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# Vital £1M award for town buildings

### Money will help safeguard buildings, business and jobs

by **JOHN McCALLUM**  
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SOME of Campbeltown's stricken buildings are to get a new lease of life thanks to a £1 million funding award.

The new £990,000 announced on Sunday, courtesy of the latest round of Historic Scotland's Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS), will help safeguard homes as well as businesses and 70 related jobs in Campbeltown town centre.

It follows an anxious eight-month wait for town planners after a bid was submitted last August.

Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative

(THI), having already helped deliver more than 40 refurbishment projects in the town, has targeted 4-20 Longrow South, with several flats and family-owned businesses, as its priority.

Among several other sites being looked at, a key building for THI is Main Street's old post office, which has been lying empty for 20 years.

The CARS award is the second for Campbeltown after a successful first bid back in 2007 paved the way for an extensive round of improvements.

James Lafferty, Campbeltown THI project of-

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## Campbeltown holds on to silverware

Plenty of the silverware was kept in Campbeltown at the Kintyre Piping Society junior competitions held in the Ardshiel and Seafiel hotels last Saturday. Prizewinners pictured from left are Jamie McKerral, Donnie McKerral and Ross Conner. See also report and pictures on page 9. 08\_c14pipe01

### Creamery set for £450,000 investment

THE Scottish government is set to invest £450,000 in improvements at Campbeltown Creamery, rural affairs secretary Richard Lochhead confirmed this week.

The First Milk plant, which produces the famous Mull of Kintyre cheddar, supports almost 40 dairy farms and 100 jobs on the peninsula.

During a debate in the Scottish parliament on the future of Scotland's dairy sector, Mr Lochhead confirmed that a revised bid for a Scottish government grant was expected to be approved shortly - meaning the first instalment of funding could be paid within weeks.

He said: 'Dairy is hugely important to many of Scotland's rural communities as well as the economy, which is why the Scottish government is firmly committed to working with the sector to secure its future.'

'Campbeltown Creamery is a lifeline for producers on the Mull of Kintyre.'

'I expect to be able to issue a new offer of financial sup-

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**Creamery set for £450,000 investment**

Continued from page 1 port very shortly - likely to be around £450,000 - which will enable the first instalment of the grant to be paid within weeks and safeguard 25 jobs at the plant.

'Transport Scotland is conducting a review of freight fares across the ferry network, with the aim of delivering an overarching freight fares structure for all Scotland's islands that is fair, transparent and straightforward, as well as delivering best value for taxpayers at a time of severe cuts to the Scottish government budget.'

Michael Russell, Argyll and Bute MSP, and Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Highlands MSP, said action must be taken quickly to ensure the long-term sustainability of the creamery.

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# £1M award for Campbeltown buildings

**'This is another much-needed boost for the town centre'**

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'With funding from other sources included, at least £2.2 million will be spent on building repairs.'

'The first round of CARS funding has been a huge success, allowing improvements to be made to more than 40 Campbeltown buildings, including the Old Schoolhouse on Big Kiln Street, which was converted into a modern bunkhouse, and Campbeltown Town Hall, a crucial town centre building, which was saved from being moth-balled.'

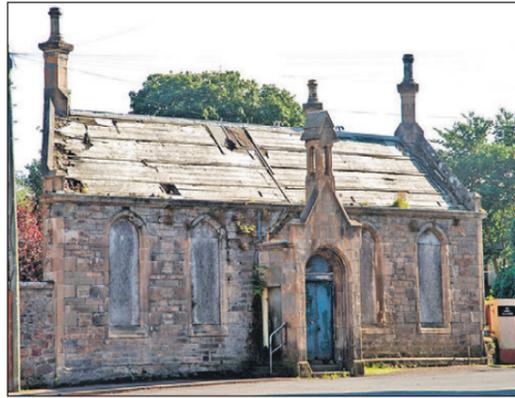
'Investment in past

and ongoing projects, including owners' contributions and by attracting other funding sources, has been more than £7 million, with more than 40 Kintyre contractors involved so far.

'It is one of only two towns in Scotland to receive two rounds of CARS funding, but it is badly needed in order to bring about urgent repairs to priority buildings, otherwise more than 70 people's jobs and homes would be at stake.'

Mr Lafferty added: 'It is not just about construction work though, with 36 training courses and community events already run by Campbeltown THI to train more than 300 people new skills.'

'The new CARS funding will provide further



The Old Schoolhouse on Big Kiln Street before renovation work took place in 2011.



The Old Schoolhouse reopened as a bunkhouse in 2012.

training opportunities for local contractors.'

Sara MacKinnon, chief executive of the Strathclyde Building Preservation Trust, said: 'Campbeltown is a unique place with a number of listed buildings. The upcoming projects will build on the achievements already seen in Campbeltown over the past few years.'

'Having helped with Campbeltown projects, I see a lot of hard work going on by local people behind the scenes to make their town centre a proud, bustling place again.'

Rory Colville, South Kintyre councillor, said: 'I warmly welcome this news and look forward to seeing even more town centre projects progressing in the coming years, with at-risk buildings and jobs being saved.'

It is a great boost for Campbeltown.'

Donald Kelly, fellow

South Kintyre councillor, said: 'This is another much-needed boost for Campbeltown town centre and full credit must be given to James Lafferty for driving this bid forward.'

'James is a Campbel-

town man through and through and I feel his commitment to the regeneration of the town centre must be recognised.'

Dick Walsh, Argyll and Bute Council leader, said: 'Communi-

ty-based regeneration projects are a key part of our drive to improve our towns, making them places people can be proud of, as well as creating the correct environment for economic growth.'



Longrow South flats and businesses can look forward to vital repair work thanks to a CARS award of £990,000.

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**Breach of the peace trio fined**

THREE men were arrested for breach of the peace in Campbeltown in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Two aged 20 and 29, were arrested in the town's Cross Street for a disturbance shortly after 2am, while a 44-year-old was arrested in New Parliament Place shortly before 3am. All three were released from custody when sober and issued with a fine.

**Logs stolen from County Garage**

LOGS were stolen from outside the County Garage, Campbeltown, between 10pm last Thursday and 7am last Friday and a side door was also damaged in an unsuccessful attempt to gain entry to the property.

Anyone with information should contact Campbeltown police station by calling 101.

**Stooshie over Gaelic words**

ARGYLL and Bute councillors have been criticised for making a scene anytime someone speaks Gaelic as part of council business.

Since taking on his duties, Provost Len Scoular has endeavoured to say a few words of Gaelic at the beginning of every meeting.

However, at a full council meeting last week, fluent Gaelic speaker Councillor Robin Currie criticised members for making a 'stooshie' every time the provost spoke in Gaelic.

# Proud to promote to Kintyre

## 'I loved meeting people and helping them make the most of their stay here'

AS far as tourists to the area are concerned, Shirley Bannatyne has been the expert on Campbeltown and Kintyre for years.

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This week, after almost 30 years, that invaluable experience came to an end when she accepted voluntary redundancy in her role as team leader at the visitor information centre on Campbeltown's Old Quay.

She was among a number of staff to go in a Visit Scotland business restructure.

Mike Taylor, owner of Mull of Kintyre Sea-tours, which offers wildlife and sightseeing boat trips, said: 'It is a sad loss. Shirley was very, very good at her job, as are all the staff in the centre.'

'She was incredibly efficient and knew every-

body and everything, and she was never phased. She certainly did my business a huge amount of good.'

Shirley, 50, admitted to Courier that it has not been easy to accept the end of a job she loved so much.

'I loved meeting people and helping them make the most of their stay here,' she said. 'I want them to enjoy themselves as much as possible.'

'I am Campbeltown born and bred and so proud of Kintyre and what it has to offer. I would promote other areas of Scotland as well.'

'It has been great building up a rapport and friendships with visitors who came back year after year.'

Shirley, who had been supervisor and team leader at the centre since 1996, began her working life in Campbeltown as a telephonist at

the former exchange in Glebe Street at the age of 16.

When it closed three years later, she moved to international directory inquiries in Irvine but hankered for a return to Campbeltown.

'I missed the town and jumped at the chance of a job as a counter assistant in the original information centre here run by Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles Tourist Board,' she said.

As Shirley took on more responsibility over the years, she also found herself overseeing information centres in Lochgilphead, Tarbert and Islay from her Campbeltown base.

Now she is looking to the future. 'I'm on the lookout for work,' she said. 'Ideally, it will be something that will allow me to work directly with people.'

'I'm seeing it as an exciting new beginning.'



Visit Scotland's tourist information centre in Campbeltown. 08\_c14shirley01

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# Concert lives up to high expectations

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar School's Spring Showcase Concert last week lived up to the audience's high expectations following last year's hugely successful show.

Head boy Matthew Armour, MC for the evening, quickly established a rapport with the audience, was supportive of all the acts and

sustained an excellent pace through the programme.

The Combined Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands opened the concert with a medley of Scottish songs and it was good to see the younger pipers and drummers march in to join the more experienced players.

The first solo of the evening was Tanya Mc-

Donald on the trumpet playing Il Selenzio.

Erin Ferguson was the first vocalist to perform, with Titanium, followed later by Scott McKerral with Whiter Shade of Pale.

Linsey Cairns joined the CGS Show Band to sing Valerie, and Bethany Kelly sang the only Gaelic solo - Cronan Carsaig.



The combined Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands. c14show06no

MC Matthew Armour also shared his further talents as solo vocalist with Tears in Heaven.

A senior pupils ceilidh band - Arran McAllister, Bethany Kelly, Andrew McAlister, Euan Reid, Gareth McMurphy and Emma Barbour - then performed Crossing the Minch.

Emma followed that with Lynsey's Tune on xylophone and her skill along with piano accompanist Miss Henry made for a most enjoyable act.

Arran McAlister, Gareth McMurphy, Christina McFadyen, Erin McLellan and Tanya McDonald then showed their versatility as CGS Show Band.

The audience was treated to a variety of dances from James McCorkindale senior dancers and Lisa McKellar.

The McCorkindale dancers finished with a particularly poignant portrayal of The Coal Miner.



Senior brass ensemble Owen Pickering, Aimilia Chute, Emma Bannatyne and Tanya McDonald.

CGS Dancers, led and choreographed by Morgan Irwin, performed Little Low and Stronger than Ever.

Band The Anonymous, with Innes Roy and Owen Pickering on guitar and Charles Turner on vocals, sang Little Talks.

Carmen for Brass was performed by the senior brass ensemble - Emma Bannatyne, Aimilia Chute, Owen Pickering and Tanya McDonald.

Molly Gilbert and Iona McDougall played a woodwind duet - Minuetto Allegretto.

