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Another big step

Kintyre Way walkers now have 100 miles to explore

by GRAHAM CRAWFORD
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THE Kintyre Way is now worth £800,000 a year to the local economy, it was revealed this week.

Contrary to popular opinion, walkers do not just pitch tents.

'They are just as likely to choose the comforts of a good B&B or even a four-star hotel,' said Anne Martin, the Way's route manager.

'It is not just accommodation providers and campsites which benefit from the 1,500 to 2,000 walkers on the Kintyre Way every year.'

'Food and drink outlets, shops and taxi drivers are all receiving a boost from the steady increase in walker numbers since the Way

opened nine years ago.'

There was a lot of positive news at the Ugadale Hotel on Monday when the Way celebrated the completion of its Kintyre 100 Project to give walkers an additional section from Dunaverty to Campbeltown - offering stunning views to Arran, Ayrshire and Ireland - and a round 100 miles in total to explore.

Creation

Dangerous road walking along the A83 at Ballochroy has been removed with the creation of a new woodland walk parallel to the main road, and unpopular road walking between Campbeltown and Machrihanish has been taken out.

Ms Martin told how one Clachan B&B owner described it as 'one of the best things to happen to Kintyre, putting it on the map nationally and internationally'.

She said it was up to accommodation providers to grab the opportunity to cater for walkers by offering the likes of flexible meal times and drying areas for wet clothes.

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Ms Martin said the Way was always looking for further funding.

'It is vital we establish it as part of the Kintyre economy,' she added.

Stuart Ellis, of the Ugadale and Royal Hotels, said: 'The Kintyre Way has enabled us to tap into a totally new market.'

Marcus Adams, chairman of The Long & Winding Way, the charity set up to run the Kintyre Way, announced

a 'significant financial contribution in principle from Scottish Natural Heritage'.

He said: 'This will help us towards long term financial stability and we have made an application to Argyll and Bute Council that should, if successful, allow us to progress further towards a sustainable future.'

Clive Good, a director of The Long & Winding Way, said: 'Walkers like what they find in this area. We have dis-

covered that the sight of wind turbines or passing through an area while forestry work is going on is perfectly acceptable to them.'

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, said: 'The hard thing with any long-distance walk is to keep it going year on year. The job of doing that lies with the communities in Kintyre.'

'It's their membership and commitment which will bring tourists in to use it.'



Kintyre Way director Niall Macalister Hall helps Drumleble Primary pupil Amy Mauchline cut the ribbon to mark the completion of the 100-mile route at the new finishing point at Machrihanish. 08_c13way02

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Wee Mull is new mascot

WEE Mull, the Kintyre Way's new mascot, is the creation of a Dr Phil Fletcher from England.

It was inspired by a stone he found on a beach while walking between Clachan and Tayinloan.

It looked like a face with an eye bashed.

He created a full model before carefully packaging and sending it north.

Now Wee Mull is already proving popular around Kintyre primary schools.

Catherine Black, Drumleble head teacher, said: 'The kids are creating their own legend of Wee Mull.'

'He roams the Kintyre Way, looking for his ancestors.'

'His sticks help him walk but also to catch fish from the sea.'

'He likes walkers, because he can get lonely and enjoys the company.'

'However, he gets bad tempered with anyone he sees dropping litter.'



Solana McMurchy, playing the part of Wee Mull, leads a short play by her fellow Drumleble primary pupils telling the new Kintyre Way mascot's story. 08_c13way01



Marcus Adams, chairman of The Long & Winding Way, left, cuts a celebratory cake with MSP Michael Russell. 08_c13way03

Hubs have enormous potential

PLANS for a community hub will be discussed at a meeting in Argyll Arms Hotel in Campbeltown at 7pm on Thursday, April 2.

A spokeswoman for Transition Kintyre, which is looking to develop a hub, said: 'Community hubs are springing up all over the UK.'

'Each is unique, growing according to the needs and wishes of local people.'

'They can empower individuals and communities and create sustainable employment by harnessing local skills and knowledge.'

'A community hub can simply be a meeting place and information centre, bringing people together in a fun environment. They can revolve around a cafe with arts and crafts workshops and shops showcasing talents.'

'They can develop the local food economy through garden sharing and selling produce and can become vibrant tourist attractions.'

'Premises are available for such a hub in the town centre.'

Anyone interested should attend on Thursday or register interest at email: transitionkintyre@gmail.com

Drugs found

A 45-YEAR-old man found with amphetamine drugs at his flat in Campbeltown town centre last Thursday morning has been reported to the procurator fiscal.

A 36-year-old man found in possession of cannabis in Campbeltown town centre last Friday has also been reported to the procurator fiscal.

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Delight as Mull of Kintyre brand is back on supermarket shelves

MULL of Kintyre cheese is back on sale in Campbeltown's Co-op and Tesco this week for the first time in years.

And customers could not be more delighted.

'The response has been unbelievable,' said Adrian Wells, marketing manager for Enterprise Foods which is introducing the Local Deli Company brand to Co-ops throughout the country.

'In the space of half an

hour, we had at least six customers tell us how badly they had missed being able to buy the cheese.'

It is a welcome boost for local dairy farmers, who have been struggling with savage milk price cuts in the past year and rely on supplying milk to Campbeltown Creamery where Mull of Kintyre cheese is made.

Many thought it a bizarre situation that the cheese was being pro-

moted and sold globally but could not be bought in either Co-op or Tesco in Campbeltown.

Jim Kane, regional manager of Enterprise Foods, based in East Kilbride, said: 'The aim of the Co-op delis is to offer the best of Scottish produce and keep it as local as possible if we can.'

'If someone asks for a local product, we will look into stocking it in their nearest store.'

'We believe people are



Audrey McKillop, Co-op customer team member, enjoys a piece of Mull of Kintyre cheese. 08_c13cheese01

really keen to buy local and Scottish food.'

Earlier this month, the Courier highlighted a growing clamour to see Mull of Kintyre cheese sold by the main Kintyre stores.

McIlchere's in Main Street, Campbeltown and Glenbarr Nursery are now also stocking the cheese.

Linda McLean, whose husband James is a

dairy farmer at Kilmaho, Kilkenzie has been among campaigners using social media to call for the product to be sold locally.

She told the Courier: 'I am thrilled with the events of the past week.'

'It went on the Tesco shelves in Campbeltown on Saturday and now it is in the town's Co-op as well.'

'It is all good, and the

support Kintyre residents have shown for the area's farmers is very much appreciated.

'These are tough times for dairy farmers.'

Machrihanish farmer Sandy Pirie, the area's First Milk representative, said: 'This is fantastic news.'

'Folk have been frustrated for a long time at not being able to buy the cheese.'



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Key economic forum team assembled

A SPECIALIST group tasked with attracting jobs and people to Argyll has finally met after five months' planning.

The Argyll and Bute Economic Forum, chaired by BSkyB chairman Nicholas Ferguson, had its first meeting last Friday, focusing on job creation and long-term strategic development of Argyll's economy.

Priorities for the group were decided upon, such as boosting tourism, advancing food production and following up Argyll-based learning with jobs for young people in the region.

The forum meeting was organised by Argyll and Bute Council's Community Planning Partnership (CPP).

Mr Ferguson said: 'This was a constructive initial meeting.'

'Argyll and Bute has diverse opportunities for economic growth, and the forum's first challenge was to identify where to focus our initial efforts.'

'The forum brings together excellent minds, considerable business experience, and a strong commitment to building a prosperous future for the region.'

'Together we agreed an approach for action that will build on existing strengths and support key areas for growth.'

Priorities

'In terms of our priorities, creating jobs brings people and prosperity, so we need to focus on Argyll and Bute's best opportunities - where employment is already growing, where investment is being made, and

where there is advantage in comparison to other areas.'

'Tourism and food production are two key opportunities for further development in Argyll and Bute.'

Business leaders

Among the 12 business leaders and local government figures on the forum are Alistair Barge, managing director of Gigha Halibut, and council leader Dick Walsh.

Mr Ferguson added: 'To take up jobs, we need people of working age.'

'A main focus will therefore be on how to make Argyll and Bute a destination of choice for our young people.'

'Our overall aim is to build the economy of Argyll and Bute on a growing population.'



MACC, which runs Machrihanish airbase, missed out on a recent funding bid.

Minor blip as airbase loses funding bid

THE group behind Machrihanish airbase's community buyout were 'disappointed' after missing out on second round funding from a low-carbon group.

Machrihanish Airbase Community Company, which is also making the case for the site to become the first ever UK spaceport in 2018, had a phase-two application to the Local Energy Challenge Fund declined last week.

MACC was part of the Microgrid Accelerator programme, a nine-strong community project

consortium led by Community Energy Scotland, which was responsible for the overall application.

A MACC spokeswoman said: 'The project, if successful, would have seen the generation, control and storage of renewable energy at Machrihanish Airbase for future business tenants and site users.'

'The judging panel felt the individual Microgrid Accelerator projects were excellent, but that the consortium arrangement was not the best method of delivery.'

MACC was awarded £12,838 in November last year as part of the challenge fund's first application phase. It was then asked to prepare a detailed project plan for an onsite renewable energy supply.

Disappointed

Tom Millar, MACC chairman, said: 'We are disappointed to have just fallen short in our bid for phase-two backing.'

'However, there are a number of other opportunities on the horizon in terms of renewable development of the site, and we will press on with those.'

