



# ACHA plan may see tenants turfed out

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HOUSING association residents in Campbeltown are incandescent over a scheme to possibly demolish their homes. There were angry scenes at a packed public meeting in the Guide hall on Tuesday evening, where it was revealed that Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) expects to lose nearly £800,000 in the current financial year due to large numbers of empty homes across the county.

ACHA officers, area manager Yvonne Angus and locality manager Sarah Campbell, outlined plans to either demolish homes or mothball them due to low occupancy.

Donnie Harvey has lived in his Queen Street flat for more than

a quarter of a century. It is in a block which may be demolished.

Clearly upset he said: 'Where are you going to f\*\*\*\*\* put me?'

Mr Harvey added: 'ACHA is going to depreciate the value of private housing around the houses that are mothballed or demolished.'

The meeting was part of a consultation started in February by ACHA titled: Asset Management Stock Restructure – Low Demand.

The ACHA officers opened the meeting with a slide presentation detailing ACHA's financial situation due to what they call void empty homes.

They stressed that the plan is open for consultation until a board meeting in May.

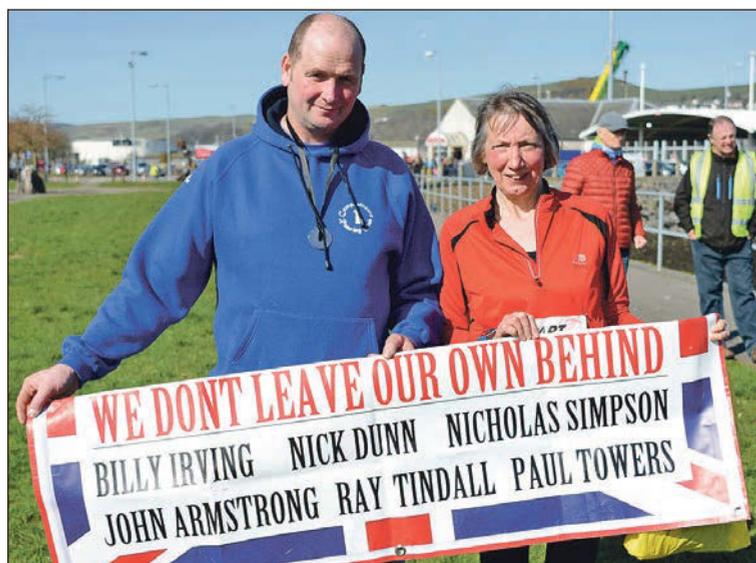
Kintyre homes under

threat are: seven to 10 Mill Park, Southend, to be demolished; 24 to 26 High Street, Campbeltown to be mothballed and lie empty; Dalintober – mothball 25 units – two of which are owned and will need to be bought by ACHA; 16a to 16f, and 20 and 24 Saddell Street to be demolished; 15 units in Queen Street and four in Prince's Street to be demolished.

Tenant Carol Anne Shields said she had already been moved once from Park Square which was rebuilt as Aqualibrium Avenue.

Ms Shields said: 'I have been 16 years in my house and it is breaking my heart that I might have to move.'

'It would have been nice if the boss of the board of management had sent a representative. I think the decision has been made before this meeting.'



## Marathon effort for Billy Irving

A PAIR of West Road athletes have launched a marathon funding bid to boost funds for a former soldier imprisoned in India.

Jackie Fulton and Robert Semple ran Saturday's Glen Scotia race as training for the London Marathon next month.

London is their main fundraiser for Campbeltown educated pirate

hunter Billy Irving who is more than a year into a five year prison sentence in India.

Robert is also mountain biking the Kintyre Way Ultra marathon on May 6. Jackie and Robert display a banner pledging support for the Chennai six. See MOK marathon pictures and news on pages 12, 13 and 36.

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COULD a recent sighting of a big cat in Kintyre mean that a killer carnivore is back?

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SURPRISE visitors to a children's church event led to some of them being 'nicked'.

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DUNAVERTY'S new club steward is getting into the swing of things at Southend.

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## Police files:

### Verbal abuse

AT LUNCHTIME on Monday police were called to a disturbance in Davaar Avenue.

A man had allegedly verbally abused another and police are investigating.

### Parcel pinched

SOMETIME between 11.55am and 4pm last Thursday, a delivered parcel was stolen from the common close at 26 Davaar Avenue. Police are investigating and anyone with information about either incident should call 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### Cow and car collide

A COW was uninjured after it escaped on Sunday near Tayinloan and was hit by a car on the A83.

The farmer contacted police on Monday to report the incident. The car was damaged but the cow survived.

On Friday March 3 at 7.30pm a small hatchback was extensively damaged when the driver hit a jet black cow in the dark on the Tayinloan straight.

The beast hit the windscreen but had made off before police arrived.

### No licence

A BLACK BMW was stopped in a routine check and inquiries revealed it allegedly did not have a valid tax disc.

The 30-year-old driver was charged following the incident, in Millknowe, at 9am on Wednesday of last week.

A report will be submitted to the Driver Vehicle Licensing Authority.

### Cannabis man charged

POLICE found a small quantity of what they suspected was cannabis when they searched a man on John Street.

The 23-year-old, who was subsequently charged with possession, was stopped at 7.20pm last Friday.

### Blue light call

AN AMBULANCE and police van with blue lights flashing and sirens blaring raced down Kilkerran Road on Monday evening. They were joined by the Coastguard.

There was much speculation round the town but it turned out to be a mountain bike accident.

There were no further details of injuries.

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### Flag flew at half mast

THE UNION flag flew at half mast on Campbeltown old quay last Thursday as a mark of respect for the victims killed in the London terrorist atrocity the day before.

## West Coast Motors in takeover top gear

THE BUS empire run from a Ben More Street office has doubled its decks and swallowed one of Scotland's biggest operators.

Soon Campbeltown's distinctive red- and cream-coloured buses run by West Coast Motors (WCM), founded in the 1920s, will be seen right across the country and even into England since the acquisition of First Scotland East's operations in the Scottish Borders.

Operating under the banner of Borders Buses, the new network of routes will include East Lothian, Midlothian, Edinburgh and Carlisle.

First Bus announced last week that it will withdraw its whole fleet from the Scottish Borders due to a

claimed downturn in passenger numbers.

WCM already operates services in the Borders after buying Perryman's Buses about three years ago.

Last week a spokesperson for WCM said: 'We would look to assure all customers that there will be no immediate changes to bus fares, routes or timetables.'

'Borders Buses will be painted red and cream, just like its parent company.'

In a classic rags-to-riches story, Jack and William Craig began operating passenger-carrying vehicles in 1920.

A year later, Jack Craig painted West Coast Motor Service Company on a bus and a legend was born.

## Highland Games Big Ceilidh tickets hammered out

PLATINUM Bar Hire and Jamie Gee Discos say there is a race on to secure tickets for the Highland Games Big Ceilidh at Whisky Macs on Saturday May 15.

Tide Lines, with lead singer and former Skip-innish frontman Robert Robertson, headline the event. The band's debut single *Far Side of the World* entered UK download charts ahead of Adele's *Hello*.

Backing group, Kintyre's very own Rhuvhaal, will be fresh from Gig on the Goil a week before and with a monthly Thursday

night gig at Whisky Macs throughout the summer.

Two other acts will help the evening go with a bang. Award-winning young energetic traditional folk band Hò-Rò have performed at festivals across Scotland and Europe.

### Unique blend

Covers band The Rollin' Drones use a unique blend of Scottish bagpipes and modern instruments to play songs from artists like Biffy Clyro and ABBA.

Tickets are £20 from Whisky Macs.

### Jesus was crucified at Calvary

CALVARY was, according to the Gospels, a site immediately outside Jerusalem's walls where Jesus was crucified.

The *Courier* would like to apologise unreservedly for the third year for printing incorrect information about this event on page 12 of the Easter feature last week.

Each year the *Courier* has been notified by Liz Maliphant from Kent and Gail McKay in Campbeltown.

## HAZELBANK MOTORS LTD

Ian Ackroyd is due to retire from Hazelbank Motors after nearly 15 years of service with the company.

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# Greatest raid of WWII led by Campbeltown trojan warship

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A LEGENDARY wartime raid led by HMS Campbeltown was commemorated on its 75th anniversary.

The St Nazaire raid, codnamed Operation Chariot, during the Second World War saw many brave young men, of whom 169 were killed and 215 became prisoners of war, set off from Falmouth in England to carry out an audacious attack on the French port.

The obsolete destroyer HMS Campbeltown played an integral role in the plot as it was packed with delayed-action explosives, disguised as a German ship and rammed into the Normandie dock gates.

The explosives detonated later that day, rendering the only fa-

cility on the Atlantic coast capable of repairing Germany's most powerful warships useless for the remainder of the war and several years after.

The task of destroying the port had always been considered impossible so the fact that they succeeded has always been a matter of huge pride to those associated with the raid, making the 75th anniversary commemoration a poignant reminder.

## Anniversary

The Duke of Edinburgh, patron of the St Nazaire Society, attended a luncheon at Fishmongers' Hall, London Bridge, to mark the anniversary, where he met widows and relatives of those who fought in the raid.



An illustration by Ross Watton of HMS Campbeltown during the raid.

Among those was Alice Arnold, whose father took part. Alice said: 'I think it's incredibly important to remember what people fought for, and now 75 years on, we have very

few Second World War veterans left.'

On Facebook, Nicholas Turner said: 'The bravest of the brave ... don't let any of us ever forget what these boys did for Britain and for us.'

Campbeltown was represented at the event as Glen Scotia distillery manager Iain J McAlister said: 'I took a special Glen Scotia 75th anniversary distillation to London's Fishmongers' Hall.'

## Hunger lunch helps cut starvation

CAMPBELTOWN Red Cross volunteers held a hunger lunch to help the estimated 20 million people facing starvation in Somalia, South Sudan, Yemen and Nigeria.

Last Friday volunteers raised £1,128 for the Red Cross East Africa Crisis Appeal.

Soup and filled rolls were sold, between 12.30pm and 2pm, for a donation equaling what people might have spent on their lunch.

### Supplies

The money will help the Red Cross provide supplementary food, access to safe water hygiene and distribution of supplies in the affected countries.

Centre organiser Anne Cousin said: 'We had a steady flow of people and I would like to thank everyone for their support.'

The humanitarian crisis has been called the worst since 1945 by senior United Nations under-secretary-general Stephen O'Brien, who has estimated £3.4 billion will be needed by July to avert the crisis and stop millions dying of hunger and disease.

The causes of the crisis are varied but conflict is a major contributor.

Yemen is in conflict and there is a blockade operated by the Saudi-led coalition. In

northern Nigeria, the military has been waging war with Boko Haram. Famine in South Sudan is worst, where government forces are carrying out ethnic killing.

### Drought

Somalia faces a third year of drought with crop failure and rising food prices.

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## Possible predator prowls Kintyre

A PUMA-LIKE jet black carnivore calmly strolled across the A83 near Clachan last Saturday.

Jimmy Waddell, 79, from East Calder, was travelling to High Askomil when his wife Diana spotted the beast.

Mr Waddell said: 'It was about the size of a large labrador and just wandered across the road in front of us.'

It is not the first puma spotted in the Highlands, as 37 years ago, in 1980, a puma was caught near Inverness and, in 1985 when the deadly predator, named Felicity, died she was stuffed and can still be seen in Inverness museum.

