



Council is slated in education inspection

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HER MAJESTY'S inspector has called for 'urgent and sustained action' by Argyll and Bute council education authority to 'address significant areas for improvement'.

The damning indictment of education across the council area was published by Education Scotland (ES), on Tuesday, in a document titled *Strategic Inspection of the Education Functions of Local Authorities*.

In a further twist of the knife, Argyll and Bute was singled out by ES as the only local authority in Scotland requiring such a report.

Deeply worrying
Former education minister and Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell said: 'This is a deeply worrying and

very depressing inspection report.

'It is one of the worst ever published about the educational management of a local authority in Scotland.

'The collapse in educational management has major consequences for staff and pupils.

Badly let down
'There are many great teachers in Argyll and Bute and great head teachers too but they have been badly let down by their senior management.

Mr Russell questioned whether the council's senior management team are the right people to take forward the changes.

Mr Russell added: 'Councillors cannot escape some share of responsibility and in particular those who were,

supposedly, overseeing education.'

Councillor Rory Colville, policy lead for education, said: 'I am unbelievably proud to have held this role as the building of the new Campbeltown Grammar has started.

'Our young people have desperately needed a new school for years and they will now be getting one that gives them the kind of environment they deserve.

'It would be a great service to education in Argyll and Bute if Mr Russell were to heed the words of John Swinney, the current education secretary, and work in 'collaboration, with a sense of national shared endeavour'.

'Personal attacks are no way to improve our shared goals to ensure the best possible education.'

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Young designers are top mosaic makers

CASTLEHILL primary pupils placed tiles into a sign to create a mosaic spelling out the school's name.

The project, part funded by the Tesco Bags of Help scheme, with Mid Argyll artist Lesley Burr and led by Zero Waste Heroes' Cath-

erine Wilson, has used recycled tiles and pieces of mirror to create the eye catching board by the main entrance.

Children also took part in workshops with the artist and Zero Waste Heroes' volunteers.

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Brilliant brass

YOUNG musicians created a fanfare as their brass band skill was rewarded.

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Always be Beyoncé

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Remember to put your clocks forward one hour this weekend



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 cation for our young people.'

Argyll and Bute executive director of community services, Ann Marie Knowles added: 'We will continue to work with ES as part of our drive for excellence.'

'However we have concerns about the process and outcomes of this inspection which took place last September.'

'We will hold a special meeting of the community services committee in April to fully discuss this report and outline those concerns. ES will be invited to attend.'

'We note the main points for action recommended in the report, are in line with the aims of our Education Vision and Strategy.'

'Importantly we will continue to build on our existing strengths.'

'We are, for example

currently in the top five nationally for the number of 16- to 19-year-olds moving from school into training or further and higher education.'

An ES spokesperson said: 'Working with Audit Scotland and other national scrutiny partners, ES undertakes annual shared risk assessments of every local authority in Scotland.'

'During 2016/17, this process identified a small number of education authorities where additional support and monitoring was required. The process also triggered the need for a formal inspection of the education functions of Argyll and Bute Council.'

The full report can be downloaded from ES's website at: www.education.gov.scot/assets/contactorganisationinspectionreports/argyllbuteinea210317.pdf

Campbeltown led Scotland for Boys Brigades



THE BOYS' Brigade (BB) is celebrating 100 years of working with juniors.

There are various events across the country and Campbeltown's division is seeking local recollections of Life Boys or the Junior Section.

The BB has a long history in Campbeltown.

Evangelist Dwight L Moody, who stayed with Mull of Kintyre friends in 1884, did a substantial amount of work in setting up the BB. After five years of development, Campbeltown had more companies than any other town or city apart from Glasgow, Edinburgh and Ayr.

Up until 1917 the BB only catered for boys aged 12 and over, but in September of that year the Boy Reserves was set up for boys aged nine to 12.

Suitable

The object of the Boy Reserves was 'the advancement of Christ's kingdom among boys and the training of suitable recruits for the BB'.

In 1926 Boy Reserves merged with the BB's Life Brigade and became known as the Life Boys.

With this amalgamation membership in-

creased to more than 30,000 boys in the early 1930s and then to more than 70,000 in the 1950s.

In 1966 the Life Boys became a full part of the BB as the Junior Section, a name which was intended to be temporary, until such time as a better one could be thought of, but it still holds today, although now many often refer to the boys and girls of

the age group simply as Juniors.

Alister Nimmo, captain of the 1st Campbeltown company, would like anyone with any stories, photographs or memorabilia to contact him so he can compile data on the 1st and 2nd Campbeltown companies.

He can be contacted via email on alnimmo@hotmail.com or phone 01586 820099

Life-saving equipment to be installed

WEST KINTYRE community council will make an application to the Wind Farm Trust for funds in order to purchase and install six defibrillators in villages throughout the area.

A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest, and could prove potentially life-saving for residents in Kintyre's more remote areas due to the distance they are from the nearest hospitals.

Whitehouse, Clachan, Tayinloan, Muasdale, Glenbarr and Bellochantuy could be set to have their own publicly accessible devices installed.

Police files:

Driving while using a mobile phone

A 38-YEAR-OLD man was charged after he was stopped by police on Longrow, Campbeltown, at about 7.30am on Tuesday March 14, for allegedly driving while using his mobile phone.

Assault and racially abusive behaviour

AFTER a report of a disturbance at a farm near Tayinloan at about 11.50am on Monday March 13, police arrested and charged a 51-year-old man for allegedly assaulting another man and using racially abusive language.

Drug possession

AT ABOUT 10.35pm on Sunday March 19, a 48-year-old man was stopped by police in Cross Street, Campbeltown and was found to be in possession of a small amount of cannabis.

A report is being submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Kintyre farming champions' offspring peaks sales at West Darlochan

SALES of livestock peaked at £1,350 at the sale of William Ralston's pedigree Holstein herd conducted by Lawrie and Symington at West Darlochan.

The beast that made

that price was Darlochan History Sheena, the daughter of De-su History, whose dam was overall champion at a Kintyre stockjudging competition and whose granddam is a previous

Campbeltown Show champion.

Also up for sale were 167 lots of tractors, implements and tools which reached a top price of £29,200 for a Massey Ferguson 6470 Dyna 6.

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Double success for brass band musician

AMY PATERSON blew away the opposition at Campbeltown Brass band's annual solo and ensemble competition.

Miss Paterson was crowned open solo

winner. It came just a week after she won the award for the best instrumentalist in the second section of the Scottish senior brass band championships held in Perth concert



Open solo winner Amy Paterson, right, with adjudicator Erin McSporran.



Campbeltown Brass's junior section.

hall. Thirty five members of Campbeltown Brass competed in the competition held in memory of former members, at the Seafield Hotel.

The playing in all the sections was of a very high standard, impressing the adjudicator

Erin McSporran, who spoke with fondness of the time she was one of the competitors.

For full results: Winners: Junior ensemble: Rona Campbell, Jack Campbell, Hannah McCaig, Jamie Colville and Andrew Colville. Senior ensemble: Amy Paterson, Suen Yee Walker, Hannah Oman and Rebecca Semple. Beginners solos: Jimmy Tay-

lor shield: Charlie Colville; runners up: Cara McFadzean and Annie Watson. Junior solos: Emma Paterson trophy: Jamie Colville; runner up: Andrew Colville, Mathieson trophy. Intermediate solos: Lynsey Wardrop trophy: Andrew McMillan; runner up: Kyle Paterson, Alan Edmund trophy. Open solo: Jenny Ralston trophy: Amy Paterson; runner up: Owen Pickering, Alan Edmund trophy.

Whisky tax hike inflames MP

THE CHAIRMAN of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Scotch Whisky has slammed the 3.9 per cent budget tax hike.

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara said the Tories seem 'determined to hit the whisky industry'.

Mr O'Hara spoke in a Commons Budget debate on Monday evening.

Mr O'Hara said: 'At the weekend, I visited Islay and spoke to many small as well as large distillers. The resounding opinion is that this hike, sneaked in by the Chancellor, is totally unacceptable.'

'No change to previously planned upratings of duties on alcohol has translated in the Treasury's Red Book to a 3.9 per cent

rise on the tax burden on Scotch whisky.

'That means a potential burden of £31m and a whopping 21 per cent rise since 2010.'

'While the Scottish Government is supporting our vital food and drink sector with investment support, the Tories at Westminster seem determined to hit the whisky industry ever harder with tax at a time when the industry is investing in the future.'

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Make Kintyre a Worldhost destination

FREE training aims to make Kintyre's customer service second to none.

Argyll and The Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) is working with Business Gateway and People First on free WorldHost customer service training across the region.

Explore Kintyre and Gigha is helping co-ordinate workshops, with the next being held in Tarbert village hall on March 28 at 9.30am.

So what is WorldHost

training? It's a one day course where businesses and staff can improve on their customer care service skills, making excellent first impressions and being flexible to customers' needs, always prioritising customer satisfaction.