Andrew McAlister, Rotary Club Young Musician of the Year, showed why he won the prestigious award, with a guitar solo - Slow Dancing in a Burning Room.

### Fitting end

Kintyre Schools Wind Band, back from winning a competition in the Mid Argyll Music Festival and conducted by Katy Cameron, rounded off the programme with Skyfall and Happy - a fitting end to such an enjoyable concert.

Connor Chinn, Jamie Field and Jamie McKinnon - studying mu-

sic technology - showed their skills on the sound desk and lights. Mr Cosgrove, Ms Wheeler and Arran McAlister managed the stage from behind the scenes while flowers by Alice Morton decorated the front of the stage.

Rector Catriona Hood said: 'The success of this concert was down to talent, hard work and teamwork on the part of performers, stage crew, teachers and tutors.'

'It was also good to share the concert with our friends the James McCorkindale Dancers. The audience enjoyed an excellent evening and the performers were a credit to their families and school.'



Erin Ferguson singing Titanium.



MC Matthew Armour.



Linsey Cairns singing Valerie.

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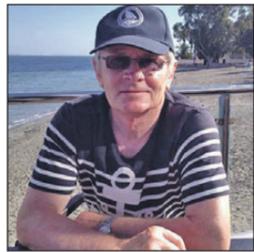
Molly Gilbert and Iona McDougall playing a woodwind duet.

# Rest bus crash passengers feared ending up in loch

REPORT By AMANDA CRAWFORD  
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AN Englishman travelling to Tarbert has told of the dramatic rescue scenes moments after the tour bus crash at the Rest and Be Thankful last Thursday afternoon. 'People were stumbling out the bus shaking and clearly in shock,' said Brian Ward, 67, of Leeds.

The bus plunged off



Brian Ward from Leeds was one of those who went to the aid of stricken passengers.

the road at Loch Restil with 52 passengers on board. Five were airlifted to hospital with 'serious but not life-threatening injuries'. Eighteen others were also taken to hospital.

Mr Ward said: 'Drivers and passengers from passing vehicles hurried down the embankment to try and assist the bus passengers before the emergency services arrived.

'People took the walking wounded back to their cars for warmth and to calm people down. I had two ladies in my car.

'One of them had been spooked by the movement of the bus after it came to a stop. Some passengers thought it was going to drop in

to the loch. The front wheels of the bus were just feet away from the water. They were very lucky that it didn't end up in the loch.'

It is thought the bus may have been blown off the road by extremely strong winds.

Mr Ward, who had been travelling with a friend to tend to his boat berthed at Tarbert Harbour, said: 'The gusts were so strong they could have taken a car door off its hinges.

'When we left to take some passengers to a hotel in Arrochar and turned the corner away from the crash site it was like a different world. No wind, rain or hailstones.'

Police were joined quickly at the scene by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the ambulance service, Ar-



The Lochs and Glens Holiday bus went off the road with 52 passengers on board. Picture courtesy of Stuart Herd.

gyll and Bute Council staff, the royal navy and mountain rescue.

Mr Ward added: 'The emergency services were amazing, really fast and organised, and they did not take long to arrive.

'However, if no one had been passing I think those we managed to

help would have been more traumatised. We reassured them and joked with them to put them at ease.'

As the Courier went to press, six people were still in hospital being treated for a range of injuries.

One patient remains serious but stable at the

Southern General Hospital in Glasgow.

The two patients at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow and three patients at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, are all in a stable condition.

A spokeswoman for Police Scotland said: 'Inquiries are ongoing.'

## Easter film on show

THERE will be a showing of the new 45-minute film by Rev Billy Graham, The Cross, in Campbeltown Free Church on Sunday at 3pm.

Billy Graham, now 95, is well known in this country from many evangelistic campaigns held since the 1950s.

In The Cross, Billy Graham's message is interwoven with the personal and powerful testimonies of rapper Lecrae and former Flyleaf lead singer Lacey Sturm.

A very warm welcome is extended to anyone interested in going along on Sunday.

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## Vital work

CAMPBELTOWN will benefit greatly from the near £1 million of Scottish government funding announced this week. After careful bid preparation and an anxious wait since August, Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative, led by project officer James Lafferty, have been awarded a second round of funding worth £990,000 from the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS).

The money will be used to help fund renovation projects in Campbeltown town centre, and with funding from other sources taken into account, future investment is set to reach at least £2.2 million.

A successful first bid, covering regeneration projects between 2007-2012, saw more than 40 buildings improved across the town centre, and more are on the horizon.

Campbeltown's two successful bids are a cause for celebration, however this latest huge investment reflects the daunting job still to be done to bring more of the town centre's many deteriorating buildings up to standard.

The Edwardian block of 4-20 Longrow South has been identified as a priority area, which is sure to come as a relief to the 70 or more people whose homes and livelihoods depend on it. The old post office building on Main Street, another key site for renovation, has long become an eyesore and will be even more by the end of the year when contrasted with the transformative work going on at the town hall and 2 Cross Street/50-52 Main Street.

A vibrant centre is vital for any community, and after a long period of neglect drastic improvements have been made to Campbeltown during the past eight years. This round of funding will make a valuable contribution to the good work.

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## Knocked out by Kintyre

Sir,  
Campbeltown is one of these places you never read in any leading travel books. My husband and I - originally from Holland and Mexico - are enjoying a creative travel year in the region. We chose Kintyre for many reasons that meet our wishes; we live five minutes away from Campbeltown. We couldn't have chosen any better. A fantastic place off the beaten path.

Sadly, most of the websites we looked into prior to our arrival featured almost nothing about what the area has to offer - none do it justice.

We are the kind of explorers who like to engage wherever we go and arrive at own opinions, therefore those rather poor insights we read never put us off.

Upon our arrival to Campbeltown we were so happy.

The weather was fabulous, we had a fantastic autumn to explore, cycle and hike some stretches of the Kintyre Way.

Last week we read in your paper more fantastic news happening in Campbeltown and the area. We've been fortunate to have all these experiences during our travel year.

We will be going back home at the end of the summer but not without making sure to share with family and friends our positive experience while living here. We really hope that more people come and visit and there are loads of better photos and more positive and realistic feedback than available on the internet.

**Viv and Chris P Knorr**  
Campbeltown.

## Piping day to remember

Sir,  
Willie McCallum and his wonderful team made it a day to remember for all the young competitors and their families at the Kintyre junior piping championships. Campbeltown is such a great place to live with such a high standard of teaching pipes and drums and of course the brass band which I heard in concert a while back.

Learning an instrument gives young people self-discipline, confidence and an ability to concentrate and memorise which is invaluable to them throughout their lives. Also they will have lots of fun and make lifelong friends.

I was fortunate enough to come down from the north with Pipe Major Campbell McGougan who was incidentally the first piper from Campbeltown to join the City of Glasgow Pipe Band and thereafter have great success with his own band The Larkshire Police.

I hope to be back next year.

**Tabby Angier**  
Ross-shire.

## The real workers' party

Sir,  
The prime minister last week announced a three per cent increase in the minimum wage to £6.70 an hour - helping 1.4 million of the lowest paid workers in our country.

Helping people become financially secure for the future is at the heart of our long-term economic plan - no more so than Britain's lowest paid workers who were among the

hardest hit by Labour's Great Recession.

This is the largest rise since 2008 and is only possible because of the Conservative and Unionist Party's careful stewardship of the economy these past five years. We will also be raising the minimum wage for apprentices by 20 per cent.

From 1999 to 2015 the minimum wage will have grown by four per cent a year. If it continues at that rate it would be £8.14 by 2020, meaning Labour's promised 'increase' to £8 would actually be a cut.

As ever, at this election it is a choice between competence with the Conservatives and Unionists or chaos with Labour propped up by the SNP, Lib-Dems or who knows what other party.

We are now the real workers' party for the UK and best placed to deliver sound economic growth while tackling inequality in Argyll and Bute.

**Alastair Redman**  
Conservative and  
Unionist candidate  
Argyll and Bute.

## Public kept well informed

Sir,  
Isn't it pleasing to learn that correspondence from the Argyll and Bute MP, Alan Reid, is so well read and studied? Tony Williams' letter (March 27) is a case in point. Mr Williams is aware that the Lib Dem MP has kept the public well informed. Indeed for well over a year Mr. Reid has provided his constituents every month with a detailed, 'Reporting Back to You' publication.

Of course while the MP has provided factual and verifi-

able information of his activities and voting, sadly some readers have deliberately misinterpreted the information for political reasons. For example, how often has Mr Reid had to explain that he voted against the so-called bedroom tax or an increase in university tuition fees?

I suppose that SNP supporters are so used to SNP MPs having to tow the party line that they cannot understand or appreciate a Lib Dem MP putting his constituents' interests before party whips.

There is only one way to vote on May 7 if one wants a dedicated, independent minded, hardworking MP and that is to vote for Alan Reid.

**Ursula Craig**  
Cove.

## SNP has not lived up to promises

Sir,  
The growth of SNP membership to more than 100,000 and a packed conference of more than 3,000 supporters are big achievements. Many first-time voters and disappointed Yes campaigners found solace in joining the party.

Joining with like-minded people is a good and recognised way of finding consolation and support after a loss. However, is it a genuine political advance or merely a source of succour? The evidence would suggest the latter.

Many SNP beliefs and policies are based on false assumptions. Yes voters felt that it was the 'Vow' which lost them the referendum but we now know from university research that this is not so. The

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The SNP Scottish government has failed to achieve many of its own pledges, such as smaller school class size, cutting waiting times at hospitals, house building targets, and economic predictions verging on fantasy.

More worrying than all these are the mind games that Alex Salmond and the first minister are playing. Both have recently been trying to ingratiate themselves with English voters. SNP MPs have an appalling attendance record at Westminster with their representative on the Scottish Affairs Committee not turning up to the committee at all. They excuse themselves by saying they only vote on matters that have a direct relevance to Scotland. So what is Nicola Sturgeon promising the people of the UK - part-time, partly interested, fully paid MPs?

Ms Sturgeon claims that SNP will hold the 'balance of power' in a hung parliament. Having made clear she will not support the Tories, and demanding the impossible of Labour in terms of an end to Trident, the first minister is conniving to achieve totally unstable government. This would enable her to demand another general election with a SNP manifesto calling for independence.

The only way in Argyll and Bute to avoid this SNP-inspired chaos is by electing Liberal Democrat candidate Alan Reid.

**Finlay Craig Cove.**

**Abbey is making progress**

Sir, Glenbarr Abbey has survived the winter well this year, thankfully. Another winter like last year might have seen more major damage to the building, and quite possibly the closure of the Abbey.

The wind direction must have been in our favour this winter. However, we are always being asked how the building works are coming on, so the trust feels it should clarify the situation.

