make an online application.

To secure a place, customers who made a paper application last year can notify interest in attending one of these events by contacting their local RPID office.

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# Farmers advised to take steps to combat late spring

SCOTTISH farmers are being advised to take steps and plan fodder usage now, with experts predicting a late spring.

Using data from grass variety trials, specialists from SAC Consulting, part of Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), predict that T-Sum 200 – which indicates when soils have warmed sufficiently for grass growth to begin – will be two-to-three weeks later than normal.

This could lead to a variety of problems, including straw shortages, which could in turn heighten the risk of disease among newborn animals.

Basil Lowman, beef adviser at SAC Consulting, said: 'A late

spring couldn't be at a worse time. Not only are many farms already short of forage due to last summer's wet weather, which forced many stock to be housed much earlier than normal, but potentially as problematic is a severe shortage of straw to bed stock.

'Many farmers with suckler herds, block calving dairy herds and housed flocks time calving and lambing so that stock can be immediately turned out on to clean, high-quality spring grass. Being forced to keep animals indoors could pose a major additional disease challenge for newborn animals this spring. With a real risk of a late spring, it is best

to plan now and minimise problems later.'

Immediate steps livestock farmers can take to combat the late spring include:

- Discuss with their vets what preventive treatments, for example vaccinations, might be sensible and cost-effective.

- Sell trading stock as quickly as possible. Even consider selling all or some cattle store rather than finishing them.

- Prioritise bedding towards young stock, especially newborns. For example, ensure a dry, well-bedded creep area is made available for new calves.

- Graze all grass and delay shutting fields up for silage. Consider

grazing forward winter sown cereal crops with ewes and lambs or graze cover crops.

Despite being counter-intuitive, it may even be a sensible option to delay turnout for the earliest calvers and synchronise then artificially inseminate them indoors.

The remainder of the herd could be turned out to grass. This would reduce demand for silage and grazing. It would also allow the youngest calves, which are most susceptible to disease build-up, to be turned out with their mothers.

These later calving cows will also benefit from a longer transition in diet before cycling and breeding

commences. Overall, this could help avoid an extended calving period often associated with a late spring. The early calving group can then be turned out to grass once they are over seven days inseminated.

Farmers seeking further advice should email [beefandsheep@sac.co.uk](mailto:beefandsheep@sac.co.uk)

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**Date** Thursday, 22nd March 2018  
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Sandy has had a successful career in Farm Business Management as well as being head of SAC Consulting for many years.

This is a free event. Dinner provided so booking essential.

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# Guild prays for Suriname

KILLEAN and Kilchenzie Guild observed World Day of Prayer at A'Cleit on March 2 with this year's order of service produced by the Christian women of Suriname, on the theme 'God's creation is very good'.

This was felt to be especially appropriate in the view of the *Blue Planet* television series and the work being done in local schools on pollution in Suriname, formerly Dutch Guyana.

It is a beautiful country with many natural resources but is being pillaged to the detriment of its environment, and its turtles are

being killed to harvest their eggs.

The event was delivered at A'Cleit by Maggie Young, Tricia Fair and Marion McDonald with guild members from Clachan and Southend in attendance.

The service included a reading from Genesis, telling the original story of the creation, with thoughts relating to the beauty of Kintyre to the difficulties of Suriname and prayers that all might help to prevent further spoiling of natural resources.

The singing, always a feature of these meetings, was enhanced

by the playing of Rev Catriona Hood.

All present were even given the opportunity to sample a Surinamese delicacy, a sweet including tamarind seeds.

There was an accompanying activities sheet to help those present realise that the solutions to preserving the environment do not always lie with governments, but with small changes we all can make to our everyday lives.

The guild would like to thank the people who helped, read, led thoughts, prepared the hall and who produced teas and home baking.

**SOUTHEND**

# School's green flag glory

SOUTHEND Primary School has successfully renewed its Green Flag Award, presented by the charity Keep Scotland Beautiful.

