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Crime on the decline

Police inspector hits out at claims made in a letter to the editor

by RUTH McCLEAN

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CRIME is in decline in Campbeltown according to the town's police inspector.

In a robust response to a letter published in *The Courier* two weeks ago, Inspector Tom Harper of Campbeltown Police hit back at claims made by its author.

The anonymous letter appeared in the edition of March 30. Since then, locals have been defending Campbeltown and its people against different points made, which included the author claiming that what the town needed was its own small jail.

In the letter the writer rhymed off the different articles, which appeared in the March 23 edition, all concerning crimes that took place in Kintyre.

Inspector Harper said he would like to reassure the local community and visitors that Campbeltown's crime

record is no worse than any similar sized town in Scotland.

He exclusively told *The Courier* this week: 'The individual took a synopsis of the various articles within the paper that week and to my mind just highlights the good work that is done by the police and partner agencies in relation to crime in the vicinity.'

Commit crimes

'Unfortunately in any area there are always going to be persons willing to commit crimes.'

He said the way the court falls once a month was also why there were so many articles in that particular week's edition about crime.

'If that person happened to look through the three other weeks in the month they would have been given a completely different picture,' he stressed.

Statistics are available on the Strathclyde Po-



Richard Gough pays a visit to Campbeltown

A FAMOUS ex-footballer who has played for Scotland, Everton and Tottenham was welcomed to Campbeltown for his first visit at the weekend.

More known to some for his time spent as Rangers captain, Richard Gough was brought to the town by the local Rangers Supporter's Club Campbeltown Loyal.

As well as enjoying breakfast in the Blue-

bell Café with some well-known local faces, Mr Gough enjoyed a round of golf before dinner at the Ardshiel Hotel. Next step was the Argyll Bowling Club for a question and answer session with members of Campbeltown Loyal and their friends and family.

Brothers Mark and Alan McCormick had the honour of piping Mr Gough into dinner.

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lice website for all its divisions.

For South Kintyre, serious violent crime has decreased by 44.44 per cent, with two incidents reported from December 2011 to February 2012, this is compared

to a five-year average of 3.6 per cent.

For the same three months, common assault has also decreased by 42.20 per cent from 34.6 incidents over the five-year average to 20 incidents.

Drug crime has decreased by 26.83 per cent. Anti social behaviour has gone from 104 incidents over the five-year average to 76 incidents over those three months.

Inspector Harper told

The Courier. 'I would personally like to reassure everyone that Campbeltown remains a nice, safe environment with the vast majority of residents being law abiding and pleasant.'

Council suspends two more press officers

ARGYLL and Bute Council has suspended two more members of staff in its press office after secretly monitoring private messages, *The Campbeltown Courier* can reveal.

Press officers Janet West and Dinah Mackay were ordered to leave their desks on Friday after council officers intercepted a joke between the pair in a private message using the council's internal communications system, Microsoft Lync.

It is understood the messages were being monitored by the authority as part of an internal investigation into the 'spy' allegations made against head of communications, Jo Smith, who was suspended in February.

That investigation is being led by former Audit Scotland chief, John Clayton, who has earned the nickname, 'The Rotweiler'.

The Campbeltown Courier has learned staff were not made aware internal communications were being monitored. However, the council has refused to answer

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Carradale Network Centre clean-up

CARRADALE'S Network Centre is set for a new lease of life after a major cleanup was undertaken.

Around 20 people came out last Thursday to help cut back vegetation, plant new fruit trees, and generally ready the centre for the spring and summer season.

The heritage centre reopened the following day and will remain open now until October.

And more exciting times lie ahead as the Network Centre has just gained funding to convert the adjacent old school building into a centre for mountain bike hire.

Sue Harris, who organised the clean-up, and was one of the villagers behind the fund-



Some of the volunteers who came to help in the cleanup of the Network Centre. 12_c15carra01

ing application for the mountain bike centre, said she was delighted to see so many people

turning out to help. The mountain bike centre funding came from Village SOS, a UK-wide

programme which gives Big Lottery money to projects in rural communities.

Of the Carradale application, Sue said: 'Originally we entered it to restore the petrol station which was closed. But we couldn't get more than £30,000 which was nowhere near enough for that.'

With the major task of cutting back vegetation around the school complete, the next step will be to clear out and refurbish the interior.

End of the road for Kintyre Civic Society?

COULD it be the end of the road for a local organisation that has helped to promote the built and natural environment in Kintyre?

Over the last few years the number of members in the Kintyre Civic Society has slowly dwindled, and has now got to the point where its current committee feel they can no longer continue.

They are appealing for locals to come forward to try and save this society from folding.

Those who have an interest in the built and natural environment of the local area have been meeting since 1985, and have organised the Kintyre Open Doors event to let people see some of Campbeltown's hidden gems.

As well as this it published the well-known *Campbeltown Book* in 2003, and published a CD with exact transcrip-

tions of the gravestones in Kilkerran Graveyard, indexed by the surnames listed, including the maiden names of married women.

Kate Walsham is the current chairwoman of the society and has been for a number of years now.

It currently has a committee of six, with most in their advanced years.

'We are all so disappointed at the thought the organisation could go,' stressed Kate.

'We have been thinking about it for a long time, but we just can't go on with the current numbers.'

'The society is looking for anyone who would be interested in pursuing and enhancing the built and natural environment of Campbeltown and Kintyre.'

'Unless volunteers come forward at the AGM to replace committee members standing down, it is likely that the members will take a vote to wind up the society. No one will regret this more than the present committee.'

The society will be holding its AGM in the Ardshiel Hotel, Campbeltown on April 18 at 7.30pm.

Council suspend two more press officers

Continued from Page 1 any questions on the latest suspensions, instead responding with a standard response.

A spokeswoman said: 'Two members of council staff have been suspended pending an investigation. This investigation does not relate to any other investigation being undertaken by the council.'

The council refused to clarify exactly what investigation the press officers are now subject to, or on what terms they have been suspended.

It also refused to reveal if all communications between council staff are being routinely monitored, including external calls and emails from members of the public.

A request to interview chief executive, Sally Loudon, has been refused.

Calls have now been made for a full, inde-

pendent investigation into the management of the council's press office and the spying allegations, with a local political party questioning the scope of the spying investigation set by Ms Loudon.

A letter has now been sent to the chief executive, calling for a fresh investigation with a remit agreed by all councillors.

Argyll and Bute Council began installing the Lync software in December 2010. To date, around £250,000 has been spent implementing the system, with a further £100,000 to be spent completing the system by next year.

Described as a business alternative to IP chat software, Skype, the system is designed to provide a secure network for communications, telephone, video calls, internet chat and emails.

Single force would benefit Argyll

A SINGLE police force for Scotland will benefit rural areas such as Argyll and the islands, according to one of the country's top cops.

Strathclyde Police Chief Constable Stephen House scotched fears the move would pull power away from the Central Belt - and claimed instead rural chief inspectors would be handed even greater control over resources.



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Police Files

Fixed penalties: OVER the weekend three people were issued with fixed penalty tickets.

Two were for failing to leave licensed premises and one for drinking alcohol in a public place.

Drink driving:

A MAN was arrested for drink driving after a road traffic collision on the A83 near to Kilkenzie on Saturday.

Two arrests:

LAST Friday two men were arrested by police in the town centre of Campbeltown.

One was for breaching the peace and the other for an assault, in unrelated incidents.

Suspicious persons:

POLICE have received numerous reports of suspicious persons making their way round houses in Campbeltown.

They are urging residents to take extra care, ask for identification and report any suspicious people to the local police station.

This was following reports over the weekend of people attending local houses, however on this occasion they turned out to be genuine.

Bike damaged:

ON SATURDAY a child's bike was damaged at Point Sands Caravan Park.

Police are appealing for witnesses after the child's bike was driven over.

Noisy parties:

DESPITE a busy holiday weekend in Campbeltown with many visitors around, police reported little trouble.

The main complaint was for noisy parties across the area, with residents warned of their conduct.



William takes top title in Stornoway

A WELL-known local piper has made history once again, as he took a major title for the eighth time. Campbeltown's William McCallum competed in the Pipe Major Donald MacLeod MBE Memorial Competition in Stornoway at the end of March, and swept the board, coming away with the top prize. This was the eighth time Willie has won the overall competition and the Pipe Major Donald MacLeod MBE Memorial Trophy. He is also the only piper to play in all of the competitions since its inception in 1994.



CARRADALE'S Raymond Gosling did well at the annual juvenile solo piping and drumming competition held at Inveraray last weekend. He was placed first in the Jig contest and second in the 2/4 March contest for side drumming, and picked up a couple of trophies for his efforts.

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Make sure you are registered to vote

WITH less than a month to go, residents of Argyll and Bute are being reminded to make sure they can take part in the local council elections on Thursday May 3.

David Thomson, Electoral Registration Officer for Argyll and Bute, is encouraging people to make sure they are registered to vote in time for the elections:

'You must be on the electoral register to have your say on who sits on your council. If you have recently moved

to the area, or moved house it is important to make sure that you register at your new address otherwise you won't be able to vote.

Few minutes

'It only takes a few minutes to complete a registration form but you must make sure we receive it by Wednesday April 18.'

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Road upgrades announced

ROADS to be improved in an increased council road budget have been announced.

Stewart Clark, Contracts Manager with Argyll and Bute Council, gave a detailed breakdown of roads spending to a meeting of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (MAKI) Area Committee last week.