It is in the process of applying for grants, initially from the Architectural Heritage Fund for the smaller grants necessary to begin the process.

Once that has been accomplished and an architect and quantity surveyor have been appointed we will be in a position to cost the works in preparation for applying to Historic Scotland for a building repair grant, and then the Heritage Lottery Fund for the remaining works which will enable the buildings to realise their full potential for the financial sustainability of the property.

Readers will be well aware of how long this process can take, the regeneration projects underway in Campbeltown illustrate this well.

Meanwhile, the trust needs to generate enough income to pay the bills. The running costs, even when the Abbey is closed, are formidable. But, this is what the Glenbarr Abbey Regeneration Project is all about, turning a rapidly deteriorating building into a business concern that will not only be able to cover its costs, but will, eventually, also make enough to fund the other objectives of the charitable trust.

Our aim is to be able to draw more visitors to Kintyre not only preventing the loss of an architecturally important building, but also benefiting the local economy.

The Abbey will be hosting fundraising events to help us pay the bills, which we hope will be well supported.

Tomorrow, Easter Saturday, we will be holding a car boot sale between noon and 4pm with an indoor table sale. The Abbey will also be open as usual, for tours, the gift shop and teas.

If anyone wants to book a car or table space there is still room. And, we are always looking for volunteers to help with the gift shop, housekeeping, administration and with the process of museum accreditation.

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table space please telephone 01586-820269.

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**Clan MacAlister Charitable Trust.**

**SNP is creating energy crisis**

Sir, Two eminent professors of engineering, Professor Rebecca Lunn of Strathclyde University and Professor Paul Younger of Glasgow University, have raised serious concerns about the SNP government's stance on fracking.

Professor Younger was appointed by the Scottish government to report on fracking. Although the findings of his report were initially accepted the report has now been kicked into the long grass and the SNP energy minister has imposed a moratorium on further planning applications to search for shale oil and gas in Scotland.

In their relentless pursuit of a Scotland supplied totally by renewable energy, the SNP government appears to be ignoring reality. Now with the announcement of the closure next year of Longannet power station, the SNP government is in crisis talks with Scottish Power.

The gas-fired power

station at Peterhead relies on dwindling North Sea gas supplies. Imported gas from Middle East countries and from an increasingly hostile Russia cannot be regarded as secure.

Tidal and wave power have not progressed beyond pilot plant pro-

jects. Hydro power is clean but as a contributor is small in overall terms. Solar power may not work so well in an overcast Scotland. Nuclear power is anathema. So that leaves wind power, so beloved by the SNP and Green supporters. But if the wind doesn't blow, where do we get our heating and lighting from? Do we import English generated electricity, some of which comes from nuclear power stations?

I strongly suspect that the SNP government

would be happy to have some nuclear power as long as it is not generated here.

An energy deficient Scotland is not one that is likely to attract inward investment.

We must use our votes wisely on May 7 to ensure that the SNP do not stall the Scottish economy and drag our country down into ever increasing debt through their ill thought out, short term, ideologically driven policies.

**Stuart Smith Helensburgh.**

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Those signing up for the training can expect help in: getting on and off of their bike safely; starting off and stopping; steering and maintaining forward momentum; cycling one handed while signalling; looking behind; the correct use of gears; and basic bike maintenance and preparing for a journey.

For more details visit [www.stramash.org.uk](http://www.stramash.org.uk)

# Demand grows to see top medium

THE reputation of medium June Field is going global. After mesmerising psychic Uri Geller with her talents a few years ago, she can now count Varun Gandhi, the grandson of Indira Gandhi, the former Indian prime minister among her many celebrity clients.

June told the Courier: 'Varun is a MP in India and came all the way to the UK see me and returned home the next day. He was extremely humble and well-mannered. He would not take his seat until I asked him to. He was so impressed with what I could tell him, he wants to see me again.'

June's other well-known fans include actors John Thomson, Claire Sweeney and Michelle Mercier and singer Owen Paul.

June, who is returning for a second visit to Campbeltown on Friday, April 10 and is the resident psychic for The Sunday Post, proved her 'gift' over and over again on prime time Ukraine television in

2012 in the Battle of the Psychics.

It saw 70,000 psychics from all over the world whittled down to a dozen for a 12-week show - with June eventually declared the winner.

June stayed in Kiev for six months for the duration of the show and was the only psychic not to fail a challenge in its 11 series.

During the show she gave a detailed description of a murderer which proved almost completely accurate when he was caught.

Uri Geller, one of the judges, said: 'I have never seen anyone so specific.'

She explained: 'I have always seen spirit - to me it's a totally normal part of my life. I've kept that side separate from my everyday living and became a music teacher and also taught karate - I'm a 3rd Dan black belt.'

'After the death of my dad, I went to a spiritual church in Dundee and saw a lovely medium called Jenny Brown who took me under her wing

and taught me how to be in control of my ability.'

June began travelling all over the UK and Ireland doing demonstrations of mediumship. This year she will do shows in Japan, Canada and the USA.

Recently she was a guest on Japanese television when she was asked to simply look at the photographs of 10 celebrities and predict who will have the best and worst 2015.

She added: 'My mission as a medium is to help grieving people, as I can by creating a bridge to allow their loved ones to cross over to visit with them for a short time.'

'Last year was my first visit to Campbeltown. I was struck by the beauty of Kintyre and cannot wait to return.'

'An Evening of Mediumship with International Medium June Field' will be held in the Royal Hotel on Friday, April 10 at 8pm.

Tickets, £16.50, are available at the Royal or from [www.junefieldmedium.com](http://www.junefieldmedium.com)



June Field with her Battle of the Psychics trophy.

**Council artwork goes on display**

THE first six artworks which have featured online as Argyll and Bute Council's painting of the month are on display at Campbeltown library.

Vistors can see first-hand the art works by luminaries of the art world such as Sir James Guthrie, Perpetua Pope, John McKinnon Crawford, Agnes Miller Parker, Leon Morocco and Alex Imrie.

The exhibition is free and will be displayed at Campbeltown Library throughout April, before travelling to libraries in Lochgilphead, Tarbert, Oban, Rothesay, Dunoon and Helensburgh.

**Easter egg hunt**

CAMPBELTOWN Museum at the Burnet Building in St John Street will be open over the Easter weekend at the following times: Friday, April 3, 11am - 1pm; Saturday 11am - 1pm; Sunday 11am - 1pm; Monday 11am - 1pm.

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# Strong local show at junior piping contest



Pictured from left are prizewinners Ross Conner, Stuart O'May, Donnie McKerral, Harris MacLennan, Jamie McKerral and Rebecca Paterson.

ENTRY numbers were up for the Kintyre Piping Society junior competitions in the Ardshiel and Seafeld hotels last Saturday and there was a good quality of play to match.

The Ardshiel was packed in the morning for the chanter competitions.

Apart from the winners, all those taking part were presented with a handsome certificate to

mark the occasion. They were presented by Donald MacKinnon from Edinburgh, a staunch supporter of the society.

The main piping was held in the Seafeld Hotel with the march, Strathspey and reel downstairs and piobairachd upstairs.

Junior champion was Ross Conner of Campbeltown and he received the coveted bronze star from the Royal Pipers Society.

Senior champion was Harris McLennan from Lasswade. He received the John D Burgess medal, but only for photographic purposes.

The medal is so valuable, it is retained by the society.

Campbeltown's Donnie McKerral and Stuart O'May made it a close contest.

The prizes were presented by Christina MacKinnon, Donald's wife.

Finlay Wylie, secretary, thanked the competitors, audience, judges, stewards and the hotel proprietors for making the day such a memorable one.

He also thanked the tutors of the children and mothers and fathers for encouraging their youngsters to take up the pipes.

As well as the winners receiving cups and medals, they also received piping books and socks.

The winners were as follows (Campbeltown unless stated):

Event 1 - Chanter 10 years and under (March), Royal Celtic Society Cup and the Margaret Anderson Memorial Trophy: 1 Andrew Renton; 2 Gregor Campbell, Glenbar; 3 Alison Wylie.

Event 2 - Chanter 11-14 years (March, four parts), Pipe Major JM MacKenzie Cup and John Sinclair Memorial Trophy: 1 Andrew Renton; 2 Gregor Campbell, Glenbar; 3 Alison Wylie.

Event 3 - Novice march on bagpipes, Dugald McShannon Cup: 1 Cameron Campbell, Glenbar; 2 Dhyllon Cox; 3 Ryan McGroty.

Event 4 - March under 15, George C Halbert Shield: 1 Ross Conner; 2 Jamie Campbell, Strachur; 3 Jamie McKerral.

Event 5 - Strathspey and reel under 15 years, Archibald Johnstone Memorial Cup: 1 Ross Conner; 2 Jamie Campbell, Strachur; 3 Andrew Ferguson, Dollar.

Event 6 - Piobaireachd (ground only) under 15, Argyllshire Gathering Trophy: 1 Jamie McKerral; 2 Josh Barbour; 3 Calum McKillop, Drumlembie.

Event 7 - Piobaireachd under 15, Dr Flora MacAulay Cup: 1 Ross Conner; 2 Jamie Campbell; 3 Andrew Ferguson.

Event 8 - 2 x 2 marches under 15, Margaret McCallum Memorial Cup: 1 Ross Conner; 2 Andrew Ferguson; 3 Jamie Campbell; 4 Jamie McKerral.

Event 9 - Slow air under 15, Campbell McGougan Trophy: 1 Ross Conner; 2 Jamie Campbell; 3 Josh Barbour.

Event 10 - March 15-17 years, Kintyre Piping Society Trophy: 1 Harris MacLennan, Lasswade; 2 Donnie McKerral; 3 Stuart O'May.

Event 11 - Strathspey and reel, Charles Bowen Cup: 1 Harris MacLennan, Lasswade; 2 Donnie McKerral; 3 Stuart O'May; 4 Rebecca Paterson, Strachur.

Event 12 - Hornpipe and jig 15-17 years, Pipe Major Willie Wilson Cup: 1 Stuart O'May; 2 Harris MacLennan; 3 Donnie McKerral.

Event 13 - Piobaireachd 15-17 years, Campbell Challenge Cup: 1 Harris MacLennan, Lasswade; 2 Stuart O'May; 3 Donnie McKerral.

Event 14 - 2 x 2 marches 15-17 years, Hector MacNeill MA Cup: 1 Donnie McKerral; 2 Harris MacLennan; 3 Stuart O'May; 4 Rebecca Paterson.

Event 15 - March, Strathspey and reel 15-17 years: Donnie McKerral; 2 Harris MacLennan.

