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Delight as Billy Irving granted bail from Indian prison - page 5

Turning the tide

Kintyre 'is as good as anywhere' to harness the sea's energy

by PAMELA PATERSON
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KINTYRE is set to be promoted as a potential hot spot for tidal energy, the Courier can reveal.

Still a fledging industry, it could bring skilled jobs and boost the local economy.

'The Pentland Firth has been heavily promoted for the past 10 years and we are in danger of missing a trick here,' said Councillor Rory Colville, chairman of South Kintyre Development Trust.

'We need to promote this area with the energy producers because it has so much going for it. It is as good as anywhere.'

Sheltered port

'We have tidal power, local engineering expertise and one of the few sheltered ports in the West of Scotland.'

Councillor Colville revealed this week that the trust was hoping to secure funding to employ a university graduate to promote the area's potential.

He spoke after an Argyll and Bute Council meeting which considered a proposal to install a tidal energy demonstrator off the Mull of Kintyre.

This follows a similar project announced in 2011 to build a quarter scale tidal stream turbine in the Sound of Sanda, which is still under development.

The latest proposal, from renewable energy company Nautricity, would see a 500kw tidal demonstrator installed 800 metres off the west coast of the Mull of Kintyre.

An export cable would go underground on the Mull, leading to a newly built substation. Electricity generated would connect to the national grid, with the first power from the site targeted for 2015.

The application is still under consideration.

Councillor Rory Con-
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Emma Barbour, left, and Madeleine Roy played vital roles when Sport Relief fundraisers took to the roads in Campbeltown on Sunday morning. They handed out medals and goody bags to 75 participants who completed the one-mile, three-mile and six-mile runs for the UK-wide charity event. See page 24 for more pictures. 20_c13relief07

Man charged with attempted murder on Islay

A 32-YEAR-old man appeared in private at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Monday, charged with assault to severe injury, danger to life and attempted murder in relation to an incident involving another man in Port Ellen, Islay at the weekend.

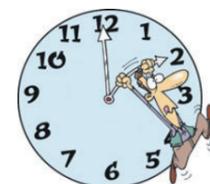
The accused made no plea or declaration and the case was continued for further examination. He was released on bail.

Farmer's huge savings in bedding switch

GLENBARR farmer Duncan Macalister has discovered he can save £1,100 a month by switching his cattle bedding from straw to sawdust.

It has also saved him time and labour and reduced risks to his stockman.

Full story on page 11.



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Kintyre 'is as good as anywhere' to harness the sea's energy

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Colville said it was 'very exciting' Kintyre had two tidal energy projects on its doorstep.

He added: 'This is a real opportunity for Kintyre and Argyll to be at the forefront of tidal energy.'

'The north channel between the Mull and Northern Ireland has huge potential.'

'There's a very strong tidal flow there. It's just

about how we try and get the maximum benefit from it.

'With wind power reaching its capacity in Kintyre, we must look at other alternatives such as tidal power.'

Campbeltown Loch is also ideal for these projects, according to the councillor.

The demonstrators can be easily taken into the harbour to be worked on, before being returned to

their locations.

He said in order for Kintyre to make the most of its strong tides, it had to follow the example of Orkney. Through a large amount of promotion, the Pentland Firth is to become the site for a huge commercial tidal energy project, which could generate electricity to power the equivalent of 42,000 homes.

Scotland has been described as a Saudi Arabia of renewable energy potential, but offshore tidal streams are still being researched.

'The technology will come and we want to be in place to benefit from it,' added Councillor Colville.



Members of Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel at the AGM. 08_c13panel01

Take pride in Kintyre

A BROCHURE encouraging residents to 'Take a pride in Kintyre' is being developed by the area's crime prevention panel.

It has been prompted by concerns over the issues of vandalism, fly tipping, dog fouling and damage to Westport Beach, confirmed Andrew Hemmings, chairman of Kintyre Crime Preven-

tion Panel (KCPP). The panel's AGM also revealed an initiative with GRAB Trust to take schoolchildren on field trips to a site of special scientific interest, which would be sponsored by Campbeltown Common Good Fund.

The KCPP annual general meeting last week also heard how the area's young fire fight-

ers were working on an initiative to improve safer driving which has been backed by local driving schools. It is expected to be launched this summer.

KCPP is looking to raise funds with raffles at Easter and Christmas, and now has representation on the Kintyre Substance Misuse Working Group.

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Man arrested

A MAN arrested following an assault on a 53-year-old woman in the early hours of last Thursday in Campbeltown has been reported to the procurator fiscal.



Jean Carse seated with a gathering of her former colleagues at Stewart Balfour & Sutherland.

Legal office manager retires

JEAN Carse, office manager at Stewart Balfour & Sutherland's Lochgilphead office, has retired.

Partners, former partners and staff of the legal and estate agency firm gathered at the head office in Campbeltown to mark Jean's retirement.

Senior partner John Stewart said Jean had been a loyal and trusted member of the team for 25 years.

Partners and staff in attendance presented her with mementos of the occasion and took the opportunity to wish Jean a long and happy retirement. Jean's successor at the firm's Mid Argyll office,

Kim McAllister, came along to enjoy the occasion and meet the Campbeltown office staff.

Abusive telephone call

A TEENAGER was reported to the procurator fiscal last Tuesday for making an abusive and threatening telephone call to a woman.

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Big names and local talent to set alight songwriters festival

THE SEVENTH Kintyre Songwriters Festival on May 23-25 looks like being a real treat for music fans in Campbeltown with some of the hottest names in Scottish music performing alongside local talent.

Friday night is rock night in Whisky Macs and features well-known local acts A New Hope, Medium High, The

Twisted Melons, newcomers Papa Alpha 28 and many more.

Saturday headliner is Coatbridge singer-songwriter Pete MacLeod, who was the first signing to Alan McGee's new 359 Music record label. McGee, who discovered Oasis, has tipped Pete for the top and touring Europe with Paul Weller has cemented his rep-

utation. Pete is joined by 16-year-old rising folk-pop star Zoe Bestel, who will be performing tracks from her debut album, and Aberdeen-based indie-folkster CS Buchan. The line up is completed by regular local performers Adam Fortune, Gullion and The Wild Sarachs among others.

Better known as singer and

main songwriter in internationally successful Scottish indie band Frightened Rabbit, Scott Hutchison recently recorded his forthcoming debut solo album on Mull.

Los Angeles-based, Scott will be performing tracks from his new album alongside Frightened Rabbit classics on the Sunday night. Support for Scott comes from

Celtic Connections standout Siobhan Wilson, Orange unsigned winner Tommy Reilly and Sophie Rogers. Locals include The Gilchristians, Bob Ross Appreciation Society and David Fee.

The unique atmosphere of the festival means limited tickets so buy early to avoid disappointment - www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk.

Plan for 40-metre turbine

PLANNING permission has been sought to erect a 40.5-metre high turbine near Killdalloig Farm, Campbeltown.

If permission is granted the turbine would be installed on rough grazing on agricultural land 515 metres northwest of Auchenhoan Cottage.

The application is pending consideration by Argyll and Bute Council.

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Campbeltown Brass recovers after difficult competition

CAMPBELTOWN Brass members have been praised for their 'commendable' performance at the recent Scottish Championships.

Band member Katrina Barr said: 'As always, these young players gave their all and their attitude and behaviour, on and off the stage, was a credit to their families and the town.'

'They worked so hard but unfortunately it was not their day.'

Last Saturday the band competed in the annual Mid Argyll Music Festival in Lochgilphead, with several members also competing in the solo and ensemble sections.

A busy few months lie ahead for the band.

On April 5, a pancake tea will take place

at Stronvaar Bowling Club. This fundraising event will be packed with performances, the usual baking, bottle stalls and raffle.

Andrew Duncan, development manager with the Scottish Brass Band Association, will be visiting Campbeltown on May 9 with a 10-piece ensemble for a joint concert with Campbeltown Brass.



Campbeltown Brass at the Scottish Championships.

Details of this concert will be available in due course on the band's Facebook page or website.

The band was recently successful in its application to Awards for All, which will go towards providing tuition for children.

Parents of any children aged eight years and upwards interested in learning a brass instrument should contact Katrina Barr on 07900 980076 or email dakbar@globalnet.co.uk

Open day for Campbeltown Old Quay projects

AN OPEN day showcasing two big projects at Campbeltown Harbour is taking place today (Friday) at the town hall.

People will be given the chance to meet the project teams and find out more about the redevelopment and enhancement of Campbeltown Berthing Facility, and the extensive remedial work around the fish berths at the Old Quay.

Argyll and Bute Coun-

cil's CHORD project team is continuing to develop the full business case for the berthing facility, including dedicated toilets and showers.

This is now at an advanced stage.

The work around the fish berths includes construction of a new, stronger deck area, new bollards and protection, sheet piling, water hydrants and service ducts.

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about these projects can be found between 11am and 5pm at Campbeltown Town Hall today.

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Spring clean for Kintyre beach

KINTYRE residents are being urged to pick up a bin bag and help clean up Westport Beach tomorrow (Saturday).

Organised by Surfers Against Sewage, the event is part of a wider environmental initiative to bring together thousands of volunteers at 150 beaches across the country to help conserve and enhance the British coastline.

Westport's Big Spring Beach Clean takes place between 10.30am and 1pm and families are being encouraged to come along to keep one of Kintyre's main beaches clean as the tourist season approaches.

Offensive weapon arrest

A 25-YEAR-OLD man was arrested on Longrow, Campbeltown last Tuesday for possession of an offensive weapon.

He was detained and appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court the following day when he was remanded in custody pending his next court appearance.

Gentlemen's Club were the winners

IN last week's report about the Rotary Club of Campbeltown's annual quiz, it was incorrectly reported that a team from the Rotary Club won. It was in fact a team from The Club, formerly The Gentlemen's Club, who took first place.

Kintyre Chorale takes part in Commonwealth Chorus

KINTYRE Chorale performed as part of a collective of choirs earlier this month to celebrate Glasgow's hosting of the Commonwealth Games.

The singing group was invited to Glasgow after Eric Dunlea, trumpet player with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, heard them in concert.

They gathered with The Arkleston Singers, The Lochwinnoch Choral Society, The Sirens of Titan Community Choir, Bearsden Choir, The Edinburgh Festival Chorus, Hutcheson's Chorus, The Royal Conservatoire Scotland and Royal Scottish Nation-

al Orchestra to perform as the Glasgow Orchestral Society Commonwealth Chorus.

They gave a rendition of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana which is written for orchestra, chorus, children's chorus and soprano, tenor and baritone solos.