## Smoke alarms save lives

A FUNCTIONING smoke alarm could have saved lives last weekend, as it alerted a neighbour to a potential disaster in a Campbeltown home.

Thankfully, the cause of the smoke was nothing more than a pot left smouldering on a stove, but Campbeltown's retained firefighters were on the scene in case the event got out of hand.

## Legal bid to save care home

MEMBERS of Auchinlee Action Group (AAG) have started a legal process to protect Kintyre dementia patients' rights.

AAG campaigners sought legal advice in Glasgow recently, ahead of a crunch Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership Integrated Joint Board (IJB) meeting on Wednesday.

Council officers have advised the IJB to support continued funding until March 2018 which would cost £291,000.

AAG chairman John Titterton said: 'We met a lawyer to seek a legal opinion about moving residents outwith Kintyre.'

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## Anonymous letter

THE COURIER has received a four-page hand-written anonymous letter about the state of Campbeltown.

We would like to publish this and are happy to do so under 'name and address supplied', but the name and address must be supplied even if it is not printed.

## Saddell shoot

A KINTYRE snapper will focus on Explore Campbeltown members at a free photo-shoot this weekend.

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# Pet shop owner escapes the city rat race

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A JET-SETTER who continually chased her tail in a high-powered Oxford career has bought Campbeltown's pet shop Allsorts.

As a director of development at two Oxford University graduate colleges Sue Berrington visited China, Thailand, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and the Middle East in a continuous whirl of promoting British education.

Sue said: 'I worked with Green Templeton and St Cross colleges for seven years but the jobs were not permanent and there were continual extensions.

'I was travelling all round the world and started to think about something more settled.

'My dad had moved to Carradale and I had fallen in love with Kintyre many

years ago, as a teenager, when we came on holiday.

'I was visiting my dad regularly.

'At first I looked for jobs like my Oxford role in Scotland. I heard that Wilma McKinven, who ran Allsorts for more than 30 years with her sister Aileen, wanted to retire.

'She has been so good to me. We agreed a price and I took over at the end of February.'

Allsorts is a mixture of a haberdashers and a pet shop selling everything a pet owner might require from food to leads, collars and a myriad of balls and bowls.

Sue, a psychology graduate, who worked in shops as a school girl, has no plans to change anything in the Longrow shop as she adapts to her new life.



Sue Berrington and Islay her miniature Schnauzer. 25\_c13allsorts01

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## Wedding fayre organisers hope for chic catwalk chemistry

EXPLORE Campbeltown has lifted the veil on its second ever wedding fayre.

Organisers are now searching for male volunteers prepared to strutt their stuff in kilts and suits on the catwalk.

Already 27 stall holders have made firm bookings for a place at the event on Sunday April 30 in Victoria hall.

All proceeds from ticket sales and the raffle, which alone made £1,000 in 2015, will go to charity.

There will be a catwalk show at two different times during the day which will include clothes from Jean Farmer and hopefully other Campbeltown clothing retailers.

Stall holders will be spread round the edges of the hall with a red

carpet down the middle leading to the stage and chairs facing into the runway.

It is planned to have some brides who will model hair dressed by Campbeltown salons and organisers are looking for people or organisations prepared to give live demonstrations on stage.

The hall will be available for two hours on

the Saturday April 29 from 4.30pm until 6.30pm for stall holders to get a head start.

On the day the set up time will be from 9am-1pm with the event running from 1pm-4pm and the clear up taking place from 4pm-6pm.

Coast Collective will perform live music on the day.

An Explore Camp-

beltown spokesperson said: 'It would be very much appreciated if everyone who is involved in the wedding fayre and Explore Campbeltown in general could donate a little something for the raffle.'

'Prizes should be handed into Cadenhead's Whisky Shop within the next two to three weeks.'



The crowd at the 2015 wedding fayre. c18fayre01no

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## A storm of protest

ARGYLL Community Housing Association (ACHA) faces tenants' anger about a plan for redundant blocks.

There is a vibrant private rented sector in Campbeltown and it is not inconceivable that if a landlord bought the threatened blocks at the right price and did the necessary works, it would be possible to have full occupancy.

According to ACHA's figures, it is losing much money across Argyll and Bute on empty properties.

Shunting people from one home to another cannot be a good policy for a social landlord. It would be more positive to fix roofs which have needed attention for years but ACHA claims it cannot do repairs in blocks where owners cannot be contacted.

## Brave effort

A MARATHON runner aged 40+ put many to shame with his 06:16:48 for last place last Saturday.

Teacher Greig Walker's determination was well rewarded as effectively he beat all the two- and four-person relay teams by running the full distance.

In addition, his sheer grit earned him a bottle of Glen Scotia malt – even if he was a bit sore the next day.

Many spectators, enjoying the sparkling sun, gave a grand reception to finishers by the play park.

A large Lochaber group took rooms in the Royal Hotel for the whole weekend and said that the event organisation was exemplary.

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## Dress someone up as a large pigeon to scare birds

Sir,  
I write following the recent article regarding the pigeon issue in Longrow and the council's idea to use a plastic coyote scarecrow.

I was recently watching a programme about nuisance monkeys in India. The solution was to dress a man up and act like a large monkey. It seemed to work very well and all the monkeys ran for their lives.

Why doesn't the council dress someone up as a very large and aggressive pigeon? He or she could then run up and down Longrow flapping their wings to the tune of the birdie song to scare them away.

It would also create a much-needed local job.

**Darren Bloomfield,**  
Via Facebook.

## Rotary thanks to Sale of the Century helpers

Sir,  
Further to the *Courier* report of the recent Rotary Sale of the Century, numerous other people deserve thanks from the Rotary Club for the help they gave at that time.

They are, in no particular order, Jim Martin, who moved all the furniture from storage to the Victoria Hall; electrician Archie Houston, who checked the safety of all electrical goods; Anne Leith, who typed the catalogues; Andrew Smith

and Son and Kintyre Recycling for providing vehicles to help with deliveries. Two of Kintyre Recycling staff, Amanda and Andy, who also helped with deliveries; and James Lafferty, of Kintyre CARS, who provided a projector screen. Individual volunteers who helped were Stephen Chinn, Christopher McEwan, Dillon Cox, Niall and Elliot Gemmill. We are very grateful to them, for the whole weekend would have been much more difficult without their valuable assistance.

If I have inadvertently missed anyone from the list, please accept my sincere apologies, and thank you all.

**Agnes Stewart,**  
Rotary Club of  
Campbeltown.

## Alastair Redman was not pilloried

Sir,  
Let me be very clear: in no way was Alastair Redman pilloried in your letters page of March 10.

He was given a very full, mature and rational rebuttal of the assertions he had made the previous week.

As part of that, his own words, aimed at the First Minister, repeated ad nauseam in your letters page week after week, were turned back on him.

If Mr Redman considers this a personal insult, what did he intend by saying them about Ms Sturgeon in the first place?

Sauce for the goose . . .  
**Willie Crossan,**  
Campbeltown.

## We need indyref2

Sir,  
In answer to Ursula Craig, Nicola Sturgeon has a mandate to call another referendum because it was in the manifesto on which she was elected. It is as simple as that. It does what it says on the tin.

Ms Craig covers the significant change of circumstances in her own letter: 'Although the majority of Scotland voted to stay as part of the UK in the EU, this fact is ignored by Nicola Sturgeon.'

On the contrary, this option is no longer available. Far from ignoring it, that is why we need another referendum.

As to Portnahaven's Postman Pat, he was not pilloried, he was gently chided for dealing in alternative facts.

Pilloried is what he would have been had the *Courier* printed all of my letters concerning him and not just the more polite ones.

**Tony Williams,**  
Muasdale.

## Scotland is seen as an uppity colony

Sir,  
Ursula Craig just 'doesn't understand' why the Scottish Government has a mandate to trigger a second independence referendum. Allow me to clear the matter up for her.

The First Minister's mandate derives from the SNP landslide victory nearly two years ago – with a higher margin of elector-

al success than accorded to Thatcher and Blair at their peak – that included a specific black-and-white manifesto commitment to a national plebiscite if Scotland was threatened with being dragged out of the EU 'against our will'.

Ms Sturgeon's compromise offer to park independence providing Scotland remained in the vital single market to protect Scottish jobs, trade and agriculture has been haughtily dismissed by a Prime Minister who appears to be under the impression that Scotland is an uppity colony, rather than the fabled equal partner trumpeted in 2014 by the No campaign.

We have an arrogant Prime Minister, with one MP in Scotland, attempting to dictate, not to Nicola Sturgeon or the SNP, but to the democratically elected Scottish Parliament, the timing and terms of Scotland's referendum.

It is for the Scottish people to choose the future direction of our country, not Theresa May.

The words of the late Canon Kenyon Wright, speaking in 1990 against the intransigence of another Tory Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, ring out as true today: 'What if that other voice we all know so well responds by saying, "We say no, and we are the state"?'

'Well we say yes – and we are the people.'

**Ron Wilson,**  
Secretary,  
Kintyre SNP.

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# Messy church children are cuffed and arrested

A PAIR of coppers checking out a Tayinloan incident stumbled on the Easter messy church meal.

PC Alan Wardrop and PC John Nutt were surprised to find the children and adults of the parishes of Killean and Kilchenzie and Kilcalmonell at the event on Tuesday.

'The children were thrilled by the unexpected visit,' said *Courier* correspondent Marilyn Shedden.

The children wanted to be handcuffed and arrested, so the friendly policemen obliged.

Children also tried on the police vests and were amazed at how heavy they were



Messy church children meet the strong arm of the law.

as they chatted easily with their new friends. Ms Shedden added: 'We had a wonderful time and this was enhanced greatly by a visit from a couple of delightful policemen.'

'They were checking out a complaint about

the local phone box at Tayinloan and came in to see if we had seen anything.

'They were brilliant and built great community rapport with our young people.'

'What a great way to build trust and respect

for our police force and what lovely patient young men they were.'

'The children had a time they will always remember and we want to thank John and Alan for taking the time to build such great community interaction.'



Handcuffs should be in every parent's armoury.

## Getting a handle on heating historic homes

A PAIR of experts on keeping warm in older homes will give a super-heated talk at Campbeltown town hall.

The free event, including refreshments, on Wednesday April 26 from 7pm to 9.30pm, is a three-way collaboration between Campbeltown Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS), Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and Home Energy Scotland.

The speakers are Moses Jenkins of HES and Brian Barker of Home Energy Scotland. There will be a questions and answers session, with Argyll and Bute Council advisers available for discussion.

Householders will find out about how to keep warm in older homes, including options for installing different types of wall insulation, glazing and draught-proofing.

There will be a chance to sign up for a free home energy visit by a specialist Home Energy Scotland adviser.

The talk is also recommended for construction trades people to learn about special issues faced in older homes.

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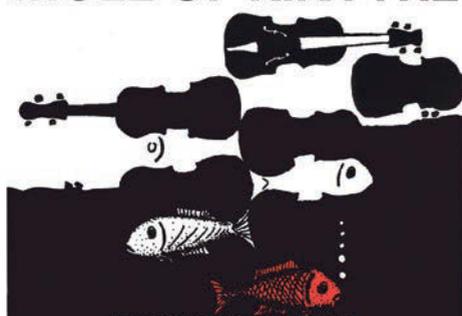
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Celtic rockers Wolfstone's  
Wee Toon '97 date

MOK FEST 1997 was headlined by Easter Ross band Wolfstone who last released an album a decade ago in 2007.