The youngest competitor - Scott McGeachy. The Friends of Ireland Trophy to the most promising competitor not on prizelist, events 1 and 2 - Holly Morkel. The Islay Trophy to the girl competitor with most points - Rebecca Paterson. Dress and deportment - Audrey Ferguson, Dollar.



Morning winners, from left, Holly Morkel, Matthew McKerral and Cameron Campbell.

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3:00pm **The Imitation Game** (12A) 114mins Benedict Cumberbatch, Keira Knightly

6:00pm **Suite Française** (15) 107mins Romantic WW2 drama. Michelle Williams, Kristin Scott Thomas.

8:30pm **Focus** (15) 105mins Will Smith comedy crime drama

**Sunday 12 Apr**

12:15pm **Home** (U) 94mins

2:30pm **A View from the Bridge** (12A) 150mins Mark Strong in Arthur Miller's classic play Tickets: Adults: £12 Concessions: £10

6:00pm **Still Alice** (15) 101mins Oscar winning performance from Julianne Moore.

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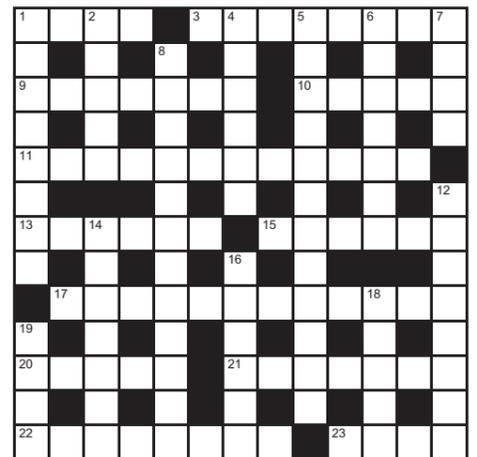
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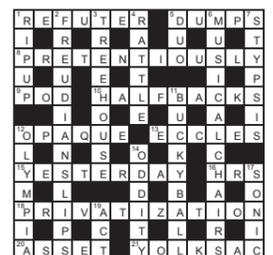
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- 11 Stomach churning (3-9)
- 13 Eighteenth letter of the Greek alphabet (3,3)
- 15 Break away (6)
- 17 Music without song (12)
- 20 Young pigeon (5)
- 21 Type of Meadowsweet (7)
- 22 Changes order of letters in a word (8)
- 23 Information unit (4)

### Down

- 1 Expressed doubts about a statement (8)
- 2 Happening (5)
- 4 Motor (6)
- 5 Where everyone was infected with feeling (4,8)
- 6 Reddish purple (7)
- 7 Type of tide (4)
- 8 Not money making (12)
- 12 Whistleblower (8)
- 14 Covering distance by foot for entertainment (3,4)
- 16 Shellfish (6)
- 18 Ingratiating person (5)
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# Agony goes on for new dad Billy Irving

HE HAS been given clearance to leave India by courts and immigration officials but stricken seaman Billy Irving

continues to languish in the country, separated from his partner and newborn son because of police red tape.

Billy, 34, formerly from Campbeltown, has been stuck in India for the past 18 months, despite a court clearing him and fellow MV Seaman Guard Ohio crew members of carrying illegal weapons when they entered Indian waters in October 2013 as part of anti-piracy operations.

The desperate former soldier's latest blow came when Foreign Commonwealth Office (FCO) staff at the British Embassy refused to countersign his son's birth certificate stating he is the father of young

William Archie - or Uilleam Beag - born on February 25.

Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid admitted he was 'puzzled' by the embassy's decision not to countersign the birth certificate and has called for an explanation.

Billy, of Connel, has faced a series of disappointments since the crew were released from custody last June when charges were quashed, but the Tamil Nadu police are appealing the decision at the Supreme Court and have retained passports and documents.

Billy, who is being financially supported by friends and family, had recently booked a flight home as part of an application for an Emergency Travel Document, which would allow him to leave the country.

But Indian police refused to issue a No Objection Certificate (NOC), meaning he was stuck in the country and had lost out on the expense of the travel document and his flight.

His partner, 26-year-old Yvonne MacHugh, has now moved in with her own family in Neilston, Glasgow, with the couple's month-old son. She said: 'We had 21



Yvonne with her and Billy's baby William Archie. 16\_t13yvonne02

days to register the birth but Billy couldn't get anyone at the embassy to sign it.

'He found a lawyer who helped him but he has no passport, no money, no proof of identity. The embassy staff know all that and couldn't help.

'It just seems that anything we have asked them to do, they have refused to do it.

'Although they are waiting for the appeal to be heard, he should be free to leave.'

The FCO insists it has represented Billy, and the five other British nationals being held in India, at the highest level.

But Yvonne said the ordeal of Billy's plight had changed her and made her much more cynical.

'Not much can faze me now,' she admitted. 'I don't trust people as much, which is horrible. I don't believe what people say, especially governments and those who are supposed to help and protect you.'

'It has hit Billy like a ton of bricks and he is just wanting to get home to hold his son.'

A FCO spokesman said: 'Since the prosecution appealed, we have lobbied regularly and at the highest levels on the importance of ensuring that this case is resolved as quickly as possible.'

'The case has consistently been raised at a ministerial level, including by Prime Minister David Cameron in November at G20.'



Billy Irving and Yvonne pictured in happier times before his arrest in India.

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## Billy Irving speaks to the Courier

'THE Foreign Commonwealth Office still states it is doing all it can and is raising our case when it can with Indian officials, but it is clear that either the FCO and UK government are not pushing on this or the Indians just don't listen.

I find it disgusting that the UK government has left us here to rot after it requested evidence from us that we are being detained illegally by India. We gave it two letters from two different Indian lawyers stating we have been detained illegally and against our will and we also handed them a case study from Human Rights at Sea, which states our rights have been abused.

The FCO still does nothing,

so disgusted is the politest way I can tell you how I feel about the it and the UK government. I am desperate to get home to hold my wee boy Uilleam. I have missed the whole pregnancy and birth, so I need to get home to be there for my baby and for Yvonne.

### Amazing

She has been so strong and amazing through this whole situation. I am so proud of her and she has been a rock for me. I am just so sorry I had to put her through all of this.

My family have been supporting in all ways they can and my parents Skype everyday, sometimes I take my frustration out on them, which is unfair, but they understand and let

me moan and get things off my chest.

My friends from Campbeltown have been amazing too. They have done raffles and concerts and raised money to help support me over here and so have the shinty teams I have played for, Kilmory and Taynuilt.

This just shows the support and how much small communities care and how they rally together to help anyone who is part of their community. I am so lucky to have them as friends. Everyone has given me so much support and I cannot thank them enough.

I know this will come to an end but it will take time, as the legal system is so slow here.'



Glenside residents Neil McCallum, John Gallagher and Cathie Duncan, Campbeltown community councillor, are among those seeking an improved Glenside bus shelter. 20\_c13bus01

# Give us shelter, say Glenside residents

CAMPBELTOWN woman Cathie Duncan wants a bus shelter built for Glenside's bus users. The Campbeltown community councillor, a Glenside resident for 38 years, is unhappy that the area's residents, some elderly, have to battle wind and rain while waiting on a bus to Campbeltown town centre. Ms Duncan said: 'There is no shelter from the conditions at all for people here. There is just a pole and nothing else.'

'Some of the elderly residents have mobility issues and poor eyesight, so they can't just walk to the supermarket or the town centre for messages. 'Waiting for the bus can mean bracing yourself for some horrible weather conditions, which can have health issues. 'There are also families with young children relying on the bus. I am genuinely concerned about it and raised it at the community council's March meeting.'

Councillor Donald Kelly, representing Argyll and Bute Council at the meeting, said he would relay Ms Duncan's concerns to the authority. **Information** He said: 'I will pass on this information at the next Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay (MAKI) area committee meeting, but issues such as pavement width will have to be looked at.' John Gallagher, who has lived at Glenside for the past 18 years, said: 'I suffer from emphyse-

ma and rely on the bus to get about. In the winter the wind really cuts into you and you can be left drenched waiting on a bus.' Ms Duncan, chairwoman of the Dalintober and Millknowe Tenants and Residents Association, said: 'All we are looking for is some sort of overhead shelter. 'It would be a big help for the people who live here, allowing them to go about their business and stay as warm and dry as possible.'

# Reid: quicker broadband not coming fast enough

SMALLER and more remote communities in the Highlands and Islands are getting frustrated over the delayed arrival of faster broadband, according to Alan Reid. The Liberal Democrat candidate for Argyll and Bute spoke while chairing the Scottish Affairs Committee hearing on telecommunications in rural areas of Scotland, where senior managers from BT and Vodafone and the regulator Ofcom were questioned on telecommunications in rural Scotland. **Inquiry** At least 84 per cent of the Highlands and Islands will get superfast broadband by the end

of next year from BT's new fibre optic cable network the inquiry was told. Mr Reid told Brendan Dick, BT's director for Scotland: 'You will understand the frustration of many small communities. They see 84 per cent round about them getting superfast broadband but they are still struggling with speeds of often a few kilobytes, and their taxpayers' money is going into other projects. 'There are uncertain as to whether spending a lot of money to pursue a wireless route or a satellite route, or wait for you to come.' Mr Dick replied: 'We are doing our best,

working with government and Highlands and Islands Enterprise to drive fibre as far as we can, as fast as we can, and to get as many premises passed. 'Clearly as time moves on, there will be more funding coming in which the Government will have to allocate.' After the hearing Mr Reid said: 'Broadband is a critical part of modern society. Both the UK and Scottish governments must put in the investment required to deliver 100 per cent superfast broadband coverage. Whether it be by BT's fibre optic cable network or by wireless or satellite, it must happen soon.'

# Schools face budget changes

A POLICY change from Argyll and Bute Council will stop head teachers being able carry over part of their budgets from year to year.

The proposal before the policy and resources committee would prevent schools saving up for bigger purchases for the school.

The change, to be put before the next full council meeting, would see £300,000 saved each year by the local authority.

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# Jobs may go with new service

HEALTH and social care integration between Argyll and Bute Council's social work department and NHS Highland's community care will see a number of staff under the threat of job losses. However, councillors last week raised concerns that while it

would be one service, the terms and conditions of employees were such that some NHS staff would be redeployed while Argyll and Bute staff members would be made redundant. Councillor Elaine Robertson said: 'To clarify, any council employee following the recruitment

process will be subject to redundancy. 'It makes it quite difficult to integrate two workforces when there are different policies.' Christina West, chief officer for health and welfare integration, said: 'We have a no redundancy policy for the NHS.'

SOUTHEND



## Reporter grilled on Courier life

COURIER reporter John McCallum paid a visit to Southend Primary School last Thursday as part of the school's book week. Held following World Book Day in March, the youngsters asked John lots of questions on life as a

reporter in Campbeltown, such as how many stories he writes, what is his most interesting story, and how he became a reporter.

