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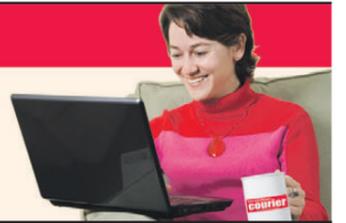
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Mum saves family in stairwell fire drama

'Nigel and the children are all deep sleepers - so many people die in their sleep from smoke'

by **JOHN McCALLUM**
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A FAMILY of four had a lucky escape when smoke filled part of their Campbeltown flat early on Sunday morning.

Jelena Manders woke dizzy and struggling to breathe when the master bedroom she was sharing with her husband

and son was filled by acrid smoke.

Mrs Manders, 30, said that at midnight she felt sick with a slight smell of smoke, but as it was Saturday night she thought it might be coming from the street.

'I checked all our ap-

pliances and the other rooms but found nothing wrong,' said Mrs Manders.

She went back to bed but was quickly awake to find the bedroom of her Kirk Street flat engulfed in thick fog-like smoke.

'I got my husband Nigel, our four-year-old Justin and two-year-old daughter, Ameya up and out of that room. The other rooms were clear of smoke.

'Nigel and the children are all deep sleepers - so many people die in their sleep from smoke.'

Mr Manders, 31, added: 'It is really scary to think of what might have happened if Jelena had not woken us.'

He said that he went down the outside spiral stairwell to see if he could see a fire.

Mr Manders said: 'I went out on to Main Street and flagged down

a passing police patrol car.

'They checked the flat upstairs and called the fire service.'

A Scottish Fire and Rescue Service spokesman said: 'Police called us just after 1.30am and two crews were there in seven minutes.'

'They quickly put out a small fire in the close.'

Mr Manders added: 'They broke into the flat upstairs to check that the people there were ok - luckily they were out at the time.'

The fire burnt some boards over the void in a wall behind Main Street shop Wee Toon Trends.

Tracy Millar, 48, who owns the shop said that police called her after the fire was extinguished.

Mrs Millar said: 'The whole premises were filled with thick smoke and we had to open all



Nigel, Ameya, Jelena and Justin Manders in their flat. 08_c12fire01

the doors for it to disperse.'

Her Daughter Eilidh, 30, who manages the shop said: 'It is a scary thing.'

'It was at the bottom of a stairway with four flats above, two of which house young families.'

'We have lost thousands of pounds worth of stock due to smoke damage but our stock can be replaced.'

'However, people cannot, it could have been

very serious.'

Mr Manders said: 'The firefighters said that it looked like it had been smouldering for some time.'

'I have seen the things in that storeroom, it is full of stuff which would have burnt very quickly if the fire had taken hold.'

'It has made me uneasy at night and it is very hard to sleep at night now.'

A spokesman for the

fire service said that it looked like an accident but the police have asked anyone with any information to contact Campbeltown CID on 101.

It is not the first time that Mrs Manders has saved her loved ones from a serious fire.

She revealed that as a young girl aged 14, in Lithuania, she woke up and saved her family after a fire took hold in their home.



Eilidh Millar with a piece of the burnt wood in her shop. 08_c12fire02

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MPs in the picture on Kintyre visit

Scottish secretary of state optimistic about Kintyre's future economic prosperity

SECRETARY of State Alistair Carmichael visited South Kintyre last Thursday to hear about some of the area's exciting new developments.

Accompanied by Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, he started his trip by meeting

Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) members and hearing their plans to host space travel within three years.

Five candidates

The former RAF base is one of five candidate sites on a short list to

provide UK government space travel from 2018.

The MPs toured the base complex, including the huge Gaydon hangar, part of its Cold War legacy.

A visit to Campbeltown Picture House saw a tour of the art nouveau



Mr Carmichael and Mr Reid also met MACC members Malcolm McMillan, far left, Jim Martin, second right, and Tom Millar.



Alistair Carmichael, centre, with Jane Mayo, chairwoman of Campbeltown Community Business, and Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute.

building, soon to be renovated into a two-screen venue with its own cafe, by Jane Mayo, chairwoman of Campbeltown Community Business, the not-for-profit group behind its continuing redevelopment.

Mr Carmichael was very optimistic about Kintyre's future pros-

perity. He said: 'The spaceport development at Machrihanish Airbase is very interesting, a fantastic project driven by committed members of the community.'

'This community is coming to terms with losses of infrastructure in the past by creating different, locally-root-

ed opportunities. With the example of Campbeltown Picture House it is so impressive to see local people shape their area's future.

'This is a magnificent building and when completed it will be a modern facility for Campbeltown and Kintyre to enjoy.'

Mr Carmichael also met with dairy farmers and representatives troubled by the challenges facing the industry in the area, before a tour of wind turbine facility Wind Towers Scotland, at Sound of Kintyre, where he talked to company staff and management.

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Campbeltown Grammar pupils learn about being a police officer. Police Scotland were one of around 20 organisations at the careers fair.

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Productive time at jobs fair

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar pupils heard about police work, renewable energy and many other careers at a jobs fair.

Held in the school's assembly hall last Thursday and run by Argyll and Bute Employment Partnership Group, the fair invited adult jobseekers as well as secondary pupils to see the opportunities available in Kintyre and beyond.

Eileen Downie, employer and partner manager for the Department for Work and Pensions, said: 'It is important to show jobseekers how companies recruit, and to give people the

best chance to find jobs and remain in the area if they want to.'

'We had around 20 employers in a range of industries at the careers fair, showing that although there is perhaps not the abundance of jobs people have been used to in the past, there are still plenty of possibilities for employment here.'

Michael Russell, Argyll and Bute MSP, said: 'The jobs fair in Campbeltown will hopefully build a stronger workforce in the area. Events such as this help people in Kintyre find opportunities and jobs to enhance their careers.'

Supermarket swoop

A 69-YEAR-old man has been charged with theft after being suspected of stealing £21 worth of goods from Tesco's Campbeltown branch.

A report is being submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Furniture theft charge

A 29-YEAR-old woman was charged with theft after being suspected of stealing furniture from a house in Campbeltown on Sunday.

A report is being sent to the procurator fiscal.

Credit for photograph

THE Courier would like to point out that last week's excellent front page picture, of Penny Jones from Bellochan-tuy, was courtesy of Campbeltown photographer Will Anderson. We apologise for any confusion caused.

Call for more beds at town's hospital

'Bed numbers have shrunk by two thirds since 1998 - an alarming trend which needs to be reversed'

A CALL has gone out for more beds at Campbeltown Hospital.

This would add weight to the positive message that needs to go out about living and working in Kintyre, Argyll and Bute councillor Donald Kelly said this week.

He told the Courier: 'Bed numbers have shrunk by two thirds since 1998 - an alarming trend which needs to be reversed.'

'We now only have 19 beds and three for emergencies. It is not enough.'

'NHS Highland has a £600,000 surplus

for this area. Surely it would not dent that figure to employ more people.

'Using a rural salary weighting system would give reassurance to healthcare individuals or couples who may fear higher living costs when considering a move to Kintyre.'

'The message has to be positive - Campbeltown Hospital is an essential part of Kintyre's infrastructure.'

'Amid a trend of depopulation, it is important we send out the right signals to people coming to live and work here.'

'If we can't attract new health staff to this area, it will put unreasonable pressure on the remaining frontline workers.'

Campbeltown Community Council agreed unanimously last week to write to NHS Highland seeking an increase in bed numbers.

A council meeting had heard earlier from Lorraine Paterson, locality manager for NHS Highland, Alison McCrossan, Argyll and Bute area officer for the Scottish Health Council, and Donnie Cameron, clinical services manager at Campbeltown Hospital, who spoke on bed num-

bers and shifts in health-care policy.

Community council members argued that extra beds were needed to accommodate Campbeltown patients returning from hospital stays in Glasgow.

Ms Paterson said there was a shift from institutional care to care in the community.

'That means community nursing teams working until 10pm, delivering care for older people in their home rather than being confined to a hospital setting,' she added.

'Research indicates older people prefer that type of care, making

them less dependent on others, more comfortable and less at risk from infection.'

'This model also reflects the different health demographic compared to 30 years ago.'

'People are fitter and patient treatment has advanced greatly in care and medication.'

'We have to adapt to provide a cost-effective service while maintaining a high standard of care for patients.'

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'I fully appreciate the benefits of care in the community, but surely a transitional approach could be implemented whereby Kintyre patients, not so ill that they need to be kept in hospital



Campbeltown Hospital has 19 beds in use - not enough for the town's community council.

in Glasgow, can go to Campbeltown Hospital, recuperate for a day or two and return home fully recovered.

'Additional beds would allow this to happen, and reassure patients who would otherwise be deprived of family visits given the long distances in-

involved.'

Donnie Cameron, the hospital's clinical services manager, said that increasing bed numbers would mean a technically unsafe standard of care.

'It would be too much of a strain on the existing workforce,' he stated.

Pothole problem deepening

A HUGE pothole on an East Kintyre road is an accident waiting to happen, according to one resident.

Johnny Durnan, from Carradale, says a pothole which is eight feet long, four feet wide and three feet deep on the B842 at Smerby, on the road between Campbeltown and Carradale, has appeared on the road.

He told the Courier: 'The road at Smerby needs urgent repair by Argyll and Bute Council before it causes accidents.'

'Not enough has been done to fix this part of the road over the past 18 months to two years. Potholes of this size are a menace for drivers.'

'More than once I have had to swerve at the last minute to avoid it, putting myself at risk, and I know of others who have had to do the same.'

'We have already seen the road damage caused north of Carradale by heavy lorries passing through Campbeltown up to Crossaig, and it is the same story on this stretch.'

The Courier reported last summer that SSE had offered to repair parts of the B842 road, which had been badly damaged in places by lorries travelling to Crossaig to supply



The crater-like pothole at Smerby, said to be causing drivers 'daily inconvenience'.

the Kintyre-Hunterston project. Mr Durnan added: 'Goodwill gestures from SSE such as tarring Carradale village hall car park are obviously very welcome, but an essential route full of potholes, especially when they are this size, means daily inconvenience for residents.'

Responsibility

'Many people rely on their cars for work and business so ultimately it is Argyll and Bute Council's responsibility to maintain them.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesman said: 'The council is aware of some issues

on the B842 road, primarily caused by the effects of winter, with water penetrating the road surface then freezing and causing some damage. We are working to address these issues and

our jetpatcher is in the area at the moment.'

'We would encourage members of the public to report any concerns they have to our roads operations team on 01546 605514.'



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Campbeltown Sheriff Court:

Teenager given tough warning by sheriff

A SIXTEEN-year-old boy has been warned by a sheriff he will end up in prison if he does not change his behaviour.

Ronan Strang, of 26 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown appeared at the town's sheriff court last week for sentencing for possessing cannabis last October and for shouting and swearing and behaving in a threatening and abusive manner likely to cause fear and alarm at Evans Fun Fair in Kinloch Green last August and again in Harvey's Lane in January of this year.

Strang had admitted the offences and sentence had been deferred until last week for a criminal justice social work report.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said the report made 'depressing reading'.

She said: 'This young man will be appearing before me regularly if he doesn't change his behaviour.'

'If he wants to end up

in prison when he is older, he is going the right way about it.'

She then told Strang: 'You have an appalling attitude. If you don't change it, you will end up with the dozen or so worthies who are regulars in this court.'

Sentence was deferred on Strang for six months for him to be of good behaviour.

Aggressive party drunk must pay for damage

A YOUNG man who damaged a door and wall after being woken up drunk at the end of a party has been fined £125 and ordered to pay £75 compensation.

Liam Sargeant, 20, of 2B Burnbank Street, Campbeltown pleaded guilty at the town's sheriff court last week to committing the offence on November 29 last year.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty said that during a party in Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, Sargeant had gone into the host's bedroom and fallen asleep.