An Explore Kintyre and Gigha spokesperson said: 'There's still time for your business to get involved.'

'If 50 per cent of your front of house staff complete the training

and obtain a pass, you can become a WorldHost accredited business.'

AITC is working towards Argyll and the Isles becoming a WorldHost accredited destination.

To achieve this 25 per cent of tourism businesses in each of the region's towns must go through the training.

In delivering the 'Principles of Customer Care' awareness will be raised in generating tourism reve-

nue, sharing information about attractions, events, places of interest and how to go that extra mile, encouraging visitors to return and to tell others about the service.

For more information and to book a place email explorekintyre@gmail.com

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Police drop-in session

INSPECTOR Julie McLeish will hold a community surgery in Campbeltown police office on Saturday April 1 from 1-2pm.

The event is open to everyone and provides an opportunity to discuss any concerns they have or seek advice from Inspector McLeish, who is the area inspector for Mid Argyll and Kintyre.

When the clocks go forward on Sunday 26th March, remember to reset your heating programmer too
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Baking admin students' charity sale

A GROUP of Argyll College NC admin students are doing their bit to help make the dreams of seriously ill children a reality with a coffee morning and bake sale on Saturday April 1 at the Red Cross hall, from 10am to 12.30pm.

Event spokesman Owen Lang said that as part of the course students are required to plan and organise a charity event on a budget of £30.

As a result the group decided to fundraise for the Make A Wish Foundation.

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Electric car charges round British coast

AN EVANGELIST for electric travel recharged his batteries at a Kintyre bed and breakfast this week.

Having embarked on a 23-day journey, Stuart McBain is trying to prove that it is possible to drive 3,000 miles round the coast of mainland Britain in a totally electric car – his Tesla S model.

The Tesla is not a hybrid, it has no engine at all. Despite this, it can do 0-60 mph in around two and a half seconds and fully charged it has a range of up to 300 miles.

The Tesla is a luxury saloon car. When it moves, apart from the tyres on the ground, there is no sound at all.

During his stay with John and Lesley Cowan, at Oatfield House, Campbeltown, Mr McBain charged the vehicle overnight from an ordinary 13 amp socket at a cost of around £2.

Mrs Cowan said:

“The purpose of this journey is to demonstrate how it is possible to use sustainable energy to travel long distances

Stuart McBain
Charging Around Britain Ltd

‘The purpose of his journey is to demonstrate how it is possible to use sustainable energy to travel long distances with a little help from like-minded people, who are delighted to participate, even in a small way by offering the use of a 13 amp socket.

‘You can follow his journey on www.chargingaroundbritain.co.uk.’

Mr McBain is the director of a Liverpool-based firm, Charging Around Britain Ltd, which provides education, management and professional services to organisations and individuals who operate in the sustainability and renewables sector.



Stuart McBain with his Tesla at Oatfield House.

Romans march to town hall

AN EXHIBITION created in 2011 about the Italian Grumoli family will show for one day only.

The show, curated by Argyll and Bute library service, will help launch a new social enterprise in Campbeltown as part of The Vital Spark Project for Argyll.

Cultural Connections is a project to link cultures of those living in Campbeltown and the countries from which they have come. It celebrates the differences and their connections.

A town hall coffee morning on Tuesday March 28, between 10.30am and 12.30pm, will launch the project.

The exhibition will also be on show in the afternoon from 2-5pm.

Short talks

Freshly brewed coffee, biscotti and shortbread will be served after short talks by a representative of the Grumoli family, one of the oldest families settled in Campbeltown along with the newest

Italians to have made their home in Kintyre.

A Cultural Connections map has been made for the project to link countries with Scotland and will be on show – the link between Italy and Scotland will be the first thread looped on the map.

Future events to mark connections with other cultures of folk living locally are being planned, starting with a ceilidh to celebrate links with Ireland.

Polish culture

An event to celebrate the Polish culture is currently being discussed to give a taste of the food and drink of Poland.

There may be another Spanish event due to popular demand from those who saw Flamenco dancing demonstrated expertly, in November 2015, by two dancers who have come to live and work in Argyll as teachers.

Further information will be available at the exhibition.

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Celtic dance kings headline 25th MOK Fest

THE HIGH octane Peatbog Faeries and Scotland's nine-man Ska juggernaut Bombskare headline at MOK Fest's quarter century celebrations.

Those Saturday night concerts, on August 19, promise something for everyone.

The same night, across at Campbeltown Heritage Centre, the six-piece, all female folk band, The Shee, will headline the traditional concert, with singer songwriter Jim Malcolm returning to open the concert.

On Friday August 18, Herron Valley are guaranteed to get everyone dancing at the festival ceilidh night.

They will be joined

by award-winning gypsy jazz swing specialists Rose Room featuring the multi-talented Seonaid Aitken, with The Dalriada Connections band opening the concert sets.

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band will get the night started in their usual rousing style.

The Mitchell's Glen-gyle Dalriada Connections on August 20 will have another great line-up with Gillian Frame, Ciaran Mulholland and Scooter Muse already confirmed to play.

With more acts to be confirmed for this event it promises to be another afternoon of musical delights.

News on who will be performing at the festi-

val Gaelic night on August 16, Young Folk Night on August 17 and Survivors Night on August 20 will be released soon.

Event Manager, Iain Johnston from J.I.G. Events said: 'We feel this year's line-up yet again caters for all ages and tastes in music and we are really looking forward to celebrating our 25th year. Our plans are coming along well and we are looking to generate more of a carnival atmosphere into events such as the grand parade.'

For more information go to www.mokfest.com, www.facebook.com/mokfest or email mokfest@hotmail.co.uk



The Peatbog Faeries, top, and Bombskare below.

Help the Red Cross feed starvation

CAMPBELTOWN volunteers will be hosting a 'hunger' lunch in aid of the East African crisis.

Soup and rolls will be on offer today (Friday) from 12.30-2pm at the Red Cross centre – to sit in or take away – in exchange for a donation of what you would normally spend on lunch.

The centre's organiser, Anne Cousin, said: 'As a result of the crisis, 20 million people are now facing hunger, and starvation has reached crisis point.'

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SINCE the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development published its most recent Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) tables, results for science show that Scottish pupils fall below the international average.

Reading and maths in Scotland has declined, too, according to that report and education has become a political hot potato.

This week an inspection of Argyll and Bute council education authority, by HM Inspector Alistair Brown and his team working for Education Scotland, was highly critical of the executives and management by elected officials.

Mr Brown's report seems contradictory. On page four it states that young people's attainment in national qualifications from S4 to S6 has declined in recent years. In the next paragraph the report states: 'The number of young people securing a positive destination on leaving school has increased over the period 2011 to 2016.'

This Strategic Inspection of the Education Functions of Local Authorities, carried out last September, was the only report of its type carried out on any education authority in Scotland.

Checking on Education Scotland's website revealed that no other authority had been subjected to this level of scrutiny.

The inspection was based on a Local Scrutiny Plan of seven pages published by Audit Scotland (AS). Argyll and Bute's population is 95,000, Glasgow's is six times higher yet the same AS report was just two pages longer and education is covered in one short paragraph.

It is hard to believe that Argyll and Bute is the worst education authority in Scotland but that seems to be the inference.

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Collapse in oil revenue is main change since 2014 not Brexit

Sir,
The recent demand for another referendum is based on a serious misrepresentation of the previous vote.

In 2014 we voted to stay in the UK, not because of Europe but because it has been our country for the last 300 years, our main market and source of support for higher levels of public spending when our revenues fall.

The main change since 2014 is not Brexit but the total collapse of the oil revenues which Mr Salmond promised would be worth nearly £10 billion.

Had we voted yes we would have been out of the EU anyway which is why the grievances sound so false. In 2016 we voted for the UK to remain but this had to be a UK wide vote. We didn't vote for Scotland on its own to remain which is a very different thing.

If we seek membership on our own we will have to join the euro and submit to the European central bank.

We will pay a membership fee and will receive no fiscal transfer as we do from the UK. Instead we will be ordered to cut spending to balance the books, a very strange form of independence.

There are other things to consider too, the UK support can't possibly come to Kintyre unless we are in the UK. Another referendum

will destroy Scotland reopening all the old divisions and further damaging business confidence.

David Barbour,
Southend.

Better luck next time

Sir,
I must on behalf of the people of Scotland express outrage at the result of the recent international rugby game for the Calcutta cup. This is not the result we wanted; not the result the people of Scotland wanted; therefore it is essential that we hold a Calcutta Cup 2 in order to give the people of Scotland the result they deserve.

If we fail to get the correct result then we should hold another competition, Calcutta Cup 3 and so on until we get the result that we want.

The first result must be ignored, the players didn't really know what they were playing for, circumstances have changed and above all I didn't like the outcome.

Dee Cever,
(Robin Finlay),
Ardrishaig.