The flag is given in recognition of the work done as an eco-school.

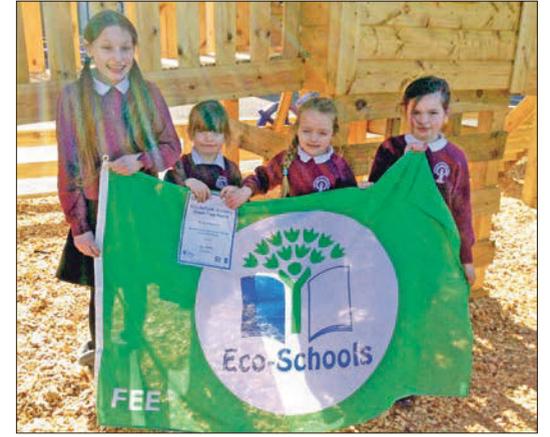
Part of the focus at Southend has been on beach and marine litter with workshops undertaken with the GRAB

Trust and developing their outdoor space as a resource for learning and recreation.

They have also been improving the natural habitat for birds and insects.

**Major focus**

The children's health and wellbeing has also been a major focus with the installation of a play and climbing frame to provide



**Congratulations to the pupils at Southend Primary School for earning their latest green flag.**

exercise and role play while outside.

Local businesses have played a part in achieving the green flag award, including Wee Toon Environmental Solutions, Glen Scotia Distillery and the Campbeltown Rotary Club, to name but a few.

Derek Robertson, chief executive of Keep Scotland Beautiful, said: 'I would like to congratulate all pupils and staff and parents at Southend Primary School for

achieving the Green Flag Award.

'For a small school, they have made a big environmental impact.

'They are to be warmly congratulated for their promotion of Fairtrade and their generous support of worthwhile charities such as Mary's Meals.'

And now, after an educational visit to Glenbarr Nursery, the eco committee at the school hopes to begin growing fruits and vegetables in the school's new poly-tunnel.



**The trip to Glenbarr Nursery has inspired the pupils, parents and staff to start growing fruit in their own poly-tunnel.**

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**TAYINLOAN**

# Pot luck questions at charity quiz night

QUIZMASTER Helen Gilchrist put a packed crowd's knowledge to the test at another Nancy Glen fundraiser.

A capacity crowd filled Tayinloan Village Hall last Thursday and answered six rounds of pot luck questions.

For those who worked up an appetite during the first half, there was curry, courtesy of

Big Jessie's Tearoom, as well as tea, coffee and cakes in the interval.

**Victorious**

Collective knowledge proved powerful, as the Pennine Wayers team, consisting of Peter and Sheila-anne McCallum from Campbeltown, and Zoe Weir and Liz Moller from Clachan, were victorious.

After the quiz, there was a raffle with prizes including self-catering cottage stays in Mull, a stay at the Ferry Farm with breakfast, firewood and meal vouchers.