However, when she

was clearing everyone out at the end of the evening Sargeant became 'volatile and argumentative' as she helped him to his feet.

He punched a door and then picked up a vodka bottle and threw it against a wall, making a hole in it. He was ushered out of the house, but police were called after he returned.

Mr McGinty said that when Sargeant was cautioned and charged by police, he replied: 'I had too much to drink.'

Admonished over theft bid

A YOUNG man caught in the vicinity of a house in Millknowe, Campbeltown, in a manner which inferred he intended committing a theft, has been admonished.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week that Andrew Hughes, 19, of 20 Witchburn Road, Campbeltown had been of good behaviour since admitting committing the offence last October. Sentence has been deferred for him to be of good behaviour.

Big deal for motor company as it gains top Peugeot award

PEUGEOT dealership Campbeltown Motor Company has been named one of the best in the UK after being presented with a prestigious Guild of Gold Lion Award in recognition of its performance in 2014.

The Guild of Gold Lion Programme focuses on the overall customer experience by scoring dealerships on customer service, customer feedback, product availability, sales performance and showroom specification and is awarded to just 35 of the 240 dealerships in the UK.

The award follows a successful year of new product launches for the Campbeltown company, including Peugeot's compact city car - the 108 and the new 308, which won the ultimate motoring accolade as 2014 Car of the Year.

The award was presented to the top 35 Peugeot dealerships in the UK as part of the National Peugeot Dealer Conference in London.

Stéphane Le Guével, managing director of Peugeot UK, said: 'Campbeltown Motor Company is a great ex-



Graeme McMurchy of Campbeltown Motor Company, left, receives the dealership award from Stéphane Le Guével, managing director of Peugeot UK.

ample of the strength of the Peugeot Dealer network across the UK and a deserving recipient of the Guild of Gold Lion accolade.

'The team performs to a consistently high standard, delivering exemplary customer service and has positioned itself as a successful business within the community it serves.'

'I'd like to congratu-

late the whole team on its hard work and dedication and I am looking forward to celebrating the Campbeltown Motor Company team's continued success in 2015.'

Graeme McMurchy of Campbeltown Motor Company said: 'We are delighted to be named in the top 35 dealerships in the UK.'

'We would like to thank all our loyal

sales and workshop customers, many of who have been with us since we started the business more than 40 years ago - something we're incredibly grateful for and proud of.'

'Customer service is a key measure of the guild programme and it is encouraging to know that our customers provided such positive feedback.'

Care home boss is working to help war veterans

DR Chai Patel, executive chairman of HC-One, which runs the Kintyre Care Home in Campbeltown, has been appointed a vice president of the veterans' mental health charity, Combat Stress.

A long-standing supporter of the charity, Dr Patel was previously chairman of 'The Enemy Within' appeal - Combat Stress's three-year fundraising campaign which began in

2009. The appeal aimed to transform mental health services for veterans, raise awareness of the plight of veterans suffering from psychological injuries and encourage veterans and their families to seek help sooner (the average delay is 13 years).

With Dr Patel's leadership the appeal helped the charity raise a sum of more than £33 million over the three years of its short life with ad-

ditional, multi-year pledges. He has personally donated £1 million.

Combat Stress is the UK's leading mental health charity for veterans. Founded in 1919, the charity has helped more than 100,000 veterans to overcome their mental wounds. Combat Stress is currently treating more than 5,600 ex-service men and women, providing clinical support services to enable them to live free

from the psychological effects of combat

Dr Patel said: 'Combat Stress works tirelessly to support veterans overcome the psychological wounds of combat.'

'I am acutely aware of the need for high quality mental health services for veterans and I am delighted to have been invited to continue working with the charity to support its life-changing work.'

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Stop this rot, demands ACHA tenant



Maureen Russell pictured in her living room, one of several rooms in her Witchburn Road bungalow plagued by dampness problems.

A CAMPBELTOWN woman has claimed that repeated attempts to have her damp-ridden home repaired have been ignored.

Maureen Russell's bungalow in Witchburn Road has been beset by dampness problems since moving there in July 2013 - and she says Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) has done little to resolve the problems.

Ms Russell told the Courier: 'It is a disgrace. I have lived in this house for 18 months and despite several visits from ACHA staff hardly anything has been done.'

'Several rooms in the house have been damaged by damp, which causes a horrible smell.'

'It has definitely affected my health. I have developed a cough and had a bad bout of bacterial tonsillitis. I feel like living in these damp conditions caused that.'

Ms Russell, 58, says

this is the second home in bad condition ACHA has offered her.

She said: 'I lived in an ACHA property on Smith Drive for five years and the house there was just as bad. I have been fobbed off for more than six years now and it is getting ridiculous.'

'It is pretty clear ACHA has to either fix the problems properly, or find me alternative accommodation.'

'It is meant to be a living space but I can't go on living in these conditions.'

An ACHA spokesman said: 'Previously there was an issue with water ingress in a chimney at this property, which was located and re-

solved. ACHA officers visited the property during late December, following a complaint about dampness and mould in various locations.'

'An inspection revealed insulation had been pulled back in the attic, creating cold spots which encouraged mould to grow.'

'It was arranged for a contractor to attend and re-position the insulation, with work carried

out in January.

'We are aware of a further issue with cold spots forming on the external wall of the bedroom under the window.'

'ACHA staff have been trying to arrange an appointment with our tenant for a visit from ACHA's property services manager in connection with this and an appointment will hopefully take place next week.'



The kitchen ceiling, blackened by damp in places, is also worrying Ms Russell. 20_c12house02

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YOUNG people shunned a sunny Sunday afternoon to stay indoors - and there was not a games console in sight - as the Sports Hall Athletics series returned to Campbeltown for its 21st year.

The upsurge in running among adults in South Kintyre during the past few years, at Campbeltown Running Club, Jog Scotland and individuals simply getting out and doing it themselves, has clearly rubbed off on the youngsters who showed up in great numbers for three hours packed full of events.

Patiently waiting their turn to hop, skip and jump, or a picture of focus before their sprints, it was encouraging to see Kintyre's youngest generations learning skills and techniques they had likely never done before.

Bill MacCallum from Lochgilphead has been an instrumental figure in promoting athletics in Argyll down the years. He deserves enormous credit for giving children the opportunity to experience athletics outside their usual school sports block in May and June.

It was also great to see parents and senior pupils, or sports leaders, getting involved too.

Even though it was somewhat hidden away at the grammar school, the afternoon had a heartening community feel. There were even parents who had competed in the past bringing their own children along to try it out, a nice touch.

To the young athletes travelling to Oban for the competition's Argyll final tomorrow (Saturday), be confident, enjoy the nerves. Cameron Campbell's example last week, and the exploits of the likes of Tangy's Matthew Turner before him, shows young Kintyre athletes can hold their own in good company - no problem.

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Move Trident south

Sir,
'The Trident submarines cannot be moved to Plymouth because they do not have safety clearance to dock there as the dockyard is in a densely populated area and an accident could put thousands at risk'.

So said the Ministry of Defence in 2013 but only the SNP's Brendan O'Hara of the five General Election candidates for Argyll and Bute doesn't want them here, close to densely populated areas and only 23 miles from our biggest city.

It says much for the power of the British establishment and the media it largely controls that so many confused Scots still think that Scotland being the world's number one target is a good idea.

Have they ever wondered why Trident isn't up the Hudson River 23 miles from New York or up the Thames close to London?

Or indeed how do the residents of the 195 nations in the world who don't have nuclear arms sleep at night without them? More easily than I do, I bet.

There is absolutely no way anybody would have any reason to attack Scotland - except that Scotland houses the biggest nuclear arsenal in the world on behalf of the UK and the US.

If any lunatic starts a nuclear war wee Jock gets it first.

Of course our unionist candidates support these weapons because their London bosses insist.

Most voters down south want their nuclear weapons - just as long as they are up in 'remote' Scotland.

History repeats itself. No great mischief if they fall indeed.

Scottish 'cannon fodder' - 21st century style.

Dave McEwan Hill
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Sandbank

Labour and Tories are natural allies

Sir,
There is supposedly a fundamental difference between political parties on the left and on the right.

Those on the right advocate a ruling class that has most of the piece of the pie while those on the left advocate that if there has to be a ruling class we, the people, require a sufficient amount of the pie for us to have a decent quality of life.

When the left crosses to the right (which is what Tony Blair did when he reinvented Labour), then there is no more a political group that represents the interests of the people. The SNP is the only party in the UK which does.

There is a reason that John Mills has recently called for Labour to unite with the Tories to keep the SNP out. That is because anyone studying the mandates of the SNP will discover that they are truly the voice of the people, and it is pretty much impossible to fool all the people all the time.

In other words, Labour realises there is a very real threat that it will increasingly lose seats to the SNP, making it obsolete. It, therefore, has to go to its natural allies - the Tories.

Sad, isn't it?
Tessa Schlesinger
Campbeltown.

A83, worst road in Britain?

Sir,
My wife and I are originally from Campbeltown and did one of our many regular visits to the town this weekend to see good friends and family.

It was a beautiful drive there on Friday, a lovely day, stunning scenery.

Got as far as Tarbet (A82) without a problem then BANG, our first pot hole.

From Tarbet (A83) it got progressively worse, by the time we got on to the road between Tarbet and Campbeltown we wished we had a tractor.

This part of the journey was horrendous. The road is an absolute disgrace. I cannot put into words how bad it is.

As I write this letter my car is in the garage being checked for the noise coming off my front wheels, my brother-in-law's car had to go into the garage after driving back home from Glasgow on Wednesday.

My son, who was due to drive to Campbeltown this Friday, won't be coming on my advice.

Who else is being put off by the disgraceful condition of the roads?

Yes, money is tight all over but can you afford to put visitors off by creating such an uncomfortable, dangerous journey for visitors?

David Lang
Kilmarnock
East Ayrshire

From our Facebook page

IN last week's Courier we re-

vealed that Transport Scotland wants to reduce the speed limit from the national 60mph to 50mph on the 13-mile stretch of the A83 from Tarbert to Ardrishaig. Here are some Facebook responses to the plan:

Harry Hood: Modern vehicles are capable of travelling safely at high speed. Unfortunately the road system has not been improved significantly since the days of horses and carts. What are all the taxes on road users spent on, apart from grand schemes like the M25?

Katie McSparran: With all the potholes, you would be lucky to reach 30mph never mind 60mph. It is like wacky races.

Raymond J Catterson: Typical health and safety cowardice.

John Burrige: Might as well waste our money on this as anything else. Why is it needed? During the day the traffic is slow anyway with lots of lorries. 20mph limits in the Wee Toon next.



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Neil Clapperton, right, is presented with the award for Campbeltown Good Citizen of the Year 2014 by rotary chairman Laurens Denson.

Springbank's Neil toasts citizen award

A WHISKY boss helping to put some spirit back into Campbeltown has been named the town's Good Citizen of the Year 2014.

Neil Clapperton, managing director of Springbank Distillers, won Rotary Club of Campbeltown's annual award for his charitable and project work in South Kintyre.

Born and raised in Edinburgh, Mr Clapperton has a longstanding connection with Springbank, serving as the distillery's managing director for the past 19 years, before helping create

business group Explore Campbeltown in 2013.

Mr Clapperton said: 'It is a tremendous honour to be named citizen of the year. I only found out ten days before that I was to win the award, and I still have no idea who nominated me, but it was a brilliant surprise.'

Charitable work

'I was told that the award was given for charitable work in the area, both through Springbank and Explore Campbeltown, but I am not some mastermind behind it all. 'Many people have

helped Explore Campbeltown promote the area's huge potential, in a way that benefits many businesses and not just individual enterprises.'