Pointing out the £3.3million total spend for MAKI was more than double what was spent last year, he said: 'It's quite an exciting time as an engineer, having money to spend.'

A special project to improve 21 kilometres of the B8024 'Kilberry Loop' will take up £700,000 of the budget.

Improvements to the A83 will take up the largest part of Kintyre's

£805,000 slice of the kitty for general improvements with £320,000 out of the total allocated.

Sections to be improved include Kennacraig to Clachan, around Kilmaho on the section between Campbeltown and Westport Beach, and Achnafad Corner to Ballochroy.

All three sections will be given surface dressing and resurfacing, with the Kilmaho section also to be 'regulated' to correct longitudinal variation.

Some councillors asked questions about why more money was not being spent on longer sections of the A83 between Kennacraig and Campbeltown.

Mr Clark told the meeting the council did see the road as a 'lifeline'

and said: 'It's really a case of looking at priorities and dealing with the worst sections with available funds.'

Maintenance work will also be carried out on several sections of the B842.

Saddle Hill will be resurfaced, patched and regulated, Stewarton to Campbeltown will be resurfaced, while Stewarton to Oatfield will receive structural patching. Sections at Achnasavil, Sunnadale, Ravensbay and Crossaig will be resurfaced.

Two of the minor roads off the B842, at North Carrine and Lephensrath, will be re-treaded.

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First Kintyre Way Geobash

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THE first ever Kintyre Way Geobash took place over Easter weekend. Starting from the Network Centre in Carradale, entrants were given a GPS device pre-programmed with the location of several 'caches' hidden in the area. A number of families came, with the children



The Fraser family from Glasgow did the Geobash on their Easter break in Kintyre. 20_c15cache01

excited about the prospect of a treasure hunt in the forest.

Debutants to the growing geocaching community were joined by more experienced 'cachers' who lent them a helping hand.

Organiser, Owen Paisley, Kintyre Way route manager, told *The Courier* about the rules of the sport: 'When you find a cache you can

take something from it but you have to replace it with something of roughly equal value. You also record your name and any other details in a logbook found with every cache.'

'Then you have to put the cache back without anyone seeing you.'

Geocaching is a worldwide phenomenon, with the GPS co-ordinates of caches available to

download from a website: www.geocaching.com.

The personal nature of planting caches means the contents are never predictable.

There are currently 54 caches being planted at different locations around the Kintyre Way, themed around the 54 nations competing in the 2014 Commonwealth Games.



Organiser Owen Paisley, helped by Rob Reid. 20_c15cache02

Local writer gives talk at library

A LOCAL writer gave a talk to more than 20 people at Campbeltown Library recently.

Colin Murray, originally from London but based near Tarbert, gave the talk on Wednesday March 28.

He has written three crime novels: *After a Dead Dog*, *No Hearts*, *No Roses* and *September Song*.

After a Dead Dog is set in Kintyre and his latest two *No Hearts*, *No Roses* and *September Song* are based in 50s London and pivot around the mysteries that Tony Gerard, a private investigator, has to solve.

Colin spoke about the publishing industry, something he is experienced in.



Karen McFadzean, who will take over May's duties, and David Thomson, Assessor of Dunbartonshire and Argyll & Bute Valuation Joint Board with May on her final day.

Be very wary of tick bites

LYME disease charity, BADA-UK, has warned walkers to be extremely wary of tick bites following a ban on a herbi-

cide to control bracken, the tick's ideal home.

Asulam was withdrawn from sale at the end of 2011, and will be prohibited from December.

The number of cases of Lyme disease, spread by ticks, has already increased from 28 in 2001 to 308 in 2010.

May calls it a day after 45 years

A LOCAL woman bid farewell to her colleagues last week as she retired after working for the authority for 45 years.

May Watson was sent off in style by her colleagues from the Assessors Office on Campbel-

town's Bolgam Street. May started with the Argyll and Bute Joint Valuation Committee (ABJVC) at the age of just 15 as a clerkess in May 1967.

She worked over the years as a shorthand typist, a machine operator/

typist and finally as secretary to the depute assessor since 1992.

The ABJVC was absorbed into Strathclyde Regional Council in 1975 and then Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute Valuation Joint Board was formed at its break up in 1996.

May has remained loyal throughout that period with her attitude to work, her professionalism and manner being exemplary throughout. All her colleagues past and present would like to wish May all the best towards a long and happy retirement, which is thoroughly deserved.

Nursery hold fundraising fete

THREE-year old Emma Oman was one of the children who enjoyed having their faces painted at a fete held on Saturday to raise money for Campbeltown Nursery.

There was also a bouncy castle inside the Victoria Hall, proving a huge hit with the children.

A total of £1,801 was raised and it went towards new equipment for the nursery including a new Wendy house to replace the one that was vandalised last month. This included £200 from the Co-op 20_c15fete01



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Shoeless man squares up to police officers

A SHOELESS Campbeltown man squared up to police officers on a drunken night out.

Mark Gillies, aged 19, of 18 Glenside, pleaded guilty to challenging the officers, as well as shouting and swearing at them, on Shore Street, Campbeltown in the early hours of March 18 this year.

Procurator fiscal John Service told the court the officers had noticed Gillies because he had no shoes on and was pacing around in an 'agitated manner'.

He said Gillies became aggressive and after they warned him he unzipped his top, waved his arms around, and challenged the police officers to fight using the phrase 'I'll take you all on'.

Deferring sentence on Gillies until May 10 while a report on his probation progress is completed, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told him: 'The life you are leading at the moment is not a nice one for you, or for the community.'

'People are really fed up of drunken behaviour on the streets of Campbeltown, and you and others like you are spoiling what is otherwise a very nice place to live.'

Knife carriers to be prosecuted

PEOPLE accused of carrying knives are to be prosecuted in front of juries, following new guidelines brought in across Scotland.

The Crown Office will use juries because it allows the sheriff to give a longer sentence if the accused is found guilty.

Without a jury a sheriff can give a maximum sentence of one year for knife possession – with a jury this increases to four.

A pilot study over Christmas and New Year concluded the longer sentencing powers had an effect in reducing knife crime.

A spokesman from Campbeltown Police said the guidelines supported its current attitude which treats knife carrying as a serious offence.



Scott Grierson, left, Richard Paterson, world famous master blender of Whyte and MacKay, and Graeme Muir, of Whyte and MacKay with Flora Grant and Marion MacKinnon of the Ardshiel Hotel. 20_c15ardshiel01

Whisky bar opens at the Ardshiel

A MASTER blender at Whyte and MacKay described his time in Campbeltown as 'memorable' as he officially opened a whisky bar at a local refurbished hotel.

The Ardshiel Hotel celebrated four years of continuous work since it was taken over in January 2008.

Flora Grant and Marion MacKinnon have renovated and developed the hotel into a traditional Scottish place to stay and the newly re-furbished whisky bar reflects this, attracting guests from all over the world.

World famous

Richard Paterson, world famous master blender at Whyte and MacKay, contacted them to offer to carry out the presentation last

week to mark the opening.

Mr Paterson learnt about the art of distilling and blending in Campbeltown over 40 years ago and carried out his first presentation in the town.

Delighted

He told *The Courier* this week he was delighted to be back, and felt it was like 'coming home again'.

Invited guests were treated to a special afternoon of whisky tasting led by Mr Paterson at the hotel to mark the opening.

During the refurbishment Flora and Marion have used local traders and businesses where possible and look forward to working with them in further refurbishments.

Fined and disqualified after high-speed crash

A CAMPBELTOWN teenager pleaded guilty to causing a high-speed car crash only two months after passing his driving test.

Ryan Gilchrist, of 73 Davaar Avenue, admitted in Campbeltown Sheriff Court to attempting to stop a friend's car overtaking, leading to both their vehicles colliding with a wall.

Lewis McFadyen, aged 18, of 2 Lochview Avenue, Campbeltown, was acquitted of a similar charge of dangerously overtaking Gilchrist in the same incident.

The incident happened on July 21 last year, on the B842 road coming out of Campbeltown, near to Stewarton.

Giving evidence to the court, 18-year-old Gilchrist said he and his two passengers had gone 'for a drive'. They were aware that McFadyen was behind them.

Gilchrist admitted that when McFadyen tried to

overtake him he moved across into the other lane, increasing his speed from 60 miles per hour with the aim of preventing him from completing the manoeuvre.

He told the court: 'He cut in and I thought his car was going to hit my car so I slammed the brakes on and swerved to the left.'

'Very fortunate'

Disqualifying him from driving for a year, as well as making him resit his test, and fining him £400, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told Gilchrist he was 'very fortunate' the only injury was minor, resulting in three stitches to one of the passengers.

She added: 'I do hope that you, Lewis McFadyen, and the other people in the vehicles that night will have learned lessons.'

'Somebody could quite easily have been killed and you are all very fortunate the only things really damaged were the vehicles and the wall.'

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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



IT was a flat calm as we sailed across to Gigha on the most perfect day.

We encountered a few early holidaymakers enthralled by the quick transition to summer, and a young collie who trembled with excitement at the prospect of a swim in the clear waters around the shore.

The island was at its most picturesque and was a haze of yellow as daffodils and gorse transformed the landscape.

Lambs sprinkled the fields like salt and as we walked up from the jetty, we felt we were transported to a paradise on earth.

'God's Island' is aptly named as God's presence can be seen in the beauty of the white sand and the myriad of colours in the sea.