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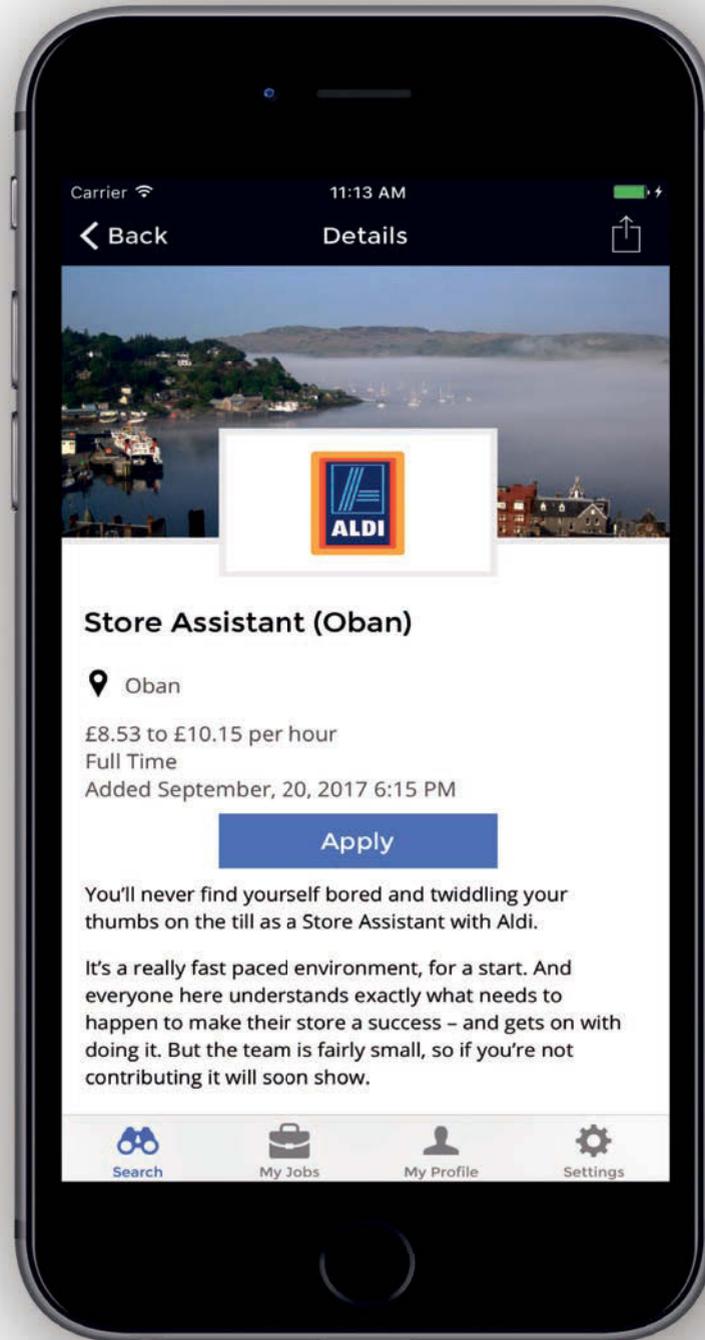
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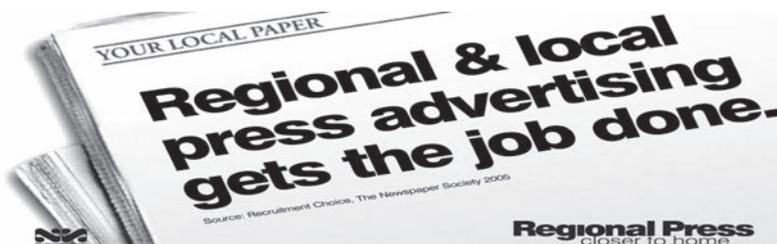
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### WORLD PREMIERE OF SUBARU VIZIV TOURER CONCEPT AT GENEVA INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SHOW

**TOKYO, MARCH 6, 2018** – Subaru Corporation today unveiled the Subaru VIZIV\* Tourer Concept at the 88th Geneva International Motor Show.

#### SUBARU VIZIV TOURER CONCEPT

Since the debut of the Subaru VIZIV Concept in 2013, Subaru has produced a series of themed concept models embodying the brand's vision for the future of making cars, that deliver enjoyment and peace of mind to its customers.

Designed with a tourer theme, the Subaru VIZIV Tourer Concept unites a Symmetrical AWD layout powered by a boxer engine, with Subaru's wealth of expertise in offering driving performance, practicality and safety; delivering a new value in a tourer form, enabling drivers and passengers

to fully savour the enjoyment of travelling by car.

In anticipation of widespread future deployment of automated driving technologies, advanced driver-assist functions combining the next-generation EyeSight system with other devices have been installed in the car to reduce driver fatigue on long journeys and enable active enjoyment of driving with peace of mind.