'I have always thought Campbeltown should be no different from places like Glasgow and Edinburgh in having special events such as art exhibitions, fashion shows and Christmas fairs.'

'The Springbank Whisky Festival, held in May, has been another great success in recent years.'

'Campbeltown is brimming with potential and I am happy we are

seeing it realised more and more.

'I have to thank everyone who has made this award possible and to the Rotary Club of Campbeltown for bestowing it upon me.'

Laurens Denson, Rotary Club of Campbeltown chairman, said: 'Neil has been the initiator and main driving force behind many projects and the committee decided unanimously he is a worthy recipient of Citizen of the Year.'

'He has played a valuable role in putting Campbeltown back on the map.'

Piper wins young musician title

A PIPER and guitarist's top tunes have landed him the title of Campbeltown's Most Promising Young Musician 2014.

Andrew McAllister, 17, was presented with a certificate and cheque for £200 by Campbeltown Rotary Club pres-

ident Laurens Denson.

A trophy followed later having been delayed at the engravers.

The presentation, in front of Mr McAllister's proud parents, Alec and Karen, followed a celebratory meal at the Argyll Hotel.

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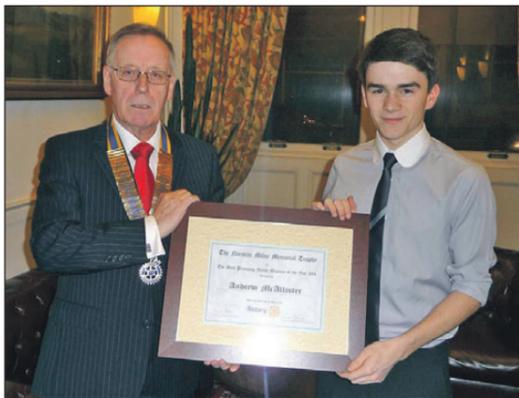
The club's vocational service committee convenor, Margaret Bakes, read the citation, which spoke highly of Andrew's performances on bagpipes and guitar and his general helpfulness when any music is required.

The cheque and the

trophy are known as the Norman and Phyllis Milne award as it was originally set up by Mrs Milne in memory of her late husband, rotarian sheriff Norman Milne.

Those present heard that Andrew is going to continue his musical studies at Perth Music College, part of the University of the Highlands and Islands.

Following the presentation, Andrew entertained the club by playing on bagpipes the tunes; 'Taking of Beaumont' and 'Hamel,' and on guitar; 'Slow Dancing in a Burning Room.'



Laurens Denson presents the certificate to Andrew McAllister.

Wee Toon whisky sells for £27,000

A RARE bottle of Springbank had one collector raising a glass in celebration after fetching £27,000 in an online auction.

Single malt

The bottle of Springbank 1919, a 50-year-old single malt, distilled and casked in 1919 and bottled in 1969-70, is the Campbeltown distillery's most expensive bottle sold at auction, which was held online

by Blackpool-based Whisky Online Auctions.

The rare specimen, with only 24 bottles left, is also the most expensive bottle of whisky ever sold in an online auction, as well as the most expensive bottle of whisky sold at any auction in the UK this year.

The anonymous Glasgow-based vendor purchased the bottle from Cadenhead's shop in

Edinburgh's Cowgate in the late 1980s for £2,000.

Ranald Watson, Springbank sales manager, said: 'Springbank is a very collectable whisky.'

No surprise

'There aren't many whiskies left in the world that were distilled as long ago as 1919 so it is no surprise this bottle fetched such a high price.'



The diverse range of publications in Scotland is essential

Bill Munro
chairman, Barrhead
Travel

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HAPPY EASTER!

EASTER means so many things to many people.

For many it is the greatest celebration of the religious calendar – early Easter Sunday service will see dawn break open with joyful singing on hillsides. It is a time of year when people from every denomination come together to marvel in the death and resurrection of Christ.

As children many of us will remember rolling our decorated boiled eggs down a hillside – representing, of course, the stone being rolled away from the tomb where Jesus was buried when he was taken from the cross at Calvary.

Easter is also a time of family celebration. Winter is over, hopefully, and for many living on the west coast it is time to begin the season again.

In every area there will be loads to do whether the weather is good or bad.

With that in mind, this Easter there's lots to do for all the family.

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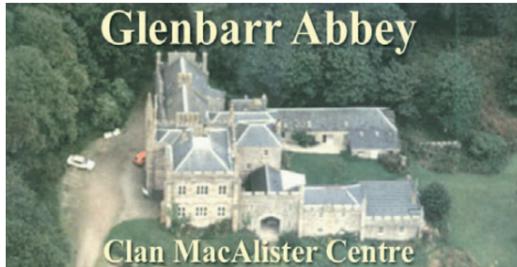


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EASTER TRADITIONS

Since its origins, Easter has been a time of celebration and feasting and many Traditional Easter games and customs developed, such as egg rolling, egg tapping, pace egging and egg decorating.



GREAT BRITAIN

Marshmallow bunnies and candy eggs in an Easter basket. In some cultures rabbits, which represent fertility, are a symbol of Easter.

Throughout the English-speaking world, many Easter traditions are similar with only minor differences. For example, Saturday is traditionally spent decorating Easter eggs and hunting for them with children on Sunday morning, by which time they have been mysteriously hidden all over the house and garden. Other traditions involve parents telling their children that eggs and other treats such as chocolate eggs or rabbits, and marshmallow chicks (Peeps), have been delivered by the Easter Bunny in an Easter basket, which children find waiting for them when they wake up.

Families observe the religious aspects of Easter by attending Sunday Mass or services in the morning and then participating in a feast or party in the afternoon. Some families have a traditional Sunday roast, often of either roast lamb or ham.

Easter breads such as Simnel cake, a fruit cake with eleven marzipan balls representing the eleven faithful apostles, or nut breads such as potica are traditionally served. Hot cross buns, spiced buns with a cross on top, are traditionally associated with Good Friday, but today are often eaten well before and after.

In Scotland, the north of England, and Northern Ireland, the traditions of rolling decorated eggs

down steep hills and pace egging can still be seen. Pace comes from the Latin Pacha which means Easter.

NORTH AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

In Louisiana, USA, egg tapping is known as egg knocking. Marksville, Louisiana claims to host the oldest egg-knocking competition in the US, dating back to the 1950s. Competitors pair up on the steps of the courthouse on Easter Sunday and knock the tips of two eggs together.

If the shell of your egg cracks you have to forfeit it, a process that continues until just one egg remains. In the British Overseas Territory of Bermuda, historically famous for growing and exporting the Easter lily, the most notable feature of the Easter celebration is the flying of kites to symbolize Christ's ascent.

Traditional Bermuda kites are constructed by Bermudians of all ages as Easter approaches, and are normally only flown at Easter. In addition to hot cross buns and Easter eggs, fish cakes are traditionally eaten in Bermuda at this time. In Jamaica, eating bun and cheese is a highly anticipated custom by Jamaican nationals all over the world. The Jamaica Easter Buns are spiced and have raisins, and baked in a loaf tin. The buns are sliced and eaten with a slice of cheese. It is a common practice for employers to make gifts of bun and cheese or a single loaf of bun to staff members.

EASTERN EUROPE

In Bulgaria widespread tradition is to fight with eggs by pair and one's egg become last surviving is called borak. The tradition is to display the decorated eggs on the Easter table together with the Easter dinner consisting of roasted lamb, a salad called Easter salad (lettuce with cucumbers) and a sweet bread called kozunak.

In the Czech Republic and Slovakia, a tradition of spanking or whipping is carried out on Easter Monday. In the morning, men spank women with a special handmade whip called a pomlázka (in Czech) or korbáč (in Slovak), in eastern regions of former Czechoslovakia Moravia and Slovakia they also throw cold water on them.

The pomlázka/korbáč consists of eight, twelve or even twenty-four withies (willow rods), is usually from half a me-

ter to two meters long and decorated with coloured ribbons at the end. The spanking may be painful, but it's not intended to cause suffering. A legend says that women should be spanked with a whip in order to keep their health and beauty during the whole next year.

An additional purpose can be for men to exhibit their attraction to women; unvisited women can even feel offended.

Traditionally, the spanked woman gives a coloured egg (kraslica) prepared by themselves, invites to eat and drink as a sign of her thanks to the man. If the visitor is a small boy, he is usually provided with sweets, and a small amount of money.

In some regions, the women can get revenge in the afternoon or the following day when they can pour a bucket of cold water on any man.

The habit slightly varies across Slovakia and the Czech Republic. A similar tradition existed in Poland (where it is called Dyngus Day), but it is now little more than an all-day water fight.

In Germany, decorated eggs are hung on branches of bushes and trees to make them Easter egg trees. Eggs also used to dress wells for Easter.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Slovenia, a basket of food is prepared and covered

with a handmade cloth, and brought to the church to be blessed. A typical Easter basket includes bread, colored eggs, ham, horseradish, and a type of nut cake called potica.

The butter lamb (Baranek wielkanocny) is a traditional addition to the Easter Meal for many Polish Catholics. Butter is shaped into a lamb either by hand or in a lamb-shaped mould.

ITALY

Italian traditional Easter

cake called the Colomba Pasquale

In Florence, Italy, the unique custom of the Scoppio del carro is observed in which a holy fire lit from stone shards from the Holy Sepulchre are used to light a fire during the singing of the Gloria of the Easter Sunday mass, which is used to ignite a rocket in the form of a dove, representing peace and the holy spirit, which following a wire in turn lights a cart containing pyrotechnics in the small square before the Cathedral.

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Some of the debris washed up on to the beach at Westport.

Help welcome for beach clean

MEMBERS of the public are being invited to take part in the Big Spring Beach Clean at Westport organised by Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) on Saturday, March 28.

The event is supported by the GRAB Trust and Argyll and Bute Council.

A council spokesman said: 'After the winter storms there is a mas-

sive amount of litter on the beach at the access point from the car park.

'Many people in the town and visitors to the area take great advantage of this beach, unfortunately when we appeal for volunteers the response from the public is very poor.

'We are appealing for families to come along and have a great day out.'

Anglers restock rainbow trout

FIVE hundred extra fish may be hooked in South Kintyre's Lussa Loch when the angling season opens.

Last weekend members of The Kintyre Angling Club dipped into club funds to restock the loch's rainbow trout.

There is a second restock planned for April.

The season's opening competition is from 2-5pm tomorrow (Saturday) and is a closed event restricted to members of the club.

Stone should be good for another 4,000 years

'It is amazing that the standing stone stood up for around 4,000 years given the relative shallowness of the socket-hole'

A STANDING stone, at Barlea Farm, Glenbarr has been re-erected after falling over during a storm last November.

The standing stone is located next to a burial cairn and both monuments are believed to date from the Bronze Age, making them about 4,000 years old.

Before putting the stone back upright Dr Clare Ellis of Argyll Archaeology carried out an archaeological excavation at the base of the stone.

Shallow hole

This showed that the stone had been set in a shallow hole and held in place with rounded beach cobbles.

Dr Ellis said: 'It is amazing that the standing stone stood up for around 4,000 years given the relative shallowness of the socket-hole.

'However, the folk who originally put up the stone would have had to use antler picks and sticks to dig through the hard compact gravel as iron tools had yet to be invented and bronze tools were very rare prestige items and so it is not surprising that they settled for a small hole.'

Human cremation

An ashy deposit containing charcoal and possible fragments of burnt bone was also found and may be the remains of a Bronze Age human cremation placed up against the standing stone to ensure passage of the deceased into the after-life.

Following the excavation the hole was made deeper and the standing stone was lifted back into place by machine.



The newly-erected Barlea standing stone and Dr Clare Ellis of Argyll Archaeology, left, Martin Brann of Historic Scotland, centre, and Iain McSparran of D McLean Contractors.