Campbeltown community garden needs you

Sir,
The Kintyre Environmental Group (KEG) trustees want to consult the people of Campbeltown to gauge support for continuance of Campbeltown Community Orchard and Garden, behind Auchinlee Care Home.

We can only fight on with the physical help and support of members of the public.

Due to management difficulties, our ccog.org.uk website has been taken down.

We have set up a blog at campbeltowngardeners.blogspot.co.uk; and from that a new website: www.campbeltowngardeners.org.uk is to be launched.

All this in order to make as many folk as possible aware of the plight of the garden. We have a Facebook page under new management: CampbeltownGardeners/CampbeltownCommunityOrchardandGarden, Twitter account: @ccog_hotchilli, and new email: campbeltowngardeners@gmail.com.

Please, please get in touch. Tell us if you want a community garden and offer your help. Volunteer and use it or lose it.

Joyce Oxborrow,
Secretary,
KEG (SCIO) trustees.

Is Malta better run than Scotland?

Sir,
As usual William Crossan (letters, March 10) is playing fast and loose with facts.

He writes of the per capita Gross Domestic Product (pc GDP) of Greece and Germany and slips in what the calculated pc GDP of an independent Scotland would have been for 2015.

Scotland would not have become independent until 2016. This figure of 43,410

euros, not dollars as Mr Crossan states, was the actual pc GDP of Scotland in the Union, not an estimation of an independent Scotland. That seems disingenuous.

Mr Crossan also omits that these figures are based on the price of a barrel of oil at \$100 per barrel, not the \$30 it fell to last year when our pc GDP dropped to 32,500 euros.

As Andrew Wilson said the oil-related stories that were going to see us the sixth richest country in the world are well past their sell-by date.

Scotland is not too wee as Mr Crossan states, if anything our country is too large for our population.

Without the £9 billion fiscal transfer from Westminster, which would cease on independence, we would be in a sorry economic state. Last year Scotland raised £53.7 billion in taxes but spent £68.5bn.

Finally Mr Crossan compares our economy with Malta's pc GDP is 28,000 euros which is much lower than Scotland, but its pc GDP deficit sits at 2.7 per cent whilst Scotland's is an eye-watering 9.5 per cent.

Malta's Government is doing a much better job of running its country than the SNP-run Scottish government is managing ours.

Ms Sturgeon has called for indyref2 and we have the chance to vote again to remain in the Union. We will finally end this independence stupidity.

Mike McGeachy,
Campbeltown.

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Community gardeners dig in for a battle

THE POSSIBLE closure of Auchinlee care home has left Campbeltown Community Orchard and Garden (CCOG) facing an uncertain future.

CCOG was established in Auchinlee's former walled garden 17 years ago. It was originally designed with the help of BBC's Beechgrove Garden and featured on the programme in 2000.

Kintyre Environmental Group (KEG) is the charity responsible for managing the Community Garden on behalf of Kintyre people.

Sandra Spence a KEG director, said: 'The financial difficulties facing Auchinlee and Crossreach, its current operator, have seriously jeopardised the future of the CCOG putting it at serious risk of closure or, worse still, under threat of being cleared completely from the two established sites.'

Faced with this threat KEG's voluntary board of directors is seeking community views to determine if there is support for the continuation of CCOG, either at Auchinlee or at a new location should this become necessary.

If there is no support from the community KEG may sadly be forced to close the facility.

In 2007 the garden was taken under the wing of a dynamic and visionary man, Dave Pearson, who became the garden's champion over the next five years.

Dave and his wife Trish, alongside the KEG board, worked tirelessly, doing everything from being the chair and secretary of KEG's Board, organising numerous open days and submitting endless funding

bids to further develop the garden and create employment.

Mrs Spence said: 'KEG has introduced and built several inspiring areas of interest for adults and children to enjoy.

'The innovative nature watch garden and hide uses spy technology to see inside bird/bee/butterfly nesting boxes and feeding stations and can be viewed on TV in the comfort of the hide.

'There is also a motion activated video recorded to capture footage of any wildlife when the garden is unoccupied.'

Other garden features include the children's play area, fish pond and nature haven, made by the Dalintober primary pupils, bug hotels and the sensory garden.

In 2010, with permission from the Church of Scotland, KEG undertook its most ambitious project to date, to expand beyond the walled garden into the field above to create a market garden.

The intention was to sell fresh produce to cover running costs and reduce the organisation's dependency on grants.

The polytunnels, orchard and soft fruit areas provide low maintenance continuous crops, berries and fruits, almost all year round and should do so for many years to come. To offer support to KEG contact the board either by phone on 07825 613683 or in person at the garden between 9am and 1pm, every day except Wednesday.

Mrs Spence added: 'Our previous CCOG website has had to shut down temporarily, due to management difficulties, and the new email is campbeltowngardeners@gmail.com'

Gigha ice-cream licks the competition

AN ICE-CREAM maker and retail milk seller lapped up the cream as a prize winner at the Scottish Rural Awards.

Gigha's Wee Isle Dairy Ltd took home the runner-up award in the Artisan Food category for their small-batch ice-cream.

Don Dennis of Wee Isle Dairy said: 'We were tickled pink to be runners-up and very impressed by the work of the judges.'

The Scottish Rural Awards are the ultimate benchmark of success in Scotland's countryside, highlighting the enter-

prise, skill and innovation of those who live and work in rural areas.

Last week's event, held at Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh, is the culmination of a third year of partnership between Scottish Field and the Scottish Countryside Alliance to host the awards, in association with the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland (RHASS).

The awards are backed by category sponsors including Aldi, the Bank of Scotland and Subaru UK.

Comedian Fred MacAulay compered the evening, hosting



Graham Nicolson, group buying director at Aldi, sponsor of the Artisan Food category, with Harry and Ava Maitland of The Wee Isle Dairy, and Fred MacAulay.

more than 400 guests and presenting three awards in each of the 11 open categories – a highly-commended, runner-up and overall winner.

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2017 Scottish Rural Awards officially launched at the Scottish parliament in September 2016, with more than 200 entries received before the closing date in Octo-

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The bats flew out of hell as John Armour became Meatloaf. 25_c12stars10



Is it Kirsteen Anderson or Beyoncé? 25_c12stars11



David McCallum is a puppet on a string as Sandy Shaw. 25_c12stars13



Kate Bush also known as Kay Johnston went to Wuthering Heights. 25_c12stars07



Susan and Andy Gilchrist made their minds up with Lorraine and Gus Brodie as Bucks Fizz. 25_c12stars14

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Rock stars of yesteryear raise Stronvaar's roof

IN A NEVER to be repeated show some of rock's giants hammered out numbers at Campbeltown Bowling Club.

The special Stars in their Eyes fundraiser for James McCorkindale's School of Dancing packed Stronvaar last Saturday and re-

vealed some hidden Kintyre talent.

Hard

Mr McCorkindale, who mc'd the event, said that it was hard

to persuade some of the performers to appear and if it had been turned into a competition it would have been even harder.



Martha Rennie reprised a 1963 hit for Dusty Springfield. 25_c12stars08



Sheila Ann McCallum's take on '80s megastar Boy George. 25_c12stars01



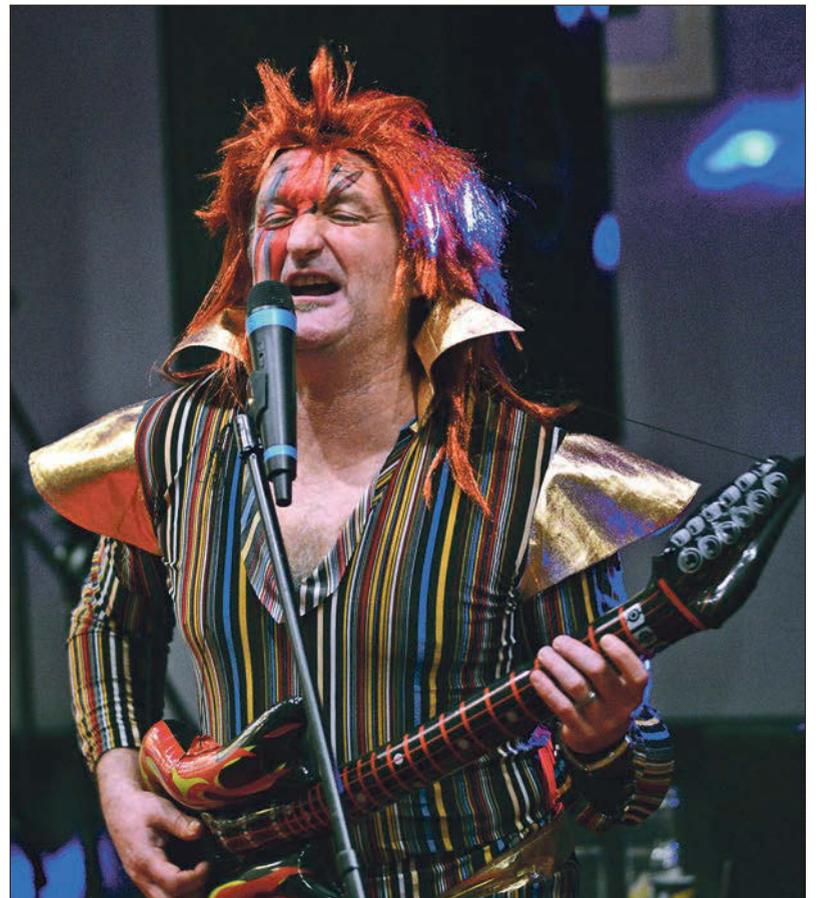
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Glen McMurphy camped it up as Freddie Mercury. 25_c12stars03