It can also be felt in the stillness of the lovely wee church with its delightful message requesting that visitors close the door on leaving so that the swallows won't get trapped inside.

It was then that I thought of the swallows that would be making their plans at that moment to fly from Africa back to their summer residence on Gigha.

What an amazing thought that is.

Without the benefit of Sat Nav, ordinance survey maps, I-pads or any other modern equipment these aerodynamic acrobats will soon be appearing in our Kintyre skies.

We will have the joy of sharing their lives for a few short months as they rear their young ones and delight us with their song.

How often Nature whispers to us of God, and how often we don't even need words as we can find God in the silence.

On the ferry home, we met Ozzy the collie again. His whole body expressed what a great day he'd had.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, Ozzy's body language said it all.

Information on diabetes

Sir,
Diabetes affects around three million people in the UK and no doubt many of your readers will have the condition.

Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes are different, but both are serious conditions, which are not always easy to manage or to live with.

Sometimes it can be helpful for people with diabetes and their families to talk about their worries and fears with someone who listens with some understanding.

Some people feel they need more information to help them to have a better understanding of their diabetes.

Our charity has a helpline to offer people with diabetes and their families emotional support and a listening ear.

We do not offer medical advice, but we can provide information over the phone or free written information on many aspects of diabetes.

We also have free quarterly newsletters, a booklet which provides information about different types of diabetes and how they are treated as well as a booklet of meal plans.

These are especially useful for people who have been recently diagnosed.

The helpline is 01604 622 837, and is available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm, or email kevin@iddtinternational.org.

As the welfare of people with diabetes is important to us, we are here to help where we can.

Jenny Hirst, Co-chair, Insulin Dependant Diabetes Trust.

Garden bonfires concern

Sir,
After being subjected to smoke from three garden bonfires over the



Down Memory Lane

THE late John Thomas 'Jocky' Wilson visited Campbeltown a few decades ago and Craig Anderson from the town thought this would be a nice sentiment to the famous darts player who passed away last month.

The photograph was taken in what was known as Babettes, on High Street, Campbeltown, thought to be during the 1980s.

In the photograph is Andy Robertson, Jocky Wilson, centre, and Tommy Blue during a darts exhibition in the town.

Jocky was a Scottish darts champion and was twice world professional darts champion in 1982 and 1989.

Many titles

He won many titles in his career including the British Professional Championships, a record of four times, between 1981 and 1988. He retired from the game in 1995.

Have you got any memories you would like to share of this exhibition or have a better idea when the photograph was taken? If so, please get in touch.

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previous week I feel the need to highlight this nuisance.

The fires have all occurred in the afternoon on good days when windows were open and washing was out on the line.

The fire setters managed to miss their own houses but seemed not to care that neighbouring houses were being subjected to bonfire smoke.

Rest and Be Thankful reply

Sir,
I am very pleased to report that Scottish Transport Minister Keith Brown MSP has replied to my letter about the Rest and Be Thankful.

I had written to him on behalf of local business-

es who were very concerned that the original proposal of a delay of up to one hour when using the planned diversion route was far too long.

The minister has informed me that the Scottish Government are now looking at the feasibility of partial two-way working on the proposed temporary diversion road on the forest track at the Rest and Be Thankful.

I hope this will result in a diversion route involving a delay of a lot less than an hour being constructed before the next landslide season starts in August.

Alan Reid MP
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Miners Welfare and Caskie Cups

Sir,
Through the courtesy of your columns could we ask your readers if they have any information on the whereabouts of the Miners Welfare and Caskie Cups?

Over the years we have managed to secure the rest of our community's historic trophies, and, these in turn will be available for viewing in a forthcoming local football exhibition.

The Miners Welfare trophy was last played for as part of the Kintyre Amateur Football League during the late 1990s, and the Caskie Cup, within the auspices of the Campbeltown Boys Football Association earlier in the same decade.

We would be grateful for any help that would lead us to the restoration of these important trophies.

Alex McKinven
Football Exhibition Project.

UK sees a welcome growth in apprentices

Sir,
The UK has seen welcome growth and investment in apprenticeships with over 450,000 new people signed up in 2010-11, up 63.5 per cent from the previous year.

While it is concerning that some apprenticeship providers have chosen to manipulate this situation for their own means, this must not detract from the value of apprenticeships to young people and the wider economy.

Properly accredited and approved apprenticeships provide a high-quality alternative to traditional academic routes for our future engineers who will be at the heart of rebalancing the economy.

We urge the government not to play a 'numbers game' but to seek to produce the fully qualified technicians that the UK so desperately needs for the future.

Paul Davies,
Head of Policy,
Institution of Engineering and Technology,
Savoy Place,
London.

Third Sector grants well below the amounts requested

by **TONY GARNER**
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MORE than £30,000 of third sector grants have been divided up between 38 organisations across Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands. The amounts were decided at a meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee in Campbeltown Town Hall. Grants ranged from £240 up to £1,600, but in almost every case were

well below the amounts requested. Most decisions on the amounts awarded followed recommendations from community development officers for Argyll and Bute Council. However in a few cases, the amounts were increased based on an amendment proposed and agreed by the committee. Margaret Fyfe, com-

munity development manager, told the committee the recommendations were generally higher for new applications, and lower for groups that received grants before. She said: 'To discourage grant dependency the recommendations have been based on reducing funding for organisations that have had community funding for the last two years.' Some councillors expressed concern that this

might be harming the development of valuable community projects. With some organisations receiving less than one per cent of their total running costs, it was suggested the third sector grants be limited to groups with project costs of less than £10,000. It was decided to hold a workshop with the community development team where the formula for allocating grants will be reconsidered.

'Sign for the A83' petition presented to Scottish Parliament

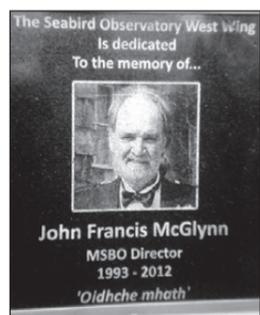
A PETITION, which calls for a host of problems along the A83 to be addressed has been presented to the Scottish Parliament. The 'Sign for the A83' campaign has been ongoing for a number of months with more than 10,000 people from across the area signing the petition. A timetable to upgrade the road, which could be used as an alternative route into the area when landslides close the A83, was outlined by Transport Minister Keith Brown. Mr Brown said: 'I am aware of people's concerns and the considera-

ble impact that road closures stemming from landslips have on the local community. 'We are in the process of appointing a team of engineers to investigate further improvements to the A83. 'The study will look at realigning the route away from the hillside, potential planting measures, feasibility for removing pinch points and pedestrian safety in towns and villages.' He said plans for upgrading the forestry road at Glen Croe could be finalised as early as next month and engineers on site at the start of the summer.

In memory of John McGlynn

A PLAQUE was unveiled at the Machrihanish Sealife and Bird Observatory (MSBO) on Sunday in memory of John McGlynn. Eddie Maguire, warden of the observato-

ry, unveiled the plaque in front of family and friends as a tribute to John, a close friend of his whom he has dedicated the west wing of MSBO to. John died at the end of January, and people gathered to pay tribute, as the bird observatory was a place close to his heart and where he spent a lot of his time. The family would like to thank Eddie for this gesture and to everyone who helped towards the plaque's erection.



ADVERTORIAL Eat Safe at Kebabish

A TAKEAWAY in Argyll has become the first business of its type to receive the Eat Safe award for outstanding hygiene and food safety. The Kebabish Curry House on Oban's George Street restaurant and takeaway accepted the award last week as it welcomed a delegation from Argyll and Bute Council to celebrate its success. Presenting the award to owner Shaukat Chaudhry was Argyll and Bute Council's environmental health manager for west Argyll, Iain MacKinnon. He said: 'The Eat Safe award is designed to promote excellent food safety and those businesses that get it meet very exacting standards. 'Kebabish is the first business of its type to get this award and I'm delighted to be able to award it.'

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Surfers against Sewage clean up Kintyre beaches

KINTYRE'S beaches are in good trim just now with so many people and organisations giving up their time to clean up the area. Another group, Surfers Against Sewage (SAS), took to Westport and Machrihanish recently to collect lots of rubbish from the beach. More than 20 helped out with 40 bin bags filled and several tyres removed from the beach. A bicycle and fishing crates were among the rubbish. SAS hopes to have another clean up in the summer but asked people not to be shy about picking up litter they see on the beach.

WIN!

A four night stay for two in South Lakeland Worth £500

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To enter, simply send us your four tokens that you have been collecting for the past few weeks, answer the question below, complete the entry form and post it to Wyvex Media, Abbey House Comp, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB. Entries must be received by Monday, April 23, 2012.

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New items on display at Heritage Centre

by RUTH McCLEAN
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NEW items were on display at the local heritage centre for its reopening on Saturday.



Sheila McAllister and Elizabeth Kelly of the heritage centre.

As well as a lifeboat model of the *Walter and Margaret Couper*, there are models of local steamers gifted to the centre.

The four models of the steamers were gifted by Paul Upchurch, formerly of the Kilbrannan Bar and are on display in new cabinets in the heritage centre.

Abundance

The models were made by Peter Megson.

There are three new cases, which feature an abundance of social history from across Campbeltown through the years.

This includes women's crafts, like carpet making which belonged to Agnes Mauchline who was born in 1906. Her workbox is featured in the cabinet.