Smaller stones, including the originals, were then packed around the base of the standing stone to ensure it will

stand for another 4,000 years.

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Chance to hear top music duo play in Campbeltown

WORLD-class musicians Grant Golding and Matt Edwards will be the stars of the show at a Campbeltown concert next Friday.

Grant, a trumpeter, is a masters graduate in performance from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama and has performed as a soloist through-

out the world. Organist Matt, an honours graduate of the Open University, became the youngest cathedral director of music in the UK at the age of 21.

Together, their easy going approach to both stagecraft and musicianship has seen them take their open style of performance to venues as

far afield as Denmark, the United Arab Emirates and the USA.

Home performances have wowed crowds in prestigious venues such as the Academy of St Martin in the Fields, St Giles Cripplegate, the cathedrals of York, Peterborough, Guildford, Lincoln, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Winchester,

and the famous Kelvingrove Art Gallery.

A Kintyre Music Club spokeswoman said: 'This concert in Campbeltown gives the opportunity to see the performers in a more intimate light. Performances such as this have included works for trumpet and piano/continuo in church halls and historic monuments.

'Grant is in much demand as an education consultant and educator. He is supported by Humes and Berg USA and is a Jupiter XO Brass sponsored performing artist.

'We hope to see a strong turnout as it is the last concert of our season. It promises to be a great night.'

The concert takes place in St Kieran's Episcopal church, Campbeltown, on Saturday, March 27 at 7.30pm.



Grant Golding and Matt Edwards are bringing their infectious, easy-going sounds to Campbeltown next Friday.

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Nicole McKinlay, left, one of the senior dancers, and the dialysis fund's Lindsay MacPhail, right, are pictured with James's youngest age group, four and five-year-old dancers. 20_c11cheque01

Dancers step in to help Kintyre dialysis fund

KINTYRE Kidney Dialysis Campaign can keep moving in the right direction, with a cheque to the tune of £780 from James McCorkindale's School of Dance.

The school, which celebrated its 40th anniversary in December, held a soup and sandwich lunch in Campbeltown Bowling Club earlier this month, an event featuring a pipe band, singing and Highland dancing performances.

Lindsay MacPhail of the dialysis campaign said: 'We are extremely grateful to James, his dancers and their families for raising this marvellous amount.'

James said: 'Last Saturday marked the start of the dancers' season in Inveraray. We wanted to raise funds for the dialysis campaign and it was the right time before our competitions started.'

Road safety message through theatre

A PLAY driving home the road safety message was staged at Campbeltown community centre last Friday.

'Better Late Than Dead on Time' by the group 'theatre &' looks at the impact of driver and pedestrian behaviour on one family.

A mixed age audience saw topics covered which included drunk drivers and pedestrians and road rage.

An ordinary family is

followed through an extraordinary day.

Robert is just about to celebrate his 70th birthday but there is someone missing from his life and her absence makes the day ahead stretch out before him.

Miriam, Robert's daughter is a busy working mum who worries about her daughter Sinead getting into school on her own so takes her there by car and this morning they

have overslept.

Sinead is due to give a presentation to the whole school and cannot be late and mum needs to get to work on time too.

Her son Aiden has left already and is walking to school but is very distracted at the thought of meeting up with Sheryl later and is constantly checking his phone.

Will they all make it on time and how will Robert get through the day?

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10 The next day (8)
11 Breathing equipment (7)
13 Symbol of thinness? (5)
15 Encourage (3,2)
17 Small catch (7)
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21 Trunk coat (4)
22 Put away (6)
23 Unaware (6)

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2 Inner skin (4)
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4 Slightly mad (5)
5 Enjoyer of food (8)
6 Bright bird (6)
12 House sharer (8)
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18 Bread maker (6)
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Plans for 13 turbines near Tarbert revealed

EARLY plans have been announced to assess the impact of up to 13 wind turbines two and a half miles south of Tarbert.

Swedish energy company Vattenfall is leading the Cnoch an Fhionn Wind Energy Project, and has requested advice from official bodies including Argyll and Bute Council.

Impact

Organisations will advise Vattenfall how to research the impact of the scheme to help determine the layout of the project ahead of a formal planning application.

Surrounding villages Skipness, Tarbert and

Whitehouse could benefit from a community fund, or potential ownership, if the development goes ahead.

Alison Daugherty, project manager, said: 'The proposal for a wind farm at Cnoch an Fhionn has created a lot of interest in the area.'

'Residents are interested to see the potential benefit that a substantial community fund and ownership could bring to the area. We will continue to explore opportunities with local communities.'

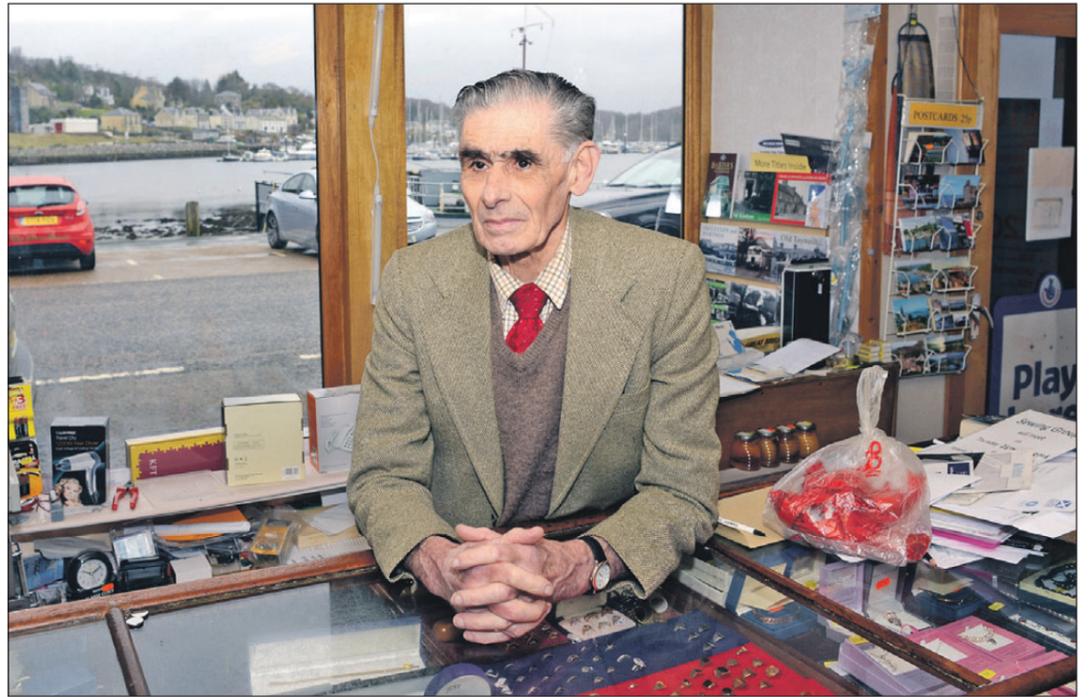
Brian Mearns, of Tarbert Community Council, said: 'There are concerns about pos-

sible cumulative effects of turbine developments, the impact on users of the B8001 road at Kintyre, near Skipness both during the construction phase and subsequently, and more generally about visual impact and its effects on both residents and visitors alike.

Assessments

'We look forward to seeing the results of the assessments that Vattenfall propose to undertake in this regard.'

An application is scheduled for early 2016 and would follow continued consultation and research through the rest of this year.



Ian Macintyre in his harbour side shop. 08_a12ianmacintyre01

ISLAY AND JURA

Meetings aim to get creative

ISLAY and Jura's creative thinkers can benefit from free workshops next month.

Honeycomb Creative Works, a programme created to improve digital content across the Western Isles and Ireland, is holding two days' networking at the Jura Hotel in Craighouse on Tuesday, April 7 from 4-6pm.

The following evening sees Islay host Honeycomb in The Columba Centre, Bowmore, from 7-9pm.

A Honeycomb spokeswoman said: 'This is a great opportunity for creative people to find potential collaborations.'

There will also be live music from local group Siar.

Irish tourists could boost Mull of Kintyre economy

A TARBERT shop keeper is renewing his calls for the reinstatement of a ferry service from Kintyre to Northern Ireland.

Ian Macintyre, 82, who has run a tobacconist and confectioners in Harbour Street for 45 years, is determined to get the Campbeltown to Ballycastle vehicle ferry

back in operation

The service ran for three summers from 1997 to 1999 but Mr Macintyre thinks it should restart as an all-year-round service.

He claimed that a pledge made by the SNP in 2007 to restart the service has never been honoured. Now, with Scotland's increased powers,

he says, it would be an ideal time to get the ferry running again.

Mr Macintyre said: 'In the years the ferry ran, when I counted the tills at the end of each day, more than half the notes were Irish in origin. That shows the increase in trade from that source.'

'Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce did a survey around hotels which showed that 50 per cent reckoned the service had increased business.'

There is support from the Scottish government for a ferry service but it says that it is not reciprocated in Northern Ireland.

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell said: 'I am very supportive of a vehicle ferry between Ballycastle and Campbeltown and the Scottish government remains supportive too but it needs two to tango.'

'There is no governmental support in Northern Ireland or rather no prioritisation of the service in its transport plans. The traffic likely to flow on the route is also very limited at pres-

ent given hauliers' preference for the shorter Larne to Cairnryan service.'

Mr Russell praised the Kintyre Express passenger ferry which operates this year from May 1 to September 28.

It has early morning departures from Campbeltown and afternoon returns from Ballycastle on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. It also runs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until the end of August.

Mr Russell said: 'The Kintyre Express could be expanded as demand grows from golfers and tour groups.'

From little acorns....

YOUNGSTERS have exercised their green fingers by planting trees in Tarbert.

Girl guides planted saplings around the village's historic castle in the Tarbert Community Woodland on Monday as part of an event organised to re-establish native woodland in that area.

GIGHA



Tim's board sets sail for Japan

Surfer, artist and board-maker Tim Stafford is now on Gigha where an exhibition of his work will run in the Gallery until May 5. His powerful images of waves are complemented by his beautiful handcrafted boards. Of the four boards for sale, one has already been bought and is going to Japan.

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First Milk has new chief executive

FIRST Milk, the co-operative involving Kintyre's dairy farmers, has appointed Mike Gallacher as its new chief executive.

He replaces Kate Allum and started his new job on Wednesday.

Mr Gallacher has spent most of his career with Mars Inc. where he held a series of senior leadership positions, most recently as UK managing director for Mars Petcare.

He led significant business turnarounds in Asia for Mars as well as working in regional leadership positions in both Asia Pacific and Europe.



Mike Gallacher is First Milk's new chief executive.

Prior to Mars, he was an army officer for eight years.

Sir Jim Paice MP, First Milk chairman, said: 'Mike has all the attributes to put our business back where we want it to be. He has considerable leadership qualities, has turned around businesses in different geographies, and has experience in some of our key export markets.'

'He demonstrated throughout the interview process that he has rapidly built high performing teams and organisations throughout his career and I look forward to working with him.'

'On behalf of the board, members and employees, I would like to thank Kate Allum for her drive and leadership over the past six years and wish her well for the future.'

Mr Gallacher added: 'I look forward to meeting farmer members, employees, partners and customers as we work together to address the challenges facing the dairy industry with urgency and focus.'



Alistair Carmichael, centre, with a Mull of Kintyre block of cheese after meeting some of the area's dairy producers and MP Alan Reid at Machrihanish Farm.

Secretary of state meets dairy farmers

KINTYRE farmers met Alistair Carmichael, secretary of state for Scotland, last week to discuss the future of the region's dairy industry.

Drastic milk price cuts, slashed from 32p per litre of milk produced to 20p per litre since last June, were on the agenda when Sandy Pirie hosted Mr Carmichael and Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, at his Machrihanish Farm.