Dunblane singer-songwriter Dougie MacLean OBE, who won the BBC Radio 2 folk award for lifetime achievement in 2013, shared the Saturday night bill.

Year five of the festival included a Friday Night show in the Victoria Hall with the Oban and Lorne Strathspey and Reel Society, an event which eventually became the Festival ceilidh night.

On the Sunday night The Wee Toon Tellers continued to help make the Survivors night concert become a hugely successful event.

Tees and coffees at  
Dunaverty golf club

by HANNAH O'HANLON

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A CAMPBELTOWN man is getting into the swing of things at Dunaverty golf club.

Will Anderson, 41, recently took on the steward's role which involves the day-to-day running of the clubhouse, meeting and greeting visitors and providing catering for members and guests.

The fare on offer, described by Will as 'brunches, breakfasts and lunches', includes tea, coffee, cakes, hot-filled rolls, homemade soup, fish and chips, and burgers.

There is also a golf shop offering basic golfing accessories and a range of Dunaverty golf club-branded merchandise.

Before his move to Dunaverty, Will worked in a gift shop

in Campbeltown for nine years and in the *Courier's* advertising department for seven years.

'The club was looking for a new steward and I saw a lot of potential here at Dunaverty,' Will said, 'There is a kitchen, and facilities for expanding the shop, so with my background in sales, advertising and retail it seemed ideal.'

## Keen cook

'I'd never worked in the food industry before but I'm a keen cook, I just needed the confidence to go for it - which I got, and now I'm here and loving it.'

Will does not play golf himself, so he sought the advice of the club's committee members when choosing the stock for the shop.



Will Anderson in the golf shop. 25\_c13anderson01

'It's pretty daunting going into a business you know very little about but I'm picking it up.'

'Golf is iconic to this area, it's a nice industry to work in.'

'It's probably a good thing that I don't actually play,' Will added, 'Or else I might be out on the course all the time instead of in the clubhouse!'

Having lived and worked in Campbeltown's centre for most of his life, Will is now enjoying his daily commute to work. He said: 'I enjoy the drive, it gives me a bit of time to breathe and plan my day.'

'The route is so beautiful, I've seen some amazing sunrises.'

Will is looking forward to the busy tour-

ist season kicking off, when the club runs more competitions and the nearby caravan park gets busy with visitors.

'I have more responsibility here than I've had before,' said Will, 'But I enjoy the fact that I'm doing it all myself and the customer feedback has been great - that's what it's all about.'

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# It is bravissimo as Kintyre collects Cairnbaan cup

By NEILL BO FINLAYSON  
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CAMPBELTOWN Brass A's Beatles classic *I Wanna Hold your Hand* blew away the opposition at the Mid-Argyll Music Festival.

The lively rendition won the secondary S1 to S3 instrumental ensemble.

In the primary brass solo class, the Colville brothers, Andrew and Jamie, of Campbeltown Brass took the top two spots.

The Colville twins joined up with Hannah McCaig and another set of twins, Rona and Jack, to win the instrumental ensemble class and take the Cairnbaan Trophy back to Kintyre.

Another Campbeltown musician, Kyle Paterson, topped the secondary (S1-3) brass solo competition, whilst, for the second year in a row, Gavin Johnson, also of Campbeltown, won the secondary brass solo class, retaining the Brackley Cup.

Gavin would go on to further success in the instrumental duet classes where he and his partner Owen Pickering won the Gordon Evans MBE Challenge Trophy.



Campbeltown Brass A: Rona Campbell, Hannah McCaig, Jamie Colville, Andrew Colville and Jack Campbell won the Cairnbaan Trophy in the primary instrumental ensemble under the guidance of Katrina Barr. 06\_a13brassband02



Andrew Colville with the Robert Lepley Cup after coming first in the primary brass solo class, with second-placed twin brother Jamie. 08\_a12mamfbrass01.



Winners of the instrumental duet open class, Owen Pickering and Gavin Johnson, with the Gordon Evans MBE Challenge Trophy. 08\_a12mamfbrass08



Kyle Paterson won the W R Hunter Cup in the brass solo S1 to S3 class with his performance of *La Belle Americaine*. 08\_a12mamfbrass05

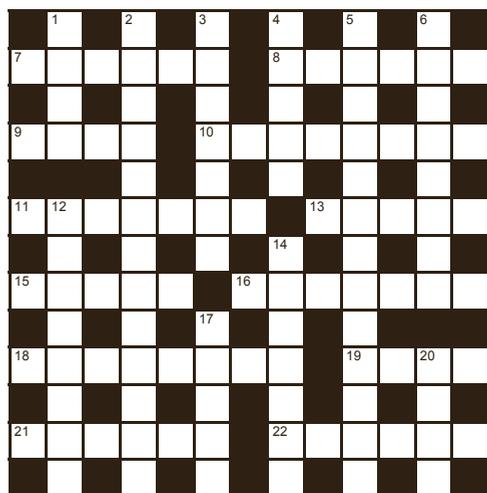


For the second year in a row, Gavin Johnson won the Brackley Cup in the brass solo S4 to S6 class. 08\_a12mamfbrass06

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## Bush blaze burns all night

A MASSIVE moorland fire lit the night sky at Orsary Estate on the Kilberry peninsula opposite the Isle of Gigha on Monday night.

At the height of the incident crews from seven fire tenders battled five miles of burning grassland.

Other appliances were in attend-

ance to provide relief. Firefighters from across Scotland, including Campbeltown, Lochgilhead, Tarbert, Inveraray and Glasgow fought the blaze.

Don Dennis from Gigha took this picture with a 200mm lens and a 20-second exposure.

DRUMLEMBLE

## Teacher says Auf Wiedersehen to Kintyre school

A GERMAN woman has said goodbye to Drumlemble primary which hosted her for three weeks.

Vanessa Kemener, 42, from Bonn, spent time at the Kintyre school to improve her English, teach German, and compare schooling in the two countries.

Miss Kemener teaches in a city school in Germany so found Drumlemble's rural setting to be a very different experience.

'It is a lovely atmosphere for learning, the children here are happy and I can tell they really like coming to school.

'I've enjoyed the beautiful surroundings, it is quite different to my school in Germany as it is in the city and

has around 400 pupils, whereas here there are only 28.'

Drumlemble head teacher Laurene McIntosh who has herself taught in America, Russia and Brazil said: 'As I have taught internationally, I have seen first hand the benefits of children having more than one language.

'The children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed having Miss Kemener in school with us. The children greet us every morning with 'Guten Tag' and have developed their fluency in German.

'We will be sad to see Miss Kemener go and hope that the school can be involved in this initiative again.'

Miss Kemener en-



Miss Kemener.

joyed her time in Kintyre, using a bicycle during her stay, travelling around Kintyre, visiting the Mull of Kintyre and Davaar island among other places.

'Kintyre is a wonderful place, the people are very friendly and are always interested in my story. I've felt real-

ly good here,' she said. Having loved her first visit to Scotland so much, Miss Kemener hopes to retain a lasting link between the two schools.

She plans to return to Kintyre next year during her school holidays to visit the children and see how they have developed.

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### Food waste on the menu at SWI

CATHERINE WILSON of Zero Waste Heroes told members of Largieside SWI that the worst form of waste is food.

Catherine spoke at the group's monthly meeting in Tayinloan village hall recently and said that buying three for the price of two was not a good idea if you threw one away. As food waste goes into landfill it can cause a build-up of methane gas which is not good for the environment.

Catherine brought along different items which had been recycled which is the best form of waste management.

Mountains of clothes end up being thrown away and are a further major waste problem.

Catherine handed out recipe cards and leaflets with extra information to help recycling.

The hostesses for the evening were Pat Rawson and Enid Williams, and Pat gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions: Lime marmalade - Helen Steel five. Easter card there were no entries.

CLACHAN

### Ladies rewarded for creativity

THERE was a blooming marvellous display of talent at Clachan, Largieside and Whitehouse SWI's joint bulb show.

The event in Clachan village hall on March 15 had many entries and was judged by members of Bellochan-tury Rural.

Results: floral cup winner Zoe Weir, Clachan; runner up Agnes Sillars, Whitehouse; baking cup win-

ner Jane McCallum, Clachan; runner up Zoe Weir, Clachan; arts and handicrafts Liz Dale trophy winner Louise Stanesby, Clachan; runner up Zoe Weir, Clachan; Macgregor Smith trophy for best exhibit in show Louise Stanesby with her recycled item made from milk bottles. Overall totals: Clachan 409, Largieside 156, Whitehouse 136.

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## Top Holstein breeder collects cup

WEST TRODIGAL farmer Willie Armour was awarded the James McLean cup for most points in club competitions recently.

The award was made at the Kintyre Holstein Breeders 35th annual general meeting on Tuesday March 7, attended by 21 members, in the Ardshiel hotel.

Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan Farm, was presented with the KF cup for most points in

the August and winter shows.

Chairman, Gavin Semple, congratulated all winners throughout the year and made special mention of the retirement of club members Willie and Margaret Ralston of Darlochan Farm.

On behalf of the club, Gavin made a small presentation and thanked Willie and Margaret for their support of the club over the years and wished

them a very happy retirement.

Gavin Semple stood down as chairman after two years in post and Sandy Pirie was nominated as the new chairman.

Donald McKay was appointed as new vice chair and Thomas Ralston was elected on the committee to replace James McPhee.

Following the AGM the group joined an informative meeting hosted by Harbro.



Willie Ralston who is retiring, Gavin Semple who won the KF cup for most points in the August and winter shows and Willie Armour who won the James McLean cup.

## Gigha dairy shows a lot of bottle with new venture

GIGHA'S Wee Isle Dairy has begun selling its own pasteurised whole milk produced entirely on the island.

The dairy, which also makes a range of ice-cream, uses milk from family-run Tarbert farm and pasteurises it on site using top of the range equipment purchased specially.

It will be sold in 500ml and 1 litre glass bottles, at £1.40 per li-

tre, which is in line with the Jersey and Guernsey milk currently for sale in supermarkets.

Wee Isle Dairy's milk is available to buy locally, from Ardminish Stores on Gigha, Big Jessie's Tearoom at the Ferry Farm, Tayinloan Stores, Glenbarr Stores, The Farm Stall at Bellochantuy and Clachan Filling Station.

It will also be for sale on CalMac ferries.



A bottle of Wee Isle Dairy's milk.  
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## Crofting federation sees hope for future

THE Scottish Crofting Federation (SCF) says crofting has a future despite the uncertainties of the coming years, but warns that crofters will need to stand together.

Chairman Russell Smith, following the SCF's annual gathering at Applecross on 'Crofting's Place in Europe', said: 'Given the result of the Crofting Commission elections, it is clear that crofting has a future - but it is something we will have to fight for.'

'Speakers at our gathering

presented plenty of evidence to show that a sustainable future for rural communities, food production and the environment depends on small-scale holdings with a range of activities and an holistic approach to rural development.

'Brexid doesn't seem to have anything positive to offer Scotland, but a fresh look at a replacement for the Common Agriculture Policy will be a vital opportunity to find a policy that works for crofting.'

Mr Smith hoped the election

would 'see the end of the unrest within the crofting regulator', but urged for voting reform.