Subaru's design and development will advance in the directions indicated by the VIZIV Concept models as the company continues to make cars that deliver enjoyment and peace of mind.

\* The name VIZIV has been coined from the phrase 'Vision for Innovation'

#### MAIN SPECIFICATIONS OF SUBARU VIZIV TOURER CONCEPT

Body size (overall length x width x height): 4,775 x 1,930 x 1,435 mm  
Wheelbase: 2,730 mm  
Tire size: 245/40 R20  
Seating capacity: 4

#### DESIGN FEATURES

Evoking successive generations of Subaru touring wagon models that have paired superior driving with high levels of practicality, the Subaru VIZIV Tourer Concept has been designed based on Subaru's shared 'Dynamic x Solid' design philosophy.

The hexagonal grille is the starting point for a rigid, forward-thrusting body that combines with four powerfully defined fenders to highlight the enjoyment of driving while conveying a sense of security. Capacious luggage space at the rear offers utility and practicality. The VIZIV Tourer Concept is filled with a crossover mix of values

to enhance active lifestyles, expressing the enjoyment and peace of mind that Subaru delivers to its customers.

#### ADVANCED DRIVER-ASSIST TECHNOLOGIES

Subaru has teamed advanced driver-assist technologies scheduled for launch around 2020 with the high performance offered by the boxer engine and Symmetrical AWD to create a tourer symbolising the enjoyment and peace of mind to be expected of its cars. By also incorporating further enhancements to EyeSight driver-assist technology, radar, and highly accurate GPS and navigation systems, Subaru continues to pursue ultimate levels of safety in the aim of eliminating automobile accidents.



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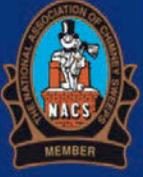
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### TEN YEARS AGO Friday March 14, 2008 Islay children grounded

THEY had been looking forward to it for many months. But the journey to the 'mini Oscars' ceremony in London didn't quite go to plan for the group of talented Islay youths who had been nominated for a top award.

Fourteen children from Islay High School, who made a documentary about the pros and cons of living on the island, were thrilled when their short film, called 'And it's goodbye to care', was nominated for Best Documentary in the First Light Awards 2008.

Taking place at the Odeon, Leicester Square, on March 4 and hosted by Davina McCall, the youngsters couldn't wait to meet the judges, who included Stephen Fry and Orlando Bloom.

They were booked on the 3.45pm flight to Glasgow from Islay the day before the ceremony. However, they were left stranded when snow fell on the runway at Islay airport and the flight didn't go ahead as scheduled.

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO Friday March 19, 1993 Plane mystery goes on

THE MYSTERY deepens. Following hot on the heels of investigations into 'Aurora' spy plane by a radio team, then Sky TV, ITN has now been in Campbeltown probing the rumours.

The three-man crew was in the town last Thursday, as part of their in-depth report into the mystery. They have even been to America interviewing top sources for the piece, due to be broadcast this week. They were filming around the



The Islay schoolchildren who were left stranded at Islay airport by the snow.

RAF base at Machrihanish, and also recorded an interview with our own reporter, Ken Banks, on the spy plane speculation.

Among the information they have obtained is that billions of pounds in the US defence budget has been unaccounted for, and it has been thought possible that it has been used for the top secret project.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO Thursday March 14, 1968

#### Church treasurer's long service

Mr N J T Charteris, treasurer of Lorne Street Church, had a surprise when he submitted the accounts for 1967 to the church's annual business meeting last week.

As this was the 21st occasion on which Mr Charteris had submitted the annual statement of accounts, there was a light-hearted interlude in which the treasurers of the various church organisations each presented him with a key, the largest one being from the FWO department. There was also a huge cake with the correct number of candles,

donated by Mr Campbell McIlchere.

A little later, on a more serious note, a presentation was made to Mr Charteris of a Bible suitably inscribed.

