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New free advice service will help Kintyre residents cut fuel costs

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A NEW free energy advice service aims to save us all money.

It also hopes to help the planet in the process.

Power to the People Kintyre - full of ideas to cut energy costs - has just opened its doors in Campbeltown's Longrow, close to Main Street.

It has been set up to help Kintyre residents save money on their energy bills while reducing their carbon footprint.

Funded by the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund, the project's aim is to 'improve people's quality of life through introducing energy efficiency measures'.

Louise Duncan, who has spearheaded the

project, said: 'Nearly everyone can cut the money they spend on energy.'

'Power to the people can give all sorts of advice and help people access grants and ensure they get the benefits they're entitled to.'

'We will never ask for money. We just make people aware of what's available.'

'No reputable energy advice service asks for money.'

Power to the People also hopes to encourage businesses to take up their climate challenge and reduce their carbon footprint.

Ms Duncan added: 'I recognised there was a need for this service in

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Smashing time for Southend Primary School pupils in Easter egg rolling competition

Southend Primary pupils had a smashing time on their last day of term before the Easter break when they took part in the school's egg rolling competition.

Tidal stream test set for Sanda Sound

A TEST model for tidal energy will soon be located in Sanda Sound near Pennyseorach Farm, Southend.

The 13-metre long Evopod, presently sitting on New Quay at Campbeltown Harbour, has been built to a quarter scale.

Full story on page 3.

Chosen to run with Games baton

TWO Kintyre residents will have the honour of carrying the Glasgow Commonwealth Games baton as it passes through Argyll in June.

Colin Millar from Campbeltown and Caroline McAlpine from Tarbert were nominated and chosen to carry the Queen's Baton.

Full story on page 13.

School's alarm over tinkers

IN 1935, Drumlembie Primary School reckoned it had a problem - too many tinkers, reportedly preventing a teacher from doing justice to her 'ordinary pupils'.

Full story on pages 14-15.

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Kintyre, to reduce the area's carbon footprint.'

Team member Ed Tyler said: 'It's a win-win situation. People save the planet and benefit by saving money.'

'We're passionate about the need to reduce carbon.'

The project will have monthly energy-saving themes, offering tips and advice on various topics. This will include a radio programme on Argyll FM.

Learn

They are also working alongside renewable energy charity AliEnergy, with representatives vis-

iting Power to the People Kintyre two days a month to help people learn about energy efficiency grants and benefits they can receive.

Advice on heating and insulation will come from Home Energy Scotland, another Scottish Government initiative.

Power to the People Kintyre also aims to reach younger people struggling with fuel bills.

Two team members, trainees from Kintyre Youth Enquiry Services, will carry out that work.

The project will also be encouraging people

and businesses to use solar panels, explaining how to get financing and what savings can be made.

Pilot project

Schools are also set to benefit, with Rhunahaorine Primary to be used in a pilot project to have solar thermal and solar PV panels installed.

It will cost the school nothing and help reduce its carbon footprint and fuel costs while teaching pupils about renewable energy.

All six members of the Power to the People scheme are receiving training and qualifications to become



The Power to the People Kintyre team in front of their office on Longrow, Campbeltown.

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energy assessors in order to give individuals, businesses and community groups free assessments and up-to-date advice.

Welcome

To sign up for Power

to the People's climate challenge, visit the website at powertothepeoplekintyre.org or the

Facebook page, where they will also welcome energy efficiency suggestions and ideas.

Car club trial about to start

CAMPBELTOWN residents considering buying a second car are being offered an alternative - the opportunity to join a dedicated car club.

Power to the People Kintyre, the new energy advice service, has joined forces with Car Bute, a community car club based on the island, to offer Kintyre residents a car available to hire for as little or as much time as they need.

The car, a diesel powered Ford Fusion, will be available soon to residents, businesses and tourists in the area.

Working on a membership scheme, people can book the use

of the car on an hourly basis.

All details, including driving licence and any driving convictions or penalty points, are taken during registration to save time when picking up the car.

Without the expense

Louise Duncan from Power to the People said: 'It's bringing what's happening in UK cities like London to Kintyre. It allows you to have a car at hand but without the expense.'

There will be a two-month trial period to gauge demand for the service, which is open to anyone aged over 21 with fewer than six penalty points on their licence.

Ms Duncan added: 'If it works we would be looking to get our own cars such as hybrids or hydrogen cars.'