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Call for police to meet community

POLICE no-shows at important Campbeltown meetings mark a 'disgraceful' trend, according to one councillor.

Donald Kelly, representing Argyll and Bute Council at Campbeltown Community Council's monthly meeting, held recently, said: 'For police not to turn up at the past two community council meetings is frankly disgraceful.'

'The emphasis for the area's police is community engagement and

proper arrangements should be made for a police presence.'

In the past police have given brief reports on local crime levels, trends and specific incidents, with community councillors able to ask questions and offer their thoughts on crime issues in the Campbeltown area.

Campbeltown Community Council will write to the area's new inspector Julie McLeish to request a police report at future meetings.

House extension plan lodged

A PLANNING application to extend a house at Farmhouse Cottage Carnduncan, Gruinart, Islay has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

Cabinet plan

A PLANNING application to install a telecommunications cabinet on land opposite the Bruichladdich distillery office, Islay has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

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Staff at Springbank Distillers can be sure of their company meeting the living wage. [20_c13living01](#)

Campbeltown company is a first among Scottish distilleries

STAFF at Springbank Distillery were toasting some good news this week when it became the first distillery in Scotland to enshrine the living wage.

Credited

Distillery owner J and A Mitchell is also the first Argyll-based company to be credited under the scheme, which

involves a commitment to pay all staff at least the recognised living wage of £7.85 per hour, rather than the legally-enforced £6.50 minimum wage, for employees aged 21 and over.

The commitment covers staff at all J and A Mitchell's subsidiary companies, including Springbank's sis-

ter distillery Glengyle, and William Cadenhead Ltd, the company's independent bottling arm.

Feel valued

Neil Clapperton, J and A Mitchell director, said: 'Providing an environment where all our staff feel valued as employees is something we take very seriously. Our commitment to the liv-

ing wage scheme, and subsequent accreditation, is the latest example of that.'

'We believe our staff are the key reason our whiskies are so well regarded globally, and feel any company can only be as strong as its employees.'

'We are committed to providing the best con-

ditions for them and their families.'

Operations

J and A Mitchell employs 59 staff in Campbeltown, based mainly around operations at Springbank, and is owned by Hedley G Wright, great-great grandson of distillery founder John Mitchell.

The distillery has

been in the hands of the Mitchell family since it was first licensed in 1828 and is one of the last remaining family-owned whisky companies in Scotland.

Delighted

Peter Kelly, director of the Poverty Alliance, said: 'We are delighted J and A Mitchell is being recognised today as an accredited living wage employer.'

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All good news

THERE may be plenty of doom and gloom elsewhere but it is certainly a good news week in Campbeltown - and worth shouting about: Springbank becoming the first distillery in Scotland to be a living wage employer, Mull of Kintyre cheese back on sale in our main stores and the Kintyre Way able to claim an important role in boosting the local economy.

Springbank has a reputation for being a good employer and it is proving it by its actions. This is a company not obsessed about squeezing the maximum short-term profit out of everything it does. It is a firm that knows the long-term benefits of a happy workforce.

By leading the way in Argyll, in paying a living wage, hopefully other socially-aware companies around the country will follow suit. It is not too late to reverse the soul-destroying race to the bottom of recent years through the explosion of minimum wages and zero-hours contracts.

The Kintyre Way is also helping to boost local employment, directly and indirectly. Its apprenticeship scheme is a success and the improved route is bringing visitors and their spending power to the area.

Just as every additional walker in Kintyre brings financial benefits, every extra bite of Mull of Kintyre cheese help strengthen the brand and thereby the future of Campeltown Creamery where it is made and the area's dairy farmers. So it is great news that cheese is again available in local outlets.

If the majority of households in Kintyre make it their cheese of choice - and the demand seems to be there - that is a lot of additional sales.

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For clarification

Sir,

I just wanted to clarify a couple of small inaccuracies in your edition on March 6 regarding dental services in Islay and Campbeltown.

The article highlighted that Islay had two full-time dentists and that Mrs Formby recently began work at Campbeltown Dental Centre as a tutor. Islay actually had one full-time dentist and one part-time dentist, and Mrs Formby did work as a tutor at the centre in Campbeltown on a secondment basis but no longer works there.

The centre is being staffed by locum tutors until the student term ends on May 8.

We are advertising for a permanent tutor and are hopeful that a replacement will be in post before the students return in August, and we will update the community and your newspaper as soon as we have more news on this recruitment.

Jane Monteith
Operational manager
Public Dental Service
Argyll and Bute
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Partnership.

Impressed by Campbeltown

Sir,

Until this Saturday I had never been to Campbeltown. It's one of these places that, because of its location, you often hear of but seldom get to visit.

Last Saturday there was a gathering of SNP activists in the town and, with people from Helensburgh and groups from other areas of Argyll and Bute constituents

cy, I took the opportunity to come down the Kintyre peninsula to join in.

We were fortunate that the weather was good and showed the town at its best. What struck me was that it is a really nice place. I had feared that it might be rundown but it did not look that way at all.

The people were friendly and despite us getting under their feet in the Main Street there were no grumbles.

We had a picture taken at the Cross with about 50 activists (its on the Helensburgh and Lomond SNP Facebook page) and spent a couple of hours talking to voters on the doorsteps. In the main we got a really friendly welcome.

Unfortunately time was short and we couldn't spend more time to enjoy more of the town as it's a long journey home.

I'm now wondering about bringing my wife and spending a day or two touring in Kintyre.

Dougie Blackwood
Helensburgh.

Reid must explain his vote

Sir,

Not many people will have heard about the vote that took place in the House of Commons on February 23, yet this was a very important vote which goes to the heart of the unsatisfactory Westminster system. Labour MP John Mann proposed an amendment to the Official Secrets Act.

This amendment, limited to the Child Sex Abuse (CSA) enquiry, would have afforded witnesses and whistleblowers protection from the Official Secrets Act for testifying

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in this enquiry, in particular serving and former police officers and other officials.

Unfortunately, the amendment was voted down, 254 Conservatives and 40 Liberal Democrats having voted against it.

Argyll and Bute's serving Liberal MP, Alan Reid, was among those who stopped this amendment going through.

I would like to ask Mr Reid how he thought he was serving his constituents by putting yet more obstacles in the way of the already beleaguered enquiry.

The victims of these horrendous crimes deserve justice, and it is in everyone's interest for the establishment to be purged of the perpetrators. So it is vital that Mr Reid explains why he chose to extend their protection under the current Secrets Act.

Who is he protecting? Is he afraid of the consequences this amendment could have on his own party, or is he just protecting a system which provides him with a well-paid job? Mr Reid's constituents deserve to know.

Catherine Wilson
Campbeltown.

'Magazine' mystery

Sir,

Last week I received, by Royal Mail for the second time, election puffery on behalf of Alan Reid.

Last time it pretended to be a newspaper, this time 'The Magazine', 'free to residents of Argyll and Bute'. At least the 'newspaper' admitted its source, albeit in extremely minute type squeezed onto the bottom of the last page.

I can see no admission on 'The Magazine' that it is pub-

lished on behalf of the Liberal Democrats.

It could, of course, be said to be obvious since, on the pretext of interviews and quotes, it is filled with photo after gurning photo of Reid claiming credit for everything done by his coalition that was not an unmitigated disaster, with no mention of the much greater part that was.

Claims include...No, I cannot bring myself to list the distortions. Sufficient to say he is responsible (with the help of other LibDems, admittedly) for rises in the state pension, agreed and committed to by all of the Westminster parties.

May his retirement from politics be long and happy. Though he may, like Margaret Curran, be planning to stay on the gravy train by bouncing back as a list MSP.

Tony Williams
Muasdale.

Thank you driver

Sir,

I would like to thank the bus driver who found my son's wallet and handed it in to the Kennacraig ferry office.

It is good to know there are still honest and good people about.

Thanks also to Catherine at Caledonian MacBrayne for her help.

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Kenneth opts to go with the grain

'University life was appealing, but I was still keen to stay on the farm'

by JOHN McCALLUM
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

SOUTHEND'S Kenneth Galbraith feels he took up his dream job on graduating from university - by returning to work on the family farm.

Back in the farmhouse at Coledrain Farm for a hard-earned lunch, the naval architecture Strathclyde University 2012 graduate talked to the Courier about his decision to return home and help run the family business.

Kenneth said: 'The farm has been a huge part of my life. It is not just a job, more a lifestyle, but it has always motivated me.'

'I have been involved from a young age, helping my dad with milking after school, whereas my friends would watch cartoons.'

'It teaches you not to be afraid of hard work, to be active and not in the house playing computer games.'

Kenneth is clearly a farmer with a differ-

ence, leaving home at 18 to learn completely new skills and study with the same commitment he now shows to his work at Coledrain.

Kenneth explained how he knew he would return to the farm.

He said: 'University life was appealing, but I was still keen to stay on the farm.'

The benefit of being in Scotland, though, is that with free tuition I could study without the pressure of following up my degree with a job away from the farm.'

Coledrain is home to more than 100 dairy cows, and the 24-year-old, a keen footballer for Campbeltown Pupils, feels UK farms are wrongly perceived by certain media outlets as being showered with subsidies.

He explained: 'If consumers were ready to pay more for dairy produce then subsidies would not be needed.'

British farmers are

remunerated poorly compared to other EU member states despite adhering as strictly as any other to European standards.

'Milk costs less than bottled water which, when you examine the nutritional value and production costs, is just crazy. It is caused in part by supermarket control.'