This was handed over in the name of the minister, office-bearers and congregation, by Mr Archibald Keith, session clerk, who spoke of Mr Charteris's long service to Lorne Street.

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO Saturday March 16, 1918 Scotland's war savings week

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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



'YOU CAN muffle the drum and you can loosen the strings of the lyre, but who shall command the skylark not to sing?'

These are the words of the Lebanese poet Khalil Gibran.

It has been a long, hard winter, and it is not over yet, many people have told me.

We have battled our way across the beach every single day, regardless of the elements.

Hail has stung our cheeks, rain has soaked us, winds have battered us, but we go because we are dog walkers.

Yet, despite the adversity of the elements, we have enjoyed the challenge and felt the better of being out in the midst of nature's varied moods.

However, just a few days ago nature had ceased her shouting and rested in a beautiful silence.

Snow-dusted mountain peaks reflected in shimmering lochs while trees stopped their swaying and dancing to just be still.

The waves ceased from their restless crashing and lapped listlessly to the shore.

It was then we heard it. It was the unmistakable song of the skylark.

She sings when on the wing and stops as she comes to rest.

It was wonderful and seemed like a special intimation of spring.

The air was clear and her song rose as if to enter the gates of heaven itself.

What a glorious song of praise.

I thought again of all that re-creation that happens in our very midst every day, and all we have to do is look for it.

Easter is a time of new life and new beginnings, of skylark song and life renewed.

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

**DEATHS**

**LINDSAY** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 11, 2018, Margaret Campbell MacPherson, in her 77th year, 2 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Robert Lindsay (Rab) and a loving sister and aunt. A church service was held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Thursday, March 15. A cremation service will be held in Cardross, today Friday, March 16 at 2.15pm, to which friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

**STEWART** - Suddenly, after a short illness, at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Glasgow, on March 11, 2018, Alexander Stewart (Allister), in his 81st year, 7 Ramsay Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Agnes Mitchell, much loved dad of Agnes and a loving grampa of Kirsten. A service will be held in the Highland Parish Church, today Friday, March 16 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Black tie optional. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Campbeltown Lifeboat.

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**O'MAY** - The family of the late Malcolm McSporrán O'May (MOM) would like to sincerely thank all friends and relatives who visited our home, attended the service and burial and provided emotional support at this difficult time, we are truly grateful. A special word of thanks to Dr Lazarus, Dr Norrie, paramedics Calum, James, Angus and Robert, and Isobel Milloy from A&E for everything they did. We would also like to thank Rev William Crossan for a very touching funeral service and the Argyll Arms Hotel. A special thanks to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their sensitive and professional handling of all arrangements, before, during and after the service.

**IN MEMORIAMs**

**KENNEDY** - In loving memory of Joan, who passed away on March 20, 2017.

Gone but not forgotten.  
- Sheena, Catherine and the boys xx.

**MACDOUGALL** - Precious memories of Alasdair, tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007.

Time cannot heal the heartache or stop a silent tear,  
It won't take away the memories of one we love so dear.

Missing you always, see you later!

- Love, Mum and Dad xxx.

**MACDOUGALL** - In loving memory of our dear grandson, nephew and cousin, Alasdair, sadly taken from us on March 13, 2007.

We will never cease to miss you,  
We will never cease to care,

In a special corner of our hearts,

You will always be there.  
Sadly missed.

- From all your family in Ardrishaig, Lochgilhead and away.

**MACKINNON** - In remembrance of my husband and our dad, Hector, who passed away on March 15, 2015.

We never part from those we love,

No distance can divide,  
In memory's garden day by day,

We still walk by your side.  
- Mary and family.

**MCGEACHY** - In memory of Margaret, my lovely lady, taken from us on March 18, 2010.

A broken heart, a time of pain,  
My sad loss, but Heaven's gain,  
Left all alone, my happiness flees,  
But still I have my memories.

- Aye fond kiss, Leslie.