She said she was urging everyone interested to become a member as 'if they don't take advantage it won't be here'.

She added it was handy for people going shopping or to a hospital appointment, or anyone driving less than 6,000 miles a year who occasionally needed a car.

More information can be found at carbute.org or powertothepeoplekintyre.org, or pop into the Energy Advice Centre at 4 Longrow South, Campbeltown.

Fyne Homes in £400,000 credit union deal

A LOAN of £400,000 has been issued to Fyne Homes Housing Association from Scotwest Credit Union, following the start of a partnership between the two groups.

This money will be used to help fund a repairs programme for the social landlord's housing stock.

Legislation

Scotwest Credit Union welcomed Fyne Homes as a corporate member last week after legislation was changed to allow credit unions to offer services to community groups, companies and social enterprises.

Colin Renfrew, chief executive of Fyne Homes, said: 'Hous-

ing associations such as ours require borrowing facilities from a range of providers and we were delighted to include Scotwest in the latest round of tenders.

'They worked closely with us to ensure that this unique arrangement was delivered smoothly and we are delighted to join Scotwest as a corporate member as we feel we share a similar ethos.'

Kenny MacLeod, chief executive of Scotwest Credit Union, said: 'While this is primarily a business transaction, the social and ethical aims of Fyne Homes fit with that of Scotwest and we are proud that they have become our first corpo-

rate member.'

Fyne Homes is a housing association which

manages more than 1,400 houses in Argyll, including Kintyre.



From left: Kenny MacLeod, Scotwest chief executive, Deirdre Forsyth, Scotwest chairwoman, Peter Lingard, Fyne Homes director and Colin Renfrew, Fyne Homes chief executive.



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Bogus workmen targeted

POLICE officers in Kintyre are taking part in a Scotland-wide crackdown on bogus workmen.

Operation Moranda, which began on Monday and will continue until April 18, will involve road checks on work vehicles.

A police spokesman said anyone concerned about possible bogus workmen or them possible targeting vulnerable, elderly neighbours should telephone 101.

Speeding drivers caught

FOUR drivers caught speeding in the Campbeltown area in the past week were issued with £100 fines and given three penalty points.

A driver was also fined £50 for obstructing the road in Longrow, Campbeltown.

Crash causes road closure

THE A83 was closed for five hours at Furnace on Sunday afternoon following a collision between two vehicles.

Occupants of the vehicles required medical attention but there were no serious injuries.

Too much to drink

A YOUNG man was given a fixed penalty £40 for attempting to enter licensed premises in Campbeltown in the early hours of Sunday while heavily under the influence of alcohol.

Window smashed

A WINDOW was smashed at Highland Parish Church in New Quay Street, Campbeltown at around 2pm on Sunday.

Anyone who can help police with their enquiries should telephone 101.

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Tidal stream energy test model set for Sanda Sound

'Campbeltown is well placed for support and maintenance work'

IS THIS the future for Kintyre?

The fascinating structure, presently sitting on the New Quay of Campbeltown Harbour, is an Evopod and could be the key to a large part of Scotland's future energy production.

It is set to be located soon in the Sanda Sound between Sanda Island and Southend.

Oceanflow's work is backed by a Scottish Enterprise grant.

The Evopod, built in Renfrew, is expected to be placed in Sanda Sound, within the next few months, once a small power sub station is established on nearby Pennyseorach Farm.

If successful, such structures could be located individually or in large clusters around Scotland's coastline, with the country's fledgling wave and tidal sector expected to be worth £1 billion to the economy by 2020.

Kintyre councillor Rory Colville hopes the Sanda Sound test will grow into something massive for the area, creating jobs and boosting the local economy.

'There is huge potential for renewable energy in the North Channel between Kintyre and North Ireland,' he said.

'Campbeltown is well placed for support and maintenance work and because of its proximity to the central belt.'

'It would make more sense for wave and tidal units to be around the Kintyre coast rather than Orkney and we have to promote this area.'

Graeme Mackie, managing director of Oceanflow, based in the Newcastle area, said: 'Scotland with its strong tidal stream resource was the obvious place to test our semi-submerged Evopod turbine.'

'We are looking forward to hooking up the world's first grid-connected semi-submerged turbine in Scottish waters later this year.'

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The Evopod, the aim of which is to generate electricity from tidal streams, can be seen on the New Quay at Campbeltown Harbour. 08_c15tidal01

providing energy on a large scale or supporting island communities.'