**Inquisitive**

One inquisitive youngster even asked: 'Do you fly to India for

stories?' but John said: 'I mostly do stories around Campbeltown.' The pupils, pictured with John, were excited about going to school last Friday dressed as their favourite book characters.

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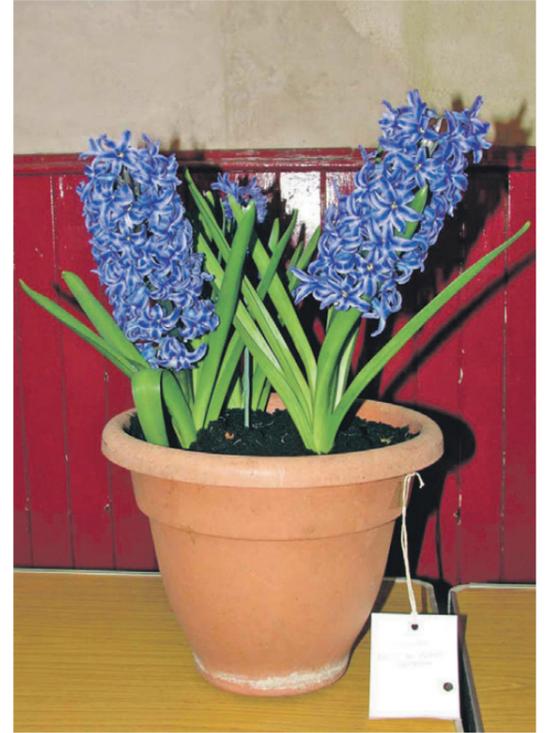
ISLAY

## Port Charlotte church receives £15,800 repair boost

ST Kieran's Church, Port Charlotte, Islay has been given a grant of £15,800 towards roof repairs. The money has been awarded by the UK government's Church Roof Fund.

Alan Reid, LibDem candidate for Argyll and Bute, welcomed the news: 'As the chancellor said in his budget speech last week, the £15 million Church Roof Fund he set aside at the Autumn Statement to support church roof appeals was heavily oversubscribed and it was good to hear him announce he was going to treble it.'

BELLOCHANTUY



Bellochantuy SWRI held its annual bulb show on March 9. Best exhibit in bulb show was won by Angie Smith's hyacinths, pictured.

# Vodafone apologises for letting down Islay

VODAFONE apologised to the people of Islay and promised to do better, when Alan Reid, Argyll and Bute candidate for the Liberal Democrats, chaired a Scottish Affairs Committee hearing into telecommunications in rural Scotland.

While still the sitting MP he interrogated Vodafone's Paul Morris, head of government affairs, and Colin Scott, senior regulatory manager for Scotland, on their company's failings on Islay.

The Vodafone signal on Islay has failed on several occasions recently with a long time to repair each time. Embarrassingly for Vodafone it had also failed on the day of the hearing.

'You can see why your customers on Islay are feeling upset,' Mr Reid said.

Afterwards, Mr Reid said: 'Vodafone admitted at the hearing that it took 18 days to repair a fault during last

summer, then 18 days and then another 14 days during the winter storms.

'The mobile phone company says the new 4G equipment it is investing in is more robust and includes heating to keep ice at bay but its commitment to 4G appears to be waiting for BT Open Reach installing new internet links before it invests.

'It is promising jam tomorrow, but people want to be able to make telephone calls now.

'Customers without service for three days can apply to the mobile phone company for compensation.'

Mr Scott said the winter storms caused 200 sites to fail, a huge engineering challenge: 'One of the big difficulties was actually getting to the cell sites. They are often on top of hills and way off the roads. They are not even accessible by 4x4s.

'Engineers have to walk miles with their

equipment and kit. Then they might find they are unable to climb the mast because it is covered in ice.'

Mr Morris said: 'We know that we have not delivered the service we would want to deliver. We are watching Islay all the time and hope it will not go wrong again.'

Mr Reid added: 'Vodafone says it is in transition to 4G, and asks us to judge them at the end of the investment cycle. People on Islay and across all Argyll need a reliable, weather-resilient mobile phone service until then, and that is how they will judge the company.'

'It is essential that BT also plays its part and delivers the superfast broadband needed to help the transition to 4G happen.'

Calls from Islay residents for extra investment in the island's landlines, broadband and mobile coverage are being backed by Jamie

McGrigor, Highlands and Islands Conservative MSP, and Alastair Redman, Scottish Conservative Westminster candidate for Argyll and Bute.

Mr McGrigor said: 'I have consistently argued that a modern and reliable digital communication technology infrastructure is key to tackling the projected depopulation in Argyll and Bute. This applies especially on islands like Islay and Jura.'

Mr Redman said: 'Islay residents contact me regularly with their frustrations on days when they experience having no mobile signal or internet or crackling landlines. Having a modern telecommunications infrastructure is vital for local residents and businesses, including farmers, and the Scottish government should be doing far more to put pressure on BT and mobile phone operators to improve their service for local consumers.'

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April and May represent key months in the crop calendar with many crops growing vigorously.

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and these will need to be kept under check with an appropriate spray.

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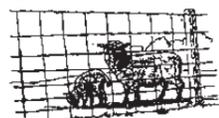
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## Leading MSP welcomes new steps to help dairy industry

A NEW Scottish dairy brand will be launched later in the year to help the beleaguered dairy industry.

Rob Gibson MSP, convener of the Scottish parliament's rural affairs climate change and environment committee, said on Tuesday: 'We need to help people buy Scottish - we must develop the export market, of course, but we must also challenge patterns of sales right here in Scotland.'

'There are great opportunities to develop and brand added value premium Scottish products - butter, cheese, yoghurt, cream - and to innovate new products such as bio drinks, puddings, and children's snack products.'

'We also need to look at the way we label products. If they are to be labelled as Scottish

then that must mean that they are made from Scottish milk....

'... why do many Scottish consumers choose not to buy Scottish yoghurts and creams? Because they are either not being produced or not being pushed hard enough in our shops....

'... We must not forget the infrastructure needs here, not only to maintain what we have but to develop new facilities if we need them.'

Last month the RACCE committee held a short sharp inquiry into the developing crisis in the Scottish dairy industry, sparked by the announcement by First Milk it was to delay payments to its farmers.

Mr Gibson said: 'We heard from a wide range of people, including dairy farmers in some of our more fragile communities, processors, in-

## Archie Millar receives award at AGM

THE AGM for the Kintyre and District Ayrshire Breeders Club was held on March 16 in the Argyll Arms Hotel in Campbeltown when chairman Thomas Cameron jnr welcomed 24 members and friends.

He opened the meeting by giving a detailed report of the club's activities over the past year, the highlight possibly being a trip to Northern Ireland on Kintyre Express to view three herds, this being enjoyed thoroughly by all participating.

Thomas then introduced the speaker for the evening, Willie Whiteford, president of the Ayrshire Cattle Society, who farms with his family at Middle Farm, Cumbria.

Firstly, Mr Whiteford presented the premier breeder of the year award, a trophy given by the late Hamish Smith who was a stalwart supporter of the club and the Ayrshire breed. This is for the most points gained in club competitions over the year and was won by Archie Millar of Balygreggan.

Willie went on to discuss the workings and activities of the society and instigated a discussion on the dairy industry.

The formal meeting was concluded by a vote of thanks given by the vice-chairman, Malcolm Ronald, following which a light supper and informal chat was enjoyed by all present.

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dustry bodies, retailers, the UK Groceries Code Adjudicator and the cabinet secretary for rural affairs, food and environment.

'I am delighted the committee's views being taken into account in the Scottish government's Dairy Action Plan.

'It was unfortunate that there was initial reluctance by some of Scotland's biggest supermarkets to appear before us, but I am pleased that in the end all nine main retailers in the country gave very valuable evidence to us.

'It was apparent to us very quickly that there were some very serious challenges facing the dairy sector in Scotland and that urgent action is required if we are going to address these challenges....Many people who spoke to us felt that there were reasons to believe that the medium to long term outlook was positive.'

Mr Gibson said lessons had to be learned from First Milk's decision making and management which had been criticised, and steps had to be taken to protect the likes of the Gigha farmer who has to pour away milk if it cannot be taken to the mainland in time for collection due to bad weather or other circumstances.

He told how eight points made by the RACE committee had been taken up by the dairy plan: investment in infrastructure; measures to keep producers in the market; dedicated in-market export resources and a marketing push on all products; improvement in the quality of management at First Milk; exploration of the potential for partnership agreements with local authorities and agencies; examination of the pension legacy liabilities from the previous milk marketing board; consideration of the size of First Milk and opportunities to work with others; and initiating research and development for new products in Scotland to stimulate innovation.

Mr Gibson said: 'We must improve transparency on pricing. The public has a right to know what producers are being paid. £1 for four pints of milk in many supermarkets is an attractive proposition for consumers, but where does that leave those producing the product?'

He also pointed out that the committee was appalled at the list of abhorrent supermarket practices that the UK Groceries Code Adjudicator described.



**Rob Gibson**  
MSP, convener of the Scottish parliament's rural affairs climate change and environment committee.

## Market reports

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 328 store cattle at its annual spring show and sale of native breeds on Monday which for the third year running was kindly supported and sponsored by Wm Morrison Supermarket. The judge on the day was Malcolm Kidd, Yewtree, Cheshire.

An excellent ringside of both selling and buying clients resulted in record averages being recorded in most breeds with Aberdeen Angus taking the largest rise on the year of 38p per kg, whitebred shorthorns at 35p per kg, beef shorthorns 18p per kg, Highlands 10p per kg, Luings 3p per kg.

Buyers forward came from many parts of Scotland and as far away as Cheshire and North Yorkshire which resulted in all classes being scarce of requirements.

Overall champion went to H Dunlop, Holehouse, Cumnock with an Aberdeen Angus heifer which sold for £1,110 to G McFadzean, Woodhead of Mailer, Perth.

Reserve champion, an Aberdeen Angus bull-ock again from H Dunlop, made £1,150 to R S Ferguson, East Camps, Dunfermline.

68 beef shorthorn bullocks sold averaged 241p per kg (+18p per kg on the year) to 249p per kg from Argyll and Lochaber, Kennacraig, Tarbert and to £1,010 from Mrs H Strathmore, Glengarnock.

72 Aberdeen Angus bullocks sold averaged 268p per kg (+38p per kg on the year) to 295p per kg from N Bowser, Argaty, Doune and to

£1,190 from Mrs J McCormack, Muirton, Kirkcaldy.