**ROBERTSON** - In loving memory of our dear sister and aunt, Margaret, died March 6, 2006, and our dear brother and uncle, Jim, died March 14, 1997. In our hearts you will always stay,

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Rev Catriona Hood  
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**Monday 19th March**  
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Morning Service  
Cumlodden Church 10.00am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
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**Morning service**  
Inveraray Church 11.30 am  
Preacher: Tom McKay  
Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell  
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George Street, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 18th March**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Rodger Crooks  
11.15am Sunday School  
**Wednesday 21st March**  
12.00 noon Bible Study and Prayer  
2.00pm Water of Life Cafe  
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Rev. C Acklam  
**Thursday 22nd March**  
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11.30am Tayvallich Church  
Holy Communion  
Rev C Acklam followed by  
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**Saturday 17 March**  
10.30am Achnamara Hall  
Café Connect  
**Monday 19 March**  
10.30am Tayvallich Church  
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**Sunday 18th March**  
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Rev W Crossan  
**Monday 19th March**  
Guild 7.30pm  
New Hall  
**Tuesday 20th March**  
9.45am Tiny Tots  
New Hall  
Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.00pm  
Church Hall  
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**Thursday 22nd March**  
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**Friday 23rd March**  
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**Thursday**  
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**Sunday 18th March**  
Family Communion Service  
11.00am  
Pastor Steve Davies  
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Calum McAllister was captain of the 2005s on Sunday and scored two goals. Photo: Helen Phillips.

## Pupils Youth take all three points

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils Youth 2005s collected all three points in a comfortable win over Helensburgh 2005s on Sunday to stay on top of the Dunbartonshire Football Development League.

This Sunday the Ardshiel Hotel and Restaurant-sponsored 2005 side travels to play Dumbarton Riverside in their final away game of the league season.

This will be a tough fixture for the local side having narrowly beaten the young West Dunbartonshire side 7-4 at home earlier in the season after recovering from being 3-0 down.

Kick off is 12.30pm at the New East End Park in Dumbarton.

## Dunaverty jackpot roll-over

DUNAVERTY Golf Club's three-number lotto was drawn on March 11.

The winning numbers were 10, 14 and 17 and there were no winners.

The next draw for a jackpot of £200 will be on March 25.

Tickets are available from the club steward, committee members, Muneroy Tearoom and Burnside bar.

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# Carradale lose out to the league leaders

## Greater Glasgow AFL

Carradale	2
Newshot	4

CARRADALE welcomed present league leaders Newshot to Kintyre on Saturday.

In the first five minutes Carradale had the ascendancy of play, but it was the visitors who took the lead after nine minutes.

Their striker found a bit of space outside the box. It was not the greatest shot but unfortunately for Carradale's keeper Neil McMillan, it went past him.

As the game progressed 'Dale's defence stood firm, with Craig Galbraith and Joey Boyd making their new partnership as the back centre halves.

After 27 minutes, Newshot gained a free kick, 30 yards from the goal on the left-hand side.

Their number seven was unmarked and his backwards header caught everyone off-guard, and the ball went into the far left-hand corner, making it 2-0.

Within three minutes, the home side reduced the leeway, when Stuart MacBrayne made an accurate pass to David Johnstone in the middle of the park.

DJ controlled the ball the first time and sent a nice chip in to the far top corner of the net.

Three minutes from the break, in the 42nd minute, Carradale conceded another goal when Newshot got a free kick on the left-hand side, and their number seven sent an in-swinging shot.

Everybody missed the ball due to the strong wind, and it hit the back post.

There was a melee after the McFadyens

Transport-sponsored home side tried to clear it, and Newshot's number eight poked the ball into the net from close range.

The wind and rain lessened a bit in the second half but there were not a lot of chances for either team.

'Dale had more possession but the visitors' fourth goal came in the 64th minute.

It was good play from their number nine, as he found space from 15 yards out.

His shot was initially saved by the Carradale keeper and the ball ricocheted onto the crossbar.