Flamboyant and versatile Barbara McEachran became Cyndi Lauper watched by Boy George. 25_c12stars04



George Harrison should have been a Beatle but on Saturday night he was living on Mars as David Bowie. 25_c12stars15

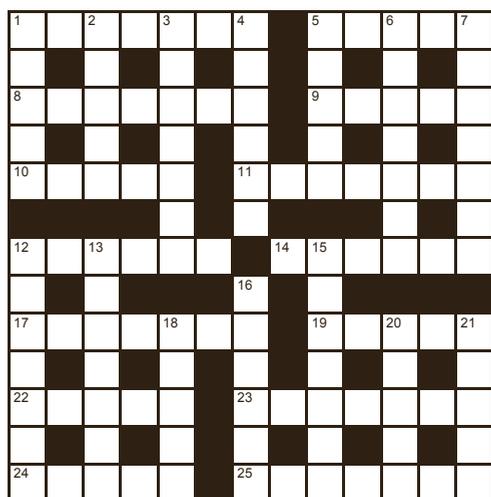


Ria Johnston and Alistair Mackay were Sonny and Cher. 25_c12stars06

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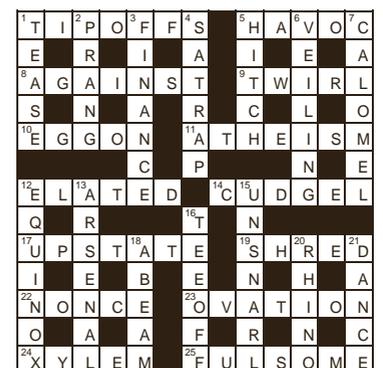
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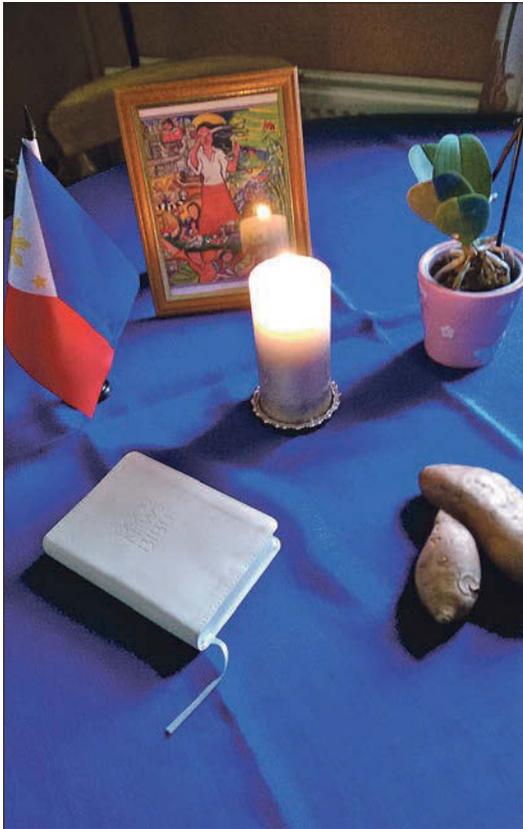
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



CARRADALE

Carradale guild hold open night



World Day of Prayer table.

SCENES, songs and stories relevant to Argyll and performed by 4S helped raise £210 for Cancer Research UK at Carradale Guild's open night.

The group offers nine different programmes and its beautiful photographs were complimented with historical stories and music.

The audience of about 50 for the show on March 14 were treated to tea, sandwiches and homebaking afterwards.

March has been a busy time for the Guild, as on Friday (March 3) there was the World Day of Prayer.

This year the service was written by Christian women from the Philippines, and on March 7 the group held its AGM.

SOUTHEND



Bulb show winners were: Jen Ronald, Christine Jardine, Fiona Rowland, Alison Eynon and Marion Warnock.

Beautiful bulbs at annual show

SOUTHEND SWI members blossomed at the annual bulb show.

The event was enjoyed equally by everyone who entered the competitions and all who arrived later to see the entries and the wonderful work gone into the different articles.

The president, Kathleen Martin, introduced Pauline Simson to work her magic on arranging flowers in various dishes with pieces of wood and twigs help-

ing to make the arrangements look beautiful.

The judges for the afternoon where Catherine Ralston, Moira Menzies and Pauline Simson, and they expressed their delight at the beautiful flowers and near perfect baking.

The handicrafts took the show to a higher level of perfection in sewing, knitting, drawing, painting, making jewellery, photographs and computer work.

Pauline Simpson presented the prizes to the following winners: Baking: 1 Fiona Rowland, 2 Kathleen Martin and 3 Jen Ronald. Bulbs: 1 Fiona Rowland, 2 Marion Warnock, 3 Eve Taylor and 4 Jen Ronald. Handicraft: 1 Christine Jardine, 2 Jen Ronald and 3 Alison Eynon. Most points overall: Fiona Rowland. Special prizes: Bulbs: Marion Warnock. Baking: Alison Eynon and Handicrafts: Jen Ronald.

Community group boosted by Seniors Forum

MONDAY afternoons are much anticipated in Southend for that is when a social group meets at the church.

Southend Afternoon Club recently welcomed the Seniors Forum secretary, Lesley Mitchell, who presented the members with a £100 cheque.

Anna Leahy coordinates the group of ladies and sometimes gents who participate in a variety of activities including coach

trips and crafts. Michele Hodgkinson from the Third Sector Interface's 1000 Voice project said: 'It's so nice when communities come together to support each other.'

Anna added: 'We are so grateful to the Seniors Forum. We will make great use of this fund, in order for us to carry out planned art projects we need to purchase extra materials, this will be a great benefit to the group.'



Anna Leahy, Anna Brown, Margaret Eastbrook and Lesley Mitchell from South Kintyre Seniors Forum with a selection of their work.

Scouts sketches leave audience in stitches

SOUTHEND Scout Group joined forces with Dunaverty Players to present *An Unexpected Night of Drama* in Dunaverty Hall.

The players opened with a hilarious sketch called *Look Away Now* with David Barbour, John Bakes and John Ives as three gents taking their seats on the airplane and totally ignoring the safety announcements from stewardess Susan Paterson.

As the sketch proceeded it soon became apparent that this was not a normal announcement, as instructions were given on how to take off items such as undergarments.

No pudding

Finally it was announced that meals were to be served, however as David had peeked he would get no pudding.

The Scouts then took over with Craig Barbour, Ruairi Barbo-

ur, Melissa Chambers, Matthew Ferguson, Daniel Hughes, James Ives, Caitlin Russell and the leaders entertaining with sketches, including one from the repertoire of the Two Ronnies entitled *Nuts My Lord*, doctor jokes and musical items.

The evening was finished off with a performance of *Unexpected Item In The Bagging Area* by Dunaverty Players.

This was their entry

into the recent drama festival and featured Patricia Healey, Susan Paterson, Elizabeth Barbour and Heather Mcadam.

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Sandy takes on top job

A KINTYRE farmer has mucked in and set to work as the new chairman of the Argyll and Isles Agricultural Forum.

Sandy Pirie from Machrihanish Farm took the reins from former chairman Angus McFadyen last Friday when he stood down after 19 years in the role.

Sandy, a First Milk supplier who has 200 dairy cattle and 30 pedigree sheep, said: 'I was unsure when I was first asked to take on the position because Angus is such a hard act to follow. But agriculture is so important to this area, I felt I had to step up.'

'I'm looking forward to getting stuck in now and getting as many agricultural agencies as possible working together for the benefit of all farmers.'

Angus, from Bragleenmore Farm, Kilninver, was thanked for his significant contributions during his time as chairman.

Bill Dundas, principal agricultural officer with Rural Payments and Inspections Division in Oban, said: 'Angus has given a great deal of his own time to the forum to secure a better future for Argyll's agricultural sector over the last 19 years and it has been greatly appreciated.'

'This has been through his time chairing meetings and all the activity that goes on behind the scenes that many of us don't realise.'

'I have only been involved in the forum for the last 12 years and in that time have seen the development of the Argyll and Isles Agricultural Strategy in 2005 and the delivery of tangible activi-

ties against that strategy. This has been far more than just a round table tick box engagement process.'