There is also a medicine box belonging to pharmacist Andrew Williamson from the 1930s onwards.



Trevor Scott-Dodd and David Cox deliver the lifeboat model of the *Walter Couper* to Sheena McAllister and George MacMillan of Kintyre Amenity Trust. 20_c15lifeboat01

The lifeboat, loaned to the Campbeltown Heritage Centre, from the local lifeboat station on the Old Quay came into service in 1979 and was stationed here until 1999.

During her service she was launched 274 times and rescued 130 people.

Her maximum speed was 18 knots and she held a crew of seven.

Her coxswains were Alasdair Gilchrist, Jim McPhee and John D Stewart, respectively.

Rescue

Her most notable rescue was on October 2, 1981, when the crew rescued 14 crew from the Spanish trawler *Ero Hill of Brixham*, and the crew received vellums

and a silver medal for the rescue.

The model was made around 2000 by local man David Bissett.

Endlessly

The heritage centre at Big Kiln, Campbeltown, is run by the Kintyre Amenity Trust, who have been working endlessly to get the centre up to scratch for the opening at the weekend.

It is now open for the season with many different displays of local history available.

Kintyre Community Education Centre holds open doors evening

IN A bid to try and encourage more people to use its facilities, the Kintyre Community Education Centre is holding an open doors evening.

Whether a group or club is looking for a regular meeting place, a one off meeting room, or want to see what the centre has to offer, they are being encouraged to go along.

The centre will be open on April 19 from 6.30pm to 9pm with information about the different activities available also on offer throughout the evening.

Table sale at Carradale Hall on April 21

NEXT Saturday a table sale will be held in Carradale Village Hall.

Jewellery, arts and crafts, bric a brac and garden plants will all be on offer.

There are still tables available for the event on April 21, see advert for more details.

Gaelic music and song

AN EVENING of Gaelic music and song will be taking place next month.

Iain MacPherson and AnnMarie, Chelsea and Krystal McLean will be singing at the concert in the Lorne and Lowland Church Hall on May 5.

The instrumentalists for the evening will be Frank Rochford (fiddle), Craig McKillop (accordion) and David McEwan (piano).

In addition, there will be the first public performance of three poems by Iain Henderson of Machrihanish, set to music by David, who will also introduce the programme and perform two original compositions based on Gaelic melodies.

All proceeds will go to the Mission to Seafarers.

Community Noticeboard

KINTYRE COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE OPEN DOORED EVENING
19th APRIL
6.30PM-9.00PM

If your looking for a regular meeting place for your group or club.
If you want a room for a one off meeting.
If you want to find out more about what your community centre has to offer you or what activities are available
Come along and find out more
ALL WELCOME

KINTYRE MUSIC CLUB RECITAL By BEST YOUNG MUSICIANS
8.30pm
Frank Rochford Best Musician of this Year
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All welcome
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Friday 13th April @ 1930hrs
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Invites you to a **Floral Demonstration, Coffee Evening and Light Supper.**
Tuesday 17th April
Red Cross Hall
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£5 per person

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SATURDAY 14TH APRIL 2.00PM
PRESIDENT v VICE PRESIDENT

COFFEE MORNING
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Lochgilphead
Saturday 14th April
10am - 12 noon
All Welcome

OPEN DAY KATE McGLYNN HOLIDAY HOME
Saturday 21st April
1-4pm
ALL WELCOME
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COFFEE MORNING FOR PARKINSON'S AWARENESS WEEK
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Outstanding talent to appear at Kintyre Music Club

IT IS a tradition that Kintyre Music Club ends the year with a concert featuring some of the outstanding Kintyre musical talent.

The tradition continues this year with a concert, which, as always, will be open to everyone, next Friday in the Lorne and Lowland Church Hall.

Beginning immediately after the club's annual general meeting, there will be a chance to hear the Young Musician of the Year Frank Roch-

ford, last year's Young Musician of the Year Erin McSporrán along with two more advanced higher music students Andrew Black and Fraser Cosgrove.

Planning

Erin and Andrew are planning a career in music whilst Fraser and Frank will continue it for pleasure.

Kintyre Music Club is a charity so its annual general meeting is open to everyone at no cost and includes refresh-

ments.

The club is trying to find out if there is a better night for concerts than the usual Tuesday night, which seems to have many other activities on.

They would like you to go along and tell them which night is best and what kind of professional music you would like.

The concert begins at 8.30pm on Friday April 20.



The local brass band played a selection of songs to keep guests entertained. 20_c14cake02

Traditional tea raises £1,050 for Leukaemia Research

PEOPLE turned out in force for a traditional tea party in the guide hall, Campbeltown recently.

Held to raise funds for the local branch of Leukaemia Research, in memory of Nancie Smith who died at the end of last year, the event raised £1,050.

The event was well at-

tended with tea and coffee served in china cups and an abundance of home baking on offer.

Entertainment

The local brass band provided entertainment.

The committee would like to thank everyone for their generosity and to everyone who helped out on the day.



Right: Eilidh Anderson was in charge of filling up the cake stands on the tables. 20_c14cake01

Kilcalmonell Guild hold annual general meeting

KILCALMONELL Guild members met in the Starfish Restaurant and enjoyed a delicious and very sociable meal.

They then held the annual general meeting when it was agreed there had been interesting speakers for the year and a number of suggestions were made for the programme for the next session.

Two new members had joined this year.

The Sale of Work is to be held on Wednesday July 11, and will be organised by a small committee from the church.

Grand variety concert at Auchinlee

NEXT weekend a grand variety concert will be taking place in aid of Auchinlee Sensory Garden.

The Grand Variety Concert will be starting at 7.30pm at Campbeltown Grammar School on Friday April 20.

See advert for more details.

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Saturday 14 April for 6 days at 8pm
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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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For a disparate group of English pensioners, retirement takes an unconventional turn when they abandon their homeland, enticed by advertisements for The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, a seemingly luxurious sanctuary for the elderly and beautiful in Jaipur, India. On arrival, they discover that the hotel falls somewhat short of the romantic idyll promised in the brochure, but they are gradually won over by the ever-optimistic young manager Sonny, and tentatively embark on a new adventure, finding that life can begin again when you let go of the past.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

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- Prevent from having (7)
- Old fashioned (5)
- Article of faith (5)
- A duct is named after him, he's known for his interest in taste! (7)
- Finally... (4,3,3,3)
- ...final transport (6)
- At a central point (6)
- Something to keep you going in latter years (3-3,7)
- Suckable pill (7)
- Take clothes in... (5)
- ...perhaps (5)
- Clown (7)

Down

- Likewise (5)
- Nostrum (7)
- Being obstinate (13)
- Personify (6)
- Pipework for eggs (9,4)
- Ancient city NW of Carthage (5)
- Pattern of Glasgow (7)
- Unruly youth (7)
- Cry pitifully (7)
- Conservation (6)
- Seeing stars (5)
- Dusk to dawn (5)

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TARBERT



Pascal Theze with former Tarbert Academy pupil Alastair Stuart.

Cookery lessons in French

FOR several years now, renowned Tarbert chef, Pascal Theze, has supported Tarbert Academy's pupils in a unique way.

Teachers Christine Inglis and Heather Dixon from the French and Home Economics departments work together to prepare pupils to receive a special cookery lesson delivered in the French language.

During this lesson, pupils have an opportunity to work with Pascal as he demonstrates the dish and then assists pupils to prepare it themselves.

Pupils often comment on how their French accent improves through



Former pupil Alastair Stuart helps the S2 pupils during the cooking lesson.

this project, as do their cooking skills – and the food they prepare proves truly delicious.

S2 pupils have just completed the project – and once again it has been a great success.

This year, former pupil Alastair Stuart took part, accompanying Pascal and assisting pupils when they also prepared the dish.

Head teacher Catriona Hood told *The Courier*: 'The school is most grateful to Pascal for his generosity with his time and for being so willing to share his skills and abilities with our pupils.'

'It was also great to welcome Ally back to school and it encourages current pupils to see a former pupil doing so well.'

CARRADALE

Carradale Primary holds Captain's Ball

OVER the last eight weeks Carradale Primary School has as part of a school project, received secret missions to do with the unsinkable ship, the *Titanic*.

As a celebration of their learning, the pupils held a Captain's Ball on Thursday March 29 for parents and community members.

The pupils performed *My favourite Things* from the Sound of Music, *Breaking Free* from High School Musical, *Castle on a Cloud* from Les Miserables with solos from Anna Gemmill and Catriona Newman, from *Oliver!* and Elliot Gemmill sang *Where is Love?* from *Oliver*.

P4-7 played *Pavane* on the recorders and finally P3-7 played *My Heart will Go On* on the bells.

Parents and community members then had the opportunity to look round all the work the pupils had completed



Carradale Primary School children with Matthew Ramsay, the official guest for the evening.

to do with the unsinkable ship, before enjoying the buffet.

The school would like to thank Inverloch Creamery for donating cheeses towards this. For the missions one and two pupils had to recreate the unsinkable ship in the school; they created a wall display and ticket office.

For mission three they had to research interesting facts about the *Titanic* and record these for others to enjoy. The pupils decided to create fact files.