'Looking at the number of votes cast,' he said, 'it is very disappointing the Scottish Government did not take the opportunity to revise the voting constituencies before this election, so again the proportions are all wrong. In the Western Isles particularly, even the second-placed had more votes than the total votes cast for all three winners of the other contested constituencies, yet has no place on the board.'

## Countryside grants up for grabs

THE PRINCE of Wales' Countryside Fund of £600,000 is open for applications.

Since setting up in 2010 more than 200 projects have been awarded a total of £8million.

With grants of up to £50,000 available per project totalling over £600,000, rural organisations and communities are being encouraged by the fund to consider applying for funding to support their countryside projects. The grant programme tackles a wide

range of rural issues including support and business advice for traditional farming families, career support and training opportunities for young people and support for communities to run vital community services.

### Welcomed

This March, applications are being particularly welcomed from community shops, pubs and innovative projects intended to alleviate rural isolation.

Clare Crookenden, grant manager, said: 'The Prince's Country-

side Fund is seeking applications from creative and inspirational projects right across the UK.

'We are keen to encourage more applicants from Scotland.'

'I would encourage anyone thinking of applying to visit our website to find out more about our grant programme and read our eligibility guidance.'

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The Wee Toon Warriors. 25\_c13marathon27



Piper Julie Blue led marathon runners to the start. 25\_c13marathon25

# Relay runner win made it a

by MARK DAVEY & HANNAH O'HANLON  
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THE FASTEST finishers of the inaugural MOK marathon was a team of two Tangy brothers.

Gary and Matthew Turner posted 02:57:16 to win the relay race and Matthew received a huge cheer as the first finisher – nearly six minutes ahead of solo runner Stuart McGeachy.

Full relay results: Two person relay teams: 1 Gary and Matthew Turner, 02:57:16, 2 Fiona Graham and Sarah McFadzean, 03:38:09, 3 Jamie McCreddie and Gail Losh, 03:49:55, 4 Mairi McKillop and Stewart Ireland, 03:53:08, 5 Iona McIntosh and Neil John MacPhail, 03:56:30, 6 Beth McEachran and Eilidh Macalister, 03:59:23, 7 Jocelyn Richard and Margaret Sinclair, 03:59:39, 8 Eilidh Cook and Fiona Cook, 04:00:12, 9 Trudy Kennedy and Joanna Holbrook, 04:04:57, 10 Jackie Fulton and Robert Semple, 04:14:01, 11 Fiona Irwin and Gail Williams, 02:21:32, 12

Moir McLellan and Heather McFadyen, 04:21:34, 13 Gavin Brown and David Hat-trick, 04:47:45, 14 Kirsty Robertson and Joanne Tiffin, 04:53:20, 15 Lindsay Ramsay and Margaret McSparran, 05:12:54 and 16 Fiona Watson and Valerie MacKay, 05:14:59.

Four person relay teams: 1 MorGeach Dochds: Elaine McGeachy, Emma Morran, Iain Docherty and Tommy Morran, 03:10:07, 2 Bar-mayArmy: Lorraine O'May, Hazel Barr, Robin Barr and Alisdair O'May, 03:17:46, 3 Drome Flyers: Charlie McIntyre, Campbell Anderson, Archie Johnston and Allan Reid, 03:20:51, 4 2slow2win2dum-2quit: Chantal Geyer, Katie Ferguson, Chris Horran and Richard McMillan, 03:34:20, 5 Stewart, Balfour and Sutherland Sloths: Rachel Edwards, Brannigan Barnett, Campbell Reid and Jimmy Anderson, 03:37:44, 6 The Whisky Chasers: Elspeth Russell, Efric McNeil, Linn McMillan and Morven Bell, 03:57:53 and 7 West Coast Girls: Marjorie Leighton, Suzy Ferguson, Kerry Hastie and Malcolm McMillan, 04:31:59.

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The Whisky Chasers. 25\_c13marathon06



Rhia Losh really got into the spirit of the event and made sure she was at the finish to support her mum Gail. 25\_c13marathon24



Rhia Losh, nine, escorts Jamie McCreddie to the handover with mum Gail. 20\_c13marathon07

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Susan Turner, far left, supports her boys, Gary and Matthew Turner, just before the handover in the two-runner relay. 20\_c13marathon06

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Even on the Lear-side, a big grin split Ewan Smith's face. 20\_c13marathon016



The first Glen Scotia MOK marathon starts in the cutting. 25\_c13marathon26



Support for Sarah McFadzean at the relay changeover. 20\_c13marathon10



Emma Morran and Iain Docherty at the relay changeover. 20\_c13marathon09



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# Campbeltown fundraiser inspires people of all ages to get involved

by HANNAH O'HANLON  
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A CHARITABLE Campbeltown woman is motivating people of all ages to become involved in CGS4Gambia's charity work.

Agnes Stewart runs the Campbeltown grammar school-based group, which has spent

the last four years raising funds to build a new nursery in Jarrol, and regularly goes on trips to the Gambian village with supplies and to provide assistance.

She was the inspiration behind CGS class

2.3's decision to begin raising money for the nursery, the first to do so in the school.

Registration teacher Jim pays half of the total himself, while the pupils contribute two pence per day each, to fund breakfast of traditional tapalapa bread and fruit juice high in vitamins for all 50 students at the nursery.

This, in turn, provides a regular income for the village baker five days a week.

Jim said: 'Key principles in the Curriculum for Excellence include developing pupils' capacities to be effective contributors to society, responsible citizens, and to promote a sense of 'global citizenship.'

'Our work effectively encourages the pupils' natural empathy and compassion for oth-



Agnes Stewart with two Gambian girls wearing dresses made in Campbeltown.



CGS class 2.3, with registration teacher Jim Bryce, and Agnes Stewart of CGS4Gambia.

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ers in the world who do not have the advantages we in developed countries enjoy.'

The pupils have been so successful with their fundraising that they now also sponsor one of Jarrol nursery's children, three-year-old Fatoumata Jarju, using extra money raised to buy shorts and t-shirts for Fatoumatu and a selection of groceries for her family.

Through presentations by Richard Semple and Teigan Robertson to two other CGS classes, 2.3 is encouraging others to begin their own global citizenship journey.

It's not just students that Agnes is inspiring, as Campbeltown resident Jennifer Craig went on CGS4Gambia's latest trip to Jarrol last month, becoming the first OAP volunteer to join the group.

Jennifer became involved with CGS-

4Gambia when she met Agnes at one of her stalls raising money for the project.

'I was so impressed by her enthusiasm and the superb work that she and her team were doing out there I wanted to learn more about it,' said Jennifer.

'After a meeting with Agnes and seeing what they have achieved in Jarrol to improve the lives of the people there, it really made me want to help in any way I could.'

'Agnes very kindly invited me to join them last month to go to Gambia which turned out to be a very enriching experience and one I'm very grateful to have had, especially as I'm not as young as her usual companions and I believe I'm the first OAP to have gone with them, so you're never too old!

'It was an amazing trip and how lucky our CGS students are to



Campbeltown's Isla McKinven with the buggy she gifted and one of its new owners in Jarrol.

be given the chance to learn, help and experience life in Jarrol, one they will never forget and one I would love to repeat.'

A number of donations from Campbeltown's generous residents were gratefully received in Jarrol last month.

Isla McKinven, 10, chose to donate her toy buggy and two dolls to the nursery children and they are already enjoyed in Gambia.

In reference to the photo of Isla and a Gambian youngster with the same pram, Judy Arrowsmith wrote on Facebook: 'What a super advert for international inclusion'

Kerry McGeachy, from Campbeltown, donated her disused

pram, and it is finally in its new home with Gambian baby Salieu and his family.

Agnes, who has been affectionately named 'Agnes Stewart, Iron Lady' by members of the Jarrol community, said: 'I definitely don't see myself as being an inspiration. I am just doing a 'job' that I love.'

'I myself am inspired by the happy people of the aptly named 'Smiling Coast' who radiate happiness despite having very little in the way of material possessions.'

'I also continue to be inspired by our students, every one of them who has travelled to Gambia, has returned with a new perspective on life. This makes all the hard work worthwhile.'



Kerry McGeachy's donated pram being used in Jarrol by baby Salieu and his family.

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# School's big red nose readathon

by HANNAH O'HANLON  
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RHUNAHAORINE and getting cosy with primary school children celebrated Red Nose Day in style, by sporting their pyjamas blankets and teddies for their first Bookbug session.

Children from the younger school and nursery as well as toddlers from the district were treated to a reading of *Where The Wild Things Are* as well as songs, activities and games.

Classroom assistant Kirsti Paisley recently did her Bookbug training through the continuing professional development programme.

Kirsti said: 'We've been doing sessions with the children for the last couple of weeks but this was our first official session with adults present.'

After the session, the upper school pupils, donning their official red noses, served tea and coffee to the parents and guests who attended the event.



Trained Bookbug leader Kirsti taking the session. 20\_c13rhunahaorine01



One of the games during the session. 20\_c13rhunahaorine04



The older children, with their red noses and pyjamas. 20\_c13rhunahaorine05



Kirsti's red-nosed gingerbread men were snapped up quickly. 20\_c13rhunahaorine06



Catriona Lawrie, back row third from left, roped in her friends who are: Caitlyn Spree, Rachel Adie, Katy MacPherson, Heather Spree, Shannon Ellis, Alex Ronald, Sally McKerral and Brandon Wells. 25\_c13honduras01

## Funds boosted for Honduras volunteer

A SIXTH-YEAR student planning to head for Honduras on a working gap year is about a third of the way to her sponsorship target.

Last Saturday afternoon Catriona Lawrie filled Lorne and Lowland hall during a coffee and bake sale afternoon.

In addition Catriona has been selling an anagram quiz sheet for £1 at Keiths newsagent and is holding a ceilidh in Hamilton tomorrow.

Catriona said: 'I have many friends in Hamilton from attending

church camps in my holidays.'

Catriona's trip to central America will be organised through educational charity Project Trust, based on the Isle of Coll, which has sent more than 7,000 volunteers abroad since 1967.

## Castlehill children's crafty creations

THE CREATION station was a primary project given by Arts and Crafts expert Shelagh Cameron.

Parents of Castlehill primary pupils, recently made crafty creations with their children, after school, as part of the Argyll and Bute council's adult learning and literacies department scheme.

It allowed parents valuable bonding time with their children,

learning new skills and producing new crafts.

A school spokesperson said: 'Various research has shown that parent/child craft time has lifelong benefits.'

### Benefits

'There are many educational and physical benefits to a child's development through crafting.'

'Hopefully, through the range of courses offered by adult

learning, parents and their children can continue to benefit from learning together.'

Adult learning is based in Kintyre Community Education Centre and it offers a variety of activities for adults.

For more information on this or any other courses and opportunities, please contact Diane McCaig or Gillian McMillan at the community centre, on 01586 552732.



Adult learners and the pupils.



# Highland Wedding Show

Sunday April 2, 11am-5pm  
Corran Halls, Oban

If you are in the throes of planning a wedding, there is nothing more exciting and self-indulgent than heading to a wedding show, to enjoy a little foretaste of the special day ahead.

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- The Flower Shop
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We have teamed up with Argyll and Bute Registrars (ABR) to give you the run down on what to con-

sider when booking your wedding at any venue.

Head of Service, Judy Orr says: 'When it comes to life's momentous occasions, our Registrars work to the motto, "It's your day so we do it your way".'

'This means that our focus is on listening to how you imagine your event will be, and supporting you to achieve this, whether that means providing help in finding the perfect location or guidance on the legal aspects of a ceremony.'