44 Luing bullocks averaged 227p per kg (+3p per kg on the year) to 243p per kg from J Barr & Sons, Braidland, Stewarton and to £1,120 from R McNee Ltd, Woodend, Armadale.

15 Highland bullocks averaged 176p per kg (+10p per kg on the year) to 206p per kg from Mrs H Kirkpatrick, Strathmore, Glengarnock which was closely followed at 200p per kg from RSPB, Arradh, Isle of Islay and to £915 from Strathmore.

19 whitebred shorthorn bullocks average 269p per kg (+35p per kg on the year) to 281p per kg from G Bannerman, Old Manse, Balmaha and to £645 again from Old Manse.

Belted Galloways sold 194p per kg from H & N Sloan, Burnfoot, Oxton and to £930 from the same home.

12 beef shorthorn heifers averaged 219p per kg (+31p per kg on the year) to 227p per kg from J Wood, Brewsterwells, St Andrews and to £890 from W L Chambers, North Moorhouse, Newton Mearns.

35 Aberdeen Angus heifers averaged 218p (+6p per kg on the year) to 264p per kg from H Dunlop, Holehouse, Cumnock and to £1,110 again from Holehouse.

21 other bullocks averaged 232p per kg selling to 243p per kg from Sim Luings from Braidlands, Stewarton and to £810 from the same home.

18 other heifers averaged 208p per kg to 214p per kg from H P Frame, Turdees, Newhouse and to £740 from the same home.

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# Campaign will promote Kintyre cheese

NFU Scotland will launching its 'Kintyre Cheese? Yes Please' campaign next week to encourage members of the public to buy Mull of Kintyre Cheddar and support dairy farmers within the area.

Allan Bowie, the NFUS president, will be visiting Campbeltown to take part in the campaign alongside local dairy farmers and NFUS staff in an effort to increase the amount of local cheese bought by consumers.

As part of the campaign, promotional bumper and car stickers, and roadside banners have been produced promoting the phrase:

'Kintyre Cheese, Yes Please!' with free samples to be given out at the Co-Operative Food Campbeltown store from 11am to 2pm on Tuesday, April 7.

As well as Campbeltown Creamery and the town's two supermarkets now stocking Mull of Kintyre Cheddar, other smaller outlets in and around Campbeltown are also stocking it.

The campaign, created by the local Kintyre branch of NFUS, has been prompted by the dramatic plunge in the price paid for farmers for their milk.

Mr Bowie said: 'This campaign

demonstrates the passion that local farmers have for the food that they produce. This is a premium product, which locals are extremely lucky to have on their doorstep.

'All farmers have a fantastic story to tell and this is demonstrated by the relationship that farmers in Kintyre have with Mull of Kintyre Cheddar.

'But we need to take this into the wider market too. In the Year of Scotland Food and Drink it is a pertinent reminder of the high-quality produce that is on offer locally.

'The buck doesn't stop with



promoting the cheese locally however, we need to push for further marketing both nationally and internationally and we look forward to hearing from First Milk, which runs Campbeltown Creamery where the cheese is produced, about how this will be achieved.

'From field to fork everything that is grown on farms across the country tells a story of hard work, passion and flavour. This campaign shows that farmers want to get their story across, and the increase in local demand for Mull of Kintyre which has been generated

by this campaign tells us that consumers want to buy fantastic locally-produced food.'

John Smith of Drumalea Farm, by Campbeltown, said: 'Having Mull of Kintyre Cheddar available locally once again is fantastic.

'Providing the option for consumers of buying local cheese is a very positive step, and we thank all those who have been instrumental in making this happen.'

Last week, the Courier reported on how Campbeltown shoppers were delighted to see the cheese back on sale in their Co-op and Tesco stores.

## Third place for Kintyre sheepdog team

A TEAM from Kintyre and Arran recently took part in the Scottish inter-district nursery sheepdog finals, held at Daljarrock Holme in Pinmore, South Ayrshire.

Among the team of five dogs and their handlers were Kintyre

men John Casey, with dogs Ben and Kyle, and Mike McInally, with his dog Jock.

Overall Arran and Kintyre finished third with 346 pts behind winners Lanark, Lothian and Peeblesshire with 364 pts and

Wigtownshire with 348 pts.

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The Arran and Kintyre team who took part in the Scottish inter-district nursery finals.

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#### UK PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

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An Election is to be held for a Member of Parliament to serve in the Argyll and Bute County Constituency.

Nomination papers may be delivered to the Returning Officer at The Election Office, Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RT between the hours of **10.00 am** and **4.00pm** Monday to Friday after the date of this notice, excluding the public holidays on Friday 3 April (Good Friday) and Monday 6 April (Easter Monday) but not later than **4.00pm on Thursday 9 April 2015**.

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31 March 2015

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The Agenda for the meeting is available to view at the Servicepoint, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead and at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk)

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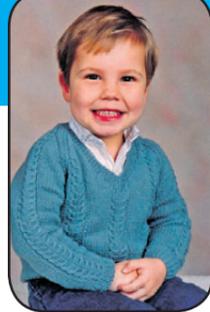
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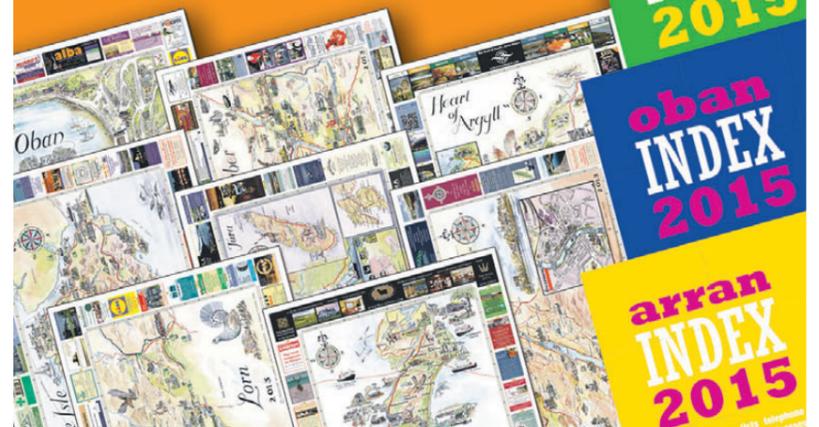
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PERSONAL NOTICES

Maureen and Angus would like to say a huge THANK YOU



to everyone who looked out for him during his recent 5 day adventure around Mid Argyll. Angus arrived home on Saturday night, soggy and hungry but otherwise fine! Thanks again to everyone.

Thank You

Sandra and Charlie Campbell would like to thank friends and relatives for the lovely cards and gifts received on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Happy 18th Birthday Jodie



Love you lots Jamie, Jack and Dad

THANK YOU ALL

I have been deeply touched by the cards, phone calls, flowers, hampers and gifts received since my hospitalisation and on returning home. On behalf of Eleanor, Donald, Caitlin and myself, our sincere thanks for all your kindness, generosity and support shown during this time.

Iain MacPherson

HAMISH TAYLOR

Would like to thank family and friends for letters, cards and phone calls while in hospital.

It is very much appreciated.

Thank you all.

**Thought for the Week**

with Marilyn Shedden



TODAY is Good Friday and is the day we remember the crucifixion of Jesus. It is a dark day. It is also known as Holy Friday, Easter Friday and Black Friday. On talking about this to the children, the question arose as why it should be called 'Good Friday' when such a dreadful thing happened.

Children usually get to the core of the matter and ask the deepest questions. The consensus was that it should be called 'Bad Friday'.

This is not an unreasonable suggestion for it was surely a dark day.

In German it is known as 'Sorrowful Friday' and this may seem more appropriate.

Whatever name we give to this Friday, it remains at the heart of the Christian faith.

It is thought that the name 'Black Friday' came about because the scriptures tell us that 'darkness came over the whole land'.

Darkness came over the land because the light of the world had gone out. The one who was life and light and hope, hung dying on a cross. It was dark indeed. Hopeless, even.

There is a famous saying which advises, 'Light a candle and don't curse the darkness'.

On Good Friday it was very dark.

Who will light a candle?

They took Jesus from the cross and laid him in the darkness of a tomb.

Who will light a candle?

There was darkness over the face of the earth.

Total darkness – and silence.

The world stood still and waited.

Who will light a candle?

And morning came and evening came, the third day - and it brought forth life.

The darkness rolled away and the silence was broken by birdsong and whispers.

Silence was silenced and creation shouted with joy for someone brought the light back.

And on Sunday the whole church universal will shout aloud, 'The Lord is Risen, he is risen indeed!'

# Families who don't look forward to the school holidays

SOME parents in Kintyre may be dreading the Easter school holidays because they cannot afford the extra meals for their children.

That is the concern of Squirrel Cross, one of the organisers of Kintyre Food Bank which opened last October in the yard of the former Campbeltown Police Station in Castlehill.

She told the Courier this week: 'There is now strong evidence around the UK that it can now only take one week of school holidays to tip families into food poverty.'

'Since the start of this year, primary one to three schoolchildren in Scotland have been given free school meals. Other children will also be entitled to free lunches.'

'That will be a very important meal for a lot of families struggling to make ends meet. But along comes a school holiday and suddenly some parents are hav-

ing to find extra money they simply do not have to pay for food.

'The danger is that either adults or their children will go without eating.'

Trussell Trust, now the country's largest food bank provider, said it has for some time come to expect higher demand during the long summer holidays when children do not attend school for weeks and parents have to buy more food.

Adrian Curtis, the trust director, said: 'For some families that's enough to trip them into a crisis, where they're referred to our food banks.'

Ms Cross said: 'I have a strong feeling that there are children in this area going without.'

'If people are struggling, we would strongly encourage them to contact us. There is no need for mums or their children to be skipping meals this Easter holiday.'

'They can contact us on 07856209005 or



## Coffee morning raises £625

**Campbeltown Macmillan Cancer Support raised £625 from its coffee morning in the Red Cross Hall in Kirk Street last Saturday. Committee member Sheena Ramsay said: 'It was a terrific sum of money considering there were other fundraisers on in the town that day. Our thanks go to everyone who supported us.' Jean Kirk, left, is pictured with Wilma Stevenson ready to sell tombola tickets.**

01586-554744. The food bank is open on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings between 11am and noon.

'We treat everyone who contacts us with empathy and respect and the utmost confidentiality.'

She added: 'Since we opened in October, it is

clear that there are people in Kintyre who need the food bank.

'I believe that there are also still people who are either not aware of us or are reluctant to use us - they shouldn't be.'

In the UK 13 million people live below the poverty line and an es-

timate one in five mums regularly skip meals to feed their children.

More than 900,000 received three days' emergency food from Trussell Trust food banks in 2013-14 - more than double the figure for the previous year. Usage is still rising.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures for ever' (Psalm 107:1).