Mission four was split

into two parts. Part one asked primary one to three to create a wall dis-



The pupils at their ticket office.

play showing examples of clothing that the different people on board

the *Titanic* wore. P4-7 had to create posters based on the passengers and crew, talking about clothing, jobs and why they were on the *Titanic*. Mission four, part two, tasked the pupils to make models of the cabins. They worked in three teams and each created a different class cabin. As well as the missions, extra challenges were also worked on: creating posters to do with the launch, writing stories, diaries and newspaper reports and creating two 500-piece *Titanic* jigsaws.

RHUNAHORINE



Eco-schools flag on display at recent Easter egg hunt

RHUNAHORINE children have been celebrating getting the Eco-schools flag for their commitment to helping the environment.

The green flag was proudly put on display at last week's Easter egg hunt at the school, also attended by children from Clachan Primary. Brothers Lewis and Logan O'Hanlon from the School's pre-five unit with the flag.

TARBERT

Tarbert children experience the world of work

TARBERT Academy's S1 and S2 pupils got the chance to experience the world of work for the day recently.

Organised by principal teacher of enterprise at the school, Heather Dixon, the pupils where possible went to work with parents, family members

or family friends. Where this was not suitable, pupils took on work experience in school.

In S1, pupils' placements varied from the fire and rescue service to Scottish Water, and included hotel work, fish farming, agriculture work and office work.

In S2, pupils worked with cars, Caledonian MacBrayne, primary schools, catering and hairdressing.



The pupils took part in a variety of placements and one pupil worked with the janitor and helped with the pre-five and primary children.

KINTYRE SONGWRITERS FESTIVAL 2012

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relax and enjoy the music

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2 TIL 5 FREE

INDUSTRY EXPERT DUNCAN MCCRONE HOSTS A SEMINAR ON SONGWRITING ROYALTIES AND COLLECTION SOCIETIES
White Hart Sunday Songwriters
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Spring farming REVIEW

Native cattle point the way forward at Beachmeanach

NATIVE cattle breeds are thriving at Beachmeanach Farm near Tayinloan, Kintyre.

Last month the farm, run by Malcolm and Marion McDonald, won first and second prize for a pen of four Highland bullocks at Caledonian Marts Native Breed Sale in Stirling.

They also received the top price for a pen of seven Aberdeen Angus heifers. Bred on the farm, these latter beasts fetched an impressive average price of £2.36 per kilo.

Malcolm McDonald, aged 51, took over the running of Beachmeanach from his father in the mid nineties.

Malcolm said there are currently about 20 short-horn and Highland cross cows with Angus calves on the farm, as well as 25 Highland bullocks and 400 breeding ewes.

The cattle numbers are a reduction from what used to be kept: 'We used to have about 80 calves but we reduced the number in 2002. We will probably increase



Malcolm McDonald has been enjoying recent success with his native breeds. 20_c15malc01

to 30 in the next year or two though.'

The cattle are kept outdoors all year round, being summered on the hill and out-wintered on the flat fields next to the beach below the farm, a factor Malcolm believes is key to keeping them healthier.

He describes these dry, sandy fields as 'a big advantage' to the farm, though most of the land at Beachmeanach consists of clay soils on the

steep land behind the farmhouse and peat on the hill.

As well as making the best of their land, environmental schemes have been a key part of how the McDonalds have run the farm in recent years.

They have shut off fields to allow ground-nesting birds to be un-

disturbed, and planted natural woodlands and hedgerows to create wildlife corridors.

Having started participating in these environmental projects when the price of livestock fell in about 1996, Malcolm says he still does them, and expects to continue.

Creamery upgrade boosts Kilmaho

A KEY factor in encouraging a Kintyre dairy farm to further expand was the commitment made by First Milk to upgrade the Campbeltown Creamery.

Forty-year-old James McLean, who runs Kilmaho Farm near Kilkenny, Campbeltown with his wife Linda, installed a state of the art milking parlour and a modernised shed last year.

The couple said they are getting the best out of their Westfalia parlour installed by Dairy Flow, and revamped sheds, which have helped secure a future in this ever-evolving industry.

With 85 Holstein Friesians, a number they

hope to increase soon to over 100, James said they are averaging about 7,500 litres per cow in a year. James said: 'Now we are really starting to see the benefits of the new milking parlour after getting to grips with it in the first year. Also, with the new shed we can now winter all our cattle at home. Generally we've been trying to make our operation more efficient.'

'We keep all our heifers for breeding and the bull calves are kept and sold at a-year-and-a-half to two years old.'

'We have about 30 heifers coming into the herd which start calving in June.'

Of their future plans,

Linda said: 'Hopefully we will be in the business for a while yet and make further investments. But the biggest thing next is to get our stock numbers up to where we want them.'



James McLean with son Donald James at the Westfalia parlour. 20_c15jmc01

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Quality the key at Woodend croft

THE BUSINESS of rearing quality cattle is very much a family affair at Clovullin, Ardour.

Three generations of Wrights - David Snr, son Robert and Robert's son David Jnr - produce a steady flow of prize-winning stock, which sees them regularly return from local agricultural shows with armfuls of silverware.

The family runs two crofts - David Snr at No.7, Clovullin and Robert, wife Alison and family at Woodend, a stone's throw along the township loop road off the A861 to Strontian.

Both have rights to Clovullin common grazings which back

up against Meall Breac, outlier of Beinn na Cille, the triangular peak towering over Ardour village and Loch Linnhe.

Sitting in the family home at Woodend, it quickly becomes evident the trio of grandfather, son and grandson, aged 78, 48 and 18 respectively, are proud they have kept faith with crofting when all around them land has fallen into rack and ruin.

There's hardly a sheep between here and Bracora at Morar now, they say - a distance overland of some 30 miles.

Overzealous conservation measures, they claim, have seen estates fence off huge tracts of land, remove all the



The heifers include a Limousin/Belgian Blue cross bought for a record £2,000 as a calf at the Oban sales.

sheep and cattle, shoot all the deer and switch to growing trees - all for money.

They cite examples of trees failing to grow, either because they have been planted in the wrong place - Scots pines flourish best on north-facing slopes apparently - or because ungrazed rank grasses have choked out saplings.

The single farm payment also comes in for a healthy dose of manure, not least because it has removed any incentive to keep animals.

Instead, it has been exploited by 'slipper farmers' to milk the system - perfectly legally - and be handsomely rewarded for doing absolutely nothing.

That could be about to change in 2014 - and



Robert feeds his bull and breeding cows at Clovullin.

not before time, says Robert.

'We had 30 or 40 cattle back in the 1990s under the headage payment scheme. The single farm payment has been a disaster - if you had a decent payment per head,

I could see production going back up again. I would definitely like to see us come away from a single farm payment and go back to a headage payment.'

Other changes to the crofting grants system would also be beneficial, Robert says, such help with reseeding and fencing costs - apparently financial assistance is available for a new fence, but not a replacement one.

Meanwhile, the work David Snr began after

he arrived in Lochaber from Carnlough in the Glens of Antrim in 1955 continues.

The two crofts are down to only 11 breeding cattle, but expansion plans are in the offing with stock quality, as always, the watchword.

Recent acquisitions include a Limousin/Belgian Blue cross heifer bought as a calf for a record £2,000 at Oban Auction Mart, believed to be the highest price ever paid for a calf at the sale.

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David Jnr casts an eye over three-week old Limousin calves on Clovullin common grazings.

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Historic land: IG MacDonald's croft lies close to the site of 'The Battle of the Braes'

LAST month, history was made when crofters elected the majority of commissioners to the new Crofting Commission for the first time.

Ian George MacDonald, from Braes on Skye, was voted in as commissioner for the West Highlands. Along with the eight other board members, he met environment minister Stewart Stevenson at their first board meeting in Inverness last week as work begins to rejuvenate the industry.

Here, Ian George explains that in order for crofting to know where it is going, it must understand where it has come from.



Ian George MacDonald from Braes: Crofting Commission's task is to reinvigorate the industry.

2011/2012 has again brought the past, present and future of crofting in the Highlands and Islands into sharp focus, with several anniversaries and commemorations calling for our attention.

Much to the shame of those of us who have spent a lifetime in the education profession, our young people, and not so young, are ignorant of the history of crofting and of its important role in retaining population in the Highlands and Islands.

We should therefore welcome the recent teaching programme 'Taking Stock; The Claim of Crofting', instituted on the occasion of the demise of the Crofters Commission, and sponsored by a number of government and non-government bodies.

The associated commemoration evening at Sabhal Mor Ostaig brought together both adults and children to celebrate crofting's claim,

and the follow-up teaching pack goes into all Scotland's schools very soon.

On the Braes Estate in Skye, where I have my croft, 2011 saw the bicentenary of John Blackadder's unveiling of his plans for crofting townships, where deliberately small lots were delineated in order to ensure that the workers of the land continued to be economically dependent on their feudal superiors.

Closely connected with the consequences of this piece of social engineering, April 17 this year sees the 130th anniversary of the Battle of the Braes, an event which helped to focus the attention of government on the plight of crofters in the Highlands.

Less than a quarter of a mile from the Commemoration Cairn at the battle site is the old Church of Ollach where the first meeting of Gladstone's Napier Commission took

place.

The words of Angus Stewart, the first witness still resonate down the ages: 'I cannot bear evidence to the distress of my people without bearing evidence to the oppression and high-handedness of the landlord and his factor.'

'What we suffer from is poverty. We are huddled together and the best part of the land is devoted to deer forests and big farms. If we had plenty of land there would be no poverty in the Highlands for there is a sufficiency of land and we are willing to work it.'