Even if disgruntled with aspects of the industry, Kenneth has no regrets about shunning the life his degree offers.

He added: 'I am here purely out of desire; every day I feel driven for the job and have input with my parents on how to improve the business.'

'My course is highly regarded and opens doors to employment in a global market - two friends I studied with are in Copenhagen and Texas as a shipbroker and an offshore driller respectively - and I

wouldn't wait if I was miserable. However, when I wake up I look forward to my day.'

Kenneth's workload looks exhausting to the

outsider but not so much to Jill the dog, who follows him tirelessly around the farm.

With the cattle feed scattered and the calves seemingly oblivious to their dinner, when one eventually approaches the rest duly follow, as Kenneth encourages any hesitant ones in for their fill before tending to the very youngest calves with a bottle feed. There is more work to be done with another milking in the late afternoon, and Kenneth has already been on the move for 10 hours.

With darkness closing in and a blanket of smirr falling, Kenneth gives his thoughts on the prospect of swapping it all for a job in the city.

He said: 'I wouldn't feel fulfilment in a nine-to-five - I think it would make me miserable.'

'Then again, my farm upbringing has shaped that view.'

'I suppose the ideal situation would be to have a farm in Central Scotland, with the city on my doorstep and not a three-hour trek away.'

Woodland volunteers wanted

TRANSITION Kintyre, the community group looking to manage Beinn Ghuilean, is on the hunt for more volunteers.

Eight volunteers are already in place but the group, which is holding its next meeting, 'Beinn Ghuilean - A Community Woodland', next Tuesday, is seeking experienced fundraisers, woodland managers, as well as legal expertise and community consultants.

The 352-metre peak situated south of Campbeltown is currently managed by Forestry Commission Scotland, which has created a 10-

year forest design plan for the site.

Transition Kintyre's last meeting, held earlier this month, discussed strategies for leasing the site, and explored potential timber extraction with traditional methods such as horses, which would minimise environmental impact.

A Transition Kintyre spokeswoman said: 'With 200 community woodlands already in Scotland, there is plenty of help and experience to draw on.'

'In terms of funding, possible sources could include community shares, where individuals could invest in the

project and own a piece of the site.'

'Plans are progressing well.'

Meanwhile, Tarbert and Skipness Commu-

nity Trust is examining the possibility of a community woodland at Corranbuie in North Kintyre after an initial meeting in Tarbert.

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Scottish policy convenor at Federation of Small Businesses, said:

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Cairndow's Tree Shop celebrates its quarter century

'FROM small acorns do mighty oaks grow' could be the slogan for Cairndow business Tree Shop which first opened its doors in 1990.

Twenty-five years later Tree Shop has grown from its two person start up to a business recognised far beyond Argyll and Bute.

In its beginnings it was just a small shed with a caravan at the cafe alongside selling tea and coffee.

What started as a small local shop selling wooden crafts and some native trees has expanded into a purpose built nursery, garden centre, gift shop and café which according to many customers is the best coffee stop on the A83.

Tree Shop's garden centre boasts one of the finest selection of plants anywhere in Scotland including trees and conifers, rhododendrons, azaleas, fruit trees and bushes, shrubs and perennials and bedding and alpine plants.

Tree Shop shares the same site as Loch Fyne Oysters. It was originally started by Lucy Sumison and Mark Sands with the then Ardkinglas owner Johnny Noble and is still part of the estate.

Tree Shop is now run by Neil Colburn, 43, who relocated, more than 500 miles, from Brighton in East Sussex to manage the business in 2008.

Lynne Rennie runs the café side of the business and is responsible for the great service and food offered in our café.

Mr Colburn said: 'This is a one off business, previously

I worked for chain garden centres. Here I can make a lot more of a difference and have input on tailoring the items we offer.'

'We only use Scottish and Specialist UK growers to help us have one of the best collections of plants in the whole of Scotland. We are not going to survive in Argyll and Bute's climate.'

In addition to the garden centre the shop has expanded to include items such as fertilizer, garden tools and seasonal items such as seed potatoes.

That original outside catering van is long gone and the café is now a popular stop off for full breakfasts, lunch or afternoon tea and cakes and on sunny days there is outdoor seating.

There is a new café menu serving local Argyll produce including Winston Churchill venison, Argyll Smokery, Gillespie Butchers and Matthew Algie coffee.

In addition the café has just been presented with the 'Taste our Best' award from Visit Scotland.

To mark its silver anniversary, and in line with Tree Shop's green credentials Renewables Now has just installed a biomass boiler to provide all heating needs.

Another new addition this year is a Beaver Timber Sheds concession which is an evolution of the business' core strength.

Mr Colburn said that it has been great to build a really

strong team including Michelle Shorocks who runs the plant area in the garden centre.

Mr Colburn said: 'Michelle has outstanding plant knowledge from working on an Islay estate and has retail nursery experience. She is supported by two other staff in the Garden Centre.'

He now has 15 full and part-time staff, however administrator Ruth MacFadyen is the longest serving member and predated Neil, having started in 1996.

Ruth said that she started working in the giftware side of the shop moving onto become a buyer and taking on the book keeping.

Mr Colburn said: 'Ruth searches out some beautiful products for our gift shop and we know that other local business owners take inspiration from some of the items which she sources.'

The area around the Tree Shop offers other activities. Immediately at hand is tree house and just two miles away is Ardkinglas Woodland Garden on the estate which boasts the tallest tree in Scotland.

There is incredible scenery with walks and trails through the woodland. A new attraction there will be the Gruffalo Trail.

On April 4 The Walking Theatre Company are heading to The Tree Shop for a fun-filled free family walk and an Easter Treasure Hunt like no other at 11.30am.



In the Tree Shop Café from left: Terri Allan, Pauline Colburn and Lynne Rennie. 08_a13tree01



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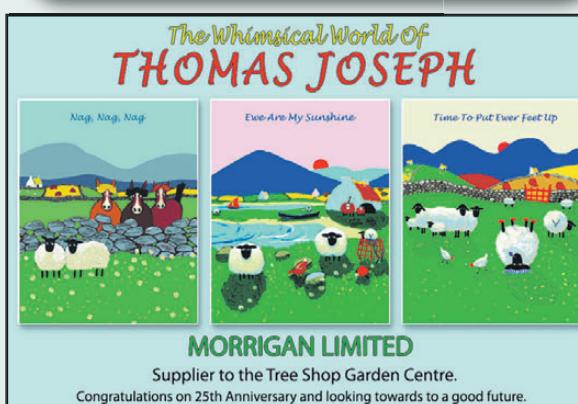
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Biker safety

A MAGAZINE aimed at cutting motorcycle accidents is available in Argyll and Bute.

Produced by Road Safety West of Scotland, Scottish Biker acknowledges that the area is very popular with bikers but highlights the number of casualties in recent years.

It is a collaborative project with Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue and 12 local authorities.

It includes information on all aspects of riding including basic skills and advanced training, and tips on maintenance and equipment.

A statement in the magazine says that motorcyclists are roughly 35 times more likely to be killed in a road traffic accident than car occupants per mile ridden.

Scottish Biker is being distributed via motorcycle dealers and venues popular with motorcyclists, and by road safety officers.

It is also available digitally on the council website <http://www.argo...>

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Red Nose Day at Dalintober

Holding a cake sale and 'making their faces funny for money' are P1s Caleb McGeachy, Lewis Anderson (P1) and P1/2 pupils JJ Wike and Daniel Graham (P2/1).



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Home win at Rotary quiz

ROTARY Club of Campbeltown held its fiercely-contested annual quiz night last Friday evening, with a fantastic 13 teams taking part.

Welcomed

Held in the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown, club president Laurens Denison welcomed the teams of four, before handing over to Owen Morgan, quizmaster for the evening, with the Ro-

tary Club of Campbeltown, comprising Alan Minshaw, Ron Roberts, David Ropper and Ronald Togneri, the eventual winners.

Close on their heels all evening was the excellent team from Accent Players, a team consisting of Jenny Black, Elise Glendinning, Maureen Johnson and Carol Young.

A rotary club spokeswoman said: 'Compe-

tion was keen, and everyone enjoyed John Kerr's set of questions.

'No team did really badly, for even those with the lowest scores managed to get a fair proportion of correct answers.'

Mr Denson presented the trophy and Easter eggs to the winning team's Ron Roberts, before everyone enjoyed a delightful supper.

Tourism summit 'very positive'

AN Argyll-wide meeting aimed at boosting visitor numbers was hailed a big success by organisers.

Held at the Ardgarten Hotel outside Arrochar last Thursday, the meeting saw delegates from Argyll's tourism sector hear plans to encourage more visitors to the region in the future.

The summit was organised by Argyll and

the Isles Tourism Cooperative (AITC) and VisitScotland.

Gavin Dick, AITC chairman, said: 'The feedback we received was very positive.'

'There is a determination to work together to ensure that Argyll and the Isles continues to act as a standard bearer for tourist destinations, not just in the UK but on an international level.'

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Happy Bus on the road again



The Happy Bus OAPs and volunteers had a brilliant day out, taking in the eclipse at Fort William.

KINTYRE OAPs rocked all the way to Fort William last Friday as they celebrated the UN International Day of Happiness.

Run through Argyll Voluntary Action (AVA), the pensioners listened to The Beatles and 'head-banged' to Motorhead on another fun day out.

Also the day of the partial solar eclipse, a 5.30am start was necessary in order to be as far north as possible for the 9.31am maximum, though for these hardcore OAP travellers it was a walk in the park.