'If you are thinking about a civil wedding or other ceremony in Argyll and Bute, you can be rest assured that you will find the perfect location for your special day.'

'Our Registrars will do all possible

to make a couple's wedding day the special, unique event they want.

'Argyll and Bute's scenery already provides a stunning backdrop. We have conducted ceremonies in a huge range of locations, on beaches, loch sides, in castles and family homes.'

'Our Registrars are keen to do all they can to provide a ceremony matched to the wishes of our couples.'

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# WorkingRite works

A youth employment charity has seen a significant success rate in Mid & North Argyll, putting local 16- to 18-year-olds on the path to successful employment and modern apprenticeships – as well as giving businesses a welcome boost.



Ewen and Jackson of Fyne Signs.

WorkingRite matches young people to small- or medium-sized enterprises and supports them through a work-based training programme. Recent placements which have resulted in offers for young people include:

- Jackson (age 19), has just completed his placement with Fyne Signs in Argyll and Ewen is now looking to take him on as a modern apprentice.

- Scott (age 18), has been working on Kerrera with boss Neil of Armour Joinery and

is looking forward to starting his modern apprenticeship post next month.

- Allan (age 17), has been an electrical modern apprentice with Kevan Brown Limited since he finished his work placement in October 2016.

The local project co-ordinator for WorkingRite, Nicola McDade, said: 'The success of these young people in the workplace goes to show that our philosophy of believing in the capabilities of young people works for both the young people and their employers, and is paying off, both for the young people and their employers.'

'Some of the young people we work with have already experienced various barriers in their lives that mean they need a helping hand from a programme like WorkingRite to help them on their way. WorkingRite treats each person individually and places them carefully with local businesses in a trade that interests them and this is getting great results throughout Argyll.'

Ewan of Fyne Signs said: 'Thanks to WorkingRite, I am now in a position to take on an apprentice who I know wants to learn this industry.'

Trainees with WorkingRite complete a three- to six-month work placement with an employer and are given a weekly training allowance. They are supported by an adult mentor in the workplace, as well as their local WorkingRite project co-ordinator.

Ronald Gordon, manager and owner of Gordon & Strathearn Ltd, said: 'The WorkingRite programme is fantastic, as it allows you to be a part of giving local young people the chance to work, but also employers the opportunity to trial a young person before committing



Neil and Scott of Armour Joinery.



Allan and Kevan Brown of Kevan Brown Ltd.

to a modern apprenticeship.'

Young people joining the WorkingRite scheme are aged 16 to 18 and want to work but they can't get on the ladder. Most have struggled in the school classroom but if on the right career path they can cope with a mixture of work-based learning and formal learning to achieve the qualifications needed for their career goals.

Neil of Armour Joinery commented: 'Because of the WorkingRite placement, Scott has learned so much before he has even started his apprenticeship and because of this I'm very confident he will be a fantastic apprentice.'

Nicola McDade said: 'We are hoping that these latest success stories will show other young people that there is a way for them to achieve a positive and successful future. Matching young people with in a business they are interested

in is key – that's what makes it work. We have a wide range of employers willing to assist local young people, with placements currently waiting for the right young person including welding, business administration and aquaculture.

'Having grown up in Argyll, I know how difficult it can be in a rural, and sometimes remote, area to know what the opportunities are out there and how to access them. A lot of young people are either desperate to leave the area or end up in a career they don't necessarily like.'

Allan, a modern apprentice at Kevan Brown Ltd, said: 'I am glad I joined the WorkingRite programme as it has let me gain first-hand experience in a trade that I want to work in.'

If you are a young person or an employer and want more information, please contact Nicola McDade on 07341 561965.

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# Support during world Autism week

27th March - 2nd April

When hearing about autism, many people think of the film Rain Man, or of a child genius who can't function at all socially. The reality for most people affected by autism is somewhat different.

Autism is a developmental disorder which affects the way a person communicates and relates to the world. The causes are not known, and it is a life long condition. It is a spectrum, which means while all people with autism will share certain traits, the effect the condition has on them will be different. Some will be able to live independently, while others may need care for the rest of their life.

People with autism have difficulties with social in-

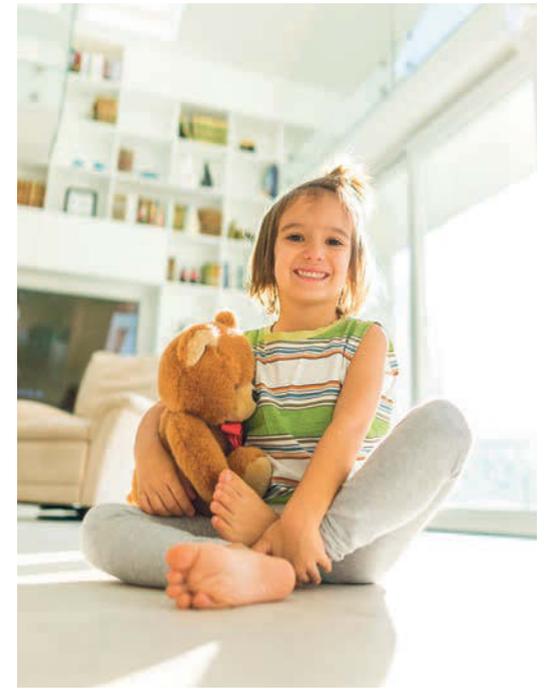
teraction, communication and imagination. Common social comments like sarcasm and jokes are difficult to understand, and figurative speech tends to be taken literally, so the expression "cool" may mean slightly cold to someone with autism, rather than slang for something good. They see the world differently and often feel they don't fit in, but can't figure out why. People with autism often have learning difficulties that mask the symptoms of autism. Asperger's syndrome is a form of autism that is not usually accompanied by severe learning disabilities, and people with it are often of higher intelligence, but may still struggle

with social interactions and may have milder learning difficulties such as dyspraxia and dyslexia. Around 1 in 100 people in the UK are on the autistic spectrum. As awareness of autism and aspergers syndrome grows, diagnosis for children is becoming more common, but for adults it can still be a struggle.

The first step in getting a diagnosis would be to talk to a GP. It might help to ring the autism helpline to help prepare what to say. The GP will then make a referral to a clinical psychologist or psychiatrist for an assessment and formal diagnosis. They will ask questions about childhood history, day to day interac-

tions and so on. There may be more than one appointment before a report is written and official diagnosis is made but once it is done, further support and services can then be accessed.

Organisations like Scottish Autism can be a great help - [www.scottishautism.org](http://www.scottishautism.org). They provide information about services to support autistic people, such as housing, befriending, employment and education. They also provide support for family and friends of autistic people too. The vast majority of people with autism lead happy, independent lives, especially if the people around them have knowledge and understanding of the condition.



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Bookbug	0-PP	Campbeltown Library (within Aqualibrium)	Tues TT	2pm	Tel: 01586 555435
Bumps, Babies & Toddlers	0-PP	Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall, Union Street	Tues TT	1pm-3pm	Tel: 01546 602238
Campbeltown Comm Church Baby & Toddlers	0-PP	Guide Hall	Thurs TT	10am-11.45am	Emily/Anne: toddlers@ campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
Fyne Families & Toy Library	0-PP	Lochgilphead Community Centre	Wed	10am-12pm	fynefamilies@yahoo.co.uk
Jumpstart	0-PP	Lochgilphead Baptist Church	Fri	10am-11.30am	Tel: Alison 01546 600175
mainly music	0-PP	Lochgilphead Baptist Church	Tues TT	10.15am onwards	As Above
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Sea Cadets	Junior 8-12 yrs	Hazelburn Business Park	Monday	Enquire	Tel: 01586 550177
Lochgilphead After School Club (LASC)	P1-P7	Lochgilphead Community Centre	Mon-Fri	3.15pm-5.45pm (TT)	Tel: 01546 606885
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# Easter property review

## Happy house hunting! Our top tips will help you get organised



THE property market has altered a lot in the past few years and the process of buying a house has also changed. You might have bought a property in Scotland before, but if it was prior to the introduction of Home Reports in late 2008, the process will be different. Finding a new home can be nerve-racking and complicated, but that feeling you will get when the keys are in your hand is worth it. And you don't have to take your journey toward home ownership alone – our advertisers are here to provide professional advice and assistance, and our top tips will help you get organised. Happy hunting!

### BE PREPARED

There may be many people after the same property, so you have to be ready to act quickly and to have the money at hand. There are many buyers in the market, so you need all the strong points in your favour that would help you stand out from the rest. Research online and view only what you want.

In order to make the choice simple and easier, browse houses online or at local property agents, and make a specific list that only includes the properties that you would be interested in buying. Then visit the houses with the intention of buying. This will help you make a better choice as you will be already prepared to buy.

Keep in contact with your agent.

Your estate agent is your friend. You need to keep in contact with them so that they can provide you with information about any and every new house that is on the market, which meets your specifications of a dream house. Also, you might need the help of more than one agent in this case, since you need speedy information in the tough competition. They will help you make the best choice with what you have.

Thinking of selling your house while you look for a new one?

Buying a house before selling yours gives you the advantage of having a clear head while looking around, as you are not rushed into buying one, and you can therefore make a better choice. Just remember, there is the problem that if you buy a house that you get a great deal on, and you wait for the current house to sell, you will be paying two mortgages at the same time. This problem will not occur if your mortgage is paid off but, if it is not, you would certainly struggle with paying two mortgages at the same time. In addition, you would get a harder time qualifying for a new mortgage due to the fact that you will have a higher debt to income ratio.

### ARCHITECTS

Although the temptation to do as much on your own as possible is admirable, this can often be a risky business that is devastating in the long run. Instead, for a traditional timber frame custom build, we recommend hiring an architect to ensure you get the most out of your project.

An architect will ensure that you are in compliance with all statutory obligations such as planning permission, party wall agreements and building regulations. Furthermore, the architect can also help control costs during the design and specification stages of the project to make sure you are getting the most out of your budget. And, because they are required to hold professional indemnity insurance, if there is anything in the design work that causes problems later down the line, you will be protected.

### SURVEYORS

Once you have found a property to buy, you will probably need to employ a chartered surveyor to check the structural condition of the building. Your mortgage provider may conduct its own valuation of the property, but most people want the reassurance of their own dedicated structural survey on the property they wish to buy. Before you choose a surveyor, make sure you know which kind of survey you need. Depending on the type and age of the home you are buying, you may need a Homebuyer's Report or a Full Building Survey. It is best if the surveyor has a good knowledge of the local area and, if you are buying a very particular type of property, such as a listed building or a very unusual construction, it pays to source a surveyor that specialises in such properties. Look for one that belongs to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

### PLUMBERS

Hiring a plumber is an important decision that shouldn't be taken lightly. After all, they are responsible for installing and repairing some of the most important parts of your home. Make sure to get at least three estimates, and be wary of any estimate that is much lower than the others. It could mean the plumber is cutting corners or plans to use infe-

rior parts. Ask the plumber how long he or she has been in business – it's a good sign if the company has been in business for several years because it often means it has a proven track record of quality work. Plumbers who have been in business any length of time can give you references. If they cannot, or will not, then consider looking elsewhere. They should also be insured and a member of a trade association such as Scottish and Northern Ireland Plumbing Employers' Federation.

### JOINERS

When you interview potential joiners, you will want to ask them specific questions – have they undertaken work similar to yours, do they hold a qualification in carpentry, such as an NVQ or City and Guilds, and how long has the business been trading?