What an indictment on the cosy system that had developed between the legal system of the time and the landowner! It was a scathing assessment – and provided the backdrop for the commission as it went about gathering evidence throughout the north.

On 28th of this month, the Scottish Land Court

will celebrate its centenary with the launch of a book detailing its history and work.

Professor Ewen Cameron will give a lecture in Portree High School and inevitably, they will also hold a simple ceremony at the Braes Cairn.

The demise of the Crofters Commission after 57 years and its replacement by the new Crofting Commission, a body partly elected by crofters themselves, is another significant milestone in the story of crofting and we trust that the new body will play its own part in re-energizing the industry.

Since its inception, crofting has always been fraught with challenges and its health will not be improved by sticking plasters applied by the Crofting Commission

alone.

While lack of affordable housing and employment opportunities, precarious transport links and poor agricultural returns continue to infect rural communities we must lobby our councils as well as Brussels, Westminster and Holyrood to take a genuine interest in this particular patient and to strive for a favourable CAP Reform.

Crofters need to help themselves by co-operation, effort and optimism in face of adversity and to inform their member organisations, the Crofting Federation and NFU, of the tonics they require.

We need a boost! Let's hope the new Commission really can give a lead in supplying one.

IG MacDonald, Crofting Commissioner.

Memory lane – Dairy farming in Kintyre before the war

WITH a lifetime's experience of dairy farming in Kintyre, John Smith is in a better position than most to recall where the modern mechanised industry came from.

Born in 1925, as a young man John helped his father run Drumalea farm near Tangy, taking over himself in 1950. He ran the farm for 40 years until handing over the reins to his son, also John, around 1990.

Remembering the pre-war days, John said: 'In the 30s before the Milk Marketing Board came in we would make cheese for selling in the town. Our whole summer revolved around the cheese buyers who came in and sampled the cheese. It was a very dramatic moment.'

'There were lots of people employed on the farms then. Our farm had a foreman and a couple of young lads. There

was a good camaraderie, and the neighbours used to come to help for big jobs like sheep shearing, threshing or building the haystacks. In the evenings we used to have a game of cards on the kitchen table with a cup of tea.'

'There would be a melodeon or an accordion. When the neighbours came in everything had to be spick and span.'

'Cattle used to go away to Greenock on a boat that left at seven in the morning.'

'Every farm had horses then too. Lots of them would go away and end up working on the streets of Glasgow.'

'There were no boats after the war. They started up with road transport.'

'Tractors began to come in, horses began to go out, and 10 or 15 years later horses had disappeared from the farms completely.'

'In the war the land girls came in and did a great job on the farms. I don't think they received adequate recognition for the work they did.'

'They used to stay in a hostel at Glenlussa on the Peninver road. If you needed three or four girls for something you just contacted the organiser to arrange for them to come.'

'After the war there were never as many folk employed on the farms as before.'



John Smith ran Drumalea farm for 40 years before passing it on to his son. 20_c1johns01

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CROFTERS and farmers on the west coast are being reminded on a new mandatory screening project, which was introduced at the start of February this year – and must be completed by February 2013.

All owners of breeding cattle must comply with the Bovine viral diarrhoea (BVD) screening order and, if you are a keeper of a breeding cattle herd in Scotland, you are required to screen your herd each year for BVD.

BVD is a widespread disease of cattle causing various symptoms including abortion, stillbirths, diarrhoea, pneumonia, poor condition and a lowering of resistance against other infections. It is a serious infectious disease of cattle and can be fatal.

BVD is caused by a virus (BVDV) spread by persistently infected cattle which constantly produce and shed the virus in saliva, nasal mucus, faeces and semen.

Persistently infected cattle can only have acquired that infection in the first third of foetal life.

Approximately one of every 100 young stock

in Scotland is persistently infected.

They are always virus positive and don't produce antibody against BVDV.

They can die of mucosal disease at any age. Some survive into adulthood and pose a real threat.

A persistently infected bull can wreak havoc if added to a susceptible herd, and if a persistently infected cow has a calf it will always be persistently infected. Most die as calves but a few live much longer and *many appear normal*.

Around two-fifths of all herds in Scotland have signs of exposure to BVD. Estimates are that there are between 2,000 and 4,000 persistently infected animals.

Therefore, if you get a 'not negative' result showing evidence of BVD within your herd you cannot just cull out any animals that look in poor condition and assume that will solve the problem.

Figures show that an average dairy herd would be £16,000 better off every year, and an average beef unit around £2,000 better off each year.



Eilidh Grieve left Campbeltown on Thursday morning for Fife on her vintage tractor.

Eilidh sets off on her vintage tractor journey

YESTERDAY (Thursday) a young woman set off on her three-day journey on a vintage tractor to raise money for charity.

Eilidh Grieve, who currently works for the RSABI, a charity that helps people who depend on the land, set off from Campbeltown on her 1963 Super Dexta New Performance Model yesterday morning, arriving in Oban at tea-time.

She was due to carry on her journey today (Friday) across central Scotland to end up in

Crail, Fife, tomorrow.

The tractor has a top speed of 22 miles per hour and no cab or power steering.

RSABI, which will benefit from the money raised from the event, supports people who worked on the land in Scotland, and who, due to illness, low income, disability or crisis find themselves unable to cope.

You can donate to Eilidh's tractor challenge by visiting the RSABI website or texting TRACTOR to 70300 to donate £3 to RSABI.

Dogs run the risk of being shot if found worrying sheep

Owners are advised to keep pets on a leash during lambing time

by ALAN KENT
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DOGS run the risk of being shot if found chasing or worrying sheep, a Tarbert livestock farmer warned last Monday.

Neil Duncan, from Stonefield Farm, has suffered a spate of attacks on his sheep in the last three weeks, and with lambing season underway he faces a real threat to his livelihood.

The problem has gotten so bad he has contacted the police and taken out adverts in local publications, warning dog owners of the consequences of letting their pets near his livestock.

Attacks on Mr Duncan's sheep have already cost him five animals, many of which suffered severe injuries

to the point where they had to be put down.

Mr Duncan is certain who the culprits are; he said: 'It has to be dogs, and local ones at that as visitors tend only to stay around for a short time.'

'It's more likely to be someone nearby letting their dog out for a run.'

Neil said that problems with domestic dogs tend to arise when they get a taste of blood, and from then on sole animals can become repeat offenders.

He added: 'Dogs can also form into packs, although it seems unlikely in this case as there would have been two or three sheep attacked at a time instead of just one.'

A police spokesman confirmed Mr Duncan had made a complaint

and that he was well within his rights to post such warnings against dog owners; the Countryside Code states that walkers must keep their dog on a short leash on most areas of open country between March 1 and July 31, and all year round near farm animals or else they are liable to be shot.

Responsible

He said: 'As it is lambing time we would suggest that dog owners be in control of their animals and encourage them to be responsible.'

Mr Duncan's problems come just a few weeks after Scottish Natural Heritage urged walkers in the countryside to be aware of vulnerable wildlife, such as newborn lambs, in the run-up to spring.

Royal Highland Show

AS THE show season approaches, farmers from across Argyll will be thinking of not only their local show but also one of the main agricultural events – the Royal Highland Show.

The show, held at the Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston near Edinburgh, has recently been voted as the best agricultural show in the UK by readers of a national farming magazine and in March it won a second top award – the Best Event in Scotland.

Honour

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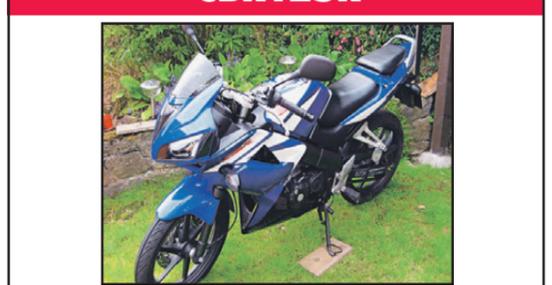
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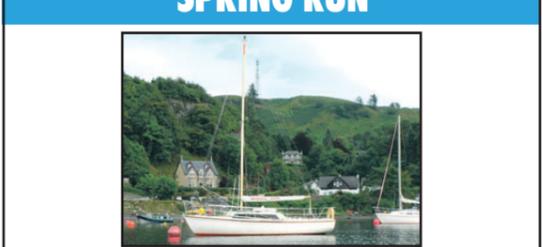
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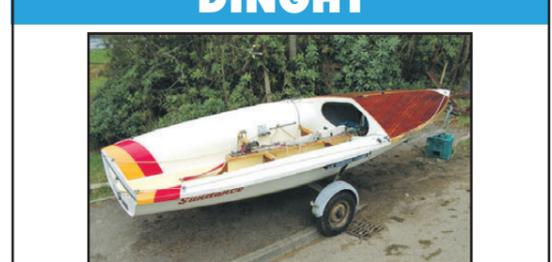


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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
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12/00649/PPP	Site for erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of new vehicular access	Land 169M West of Shore Cottage Stonefield Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tarbert
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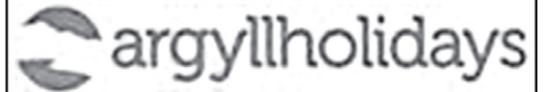
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS



BORTHWICK

Kevin and Emma are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Dylan Kyle. A little brother for Freya. Thank you to all at Campbeltown Maternity Unit, especially Elspeth.