A spokesman for AVA said: 'The Happy Bus continues to provide transport for older people to visit places they would otherwise be unable to go.'

For more information on Happy Bus days out, contact Argyll Voluntary Action on 01586 554744.

Eclipse leaves pupils starstruck

DALINTOBER P7 pupils stared into space last Friday morning when they got a 10-minute glimpse of a rare solar eclipse.

The incredible phenomenon, which saw the moon block out the sun for almost two hours, covered it by 94 percent in Kintyre at its peak. It is the biggest solar event in the region since 1999.

Despite a grey morning, the young-

sters were not disappointed as the clouds broke for a short time, leaving them looking into the sky in amazement.

Mr Ives, the school's part-time P7 teacher, said: 'It was an amazing spectacle and the pupils were able to enjoy it safely with the solar viewers.'

'It was great they got to see it as it looked like they might miss out with the cloudy weather.'



Dalintober's primary 7 class look on in awe at last Friday's solar eclipse.

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Chance to hear piping stars

ALL roads lead to Campbeltown this weekend for the Kintyre Piping Society's junior championships.

Held in the Ardshiel and Seafield hotels, entries are up on last year, with pipers arriving from as far afield as Edinburgh and even Benbecula.

A big entry has been registered for the chanter competitions, showing the good work being done in the local schools.

Bronze star

A piping society spokesman said: 'The overall winner receives a beautiful bronze star, kindly provided by the

Royal Scottish Piping Society.

Campbell McGougan is travelling down from Dingwall to present the prizes and it is hoped the public will come along and hear some of the stars of tomorrow.'

Entry to the competitions is by programme at £2.

Grammar school showcases its talented performers

THERE was a wide range of acts and performances from musicians, actors and dancers at Campbeltown Grammar School's Spring Showcase on Wednesday evening.

Enjoyed

The audience enjoyed performances from local favourites the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band,

James McCorkindale's School of Dance and the Kintyre Schools Wind Band as well as items from the grammar school dance group, drama club and show band.

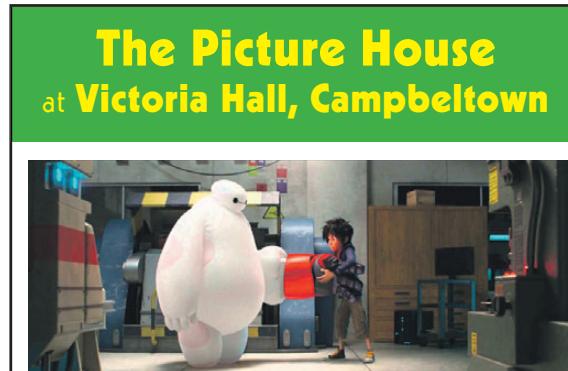
A selection of solo and small ensemble performances by pupils completed the evening's entertainment.



The school show band rehearses for the big night.



Senga McPhee is all smiles with her funny pair of glasses.



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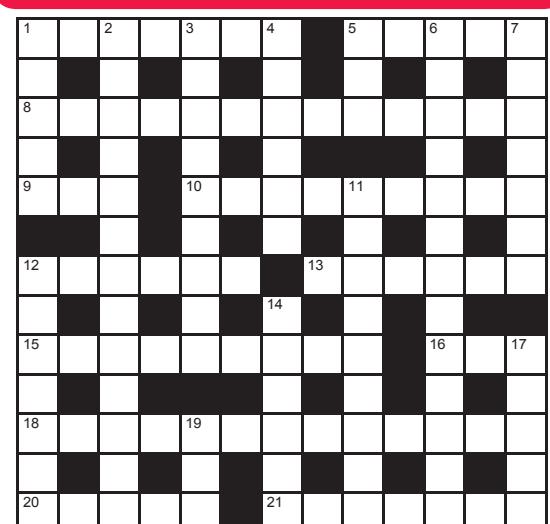
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Last week's solution



DRUMLEMBLE

Youngsters milk it for Red Nose Day

DRUMLEMBLE Primary pupils had loads of fun raising £120 for Comic Relief this month. Pupils from pre-five to primary 7 got involved, wearing 'onesies' to school, splattering the teacher, holding a bring-and-buy sale and selling red nose cakes and milkshakes.



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Argyll and Bute Area Support Team is looking to recruit PPAs, so if you have good assessment, observation, interviewing and communication skills, and are able to regularly give your time to the Children's Hearings System, please go to our website for more information on how to apply: <http://www.chscotland.gov.uk/about-chs/vacancies/>.

The deadline for completed applications is Friday 24 April, 2015.

More information about ASTs and the Children's Hearings System can be found at www.chscotland.gov.uk.

JURA

Good folk at Jura festival

A RISING star of the Scottish folk scene will play the first gig of this year's Sound of Jura series next month.

The Kirsty Law Band will headline the Jura Hall show on Friday, April 17 with Kirsty accompanied by Rona Wilkie, BBC Young Traditional Musician of the Year 2012, and Marit Falt.

Borders-born Kirsty grew up learning traditional songs, mainly in the Scots dialect, and her own music combines this upbringing with her strong interests in song writing and poetry.

Another support act is Jura's homegrown duo Craig Rozga and Neil Gow, who last played together at the 2009 Jura



Folk singer Kirsty Law will play in Jura next month.

Music Festival's Sunday night concert. The evening of live music starts at 8.30pm.

LARGIESIDE

Photography talk at Largieside SWI march meeting

LARGIESIDE SWI had its March meeting in Tayinloan Village Hall last Thursday evening, with Marilyn Sheden from Muasdale, the guest speaker, giving a talk on photography.

Marilyn described different types of cameras and their uses. She began with an old camera which was very basic and was of the era which still used 35 millimetre film.

She showed how the shutter worked and

could be used differently for various shots during both day and night, before moving on to the more modern digital camera with a zoom.

Wide-angled

Marilyn then showed the group her best camera which did everything, including the wide-angled lens feature.

This demonstration was followed by a lovely display of her many wonderful photographs taken over several years.

Following a question and answer session, tea was served and the raffle was drawn, before a vote of thanks given by Enid Williams.

Hostesses for the evening were Ann Clark and Patricia Johnstone.

Competition results: Edible nests - Jessie Main 5, Ann Clark 4, Patricia Johnstone 3 and Zandra McDougall 2. Easter card - Jessie Main 5, Zandra McDougall and Ann Clark 4, Enid Williams 3.

GIGHA

**Gigha kids get moving for charity**

PUPILS at Gigha Primary marked the school's Red Nose Day with an hour of non-stop dancing. The youngsters even turned up for school dressed as superheroes and villains. A school spokeswoman said: 'We raised an excellent £92.50 and would like to thank everyone who supported us.'

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Hopes rise for investment in Campbeltown Creamery

INVESTMENT for Campbeltown Creamery could be on the way.

The Scottish government indicated this week that assistance would be given as part of a 25-point plan to help support the dairy industry.

Campbeltown Creamery is owned by the farmers' co-operative First Milk which has promised investment but finds itself under financial pressure as a result of plunging milk prices.

The creamery, which employs around 30 staff, produces Mull of Kintyre cheese from milk provided by the area's dairy farmers.

NFU Scotland this week welcomed the 25-point plan to help support the dairy sector



Campbeltown Creamery has been promised investment. 08_c46creamery01

but has said quick action is vital.

The Scottish Dairy Plan, unveiled by cabinet secretary Richard Lochhead on Tuesday, aims to improve the resilience of the Scottish dairy sector and provide the right platform to ensure the entire industry can thrive in the face of volatile market prices.

Speaking after a meeting of NFU Scotland's milk committee the same day, Graeme Kilpatrick, its chairman, said: 'The price crash being endured by Scottish producers has left many family dairy farms reeling and with difficult decisions to make. Time is of the essence and the dairy plan rec-

ommendations must be progressed with the utmost urgency.

'The Scottish government's intention to actively encourage investment in new and diverse processing must bring speedy results.'

'For First Milk producers, support is to be provided to the Campbeltown creamery for

necessary works to be completed but Scottish government must clarify the level of assistance to be given and the timescale for delivery. Similarly, assistance to island producers on costly milk haulage cannot wait until the autumn.'

Retailers also need to wake up to the fact that Scottish consumers want and expect to see Scottish dairy products properly labelled and identified on their shop shelves and Scottish government's commitment to further retailer engagement is good news.'

Investment for Campbeltown Creamery will be raised at a Scottish parliament debate on Tuesday, March 31 on the challenges facing Scotland's dairy farm-

ers. Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands MSP, said: 'I very much welcome the debate given the massive financial pressures facing dairy farmers in my region, especially those in Kintyre, Gigha and Bute, who supply First Milk and who are suffering so much from the low milk price.'

'I will be restating my support for extra investment in the Campbeltown creamery which is a critical processing facility.'

'I also agree with the calls from dairy farmers for extra funding for marketing our dairy produce and clarity on labelling so consumers know they are buying dairy products made and processed in Scotland with Scottish milk.'

Farming profits to be spread over five years

FARMERS are set to benefit from £100 million in tax savings over a five-year period thanks to a new measure announced in last week's budget.

Chancellor George Osborne announced plans to increase the number of years in which a self-employed farmer can average profits for income tax purposes from two to five, with effect on April 6, 2016.

National Farmer's Union (NFU) president Allan Bowie said the move was a positive one for Scottish agriculture.