Rapturous

Marco Romano conducted to rapturous applause in Glasgow City Halls.

Following their Christmas concert, Kintyre Chorale donated £300 to the Campbeltown Town Hall fund and also gave £300 to the Rotary Club of Campbeltown for the Philippines Disaster Fund.



Kintyre Chorale performed with a number of other Scottish choirs for the Glasgow Commonwealth Celebration Concert earlier this month. Photo courtesy of Campbell Fox.



Some of those who took part in the beach clean. Four trailer loads of rubbish were collected.

Carradale community gathers for beach clean

ONE HUNDRED and thirty bin bags were filled with rubbish during a beach clean on Saturday at Carradale Bay.

They were filled with a variety of items left behind by beach users and what was washed ashore in the many storms experienced over the winter months.

Tidy up

Adults and children alike took part in the event, with 38 people present to tidy up the bay.

Beach cleaners also found a number of dead sea birds, including razorbills and guillemots.

They believed the harsh win-

ter storms had taken their toll on the birds.

Stuart Irvine, convenor of East Kintyre Community Council, thanked everyone for attending, and gave a special mention to Eleanor Sloan for organising the beach clean with equipment provided by the GRAB Trust, Robert Strang for use of the golf club tractor, Kate and Maclolm Trott for providing tea, coffee and biscuits and Johnny Durnan, the local coastguard, for his health and safety briefing and for taking photos at the event.

Money raised at the beach clean will go to nominated charities.

Public can give their views at town hall open day

AN open day for the £1.7 million upgrade of Campbeltown Town Hall will be held on Tuesday, April 1 from 1pm until 7pm.

This event, organised by South Kintyre Development Trust, will provide an opportunity for the town's residents to have their say on the updated plans for the refurbished town hall.

SKDT staff and members of the project team will be on hand to show people around and respond to questions.

There will be displays from Coltart Earley Architects explaining the detailed plans for the project and looking at potential uses for the building.

Bill Coltart, the lead architect, will deliver three short presentations at 1.30pm, 3.30pm and 5.30pm based around the SKDT vision for the hall, an outline of

the work completed to date as well as looking at various options for finishes etc.

Free tea, coffee and home-baking will be available to all who attend.

Eric Spence, project coordinator, said: 'This is a great opportunity for people to have a look at the latest plans and designs for the revamped hall and to raise any issues or concerns with the architect and the project team.'

SKDT has been successful in obtaining a £1.7m funding package to acquire and redevelop the town hall on behalf of the people of the area, bringing it back into full community use with facilities fit for the 21st century.

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Billy set to be out in a few days

Time in Indian jail could soon be over for former Campbeltown man

BILLY Irving, the former Campbeltown man who has been languishing in an Indian jail since October, is to be released on bail in a matter of days.

Billy, 33, is among the 35-strong crew of an anti-piracy ship being held on weapons charges.

On Wednesday an Indian court granted bail to all of the six arrested Britons except one.

Bail conditions have not yet been set, but it is expected he will be released from Puzhal Prison in Chennai very soon.

Yvonne MacHugh, 25, Billy's girlfriend, was delighted with the news, having seen bail refused or hearings delayed on a number of occasions.

Yvonne, who has fought tirelessly with Billy's family to secure his release, will now fly out to India to see him.

She told the Courier: 'We'll actually get to spend some time together and talk.'

She also hopes that

the charges will soon be quashed.

It has been nine months since Billy was last home in Connel, and Yvonne and Billy's father have only seen him briefly in prison since then.

Billy, a former soldier, was working on the MV Seaman Board Ohio to protect commercial shipping in the Indian Ocean when he and other crewmembers were arrested.

Indian authorities claim the boat entered their waters illegally with weapons on board and procured diesel illegally.

AdvanFort, the US-based company running the ship, insists it had the correct papers.

Alan Reid, MP for Argyll, went to Downing Street last week with Yvonne and relatives of the other British men imprisoned to hand in a petition with more than 140,000 signatures.

He told the Courier on Wednesday: 'This is really encouraging news.'

'I hope there are no

last-minute hitches and he will be out in a few days.

'Five months in an Indian prison is bound to have taken its toll on Billy's health.'

'I hope the court will move quickly to hold the trial. The security guards are innocent of all charges and this would become obvious once the evidence is presented at a trial.'

Shaun McDaniel, one of a number of Kintyre folk who have been raising money to help with Billy's legal costs, said: 'It's great news. The first part of the battle is now done and he can concentrate on getting to trial as quickly as possible.'

'It will be great for him to actually get out of the prison and contact people.'



Billy Irving, pictured with girlfriend Yvonne MacHugh, has been granted bail after several months in an Indian prison.

Man arrested following disturbance

A 24-YEAR-old man arrested on Saturday morning in Campbeltown following a disturbance was held in custody before appearing in Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Monday.

Vandalism woman arrested

A 56-YEAR-old woman arrested on Sunday following a report of vandalism on a property in Campbeltown appeared in the town's sheriff court from custody the following day.

She was released on bail pending her next appearance.

Electricity meter bypassed

A 28-YEAR-old man arrested on Tuesday on Longrow, Campbeltown for bypassing an electricity meter has been reported to the procurator fiscal.

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Increase in summer sailings to Islay

SAILINGS between Islay and Kennacraig have been increased for the summer months.

Caledonian MacBrayne has decided to revise the summer timetable and have five sailings between Islay and Kennacraig on all weekdays except Wednesdays.

The new timetable, which comes into effect on April 4, is a response to the continuing rise in

car and commercial traffic.

Sailings will remain largely the same as last year's timetable with an additional midday sailing from Islay at 11.55am or 12.10pm and returning at 3.15pm or 3.30pm.

There will be equal sailings to Port Ellen and Port Askaig and the island will benefit from a connection with Oban on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Engines revved at Royal Hotel

POLICE received a number of complaints last Friday night of cars wheel spinning and revving their engines at the roundabout at the Royal Hotel, Campbeltown.

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Scare stories are backfiring

Sir,
The George Osborne-led Tory/Labour/Liberal alliance have been used to having their cake and eating it, busy scaremongering about Scottish independence yet blustering when challenged on it - last week's letter in the Courier from London Labour's Mary Galbraith was but the latest example. However, it isn't going to wash anymore.

We've had daft threats of border guards at Gretna, higher mobile phone costs, business fleeing, oil running out and family and friends living in England becoming 'foreigners'... and those are just the scare stories that immediately come to mind. Not for nothing has the anti-independence 'Better Together' campaign referred to itself privately as 'Project Fear'.

So it's no wonder that the rise in support for Yes has shown that the scaremongering is backfiring. When was the last time a Labour politician spoke about low pay, diminishing benefits and a broken society in relation to the referendum? This in a Scotland that would be among the wealthiest in the OECD with independence - yet, within the Union, we have food banks, the 'bedroom tax' and a Scottish Labour leader glibly parroting the Tory line about a 'something for nothing' society.

How can that possibly be a positive vision for Scotland's future?

With a Yes vote, and Scotland's future in Scotland's hands, we can do something about it.

We can build a better future on Scotland's strong economic foundations, deciding on the kind of society we want, the kind of economy we want and what we want in terms of pensions and childcare provision.

Scots will be decision makers, no longer bystanders. That is why Yes will win in September.

Ron Wilson
Yes Scotland - Kintyre

Wealthier nation

Sir,
It is, as always, intriguing to note the coverage devoted to the annual bunfight that is the Scottish Government's publication of the Government Expenditure and Revenue in Scotland (GERS) figures (March 13).

The most recent figures for 2012/13 indicate a deficit for Scotland of 8.3 per cent of GDP, a whole 1 per cent higher than those for the UK at 7.3 per cent. Therefore, despite a 41.5 per cent fall in oil revenues because of a disruption in production and high levels of investment, Scotland's deficit almost matched that of the UK. Indeed, over the past five years, the average annual deficit for Scotland was 4.3 per cent of GDP compared with 5.9 per cent for the UK as a whole.

In 2012/13 tax revenues generated were £800 higher per head in Scotland compared with the UK as a whole, meaning that for every one of the last 33 years tax receipts have been higher in Scotland than the UK.

While these figures indicate that Scotland is a fundamentally wealthier nation than the rest of the UK, they highlight

the need for and independent Scotland to follow the Norwegian model and set up an oil fund to manage future fluctuations in oil revenue.

Alex Orr
Flat 2, 77
Leamington Terrace
Edinburgh

Thank you for hair-raising amount of money

Sir,
My name is Katrina Chatton. I am 11 years old and I have recently had my 20-inch pony tail cut off for The Little Princess Trust.

My granny and grampa (Archie and Marna Docherty) helped me to raise lots of sponsor money by asking the people of Kintyre to sponsor me.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped me reach my total of £1,300, of which £535 came from Kintyre.

Katrina Chatton
Carnoustie.



Katrina with the hair she had cut off for The Little Princess Trust which provides real-hair wigs for boys and girls who have lost their hair through cancer treatment.

Memories of 1930s dance class

Sir,
The article in the Courier on March 7 about the Old Court House in Bolgam Street, Campbeltown brought back happy memories of a ballroom dancing class I attended there. I think it was run by Mr McConnachie of Kilkerran Road during the 1930s on a Saturday morning.

The music for the dancing was played on the piano by Mr McConnachie who at the same time kept an eagle eye on our footwork as we went round.

My partner was the late Neil McArthur of Meadows Farm who I think would be one of the older pupils in the class while I would be one of the youngest. Sadly I cannot recall the names of the other members who attended the class, but it was the start of my love of dancing and Saturday mornings could not come quick enough.

I have also been in the hall when it was used for holding competitions during the local Mod.

Mrs C Cameron
Kilmartin.

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In last week's Courier we revealed how Campbeltown's Picture House will soon be opening seven days a week and showing more films as well as live theatre and rock performances. We asked if you thought it will get the support from the area's residents to make it viable.

Torrisdale Castle Estate: Yes, great idea. If we don't support it, it will close, and when it closes, we will moan that there is nothing to do.

Kerry Carmichael McGeachy: I think it is hugely exciting that Campbeltown Picture House is going to be used so diversely. As someone who grew up in Campbeltown I still remember the excitement of going to the pictures on a

Saturday afternoon, as does my husband and friends. I now love the fact that my children are getting to enjoy the same experience.

Fiona Blake: Totally agree with you Kerry. Not everyone can afford to go to rock concerts live and it would be great for these people to be able to experience the atmosphere in this way. I think to be able to use the cinema in these diverse ways will

benefit the town and be good for tourism. Loved Saturday matinees with mates. It made you feel so grown up to go on your own.