Fellow dairy producers John Smith, Malcolm Ronald and David Barbour and David Bolt, the area's NFU branch

chairman, attended. Mr Carmichael, MP for Orkney and Shetland since 2001, said: 'This was a valuable opportunity to meet with dairy farmers to find out firsthand the impact of market volatility, in one of our more isolated communities.'

'Clearly, money must be invested to help First Milk and the Campbeltown Creamery, otherwise a critical mass of dairy farmers could be lost in the area.'

Mr Smith said: 'The secretary of state was well briefed on the dire

situation the whole Scottish dairy industry finds itself in.

'We need Scottish products like the fantastic Mull of Kintyre cheese on our supermarket shelves, to make it easier for consumers to buy local produce and support Scottish farmers, ensuring their retail spend stays within Scotland.'

'For that to happen we need the release of vital funding to upgrade the Campbeltown Creamery, and get a company like First Milk back on its feet.'

Market report:

United Auctions Islay

A CATALOGUED entry of 965 store cattle at United Auctions Islay Auction Mart on March 14 met with a very satisfying trade.

An excellent show of quality cattle was on offer and sold to a good ringside of regular mainland buyers.

Charolais Cross bullocks from Tallant Farm sold to £1,335 whilst Limousin Cross bullocks from Smaladh led the kilo prices at 339p.

Ardbeg Farm led the prices per head for Heifers with Limousin Crosses selling to £1,105

whilst Woodend took the top price per kilo at 286p in this section, also with Limousin Crosses.

Principal lots and prices: top prices per head - bullocks

AAx: £1,175 - Aoradh Farm: £1,045 - Craigns (8) and Octomore (2) : £1,035 - Aoradh(2) : £955 - Octomore: £945 (5) 905 (3) - Tallant.

CHARx: £1,335 - Tallant: £1,215 - Eorrabus: £1,175 (3) - Aoradh: £1,135 (2) - Eorrabus: £1,095 (2) - Tallant: £1,085 (6) - Aoradh: £1,085 - Tallant: £1,075 - Craigns (5), Eorrabus (8) and Tallant (4): £1,065 - Aoradh (11) and Octofad (3): £1,015 - Aoradh and Octofad (7): £985 (5) - Craigns: £975 (7) - Eorrabus: £965 - Craigns (4) and Aoradh (4): £925 (2) - Eorrabus: £915 (6) - Tallant.

LIMx: £1,235 and £1,175 - Eorrabus: £1,165 (2) - Octofad: £1,145 - Eorrabus and Octofad: £1,125 (2) and £1,115 (7) - Ardbeg: £1,095 - Mulindry: £1,085 - Carrabus and Tallant (8): £1,075 - Eorrabus (2) and Tallant (2): £1,055 (7) - Octofad: £1,050 - Carrabus: £1,045 - Eorrabus, Lossit (2), Ardbeg (2) and Carrabus:

£1,045 - Mulindry (2), Lossit, Ardbeg and Foreland Estate: £1,015 and £1,005 - Aoradh: £995 - Ardbeg (2) and Octofad (3): £990 (4) - Eorrabus: £975 - Octofad (14), Octomore, Ardbeg (5) and Eorrabus (2): £955 - Ardbeg (3), Tallant (8) and Mulindry (9): £945 - Tallant and Ardbeg (5): £935 - Mulindry: £925 (3) - Octofad: £920 (7) - Starchmill: £915 (5) - Aoradh: £915 - Tallant, Blackrock (5) and Eorrabus (6).

SIMx: £895 (9) - Cladville. BRBx: £1,325 and £1,205 - Knocklearach Farm: £1,165 - Octofad: £1,075 - Starchmill: £1,015 (3) - Octofad: £945 (3) - Foreland Estate: £925 - Octofad.

Heifers - AAx: £975 (2) - Octomore: £865 - Blackrock.

CHARx: £1,085 - Aoradh: £1,065 (2) - Eorrabus: £925 (3) - Aoradh: £915 (8) - Eorrabus: £905 - Craigns (4) and Aoradh (9): £895 (15) - Eorrabus: £885 (9) - Octofad.

LIMx: £1105 - Ardbeg: £1,085 (3) - Lossit: £1,045 - Blackrock: £985 - Lossit: £975 - Ardbeg: £965 (2) - Eorrabus: £955 (2) - Octofad: £945 (2) - Carrabus: £915 and £905 - Eorrabus: £895 (3) - Octofad: £885 (16) - Ardbeg: £870 (12)

- Starchmill. LUINGx: £635 (7) - Duich. SIMx: £845 (4) - Cladville. BRBx: £895 and £855 (4) - Octofad.

Top prices per kilo - bullocks
AAx: 302p - Aoradh: 281p (8) - Craigns: 269p (2) - Aoradh: 260p (3) - Ardmensh: 255p (6) - Aoradh: 254p (4) and 253p - Tallant: 252p (2) - Aoradh.

CHARx: 317p (2) - Aoradh: 305p (4) - Tallant: 304p (2), 302p (3), 297p (2) and 294p (9) - Aoradh: 291p (2), 289p and 285p (4) - Carrabus: 284p (2) - Tallant: £282p - Carrabus: 280p (2) - Aoradh: 277p - Tallant: 276p - Aoradh (6) and Carrabus (6): 271p - Carrabus and Aoradh (5): 268p (4) - Aoradh: 265p (6) and 262p (3) - Tallant.

LIMx: 339p (2), 311p (5) and 305p - Smaladh: 304p (2) and 295p (4) - Aoradh: 295p(2) - Smaladh: 294p(3) - Carrabus: 291p(3) - Kinnabus Estate: 287p - Ardbeg(7), Kinnabus Estate (3) and Carrabus (5): 254p - Tallant (8) and Kinnabus Estate (2): 281p - Carrabus: 280p (2) - Tallant: 278p - Octofad: 277p (7) - Tallant: 276p (6) - Carrabus: 275p - Carrabus and Tallant (8): 274p (2) - Ardbeg: 273p (4) - Ardbeg: 271p - Carrabus: 265p - Aoradh (11) and Tallant (3): 262p

- Aoradh (11) and Tallant: 261p - Carrabus (6), Ardbeg (9) and Kinnabus Estate (2): 257p (2) - Kinnabus Estate: 255p - Eorrabus, Tallant (2) and Octofad (5): 254p (7) - Starchmill: 252p - Aoradh (2) and Starchmill: 251p (5) - Aoradh: 250p (3) - Octofad.

SIMx: 287p - Carrabus: 248p(4) - Kinnabus Estate. BRBx: 267p - Starchmill: 266p (3) - Octofad: 263p and 260p - Knocklearach: 250p - Octofad.

Heifers - AAx: 268p - Cruach (E and J Brown): 254p (5) - Aoradh. CHARx: 281p (7) - Aoradh: 276p (6) - Carrabus: 275p (9) - Aoradh: 266p (4) - Tallant: 263p - Carrabus (6) and Tallant (2): 260p - Octofad (9) and Aoradh (9): 257p (9) - Aoradh: 256p (3) - Tallant: 254p (3) - Carrabus.

LIMx: 286p - Woodend: 277p (14) - Tallant: 274p (2) - Mulindry: 271p (11) - Ardbeg: 268p - Ardbeg and Carrabus: 263p (5) - Ardbeg: 262p - Tallant: 259p - Ardbeg (5) and Carrabus (3): 258p (4) - Aoradh: 257p (7) - Ardbeg: 256p - Tallant: 254p - Smaladh (2) and Carrabus: 252p - Aoradh (7) and Kinnabus Farm (3): 251p - Lossit (3) and Carrabus (3): 250p - Smaladh.

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Tooth brushing at Pa Ansumana.



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Eight activity-packs

Car saves injured youngster from

Agnes Stewart of Cambeltown Grammar recently returned from a trip to Gambia to continue the work started by school pupils and staff last year. Here is her diary.

I LEFT home on Wednesday, February 11 and travelled first to London and then on to Banjul.

Fiona Nelson from The Jarrol Project (formerly of First Aid 4 Gambia) collected me and we drove to her compound.

FRIDAY: It was lovely to wake up to the familiar sounds of the call to prayer from the mosque and the amazing African birds.

After a breakfast of sinfou (a delicious local bread) it was off on the first part of our adventure. We visited Pa Ansumana School in Bajon Koto, a school we continue to support.

We handed out donated toothbrushes and toothpaste to two of the three classes and taught them the proper way to brush their teeth.

We also looked at the possibility of a project for next February for our students to undertake and we looked at an area where we can pitch our tents.

From there it was on to Zainab Nursery to see the toilet block completed last year and then visited a school in Nemekunko, a new area to us.

After an African takeaway for lunch, we spent the rest of the day making up goodie bags from all the donated baby clothes.

Each mum with a new-born is given a bag containing vests, sleep-suits, a cardigan and hat, gloves, socks and a few outfits. The bag also contains a blanket and a towel, a few nappies and a pack of wipes.

Bags were also prepared for the three to six-month-old babies. These are given out when the babies attend the clinic for inoculations.

Harmattan winds from the Sahara are blowing, it's just like home, only a good deal warmer.

SATURDAY: We had no option but to relax in the morning. This Saturday was 'Setsetal Saturday', which roughly translates as 'clean the nation day'.

Cars are not allowed on the roads between 9am and 1pm and the locals are encouraged to stay home and clear away rubbish from around their compounds.

It is a great idea but unfortunately some people just use it as an excuse for a morning off. Litter is a huge problem in the country. If everybody was behind the cause, it could really make a difference.

We got the car loaded up and set off 'up country' to



A visit to the triplets was a day's highlight.



A possible project for next year - a new partly-built nursery which is now an 'abandoned project' and something it is hoped can be taken on.



Baby bags, made up from Kintyre donations.

ed days in Gambia

n having to visit 'the bone man'

Jarrol in Kalagi District where we spent a lot of time last year.

There was a massive welcome party waiting for us at Jarrol village and we were danced into the centre by a crowd of local ladies.

We visited the waiting room funded by CGS4Gambia and toured the clinic. The progress since last year is amazing.

Then it was the highlight of the day, a visit to the triplets. We only brought a small bag of the goodies donated by Campbeltown Co-op, as the nurse at Jarrol Clinic has been left in charge of all the weaning products and will hand them out on a weekly basis when

mum brings the triplets to be weighed. This will encourage mum to attend the clinic regularly with the babies.

While in Kalagi village we also visited our old friend Seinabou, a teacher at Kalagi School.

Seinabou made a huge impression on us all last year. Her daughter Adama has been very poorly, so Fiona was able to donate a nice cosy jacket to keep Adama warm.

After dinner at Kalagi lodge (there were no live chickens on top of the fridges this time) we took to our tents for the night.

SUNDAY: Not the best sleep in our tents in the African countryside but we were ready to start another day's work.

We sorted out the store at the nurse's accommodation and loaded up the car with more baby clothes to sort out. We added the nappies and wipes to the baby goodie bags and packed them into the newly cleared store.

After a lunch of mbahal (rice, fish and groundnut) cooked by the local ladies, we headed over to the clinic to donate medicines, hang curtains and sort out the midwives' trolleys (donated by Campbeltown Hospital) for the birthing suite.

Fiona was then interviewing for a cleaner for the clinic, so I helped by taking notes on the three ladies interviewed. After appointing the best candidate, we packed the car for the two-hour drive home.

MONDAY: Fiona has been doing a six-week block of first-aid training each Monday for The Gambian Fire and Sea Rescue. Every week two people from each of the six units travel to the station at Bakau for training and at the end of the block 12 people will be chosen to undertake an intensive five-day training programme later in the year.



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Agnes pays a visit to Gambia

'It is now back to fundraising for next year as our flights are reserved for February 10, 2016'

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As well as taking part in the training, I was given a tour of the station.