'Importantly for Scottish farmers, the Chancellor has recognised that farmers are the hardest hit by volatile markets and prices, and the announcement that incomes will be averaged over five rather than two years is very welcome.'



Gavin Semple and Bob Strathie with the KF Cup.

Gavin Semple and Sandy Pirie lift Holstein cups

THE Kintyre Holstein Breeders held its AGM on Wednesday, March 11 in the Ardsheil Hotel when outgoing chairman Dugald Young chaired the evening for the final time before handing over to the new chairman Gavin Semple.

As well as the AGM the club presented The James McLean Cup and The Kintyre Farmers Cup.

The James McLean Cup was presented to joint winners Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan Farm and Sandy Pirie, Machrihanish,

for most points in club competitions. The KF Cup was also won by Gavin Semple of Kilkeddan Farm for most points accrued at the shows.

Following on from the AGM the 24 members in attendance heard from the guest speaker Bob Strathie, who previously managed the Moet herd.

The topic for the evening 'Is the Holstein the cow for Kintyre' looked at the new A and B pricing structure and how to get the best out of it with a Holstein herd.



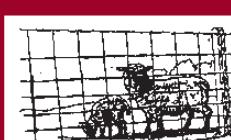
Gavin Semple of Kilkeddan, left, guest speaker Bob Strathie and Sandy Pirie of Machrihanish with the James McLean Cup.



Young farmers find their range

CAMPBELTOWN Young Farmers tested their shooting skills last Saturday with a trip to the firing range, run by Landrail firearms, at Machrihanish Airbase. Craig Barbour won the senior section and Jamie McKerral was the sharpshooter in the junior section. A young farmers spokesman said: 'Everyone really enjoyed the day, it was a lot of fun.'

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Your guide to the home building process in Scotland

When building your own home, as with buying a home on the open market, you need to be clear from the start what sort of home you need and want, where you want to live and roughly what you can afford to pay.

This includes how much you can pay up-front in cash and how much would need to be borrowed or paid later.

This will help you to identify early on whether your budget is likely to be enough to fund a home that meets your needs or whether you need to consider compromising on certain aspects, such as size, design, location or how much of the building work you will do yourself.

While you probably won't want to make a formal mortgage application before you have identified a plot of land and estimated your build costs, it is important to get financial advice at an early stage to be confident that you will be able to get a big enough mortgage. Even if you don't need a mortgage to help you buy your plot, you should try to be sure that you get a mortgage offer before you commit to buying a plot to avoid any nasty surprises later on.

You will need a specific type of mortgage for self-build because a self-build mortgage is normally paid in instalments at certain stages during the build process and the lender needs to check progress at these stages to make sure it is satisfied that the work has been carried out before the next instalment of the mortgage is paid out.

Whatever mortgage you choose, you will be required to provide a significant deposit to fund your build. In many cases at the moment, lenders will not provide any mortgage funding until your build reaches the wind and watertight stage - i.e. the main structure of the building is complete and weatherproofed.

Lenders also generally pay for each stage of the build in arrears, i.e. once it is complete.

If you don't have enough savings or other ways of borrowing the money to finance the purchase of the land and the initial stages of the build, it may be possible to get mortgage finance at an earlier stage.

This can either be through a specialised mortgage product which pays instalments in advance or in some cases you may be able to agree a form of

bridging loan with your current lender to fund the construction phase, which allows you to take a standard mortgage when your home is complete.

Self-build gives you a good opportunity to build the type of home you want and make sure it suits all of your needs.

However, there are a number of things which may restrict what you can do, such as how much you can afford to spend, restrictions attached to the planning consent for the site and making sure your design complies with building regulation requirements.

In addition, you need to consider several key issues at an early stage to make sure any plot you buy meets your needs and to help you budget for your project.

You should make sure that the size of home you choose fits the size of the plot you are looking to buy and bear in mind if you have particular preferences for the size of your garden or you want to avoid your home being overlooked by neighbours.

An architect will be able to give you detailed advice about the type of construction best suited to your needs as each type of method has pros and



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cons, which depend on the particular site and your own individual requirements.

Self-build websites will also provide information about different build options and their costs. It is worth thinking early on about your requirements in terms of number of rooms or flexibility to change the internal layout of the home in future as this may have an impact on which type of construction method is best for your home.

Once you have worked out what budget you have available, you can find out about plots of land for sale which may be suitable for self build from a number of sources.

There are several websites which allow you to search for details of plots for sale, although for some of these you need to pay a fee for membership.

Before you buy any plot, you should check whether it has full planning permission or, if not, that the site is zoned for housing by the council; this means that the council's development plan indicates that the land is suitable for use for housing.

A plot may have full planning permission, but this means that you would be required to construct a house which exactly fits the planning approval documents (including the drawings describing a particular design) and you may have to appoint the designer who produced those drawings, as they will probably own the copyright to the drawings. If you wish to build a house that is different in its external appearance from the one approved (except in minor details), you will need

to make a new planning application, but you will at least have a good idea about what it is acceptable to the council on that site.

You should discuss the situation with a planning officer at the relevant council before making any decisions as they will be able to provide information about the requirements for any particular site.

If the plot either has planning permission in principle (formerly referred to as outline planning permission) or does not have planning permission at all, the price may be cheaper, but you should also get in touch with a planning officer at the relevant council to try to find out whether or not you would be likely to get planning permission on the site for the type of home you want to build and to find out about any particular issues (for example if there may be further development on land around the site).

If you wish to buy a plot which does not have full planning permission, the land owner will often agree to an offer which is subject to you securing appropriate planning permission. This allows you to pull out of the sale if your planning application is rejected so is a sensible option.

You should seek independent legal advice before making an offer for a plot of land (if you don't already have a solicitor, your local Solicitors Property Centre can help you find one or you can ask friends for a recommendation or search in the Yellow Pages).

You should also get a site appraisal done for the plot of land to check how suitable it is for building on and if there are any problems.

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For any self-build project, you should get professional advice to help you develop your ideas for the house you want, help you decide which is the best way for you to go about having the house built and prepare detailed drawings and costs.

Unless you have the appropriate qualifications, you will need help from an architect to advise you on and design plans for your home. Your architect will ask you a number of questions about your requirements and the site you have bought or are planning to buy to make sure their design suits your needs, but the Scottish government's checklist of points to consider will help to make sure that you have considered all the possibilities, such as size, layout and energy efficiency and renewable energy measures.

If there is not already detailed planning permission for your home for the plot of land you are buying, you will need to secure this before you can start building as the planning authority (your local council or national park authority) will need to be satisfied that your plans for your home are in line with the council's development plans and that your home's design will be acceptable in terms of its impact on the surrounding homes and landscape. It is generally harder to obtain consent within designated areas, such as green belts outside cities or flood plains. Where the principle of development is acceptable, the planning authority will still expect careful attention to be paid to the detailed design of the house and where it is located on the site, particularly in areas such as conservation areas or sites close to listed buildings. In considering whether to grant planning consent, the authority will also need to consider whether the house can be safely and satisfactorily accessed and serviced, and that this does not cause problems for access or amenities for any neighbours' homes.

You should try to get planning permission as early as possible as the process can take some time and you should aim to secure planning permission before you enter into a contract with any building firms in case your planning application is rejected.

The council and local planning officer should also be able to help if you need advice or guidance on completing a planning application.

In addition to planning permission, you will also need to apply for a building warrant before you can start building work on your home.

You need to pay a fee to the council to cover its costs in dealing with your warrant application; the fee is calculated as a propor-

tion of the estimated final value of the proposed work. While planning permission largely focuses on how the external structure of your home will look, to get a building warrant you will need to show that the design of your home (both inside and outside) will meet all the requirements of the latest domestic building regulations.

Once your home is completed, you will need to send a completion certificate to the council and an inspector will visit and check your property.

Normally your home must be completed within three years of you receiving your building warrant, although you can apply to extend this deadline (you need to pay an extra fee for this though).

Unless the site is already fully serviced, you will need to arrange for your site to be connected to mains water and sewerage systems and for electricity and (if applicable) gas connections to be provided.

It is helpful for you to check with Scottish Water and power companies early on to make sure you can get connections when you need them. In rural areas, particularly if the site is far from other properties or on a hill, there can be problems in connecting sites to the mains water and gas grids in particular and the cost of the connection can be high; therefore if your site is in a remote area, you should check the feasibility of arranging connections before you commit to buying a site.

Where possible, you should arrange for the water mains drainage and electricity supply to be provided for the site as early as possible because the builders will need access to water in particular during the build process and also to electricity at certain stages (although not necessarily for the initial stages).

There are a number of different options for going about having your house built and your architect will be able to advise you of the advantages and disadvantages of each in your particular set of circumstances and the extent to which you wish to be involved in the construction work.

If you are not planning to do much or any of the building work yourself, the simplest route may be to contract the building work to a single building company (which becomes the 'main contractor') and ask them to agree a fixed price for the build, including the cost of them contracting in other tradesmen if they need to in order to certain aspects of the work. This is a very common and traditional approach and your architect will be used to

supervising projects using this process.

As an alternative, you may wish to consider appointing separate contractors to carry out the different pieces of work which need to be carried out by different trades. One traditional form of Scottish building contract that is suitable for this situation is the 'separate trades contract' where the architect takes responsibility for coordinating the different trades and managing construction on site. This gives useful additional flexibility to the self builder where they want to undertake some of the work on site themselves. However, not all architects will have experience of this approach or be willing to use it.