Alison Hoggan: I hope everyone supports it. Use it or lose it as the saying goes. I nearly always go when holidaying at my mum's.

Sharon Herrod: It's a great idea. I will definitely support it. Let's hope it

opens on a Friday night as it's the start of the weekend and people are looking for something to do. Also a Saturday matinee for the kids would be great. I loved going on a Saturday with my friends when I was a kid.

Holly Anderson: Fantastic idea. Used to love going on a Saturday as a kid.

Nicola Dott: More Saturday matinees for the kids

would be fab.
Patricia Johnstone: Live theatre...fantastic.

Peter Ferguson: Like to think there was the demand but people have Internet, TV, Sky etc now and all in the comfort of your home.

Lindsey Glover Fka Farrar: Loved going to the Picture House when I lived there.

Tea and a ticket to ride for the Brownies

CAMPBELTOWN'S Ring and Ride bus is not normally a place you would associate with cups of tea.

However, a group of Kintyre Brownies were determined to enjoy a cuppa on the bus.

Unusual places
 As part of the 100th anniversary of Girlguiding's Brownies, the girls have chosen to drink tea (or hot chocolate) in as many unusual places as they can.

They have a long list of unusual locations which they will visit with their teapot in the weeks ahead.

Choose
 Usually the girls are instructed by their group leaders, but the cente-



Brownies were picked up by the Ring and Ride bus which took them for a spin around Campbeltown with their cups of tea in hand.

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 nary is giving them the chance to take the lead and choose activities themselves. They will also get the chance to take part in a trip to Mull for a centenary party later on in the year.

School solar panels plan

PLANNING permission has been submitted to install solar panels on the roofs of Tarbert Academy and Islay High.

The plans would see 50kw solar panels installed at a total cost of £115,135.

Submitted by Argyll and Bute Council's customer service, the panels would be installed to reduce carbon emissions as part of the Climate Change Act Scotland.

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Library online training course

CAMPBELTOWN Library is to host a short training course on a new online resource on Tuesday, April 1.

There will be a free demonstration of SCRAN - an online collection of images, documents and records. Argyll and Bute Council is particularly encouraging older people who are beginners in computer use to come along.

After the day's training the website will continue to be available on browsers.

Councillor Robin Currie, policy lead for community and culture, said: 'We hope older people will take this opportunity to be introduced to the world of technology at a local level and it is a good way to get the hang of online searching.'

Training takes place between 2pm and 5pm. To book a place contact Campbeltown Library.

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Junior pipers will battle for rare medal

KINTYRE'S annual junior piping championships will be held tomorrow (Saturday) in the Ardshiel and Seafiel Hotels in Campbeltown.

There will also be a stick and pad for beginner drummers.

Admission to the events are by programme, price £3.

The society hopes the public will go along to support the children competing for a large number of prizes. These include the John D Burgess Medal for most points overall.

So rare is this medal that the winner receives it only briefly for photographs before it is handed back for safekeeping.

The junior champion receives the Royal Scottish Pipers Society Bronze Star and the Pipe Major Ronald McCallum MBE Memorial Trophy.

The senior champion receives the McCallum Memorial Cup and a medal.

There are also trophies for local pipers.

The prizes will be presented by Mrs Campbell McGougan from Dingwall.



The stick and pad group played with the novice chanters, showing the range of pipe and drum teaching on offer. 20_c13pipe07



The primary school pipe band was just one of a number of ensembles to take to the stage. 20_c13pipe08



Kintyre Schools Juvenile Pipe Band kicked off proceedings on Thursday night.

Wealth of talent at pipe band co

TRADITIONAL music and dance were the stars of the show at the annual Kintyre Schools Pipe Band Concert.

Last Thursday and Friday pupils from across Kintyre gathered in Camp-

beltown Grammar School to show off their musical skills in a range of different ensemble and solo performances.

Dancing

While pipes and chanters ruled most of the

evening's entertainment, there were also singing performances and some dancing courtesy of James McCorkindale's School of Dance.

As always, Kintyre Schools Pipe Band kicked

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Lindsey Cairns sang Highland Cathedral to a guitar accompaniment. 20_c13pipe06



Stuart O'May performed a piping solo. 20_c13pipe09

on show ncerts

off proceedings on Thursday evening, as the juvenile pipe band took to the stage.

Competent

Several primary schools also performed, from those starting at the be-

ginning with chanters and stick and pad, to players who were competent on the pipes and drums.

MC for the concerts was Willie McCallum jnr, who kept the crowd entertained while musicians set up.



Highland dancers Iona McKinlay and Emily McLean from James McCorkindale's School of Dance take to the stage.

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Pupils from several primary schools in Kintyre packed on to the stage to show off their chanter playing. 20_c13pipe05



The beginner pipe band entertained the audience with a number of pieces, including Mull of Kintyre. 20_c13pipe10

Lisa McKellar was popular with the audience as she performed a hornpipe.

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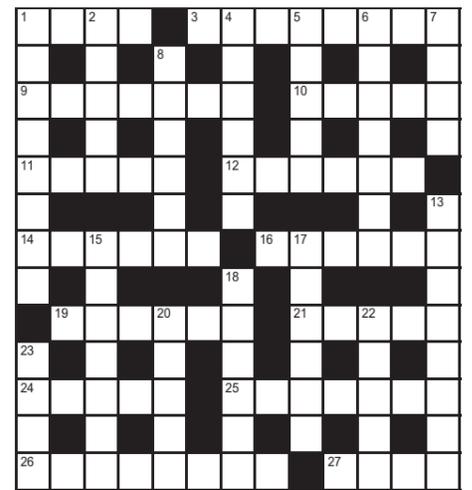
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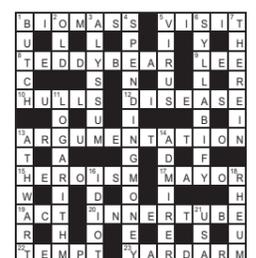
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Courier farming

Bedding switch pays off for Kintyre farmer

KINTYRE monitor farmer Duncan Macalister has saved more than £1,100 per month by switching his cattle bedding from straw to sawdust on his 1,730-acre Glenbarr farms.

At a recent monitor farm meeting, Mr Macalister told the community group that a visit to a previous monitor farm resulted in him making the switch.

This has created financial, management and time-saving benefits.

Mr Macalister has a breeding herd of 140 mainly spring calving Aberdeen Angus cows.

While the majority are out-wintered on coastal barley stubble, more

than 200 cattle, a mixture of weaned calves, finishing animals, replacement heifers and breeding bulls, are housed.

Just over 100 acres of barley are grown but in previous years additional straw had been purchased. When Mr Macalister asked Robert Parker why he used sawdust instead of straw, he told the group that it was cheaper, labour saving, kept the cattle cleaner and, after composting for a year, did not need to be ploughed in.

'While I produce some barley straw of my own, it's great roughage to feed to the cattle and the

cost of getting additional barley straw delivered to Kintyre is around £120 per ton,' said Mr Macalister. 'Sawdust at around half the price per ton certainly seemed worth a try.'

Using sawdust from natural timber, Mr Macalister put an initial layer of at least one foot deep into the cattle buildings. He said this 'green' sawdust is damper than treated timber, but it makes it less dusty which is better for the cattle.

As well as financial savings, he was also impressed by the time the sawdust has saved - around three hours a week. He added: 'Also no fancy, expensive ma-



Duncan Macalister, who has switched from using straw to sawdust bedding for his Aberdeen Angus cattle.

chinery is needed. Once the cattle were on the sawdust, there was very little labour input, other than topping the sawdust up once a week, which was as simple as just emptying four tractor bucketfuls into each pen. 'With straw, we need-

to bed the cattle three times a week, which not only took a lot of time, but could also be risky for the stockman.'

He used slightly more sawdust than straw, but the cost worked out at around £62 per ton as opposed to £120 for straw.

His cattle also were

cleaner on the sawdust, as not one finished animal needed pre-slaughter belly clipped.

However, there were some negatives. Mr Macalister said: 'It must be stored where it can be kept dry, and this storage has to be accessible to the artic-

ulated delivery lorry. 'It also needs to be composted for a year to avoid nitrogen 'lock up'. In addition, its fertiliser value is poorer than straw.' The Kintyre monitor farm has completed its three-year term, but there will be an open day in July.

Tarbert hosts first of key meetings for Agricultural Holdings Review

NFU Scotland was in Tarbert last week gathering evidence from tenant, owner-occupier and landlord members on the Agricultural Holdings Review.

The union is holding meetings around the country because it wants the review process 'to create a better platform for new and developing farm businesses in Scotland'.

The first meeting, in the Templar Hall, Tarbert, saw members from Bute, Gigha, Islay and mainland Argyll attending.

The remit of the cabinet secretary-led review group is to establish the appropriate legislation needed to deliver a tenanted sector that's fit for purpose.

Evidence sessions, along with surveys and planned public meetings all form part of

the group's review process. The first part - the Scottish Government's survey of tenant farmers - closed on March 10.

The nine NFUS meetings around the country are being chaired by its president, Nigel Miller, and will provide an opportunity to discuss the union's proposed verbal and written submissions to the group.

Tenancy issues also continue to be discussed extensively within

NFUS's tenants working group and legal and technical committee.

Mr Miller said: 'Our aim with these meetings is to listen to our members' priorities.

'With an April deadline on the horizon, it is important to test out the union's position with members and expose gaps in our thinking before we feed the union's views into the Agricultural Holdings Review Group.

'We have an opportu-

nity now to breathe new life into the sector and into Scottish farming.

'The union will be looking to provide a positive platform for the future of farming as well as safeguarding established tenants, creating opportunities for a new generation and designing a regulatory framework, which encourages owners to let land and enter into agreements that allow the positive development of holdings.'

Public urged to clean up after their dogs

NFU Scotland is urging members of the public to clean up after their dogs when walking on agricultural land.

Parasites found in some dog faeces can result in the abortions of cattle and death in sheep and with several reports over recent months, Kintyre farmers are pleading with the public to be more responsible.

A NFUS spokeswoman said: 'As we are now into lambing and calving season, the message to the public

is to remember to pick up any faeces from dogs they are walking, including when they are using agricultural land.

'There is evidence of the links between two specific diseases in livestock and the presence on grazing land of faeces from infected dogs.

'Faeces from infected dogs can contaminate pasture and animal feed, water or bedding. There is no licensed vaccine or drugs available for these diseases.'