Two of the fire and sea rescue stations run a free clinic for the local people and it is hoped one will be set up at Bakau.

Two hundred fishing boats are based here and there can often be injuries to deal with.

The examination couch in the room which will be the clinic is in a dilapidated state, so it is hoped one of the couches donated by Campbeltown Hospital will go here.

We had a late lunch when we finished training then caught up on a few odd jobs.

TUESDAY: As often happens in Gambia the agenda for the day changed as we went along.

We visited the wholesale pharmacy to buy malaria medication and antibiotics with some of the money we had been donated. It was then

back to Pa Ansumana to finish donating toothbrushes and toothpaste to the final class there.

After this we met with one of the staff from Bakau Fire and Sea Rescue, who was keen for Fiona to see the free clinics at Serrakunda and Banjul.

Unfortunately, neither Jarrol Project nor CGS-4Gambia are in the position to offer help to everybody who needs it.

Fiona has to concentrate on the clinic at Jarrol and our main focus is education and making better learning places for the Gambian kids.

It was, however, an interesting experience and we are so very lucky to have the NHS.

We had a bit of chill time in the late afternoon and visited the monkey park at Koto.

The president wants to do away with this last natural piece of forest on the coast to build a seven-star hotel. It will be a real shame if this hap-

pens. It was nice feeding monkeys rather than crocodiles this trip.

This is the 50th year of Gambian independence and there are not enough words to describe the entourage when the president is in the area.

This year he was having a celebration dinner with the world ambassadors based in Gambia.

The scenes of them arriving with lots of guards was quite spectacular.

All, of course, except the British ambassador, who arrived with no pomp or ceremony, driving his own vehicle.

It was great to witness the start of the celebrations.

WEDNESDAY: The 50th anniversary was a public holiday, so we had a day off apart from sorting out bags of pencils donated to Fiona, finding a trailer to borrow to shift some equipment to Jarrol Clinic and loading up the trailer and the car for Thursday's trip.

A few hours at Paradise beach was lovely and we popped into the fire and sea rescue station at Sanyang since we were in the area.

On the way back we were brought to a halt by the police to let president Jammeh pass for a second time.

THURSDAY: We had the car packed up early and headed off on the two-hour drive to Jarrol again.

We had a busy morning at the clinic, donating and explaining the weaning foods for the triplets to Nurse Almameh.

We cleaned up one of the medicine cabinets donated by Campbeltown Hospital and were able to fill this with donated medicines. After lunch we had another visit to the triplets in nearby Kalagi Village.



Agnes and Nurse Almamah at Jarrol Clinic trolley donated by Campbeltown Hospital and filled with donations from the people of Campbeltown.

Although we all got some cuddles we had to cut the visit short when we received a phone call to say there had been an accident in Jarrol and a young boy had a badly broken leg.

Luckily for seven-year-old Hussein we were in the area.

Fiona was able to give him pain relief and drive

room at the clinic. Even the best quality Gambian paint is very runny.

The birthing room was now almost ready to hand over to the villagers.

Our final job for the day was a meeting with Nurse Almameh regarding what medicines are priorities for the clinic.

The nurse has worked

feared an infection was doing the rounds. The first job for Kim and I was to list all the medication in the hospital trolley and create a system for keeping a note of stock.

We also listed all the baby foods and left a system for handing these out.

While we were creating our stock system, a young man appeared at the clinic with a badly swollen abdomen. He had an operation to remove a tumour a couple of years ago and had a colostomy. He had no stoma bags and was using black plastic bags.

He obviously had a very bad infection and all we could do at Jarrol was to tell the family to get to Banjul Hospital as a matter of urgency.

They had no money to travel, so CGS-4Gambia was able to provide money to cover transport, x-ray costs and some other medical fees.

All things medical cost money in Gambia and even though the family may have had money, stoma bags are not always available.

We are hoping Alieu may have this operation reversed in March but for now we are on the lookout for 70mm stoma bags to airfreight out to him.

After this upsetting morning with Alieu, it was lovely to visit our

old friends at Kalagi School.

We received a very special welcome and it was great to see the blackboards still on the walls, the kids playing on all the playground equipment we had built and to see the bantaba painted.

We then had a look at Jarrol nursery, as this is one of the projects we would like to work on next year.

This will be a big project but it will be very exciting to be involved in a partial new build.

We will camp in Jarrol village for five nights next year.

SATURDAY: All packed for home with just a few small jobs to do.

We wrote certificates for all 54 fire and sea rescue personnel before their presentation on Monday.

We visited the wholesale chemist again with our list from Nurse Almameh and were able to stock up on quite a few important items from our donations.

Finally on the way to the airport, we stopped by the market at Brika-ma.

We would love to import some of the amazing wooden items available there to sell on our Fairtrade stall.

It is now back to fundraising for next year as our flights are reserved for February 10, 2016.



Last year's bantaba which has been painted to finish it off.

him to the teaching hospital in Bwiam (about 30km away).

The hospital did not even have a crepe bandage to support Hussein's leg and a splint was made from cardboard before his ambulance journey to Banjul.

Had Fiona's car not been available this young boy may just have had to visit 'the bone man' in the village, which does not bear thinking about.

While Fiona headed off to the hospital, Kim (volunteering with us for the day) and I attempted to paint the ceiling in the delivery

at the clinic as a volunteer for 15 years with no pay. He and four others are now undergoing a three-month intensive training programme and he is now paid by Jarrol Project for his invaluable work.

FRIDAY: Another early start as we had lots to cram into a few hours. The day started with a delivery, though not the kind we were hoping for.

One of the goats in our compound had a still-born kid and on arrival at the hospital we also found a dead goat in the (unused at the moment) hospital ward. It was

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

| Ref | Proposal | Site Address | Location of Plans |
|-------------|--|---|---------------------------|
| 15/00599/PP | Variation of condition 25 relative to planning permission reference 10/00909/PP (Erection of 10 Wind Turbines (111.25m to blade tip), permanent anemometer, electric sub-station and ancillary works) - private water supply | Cour Wind Farm Carradale Argyll and Bute | Sub Post Office Carradale |
| 15/00622/PP | Variation of condition 2 relative to planning permission reference 13/01182/MIN (Temporary mineral working in association with windfarm development (Borrow Pit 1) - to allow a further year of operation | Land at Cour Windfarm (Grid Ref. 178501 651983) Carradale Argyll and Bute | Sub Post Office Carradale |
| 15/00626/PP | Variation of condition 2 relative to planning permission reference 13/01183/MIN (Temporary mineral working in association with windfarm development (Borrow Pit 2) - to allow a further year of operation | Land at Cour Windfarm (Grid Ref. 178103 650686) Carradale Argyll and Bute | Sub Post Office Carradale |
| 15/00627/PP | Variation of condition 2 relative to planning permission reference 13/01184/MIN (Temporary mineral working in association with windfarm development (Borrow Pit 3) to allow a further year of operation | Land at Cour Windfarm (Grid Ref. 178472 650329) Carradale Argyll and Bute | Sub Post Office Carradale |
| 15/00628/PP | Variation of condition 2 relative to planning permission reference 13/01185/MIN (Temporary mineral working in association with windfarm development (Borrow Pit 4) - to allow a further year of operation | Land at Cour Windfarm (Grid Ref. 178688 648107) Carradale Argyll and Bute | Sub Post Office Carradale |
| 15/00629/PP | Variation of condition 2 relative to planning permission reference 13/01186/MIN (Temporary mineral working in association with windfarm development (Borrow Pit 5) - to allow a further year of operation | Land at Cour Windfarm (Grid Ref. 178394 647649) Carradale Argyll and Bute | Sub Post Office Carradale |

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| Ref | Proposal | Site Address | Location of Plans |
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| 15/00520/LIB | Installation of roof mounted photovoltaic panels | Town Hall 54 Main Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6AB | Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown |

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A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.

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Full details of these proposals, which form the proposed "The Argyll and Bute Council (Off Street Disabled Person's Parking Places Order 201_)", and a Statement of Reasons for proposing to make this Traffic Regulation Order, are available to view at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk, or can be inspected during normal office hours Monday to Friday inclusive at Argyll and Bute Council Offices at:- 1) 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead; 2) Burnet Building, St John Street, Campbeltown and 3) Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

Any person wishing to object to the proposals should send details of the grounds for objection in writing to the Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll by 10th April 2015.

Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Amenity Services, 1A Manse Brae, LOCHGILPHEAD PA31 8RD



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The Order, which is required because works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near the said length of road to allow resurfacing works to take place, will be in operation from 22nd March 2015 until 11th April 2015 but will only have effect in relation to such part or parts of the length of road are indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. The Order does not apply to works vehicles or vehicles being used in an emergency for fire brigade, coastguard, ambulance or police purposes or to acts done with the permission or upon the direction of a police constable in uniform. A copy of the Order and this Notice will be available on the Transport Scotland website at <http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/policy/legal-requirements/road-and-traffic-orders/TROs>

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Alan Reid MP will hold a surgery on Saturday 28 March 2015 at Lochgilphead Community Centre between 10.00am and 11.00am.

To make an appointment, please phone Alan Reid's office (01369-704840)

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THE world will turn a little darker this morning as the moon wanders across the face of the sun and casts a dark shadow over parts of Europe and the Arctic Ocean.

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In Lewis it will be most spectacular as the moon will actually cover 98 per cent of the sun.

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Dedicated solar eclipse cruises will be stopping off in Shetland and Orkney with more than 2,500 passengers heading north to take advantage of the islands' dark skies and minimal light pollution.

Such astronomical events fascinate us as we continue to marvel at the world around us.

The stars and planets have intrigued human beings since time began and it is a truly awesome experience to stand under a clear night sky studded with a myriad of stars.

It is mind blowing to think that the light from the farthest stars detected left the stars 10-11 billion years ago.

Our finite minds cannot really process such information – we can only wonder at it.

The sun is so spectacular that we are well warned not to look at it with the naked eye, as this would burn the retina and seriously damage our eyesight.

I thought of Moses who was warned by God to cover his face and not look directly at him.

God's presence would be too overpowering for human beings to look upon the face of God. God said he would 'pass by' Moses and in this way his glory would be revealed.

Perhaps today in the remarkable signs in the heavens, God will indeed 'pass by' his people and remind us once again of his presence around us and within us.

Successful cancer service to be extended

'This is another opportunity for the council to extend the value of our libraries'

A SERVICE providing information and support for people affected by cancer in Campbeltown and Rothesay is being rolled out across Argyll and Bute.

The Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Services were developed in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council, NHS Highland, and Argyll Voluntary Action and opened last year.

Following the success of the services in Campbeltown and Rothesay libraries, the service is being rolled out across Argyll and Bute thanks to a £300,000 investment from Macmillan.

A council spokeswoman said: 'People particularly like the fact the service is not in a medical setting and in a community space which makes it very accessible and more relaxed and friendly.'

'An evaluation also

found that the information and emotional support provided resulted in reduced anxiety and stress, and people using the service really valued the support from volunteers who have personal experience of cancer.'

The services are run by highly trained volunteers who can provide emotional and practical advice, access to information materials on various types of cancer and its treatment, or simply a listening ear.

People can also be referred onto other services, including benefits advice, complementary therapies and counselling.

Elsbeth Atkinson, director for Macmillan Cancer Support in Scotland, said: 'We've seen the difference that the Macmillan Cancer Information and Support services make in Campbeltown and Rothesay libraries.'



Chris Holden, volunteer co-ordinator, is pictured with volunteer Fiona McPhee at Campbeltown Library.

'It is thanks to the hard work and dedication of our supporters in Argyll and Bute who raise so much money for us that we are able to establish such a vital service. No one should face cancer alone and the continued support from people locally will help us to ensure that no one does.'