Alternatively, you can choose to do most or all of the self-build work yourself.

This saves money and gives you greater control over the work, but bear in mind it is hard work so you will need to be able to work on the build full time and, unless you have the relevant qualifications, there are certain aspects of the work you will be required to get qualified professionals to do (such as electricity and gas work).

It is also important to arrange site insurance for your build project. A number of companies will provide insurance for self builders.

It is best to make sure it covers you against theft or vandalism of any materials or equipment on the site during the build process. If you will be having a number of tradesmen working on the site, it is also worth ensuring that your insurance covers you for public and employer's liability in case there are any accidents on the site.

A structural warranty insures your home against structural defects for 10 years after it has been completed as long as the warranty provider is satisfied that it has been built in accordance with all the necessary standards. A warranty is not compulsory, but lenders often require you to obtain one as a condition of providing a mortgage and it will also be helpful if you wish to sell your home within 10 years of completing it. Warranty providers who offer warranties for self builders will have more information on insurance policies for self-build projects.

After all is said and done, a new build home is the perfect opportunity to let your creativity loose and design a home just right for you. From picking out the perfect flooring options to installing a warm and cosy wood-burning stove the choice, as they say, is yours.

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Ready your nest this springtime

As the clocks spring forward, the onset of lighter evenings signals the time of year when many of us think about moving home.

What's more, many people decide to 'ready their nest' during the upbeat seasons of spring and summer, so that they can settle into their new homes during autumn and winter.

Whether you're buying, selling, or both, there's a lot to think about, and security can sometimes become an after-thought in the rush. So the security specialists at Yale have put together some key advice for anyone thinking of moving home this spring...

Moving in

Moving in

Make sure you mind your security while you're shifting boxes in – it only takes a minute for an opportunistic thief to slip in and out with some of your treasures.

According to a recent survey, 74 percent of homeowners do not change the locks after moving home*, which is a worrying statistic, especially as many home insurance policies will not pay out if an intruder lets themselves in with a key.

With this in mind, once you're in your new pad the most important thing to do is change the locks (that's if you're not lucky enough to be moving into a house with a smart lock that can simply be reprogrammed!) Just as you might have forgotten about a spare key you'd left with someone else, so could the previous resident. If you don't know who has keys to your house, change the cylinders in all external doors to ensure your peace of mind.

Once you've got the basics covered, consider upgrades such as installing a DIY home alarm, an easy-to-install CCTV system, or a digital door viewer to boost your home security. Basic security measures such as door chains and spy holes on timber front doors and padlocks on gates, sheds and outbuildings are also highly recommended.

Staying put?

You might be staying put this spring; maybe you've found your forever home, or it's simply not the right time for you to move. Regardless, springtime is a great time to do a little security audit alongside your spring clean, and be sure that your home – new or not – is as safe as can be. To do this, double check all window locks are fully working and you have easy access to the keys, and change the locks in all external doors.

Regardless of whether you're de-pitching or setting up camp in pastures new this year, make sure that you protect all those things that make your house a home

This is where the growing trend for smart locks can come into its own – a new owner can simply reprogram the electronic lock to ensure their security, instead of going through the hassle of replacing the locks. Many people are yet to invest in this convenient technology, but it's worth bearing in mind if the option's there.

You should also ensure you've left the instruction manuals for any other electronic security products, such as house alarms, so that the new owner can easily reprogram those. It's also a good idea to leave any product guarantees, such as a 10 year guarantee for an alarm, so that the new owners can make the most of products that are still in perfectly good working order.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ARGYLL AND BUTE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT PLANNING) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008

ARGYLL AND BUTE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015

On 26th March 2015 Argyll and Bute Council adopted the above named local development plan.

The plan may be inspected free of charge at the Planning and Regulatory Services offices at 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD and at all public libraries within the Argyll and Bute Council Area.

The plan is also available on the council website www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/LDP

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Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
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15/00654/PP	Erection of replacement dwellinghouse.	Acharonich Barbreck Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8QW	Mid Argyll Area Office

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

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/00774/PP	Renewal of planning permission 11/02103/PP - Erection of 7 dwellings	Land East Of Forestry Commission Workshops Cairnbaan Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office

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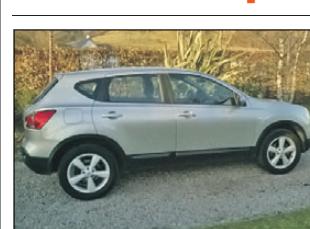
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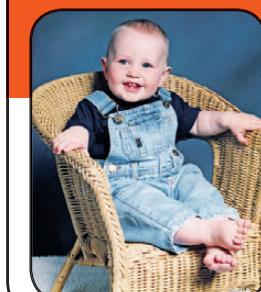
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Sheddell



MORE than 35,000 people throng the streets of Leicester this week to welcome a king.

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The people line the streets and throw white roses on the coffin as the funeral cortege enters the city at the historic Bow Bridge.

A king is entering the city.

He is on his way to the cathedral and there are gun salutes to herald his arrival.

A king is entering the city.

This Sunday we remember a time when another king entered a city more than 2,000 years ago.

He too was welcomed with cheers and people lined his path, not with roses, but with palm branches.

Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem from the east, at the end of his journey from Galilee.

He rides on a donkey, the humblest of beasts and so fulfils the words of the prophecy, 'Tell your people the king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey'.

He has an 'army' of 12 fallible friends. Through an opposite gate Pilate also enters the city.

Imagine the contrast of this visual demonstration of imperial power: cavalry on horses, foot soldiers, leather armour, helmets, weapons, banners, golden eagles mounted on poles, sun glinting on metal and gold.

Imagine the sounds: the marching of feet, the creaking of leather, the beating of drums.

Jesus' procession deliberately countered what was happening on the other side of the city.

Pilate's procession embodied the power, glory and violence of the empire that ruled the world.

Jesus' procession embodied an alternative vision, the Kingdom of God.

This Kingdom is about peace, about love, about equality and about justice for all.

Holy Week and Lent are about this alternative procession, this alternative journey.

A king is entering the city. He will end up on a cross - but the journey is only beginning.

Brass band blasts council's tuition cuts

CUTS to brass tuition for South Kintyre's musical talent have angered the community.

Councillor Donald Kelly, who fought to reverse last August's cut in music lessons for primary and secondary schools in South Kintyre, says Argyll and Bute Council's actions are 'unacceptable'.

Instead of two days' tuition per week for the area's youngsters, covering primary schools and Campbeltown Grammar, a service of one day per week now exists, via remote video link, for secondary pupils only.

The reduction began in August, when the council's Kintyre-based tutor vacated the role.

The hammer blow for brass players and Campbeltown Brass tutors comes after an amendment to reverse cuts was rejected at the council's community services meeting earlier this month.

Councillor Kelly said: 'The allocation for brass lessons was halved in August without the council even informing the parents of primary school pupils. It is shocking.'

'Even the secondary school pupils are be-



Charlie Farren presents Amy Paterson of Campbeltown Brass with the Mid Argyll Music Festival Co-operative Membership Cup for the highest mark in solo brass at last weekend's Mid Argyll Music Festival. 08_a13amypaterson01

ing short-changed. Doing away with face-to-face tuition has caused a drop-off in brass band numbers this year.'

'These children have effectively lost a day's tuition and this is unacceptable.'

'This is a case of cuts being sneaked through, before the five-year round of council cuts starts in 2016.'

A Campbeltown Brass spokeswoman said: 'Campbeltown has produced players of a very high standard, but with no primary school tuition and a lack of one-to-one tuition at Campbeltown Grammar, we could see a dramatic re-

duction in the number of young musicians coming through the system.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman said: 'We will consider the longer-term provision of the instrumental music tuition service as part of the planning of all future services.'

'The council has between £27.5 million-£37.5 million in savings to make in the five years between 2016-21, and the challenging task of identifying savings and making choices about future service provision is being undertaken with public consultation at key stages.'



Erin McLellan of Campbeltown Junior Brass receives the Gifford Bowl for the highest mark received by a choir or band from Mid Argyll Music Festival friend and honorary life member Clem Stewart. 08_a13erinmclellan01

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Witnesses will meet at the cross at 10.15am where after a short service they will proceed to the church.

Other religious happenings include devotional breakfasts starting Monday, March 30 at 7.30am in the Lorn and Lowland New Hall.

On Easter Sunday Southend, for the first time, will hold a service at Kiel Chapel at 8am.

The same day the Free Church will be holding a film afternoon from 3pm showing 'The Cross', a story of the great evangelist Billy Graham.

In the evening of Easter Sunday, the Action Group of the Bible Society is holding a Songs of Praise at Saint Kieran's Episcopal Church from 7.30pm.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

ENGAGEMENTS



ROBERTS - MILLAR

Both families are pleased to announce the engagement of Gareth Michael, younger son of Ian and Lynda, Scotlandwell, Kinross, to Laura Alison, daughter of Keith and Alison, Lauralson, Craiggowan Road, Campbeltown, on Thursday, March 5, 2015 on Brooklyn Bridge, New York.

RUBY WEDDINGS

JOHNSON

MACPHERSON - On March 29, 2015, Robert and Jean of Glenlussa Lodge, Peninver celebrate forty years of marriage and look forward to many more years of happiness!