Cattle scab found in Scotland

THE first case of cattle scab to be confirmed in Scotland since the early 1980s has been diagnosed.

The disease was found on a Borders farm in a calf recently imported, with its suckler cow mother, from outwith Great Britain.

Cattle scab, otherwise known as psoroptic mange, is caused by mites that pierce the skin to feed and cause immense irritation. The signs are similar to those of sheep scab which is also caused by a mite.

It is more common in beef cattle in Europe, but dairy herds have also been infected.

The disease has severe welfare and economic consequences as it causes severe dermatitis with scab formation along the back, shoulders and tail head, but it can also extend over the lower body, hind legs and the tail. There is usually intense itching and secondary infections

are common leading to bleeding and crusting.

Affected animals inevitably lose weight and in extreme cases death can occur.

Free testing

SAC Consulting Veterinary services are offering free testing of skin scrapings from suspected cases.

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IN A world of legal jargon and more finance options that you can fit into a four-storey mansion, embarking on the first bold steps onto the property ladder can be a daunting prospect.

But those who have already successfully achieved their self-build ambitions will confirm that there is a fine line between completion of a dream - or the arrival of a costly nightmare - but it is worth the warm glow of self-satisfaction if your dream home becomes reality.

As well as embarking on a steep learning curve into the complex world of budgeting and the planning process, determined self-builders may find that they learn as much about themselves and their own character as they do about construction.

Along with the land, bricks and mortar, you will need large volumes of dedication, commitment and patience throughout the entire project. It will take longer than you thought. It will probably extend both deadlines and budgets so make a list in large lettering of the top three reasons of why you are constructing your own home - read it regularly, and put it in a prominent position that keeps you focused, especially when the going gets tough.

Remember that undertaking this self-build is to achieve the home of your dreams.

You will need to inspire others to have the level of enthusiasm for your project as you have. Having the right attitude will fundamentally affect your self-build plan in a positive way.

There are many ways in which you will locate your ideal plot of land. Estate agents, advertisements in newspapers and word of mouth are probably the most common.

Land may also become available via auctions or on-line auction sites. These may appear as a cheap option. And they can be. But they come with their own complications.

Plots being auctioned are often the result of bankruptcy or other problems that make a quick sale desirable for the seller. They are traded on a 'sold as seen' basis. It is up to the bidder to ensure that the details being presented are accurate, suitable to the intended purpose and not without 'hidden' dangers.

If possible, visit any site for sale via an auction and make your own assessment - or better still pay an expert to survey the property or plot on your behalf. It may cost a little, but could save you a lot.

Whatever your chosen route to a piece of land, there are four basic areas to consider before embarking on a plot purchase - ground conditions, planning permission, utilities and services, and any legal considerations.

GROUND CONDITIONS

Ground conditions are important as it forms the foundations of your dream home. It may be necessary to employ a specialist to ensure that the plot of land is ideally suited for your project. Simple things like a high water table, while not insurmountable, need to be identified, as do more serious issues with potential flooding, industrial or agricultural pollution and, if the site has been subject to infill, what was it in-filled with? Building land may have been built on previously and what lies beneath the surface in terms of drains, pipe work, foundations, etc may have cost implications that are not immediately obvious.

Something as simple as the incline of the proposed plot should also be noted as this may add extensively to the cost of groundwork prior to the first stages of construction.

When viewing a plot, bear in mind that the overall dimensions should not only be capable of containing the house but that planning authorities may also want evidence of sufficient space for parking or garages, turning vehicles, space for safe central heating fuel storage, if applicable, and other amenities in relation to the size of said home.

Don't take the sellers word as to the size of the plot.

It is your responsibility to ensure that the dimensions of the land for sale is as stated.

It would also be advisable at this stage to come back

from the site and, if possible, view it from a distance - get the 'bigger picture'. This will give you a better feel for the surroundings or the neighbourhood.

PLANNING

Planning is often the biggest single obstacle that a self-builder has to negotiate.

Don't be put off by the multitude of nightmare scenarios that others will willingly relate to you. Learn from their errors and experiences, do the homework, and seek help from experts who do these often complex communications with local authorities on a daily basis.

Planning restrictions and interpretations may differ slightly from area to area so gain expert local knowledge whenever possible.

Plots with outline planning permission already granted will cost in the region of 500% more than land without. Obtaining planning from scratch may be time consuming and is not without its pitfalls, but it can also be rewarding if approached correctly.

There are also areas that come under the category of 'designated' - these are subject to complex planning and are probably best avoided by the inexperienced. Designated areas include Green Belts, which are not as the term suggests open green field sites, they will most likely have strict restrictions on sizes and styles of house building. National Parks,

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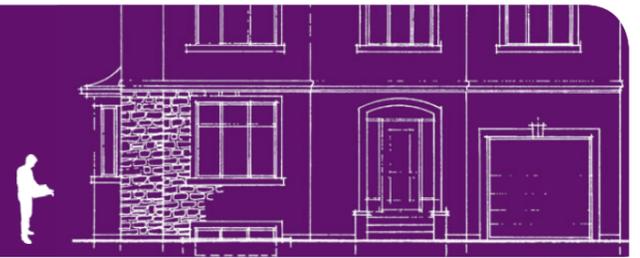
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which are exactly what the name suggests, have few permitted developments and have rules regarding not only style of building but also materials used. Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) or National Scientific Areas (NSAs) which have rules relating to traditional architecture, plus Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), which are aimed specifically to protect wildlife and/or geological features.

UTILITIES AND SERVICES

All plots will require utilities and services at some stage.

Plots adjacent to other houses or existing buildings are often easier to get through the planning maze simply because water and power supplies may already be on-hand.

Rural and isolated locations are a very different proposal, with the cost of installing utilities becoming a major cost factor in negotiating the original purchase price of the land.

Considerable consideration should be given to the proximity of schools, shops and public transport. These may not be priorities in your dream location – but should you opt to move in the future, they may affect the resale value of your house – what you view as a positive asset could be a potential buyers idea of a real turn-off.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Before agreeing to buy building land ask your solicitor to a pre-purchase check for any title issues, the legality of the boundaries, rights of access through, or indeed, on and off the site – there is little point in buying a site that you cannot then gain entry to.

This is particularly relevant if the plot is in a rural or remote location where access is via neighbouring land. Old or

verbal agreements between previous landowners/ friends/ neighbours mean nothing and must not be regarded as automatically transferable.

This is also true of shared access which can sometimes be a very grey area shrouded amid myth, lies and well-intentioned assumptions – an area that needs to be clearly defined in writing and map before money changes hands.

Shared access normally also means shared liability in relation to maintenance costs and shared liability for incidents or accidents that happen on that piece of shared land - ie trees falling onto neighbours' property, broken or damaged fences, injury to residents or visitors

as a result of neglect to said shared access.

Sometimes, in order to get planning permission, you will be asked to sign a legal obligation, also known as a planning agreement and in Scotland commonly called a Section 50 Agreement. This can restrict how land is used or make the applicant bear the cost of off-site works before building work can go ahead.

You will also have to find out if there are any such agreements relating to the plot that may have already been signed. As the purchaser, you are legally bound by any agreement that comes with the purchase. It's up to you to find it if it exists.

Also, there may be verbal agreements made with the vendor with regard to building or reinstating walls, fences, drains or even to the extent of getting the vendor's permission before extending, altering or even selling your property – these ancient feus are legally binding and should be discussed at length with a solicitor before entered into.

Building your own house can be one of the most stressful times of your life – but it can also be the most rewarding. Don't enter into it lightly – it may be one of the largest purchases you are ever likely to make and worth every penny.

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Students help deliver basic but vital aid in Gambia

Campbeltown Grammar fifth-year pupil CAMERON PATERSON interviewed fellow students who were on the recent school trip to Gambia. In this report, he reveals a stark picture of the very limited medical resources in that country

STUDENTS of Campbeltown Grammar School had their eyes opened as to just how basic medical care is in the developing world when they travelled to Gambia recently to promote first aid and oral hygiene.

They also found out how some small contributions from our country can make a massive dif-

ference in places where there is very little.

Having received training alongside teachers from a number of Gambian schools and gained knowledge in basic first aid - dealing with burns, CPR, applying bandages and good medical hygiene - they passed on their new knowledge and practices to primary students in Kungka-

jangin, Gambia's capital, and Kalagi, a two-and-a-half-hour drive 'up country'.

The training was delivered by Fiona Nelson of the Argyll-based charity 'First aid for Gambia' in a humorous and informative vein while emphasising the serious message involved.

Easily develop

The students discovered that what they would regard as small or medium concerns such as minor burns or conjunctivitis could, if not treated promptly and appropriately, easily develop into serious concerns such as life-threatening infections or blindness.

One of the local teachers participating in this exercise revealed how he was four years old when a large water butt fell upon him breaking some bones. Without



Students and youngsters at an oral hygiene class.

appropriate care at the time he now will walk with crutches for the rest of his life.

On a lighter note, there was a great deal of hilarity when the group worked with Kalagi students in promoting good dental health using the generous donations from Campbeltown's dental surgery. Synchronised brushing could well be a new pastime in Gambia. Rarely have teeth been so well attended to.

Of particular concern and sadness was a visit to the Jarrol clinic in Kalagi which attempts to provide medical care for roughly 1,000 people in the area.

Withdraw funding

It was established in the 1960s by an American evangelical charity which was providing a very necessary service but needed to withdraw its funding 14 years ago.

The facility could not even be described as



Fiona Nelson of the Argyll-based charity 'First aid for Gambia' uses grammar school student David Farren to demonstrate first aid.

basic. Its structure is in danger of collapse, it has no pain relief facilities nor medicines, possesses a mere 10 tablets of Amoxicillin antibiotics and its beds are made of concrete.

Most importantly, although it is the only fa-

cility for a catchment of a 40 km radius, it has no birthing facility in a country where students were informed one in seven mothers die in childbirth.

The clinic is staffed by the same male nurse trained by the Ameri-

cans prior to their departure. Incredibly, he has been working unpaid for the past 14 years.

Campbeltown Grammar students and staff handed over the medical materials and medication they had gathered in Scotland. All was very gratefully received, especially liquid paracetamol because of its ability to bring down the temperature of infants.

The group found the gratitude expressed to them overwhelming and humbling when in parting they were told sincerely, 'You have saved lives here today'.

There were more than a few tears on the half mile back to the tents in the Kalagi school compound and a quiet determination to see what they could do to help further when they got home.

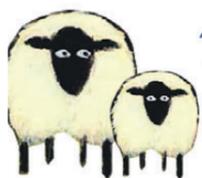


The very basic Jarrol clinic has beds made of concrete.