Councillor Robin Currie said: 'This funding is a marvellous boost for our communities as it enables us to roll out the

service - currently providing tremendous support in Campbeltown and Rothesay libraries - to our remaining libraries as well as on five island locations yet to be identified, and this will be done over a three-year period starting this year.

'This is another opportunity for the council to extend the value of our libraries to become important locations for community activities,

learning and information.'

The service also received a Bronze Excellence Award for Partnership Working as part of Argyll and Bute Council's first service awards.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

“... Commit yourself to the Lord and serve him only, and he will deliver you ...”
(1 Samuel 7:3).

BIRTHS



BLACKWELL

Jennifer and Ross are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Jacob David, born on March 8, 2015 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. A first grandchild for Moyra and David Sutherland, Slockavullin and Christine and Robert Blackwell, Kilmichael Glen.

ENGAGEMENTS

KRONER - CAMERON - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Markus, only son of Wolfi and Gioral, Arran, to Fiona, youngest daughter of Thomas and Mary, Gartvaigh Farm, Southend.

MARRIAGES



HYND - COLEMAN

At Glenbervie House Hotel, Larbert, on February 28, 2015, Innes Robert, only son of Jan and Bob, Glasgow to Moyra Elizabeth, only daughter of David and Fiona, Linlithgow. A truly happy day was enjoyed by all.

DEATHS

GILCHRIST - Suddenly, in Durban, South Africa, on March 11, 2015, Duncan Paterson Gilchrist, in his 52nd year, dear father of Patrick and Stephan, loving son of Maureen and dear brother of Helen, John and Andrew.

MACCALLUM - On March 2, 2015, suddenly in Thailand, Norman MacCallum, in his 59th year, beloved elder son of Ethel and the late Archie MacCallum, much loved brother of Duncan and the late Catherine and dear uncle of Natalie. A memorial service will be held at Inveraray Parish Church, on Monday, March 23 at 12.00 noon, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, for Cancer Research UK and British Heart Foundation. A private interment of ashes will follow.

MACTIER - Lady Mary

Mactier, formerly of Tayvallich, died peacefully in her sleep, aged 100 years, on February 28, 2015 at Whitemark, Flinders Island, Tasmania. She is survived by her sons, Hugh (Flinders Island) and Andrew (Adelaide, South Australia).

MACVICAR - Peacefully at home, with her family by her side, on March 16, 2015, Peggy MacVicar, in her 84th year, beloved wife of Robbie and much loved mum to Archie, Donnie, Isabel, Robert, Margaret and David. Cherished nana and great grandmother. Will be sadly missed. Funeral service will take place at Lochgilphead Parish Church at 11.00am, on Saturday, March 21, 2015, thereafter to Achtnabreac Cemetery.

MCSHANNON - Peacefully, at Carrondale Care Home, Falkirk, surrounded by her family, on March 15, 2015, Jean Alexander Grant, in her 89th year, formerly of Hazelbank Court, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Dugald M McShannon, much loved mother of Fiona and Ronald, mother-in-law of Fiona and Steve and adored grandmother of Thomas and Lois. Service will take place in the Highland Parish Church, on Friday, March 20, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

REID - Peacefully at home, “Braeside”, Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead, on March 13, 2015, Mary Baillie Reid (Molly), in her 92nd year, dearly beloved wife and dance partner of the late Frederick Reid (Fred), very much loved mother of Ann and Gordon, dearly loved cool granny of Maxwell and loved sister-in-law, aunt, and cousin to all the family. Private family service. Family flowers only please. A celebration of Molly’s life will be held on Thursday, March 26, at an Open House from 2.00pm until 6.00pm, in her home. Family, friends and neighbours are respectfully invited. Donations in memoriam, to Glasgow City Mission or Marie Curie Nurses, greatly appreciated.

ROBERTSON - Peacefully at home, 6 Castleacres, Campbeltown, with his family by his side, on March 13, 2015, Lawrence Robertson, in his 80th year, dearly beloved husband of Mary Black, much loved father of Andrew, Mairi and Lawrence, loved and respected father-in-law of Donald and Caroline and a much loved grandfather of Michael, William, Lauren and Kate.

SHAW - Peacefully, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, surrounded by his family, on March 16, 2015, Alexander Shaw, in his 86th year, of Lergychonie Cottage, Barbreck, by Lochgilphead, beloved husband of Mary MacNeil, much loved father of Sandra, Robert, Donald and Mairi and a treasured father-in-law, grandfather,

great grandfather, brother and much respected friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Craignish Parish Church, on Friday, March 20 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Kilvaree Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

JOHNSTON - Ricki and Robert Johnston and their children would like to thank all family and friends for their support following the loss of their much loved mum and granny. Special thanks to Kerry, who has always been an amazing help to Mum. She thought of you as a daughter and I really don’t know how we would have managed without you. Thanks also to the nurses who looked after Mum and to Catherine Ann and Ibbey for being there for her when she needed you. Thank you all again for your support through this very difficult time. Love, Ricki, Robert and the grandchildren.

KERR - The family of the late Ellen Kerr, Meadow Park, would like to express their thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and support in their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to the doctors and all staff at Campbeltown Hospital. Our sincere thanks to the home care team and all others who supported her in her home. Thanks to Dr Cameron for a very personal service at Woodside Crematorium. Thanks also to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for caring and professional arrangements.

RALSTON - David and Mairi would like to thank all staff at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley and Campbeltown Maternity Unit, with special thanks to Isobel. Born asleep, on February 25, 2015, Iona Mairi, sister to Erin and Louise. Thank you to all relatives, family and friends for their love and support. Thanks to Kenneth at T A Blair Funeral Directors, to Reverend Philip Wallace and to the Ardshiel Hotel. You took a part of us with you and you will always be in our hearts.

IN MEMORIAM

CURRIE - Treasured memories of a much loved husband, Donald, died March 25, 2000. Time won’t heal the heartache, - Moira.

CURRIE - In memory of my dad, Donald, died March 25, 2000. Always in my thoughts. - Iain.

CURRIE - Donald, March 25, 2000. Dad, fifteen years have come and gone, but happy memories still live on. - Elspeth and Jim.

LAFFERTY - Archie, March 20, 2005. Always remembered. - Roberta and Kim, Kay, Iain, Sylvia and Kira.

MCGEACHY - In loving memory of Margaret, died March 18, 2010. Wi sparkling een and gentle smile. A beauty nane wull ere surpass. Wan day ye stole awa ma hert. Ye hae it still ma bonnie lass. Ae fond kiss. - Leslie.

MCGEACHY - In memory of our beloved mum and granny, Margaret, who died March 18, 2010. No longer in our lives to share, But in our hearts you are always there. - Love, Debbie, Leslie, Gary and family.

REID - Remembering our lovely dad and granddad, Fred, who died March 19, 2004. Dearly loved, deeply missed, always in our hearts. - Ann, Gordon and Max.

CHURCH NOTICES

Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 22nd March
Passion Sunday
10.45am Holy Communion
All Welcome
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

“It is good to sing praises to our God”

Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm
Retiral Collection in aid of Malawi Flood Relief

The Salvation Army Campbeltown Corps

Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046

Saturday 21st March
Coffee Morning

Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz
6.30pm Evening Worship

Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League

Wednesday
7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob

Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Lt. Mark Scoulding

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 22nd March
Morning Worship
Kilmartin 11.45 am
Rev. Stanley Hood

Thursday 26th March
Messy Church 4-6pm
Tayvallich Village Hall
All welcome
SC0 02121

Scottish Episcopal Churches Everyone Welcome

Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)

Sundays
11.00 am Eucharist service
4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins
& 11am Eucharist Service
Coffee & Cake follows the service

St Columba’s, Paltalloch, nr Kilmartin (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month 9am Eucharist service
3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong
Scottish Prayer Book
All Saints, Inveraray (SC025646)
Saturdays 5.30pm Eucharist Service
Father Simon Mackenzie
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran
01546 602315

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Services 22nd March 2015 - all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am

Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 22nd March 2015
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Rev. Tommy Bryson
Kirk Session Meeting

Guild meets Monday 23rd March
Church Hall 2.30pm

For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome
SC002622

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2015
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE
Dr. John L. Morrison OBE

Saturday 21st March
MO-MA Coffee Morning 10am - 12 noon

Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers

Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
All Welcome
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service
11.00 am with Sunday School followed by refreshments

Baby & Toddler Group
10.00 - 11.45 am every Thursday (term-time)
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

We are a member of the Baptist Union of Scotland
SC043322

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Sunday 22nd March
11.15 am Service
Creche, Triple C, Next Generation
Rev P Wallace

Monday 23rd March
Guild AGM 7.30pm
New Hall

Tuesday 24th March
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
Boys’ Brigade Church Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm

Thursday 26th March
Choir 7.30pm

Friday 27th March
Lunch Club
12.00 noon New Hall

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
(SC0002876)

free church of scotland

George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 22nd March
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Dr David Ford

11.15am Sunday School

Wednesday 25th March
12.30pm
Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm - 4.00pm
Water of Life Cafe
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 22nd March 2015
11.00am Family Service with Communion with creche
Mr John Ives, Southend

No toddler group this week

Thursday 26th March
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer

To hear Christian music, conversation and Thought for the Week, tune in to Argyll FM - 106.5/107.1 & 107.7fm - on Monday mornings from 8am to 9am and listen to the Breakfast Show.
For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SC014646

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 22 March
Tayvallich Church
Morning Worship 10 am
Retiral offering for Malawi Flood Aid followed by Annual Stated Meeting
Rev. C. Acklam

Tuesday 24 March
Tayvallich Church 7:30 pm
Congregational Board

Thursday 26 March
Messy Church 4 - 6 pm
Tayvallich Hall
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

Highland Parish Church

SCO02493

Sunday 22nd March
The service will be conducted by Rev David Carruthers at 11.15am and will be held in the Church. The Annual Stated Meeting will follow immediately after the service.

Badminton Club
Tuesday evening in Kirk Street Hall
Primary 1-5: 6.30 - 7.30pm
Primary 6-7: 7.30 - 8.30pm
This will be the last night of the club for this session

Saturday 28th March
Spring Tea in Kirk Street Hall at 2.00pm
Everyone very welcome

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT:

Tarbert 10.00am, located on School Road.
Lochgilphead 11.30am, located on Lochnell Street/Manse Brae
Minister: Rev. R Macleod
Prayer Time
Mondays 1.15 - 1.45pm
Ladies Bible Study 2pm (fortnightly)
Soup Lunch Monthly (last Thursday)
All welcome.

lochgilphead baptist church

All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

Sunday 22nd March 2015
11.00am with communion
mainly music
Tuesday at 10am
Jumpstart
Friday from 10am
Scottish Charity SC015187

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 22 March 2015
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Bobby Owens from U.S.A.

Thursday 27 March 2015
10.00am
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

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Stretching yourself a little

HERE we go into week four of the beginners' preparation for the MOK 10k and half marathon races on May 23. There is a change this week to the 10k schedule.

Sessions 1, 2 and 3 sees a five-minute walk to start followed by 2x8mins running with a minute walking in between. Then walk five minutes to finish.

The half marathon schedule is almost the same as last week: session 1 - seven miles long run; session 2 - three miles hard run; session 3 - four miles quality run; session 4 - three miles easy run.

Tip for the week - There are different views about stretching before and after runs.

For the purpose of those involved in these beginner schedules, it is not important to stretch before a run, the body will gradually ease as you go. However, it would be prudent to adopt a few appropriate stretches, particularly those involving the hamstrings, to be carried out after a session.

A quick trawl on the internet will give you pointers, but take guidance on how they are carried out. Stretching should be done gently.

Dunaverty draw up to £500

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three-number lottery on Sunday. The winning numbers were 8, 16 and 20.

The next draw will take place on Sunday March 29, with a jackpot of £500.