**BIRTHS**



**ANDERSON**

Alan and Holly are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Quinn Fiona, on March 12, 2015 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. A lovely wee sister for Ruben.

**DEATHS**

**CONVERY** - Suddenly at her home, MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead, on March 18, 2015, Ann Convery, née Whale, in her 80th year, beloved wife of the late Danny, much loved and loving mother of Paul, Graham, Gavin and Gillian, adored nana and great nana and a much respected mother-in-law. Dear sister of Margaret and Barbara. A good neighbour, work colleague and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium, on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. Sadly missed.

**CRAIG** - Very peacefully at home, Tighnamara, High Askomil, Campbeltown, surrounded by his family, on March 28, 2015, William Gold Craig, in his 75th year, much loved husband of Jennifer McLchere, loving dad of Ian, Caroline, Colin and John and a much loved grandad. Service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, April 3, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Palliative Care, Kintyre Locality and the Beatson Cancer Charity.

**GILMOUR** - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, after an illness borne with bravery and courage, on March 25, 2015, Sheena M Gilmour, née Cameron, in her 80th year, of 8 Dochas Place, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of the late Iain Gilmour, much loved and loving mother of Angus, Lesley, Colin and the late John and adored nana to her seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Dear sister of Anne and the late Ewen. A good friend, dear neighbour and former work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, followed by interment at Achabreac Cemetery. Forever in our hearts, simply the best.

**GOULD** - Suddenly, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on March 22, 2015, Florence Audrey Gould, in her 96th year, 38 Sound of Kintyre, Machrihanish, dearly beloved mother of Jane, Peter and Philip and a much loved grandmother and great grandmother. A cremation service will take place in Cardross Crematorium, on Friday, April 3, 2015 at 2.15pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**MACCALLUM** - Norman. Ethel and Duncan wish to express grateful thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for the wonderful support in their recent sad bereavement and for the lovely cards, floral tributes, baking and food handed in. Special thanks to their niece, Carol, for her sustaining support, to Rev Dr MacLeod for visits and spiritual guidance and for a comforting service at church and graveside, to Charles Walker for the beautiful music, to Stan Lupton for his sensitive and efficient handling of the arrangements, to the George Hotel for a lovely meal and warm welcome, and to all who came to be with us. Your love surrounded us and was a huge comfort to all the family. Moran taing.

**MACKINNON** - The family of the late Hector MacKinnon would like to sincerely thank all family, friends and ex colleagues for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received on their recent sad loss. Thanks to the Rev Philip Wallace for his support and touching service, to David McEwan for his friendship and inspirational choice of music, to John McGeachy for his appropriate send off on the pipes, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair, funeral directors, for their professional service and to the Ardshiel Hotel for hospitality. Special thanks to the staff of the Stroke Unit, Southern General Hospital, the district nurses and the wonderful girls of Carr Gomm for their care of Hector in his last few months at home, and to caring neighbours, Alex Gilchrist, Colin Duncan, the Martin family and Jeanette Maloney and family for care shown to Hector at home. Finally, thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside and donated generously to the retiral collection towards the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church and Cancer Research.

**MACVICAR** - Robbie and family would like to thank friends and neighbours for their messages of support by way of cards, calls, visits and flowers received following the sad loss of their much loved wife, mum and nana. Sincere thanks to the doctors and staff of Glenaray Ward and the Royal Alexandra Hospital for the exceptional care and attention given

to Peggy. Heartfelt thanks to community staff for the dignified and compassionate care she received. Thanks to Roddy MacDonald and colleagues for the exemplary professional service provided, to Rev David Carruthers for his service which was a fitting tribute to Peggy, and to the Stag Hotel for excellent purvey. Thanks to John MacLeod for a moving rendition on the bagpipes and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside and so generously donated £540 to Parkinson's Scotland and Glenaray Ward.

**REID** - Ann and Gordon would like to express grateful appreciation to relatives, friends and neighbours for their sympathy and support following the loss of their dearly loved mum, Molly. Beautiful flowers, cards, letters, calls, gifts and visits provided great comfort and solace. Profound gratitude to Dr Adrian Ward and to the home care ladies and district nurses who looked after Mum so well, especially Laurene and Ann R; and to Ann M and Christine for their strength and support at the end. A very special thanks to all the ladies who helped make communication possible between Los Altos Hills and Braeside in latter days and to Jackie G for sending one very important message at just the right time. Heartfelt thanks to Roddy and Fiona at Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their kindness, support and highly professional handling of arrangements; to Rev Roddy MacLeod for his comforting and compassionate service and to Flowers by Morna for truly beautiful floral arrangements. A special personal thanks to Char for her abiding friendship and unflinching support. To all the wonderful friends who came to celebrate Molly's life at the open house, thank you for the heart-warming gift of your presence.

**IN MEMORIAMS**

**GLEN** - Patricia (Ellis). In loving memory of my sister, died April 5, 2002. Not just today, Always.

- Davie and Catherine xx. Miss you. - Karen x.

**HARDIE** - Treasured memories of a loving husband and dad, Davie, who passed away on April 2, 2013.

No matter how we spend our days  
No matter what we do  
No morning dawns or evening falls  
When we don't think of you.

Forever in our hearts.  
- Anne, Lisa and Jamie.

**HARDIE** - Treasured memories of our dear son-in-law, David, died April 2, 2013. Loved and remembered always.  
- Ellen and George.

**HOULDSWORTH** - In loving memory of a dear husband, dad and papa, Peter, died April 5, 2005.

Though his smile is gone forever  
And his hand I cannot touch  
I still have so many memories  
Of the one I loved so much.  
- Eleanor.  
A beautiful memory, dearer than gold  
Of a dad whose worth can never be told  
There's a place in our heart no one can fill  
We miss you, Dad, and always will.  
- Amanda and Linda.  
Your smile has gone forever  
And your hand we cannot touch  
We have so many memories  
Of a papa we loved so much.  
- Ashley and Lewis.

**MACDONALD** - In loving memory of my dearest husband, Ian, died April 8, 2013. I loved you Ian, I always will  
The day I lost you the world stood still  
You won't come back I know that's true  
Some day I will come to you.  
Ian, I will always love you.  
- Diana.

**MACGREGOR** - In loving memory of a dear mum and nanny (Mary Orr), who died on April 8, 1982, also a dear dad and pappy (Charlie), who died on December 18, 1999. Forever in our hearts.  
- From all the family.

**SMITH** - In loving memory of my son-in-law, Iain, who died suddenly on April 5, 2011, a kind and loving brother-in-law and uncle.  
Our memories of you are like leaves of gold  
They never tarnish or grow old  
Quietly today your memory we treasure  
Loving you always, forgetting you never.  
- Cathy and family, Tarbert, Glasgow, Mull.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

*Highland Parish Church*



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**Sunday 5th April**  
The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor at 11.15am in the Highland Church  
Thank you to everyone who made our Spring Tea a great success.  
*Everyone very welcome*

  
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**Sundays**  
11.00 am Eucharist service  
4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins  
& 11am Eucharist Service  
Coffee & Cake follows the service  
**St Columba's, Pottaloch, nr Kilmartin (SC031391)**  
1st Sunday of the month 9am Eucharist service  
3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong  
Scottish Prayer Book  
**All Saints, Inveraray (SC025646)**  
Saturdays 5.30pm Eucharist Service  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
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Saturday 5pm  
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*All Welcome (SC002876)*

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
**Easter Sunday 5th April 2015**  
11.00am Family Service with Communion with crèche  
Mr Ian Clark  
Scottish Bible Society  
Songs of Praise for Easter Sunday 7.30pm Episcopal Church  
**No toddler group this week**  
**Thursday 9th April**  
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
To hear Christian music, conversation and Thought for the Week, tune in to Argyll FM - 106.5/107.1 & 107.7fm - on Monday mornings from 8am to 9am and listen to the Breakfast Show. For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200 [www.springbankchurch.co.uk](http://www.springbankchurch.co.uk) SCO14646

**Campbeltown Corps Church and Community Centre**  
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**Good Friday, 3rd April**  
Prayer & Praise Meeting 3.00pm  
**Easter Sunday, 5th April**  
Family Breakfast 9.00am  
Family Worship 10.30am  
Children's Easter Egg Hunt 11.30am  
Evening Worship 6.30pm  
**Tuesday**  
12.15pm Lunch Club  
1.30pm Home League  
**Wednesday**  
7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob  
**Thursday**  
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer  
Lt. Mark Scoulding

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SCO11686  
**Sunday 5th April**  
11.15am All Age Service  
Creche, Next Generation  
Triple C Egg Decorating Competition  
Rev P Wallace  
**Thursday 9th April**  
Choir 7.30pm

**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Services 5th April 2015 - all welcome!**  
**EASTER SERVICES Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair**  
Charity No. SC016097  
Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am (with Communion)  
Short service in Chalmers Court at 2.30 pm (with Communion)  
**Joint Services Good Friday 3rd April**  
in Cumlodden Church at 7 pm

**TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
**EASTER SERVICES Good Friday Tarbert Church 6.30pm**  
**Easter Sunday Services**  
Tarbert Church 11.30am  
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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
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Ladies Bible Study 2pm (fortnightly)  
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*All welcome.*

**lochgilphead baptist church**  
All Welcome  
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
**Sunday 5th April 2015**  
10.00am Easter Egg rolling at Kilmory  
Followed by coffee and croissants  
Easter Family Celebrations 11.00am  
**Saturday 4th April**  
mainly families  
**Monday 9th**  
2.30pm  
Ladies Meeting  
Dr Alison Hay  
NO mainly music  
NO Jumpstart  
Scottish Charity SC015187

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
**Sunday 5 April 2015**  
11.00am  
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followed by light lunch  
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# Swimmers in buoyant mood before season ahead

KINTYRE Amateur Swimming Club are making waves already this year.

With more than 50 youngsters taking to the pool at Campbeltown's Aqualibrium each week, club swimmers have already won medals in competitions across Scotland and have big plans for the rest of 2015.

Stuart McQuaker, head of PE at Campbeltown Grammar and one of the club's ten qualified coaches, said: 'So far it has been a very busy year for the club with ten swimmers competing in the South Ayrshire mini meet in January, at the Citadel in Ayr. 'Nine-year-old Logan Colville had a su-

perb meet, finishing all of her six events in the top six, winning gold in the 200-metre freestyle as well as bronze in the 50-metre backstroke and breaststroke races.

'Many other swimmers achieved personal best times in this open meet, where top age-group swimmers from clubs as far afield as Dundee competed.

'On the coaching front, it was fantastic to see nine Kintyre coaches complete their UKCC Level 1 Coaching Swimming course at Campbeltown's Big Coaching Weekend.'