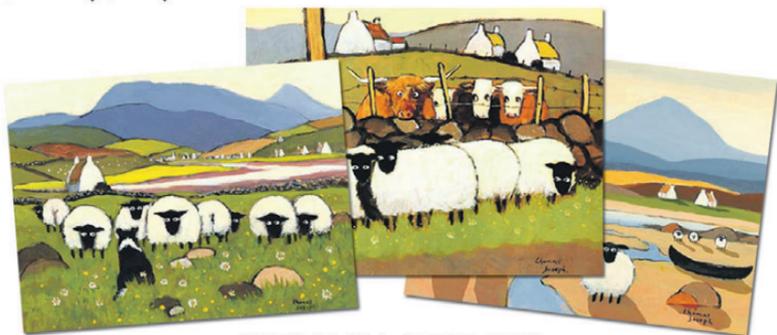


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Winning their way back to fitness

Aqualibrium exercise programme is helping people recover from serious injury or illness

LESLIE McMillan is emphatic about the role of Campbeltown's Aqualibrium in his battle back to fitness after suffering a serious stroke three years ago.

'It has been a Godsend for me,' said the 65-year-old.

For the past 18 months he has been taking part in a fitness programme designed to help people recover from health problems or illness.

Leslie's stroke left him paralysed down his left side. He was referred on to the ArgyllActive plan by his physiotherapist and did two eight-week blocks with fitness instructor Fiona Irwin.

Unfortunately, Leslie slipped and broke his left hip having reached

the stage of walking without a stick. That set him back.

However, he returned to the gym with Fiona and is now able to go in and exercise on his own.

He said: 'I really look forward to doing this every chance I get. I can go around all my different exercises for my legs and I also do a bit of arm lifting stuff.'

'It's great for anybody with health problems. Fiona's done a first-class job.'

Fiona said: 'The programme promotes independence and some people take a wee bit longer than others.'

'It's a safe environment in here, away from the wind and uneven



Leslie McMillan uses one of the weight machines while instructor Fiona Irwin looks on. 20_c10fitness01

pavements outside.

'It's about limbs, movement and confidence. All you need is a referral from a doctor, nurse or other health professional.'

ArgyllActive was launched in Campbeltown in 2011 and had 54 participants last year. It aims to promote physical activity of 30 minutes or more on five or more days a week, and many participants say it has improved their overall confidence.

Several have also continued to meet their daily exercise target after completing the programme.

Those taking part pay reduced prices per session, including access to the swimming pool and health suite, and the programme is funded by Argyll and Bute Council with a subsidy from the NHS.

Another person who has benefited hugely from the ArgyllActive programme is Marjorie Blue.

Two years ago, the 51-year-old was involved in a serious road accident and needed a number of operations, including getting metal plates put in her right arm.

She was also in a coma for more than a month and when she woke up she had no strength in her right arm and had to learn to walk again. She still has problems with her eyesight and memory. Her GP referred her to

the programme with Fiona last spring.

Marjorie said: 'Fiona has been a great help and support to me. I really didn't think I would enjoy it as much as I have. I was never at the gym before and never thought I would set foot in one. As soon as I got shown things I changed my mind.'

'I've got the confidence to walk about by myself now.'

Improved

Fiona said Marjorie had improved rapidly - first stepping on small boxes, before soon moving onto higher steps and eventually working up to using the treadmill.

Fiona described Marjorie's progress as 'impressive considering when she started it was an effort for her to stand up by herself'. Like Leslie, Marjorie has now gained the confidence to visit the gym and do her treadmill and rowing machine exercises unsupervised. She tries to visit as often as she can.

Her aim is to eventually be able to walk unaided outside and regain the strength in her right arm, which she hopes will come following another operation.

She said: 'I've come on a dream since I started here. It's also good to meet other people in the classes, rather than sitting in the house all day not really chatting to anybody.'

Fiona said the social

side is a big aspect of the class for many people, as it allows them to appreciate difficulties others face and realise they are not alone.

'You see how other people cope,' said Marjorie. 'It can only get better.' ArgyllActive also includes a cardiac rehabilitation programme for people who have suffered a heart complaint

and is provided by British Association for Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation qualified instructors.

Leslie is working towards being able to walk without his stick. He also hopes to eventually regain movement in his left arm.

He said: 'I don't know how I would have got on without the pro-

gramme. Fiona does a great job - she's got time for everybody.' Marjorie said she would encourage others to try the programme.

She said: 'You can't just sit and feel sorry for yourself. There's always somebody worse off than you.'

'I've been genuinely surprised by the progress I've made.'



Marjorie Blue uses the treadmill having been unable to walk at all following her car accident two years ago. 20_c12fitness02

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CLACHAN

High standard at WRI bulb show

A HIGH standard of entries were on show at the annual Clachan, Whitehouse and Largieside bulb show at Clachan Village Hall.

It was also a well supported show, with 240 entries.

Judges were from Lochgilphead WRI and did an excellent job considering the number and standard of entries.

The event ended with an enjoyable tea provided by Clachan WRI.

Results were as follows: Floral Cup: winner: Linda Hutchison (Largieside WRI), 26 points; runner up: Colleen McCallum (Largieside WRI) and Agnes Sillars (Whitehouse WRI), 15 points. Baking Cup: winner: Pauline Simson (Clachan WRI), 26 points; runner up: Jenny Sinclair (Clachan WRI), 24 points. Art and handicrafts trophy: winner: Pat Dean (Clachan WRI), 42 points; runner up: Barbara Bell (Clach-

an WRI), 39 points. MacGregor Smith Trophy for the best exhibit in the baking: winner: Jenny Sinclair (Clachan WRI) butterfly cakes. Institute points: Clachan WRI: 390 points; Whitehouse WRI: 219 points; Largieside WRI: 213 points.

LARGIESIDE

Firefighters visit Largieside WRI

MEMBERS of Largieside WRI learned about Campbeltown Fire Station during their March meeting in Tayinloan Village Hall.

Speakers for the evening were Ronnie Souden and Grant MacPherson from Campbeltown Fire and Rescue Brigade. The station is unmanned, which means it is served by retained firemen who are on call and have other jobs.

They each have pagers which must be switched on for 120 hours per week. Campbeltown has two appliances, known as pumps, and 20 personnel.

In November 1886 a volunteer brigade was set up to serve Campbeltown with the first fire pump delivered in 1887. In 1975 Campbeltown became part of Strathclyde Fire Service.

With this being a rural area one of the biggest problems for firefighters is finding a water supply close to a fire. Sometimes one appliance has to fetch water while the other tends the fire, switching over when the full pump becomes empty.

Fire prevention is now a big part of the service and crews attend more road traffic accidents than fires.

A very informative talk made a lot of members more aware of the dangers of not having smoke alarms fitted and using gang switches instead of block adapters as these are less dangerous. The vote of thanks was given by Enid Williams. Hostesses for the evening were Mary McDonald and Pat Rawson. Competition results: Decorated Easter egg: Ann Clark 5, Zandra McDougall 4, Adrienne Bradley 3. Shortbread: Helen Steel 5, Coleen McCallum 4, Jessie Main 3, Ann Clark 2, Zandra McDougall 1.

ISLAY



Rosie and Andrew Woodhouse during the TV advertorial last week.

TV boost for Islay's tourism

ISLAY was given strong TV coverage last week by VisitScotland and STV.

The 60-second advertorial followed Scottish couple Rosie and Andrew Woodhouse on their first visit to island which is often referred to as 'The Queen of the Hebrides'.

Islay was recently voted as the eighth best island in the UK in the TripAdvisor 2014 Travellers' Choice Islands Awards.

Rosie and Andrew from Skye were seen leaving Kennacraig on the CalMac ferry, fine dining at the Bridgend Hotel, learning

about the island's events from Gordon Covell at the Islay Woollen Mill, whisky making at Laphroaig Distillery (courtesy of David Adams), discovering more about Fèis Ile - Islay Malt and Music Festival - from Florence Grey and enjoying live music sessions at Port Charlotte Hotel.

The advertorial, aired throughout last week, reaching 1.46 million Scots during programmes like Mr Selfridge, The Cube, Scotland Tonight and the ITV Early Evening News.

VisitScotland has recently teamed up with Caledonian Mac-

Brayne and Serco NorthLink Ferries for Brilliant Island Moments - a campaign which offers 8,000 free tickets for an offshore adventure.

Rosie Woodhouse who features in the advertorial with husband Andrew said: 'Islay more than lived up to our hopes and expectations.'

'There was so much to do and something for everyone. Whisky, music, beautiful landscapes, beaches, good food, walking, amazing history and a warm island welcome - the list goes on and on.'

SKIPNESS

Skipness pupils make Crossaig visit

PUPILS from Skipness Primary School delved into the world of construction when they visited Crossaig.

They were invited to see the BAM construction site by Harry Ross, who is the company's health and safety officer.

On their visit they saw at first hand some of the work which has already been done at the site where the Kintyre Hunterston subsea link is being built. They also saw some of the equipment used.

BAM is working alongside Siemens to build a new electricity substation at Crossaig for the new underwater power line. Pupils would like to thank Harry Ross and all the staff working at the site for such a warm welcome and informative visit.



Ian Steele, left, and Harry Ross from BAM Construction with, from left: Joseph, Heleana and Peter McAllister and Zac Carter from Skipness Primary.

New nurses for Islay and Jura

TWO new nurses have been appointed by NHS Highland to serve communities in Islay and Jura.

Gill Hearle started on March 3 in her new role as senior charge nurse in Islay Hospital.

This follows a career in the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps. She has worked all over the world, including New Zealand, Iraq and Afghanistan.

She is qualified as an advanced nurse practitioner and her most recent experience was in primary and pre-hospital care. She has also worked in burns and intensive care units.

Gillian Nelson-Edwards started work on March 11 as public health nurse for Islay and Jura.

She previously worked in London for five years within child health.

Gillian is originally from Islay and decided

to move to give her own young family a chance to experience island life. Alison Guest, clinical services manager for Islay, said: 'Gill and Gillian bring with them a wide range of experience and I am sure they will both be great additions to our team in Islay.'

Redman speaks on defence

PORTNAHAVEN postmaster Alastair Redman spoke at the Scottish Conservatives Party Conference in Edinburgh.

The prospective Conservative parliamentary candidate spoke on the subject of defence to the 1,200-strong audience.

Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands MSP, said: 'Alastair spoke eloquently and passionately in an excellent defence debate which took place following a speech from the defence secretary Philip Hammond.'