Fergus Younger has also left his role of development officer of the forum to take on a full-time role with the Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society.

In the 10 years he was there, Fergus developed and delivered on some of the strategic priority actions, including the development of the Food from Argyll brand, work on the Argyll Hill Lamb project, the island slaughterhouses, the working farm woodlands and, most recently, the work with Kintyre and Bute's dairy farmers.

Bill added: 'On behalf of the farming community in Argyll and the Islands and the other forum members, I thank both Fergus and Angus for the valuable contribution they have made.'

Angus will remain very much to the fore of agricultural policy development in his role as chairman of NFU Scotland's Environment and Land Use Committee, having just been re-elected to this position for the second year. Sandy added: 'Angus did such a great job as chairman over the last 19 years. I think he will continue to come to meetings so I'm sure he'll be a great support as I transition into the role.'



Sandy Pirie on the farm. 20_c12farming01

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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.

Happy Easter!

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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 chocolate 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, rabbits, or 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 11 marzipan balls representing the 11 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 the celebration.

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 & 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 if one's egg becomes the last surviving it 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 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, coloured 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 is 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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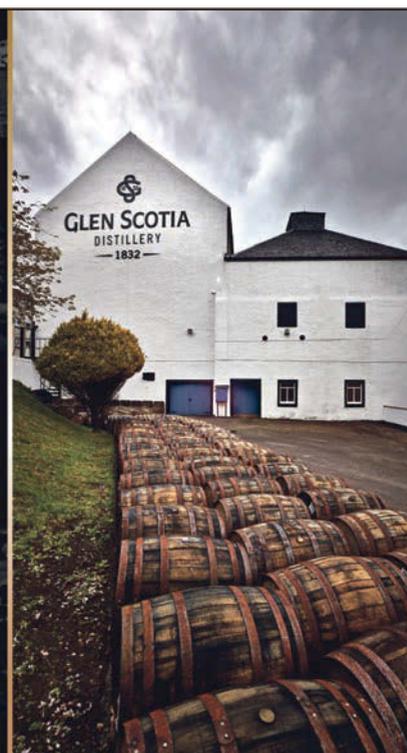
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Latest chairs improve kidney dialysis

IN AUGUST 2015 life changed for Kintyre dialysis patients with the installation of dialysis machines at Campbeltown hospital, saving a thrice weekly journey to the Vale of Leven.

Thanks to The Kintyre Kidney Dialysis Campaign, patients will now be accommodated on the latest electrically-controlled chairs.

The ultra-modern equipment has just been installed at a cost of £6,500, which was raised from events and donations.

Senior charge nurse Catriona Watt said: 'The new chairs are much easier to use and clean, and adjust precisely. Patients are more comfortable during the four-hour dialysis session.'

Campaign chairman Ronnie McNally said: 'This is all thanks to the community, without their help we could not have provided the chairs.'

'Following the installation of the dialysis machine we said we would continue to support the unit as much as possible.'



Campaign members John Foster, Eileen and Ronnie McNally and Elizabeth McMillan presented both chairs to staff nurse Nicole Napier, senior staff nurse Morven Girvan and senior charge nurse Catriona Watt.



David Cox, Joe Galbraith, Tommy McGrory, Stephen Scally and Bruce Strang at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial in France.

Emotional visit to First World War French memorials

KINTYRE'S Great War dead were honoured during a visit by five pals.

David Cox, Joe Galbraith, Tommy McGrory, Stephen Scally and Bruce Strang travelled to Northern France and Belgium to commemorate the commonwealth servicemen who fell between 1914-1918, a number of whom were their direct relatives.

The journey included many battlefields and memorials such as The Somme, Passchendaele, Loos and Vimy Ridge.

Tommy McGrory paid his respects at Loos memorial to his great grandfather David McKerral who although being a native of Campbeltown fought with the 1st/5th Battalion, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

He also paid his respects to two of his great uncles, Charles McGrory and John McGrory, who fought with 6th Battalion, Cameron Highlanders and 7th Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders respectively.

John is commemo-

rated at Tyne Cot memorial in Belgium and Charles at Loos memorial in France.

Bruce Strang paid his respects to his great uncle, Donald McConachie from Carradale, who emigrated to New Zealand and fought with the New Zealand Field Artillery. Donald is buried at Lijs-senthoek memorial cemetery in Belgium.

Joe Galbraith paid his respects to Neil Galbraith also a native of Carradale, who emigrated to Canada and fought with the 14th Battalion, Canadian

Infantry, The Royal Montreal Regiment.

He is commemorated at the Canadian National Vimy memorial in France.

The men said it was an enjoyable but emotional trip and a fitting tribute to the many who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Tommy McGrory said: 'I have wanted to make this trip for many years. My great grandfather left his family in Campbeltown in 1917 and sadly never returned to his young children.'

'I am the first of his

descendants to visit his memorial and it was a humbling and emotional experience to think of the sacrifice he made for his country.'

Bruce Strang said: 'I have served with the Royal Regiment of Scotland, Alamein Company - Op Telic, in Iraq and I have seen the horrors of war first hand.'

'I can't begin to imagine the conditions experienced by these young soldiers in the trenches.'

'It is very important we remember them - Lest we forget.'

Fourth green flag for Dalintober

DALINTOBER Primary School is flying high after being awarded its fourth Green Flag. The school was presented with the award from Keep Scotland Beautiful as part of its Eco Schools programme of study.

The next step for staff and pupils includes creating a new Action Plan, organising a Green Day and investigating new ways to explore the eco principles within the curriculum.



Dalintober's Eco Committee with their fourth Green Flag in the school grounds.

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Guild president Irene Millar introduced Reverend Philip Wallace. 25_c12guild02

Lorne and Lowland Church becomes a department store

REVEREND Philip Wallace opened the Lorne and Lowland Guild's sale of work by comparing it to a department store.

Rev Wallace said: 'Whenever I come to

a Guild sale it is like entering a mini department store with gardening, clothes, grocery and a food hall.

'When you have finished shopping it is

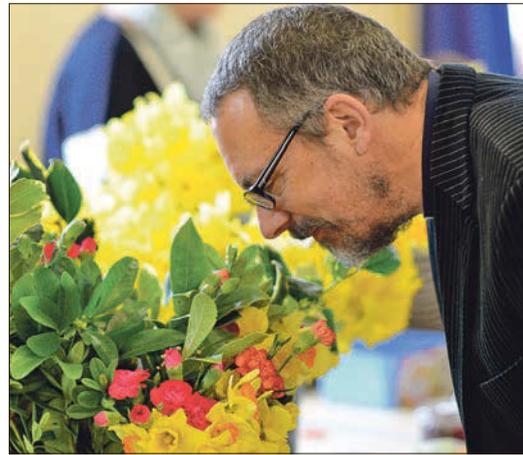
time to sit down in the cafe for an afternoon tea and sample superb baking.'

Raised

Sales were brisk in all areas and by the end of the afternoon

Guild members had raised £2,500 for the church.

Among the more unusual stalls was one run by Kathleen McGougan to guess the weight of a dumpling.



Reverend Philip Wallace sniffs some of the spring blooms on offer. 25_c12guild01

Players blind bake for teatime treats

PENINVER Drama Club stages its world renowned Sunday tea event next month.

With recent competitions having eaten into funds members, old and young, are busy sifting flour, folding eggs, and rolling out to guarantee a buffet fit for a king.

They look forward to welcoming supporters at the event on Sunday April 2 in Peninver village hall from 2-4pm.



As soon as the sale opened Anne Ralston was kept busy selling homebaking. 25_c12guild04

Eyes down for dialysis group bingo night

IT IS bound to be a full house at Kintyre Dialysis Support Group's prize bingo night in the Argyll bowling club on Thursday March 30.

It will be eyes down at 7.45pm at the event, for an 8pm start.

Hearts and crafts sale boosts funds

WALLHANGINGS in the shape of hearts made from discarded jigsaw pieces helped to raise money for the Salvation Army.

The crafts, homebaking, fresh pancakes, teas and coffees at the busy event last Saturday made £245 for Army funds.

Ann Morrans and Judith Macrae enjoy a blether. 25_c12salvation01



Rotarians crowned quizmasters

A DOZEN teams battled to win the Rotary Club of Campbeltown's annual quiz last Friday.

This year, the questions were set by Margaret Bakes and the very able question-master was Owen Morgan.

From the start, competition was keen, though the Rotary club's own team started to draw ahead.

They were hotly pursued by the team from Accent Players and in the last few rounds,

Accent were gaining ground, though Rotary held on and were the eventual winners.

There was general agreement that the Rotary team comprising Don Mitchell, Ron Roberts, David Ropper and Ron Togneri were worthy winners of the Easter eggs donated by the president, Alistair Cousin.

Nor have the runners-up – Jenny Black, Elise Glendinning, Maureen Johnson and Caroline Young – anything to

be ashamed of as they put up a valiant fight.