Carpenters or joiners may be registered with a number of trade organisations, such as the Institute of Carpenters (IOC), or the British Woodworking Federation (BWF), the Guild of Master Craftsmen or the Federation of Master Builders (FMB).

Be clear about the work that will be carried out before it starts. Get at least three quotes for any carpentry and joinery job, large or small. Try to get quotes that can be easily compared and make sure they include any 'hidden' costs such as waste disposal or car-

parking charges. Check that your prospective carpenters have insurance that covers them for any damage inadvertently caused to your property.

### ELECTRICIANS

When choosing an electrician, it's important that you use one registered with one of the government-approved schemes to do any electrical installation work that you need. Registered electricians work to the UK national safety standard (BS 7671) and will give you a safety certificate to confirm that their work has been designed, inspected and tested in line with that standard. Start by checking that the individual is qualified and whether they choose to be a registered member of one of the government-approved schemes. Choosing a registered electrician means you will get additional protections should something go wrong. Don't feel pressured to make a decision quickly – you need time to seek advice and check references before you contract them to do work for you. The Citizens' Advice Bureau and Trading Standards will be able to give advice if you want to dispute their work.

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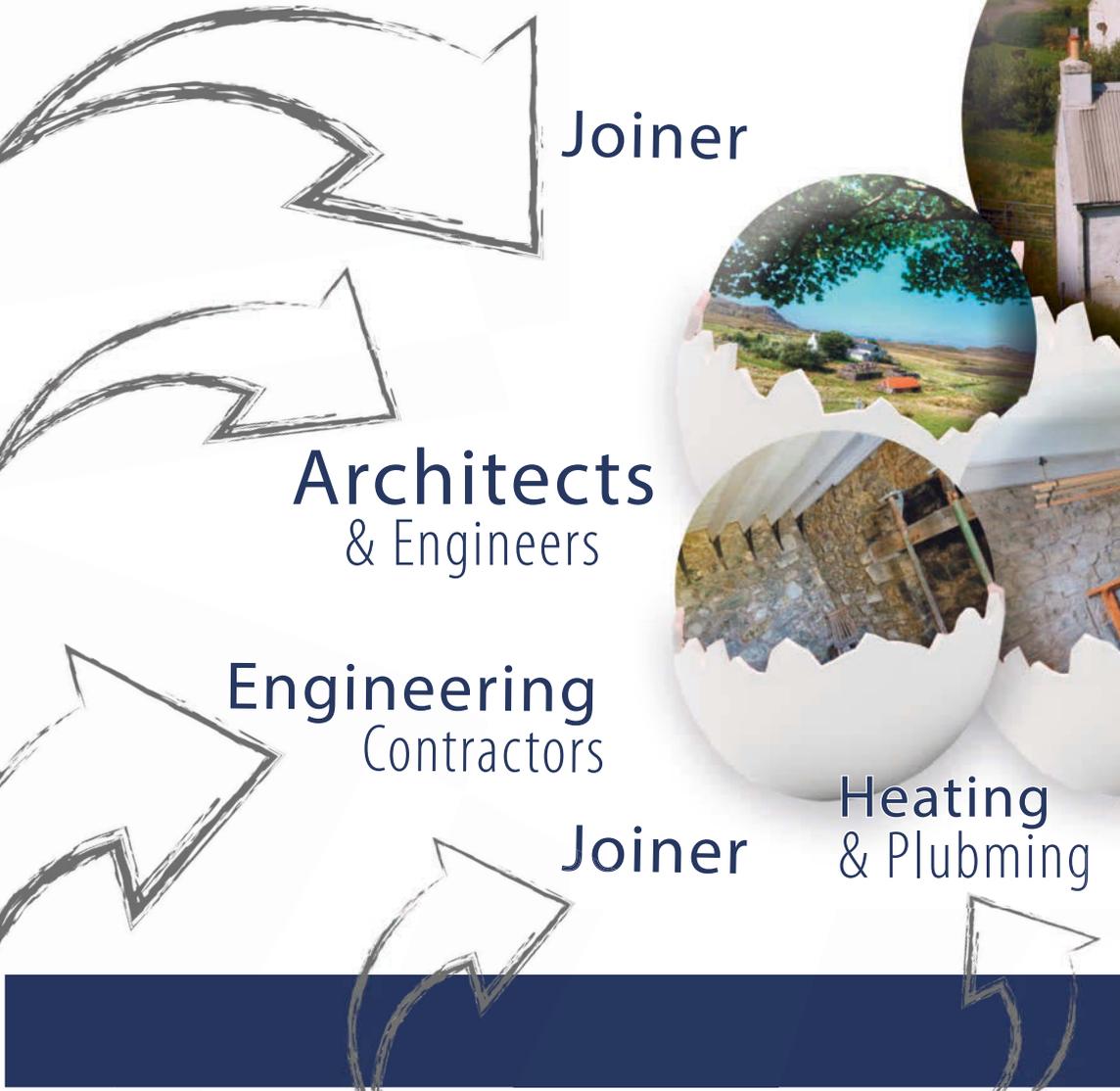
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1. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26 April 2016
2. To approve the Treasurer's Financial Report for the year ending 31 December 2016
3. To appoint the members of the Committee
4. To consider any other competent business
5. Amendment to constitution

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution:

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"3. A resolution for dissolution of the Group passed in pursuance of clause 2 may provide either:

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Thank you to all our family, friends and everyone for the lovely cards, gifts, flowers etc on our silver wedding anniversary. Also, to everyone who came to our party. We had a fantastic night and were so pleased to share it with you all. Thanks again. Love, David and Christine (The Moy).

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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



CARYS and Jazz were trying to tell me that I should definitely come and see.

Being used to them alerting me to tractors, postmen, motor bikes and more, I didn't pay much attention.

However, the barking was different and they summoned me to pay attention.

I stopped and listened and heard the distinctive sound of the 'clip-clopping' of a horse.

Unfamiliar with this sound outside our house, I looked out of the window in time to see a horse trotting along the road pulling a trap.

It was a delightful scene and seemed so out of place with the racing and rushing we are used to.

I savoured the moment of this return to days gone by as our collies seemed to say: 'We told you it was different.'

It was different.

I began to reflect on this change of pace.

Life has been busy, frenetic even, with things to be done and planned and organised.

I had been caught up in the busy-ness that seems to overtake us all these days.

I watched as cars raced past and left the horse and trap to a world that existed long ago.

How refreshing it was to stop.

I don't know who was driving the trap or why, but I felt grateful to them for reminding me that sometimes it is good to slow down and be at peace with the world.

Jesus promised us a peace that goes beyond our understanding, a deep peace that pervades our very souls.

Often in this world of noise and anger and aggression, it is hard to find that inner peace.

For a fleeting moment, I felt it completely.

## From our files:

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

FRIDAY APRIL 3 1992

Women at risk in town's blackout

A YOUNG Campbeltown mum has hit out at lack of street lighting in the town centre over the past few weeks – fearing for the safety of women walking home late at night.

The woman, who works late in the centre, told the *Campbeltown Courier*: 'The lights have been out for the past three weeks on Main Street.

'Usually my husband gives me a lift home from work, but one night he couldn't and I had to walk home very late with a friend.

'It was pitch black and quite scary. All along Main Street was unlit.'

She said it was just as bad for a woman waiting for a taxi, which could mean standing around in the dark for 20 minutes or so.

And she was worried about women coming out of bingo sessions at night who might not be seen by passing motorists when crossing the road.

Campbeltown police Chief Inspector Jimmy Dorward told the *Courier* he

was concerned that the lack of street lighting provided a situation that was ready-made for crime.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

THURSDAY APRIL 6 1967

Boatyard will be smaller than planned

THE PLAN to open a boatyard at Trench Point is definitely going ahead – but the yard will not employ as many workers as at first thought.

Last month, doubt was thrown on the future of the project by Mr Arthur Green, a director of Thames Launch Works Ltd, of Twickenham.

Mr Green said that his company had originally planned to open the yard in May, but complained that the scheme was being held up while they awaited the 'go-ahead' from Highlands and Islands Development Board.

The development board answered this with an announcement that efforts were being made to interest another company in joining Thames Launch Works in the venture.

The new 'partners' were not named, but described as 'a leading Scot-

tish shipbuilding company who could provide the necessary management not available from Thames Launch Works'.

Worried about the local employment situation following the closure of Argyll Colliery, Campbeltown Town Council called an emergency meeting with representatives of the development board, the Board of Trade, the Scottish Office and Argyll County Council.

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

SATURDAY MARCH 31 1917

Spirits prohibition in Argyll

THE COUNCIL board has issued an order prohibiting the sale of spirits in certain parts of Argyllshire.

The area to which the new order applies comprises the burghs of Oban and Tobermory, the Island of Mull, and the parishes of Kilmore and Kilbride, and Ardchattan and Muckairn, Argyllshire, and all arms of the sea and waters between the Island of Mull and mainland.

The order came into force on Thursday.



## Distillery names needed

LATER this year, Campbeltown Heritage Centre hopes to hold an exhibition of old photographs.

It will be curated by Marlyn Moffatt, who has given a selection of the photos to the *Courier* to see if any further names can be identified.

None of the names for peo-

ple in this historic photograph of Glenside distillery is known.

The *Courier* would be interested in hearing from anyone who can identify any of them.

In addition Marlyn is very keen to find originals or better condition copies.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

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

**BIRTHS**



**BLACK**

Archie, Arlene and Taylor are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Keelan James, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on March 4, 2017. Grandson of the late Liza and Jimmy Taylor, Campbeltown and Duncan and Tan.

**GRAHAM** - Kevin and Emma (née Turner) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful baby daughter, Anna Mairi, on March 16, 2017. A wee sister for Isla, fourth grandchild for Dougie and Jenny, Somerled, and second grandchild for David and Susan, High Balevain Farm. Many thanks to all staff at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and Royal Alexandra Hospital.

**ENGAGEMENTS**



**SMITH - SAMBOREK**

On March 13, 2017, in Sestriere, Iain Smith, youngest son of Carol and the late Iain Smith, West Loch Tarbert, to Jenna Anne Samborek, daughter of Alex and Helen Samborek, Lochgilphead.

**GOLDEN WEDDINGS**



**MARTIN - MACARTHUR**

At Inveraray Parish Church, on March 31, 1967, by Rev D Kellis, Donald to Marie.

**MUNRO - MCNIVEN** - Roddy and Elma were married on April 1, 1967, at Lochfyneside Church of Scotland, Minard, by Reverend Alexander Fraser.