'I was also pleased to speak in the defence de-

bate. Recent events like the alarming situation in Ukraine are a reminder of how complex and fast-moving international relations can be.

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Alastair Redman of Islay spoke at the Scottish Conservatives Party Conference in Edinburgh recently.

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The Agricultural Holding Legislation Review Group are visiting Islay on 2 April and Oban on 3 April 2014. Members will be visiting both tenants and landlords in the area during the day and holding Open Meetings both evenings at: Gaelic College, Bowmore from 6.30pm - 10pm and Corran Halls, Oban from 6.30pm - 10pm on the following evening.

Group members will provide information on how the Review Group is approaching the Review and are keen to hear from stakeholders with regard to the issues outlined in its Remit.

Should individuals wish to speak to Review Group members privately this will be made possible after the open meeting, or at another time to be arranged. If you would like discuss anything privately with the Group please email TenantFarmingReview@scotland.gsi.gov.uk in advance.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

| Ref | Proposal | Site Address | Location of Plans |
|--------------|---|---|--|
| 14/00151/PP | Conversion of 3 barns to form one dwellinghouse (in two parts within barn A and barn B. Main part Barn B with ancillary accommodation in Barn A and domestic garage in Barn C). | Ardnaw Barns Achnamara Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8PT | Ardrishaig Area Office |
| 14/00410/PP | Erection of covered walkway between main building and modular building to the rear | Argyll And Bute Council 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8RD | Ardrishaig Area Office |
| 14/00566/PPP | Site for the erection of dwellinghouse. | Land South West of Druim A'ird Crinan Cottages Crinan Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8SW | Ardrishaig Area Office |
| 14/00589/PP | Erection of a 40.5 metre high (to blade tip) wind turbine. | Land Approx 515 Metres Northwest of Auchenhoan Cottage Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6RE | Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown |

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

| Ref | Proposal | Site Address | Location of Plans |
|--------------|--|---|--|
| 14/00189/LIB | Formation of 2 attic bedrooms, shower room, access stair, internal alterations to lower floor layout and installation of rooflights and patent glazing | 14D Barochan Place Argyll Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6AX | Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown |
| 14/00655/LIB | Re-roofing of dwellinghouse on a like for like basis. | Inverlussa House Achnamara Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8PT | Ardrishaig Area Office |

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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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A Meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee will be held in the Town Hall, Campbeltown At 10.00a.m. - Wednesday 2 April, 2014

Members of the public are welcome to attend and a public question time will take place for 30 minutes during the meeting. Questions can be asked on the day or can be submitted in advance to the Area Governance Manager, 22 Hill Street, Dunoon PA23 7AP. Telephone: 01369 707134.

The Agenda for the meeting is available to view at the Servicepoint, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead and at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

Douglas Hendry, Executive Director - Customer Services

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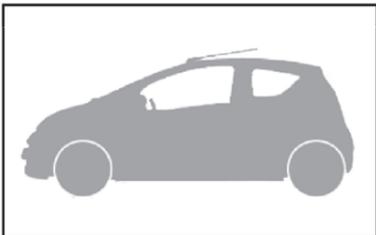
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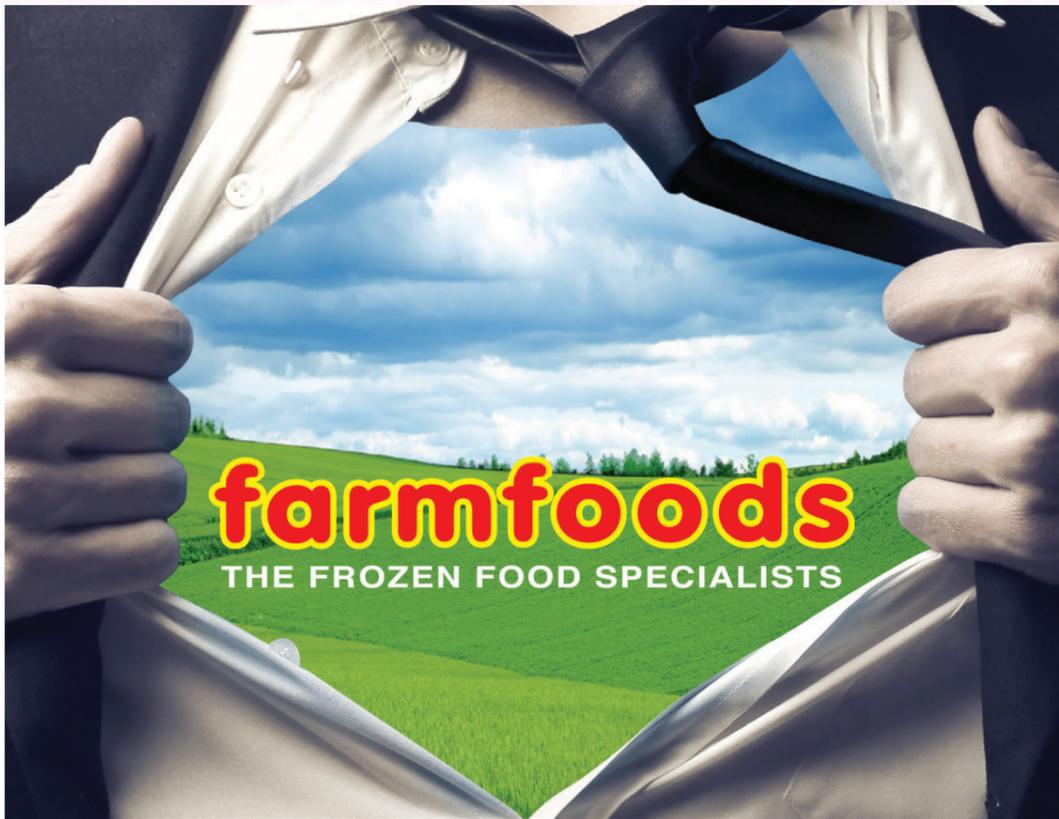
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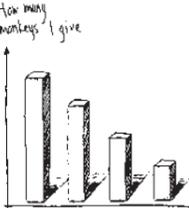
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT is always interesting to find out what brings people together.

I had the pleasure of being at Carradale Camera Club last week to show some of my photographs.

I was a wee bit apprehensive as I know there are a lot of extremely good photographers in that group and I felt somewhat daunted.

However I needn't have worried at all, because I received a lovely welcome and we enjoyed an evening of sharing our passion for photography.

We discussed types of cameras, the merits – or otherwise – of Photoshop, the use of filters, composition, and so much more.

Soon people I had never met seemed like friends I had known for a long time, and there was a connection between us.

We had a common bond because of a common interest and a shared passion.

I thought about this connectedness and of all the other ways in which people share something of themselves.

There must be so many threads in life that link us to each other and weave us together.

We may come together as work colleagues, friends, family, club members, church congregations, political parties, or whatever other ideas or philosophies bind us together.

Human beings are programmed to connect with each other.

We have a basic need for company, for affirmation, for love.

It is important to recognise this in each other and so enable people to reach their full potential.

There is something called 'sacred space' and this is a place where we can be ourselves, just as we are.

It is a place where we can develop our potential and focus on our strengths.

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At 11am on the dot everyone set off, either doing one mile, three miles or six miles. 20_c13relief02



The first runner to finish was Josh Arkell. 20_c13relief03

S-miles for Sport Relief

IT was only a mile, but it was the most popular event by a distance around the UK on Sunday morning.

A total of 75 people of all

ages in Campbeltown ran and walked either a one-mile, three mile or six-mile route around the town, raising money for Sport Relief.

Organised by jogscotland Campbeltown, the event started from the Aqualibrium car park.

Well-attended fitness class-

es were also held at the sports centre over the weekend in aid of Sport Relief which helps young people at home and abroad.



Several families took part in the Sport Relief Mile, raising money through sponsorship. 20_c13relief08



Members of jogscotland Campbeltown took part, with these ladies all doing the three-mile run. 20_c13relief10



Grazia and Max Graham finish the mile run. 20_c13relief04

Right: Sharon and son Robert Kerr. 20_c13relief06

Below: These young runners left a lot of the older runners in their wake. 20_c13relief05



TEXT FOR THE WEEK

A prayer, 'Hear from heaven, your dwelling-place, and when you hear, forgive' (1 Kings 8:30).

BIRTHS

DOCHERTY - LAWSON - Both families are delighted to announce the arrival of Calum Archibald James, on January 17, 2014. Thanks to midwives in Campbeltown.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS



MCSPORRAN - STEWART

On March 29, 1954, at the Ardshiel, Campbeltown by Rev Andrew Currie, Iain to Hilda. Present address, 44 Ralston Road, Campbeltown. With love and congratulations from all the family.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on March 20, 2014, Duncan Reid Campbell, aged 84 years, of Badden Farm, Lochgilphead, beloved husband of Jenny, much loved father of Iain and Craig, much respected father-in-law of Jennifer and cherished grandpa of Robert, Jack and James. A dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

FERGUSON - Suddenly, while visiting with family in Elgin, on March 23, 2014, Hugh (Chubby) Ferguson, Master Butcher, aged 84 years, of 23 Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, beloved husband of Mary, much loved father of Archie and Lynn, cherished grandfather of Kirsty, Lynsey, Ashley and Christina and much respected father-in-law of Lena and Gordon. A dear brother, brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the family. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, today, Friday, March 28 at 11.30am, thereafter to Carsaig Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to RNL and Marie Curie.

HARROGATE - Suddenly at home, 14 Park Terrace, Campbeltown, on March 24, 2014, Mary McMillan Stewart, in her 75th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Norman Harrogate, much loved mother of Stephen, Debbie and the late Sharon, and a loving and much loved grandmother. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, March 28, 2014 at 1.00pm, fune-

al thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Cancer Research.

MCAULAY - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 23, 2014, Neil McAulay, in his 76th year, 25a Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Jimmy and Chrissie McAulay, much loved brother of Maureen, Christine, Elizabeth, Lyn and Jim and a dear uncle. Service was held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Thursday, March 27. A cremation service will take place in Cardross Crematorium on Friday, March 28 at 1.15pm.

MCKINVEN - Peacefully at home, 13 Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, on March 19, 2014, Marion Scally McIvor (Maisie), in her 98th year, dearly beloved wife of the late James Sharp McKinven, much loved mother of Ivor, Janice, Jim and Roy and a loving grandmother and great grandmother.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GALBRAITH - Helen and Rhona would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for flowers, cards, letters, phone calls, baking handed in and visits received following their sad loss of Peter. Thanks to Pauline for her beautiful arrangement in the church. Thanks to the police, ambulance and Dr Kornfeld. Also, our thanks to Rev David Thom for a comforting and uplifting service, to Kenneth and Alasdair Blair for funeral arrangements, to the Argyll Hotel, Bellochintyre for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The amount raised for Mairi Semple Fund was £478.42.