DEATHS

HENDERSON - Peacefully, at Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock, on March 23, 2015, Maurice Alexander Henderson, in his 85th year, Cedar Road, Kilmarnock, dearly beloved husband of Catherine Walker Watterson and a dear brother and uncle. A graveside service will take place in Kilkerran Cemetery, on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 1.00pm, meeting at the cemetery gates at 12.50pm. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

HOGAN - Edward (Eddie). Passed away peacefully, at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, on Saturday, March 14, 2015, aged 83 years, a dearly loved husband, dad, brother, grandfather and uncle. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service at St Mary's Parish Church, Newport, Essex on Thursday, April 2 at 11.00am. Flowers may be sent c/o Peasgood & Skeates, Shire Hill, Saffron Walden CB11 3AQ. Telephone 01799 523314.

MACKELLAR - Suddenly but peacefully, after a short illness, surrounded by her family and friends, at the Lorne and Islands District General Hospital, Oban, on March 22, 2015, Edna Shepherd, in her 73rd year, Bellmhor Court and formerly of Tangy Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late Jack and Edna Shepherd and loving mother of Kenneth.

MACKINNON - Passed away, after a long illness bravely borne, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 21, 2015, Hector MacMillan MacKinnon, in his 92nd year, 91 Ralston Road, Campbeltown and formerly of Corraig, Tiree, dearly beloved husband of Mary MacKenzie, much loved father of Catherine, Norman and Mairi, father-in-law of Leslie, Gillian and David, adored papa of Ronald, Christina, Russell, Rosslyn, Calum and Ross and great grampa

of Mollie. Service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, March 27, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church and Cancer Research.

MACMILLAN - Jane Patricia Johnson from Tarbert, died peacefully on March 20, 2015, aged 55 years. A much loved mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and aunt, who will be sadly missed by all her family. Private cremation and service.

MCKAY - Peacefully, at home in Perth, Western Australia, on March 5, 2015, David, beloved husband of Agnes and a dear father. Dear brother of Neil, Christine and the late Mary and a dear uncle of Neil, Christine and families.

WALTERS - Peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, after a short illness, on March 18, 2015, Rhona Marion Walters, née Findlay, of 9 Caledonia Court, Ardrishaig and formerly of Port Ann, much loved mum of Mark and a dear sister and aunt to all the family. A good neighbour and friend to many. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium, on Tuesday, March 24, 2015. Sadly missed. Thanks are extended to the staff of Enable Scotland, Dr Phillips, nursing staff of Glenaray Ward, and local ambulance crews for their kind care and attention to Rhona.

WILSON - Peacefully, at Supported Care Ward in Dunoon General Hospital, on March 21, 2015, Mary (May), loving mother of Lorna and Brian and grandmother of Louise. Funeral will take place at Kilmorich Church, Cairndow on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 11.00am. Family flowers only please.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BROWN - The family of the late Joseph (Joe) Brown would like to express their thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for the overwhelming kindness and support received following their sad loss. Our sincere thanks to the ambulance boys of Campbeltown station, air ambulance crew, doctors and nurses of the Campbeltown Hospital and the Stroke Unit and Surgical Intensive Treatment Unit of the Southern General Hospital. Thanks also to Kenneth, Alasdair and Rhys Blair for their caring and professional services, to Rev Wallace for his comforting service, to David McEwan for the beautiful music in the church, to Iain MacPherson for piping at the graveside and to the Ardshiel Hotel for the hospitality afterwards. Finally, thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside and generously donated towards the retiral collection for the Fishermen's Mission and Save the Children, which raised £1,462.24.

SHAW - Mary, Sandra, Robert, Donald, Mairi and their families would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and support in their recent sad loss. Sincere thanks to all the doctors and nursing staff in Glenaray Ward, Lochgilphead for their dedicated care throughout. Our grateful thanks to the homecare team for their special care and fulfilling Alex's wish to remain at home; to Rev Roddy MacLeod for a comforting service, which was very much

KENNEDY - The family of the late Marie Kennedy would like to express their thanks to all relatives and friends for their kindness at this sad time. We have been deeply touched by the number of cards we have received and their words of kindness. We would like to express our gratitude to Doctor McGovern and the nursing team. Thank you to Homecare and Carr Gomm

for supporting Marie to stay at home. Thanks to Reverend Philip Wallace, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair and the Ardshiel Hotel for their professional services. The retiral collection raised £964 for the Marie Curie Cancer Care.

MACDONALD - Lorraine and family would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, support, phone calls, visits, cards and flowers received following the sad passing of Kenny. Special thanks are extended to the local ambulance staff and police officers for their efforts and compassion shown to us at a most difficult time. Sincere thanks to Belinda Braithwaite of the Humanist Society and Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their caring and efficient funeral arrangements and services. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at South Lanarkshire to pay their respects, especially those who travelled a distance. The retiral collection has raised over £350 for British Heart Foundation. There will be a gathering to celebrate Kenny's life at the Horseshoe Inn, Kilmichael, on Saturday, March 28 from 3.00pm onwards. Friends, neighbours and colleagues please accept this invitation.

MCSHANNON - The family of the late Jean Alexander Grant McShannon wishes to thank sincerely, all relatives and friends for their support, sympathy and kindness following their recent bereavement. Grateful thanks also for the cards, letters of condolence and floral tributes received and for the donations to the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown. Special thanks to the management and staff at Carrodale Care Home for the exceptional care Jean received over the last 30 months. Sincere thanks to Rev Willie Crossan for a lovely and personal service and to David McEwan for providing such beautiful music. Many thanks to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their personal and professional services and to the staff of the Royal Hotel and the Ardshiel Hotel for their excellent catering.

ROBERTSON - Mary and family would like to sincerely thank family, friends and neighbours (old and new) for their kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, cards and flowers on the sad loss of Lawrence. Special thanks to community nurses, Dr Lazarus and carers for their compassion and care shown to Lawrence. Grateful thanks to Reverend Philip Wallace and Mr Matthew Ramsay for their uplifting service; to T A Blair, Funeral Directors for services and to the Ardshiel Hotel for their catering. Finally, thank you to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside and generously donated towards the retiral collection for the Fishermen's Mission and Save the Children, which raised £1,462.24.

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appreciated by us "Moran Taing". Our thanks to Roddy and Fiona of D MacDonald Funeral Directors for their care and professionalism at a very difficult time, to Andrew and Sarah of the Galley of Lorne for excellent catering, to our organist, Sandy Thomson, for his thoughtful choice of music and also his wife Rhona for the beautiful church flowers. Our thanks also to Piper, Iain Campbell. The sum of £780 was collected for Glenaray Ward, Lochgilphead.

STRANG - The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to family, neighbours and friends for their expressions of sympathy, cards and floral tributes following the sad loss of a much loved father and grandfather, and in particular to Maureen and Jennifer, who did so much for Nicol following the sudden death of Betty last year. Thanks also to T A Blair, Funeral Directors for their kindness, to the staff at the Carradale Hotel for providing the catering and to Mathew Ramsey for conducting the service and for his words of comfort.

IN MEMORIAMS

MACAULAY - With silent memories, no words are needed.

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

MACAULAY - In loving memory of my wee sister Diane, a special auntie. Forever in our thoughts, always in our hearts. We miss you.

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Thursday 2nd April

Choir 7.30pm

Friday 3rd April

10.15am short service at The Cross

Followed by a service at St. Kieran

Episcopal Church

George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 29th March

11.15am Worship Service

McAulay goals seal 'Dale win

Inchinnan Valley

Carradale

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CARRADALE sealed another win on their travels last Saturday.

On a high after a 7-2 win the previous week, Carradale started brightly on a tight grass park and took the lead on 14 minutes through Declan McAulay.

The young winger's blistering shot flew into the underside of the net.

A penalty followed moments later when goalkeeper Neil McMillan felled an Inchinnan attacker in the box, but as he was not last man he was mercifully shown a yellow card.

McMillan made a vital save to keep Carradale in the lead.

However, a Carradale mix-up allowed Inch-

innan's number eight to steal in and compose himself before slotting home an equaliser.

A change of formation from a 4-2-3-1 to a 4-4-2 proved very successful for Carradale, and on 69 minutes McAulay scored his brace after an initial shot from Cammy Maguire had been blocked.

McAulay's shot bounced off the ground and found its way into the net to make it 2-1 to the Kilbrannan-sponsored visitors.

With 10 minutes remaining Carradale put the match beyond their hosts.

Striker Ranald Rixon released Gregor Croll on the right flank. The

speedy attacker put a first-time cross into the path of McAulay, who was denied a hat trick by the Inchinnan keeper. However Adam Graham mopped up the loose ball, scoring with his second effort at goal.

Goalkeeper McMillan was given his marching orders in the dying minutes, picking up a second yellow card after another foul.

Midfielder Ryan McConnachie then went in goal, pulling off a fingertip save to turn a shot around the post and ensure a two-goal win.

Carradale's man of the match was Declan McAulay.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Carradale entertain Inchinnan Valley at home for the first time this season, with a 2pm kick off at Campbeltown's Kinloch all-weather pitch.



Singles champion Charles Robertson, left, Morag McLean of the Burnside Bar, and finalist Vince Jordan.

Charles is darts singles champ

CAMPBELTOWN and District Darts Association held its singles on Monday evening with venues split between the Ailsa, Commercial and Burnside bars.

With some fantastic darts played on the night, the last four were Martin Coffield, Charles Robertson, Alan Duncan and Vince Jordan.

Robertson defeated Coffield and Jordan got past Duncan to make the final, and what a final it proved to be with both players throwing darts a professional would have been proud of.