Jackpot goes up to £400

THERE were no winners in the Machrihanish Golf Club lottery held on Monday, meaning the jackpot stands at £400. The winning lotto numbers were 6, 8 and 15.

The next draw will be held on Monday, March 23.

Islay golf results

FOELAND Trophy 1 A MacAllister 86 - 16 = 70. 2 J Rozga 78 - 6 = 72. 3 A Livingstone 83 - 11 = 72. CSS 72

Magnificent seven for 'Dale

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| Carradale | 7 |
| Belleaire | 2 |
| West of Scotland AFL - League Cup | |

'It was a bit of revenge for the 2-0 defeat we suffered to Belleaire back in October'

CARRADALE'S 100-mile round trip for a home tie was well worth it last Saturday as they breezed past league cup opponents Belleaire.

Playing at Ropework Park, Lochgilphead, due to lack of playable pitches in Kintyre, the 'home' side dominated both halves to run out convincing winners.

The McFadyens-sponsored side only took two minutes to open the scoring. Cammy Maguire fired a low left-foot shot past the keeper to ease early nerves.

However, the Inverclyde side levelled when defensive confusion allowed Belleaire's striker to round the keeper and calmly stroke the ball home.

A crazy first 15 minutes saw Maguire score a brace from the penalty spot after being brought down by the keeper.

A delightful third goal followed for Carradale when Ryan McConnachie evaded the offside trap to meet David Johnstone's delightful

chip over the defence and rolled the ball into the net.

Into the second half, Carradale asserted their grip on the game by making it 4-1 before the hour mark. Gregor Croll's excellent run and cut back was met by Declan McAulay, who slotted the ball past the keeper from close range.

McAulay was unlucky not to score a brace after crashing a shot against the bar only minutes later.

Carradale made it 5-1 in the 69th minute with an excellent goal from Johnstone. The attacking midfielder controlled a ball on the chest and rifled a shot beyond the Belleaire keeper's reach.

The visitors pulled a goal back soon after but Carradale were in no mood for mercy and Mark Gillies set up Ryan McConnachie to pick his spot and put the ball out of the keeper's reach to make it 6-2.

The scoring was completed with McCon-



Success on the road for Kintyre youngster

PROMISING runner Cameron Campbell, right, shone again on Sunday with a third-place finish at the under-13s Scottish Road Race Championship, held at Battery Park, Gourock.

The Campbeltown Running Club member, who lives in Glenbarr, excelled despite only a handful of serious races under his belt, including second place in the Scottish Cross Coun-

try Championship in Irvine last month.

Cameron was pipped by David McNair, left, and eventual winner Hamish Armitt, centre. c12run01

nachie, the man of the match, scoring his hat-trick.

Beating the offside trap once again, this time to meet Adam Graham's clever chip, he was upended in the box before

dusting himself down to score the penalty himself and end a one-sided game.

Carradale manager Nonnie Macalister said: 'We are through to the third round of the cup

and I am delighted with the performance. We looked dangerous in attack.'

'It was a bit of revenge for the 2-0 defeat we suffered to Belleaire back in October.

'Our thanks go to D McNair and Son for sponsoring the match ball.'

Tomorrow (Saturday) Carradale travel to play Inchinnan Valley on league duty.

Goal feast for young Campbeltown Pupils team

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils under 13s under climbed to third place in

their youth league after a 13-0 victory against Clydebank.

Having scored five against their opponents earlier in the season the

young Pupils looked full of confidence from the start.

Both teams vied for control in the midfield area and good chances arrived at both ends of the park, with only some great goalkeeping from both keepers keeping the score down.

The pupils managed to break the deadlock on ten minutes with a goal from Fraser McBrayne, a young player on good form after scoring in his past three games.

The Pupils were lifted by the goal, and top scorer Mathew Lang went on to grab a brace with Elliott Gemmell

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| Campbeltown Pupils | 13 |
| Clydebank | 0 |
| DFDL Under 13 League | |

adding a fourth before half time, and although Clydebank played some good football the home side deserved their big lead. After the interval the Pupils went on to play some wonderfully confident passing football, and were ruthless in their finishing.

Goals arrived from Aaron McCallum, Kyle Colville (2), Mathew Lamont, Ross Brown, with his first goal for the young Pupils side, along

with Robbie MacIndeor's four goals in the second half to make the final score 13-0.

The pupils had a great all-round performance in all areas of the park, and although the score line was a sore one for the Clydebank team to take they still played some good football.

Unfortunately, they met the young Pupils on a day they gave their best performance of the season so far.



Campbeltown Pupils under-13s in their new Adidas strips, sponsored by Anne Littleson, far left, of Killegruer Caravan Site.

Sports Hall athletes raise the bar

KEEN young athletes from across Kintyre were running, jumping and throwing on Sunday at Kintyre's 21st annual Sports Hall Athletics.

Held in Campbeltown Grammar School, the indoor track and field competition was the last of four area competitions held across Argyll this winter.

After three hours of tough competition, Castlehill, Dalintober and Glenbarr schools shared the honours in the younger age groups

with Castlehill providing three overall champions, Dalintober with two and Glenbarr tasting victory in the under-11 boys' contest.

Two Castlehill girls shared first place on overall points in the under-7 age group. Kirstie Renton was exceptional in winning the three-lap race in 31.7 seconds and six-lap in 71.5 seconds, and in between running events she won the speed bounce, setting a new Argyll age record of 63 jumps in 30 seconds.

Emma Millar did not win any events but placed second in five events to match Kirstie on total points.

Claudia Graham from Dalintober won the under-9 category with an impressive all-round performance, while Anna Gemmill from Carradale shared runner-up position with Violet Campbell from Glenbarr.

Jane Scott, Castlehill, dominated in the girls' under-11s, winning six events.

Jenny Semple took the girls' under-15 title, winning both the three-lap and six-lap races, and also shared first place in the speed bounce with Eilidh Anderson.

Ashleigh Connor achieved good marks in all her under-17 events and especially the standing triple jump, leaping 6.83metres and only seven centimetres short of a long-standing Argyll age record.

Max Graham from Dalintober completed a family double by winning the boys' under-7 contest, while Owen

Reid from Castlehill was impressive in winning the under-9s' contest after success in four events.

Gregor Campbell from Glenbarr dominated the under-11s' contest, while Coll Houston from Castlehill and Elliot Gemmill from Carradale excelled in the under-13s, with Coll the overall winner thanks to wins in six events but Elliot was very close in most events and especially in both running races, with only inches separating them at the finish line.

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

Successful athletes from Sunday's competition are invited to compete in the Argyll final, to be held at Atlantis Leisure in Oban tomorrow (Saturday, March 21) starting at 1pm, with registration from noon. Entry is £2 per competitor.

Full results from Sunday's competition are as follows: Girls - Under 7s: 1st equal, Kirstie Renton,



Eilidh Anderson clears the bar in the girls' under-15s high jump.

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Castlehill and Emma Millar, Castlehill, both 15 points, 3 Erin Ralston, Castlehill, 9; 4 Emily McMurchy, Dalintober, 5; 5 Hannah Millar, Castlehill, 4.

Under 9s: 1 Claudia Graham, Dalintober, 19; 2, Violet Campbell, Glenbarr, 16 and Anna Gemmill, Carradale, 16; 4 Evie Judge, Dalintober, 7; 5th equal Erin Green, Dalintober, 5 and Solana McMurchy, Drumlemble, 5.

Under 11s: 1 Jane Scott, Castlehill, 26; 2 Nicole Shields, Dalintober, 18; 3 Caryn Kerr, Dalintober, 15; 4 Keira Gillies, Dalintober, 10.

Under 15s: 1 Jenny Semple, 22.5; 2 Eilidh Anderson, 19.5; 3 Ruth Turner, 19. Under 17s: 1 Ashleigh Connor

Boys' results: under 7s - 1 Max Graham, Dalintober, 16; 2 Rio Arkell, Dalintober, 10; 3 Robert Kerr, Dalintober, 9; 4 Ryan Johnstone, Castlehill, 8; 5 Jack Green, Dalintober, 7.

Under 9s - 1 Owen Reid, Castlehill, 21.5; 2 Lewis Gilchrist, Rhunahaorine, 16; 3 Ruairidh Campbell, Glenbarr, 7.5; 4 Ryan Shields, Dalintober, 7; 5 Sean Charlwood, Dalintober, 4.5.

Under 11s: 1 Gregor Campbell, Glenbarr, 23; 2 Euan Charlwood, Dalintober, 12; 3rd equal Connor McMurchy, Drumlemble, 10 and Lochlain Ellis, Dalintober, 10; 5 Arron Glen, Dalintober, 8; 6 Calum Ellis, Dalintober, 7.

Under 13s: 1 Coll Houston, Castlehill - 27; 2 Elliot Gemmill, Carradale, 22.



Owen Reid leaps across the mat during the under-9s standing long jump. 20_c12athletics01

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £3150

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:
J MacMillan
 Kintyre Gardens
 Campbeltown
P Marshall
 Burnside Cottages
 Campbeltown

All you have to do

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

To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

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

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

Easy to enter

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

Competition Rules

No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery. The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.

The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time. Employees of The Oban Times Limited, their immediate relatives and any persons otherwise connected with the competition are ineligible to enter.



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Sports Hall athletes
raise the bar

Magnificent
seven for 'Dale

spot the
ball jackpot
now at
£3150!



The Pupils attack a corner but can't find the net against Kings Park Rangers. Photo courtesy of David Paterson.

More home hurt for the Pupils

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| Campbeltown Pupils | 0 |
| Kings Park Rangers | 1 |
| SAFL Premier Division | |

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils slumped to another home league defeat last Saturday against bottom

club Kings Park Rangers.

A turgid affair at Kinloch's all-weather pitch



Pupils' number one Reid Anderson made a welcome return from injury. 08_c12pupils02

was settled by a single goal with 20 minutes left, which leaves the Pupils looking over their shoulder towards the bottom end of the league.

The first half was rather a non-event for the home support, with a stuffy Kings Park side stifling the Pupils attacks and not allowing them chances in dangerous areas.

The lack of fluid football in the first half was evident in the Pupils' play, and they were lucky not to fall behind after a Kings Park player hit the bar with a header, which was eventually cleared to safety. Soon after, another goalward effort had to be cleared from the goal line by Keith Mitchell.

The Pupils were living even more dangerously soon after, when Kings Park's number 10 chipped the ball over

Reid Anderson.

The keeper, who had returned from a knee injury, brought down the attacker and there was huge surprise when a penalty was not awarded.

Into the second half, the Pupils were given a gift of a chance to score when a short back pass put John McCallum in on goal. He could not convert after a last-ditch challenge by a covering defender was followed up by the goalkeeper, who smothered his second attempt.

Gilt-edged chance
Another gilt-edged chance fell to Ryan Gilchrist, who was a lively presence in the heart of the Pupils' midfield throughout the match, after Paul Grumoli's cutback.

Gilchrist went for precision and attempted to finish high into the net, but guided the ball just

over the bar, to his own frustration.

However, it was the visitors who would score the decisive first goal of the match, as a free kick in a wide area was met by a Kings Park defender's head to put the visitors in front.

Despite the Pupils' best efforts to salvage an equaliser, there was little creative spark in the attacking areas and Kings Park claimed a valuable three points. After this disappointment the Pupils will need to bounce back strongly when they travel to play Thorn Athletic tomorrow (Saturday) in an important league encounter.

The McFadyens-sponsored side won 3-1 at Kinloch back in November, producing one of their best performances of the season, and a quality showing will be required again against a strong outfit.



Smith on target in darts cup

AUCHARUA Cup winner Ian Smith, left, is pictured with runner up Gavin McLachlan, after the annual competition held on Sunday at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend. Malcolm and Lynn would like to thank everyone for taking part.

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