MCKINVEN - The family of the late Maisie McKinven would sincerely like to thank friends and neighbours for all of their support, expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, telephone calls and visits over the past few months, leading up to the sad loss of their mum, Maisie. Special and grateful thanks to doctors, nursing staff and carers for their exceptional care and understanding over the past few years. Grateful thanks to Kenny, Alasdair and Rhys for their professional guidance for the funeral arrangements, and not forgetting Ivor for the beautiful floral displays that gracefully adorned the church and graveside. Finally, to Matthew Ramsay for his sincere and moving service, to David McEwan for the music arrangements and to the Ardshiel Hotel for the wonderful purvey. The retiral collection for church funds, to date, amounts to £1236.

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BRODRICK - In loving memory of Andrew (Basher), who was taken from us on March 26, 1994.

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- Love, Mum, Tracy, Billy, Janet, James, Karen, Willie, Angie and Jimmy.

CLARK - Treasured memories of our dearly loved mum and granny, Margaret (Peggy), who died March 28, 1993. Also our dearly loved dad and grandpa, John, who died February 24, 1977. Always in our thoughts.

- Family, home and away. **HARDIE** - Treasured memories of our dear son-in-law, Davie, died April 2, 2013. Loved and remembered always.

- Ellen and George. **MACAULAY** - In loving memory of my dearest wee sister and a 'special' auntie, Diane. You are always in our thoughts.

We miss you. - Love, Julie and Chloe xx.

MACAULAY - With silent memories no words are needed.

- Mum, Thomas and Alec. A special auntie, Diane. - Donnamarie, Chloe and Connor.

O'MAY - Malcolm. In loving memory of our dear dad and grandpa, March 31, 2011. Loved and remembered always.

- Your forever loving family xxxxx. **SCOTT** - Precious memories of Cathy, who passed away March 27, 2011. Sadly missed, never forgotten.

- Love from all the family.

CHURCH NOTICES

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 30th March 2014
11.15am Family Communion with crèche

Pastor Ross Ferguson
Coffee from 10.45am

Wednesday 2nd April 2014
10.00am Jellytots Toddler Group
7.30pm Prayer and Bible Study
For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200

www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SCO14646

Highland Parish Church



SCO02493

Saturday 29th March
2.00pm Spring Tea

Sunday 30th March
11.15am Rev. A. McIvor
Annual Stated Meeting

Tuesday 1st April
No Badminton
Finished for season
Everyone very welcome

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



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

Sunday 30th March
Fourth Sunday of Lent
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



CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service
11.00 am
with Sunday school
Refreshments after the service

Baby & Toddler Group
10.00 - 11.45 am
Every Thursday (term time only)

We meet at the Guide Hall,
Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

Campbeltown Community Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Scotland
SC043322



George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 30th March
11.00am Sunday School
12.45pm Worship Service
Mr Sean Ankers

Thursday 3rd April
12 noon Prayer and Bible Study

All Welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980



The Salvation Army
Campbeltown Corps
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009339
Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Sunday Services
Celebrate Mother's Day with The Salvation Army
10.30am Morning Worship
Everyone is welcome to join us for Christian Worship, followed by tea and cake

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

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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

Scottish Episcopal Churches
Everyone Welcome

Christ Church
Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead

Sundays 11.00 am Eucharist service
Coffee & Cake follows the service

St Columba's, Pottaloch, nr Kilmartin
1st Sunday of the month 9.00am

3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm
Scottish Prayer Book

All Saints, Inveraray
1st & 3rd Sundays 10.30 am

Father Simon Mackenzie
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran

01546 602315
SC013787

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services
30th March 2014 - all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am (with Annual Stated Meeting)

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

Sacrament of Baptism (followed by Annual Stated Meeting)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 30th March
Morning Worship
Kilmartin 10.00am
Rev. C. Acklam
All welcome
SC0 02121

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 30 March 2014
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"The Spirit and the bride say Come"

Thursday 3 April 2014
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing

All Welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Sunday 30th March
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Next Generation
Mr W Crossan

Tuesday 1st April
Parents and Toddlers 9.45am
BB Anchor Boys 6.00 - 7.00pm
BB Junior Section 7.15 - 8.30pm

Thursday 3rd April
Choir practice 7.30pm

Friday 4th April
Lunch Club 12.00 noon

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 30 March
Inverlussa Church 11:30 am
Mothering Sunday Family Service
Rev. C. Acklam
Friday 4 April
From Pharaoh to Freedom
Tayvallich Church 7:30pm
Saturday 5 April
Tayvallich Hall 10:30 am
Coffee Morning
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 30th March 2014
11.00am Morning Service
At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae
Monday 31st March 2014
Ladies Meeting - 2.30pm
Catherine Paterson
Free Church Hall
Mainly Music
Tuesday 1st April
At 10.00am
Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall
Scottish Charity SC015187

TARBERT LOCHFYNNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 30th March 2014
Tarbert Service 11.45am
to be held in Tarbert Free Church
Rev. Tommy Bryson
Guild meets Monday 31st March
Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre 2.30pm
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome
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LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
SUNDAY 30TH MARCH 2014
11.00 am Worship Service
Dr John L Morrison OBE
SATURDAY 29th MARCH 2014
10.00 am Coffee Morning
MONDAY 31st MARCH 2014
7.00pm Congregational Board / Kirk Session Meeting.
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Young athletes will contest sports hall final

ATLANTIS Leisure in Oban is the venue tomorrow (Saturday) for the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics Final.

The competition starts at 1pm in the large games hall with young athletes from most parts of Argyll taking part in running, jumping and throwing events.

The final concludes a series of competitions held in the district this winter in Lochgilphead, Campbeltown, Tobermory and Oban.

As many as 150 young athletes, from five years to 16 years, are expected to participate in an enthralling competition.

Athletes must register between noon and 1pm, with the first events starting at 1pm.

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third overall in each age group.

The Argyll Sports Hall competitions are promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club and sponsored by a Communities 2014 Lottery Grant. For more information on the Argyll final please phone 01546-602664.

Darts results

CAMPBELTOWN District Darts Association week 16 results:

Southend 3 Kilbrannan A 7, Fiddlers B 2 Fiddlers 8, Commercial 6 Kilbrannan B 4, Kilbrannan C 5 Ailsa 5, Burnside/Bye.

Mary Ross scored two 180s for Fiddlers B.

The league singles on Monday, March 31 will be split between the Ailsa, Commercial and the Burnside. Anyone unsure of where they are playing can find a copy of the draw in these venues or call in at the Burnside on the night.

Islay Golf Club results

MRS MacIntyre Trophy played at Islay Golf Club on March 23: 1 S Graham 1 up; 2 B O'Neil 1 up; 3 R MacIntyre 1 down. CSS 69.

Away draw

CAMPBELTOWN Under 13s drew 2-2 away to Broomhill on Sunday.

Kintyre Winter Junior Golf League comes to a close

NIGHT golf, a quiz and prize giving ceremony on Saturday signalled the conclusion of Kintyre Junior Golf Winter League.

Running all winter for beginners and more experienced junior golfers in the area, the league was organised by a group of parents at Dunaverty and Machrihanish golf clubs, helped by Stephen Speirs, PGA trainee, who worked with beginners.

After a quiz and a meal in the clubhouse, players and parents headed out and played five holes Texas Scramble before returning for the prize giving.

The overall league trophy was won by Valdemar Hundebøll with

maximum points, with Daniel Kane runner up.

Søren Hundebøll, one of the parents involved in the league, said: 'There's no reason why golf couldn't be a big sport for kids in this area.'

'We have three brilliant golf courses, and this winter we have seen many new golfers coming out to try the game despite tough weather conditions.'

'Hopefully, this could be the beginning of not only the golf clubs in the area working together but also junior golf getting more focus and making an impact.'

'We cannot thank Stephen Speirs enough for volunteering his time on many Saturdays, and

hopefully this experiment could be a starting point for more junior work.'

After Easter, Dunaverty Golf Club provides Clubgolf coaching for juniors on Friday afternoons.

On the first weekend of May, a two-day golf camp will take place at Machrihanish Dunes.

Donations from The Kintyre Club, Machrihanish Dunes and SSE Wind Farm Trust have made it possible to set up a golf weekend with junior coaching.

Children aged eight to 14 years with some golfing experience are invited to take part. To register contact Søren Hundebøll on sh@bakbjerg.com



All of the children involved in Kintyre Junior Golf Winter League at the prize giving on Saturday. The overall winner, Valdemar Hundebøll, is on the far left.

John and Bobby lift pairs cup

CAMPBELTOWN Bowling Club's newly-elected president, Jimmy Anderson, and his wife Shona, who was elected president of the ladies' section, got their year off to a busy start with a schedule of open pairs, men's open singles, ladies' open singles and the Stronvaar club's Mary Meenan Memorial Singles in consecutive weeks.

The open pairs for the Archie and Fiona Smith Cup resulted in a win for

the Argyll duo of John McLachlan and Bobby Mathieson in a final against fellow club members Lee Allan and David Reid.

The losing semi-finalists, Hugh McCorkindale and Gavin Semple and Catherine McEachran and Shona Anderson, were from the home club.

In the men's open singles Bobby Mathieson was again to the fore when he contested the final against CBC's



Singles winner David Brown, with cup and, from left, John McCormick, Shona Anderson, Bobby Mathieson, Gavin McLachlan and Jimmy Anderson.

David Brown.

This was played on the notorious carpet three which requires a certain amount of local knowledge and David used this to race into an early lead that became a one-shot deficit going in to the last end.

It looked as though Bobby would secure an open double but with David lying three shots and the jack covered, Bobby was unable to reduce the leeway with his final bowl allowing David to take the A-

Words trophy. The losing semi-finalists were Gavin McLachlan, Argyll and John McCormick, CBC.

Jimmy and Shona Anderson presented the trophies and prizes.

Under 15s take on Islay

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils Youth Under 15 footballers will play Islay Under 15s on Sunday with a 2pm kick off on the 3G pitch on Kinloch Green.

Argyll Bowling Club holds prize giving

ARGYLL Bowling Club held their recent indoor bowls prize giving during an evening of bowling.

New members joined in the round robin format bounce game, and with six teams playing everyone was on the carpet throughout the night.