CLIFTON - Claire (née Brown) and Daniel are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful baby daughter, Lara Hailey, on March 7, 2012. A precious little sister for Dylan, and first great granddaughter for Isa Anderson.



PHILIPS - SHAW

Kenny and Jenna are proud to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, Sophie Elise, born March 21, 2012. First granddaughter to Donald and Morna Shaw, Ardfern and the late Derek and Isa Philips, Ardrishaig. Special thanks to all midwives at the Mid Argyll Maternity Unit for their care.

SINCLAIR - Donald and Alison are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their little boy, Ben, at Princess Royal Maternity, Glasgow on April 4, 2012.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

MCNEISH - MUNRO On April 14, 1962 at Martha Street Registrars, Glasgow, Margaret to Alister. Present address 116 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

BROWN - Peacefully after a long illness, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on April 4, 2012, Kathleen M Brown, in her 84th year, of Ardfenaig Residential Home, Ardrishaig, and formerly Carnin, Fernoch Drive, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of the late John and much loved mum of Iain Houston, Alistair and Joyce. Much loved granny and mother-in-law. Funeral service will be held at Lochgilphead Parish Church today, Friday, April 13, at 11am, thereafter to Cardross Crematorium at 2.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimer's Scotland and British Heart Foundation.

COLVILLE - Suddenly but peacefully, at home, Hayburn, George Street Walk, Campbeltown, on April 9, 2012, Catherine Rankin McLachlan (Renee), in her 76th year, dearly beloved wife of Roy Colville, much loved mother of Norma, Douglas, Ilene and Barry and a loving and much loved granny.

MCCOLL - Very suddenly, but peacefully, on April 7, 2012, Flora McColl in her 74th year, at home, 13 Hillfoot, Tarbert, beloved wife of Robert (Bobby McColl). Funeral service in Tarbert. Date to be confirmed.

RICHMOND - Suddenly, on Tuesday April 4, 2012, in her 94th year, Alice Richmond, beloved wife of the late Willie Richmond (Tarbert), beloved mother of Lillian and the late Jim Richmond (Toronto, Canada), much loved mother-in-law of George and Jean, grandmother of Alasdair, Allison, Andrew, Glenn and Heather, great gran to James, Erin, Jamie and Jordyn. Remembered forever.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

BRUCE - Mary, Chubby and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and flowers received following John's death. We greatly appreciate the understanding shown to John by all the very caring doctors and staff of Glenaray Ward, and Ward 64 of Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, together with the district nurses, ICT staff and Naomi Campbell, who all were a help and support to Mary. Thanks also to Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors who attended to all details in a kind and supportive way; to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service and to the Tayvallich Inn for their kind hospitality. Finally our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The collection raised over £240 for Glenaray Ward.

CALDERWOOD - Steph, Phil, Harry and family would like to say a huge thank you to all our family, friends and Liz's neighbours for their wonderful support and kindness shown following the sad loss of our mum, Liz. We couldn't have got through this sad time without you all. A special thank you to the doctors, nurses, district nurses, ICT and OT staff at Argyll and Bute hospital in Lochgilphead who helped look after mum and myself with such care and dedication. A huge thank you to the special friends at Living Stones Christian Centre for an uplifting service and welcome buffet afterwards. The retiral collection will go to Asthma UK, as Mum would wish. God bless you all.

SMITH - We would like to thank everyone for their kind support, expressions of sympathy, cards and letters following the recent bereavement of Duncan. Thanks to all doctors and staff at Campbeltown Hospital and Southern General, Alasdair and Kenneth for funeral arrangements, Argyll Hotel for catering and all who paid their respect at the church and graveside. Thanks to John McKay for help in driving Duncan to hospital and Raymond for the key. The Smith Family.

IN MEMORIAM

MCKERRAL - In loving memory of our dear mother, Isobel, who died on April 13, 2005. Your kindness and thoughts to everyone will never be forgotten. Always in our thoughts. - Isobel and Mary.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

Highland Parish Church



SC002493 Please note: all services in Kirk St Hall Sunday 15th April 2012 11.15am Morning Service Mr James McLellan FunDay Club (3yrs - P5) Rev Michael J Lind Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686 Sunday, 15th April Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche, Triple C and Bible Class) William Crossan Tuesday, 17th April Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m. Thursday, 19th April Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m. Friday, 20th April Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Due to our Edinburgh Conference there will be no Sunday Meetings this week. Tuesday 12.15pm Over 60's Luncheon Club 1.30pm Adult Home League Wednesday 7.00pm House Group Thursday 11.30am Meet 'n' Eat Café New to you Stall Major Dolores Thomson

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND George Street Campbeltown

Sunday 15th April 12.45pm Rev David Meredith (DVD) What makes Jesus angry? (John 2:16) All Welcome Scottish Charity Number: SC003847

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"Come and worship the Lord" in Achahoish at 9:45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am Scottish Charity Numbers (SC010713 & SC010782)

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services Sunday 15th April - all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgar Charity No. SC016097 Morning Service in Furnace Village Hall at 10 am --- Glenaray and Inveraray Charity No. SC016665 Morning Service in Inveraray Church 11.30 am

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome Pastor Rev Derek Gibson Sunday 15th April 2012 Wednesday 18th Messy Church from 4.30pm 11.00am Morning Service Jumpstart Group Friday 10.00 - 11.30am Scottish Charity SC015187



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

Sunday 15th April 2012 Second Sunday of Easter 10.45am Family Communion

Details of services are on the church door Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141 The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002 Sunday 15 April Inverlussa Church 11:30 am Morning worship Worship led by Rev. Cliff Acklam Saturday 14 April Coffee Morning in Tayvallich Hall 10:30 - 12 noon Tues 17 April, 7:30 Session meeting Tayvallich Church All Welcome Enquiries 01546 606926 www.argyllcommunities.org/NKNAPDALECOFS

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Sunday 15th April 10.00am Breaking of Bread Mr Steve Davis 10.50am Coffee

11.15am Family Service with Sunday School and Creche Mr Steve Davies

Wednesday 18th April 10am Parent and Toddler Group 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary 01586 551237 www.springbankchurch.co.uk For Furniture Recycling Project call 01586 551547 SC014646

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 15th April 2012 Tarbert Service 11.30am Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre Rev. Tommy Bryson Board and Session Meeting Thursday 19th April 2pm Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre For all church enquiries and pastoral care Telephone 01880 821012 Everyone very welcome SC002622



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

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Entries filling up fast

Organisers say entries are filling up fast for a major UK sailing event coming to Tarbert at the start of June.

The prestigious Brewin Dolphin Scottish Series will take place from June 1-4, with events on Loch Fyne and between Tarbert and Ireland.

Two of the UK's most vibrant keelboat classes – SB3 and RS Elite – are leading the spike in early entry numbers.

For the 'fast, exciting' SB3 class, 12 owners have registered for the race on Loch Fyne, while 10 boats are already signed up to sail from Ireland to Tarbert in the 'simple to sail' RS Elite class.

Johnny Readman,

event organiser, said: 'We are very excited to see these classes forming at reasonable strength already, thanks in some ways to the hard work being put in by some of the leading lights of both fleets, but we are hopeful that this regatta will be the catalyst for further growth for the Brewin Dolphin Scottish Series at Tarbert, Loch Fyne.'

Elite sailors from across the UK and Ireland will descend on Tarbert for the event.

A series of social events including live music, ceilidhs and children's entertainments are planned for the days leading up to the sailing.



Committee members Kevan Gilchrist, Billy Gilchrist, David Allen, Ronnie Souden, Willie Armour and Stephen Scally in the Ardshiel, with Richard Gough, third from left. 20_c15gough01

Richard Gough pays a visit to the town

CAMPBELTOWN Loyal, the local branch of the Rangers Supporters Club, was delighted to welcome a special guest to the town on Friday night.

Former Rangers captain and multiple-title winner Richard Gough came to a question and answer sessions at the Argyll Bowling Club, Campbeltown.

Before that, he dined with the committee at the Ardshiel Hotel, where he was piped in by brothers Mark and Alan McCormick.

During the day, he was treated to a round of golf at Machrihanish Golf Club, playing with Kevan Gilchrist who as a team came out on top against Stephen Scally and David Allen.

Saying it was the first time he had visited Campbeltown, Richard told *The Courier*: 'It's an amazing part of the country. I played a round of golf earlier and it was one of the best courses I've ever played on.'

Soccer Centre kicks-off again

NEXT Friday Campbeltown Soccer Centre starts again at the Meadows at 6pm.

The sessions are aimed at kids from primary one to secondary two and will focus on developing skills.

Forms are available from McKellar's Grocery Store, Main Street, Campbeltown or at the first session with the block running for 10 weeks.

Footballers trip to Lochgilphead

A TRIP has been organised to Lochgilphead next Saturday by the Campbeltown District Juvenile Football Association.

It is being aimed at primary two to seven, born from 2000 to 2005 and has been organised following recent discussions with Lochgilphead Soccer Centre which is also keen to arrange regular exchanges with Campbeltown.



The winners from the carpet bowls season.

Bowlers hand out the prizes

CAMPBELTOWN Bowling Club held its carpet bowls prize-giving on Saturday night following a friendly match between the men's and ladies' sections.

Presidents Simon Rochford and Moira Wareham presented the trophies to the following.

Men's Championship: Hugh McCorkindale, runner-up Alec Black.

Ladies' Championship: Roberta Robertson, runner-up Catherine McEachran.