**DEATHS**

**DOTT** - Suddenly but peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on March 28, 2017, Charles Anderson Dott (Charlie), in his 77th year, 1 Park

Terrace, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Isobel McKenzie, much loved father of Mandy, Charles and Steven, father-in-law of Dougie, Iona and Mary, loving granda of Craig, Charles, Becky, Louise, Andrew and Euan and great granda of Lexie. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, April 3, 2017 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 Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

**DUNLOP** - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on March 25, 2017, David Dunlop, aged 46 years, of 39 Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead, beloved son of Alistair and Elaine Dunlop, much loved brother of Andrew, Alistair and Craig and a dearly loved brother-in law, uncle, great uncle, nephew and cousin to all the family. A very dear friend and work colleague to many. A celebration of David's life will be held at Cardross Crematorium, today Friday, March 31, 2017, at 1.15pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to the Tartan Army Children's Charity and The Friends of the Beatson. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**JOHNSON** - Peacefully, at Randolph Hill Care Home, Dunblane, on Thursday, March 23, 2017, Margaret Johnson (née MacGougan), aged 92 years, of Fernoch Park, Lochgilphead, formerly of Tarbert and Gigha, dearly loved wife of the late Ronnie, much loved mum of Malcolm and Katharine and loving granny to Kirsten, Calum, Iain and Kirsty. Funeral Service at Tarbert Parish Church, on Friday, March 31, 2017 at 11.30am, thereafter interment at Carrick Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

**REID** - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on March 26, 2017, Hamish Reid, in his 78th year, 86 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Myrtle Anderson, much loved father of Marie and Gavin, father-in-law of Stewart and Eduardo and loving granda to Scott, Louise and Alison. Funeral private.

**SMITH** - On March 19, 2017, suddenly at home, Robert Kennedy Smith, in his 81st year, beloved husband of the late Senga MacFarlane, much loved father of Renee and Alistair and a dear grandfather of Angus and Freya. Funeral service at Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Saturday, April 1 at 11.00am,

interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Cancer Research UK.

**WARDROP** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, Janet Ryburn McKinven (Jan), in her 87th year, 3 Glentorran Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Neil Wardrop, much loved mum of Susan and Alan, and dear mother-in-law of Sandra and the late Jim. Wonderful granny of Iona and Ross and special great granny of Cameron, Belle and Murray. Sister of the late Robert and Kenny and a much loved sister-in-law and aunt.

**ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS**

**BIRD** - Winnie, Ronald and Elinor, Alison and Kevin and families would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters, phone calls and flowers following their recent loss of Jackie. A very big thank you to all the carers who looked after Jackie at home and the nurses and Dr Toledo at the Campbeltown Hospital who gave Jackie such care, kindness and compassion in his final days. Thank you to the Rev Catriona Hood for her moving and comforting words, and to Kenneth, Rhys and Alasdair Blair for their kindness and professional services, and support to our family. The retiral collection raised £700 for the Sunshine Room at the Campbeltown Hospital.

**MACDONALD** - The family of the late Hilda MacDonald would like to thank all family and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy received on their sad loss. Special thanks to Matthew Ramsay, to the Blair family for their professional services, to the Glen Restaurant for catering, to Dr Lazarus and Dr Toledo and all the nurses in the Royal Infirmary and Campbeltown Hospital and to all the carers. Thank you to all who contributed to the collection for Diabetes UK, a total of £406.50 was raised.

**MACGREGOR** - The family of the late Rae would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy following their sad loss. Sincere thanks and gratitude go to all the staff on Glenaray Ward, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, for the personal care and attention shown to Rae in her last few weeks, we are eternally grateful to you all. Thanks also to Rev Dr Roderick Campbell for a comforting service, to Ethel MacCallum for her choice in music, to Stan Lupton for his kindness and professional service and to

the George Hotel for their excellent catering. Thank you to all who attended the funeral service and paid their respects at the graveside. The retirement collection for Glenaray and Inveraray Parish Church raised over £750.

**MAULE** - Betty and Alistair would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, phone calls, visits and cards received following their recent sad loss of Stan. Grateful thanks to doctors and nursing staff of Mid Argyll Hospital for their kindness, care and attention. Special thanks to Rev Dr Roderick Campbell for a personal and uplifting service; to Phil Risby for his tribute to Stan; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient arrangements, and to the Stag Hotel, Lochgilphead for excellent purvey. Our thanks to all who attended at church and cemetery to pay their respects. The retiral collection has raised over £400 for Macmillan Nurses, Mid Argyll.

**IN MEMORIAMs**

**HARDIE** - In loving memory of Davie, passed away April 2, 2013. Missing you always.

- Love, Anne, Lisa and Jamie xxx.

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

- Ellen and George.  
**MACAULAY** - In loving memory of my wee sister and special auntie, Diane, died March 29, 2005. Always in our thoughts, Forever in our hearts.

- Love, Julie and Chloe xx.  
**O'MAY** - Treasured memories of our dear dad, Malcolm, March 31, 2011. Today, tomorrow, always and forever. We love you, Dad.

- Your loving family, home and away xxxxx.

**ROBERTSON** - In loving memory of our dad and grandpa, Rufus, who died March 27, 2007. Always in our thoughts.

- Love from all the family.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNESIDE AND KILBERRY**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
**Sunday 2nd April 2017**  
Skipness Service 10am  
Rev. Walter Ritchie  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
Angela Stather  
Annual Stated Meeting of Congregation  
to follow Tarbert service.  
*For all church enquiries and pastoral care*  
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735  
Everyone very welcome  
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622  
Skipness SC004280

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**  
**Christ Church**  
Bishopnot Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)  
**Fridays 12 noon**  
Stations of the Cross 12.45pm Soup Lunch  
**Sundays 11.00am**  
Eucharist & Coffee  
**St Columba's, Pottaloch** (SC031391)  
**1st Sunday of the month**  
9.00am Holy Communion  
**3rd Sunday of the month**  
3.30pm Evensong  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
01546 602315

**ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD**  
Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
All Saints, Inveraray  
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
Fr. David Connor  
**01546 602380**  
All Welcome (SC0002876)

**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**  
**Sunday 2nd April**  
11.00am WORSHIP SERVICE  
Rev. Hilda Smith  
All Welcome  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL (Pre 5 - P7)**  
10.50am - 12 noon  
in the Church Hall  
**Every Tuesday**  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
Bumps, Babies and Toddlers  
**Every Wednesday**  
10 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.  
Drop-In Cafe  
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk  
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

**ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
*"It is good to sing praises to our God"*  
**1st April**  
Coffee Morning  
hosted by Ardrishaig Guild  
North Hall, Ardrishaig  
10:00 till 12noon  
oOo  
**2nd April**  
Services in  
Achahoish at 9:45am  
Ardrishaig at 11:00am  
and  
Evening Communion Service in Ardrishaig at 6:30pm

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 2 April**  
Bellanoch Church 10 am  
Morning Worship  
Rev. C. Acklam  
**Saturday 1 April**  
Achnamara Hall  
CAFE CONNECT 10:30  
**Monday 3 April**  
Tayvallich Church  
Prayer Time 10:30 am  
All welcome  
Enquiries 01546 606926  
www.northknapdale.org

**Argyll Street, Campbeltown**  
St Kieran Episcopal Church:  
Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277  
**Sunday 2nd April 2017**  
Passion Sunday  
Morning Prayer followed by Theological Reflection  
10.45am  
**Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141**  
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

**free church of scotland**  
George Street, Campbeltown  
**Saturday 1st April**  
9.00am Prayer Breakfast  
**Sunday 2nd April**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Benjamin Wilks  
**Wednesday 5th April**  
12.30pm  
Bible Study and Prayer  
2.00pm Water of Life Café  
**All Welcome**  
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk  
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**Sunday Service**  
11.00 am  
with Sunday School followed by refreshments  
**Youth Fellowship**  
6.30 pm - 8.00 pm  
Every Sunday (term time only)  
**Mainly Music**  
10.00 - 11.30 am  
every Thursday (term time only)  
Registration required  
Pastor Chris Holden  
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk  
SC043322

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**  
**Sunday 2nd April 2017**  
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair  
Charity No. SC016097  
Minister:  
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell  
**Morning Service**  
in Lochgair Church at 10 am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service  
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
All welcome

**ST. KIERAN R.C. CHURCH ST JOHN ST, CAMPBELTOWN**  
SC002876  
Vigil Mass,  
Saturday 6pm  
(except the 1st Saturday of the month)  
Holy Mass,  
every Sunday 10am

**Highland Parish Church**  
  
SC002493  
**Sunday 2nd April 2017**  
The service will be conducted by Rev David Carruthers and will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15am  
There will be a retiring collection for the East African Appeal.  
All welcome.

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Sunday 2nd April**  
Morning Worship 11.15am  
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1  
Rev P Wallace  
**Tuesday 4th April**  
Tiny Tots New Hall  
9.45am  
**Friday 7th April**  
Lunch Club New Hall  
12.00 noon  
Next Generation 7.30pm

**THE SALVATION ARMY**  
Campbeltown Corps  
Church and Community Centre  
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009399  
Burnside Street, Campbeltown  
01586 552046  
**Sunday Services**  
10.30am Morning Worship  
Army Kidz  
4.30pm Evening Worship  
**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME**  
**Wednesday**  
Lunch Club 12.15pm  
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.  
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch  
Craft Group  
**Thursday**  
7.30pm Bible Study  
Captains Ben & Ruth Russell  
All welcome

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
  
75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 2nd April 2017**  
Family Communion Service at 11.00am  
Pastor Steve Davies.  
All welcome.  
**Wednesday 5th April**  
12.30pm at the Free Church  
Joining with  
Campbeltown Free Church for  
Prayer and Bible Study  
For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 01586 551237.  
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SC014646

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
  
**2nd April 2017**  
Worship Service  
Ford 11.45am  
Rev. C R Acklam  
All welcome  
SC0 02121

## Pupils need to take three points from Inverclyde

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils have two games in hand over tomorrow's rivals Inverclyde but will need to win both to be on level terms.

Pupils languish, in the relegation zone, bottom of the Scottish Amateur Football League premier-ship with just eight points, five less than their closest rivals Ferguslie.

So far Pupils have won just two games this season and desperately need points.

It is when in adversity that Pupils often pull something out of the bag as last season proved, when they won their last two games to secure survival.

If the weather is fine the match should be at Kintyre Park at 2pm.

## Scottish AFL results

LAST Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur Cup, quarter-final - Barca-Milton 0, Oban Saints 2; Hall Cup, group stage - Arkleston 4, Lochgilphead Red Star 4.

## Quartet lifts Marshall trophy

PERFECT conditions gave some great golf when two teams of four contested the Marshall trophy at Islay Golf Club.

First in the match, last Sunday were: D.Livingstone, J.Rozga, A.MacLean, I.MacCuaig Nett 45 and 2 A. Livingstone, B.O'Neill, A.Macfarlane, J.Doherty Nett 47

## Lotto results

THERE were no winners in Machrihanish Golf Club's three number lottery draw on March 27.

The winning numbers were 4, 7 and 11.

The next draw is on April 3 for a jackpot of £300.

# Golfer rounds up his fabulous Machrihanish life

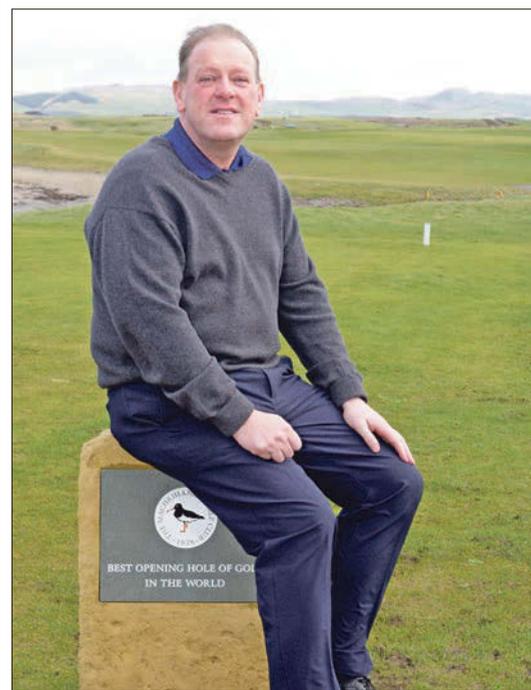
by HANNAH O'HANLON

editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

TODAY a golf professional is moving onto greener grass after devoting nearly 30 years to one of Scotland's most famous courses.