It was a fun night, the only profit of the evening is from the raffle, the proceeds of which will go into the Rotary charities account.

A Rotary spokesperson said: 'Thanks to all teams who took part and who enjoyed an excellent supper at the end of a pleasant evening.'

'We look forward to seeing you again next year.'

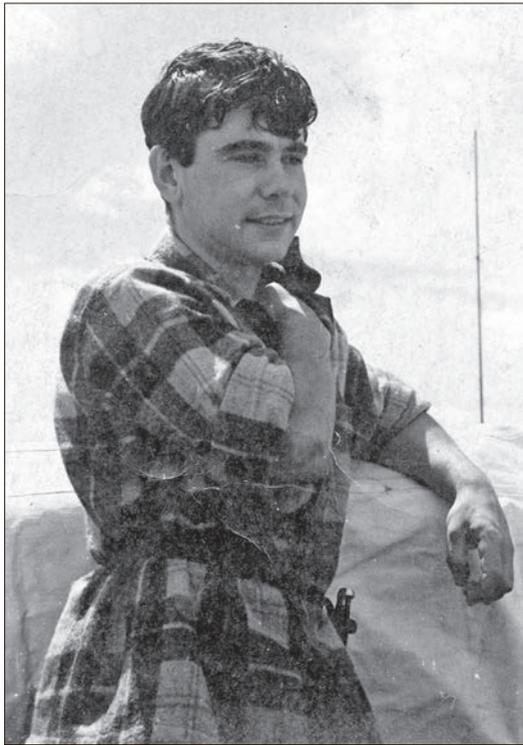
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Obituary

Adam Bergius 1925-2017

Wartime hero and whisky leader



Adam Bergius during his naval service.

A NAVY man who feared battleships and volunteered for 'special service of a hazardous nature', surviving the Second World War, was laid to rest in Kintyre last weekend.

Adam Bergius, 91, came from a different generation and found his wartime service, straight from school, a big adventure.

He was awarded a Distinguished Service

Cross for, what he considered the minor act of cutting two underwater communications cables after swimming, as a diver from an XE mini submarine, in the Mekong delta.

In his own book *Lucky Life* he compared his simple role to that of his brother Cecil who worked on convoy escort duty and did not survive the war.

Bergius was born in March 1925 the son of William and Agnes and the youngest of five siblings.

He was brought up in Glasgow but wrote that life really began each Easter when the family decamped to Bonnie Blink in Hunter Street, Kirn, a seven bedroom house built to his grandfather's design in 1878.

Enjoyed

From there he enjoyed getting out in his own rowing boat, Puddock, and voyages in the family's yacht, Dodo IV, designed by the combined minds of his father William and the premier builder of his day, William Fife III.

Sailing was to become one of the loves of his life. The navy made him into a consummate navigator and while still serving after the end of the war he was lucky enough to be chosen to crew *Latifa*, possibly the most famous William Fife III design, across the Atlantic, to race in the New York to Bermuda race.

His grandfather had married into the whisky distilling Teacher family and this had become the family business.

Bergius had wanted to follow agriculture as a career but with



Adam Bergius in the land he loved.

the death of his brother Cecil and his father's failing health there was a gap at Teachers.

Already his brother Walter and Ronald Teacher, just out of the navy, were trying to improve the desperate state of the family business.

Bergius, as a person who loved people, was a natural in sales and marketing and was soon travelling the world promoting the brand.

Agents in countries such as Venezuela were amazed when they found out that the Teachers' representative was a member of the owning family.

When Teachers was absorbed by Allied Brewers in the 1980s his hands-on style was not so appreciated.

Bergius found it difficult to put up with what he called the 'fun-less grim world of over educated sales advisers.'

Bergius may have been lucky enough to be able to afford a 1926 British Racing Green Bentley in 1949 nicknamed the Hippo.

At that time it was just an old car and not the classic of today. It was much cherished and

Bergius thought nothing of plunging into its innards to cure problems himself and visiting Glasgow's scrap merchants for spares.

He kept the vehicle until 1980 and, perhaps in a testament to his efforts, it is still on the road today, most recently appearing at Brooklands for the Hogmanay meeting.

Driving the vehicle through Glasgow also led him to meet Gordon Sillars and eventually his sister Fiona who married Bergius in 1951.

Adventures

Soon the pair had started a family and moved to a former nursing home named Croy at Shandon. Not long after, Bergius bought a Bristol pilot cutter, *Hirta*, which took his growing family on many more sailing adventures.

During one of these, passing through the Crinan canal, he met a couple who owned Glencreggan at Glenbarr, a house built by his great uncle.

A year later in 1963 it came on the market unexpectedly and an association with Kintyre began which was

to last for the next 54 years of his life.

In the late 1970s, in the fulfilment of a dream, he bought the Isle of Oronsay to add its 1,300 acres of grazing to that at Glencreggan, but his period of ownership turned out to be quite short.

While Bergius worked in Glasgow the farm at Glencreggan was managed by Ian and Ann Purvis but on his retirement from the whisky world he moved full time to Kintyre.

Life became a mix of cruising and farming with new people to meet and a fresh world in which to live.

Kintyre became his passion and he felt that it was a real hidden gem and that Campbeltown was not well enough known.

His wife Fiona pre-deceased him in 2011 and he is survived by five children, nine grand children and two great grand children.

Following the death of his wife he sold Glencreggan in 2014 and aged 89, engaged an architect to design his ideal retirement home.

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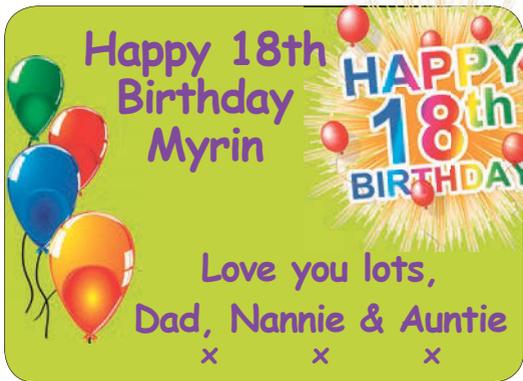
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Singing dustman retires

CAMPBELTOWN'S singing dustman retired last week after 15 years service with the cleansing department in Argyll and Bute.

One of life's original characters, Charles Farmer, 65, better known as 'Feenie', could be heard wherever he went with his singing voice and his ever-smiling face.

His colleagues are sure to miss 'Feenie' being around and have described his retirement as a dramatic loss.

One of the longest serving members of the Transport and General Workers Union, 'Feenie' was presented with a tie from Argyll and Bute District Council and a gold carriage clock from his colleagues as well as a 'financial contribution'.

'Feenie' is looking forward to spending more time with his wife Belle.

FIFTY YEARS AGO THURSDAY MARCH 30, 1967

Drumlemble school unfit, says new man

THANKS to swift action by the new headmaster, complaints about the condition of Drumlemble School may soon be on their way to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

In the two weeks he has been at the school, Mr R I Bruce has complained to Argyll's director of education, insisted that the county medical officer of health visit the school to see the condition himself, organised a committee of parents to press the authorities for action, and sent the children home early one day when the rain made conditions intolerable.

The 84 pupils at the school are from Drum-

lemble, Machrihanish, Stewarton and the Laggan farming community.

At a special meeting which he called on Thursday, Mr Bruce told their parents that when he arrived at the school only one week earlier, he was appalled by the condition of the building.

He had immediately communicated with the county architect, as in his opinion part of the structure was unsafe, due to a sagging main rafter, considerable woodworm, dampness and fungus on the walls, falling plaster and general disrepair.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO SATURDAY MARCH 24, 1917

Campbeltown's allotments

UNDER the scheme of allotments inaugurated by the Town Council twenty plots have been laid out – in Glebe Street and Low Askomil Road.

Of these, 17 have been taken up, leaving only three still vacant.

Most of the allotment-holders have commenced operations – delving and ploughing – and all are entering into the work with whole-hearted enthusiasm.

We understand that for most part, potatoes will be planted.

From the regulations made by the Corporation we note that plots will only be let to parties approved of by that body.

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MOK Fest heads outside

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That year, highlighted in our historic poster this week, also saw the first open-air concert beside the ferry terminal and putting green, and saw Survivors Night move to the Victoria Hall, with headliners Wee Toon Tellers.

Benevolent fund's support

PEOPLE from Kintyre who worked in the licensed trade but have fallen on hard times can apply for one-off grants for assistance.

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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



GODDARD

Alan and Ailie are delighted to announce the early arrival of their beautiful daughter, Elle Agnes, on February 20, 2017 at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital. A wee sister for Erin. Special thanks to the staff at the Special Care Baby Unit at Glasgow and Campbeltown Maternity Unit.