As McMillan leapt to catch the rebound, the ball slipped from his fingers into the net.

In the 68th minute, Carradale got back into the game, when John-

ny McCormick shot a diagonal ball to the back post, which was met by Gregor Croll, who lashed the ball in from eight yards.

'Dale were dealt a blow eight minutes from the end, when Ryan Blackstock, only on the pitch for 10 minutes, received his

second yellow card, reducing the Carradale team to 10 men.

This killed any hope of 'Dale getting back into the match.

Carradale's next game is an away league match against South Lochaber Thistle at Kinlochleven on Saturday.



Gregor Croll scored for the home side.



Maciej Romanowski made an impressive debut for Carradale.

## Charles and Abigail are Wee Toon darts champions

CAMPBELTOWN District Darts Association's men's singles was held on Monday and with an entry of 32 players two boards were used in the Burnside and one in the Ailsa Bar during the early rounds with the semi-finals and the final in the Burnside.

And what great matches took place! The first semi-final was between Charles Robertson and Alan Glen, two players who

have been on top form all season.

It was Charles who progressed to the final after top-class darts from both players.

The second semi-final was between Gavin McLachlan and John MacIntosh and this match was also a joy to watch with both players hitting high scores but it was Gavin who advanced to the final.

The final was high-class, both players consistently hitting the

high scores and finishing quickly but it was Charles who came out on top with a 5-3 win.

During the evening there were some fantastic darts thrown, Jamie McGougan hit scores of 180x2, 177 and 104 finish and had legs of 14 and 15 darts.

Charles Robertson hit five 180s, two 14-dart and a 15-dart legs, and 110 finish, Gavin McLachlan had two 180s and a 15-dart leg, John MacIntosh 180,

Kenny Docherty 180 and Alan Glen finishes of 150 and 119.

The ladies' singles was held in the Ailsa on Thursday February 15 and the winner was Abigail Muir with Mary Ross runner-up.



Euan Mclean of the Burnside Bar with winner Charles Robertson, and Donald Stewart of Campbeltown District Darts Association.



Donald Stewart and ladies' winner Abigail Muir at the Ailsa Bar.



George Allan, Ralph Hill, Duncan MacInnes, David Brown, Alex Black, Hugh McCorkindale and Gavin Semple.

## David and Alex lift bowls cup

IT WAS a case of déjà vu on Thursday night when Campbeltown Bowling Club's Open Pairs was again played between David Brown and Alex Black, and George Allan and Ralph Hill.

It was the same result as 2017 as David and Alex went home with the Archie and Fiona Smith cup.

The losing semi-finalists were

Gavin McLachlan and Shaun Grumoli (Argyll) and Hugh McCorkindale and Gavin Semple.

### Presented

In his first official duty as 2018 president, Duncan MacInnes presented the prizes.

This was the start of a run of competitions to be held before the green opens on Saturday April 14.

# Kintyre pupils triumph at badminton tourney



Aimee MacPhail, left, and Imogen Todd were the girls' doubles winners.

KINTYRE has scooped all major awards at Argyll and Bute primary schools badminton championships.

The county badminton championships were held at the Lochgilphead Joint Campus and around 100 players from schools across Argyll participated, including Tighnabruich, Bute, Oban, Mull, Lochgilphead and Kintyre.

The games were keenly contested with players from Kintyre emerging as winners in all competitions.

Results. Boys' singles: Rhuairidh Campbell (Castlehill) winner; Daniel McEachran (Castlehill) runner-up.

Girls' singles: Violet Campbell (Castlehill) winner; Aimee MacPhail (Castlehill) runner-up. Girls' doubles: Imogen Todd (Dalintober) and Aimee MacPhail (Castlehill) winners; Violet Campbell and Kirstie Renton (both Castlehill) runners-up. Boys' doubles: Lewis Gilchrist (Rhunaharine) and Ruairidh Campbell (Castlehill) winners; Malik Cloves and Joris Hutton (both Dervaig) runners-up. Mixed doubles: Imogen Todd (Dalintober) and Daniel Semple (Castlehill) winners; Cara McFadyen and Ewan O'May (both Castlehill) runners-up.