KASC held its annual club sprint championships on Monday, February 9 in Aqualibrium, and the club is eagerly

awaiting some regional swims in the spring.

Stuart explained: 'We are part of the Clyde Coast Mini League for younger swimmers aged 8-11, which provides a fun, low-key introduction to competition for these swimmers, with three matches from March until May.'

The first meet, which took place on Sunday, March 1 saw the youngsters head to Bishopbriggs to take on Kirkin-tulloch and Kingston's teams.

The team are now preparing to host Dunoon and South Ayrshire on Saturday, April 18 before the final round of the mini-league on Saturday, May 16 sees them travel to Auchendarvie



These youngsters were all smiles at the end of another training session. 20\_c09swimclub01

to face North Ayrshire and Larkhall.

Lindsay Colville, another of the coaches, said: 'A few of us restarted the club in 2006 when the Aqualibrium opened, and we are on the go the whole year except for Christmas time. That shows you how popular it is with the kids.

'You see them improve in different ways; not only is it good for their fitness but they learn a new skill, have fun, experience being individuals in the pool but they also know they are part of a team.

'The swimmers get the chance to meet people from other clubs, some of whom they might end

up swimming against.

'It is not all about winning, it is about improving skills and developing as young people.'

David Cox, coach, said: 'To have 50 people arriving for training is tremendous, it shows the commitment is there on both sides.

'Apart from the football scene it has to be

one of the biggest sports clubs in the town, which is great to see.'

Stuart added: 'The top six league clubs from the 18 competing in the mini-league will go to a final swim-off, held at the beginning of June, for the Rosebowl.

'It is by far the best - and noisiest - gala the swimmers will attend.'



Pictured are league winners Kilbrannan A with Elaine Munro of the Kilbrannan. Missing from the picture are Richard Tavendale, Jock MacLatchie, Greg Scally and Thomas McGuire.

## Kilbrannan 'A' win first title

DARTS outfit Kilbrannan A won their final game of the season 8-2 against the Commercial Inn to take the league title for the first time.

The team were worthy champions after finishing the season undefeated, despite losing several players towards the season's end due to work commitments.

That brings the league season to a close for another year, apart from a couple of charity events later this month.

The new season starts again in October and the league would welcome any new pubs or clubs keen to join next season.

### Results

Week 18 results: Kilbrannan A 8 Commercial 2, Southend 9 Kilbrannan B 1, Fiddlers 7 Ailsa 3, Burnside 10 Kilbrannan C 0, Fiddlers B/Bye.

John McIntosh scored 180 for the Commercial and Jamie McGougan scored 180 for Kilbrannan A.

## Argyll awards annual prizes

ARGYLL Bowling Club held a fun night in the clubhouse on Friday, March 20 which was followed by the annual prizegiving.

The results were as follows:

Two bowls pairs - E McCrimmon, M Maguire (s); runners up - L Robertson, G Grant (s). Club pairs - M MacDougall, G McLachlan (s); runners up - J McCormick, G Grant (s).

Four bowl three set - A P Ronald, runner up - D Reid. Vice president's shield - A P Ronald, runner up - K Kerr. President's shield - A P Ronald,

runner up - D Reid. Junior championship - C Kerr, runner up - J McLean. Senior championship - K McGougan, runner up J McCorkindale.

Ladies championship - J McCorkindale, runner up K McGougan. Gents championship - D Reid, runner up R Coffield.

The club triples were played on Sunday with a very close final decided by one shot. Winners - M Robertson, L Robertson, J McCorkindale (s); runners up P Grumoli jnr, L Brannigan, B Brannigan (s).



Argyll Bowling Club annual prizewinners.



Club triple winners, left, with runners up.



Pictured from left are Jean Miller, Hannah Gilchrist, Ria Johnston and Susan Gilchrist.

## Indoors end with two trophy wins

CAMPBELTOWN Bowling Club's ladies brought the curtain down on the indoor season last week with two singles competitions.

The club's open singles, held last Saturday, was won by Jana MacPherson, in a closely contested final with Lorraine Brodie.

This was followed on Sunday by the ever-popular Mary Meenan Memorial Singles, which saw Jean Miller make a remarkable comeback

against Susan Gilchrist to take the trophy.

Ladies' president Ria Johnston, ably assisted by Hannah Gilchrist, presented Miller and Gilchrist with their prizes.

The club is now looking forward to the opening on of the green, in immaculate condition for this time of year, at 2pm on Saturday, April 11, and the traditional match between the club's president and vice president.



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Competitors in last year's Tarbert 10 race.  
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## Under orders for Tarbert races

ENTRIES open today (Friday) for the Tarbert 10k and 5k road races on Saturday, August 15.

They will be open on the Qbuster website.

Jessica Little, one of the race organisers, said: 'We have made some changes to the 10km. These changes were made to improve road safety. They are not finalised yet and we are still waiting on the maps. Once we have these we will make them available via our Facebook page.'

'We are also delighted to announce the first ever series of 'Dooker

Dash' races. These will be short sprints for children of toddling age up to 10 years old.

'These will be held on the Friday afternoon prior to the races on the Saturday.

'Registration for the 10k and 5k will be on Friday evening and on Saturday morning.'

Southend's Kenny Campbell, a member of Campbeltown Running Club, has won the 10k race for the past two years and is expected to return to try and make it three out of three since the race was introduced to the running calendar.

# MacDougall double helps secure vital points

Tarbert	3
Milton of Colquhoun	1
SAFL Division 1B	

TARBERT welcomed Milton of Colquhoun on Saturday, March 21 when only three points separated the sides.

The game started brightly with the away side pressing forward and taking the game to Tarbert.

However, with only a few minutes on the clock, Tarbert opened the scoring after a long throw into the far corner by goal machine James Prentice.

This was just what Tarbert needed entering the stage of the season where every point is crucial in their promotion push.

### Soft free kick

Barely a few minutes passed and the away side made it 1-1. A soft free kick was given away 25 yards out and the Milton player made no mistake, curling home past John Martin.

Tarbert had a penalty claim dismissed for a blatant foul on Lewis MacNaughton which left the winger in agony and sidelined for the rest of the season.

A penalty was given after Johnson burst into the box only to be scythed down by the centre half. Nikki MacDougall scored from the spot.



Allan Blair, number 2, clears a Milton attack as Fraser Talbot and keeper John Martin look on.

A pulsating half continued and when Johnson was fouled 25 yards out Prentice forced the keeper into a fumble from the resulting free kick, allowing MacDougall to notch his second from the rebound.

The second half consisted of constant Milton possession without really troubling Martin in the Tarbert goal.

From all the pressure, the away side only really mustered two real chances, one superbly saved by the Tarbert keeper and the other scrambled to safety by Talbot when a goal seemed inevitable.

Tarbert looked dangerous on the break throughout and did enough to hold on and claim a vital three



Andrew Guy rides a Milton tackle.

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Ewan McIlroy (number 3) is poised to score from a corner. 08\_c14carr01

## Keep your effort constant

WE are heading for halfway in the beginners' preparation for the MOK 10K and half marathon races on May 23.

There is a slight change this week to the 10k schedule.

Session 1 is a 20-minute run, while sessions 2 and 3 follow the same routine as last week of a five minute walk followed by 15 minutes running and then finishing with a five minute walk.

The half marathon schedule is a repeat of last week: session 1 - 8 miles long run; session 2 - 3 miles hard run; session 3 - 4 miles quality run; session 4 - 4 miles easy run.

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

Pushing into a wind does not build strength, just fatigue.

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# 'Dale net five in impressive win

CARRADALE continued their impressive winning run with a 5-2 home win against Inchinnan Valley last Saturday.

Played in Campbeltown at Kinloch's all-weather pitch, Carradale piled more pain on their visitors after a 3-1 in the reverse fixture a fortnight ago.

Two goals in the opening six minutes set Carradale on their way.

First, Declan McAulay's 40-yard cross-field pass was taken down expertly by Ryan McConnachie, who beat a defender before slotting a right-foot shot across



Cammy Maguire had an easy tap in after Ryan McConnachie carved open the Inchinnan Valley defence. 08\_c14carr03

Carradale	5
Inchinnan Valley	2
West of Scotland AFL	

the keeper and into the net.

The second goal arrived moments later when Mark Gillies played a slide-rule pass to Gregor Croll, who produced an almost identical finish to give Carradale some breathing space.

It could have been 3-0 soon after but McAulay put a shot over the bar from close range with his left foot.

Inchinnan Valley hit a post after a breakaway

attack, and 'Dale's Cammy Maguire missed a chance.

Into the second half, the deficit was halved when Ewan McIlroy fouled inside the area, allowing the visitors' number eight to shoot past Neil McMillan, who had saved a penalty the previous week.

### Undeterred

However, McFadyens-sponsored Carradale were undeterred and made it 3-1 on 67 minutes to allay any fears of an Inchinnan comeback.

McConnachie took possession and went on a remarkable 60-yard run, beating a defender and the outcoming keeper, before passing the ball for Maguire to slot the ball home into an empty net.

It was 4-1 in the 74th minute when McIlroy

atoned for his earlier error by rising to head home a powerful header.

Four minutes later, Cammy Maguire was brought down and a penalty was awarded, but the striker's spot kick was saved.

Inchinnan reacted in the best possible fashion by swiftly going down the other end to make it 4-2, their number eight scoring his brace when he beat McMillan to the ball and prodded an effort over the line.

The scoring was completed when Gillies met a free-kick from the left with his head to seal the win for Carradale.

Man of the match was Ryan McConnachie, and the match ball was sponsored by Campbeltown Motor Company.

Carradale manager Nonnie Macalister said: 'We played well and showed plenty of energy going forward.'

'We seemed to take our foot off the pedal after two early goals but we have kept our win-



Declan McAulay proved tricky for Inchinnan Valley to handle. 08\_c14carr02

ning run going which is always a good habit.'

With Easter meaning a reduced fixture list in the amateur leagues, Carradale have no fixture tomorrow (Saturday) before three consecutive away matches from next weekend.

## Sheer delight for Shirley

THERE were no Monday blues for Shirley McMillan of Machrihanish this week when she discovered she had lifted the £500 jackpot in Machrihanish Golf Club's latest three-number lottery.

Her winning numbers were 3, 6 and 9. The next draw is on Monday, April 6 for £100.

## Jackpot goes up to £600

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lottery on Sunday.

The numbers picked were 11, 12 and 13.

The next draw will take place on Sunday, April 12 with a jackpot of £600. Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Muneroy Stores and Burnside Bar.

## Am-am contest

DUNAVERTY Golf Club is holding its Am-Am competition on Saturday, April 11. Tee times are available from the clubhouse on 01586-830677.

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