DEATHS

BIRD - Peacefully, in the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital, on March 16, 2017, John Stanley Bird (Jackie), in his 86th year, 8 Park Terrace, Campbeltown and formerly of Tayinloan, dearly beloved husband of Winnie Reid, much loved father of Ronald and Ali, father-in-law of Elinor and Kevin and a loving papa to John, Hannah, Gordon and Hannah. Service will be held in A'Chleith Church, on Saturday, March 25 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Killean Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital.

CONNELLY - Peacefully at home, 3 Ardmish, Gigha, on March 10, 2017, Catherine Connelly, in her 95th year, dearly beloved daughter of the late Hector and Jeanie McQuilkan and a loving sister of the late Mary and Joanne.

HART - Suddenly, but peacefully, at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, on March 17, 2017, Neil Hart, in his 79th year, formerly of Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Neil and Maggie Hart, much loved brother of Jean and Elizabeth and the late Robina and Duncan, and a much loved uncle of Margaret, Jan, Sarah, Leigh and Jamie.

KENNEDY - Peacefully, at Ardfenaig Care Home, Ardrishaig, on March 20, 2017, Joan Margaret Kennedy, née Davies, in her 96th year, of 23 Brodie Crescent, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of the late Freddy Kennedy, much loved mother of David, Fred, Ann and Sheena, a dearly loved gran and great gran, and much respected mother-in-law. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Christ Church, Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead, on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to Ardfenaig Comfort Fund and Marie Curie Mid Argyll.

MAULE - Suddenly but peacefully, after a short illness, Stanley (Stan) Maule, aged 91 years, of Kames Cottage, Lochgair, beloved husband of Betty, much loved father of Alistair and a dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and much respected former work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Thursday, March 23, 2017, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

MCMILLAN - Suddenly, on March 13, 2017, Alasdair W McMillan, of 11 Orchard Park, Ardrishaig, and formerly of 10 MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead, beloved youngest son of Douglas and Mairi McMillan, adored brother of Ailie and John, proud dad of Tom, a much loved uncle and dear grandson of Mary Wright. A good friend to many, and a popular character in the local community. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 11.00am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Flowers, or donations if desired, to Lochgilphead Joint Campus School Funds.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCLUNDIE - Bob, Malcolm, Eileen, Alistair and Andrew would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, letters, cards, phone calls and flowers following their recent loss of Pauline McLundie.

Thanks to Dr Ward for looking after Pauline over the last couple of months. Thank you to the ambulance staff for their care and kindness. A huge thanks to Dr Romans and the nursing staff at Mid Argyll Hospital for their wonderful and gentle care of Pauline in her final hours, we are eternally grateful. Thank you to Dr John Morrison OBE for a beautiful comforting and personal service. Thank you to all who attended Cardross Crematorium and to the Coach House for their excellent catering. Finally, thanks to Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their kindness and professional services and support to the whole family. The retiral collection raised over £350 for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

MOORE - Kirsty and family would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy and support, and for cards, flowers and telephone calls, following the sad loss of Isa. A special thanks to the staff at Campbeltown Hospital for looking after Isa during her short stay. We would like to thank everybody for travelling to the service and funeral of Isa. Your kindness is much appreciated.

ROSS - The family of the late John would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy received on their sad loss. Sincere thanks to community nurses, Macmillan nurses, carers, neighbours and all staff at Glenaray Ward for their amazing care and kindness. Special thanks to Belinda Braithwaite for her comforting service and to Roddy and Fiona for their respectful, caring and professional service.

IN MEMORIAMS

CRAWFORD - Treasured memories of our mum, Margaret, who died March 22, 2009. Also remembering Dad (Dinty) and brothers, Duncan and Lorne. Forever in our thoughts. - Love, Kenny, June and families.

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

GILMOUR - In loving memory of our mum, Sheena, who died March 25, 2015. Your presence we miss, Your memory we treasure,

Loving you always, Forgetting you never. - Love from all the family xx.

MACKINNON - In loving memory of Hector, a dear husband, father and papa, who died on March 21, 2015. - Sadly missed, by Mary and family.

MCDUGALL - In loving memory of Iain McDougall, who died on March 27, 2016. - 'Precious memories' from Anne, Grant, Morna and family, home and away.

PATERSON - In loving memory of my much loved sister, Flora (McCallum), sadly taken March 27, 2016. Loved always. - Joan, Derek, Stuart, Lauren and Amelia-J.

PATERSON - Flora (McCallum), a very special friend, who left us on March 27, 2016. One year has passed, The pain still hurts, Loved and remembered every day. - Your loving friends, Sandra and Robert.

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Holy Mass, every Sunday 10am

CHURCH NOTICES

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 26th March
11.00am WORSHIP SERVICE
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome

Saturday 25th March
COFFEE MORNING
10am - 12 noon

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

Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.
Drop-In Cafe

More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk
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SCO16311

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Sunday 26th March 2017
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Minister:
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell

Morning Service
in Cumlodden Church at 10 am

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

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"It is good to sing praises to our God"

Services in
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30pm

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 26th March 2017
Skipness Service 10am
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Mr John Morrison
Kilberry Service 11am
Rev. Walter Ritchie
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
Tarbert & Kilberry SCO02622
Skipness SCO04280

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 26th March 2017
Family Communion Service at 11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies.
All welcome.

Wednesday 29th March
12.30pm at the Free Church
Joining with Campbeltown Free Church for Prayer and Bible Study

For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 01586 551237.
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
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Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277

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Lent 4
Holy Communion 10.45am

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George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 26th March
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Sean Ankers

Wednesday 29th March
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm Water of Life Café

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

Wednesday
Lunch Club 12.15pm
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch
Craft Group

Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
Captains Ben & Ruth Russell
All welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

26th March 2017
Worship Service
Kilmartin 11.45am
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'Jesus heals'
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SCO 02121

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12.45pm Soup Lunch
Sundays 11.00am
Eucharist & Coffee

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9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month
3.30pm Evensong
Father Simon Mackenzie
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Highland Parish Church

SCO02493
Sunday 26th March 2017
The service will be conducted by Mr K Moller and will be held in the church at 11.15am
All welcome.

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Scottish Charity Number
SCO11686

Sunday 26th March
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1
Rev P Wallace

Monday 27th March
Guild Committee 7.00pm
Guild Meeting 7.30
New Hall

Tuesday 28th March
Tiny Tots New Hall
9.45am
BBs Church Hall
Anchor Boys 6pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Company Section 7pm

Friday 31st March
Lunch Club
New Hall 12 noon
Next Generation 7.30pm

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Every Sunday (term time only)

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SCO43322

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Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 26 March
Tayvallich Church 10 am
Morning Worship
James McLellan

Saturday 25 March
Achnamara Hall
CAFE CONNECT 10:30 - 12:30

Monday 27 March
Tayvallich Church
Prayer Time 10:30 am

Wednesday 29 March
Tayvallich Church
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Holy Mass Sunday 10am
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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
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All Welcome (SCO002876)

Spirited spectators are welcome at Glen Scotia race

THE ORGANISERS of the Glen Scotia marathon are looking forward to welcoming a spirited crowd of supporters at the start of the race tomorrow (Saturday).

The 26.219 mile marathon kicks off at the ferry terminal and spectators are urged to go along and wave the runners off.

Although cars are not encouraged on the single track roads for the safety of the runners, there is no issue with people who want to show their support by driving on the main road to Southend, for example.

There were a couple of errors in the Courier's report of the route last week.

The changeover for relays and other runners refuelling half way through the course is at Low Machrimore Farm, and runners will pass through Gleneherve not Glenbrekerie.

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Kilpatrick are culled in league and cup double

Campbeltown Pupils	7
Dumbarton Blacks	0
DFDL Under-15 League	

PUPILS youth played a league and cup double header with three points up for grabs in both competitions.

This was due to the group format of the league cup this season and it was the home team who ran out comfortable winners.

Although it was the away team who started the brightest and controlled the possession for the first 25 minutes, they never really threatened to score from the corners and

free kicks despite the wind advantage in the first half.

Against the run of play the home side won a free kick 30 yards from goal and MacBrayne fired it home over the keeper against the strong wind.

Buoyed by this the Pupils began to dominate play and within three minutes it was 2-0 when Colville robbed the fullback and took a touch before smashing a low shot in off the far post



Ryan McGrory moments before scoring his first goal. 25_c12u15pupils03



The Kilpatrick players would have needed to jump much higher to stop MacBrayne's free kick which looped overall all the heads.

from the edge of the box. Two minutes before half time Souden won the ball in his own half and beat three men before playing the ball to Macindeor. He controlled it and played it brilliantly into Souden's path, who had continued his run.

The defender ran clean through to slot it past the keeper to give the home team a three-goal lead at halftime.

With the wind behind them the Pupils started slowly again and it took until the 55th minute before the next goal came when

McGrory got the ball and beat four men to shoot home from almost the byeline.

The Pupils were well on top and it did not take long for the next goal when the ball fell kindly in the box for McGrory who took a touch before scoring his second.