All the Kintyre winners pictured with their medals after the Argyll and Bute primary schools badminton championships.



Daniel Semple and Imogen Todd won the mixed doubles.



Ruairidh and Violet Campbell won the boys' and girls' singles.

## SPOT THE BALL

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# SPORT



**INSIDE THIS WEEK:**  
Kintyre pupils triumph at badminton tourney

# Ferguslie Star fall to four-goal Pupils



**SAFL Premier One**  
**Ferguslie Star** 0  
**Campbeltown Pupils** 4

A MATCH played in brutal weather conditions with heavy rain falling for the duration, the McFadyens-sponsored Campbeltown Pupils AFC found their early season form to completely outplay the home side and secure three valuable points to maintain a top five place as the season enters its final stages.

With five games to go – three away and two at home – anything is still possible, even an outside, if somewhat remote, chance of promotion.

To have any chance of resurrecting an eleventh-hour challenge, the Pupils would need to secure at least 12 points from the 15 on offer – a big ask in a league that has proved competitive from day one.

With the wind at their backs, the Pupils laid siege to the home side's goal, winning a number of free kicks which were expertly taken by Martin McCallum.

Nevertheless, the home keeper was in fine form and he produced a number of crucial saves to keep the tie goalless in the opening exchanges.

Not to be denied, a corner kick from the right was cleared back into the path of the incoming McCallum, and he composed himself before curling the ball just inside the far post to open the scoring in the 12th minute.

An energetic Liam Renton made it two in the 22nd minute, with Martin McCallum claiming an assist with a perfectly weighted in-swinging corner.

Renton showed his awareness with a darting run to the near post,

cleverly using the pace of the ball to head past a despairing last line of defence.

Number three duly arrived just before the interval, this time on the break as Ferguslie tried to find a way back into the match.

Ryan Deans stepped in with a strong challenge in midfield, then, having powered forward, he executed a wonderful reverse pass to Gary Grumoli, who stepped inside before curling the ball home for an excellent third goal.

The visitors looked very comfortable throughout the match, winning the 50-50 challenges and using the ball to its maximum with accurate possession.

A solid back four of McCallum, Robertson, Allan and Wylie had their best match of the season, ably abetted by Keith Mitchell in his

new role of 'sweeper'.

The luxury of a fourth goal arrived just before the hour, this time a deflected effort from Fraser Wylie that was clawed from beneath the bar by the home goalkeeper, only to see Sary Rahma following up to drive the ball home.

Eventually the ball was adjudged to have crossed the line in the first instance and Wylie was credited with the goal.

It was a perfect day for the visitors despite the weather, with Scott Souden, Donald McCallum and Cameron Wylie all coming close to extending the visitors' lead in the closing quarter of the match.

Campbeltown Pupils will be at home this Saturday March 17 in a Jimmy Marshall Cup tie against Rosehill.

The match is scheduled for Kintyre Park with a 2pm kick-off.



**Martin McCallum playing against Ferguslie Star earlier in the season.**



**Sary Rahma in action earlier in the season.**



**Gary Grumoli, pictured last year, scored for the Pupils.**

## SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur Cup, 7th round – Oban Saints 2, Yoker United 0. Saints now play either Sandys or Goldenhill in the quarter final. Jimmy Marshall Cup, 3rd round – Rutherglen 2, Lochgilphead Red Star 1; Premier Division Two – Tarbert 1, Houston 1.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division – Inverclyde v Oban Saints; Premier Division Two – Castlemilk v Tarbert; Paisley v Lochgilphead Red Star. Jimmy Marshall Cup, 2nd – Campbeltown Pupils v Rosehill Star.

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