Winners of the evening event were the triple with new girl Eilidh Campbell lead, Antony Fox, second, and President Archie Clark presented the trophies to the winter season's prize winners.

Two bowl pairs: Marcia Ball and Archie Clark, runners up Conor McLatchie and Dav-

ie Reid. Club pairs: Lee Allen and Archie Clark, runners up Nona Ruesgen and Davie Reid.

Four bowl three set: Davie Reid, runner up Andrew Ronald snr.

Vice president's shield: Andrew Ronald jnr, runner up Davie Reid.

President's cup: John McLachlan, runner up Craig Kerr.

Junior championship: Antony Fox, runner up Craig Kerr.

Senior championship: Kathleen McGougan, runner up Peter Clark.

Ladies championship: Kathleen McGougan, runner up Nancy Macrae.

Gents championship: John McLachlan, runner up Andrew Ronald jnr.



Pairs winners Bobby Mathieson and John McLachlan, seated. Behind them are Gavin Semple, Catherine McEachran, Hugh McCorkindale, Lee Allan, Shona Anderson, Jimmy Anderson and David Reid.



Some of the indoor carpet bowls prize winners at Argyll Bowling Club.

Dookers have to settle for a point

WITH the Cil Andres pitch extremely soft and cutting up, it was the hosts who settled quickly and started to dominate possession without creating too many clear chances.

The Tarbert Hotel sponsored home team created their first clear chance when Callum Elliott drove up the left and split the visitors' defence with a pass through the middle to Nikki MacDougall but his shot was tipped round the post by the keeper.

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| Tarbert | 1 |
| Bothwell and Uddingston | 1 |
| SAFL Division 1A | |

Several Tarbert attacks resulted in corners but a combination of bad luck, poor finishing and good goalkeeping meant the first half finished goalless.

Bothwell started the second half strongly but Tarbert goalkeeper John Martin easily handled a few saves from long distance.

With an hour played

Tarbert began to impose themselves and got a deserved lead.

A corner kick from David Ronald saw a Bothwell defender, under pressure from Fraser Talbot, head the ball past his own keeper.

The Dookers missed two excellent chances before being caught on the break by a Bothwell equaliser.

Tarbert dominated the remaining play and created many chances but the Bothwell held on for a 1-1 draw.

The Tarbert players can be proud of their hard work and ability on a really poor surface. More of the same is required tomorrow (Saturday) when the Dookers are away to Port Glasgow OBU in a Coronation Cup quarter final.

Tarbert's man of the match was Jamie Stuart for his hard work and strong running.



David Little, chief executive of the Scottish Youth Football Association, is pictured second from left in the Ardshiel Hotel with some of the coaches and committee members of Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association. 08_c13youth01

Top youth football man praises Campbeltown

COACHES and committee members of Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association welcomed David Little, chief executive of the Scottish Youth Football Association, to Campbeltown last Wednesday.

Overview

He presented an overview of youth football in Scotland as well as providing formal training to CDJFA's child protection officers which now means they can act as signatories as part of the

association's Child Protection scheme.

Mr Little was delighted with the efforts of CDJFA and its partnership under Campbeltown and District Community Football Club which sees a player pathway from CDJFA to football in education to the local amateur side Campbeltown Pupils AFC.

He said: 'I'm very impressed with the joined-up partnership of the local groups and in particular it was pleasing to see young leaders from

the grammar school supporting football at grass roots.

Testament

'The commitment by everyone involved in football locally is testament to the game and I was happy to play a small part in the Under 13s acceptance to play in the Dunbartonshire Football League this season and I'll continue to support CDJFA in any way I can to ensure football flourishes in this remote part of mainland Scotland.'

All to play for as title race hots up

LAST Saturday's single goal win for Hillington over Eaglesham makes for an intriguing end to the Scottish Amateur Football League Premier One season for those sides and Campbeltown Pupils.

Obstacles

There are still obstacles in the way of the leading challengers, with fourth-placed Rolls Royce and a rejuvenated Kings Park just two of many hurdles on the road to possible league success.

There is a lot of football still to be played in what is a highly competitive league system, with the old cliché of taking one game at a time never truer.

Favourites Campbeltown Pupils still lead the way. However, they are closely followed by Hillington on the same number of points but with one more game played.

Eaglesham's phenomenal start to the season has faltered in recent weeks, but they are still serious contenders with a potential of

plus three if all remaining games are won.

Final push

So, nothing is clear cut as teams enter the final third of the season, with some of the late starters still hoping to make-up ground in the final push for the finishing line.

Consistency will win the day, something Pupils will strive to achieve in the weeks ahead, starting with an important league fixture against Rolls Royce tomorrow (Saturday) at East Kilbride.



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

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No winners in Machrihanish Golf Club lotto

THERE were no winners during the past two weeks of Machrihanish Golf Club's three number lotto.

On Monday, March 17, the winning numbers were two, six and seven.

On March 24 the numbers were four, five and seven.

The next draw will take place on Monday, March 31 with a jackpot of £400.

SAFL fixtures

THIS Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Alba Thisle v Oban Saints; Premier Division One - Rolls Royce East Kilbride v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division Two - Lochgiphead Red Star v Port Glasgow United; Port Glasgow v Dunoan Athletic; Coronation Cup, quarter final - Port Glasgow OBU v Tarbert.

Winning return to action for Anderson

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| Point Media | 2 |
| Carradale | 4 |
| West of Scotland Division One | |

CARRADALE consolidated their third place in the league - three sides will be promoted - with this away win which saw the long-awaited return of David Anderson.

The big defender has been absent since sustaining an injury to his knee in the opening match of the season and made up a solid back four alongside Campbell Ramsay, Ewan McIlroy and Willie Dott.

The McFadyen Transport-sponsored side got off to a sluggish start on the 3G pitch in Govan,

with both sides giving little away in the opening 20 minutes.

Point Media opened the scoring in 28 minutes with a cracker of a goal, their midfielder shrugging off a couple of challenges before unleashing a left-foot rocket from 22 yards into the top left corner of the net. Keeper Reid Anderson had no chance.

Carradale were not long getting back into the game. Mark Gillies took a free kick from halfway and it was flicked on by Adam Graham into the



Man of the match Cammy Maguire scored twice.

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path of Cammy Maguire for him to shoot low into the net.

Spurred on by this, Graham and Maguire combined to make it 2-1 after 37 minutes. Graham sent a diagonal ball through to Maguire who

raced in from 20 yards to beat the keeper with a low shot into the corner of the net.

Maguire should have got his hat-trick a few minutes later but delayed taking his shot and it was blocked by the keeper.

Point Media came out in the second half all guns blazing, but the Carradale back four kept them at bay.

Carradale increased their lead in the 70th minute with a lovely goal from Graham. Fed the ball by Ryan McConnachie with his back to the goal, Graham chested it down before turning and unleashing a ferocious right-foot shot into the net.

The visitors then brought off David Anderson to give his weary legs a break, replacing him with Willie Livingstone.

Carradale continued to dominate the match but were caught out by a loose pass. A Point Media player seized the opportunity and let fly with a 25-yard shot into the top corner of Reid Anderson's goal.

There was no panic in the visitors' ranks and it took them only four minutes to re-establish their two-goal advantage. David Johnstone picked out McConnachie who slid the ball past the onrushing keeper.

Maguire was man of the match just ahead of

McIlroy.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Carradale are home in the league to lowly Firhill AFC. The match is on the all-weather pitch, 2pm kick-off, and Archie Mitchell is referee.



Adam Graham showed lovely skill for Carradale's third goal. 08_c13graham01

Wylie conquers the wild winds

MCHRIHANISH Golf Club's opening competition of the season, the Torpedo Cup and March Medal, was played on March 15 in near gale force winds.

It was won by past captain, Finlay Wylie, with a score of 84-9=75 which included a nine at the 14th hole.

Runner up was David Campbell (81-4=77).

Former club champion, Stuart Campbell was the only player out of a field of 40 to break 80, shooting 78.

Torpedo Cup: 1 F Wylie 84-9=75, 2 D Campbell 81-4=77, 3 M MacAulay 83-5=78. Scratch - S A Campbell 78. Senior - RA Wallace 97-18=79. Medal: 1st class F Wylie, 2nd class C G Reppke, 3rd class G McMillan.

The Thunderer Cup was played on March 22

in much improved conditions, with a reasonable breeze making the back nine fairly testing.

Sixteen times club champion Stuart Campbell continued his fine form having shot 66 in the final competition last year before going on to win the Saturday afternoon winter league, partnered by Jimmy Simpson.

Stuart scored an excellent 69 despite starting with a double bogey 6 to win by one shot from club champion, Oliver Armour; two excellent scores so early in the season from both scratch golfers.

Thunderer Cup (CSS 72, played 47): 1 S A Campbell 69-0-69, 2 O Armour 70-0=70 (BIH), 3 D Irwin 75-5=70. Scratch - A O'Neill 71. Senior - T Newlands 93-21=72.



Jimmy Umpherston, pictured left, won the annual Macharioch darts competition held at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend last Saturday. Neil John McCorkindale from Macharioch, centre, presented the prizes. On the right is runner up John Galbraith.

Introducing a little variation

SO, we are about to start week four of the beginners' training plan for the MOKrun 10k in May and running should now feel very much part of your routine. Now we are going to introduce just a little bit of variation to one of your three runs in the week.

Tuesday is again a 20-minute easy run. Remember, last week's tip - an easy run means you should be able to hold a conversation with a fellow runner without gasping.

Thursday begins with five minutes easy to warm up. Then run noticeably

faster for a minute before rewarding yourself with a two-minute recovery walk. Now repeat the one-minute fast run with two minutes walk three more times. Finish off with a five-minute jog or walk.

Saturday is a 35-minute easy run (that's just five minutes longer than the previous week.)

This week's tip: if you meet a hill or the wind in a run, do not fight to maintain your pace. Keep your effort constant and allow the wind or hill to slow you down naturally.

Entries going fast for Tarbert races

ENTRIES are going fast for Tarbert's 10k and 5k races on August 16.

More than 150 places for the two races have been snapped up already.

'We are delighted to have such a strong early uptake and hope to get more in the coming days,' said co-organiser Jessica Little.

Two charities

'We are also proud to be supporting two charities this year - the National Association for Colitis and Crohns Disease and the Fishermen's Mission.

'We hope to raise awareness of these charities and hopefully a little money for them as well.'

Last year's inaugural races around the town were a huge success, with a testing 10k race and fast and flat 5k event.

The 10k was named second best in the UK in a Runner's World online poll.

Total entry numbers have been increased from 300 to 500 to meet demand.

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