Machrihanish professional, former scratch golfer Ken Campbell, 52, who has been running the shop, teaching lessons and offering advice at the club since 1988 is leaving the world-famous golf club.

Ken caught the golfing bug around the age of 11 when he began hitting balls by chance which led him to his local golf club.



Ken in front of the course where he has spent his life.

At the time it cost 10p for children to play a round, or £1.08 for one year's membership, which was gifted to him by his brother one Christmas.

And so his love of golf began.

He started his PGA golf apprenticeship at Lanark Golf Club in 1984, when he turned professional, completing the course in 1988.

It wasn't long before Ken was looking for somewhere to put his new professional credentials to the test.

'I never wanted to play on tour, I just

wanted to work at a golf club, fixing clubs and teaching, so it was a dream come true to get the job at Machrihanish.

'At 23 I was very young, Machrihanish was a very famous course and was really starting to get on the map.

'Its growth in popularity coincided with my own experience increasing, so it was a very exciting time for me.'

Ken spent the next 29 years living the dream at the seaside links course.

### Memorable

One of Ken's most memorable moments was playing with Prince Andrew when he stopped off at the course for a round.

'Prince Andrew was on HMS Campbeltown nearby, and as an honorary member at Machrihanish, he asked to play a round,' said Ken.

'What stuck in my mind was how friendly he was, he played with two of our junior members as well.'

Some of Ken's happiest memories are of trips with the junior players, which were made possible with sponsorship from Livingstone and McEachran, along with other businesses, for which the juniors were grateful.



David Graham and Peter Mauchline with HRH Duke of York Prince Andrew.

Ken added: 'We'd take big groups of children away and had many laughs.'

Ken was an integral part of proceedings at Machrihanish, sponsoring the ladies' events at the club from 2009 to 2014.

Their Pink Nights, raised more than £3000 for the Beatson and Lymphoma and Leukaemia.

Ken was also lucky enough to travel the world on cruises and make golfing connections around the globe.

'I've had a wonderful time, it's been a brilliant working career.'

'It seems like yesterday that I was handed the keys.'

'I said I thought I'd be here for about five years but I lasted nearly six times longer than that.'

Ken's passion for golf remains - he is opening his own golf shop on Campbeltown's Main



One of many scrapbook pages Ken has collected. This one is of The PANS course competitions in April 2010.



The original pro shop where Ken started work.

Street and he has an indoor studio at Machrihanish Airbase where he has the latest Track- Man launch monitor and golf radar hopes to continue offering golf lessons.

# Spring sun soaks winter league finale

GLORIOUS weather drenched the final Texas scramble of Dunaverty's winter league. Four teams of three competed last Saturday with John Brown, Graeme McLennan and Raymond Harvey, 62 - 7.5 - 54.5 coming up trumps.

The first team out, Sandy Watson, Danny Halliday and Bill Brannigan got off to a flying start by birdying the first three holes and reached

the turn in 29 strokes. They completed their round in 61 to give them a nett 55.

The next two teams were very close with a nett 56 and 56.2 but it was the last team of John Brown, Raymond Harvey and Graeme McLennan who produced a winning score of 54.5 thanks to John sinking a twenty foot putt for a birdie three on the 18th green.

Result: 1 John Brown

Graeme McLellan, Raymond Harvey, 62 - 7.5 - 54.5, 2 Sandy Watson, Danny Halliday, Bill Brannigan, 61-6-55, 3 John McDowall, Douglas Gregg, Alex Roxburgh, 62-6-56 and 4 Alex Arkell, Ken MacMillan, Jim Cooper, 64 -7.8 - 56.2.

### Stableford

The individual event, which ran from October to March, was scored by using the players' best

five games of stableford points to determine the winner.

Alex Roxburgh lead for most of the way but was deposed at one stage by Ken MacMillan who led by one point.

Going into the last day Danny Halliday, Ken and Alex shared the lead with 189 points.

David MacBrayne, thanks to his last two rounds of 41

and 42, overtook the three leaders to finish on 191.

Ken had his work cut out keeping track of the scores over the five months and determining the minor places on countback.

Result: 1 David MacBrayne 191, 2 Danny Halliday 189(cb), 3 Alex Roxburgh 189(cb), 4 Ken MacMillan 189, 5 John Marrison 186 and 6 John McDowall 183.

# An ace afternoon for tennis players

PLAYERS from four years upwards had a smashing time when Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club tested its new junior nets.

The club spent a grant of £450 from Kintyre Health and Wellbeing Network on four Mantis mini nets, which are mounted on a frame



Millar Mackay, four, closes his eyes in concentration. 25\_c13tennis01



A shot from Emily Hunter, eight. 25\_c13tennis02

like a portable chair. The nets are lower than a standard net and can be used indoors or out.

During the recent event in Victoria Hall, youngsters filled three courts for two hours, hitting special red and orange low-compression balls, which were part of the package, round the courts.

Every Tuesday after

school from 4pm to 5pm there is a tennis session in the Community Education Centre for P4 to P7 children.

During the school Easter holidays on April 3, 4 and 5, there will be coaching, in partnership with Active Schools, at Campbeltown Grammar school for P1 to P3s and P4 to P7s.



Champions Gavin Semple and Lorraine Brodie front centre.

## Great ties at Stronvaar in carpet bowling competition

DESPITE a poor turnout, Campbeltown Bowling Club's open singles competition produced some excellent play.

Entry was so low for the event that it was condensed into one night, having previously been played over the course of a week.

Some great ties were seen on the night, not least the final between the previous week's pairs winners, Alex Black and David Brown.

With the house convener searching for the midnight oil, the match was won by David by a single shot.

The following night the club held its carpet prize-giving after an enjoyable match between the ladies

and the men that resulted in an honourable draw.

Full results: championship Gavin Semple, runner-up David Brown, ladies' championship Lorraine Brodie, runner-up Maureen MacInnes, B & D cup George Reid, runner-up David McMillan, John Buchanan cup Lorraine Brodie, runner-up Ria Johnston, John Bannatyne cup David Brown, runner-up Alex Black, Helen McArthur pairs winners Jean Miller and Betty McNaughton, runners-up Ria Johnston and Catherine McEachran, Ian Johnston trophy George Reid, runner-up David Brown.

Burnett cup Hugh McCorkindale, runner-up David Brown, ladies' mixed pairs winners Maureen MacInnes and Hugh McCorkindale, runners-up Jean Miller and Alistair Munro, mixed pairs Alex Black and George Reid, runners-up Hugh McCorkindale and Hugh Newlands, men's pairs Robert Coffield and John Mason, runners-up Alex Black and George Reid, Monday afternoon league winners George Allan and Maria McIntyre, Tuesday night league winner David Brown.

## SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £4300

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



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

A McPhee  
Hutcheon Court  
Campbeltown

D Stewart  
Cairnbaan  
Lochgilphhead

### All you have to do

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

To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball. Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries. If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

### Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

### Competition Rules

No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery. The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company. In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company. The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time. Employees of The Oban Times Limited, their immediate relatives and any persons otherwise connected with the competition are ineligible to enter.



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# Glen Scotia distilled a tough MOK marathon

THE SPIRITED winner of the first Glen Scotia marathon said the Learside hills nearly defeated him.

Speaking immediately after last Saturday's event, which he finished in three hours and six minutes, Campbeltown Running Club's (CRC) Stuart McGeachy said: 'I hit the wall at 20 miles. It was hot and I really struggled on the last hill. I thought, you have got to be kidding me as I approached the hill.'

Many said that running down the hills put immense strain on their knees and some commented that finishing on the flat was hard after all the ups and downs in the second half of the run.

First lady home and an excellent third overall was CRC's Jennifer Martin. First across the line was Matthew Turner, who ran the event as part of a relay team of two with his brother Gary in 02:57:16. First team of four relay runners was MorGeach Dochs: Elaine McGeachy, Emma Morran, Ian Docherty and Tommy Morran in 03:10:07.

Full marathon results: 1 Stuart McGeachy, male senior (msen), CRC 03:06:09; 2 Ewan Smith, male senior veteran 50+ (msv50) CRC, 03:24:46; 3 Jennifer Martin, female senior (fsen) CRC, 03:26:59; 4 David Carey, msen, Mid-Argyll Athletic Club (MAAC), 03:29:34; 5 Colin



**The top three ladies: 1 Jennifer Martin, 2 Tessa Hall and 3 Claire Reid.** 25\_c13marathon21

Hall, msen, 03:41:45; 6 Stephen Blackstock, male veteran 40+ (mv40), 03:50:46; 7 Colin Campbell, msen, 03:54:15; 8 Tessa Hall fsen, 03:56:39; 9 Colin MacFarlane, msen, Mid-Argyll Triathlon and Cycle Club (MATCC), 03:57:45; 10 Russell Hamilton, msen, 03:58:28; 11 Ralph Hill, male senior veteran 50+ (msv50), CRC, 03:59:28; 12 William Halliday msv50 Mid-Argyll Jog Scotland, 03:59:45; 13 Claire Reid, female veteran 40+ (fv40), 04:09:05; 14 Brian Robertson, msen, MATCC, 04:10:39; 15 Kerry O'May, fsen, CRC 04:12:20; 16 Penny Hawdon, fsen, Inveraray Jog Scotland, 04:12:35; 17 Craig McKerral, msen, 04:14:52; 18 David Croft, msen, 04:17:32; 19 Neil McGill, mv40,

Male vintage veteran 60+, Kintyre Way Runners, 04:21:53; 22 Johnny Girvan, msen, CRC, 04:22:16; 23 Ivan Field, msv50, 100 Marathon Club, 04:23:55; 24 Iain Crawford, mv40, Ronhill Cambuslang Harriers, 04:25:38; 25 Gordon Cumming, mv40, 04:27:59; 26 Catriona McLean, fsen, 04:28:31; 27 Kathleen Mair, fv40, CRC, 04:38:55; 28 Lorraine MacDonald, fv40, CRC, 04:38:55; 29 Alix Geyer, fsen, CRC, 04:42:53; 30 Elaine Smith, fsen, Lochaber Athletic Club (LAC), 04:49:13; 31 Pamela Hamilton, fv40, LAC, 04:49:14; 32 Stephen Manders, msv50, CRC, 04:58:05; 33; Naomi Bates, fv40,



**Men's winners on the podium: 1 Stuart McGeachy. 2 Ewan Smith. Third-placed David Carey had left before the presentations.** 25\_c13marathon22

Lochaber Jog Scotland Hardie, fsv50, Tarbert (LJS), 05:04:53; 34 Jog Scotland, 05:22:22; Iona Bergin, fsen Jog 38 Stuart McTaggart, Scotland, 05:04:54; msen, 06:01:03; 39 35 Anita MacLean, Greig Walker, mv40, fsv50, LJS, 05:04:54; 06:16:48. 36 Diane Alldritt, fv40, See inside, pages 12 and 13, for relay team results. 37 Frances



**Third overall and first lady Jennifer Martin.** 25\_c13marathon20



**First Glen Scotia marathon winner Stuart McGeachy.** 25\_c13marathon19

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