The match was the best of nine legs and after being all square at 4-4, Robertson emerged as champion in the final leg.

Thanks to the Burnside, Ailsa and Commercial for providing the venues and also for donating bottle prizes.

Week 17 results from Monday, March 16: Fiddlers 'B' 3 Southend 7, Kilbrannan 'C' 2 Kilbrannan 'A' 8, Ailsa 4 Burnside 6, Kilbrannan 'B' 0 Fiddlers 10, Commercial - Bye.



Kintyre anglers' season opener

KINTYRE Angling Club's new season got underway at Lussa Loch last Saturday. In glorious conditions, Reid Anderson of Peninver was the winner on the day, catching four rainbow trout and one brown trout for a combined weight of 6lb 13oz.



All four teams posed together for a post-tournament picture.

Football feast for young Pupils

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils' 2004-05 age group welcomed Argyll neighbours Oban Spartak 2005s and Lochgilphead Red Star's 2004s and 2005s to Kinloch's

all-weather pitch last Saturday.

Hard work

Youth coach David Paterson said: 'Well done to all the boys, it was great to see everyone's hard

work is paying off with superb performances.

'The weather was perfect and it was great to see the players in this age group progressing so well.'

Home comfort for Tarbert

TARBERT kept their promotion charge going with a 3-1 win over Milton of Colquhoun last Saturday.

Penalty spot

Nikki McDougall, pictured

scoring his

side's third goal last Saturday, also scored their second from the penalty spot.

Flick on

James Prentice had put the North Kintyre side in front in the first



Nikki McDougall nets against Milton of Colquhoun.

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Nine records set at Sports Hall Athletics final

MORE than 100 young athletes converged in Oban for the Argyll final of Sports Hall Athletics last Saturday.

The county event was the last of five competitions held in Argyll over the winter months, promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club.

During four hours of intense competition at Atlantis Leisure, some Kintyre youngsters were among those who excelled, with Campbeltown's Kirstie Renton enjoying a great day in the under-7 girls' contest, breaking the two-lap record by a small margin of 29.7 seconds, before equalling the standing long jump record with a leap of 1.43 metres.

In the under-15 girls' competition there was nothing to separate Jenny Semple from Campbeltown Grammar and Lochgilphead's Erin Downie.

The latter won the shot putt and speed bounce and tied with Jenny in

the triple jump, before Jenny excelled in the running events, winning the two-lap race in 24.1 and four-lap race in 53.1. Ashleigh Connor, also from Campbeltown Grammar, was pipped for first place in the under-17 girls' section by Bethan Lemmon from Lochgilphead.

Ashleigh impressed massively though, setting a new record in the triple jump with 6.98m, adding eight centimetres to the previous record set back in 1995.

The boys may have been outshone by the girls as far as records were concerned, but several boys impressed nonetheless, including Max Graham from Campbeltown.

Max became the under-7 boys' champion after a strong all-round performance, including a win in the four-lap race, with Robert Kerr, also from Campbeltown, third equal as part of a closely-following pack.

Lewis Gilchrist from Tayinloan also tasted success after winning the two-lap race in the boys' under-9 category.

A Sports Hall Athletics spokesman said: 'The organisers wish to thank all the young athletes and parents for supporting the competition and special thanks to last year's under-17 girls' champion Kate Cameron from Southend, who travelled all the way from Edinburgh by bus to help as an official on the day.'



Campbeltown's Max Graham and Kirstie Renton, Argyll's boys' and girls' under-7s champions for Sports Hall Athletics.

Donald turns in five-star display

CAMPBELTOWN footballer Donald McCallum was back on form for his youth team on Monday evening after scoring five goals in one match.

The 18-year-old attacker, playing for Dumbarton FC's development side against Annan Athletic, rediscovered the form that saw him earn three first-team appearances for the Sons, and score a goal against Livingston, in the second-tier of the Scottish Championship.

Donald's side came from back from 2-0 down to win 5-2.

Scottish Amateur League results

LAST Saturday's results: Jimmy Marshall Cup, 2nd round - Oban Saints 8, Jamestown 1; Premier Division - Thorn Athletic 2, Campbeltown Pupils 1; Premier Division One - Rutherglen 1, Dunoon 2; Premier Division Two - Lochgilphead Red Star 2, Neilston 1; Motherwell Thistle 7, Dunoon Athletic 0; Division 1B - Tarbert 3, Milton of Colquoun 1.

New football league for Aqualibrium

A NEW six-a-side football league is kicking off on April 14 at the Aqualibrium on Tuesday nights.

Budding footballers, drinking pals, work colleagues or best mates can join the league which is open to any standard.

The league is run by Soccer Sixes which has more than 300 leagues nationally.

The action will take place weekly and anyone over 15 years old can take part in the league and form a team.

Each week all teams will play an

intense 40-minute match officiated by a qualified SFA referee.

All equipment is provided and league winners will receive free paintballing vouchers and winners trophies. Runners-up will also receive trophies.

Matt Scoffham, Soccer Sixes manager, said: 'The local area is full of people who love football and there is sure to be big interest. We work closely with our teams and SFA qualified referees and we believe it is important to the people of area to have a week-

ly six-a-side league running with no joining fee, so it's easy to join for anyone.'

'The facilities and match officials are fantastic and we look forward to welcoming new teams to the league although they should act quickly to avoid disappointment. Teams can be of any standard.'

Spaces are limited and anyone who is interested should log onto www.soccersixes.net or text or call 07535 504 328 for more information.

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Pupils respond too late

Thorn Athletic
Campbeltown Pupils
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Much of the time, there simply were not enough numbers forward to sustain any attacks but on the half-hour mark midfielder Ryan Gilchrist, who continues his comeback from a long injury lay off, burst past the Thorn defence.

After seeing his first effort blocked by the keeper, he turned to shoot but it was cleared from the line.

Just before half-time the Pupils had another chance to score on the counterattack, when lone striker John McCallum played in Gary Grumoli, but after holding his run well to stay onside and bearing down on goal, he could not beat the Thorn keeper.



Gary Grumoli struck a brilliant free-kick for the Pupils. 08_c13grumoli01

The grass pitch was a change from the pristine all-weather pitch at Kinloch in Campbeltown but the Pupils looked something like their old selves, darting out on the counter-attack.



Ryan Gilchrist, right, had an effort cleared off the line in the first half. 08_c13ryan01

Into the second half, the Pupils were guilty of gifting their Paisley opponents the opening goal.

A high ball from a corner was not defended properly, and a rebounding effort was tucked away at the second time of asking.

Frustration

There was soon more frustration for the Pupils when the home side doubled their lead.

Another corner kick was not properly dealt with, and after a header had bounced off the post and back under the grasp

of keeper Reid Anderson, a Thorn player finished from close range.

It was only then that the Pupils seemed to come to life; first, Gregor McFadyen crashed the bar with a blistering left-foot shot from 25 yards. His creativity was not rewarded with a goal but he was a strong performer on the day.

Another attacking threat was Gary Grumoli and after being disappointed with a first-half miss he more than made up for it with a wonderful, curling free-kick from the edge of the D into the top right-hand corner of the goal, leaving the Thorn keeper helpless.

There were late forays from both sides, and Anderson was required to pull off a top save from Thorn's talented left-midfielder just inside the box.

The Pupils pushed hard too and McFadyen was perhaps too honest when barged out of the way when advancing on goal with only moments left.

The team has two free weekends to refocus for their remaining league fixtures this season.

Three-number jackpot at £500

THERE were no winners in Machrihanish Golf Club's three-number lottery held on Monday, meaning the club's jackpot rises to £500.

The winning numbers were 5, 11 and 19.

The next draw will be held on Monday, March 30.

Dunaverty Golf Club Am-Am

DUNAVERTY Golf Club is holding its Am-Am competition on Saturday, April 11.

Tee times are available from the clubhouse on 01586 830677.

Islay Golf Result

THE following are results from the Mrs MacIntyre Trophy played on Sunday: 1 D Livingstone +3; 2 R MacIntyre +2; 3 D Muir +1.

Coach needed

A MID Argyll netball team formed as part of the Commonwealth Legacy is in desperate need of a coach.

The Bounce Back to Netball club was formed in October last year in the Mid Argyll Sports Centre, Lochgilphead.

June Graham, player and acting coach, said: 'It is important the coach or umpire has a good knowledge of the game and rules, because we need the help for new players and those who haven't played for a long time.'

'Our players range from aged 14 up to 50.'

'Some have only been learning since September and lots of us used to play at school and are just getting back into it.'

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils lost out narrowly last Saturday when they travelled to take on league challengers Thorn Athletic.

The Pupils were much improved from a drab home performance the previous week, showing glimpses of creativity, but losing set-piece goals would again be their undoing.

The first half was a close contest, with the McFadyens-sponsored Pupils giving little away at the back in open play, and defending corners and free-kicks well.



Campbeltown BC president Dugald Graham, far right, presented prizes to, from left, George Reid, George Allan and Gavin McLachlan.

Gavin wins open singles bowl title

PROMISING bowler Gavin McLachlan stormed to victory in Campbeltown Bowling Club's open singles competition last Saturday.

Despite attracting its smallest entry on record, the standard of play in the Stronvaar-based event was very high and the round robin qualifying produced semi-finalists George Reid, Neil Maguire and former winner George Allan, all of the host club, and Argyll Bowling Club's Gavin McLachlan.

The semi finals were played before a final

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