Burnett Cup: George Reid, runner-up Hugh McCorkindale.

John Buchanan Singles: Jessie Andrew, runner-up Catherine McEachran.

B&D Cup: George Allan, runner-up Hugh Newlands.

Ian Johnston Cup: Neil Maguire, runner-up Hugh McCorkindale.

John Bannatyne Cup David Brown, runner-up Hugh McCorkindale.

Helen McArthur Ladies' Pairs: Roberta Lafferty and Roberta Robertson, runners-up Susan Gilchrist and Ria Johnston.

Men's Pairs: Steven Dickson and David MacMillan, runners-up David Brown and George Allan.

Ladies' Mixed Pairs: Catherine McEachran and Alistair Mackay, runners-up Mary McPherson and George Allan.

Men's Mixed Pairs: Alec Black and David MacMillan; runners-up George Reid and Simon Rochford.

Tuesday night league: George Allan.

Runners gear up for the Kintyre Way Relay and Kintyre Way Ultra

TWO of the most scenic long-distance races in the country takes place in June.

The Kintyre Way Relay and the Kintyre Way Ultra take place on Saturday June 16 and are expected to draw entrants from as far away as Spain and the Netherlands.

The Relay takes place between Tarbert and

Campbeltown, with up to six runners sharing the 67-mile course, with changeovers at village halls in between.

Optional

The Ultra offers longer-distance running, with three optional distances: 35.5 miles starting in Tayinloan, 45 in Clachan and 67 in Tarbert, all ending in Campbeltown.

Event organiser Rob Reid encouraged locals to get involved in the race, by volunteering as marshals, timekeepers, tea-makers, first-aiders and lift-givers.

He added: 'Anyone able to spare an hour or two for any of these tasks on June 16 is strongly encouraged to get in touch now.'

Key entrants to the

race include Gary Morrison, who won the 268-mile Spine Race on the Pennine Way last January, and Kenny Valentine who completed the 95-mile West Highland Way Race in just 20 hours 33 minutes.

Details

More details about the races can be found online at the website www.kintyrewayrelay.co.uk.

Training schedules for MOK Run in June

THERE are only seven weeks to go until this year's Mull of Kintyre half marathon and 10k events on June 3.

The half marathon schedule is suitable for a beginner who aims to run a half marathon in just under 2 hours 30 minutes.

If you find the schedule difficult it may be better to adopt a more gradual one, or move onto the 10k one.

As a guide, 11 minutes 20 seconds per mile pace will result in a 2h 28min half marathon.

The beginner's training schedule is aimed at

beginners who wish to complete the 10k event comfortably.

All running should be at a steady, even pace, and you should consult your GP before embarking on any training schedule.

For more information visit www.mokrun.com.

Half marathon training schedule Start Date: Tuesday April 17, 2012 Weeks to go: 7

Day	Session	Distance	Pace min/mile
Tue 17/4	Slow run/walk	5miles	12:00
Thu 19/4	Faster run/walk	5miles	11:00
Sun 22/4	Easy run/walk	9miles	12:30
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Kintyre Angling Club

THE second competition for the season for Kintyre Angling Club was held last Sunday.

A total of 12 seniors and three juniors took part at Lussa and despite a cold and fairly windy day 34 fish were caught.

The three members who each caught a total of five fish were Tommy Blue, David Lawson and Archie McCallum.

The overall winner was Tommy Blue whose total catch weighed 8lbs 2ozs.

Jason McCallum won the junior competition with a fish of 1lb 13ozs. He was followed closely by Kevin McDonald with a fish of 1lb 10ozs.

The next competition takes place at the Lussa on April 22.

Juvenile football outdoor sessions

CAMPBELTOWN and District Juvenile Football Association is keen to encourage children of secondary school age to the new outdoor sessions.

Starting this Monday pupils from S1 to S4, including the new S5, are invited along with a view of starting a league for this age group.

If enough numbers show up the association plan to set up seven-a-side teams to encourage competitive football at this level once again in South Kintyre.

The new season starts on Monday April 16, 2012 on the Meadows Playing Field and will run from 6.30pm

£400 jackpot

DUNAVERTY'S three-number lottery has rolled over to a jackpot of £400. There were no winners in the previous draw and the numbers were 8, 19, and 20.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Commercial Inn and Muneroy Stores.

Burnside lose first game of the season

THE Burnside finally lost a match on Monday evening in the Campbeltown and District Darts Association.

The Fiddlers won 7-3 against the league-winners Burnside and as expected this match proved to be a cracker as the Fiddlers played as if the league was still to be won.

The first match was Kenny Docherty against young Thomas Jordan and Kenny took the first leg only for Thomas to hit right back with a fantastic 15-dart leg.

Missed doubles

This included a 116 finish with the deciding leg won by Thomas after good darts and some missed doubles by both players.

The next game up was Kenny Campbell

against Tony McMillan and although Tony played well Kenny took the game 2-0.

Gary Grumoli played next for the Burnside against Steven Jordan. Gary took the first leg but steady scoring from Steven took the next two legs to make it 2-1 to the Fiddlers.

Martin Coffield made it 2-2 when he beat Harry Grogan 2-1 but in a high scoring next game Jamie McGougan beat the Burnside captain Charles Robertson 2-0 to put the Fiddlers back in the lead.

David Reid was up for the Burnside next and his hopes were dashed as an on-form Vince Jordan thrashed him 2-0 to put the Fiddlers further in front.

The last match in the singles was Gregor MacGregor against James Wilson. James took the first leg with some very high scoring but some quick finishing by Gregor saw him take the next two legs to make the score after the singles Burnside 3 Fiddlers 4.

Won all three

The Fiddlers then moved up a gear when the doubles started and won all of the three doubles games to make the final score Burnside 3 Fiddlers 7.

Campbeltown District Darts Association, week 18 results: Burnside 3 Fiddlers 7, Southend 9 Ailsa 1, Argyll Bowling Club 5 Kinloch 5, Fiddlers B 2 Kilbrannan 8, Commercial v White Hart postponed.

Argyll area golf season starts

THE new season for the Argyll and Bute Golf Union tees off this weekend at Machrihanish.

It starts with the annual match play championship with many local players competing against others from across Argyll and Bute.

The 16 qualifiers from last year's stroke-play will do battle over the weekend.

Several clubs are represented with players from Glencruitten, Machrihanish, Port Bannatyne, Millport, Blairmore and Strone and Rothesay

taking part.

Four ex-winners in the shape of Stuart Campbell, George Reynolds, Ross Currie and Graham Bolton are in the field.

The draw is as follows: 8.50 Allan McKie (Glencruitten) v Reeve Thomson (Machrihanish); 8.58 John Jack (Millport) v David Graham (Mach'sh); 9.07 Ross Currie (Mach'sh) v Robert MacIntyre (Glen); 9.15 Alistair McLean (Glen) v Graham Bolton (Rothesay); 9.23 Oliver Armour (Mach'sh) v Sean Dunstaffnage (Glencruitten); 9.31 Ian McGougan (Mach'sh) v Kenneth McCallum (Glen); 9.40 Stuart Campbell (Mach'sh) v Stephen Renfrew (Port Bannatyne); 9.48 George Reynolds (Rothesay) v Gordon Tyre (Blairmore and Strone).



CHILDREN got active over their Easter holidays by taking part in various activities. As well as kayaking and football, there was also tennis organised as part of the Active Schools' Easter programme. Our photographs shows the children and sports leaders who took part in tennis at the local tennis court last week. 20_c1stennis02

Local lads win at Dunaverty

A LOCAL team of lads took the Dunaverty Am-Am on Saturday ahead of 132 other players. The competition was blessed with excellent weather for the majority of the day, with the afternoon competitors having the toughest of the weather.

The course was again in superb condition, however some tricky pin positions called for a high calibre of shot to present a birdie opportunity.

Inward half

A plethora of excellent scores were carded by the 132 golfers taking part and the winning score was decided by virtue of the better inward half with the team of Ranald Watson, Robert Coffield, Cameron McGeachy and Graeme McMillan edging out their rivals with a superb score of 19 under par (47).

Dunaverty Golf Club would like to thank McFadyens Contractors, McFadyens Transport, Kinloch Precast, Kintyre Vermin & Pest Control, Agricar Nairn Brown, Donald Brown, Andrew Smith & Son and Hillington Park Glasgow

for their generous sponsorship of this event and continued support to the club.

Prizelist: 1 R Watson, R Coffield, C McGeachy, G MacMillan 47 (BIH); 2 R Sinclair, K Cameron, J Downie, H Strachan, J Downie, H Strachan (BIH); 3 C McCallum, D Watson III, G Edmondson, D Brown, 49 (BIH).

Nearest the pin in two at first P McLean; Nearest the pin at seventh J McIntosh; Lowest combined nett score at 13th R Sinclair, K Cameron, J Downie, H Strachan; Nearest the pin at 16th A Baker; Ladies' Longest Drive J Mack; Gent's Longest Drive K Cameron.



The winning team of this year's Dunaverty Am-Am.

Pupils travel to take on the Jags

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils play away this weekend. Tomorrow (Saturday) the local side will travel to play Alba Thistle with a 2pm kick off.



CHILDREN in Campbeltown enjoyed the Total Soccer Experience Football camp held during the first week of the Easter school holidays. A total of 19 children attended the coaching sessions held at the Meadows Playing Fields. Some of the children who attended along with former professional goalkeeper Jim Gallacher.

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