With a few injuries and all five subs on, the home team continued to look like scoring every time they went up the park, and the sixth goal came when McCalum crossed from the left and Brown con-

trolled before shooting past the keeper despite the defenders close attention.

With three minutes left Lamont tackled the fullback in his own area. He hit a great shot over the keeper from the corner of the box to complete the scoring.

With eight league games still to play and at least three cup games, the Pupils Youth have a long few weeks ahead but still sit top of the league having won 12 of 12.

Tomorrow they travel to Oban for an Argyll derby.

Tie at top of darts league

AILSA B and Burnside tied in the final darts league match of the season.

A play off to see which team takes the bullseye has been provisionally arranged for Monday April 10 in the Kilbrannan.

There were several 180s in week 14's darts, Jamie McGougan scored two for Kilbrannan A, Kenny Docherty and Gavin McLachlan both hit 180 for the Burnside and James White had a finish of 139 for Ailsa B and Mick Elrick 107 for the Ailsa.

Full results: Kilbrannan C 4 Ailsa 4, Burnside 8 Fiddlers 0, Fiddlers B 4 Southend 4, Ailsa B 5 Kilbrannan A 3.

Lottery draw

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty's three number lottery draw on Sunday March 19.

The winning numbers were 3, 4 and 5 and the jackpot was £100.

Tickets for the next draw, on Sunday April 2 for a jackpot of £200, can be purchased at Muneroy tearoom, the Burnside bar or at the clubhouse.

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Kintyre runs away with the competition at athletics final

KINTYRE'S young athletes raced ahead of the opposition to dominate in the Argyll final of the sports hall athletics at Atlantis Leisure in Oban.

Some 113 young athletes entered the final, which was the last in a series of five competitions held in Argyll over the winter months promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club.

Records broken

During almost five hours of intense competition, five Argyll age records were broken with youngsters from Kintyre dominating in both the boys' and girls' events.

Kirstie Renton from Campbeltown finished just behind the top performer of the day

on overall points, winning the javelin, triple jump and speed bounce, and placing second in four events in the under nine category.

Kirstie broke the Argyll age record in the speed bounce, recording 77 jumps in 30 seconds.

Violet Campbell, from Glenbarr, won the long jump, triple jump and javelin to become the under-11 champion.

Jenny Semple from Campbeltown Grammar was the girls under-17 champion.

Kintyre's young boys were victorious as well, with one new record set by Jack Green from Dalintober primary.

Jack won three of the five

events in the under-seven age group, setting a new Argyll age record in the two lap race recording 27.8 seconds to improve the existing record by almost two seconds.

First ever

Jack was watched by his proud mum Laura Paterson, who was the under-nine Argyll champion back in January 1995 at the first ever winter indoor competition.

Lochlain Ellis from Campbeltown was the under-13 champion, winning six of the seven events.

The organisers would like to thank all the young athletes and parents for supporting the competition.



A youngster clears the bar in the high jump.

Moonwalker makes a midnight march

by **MARK DAVEY**
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

A CAMPBELTOWN woman who has suffered from cancer will walk through the night to raise funds at Moonwalk Scotland in June.

Local government worker Morna MacColl knew she wanted to take part as soon as she heard of the event and last year completed a half moon of 13 miles.

This year Morna's team, with its name Baloo's Boozums selected to support the event's safari theme, includes her friend, Jessie Fagnoli, who has also had breast cancer treatment in 2015 and sister-in-law Mel MacColl.

Morna said: 'I was diagnosed three-and-a-half years ago when I found a lump and was whisked into a whirl-



Morna MacColl at her Campbeltown base. 25_c09maccoll01

pool of treatment. I had surgery, no chemotherapy but will have to take tablets for the next 10 years.

'Last year's distance pushed me, and the five of us raised £3,500. It

would be great to beat that this year.

'The walk starts at midnight and we expect to take between eight and 10 hours.'

A Walk the Walk spokesperson said: 'The event will see walkers snaking past some of Edinburgh's most iconic landmarks, including Edinburgh Castle, Arthur's Seat, Calton Hill and St Giles Cathedral.

'From leopards, to lynx, lemurs and lions, Walk the Walk is hoping people will let their imaginations run wild as they decorate their jungle safari-inspired bras to wear at the event.

'Open to people aged 10 and over, walkers can take on one of four challenges: The New Moon 6.55 miles, Half Moon 13.1 miles, Full Moon 26.2 miles or

Over The Moon 52.4 miles.

'Walk the Walk raises money to help women and men with breast cancer by providing funds to build new Maggie's Centres.

'It is also buying items such as scalp cooling equipment for those going through chemotherapy.'

Morna added: 'Once the clearer nights come in my training will step up a pace and I will try to get out three or four nights a week on top of my personal training session.

'People shouldn't miss me with my all-weather jacket and pink Walk the Walk hat.'

To support Morna go to: moonwalkscotland2017.everydayhero.com/uk/morna-s-fundraising-page-1

Half a dozen 180s fail to secure darts singles title

SCORING six triple tops in the Campbeltown league singles darts was not enough for Stephen Jordan to beat eventual winner Charles Robertson.

The league singles was held jointly in the Burnside, the Ailsa, and two boards in the Kilbrannan, with the winner of each board qualifying to the semi-final stage.

Charlie Robertson won the Burnside board, Stephen Jordan won the Ailsa board, Kenny Docherty won board one and Greg Scally won board two in the Kilbrannan.

The finals were held in the Burnside with Greg Scally playing Stephen Jordan and Kenny Docherty against Charles Robertson, Stephen beat Greg and Charles beat



Stephen Jordan runner-up and Charles Robertson winner.

Kenny for a place in the final.

The final was best of nine 501 and Charles took the league singles title 5-2.

Six 180s

There was some phenomenal darts played on the night especially for Stephen Jordan who hit his six 180s and fin-

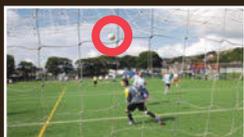
ishes of 101, 104 and 2 15 dart legs. There were two 180s for Jamie McGougan and legs finished in 13,14 and 15 darts.

Mary Ross hit 180, and there were finishes of 147 by Charles Robertson, 109 by George McMillan and 104 and 101 from Vince Jordan.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £4250

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

S Read
Hillside Road
Campbeltown

W Meikle
Union Street
Lochgilhead

All you have to do

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

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Carradale clobber Cardross in sizzling six-goal thriller

THE OPENING half hour of exchanges left former 'Dale' goalkeeper Gordon Evans watching from the side lines wondering if either side would ever score.

After much toing and froing, the Andrew Smith and Son sponsored side burst into the Cardross goal in the 31st minute. Stuart MacBrayne crossed from the left. The ball bounced off a Cardross defender and Johnny McCormick drilled a low shot into the net.

Within three minutes 'Dale' doubled the lead. Once again MacBrayne led the way with a curling left foot cross to send Stuart MacPhail clear of the defence. He drew the keeper out and slot-

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Daniel Docherty in a tussle with Cardross defenders. 25_c12carradale09

ted the ball home. The Commercial Bar sponsored home side settled

down to hold onto the lead and keeper Declan Wilson was rarely troubled by Cardross for the whole of the first half.

At the start of the second half, the Kintyre side was on the front foot pushing for a third goal, but Cardross stood firm in defence. After 59 minutes 'Dale' got a third from a free kick after Daniel Docherty was brought down just outside the right side of the penalty box.

Macbrayne hit the dead ball from 22 yards out and Joey Boyd out jumped the defenders to head the ball home.

Carradale brought on three subs for the last half hour but it was the visitors who scored next. In the 75th minute, Ryan Blackstock lost his marker and the Cardross left winger ran into the penalty box. In trying to retrieve the situation, Blackstock brought the

man down and a penalty was awarded.

The Cardross captain took the penalty and although the ball appeared to go straight at Wilson, he was unable to stop it.

In the 81st minute 'Dale' found the net a fourth time. David Johnstone passed through the middle to Johnny McCormick who shot from outside the box. The Cardross keeper seemed to have the ball but it slithered out of his grip and crossed the line.

With a few minutes left, a Cardross ball over the top caught the home defence square and their number seven scored from the unlucky Wilson who moments before had made a fine save.

Man of the match was Stuart MacBrayne and the match ball was sponsored by Campbell Ramsay Electricals.

'Dale' are away to Helensburgh tomorrow and at home on April 1.



Ewan McIlroy and DJ leap for the ball. 25_c12carradale04



Celebrations after Johnny McCormick scored the first goal. 25_c12carradale05



This Gary Train header was just before the first goal. 25_c12carradale07

Islay golf winner

I MACCUAIG'S nett 51 gave him the win in Islay Golf Club's Foreland Trophy last Sunday. Runner up was R Johnston, Nett 52, with G Hamilton, Nett 53, in third.

Dunaverty AmAm

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