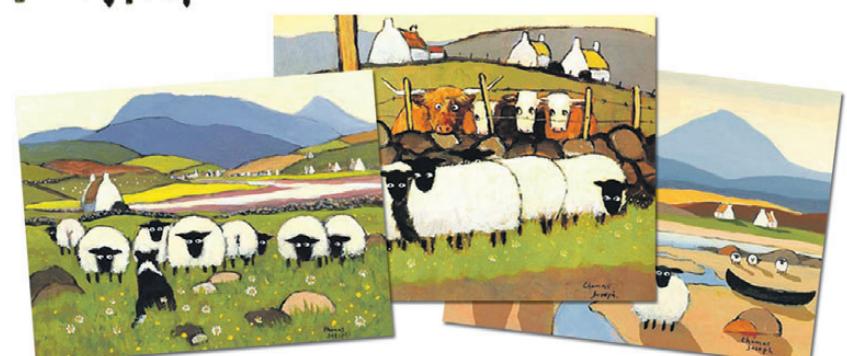
Two weeks ago, the Courier revealed that Argyll and Bute Council was considering an application for another demonstrator which would be placed off Mull of Kintyre. The Crown Estate is giving its backing to such offshore enterprises, with the prospect of earning substantial income from leases.

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Damaged cemetery still in a poor state after cattle decimated graveyard

COMPLAINTS have been raised over the continuing poor state of Patchen Cemetery near Glenbarr - 10 weeks af-

ter cattle decimated the graveyard.

In January visitors were horrified to discover that cattle from a

nearby field had managed to enter the grave site, trampling over the ground and destroying flowers and memorials, leaving mud and faeces everywhere.

At least 15 gravestones were knocked down.

Argyll and Bute Council said it would level the ground churned up by the cattle, remove tributes and flowers destroyed and re-erect the headstones.

However, while the ground has been levelled off, at least nine of the headstones have not yet been re-erected.

Dorothy McMurphy from Campbeltown was shocked to discover how little work had been done when she visited the cemetery on Mother's Day.

She said: 'There are still a lot of headstones lying flat and memorial vases left scattered about.'

'Surely by now it could



A new gate has been installed at the cemetery which Argyll and Bute Council says will prevent animals from finding a way in. 20_c14patchen02



A number of headstones at Patchen Cemetery have still not been re-erected, 10 weeks after cattle decimated the graveyard. 20_c14patchen01

have been tidied up and look at least as if it's cared for?'

Dorothy, who visits a number of family graves at Patchen, described the cemetery's appear-

ance as 'shabby'.

She added: 'You don't like to see a hoof print on the grave of a loved one.'

'If it had been Kilkeran Cemetery it would

have been sorted in three weeks.'

A council spokeswoman told the Courier: 'Our staff have now put a new gate in the cemetery – it's more secure and de-

signed to stop cattle and other animals from accessing the site.'

'We have also started re-erecting headstones and this will continue until complete.'



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Some of the P5 pupils at Dalintober Primary with headteacher Caroline Armour during the official opening of their photography exhibition at Campbeltown Museum.

Pupils see their work on display

DALINTOBER Primary five pupils saw the culmination of several weeks of work - learning about seabirds, taking photographs of them and creating a print banner - when they attended the official opening of their seabird project at Campbeltown Museum.

During their project, they were assisted by professional photographer Philip Price, Kirsty Jackson from Ali energy, and Kate Moody and Julia Hamilton from Kilmartin Museum who helped organise the project.

Eddie Maguire also passed on his knowledge of seabirds when the pu-

pils visited Machrihanish Seabird Observatory.

Councillor Rory Colville officially unveiled the exhibition and the children were able to see their prints and photographs presented in a professional manner on a banner and in glass display cabinets.

Pupil Euan Dott said: 'I have really enjoyed this topic and am hoping to visit Fingal's Cave with my family to see more birds and hopefully I can use my photography skills too.'

The exhibition runs until September during normal opening hours.

More choice in social care support

MORE choice and control is being given to people over how their social care support is designed.

The aim is to ensure they receive assistance that best suit their needs.

Argyll and Bute Council started offering self-directed support from April 1, placing the decision making into the hands of individuals and their family with help and guidance from social workers.

A council spokeswoman said self-directed support can be used in many ways, including support to live at home, such as help with having a bath or getting dressed. It could also support someone to attend college, continue in employment or take a job.

For more information visit argyll-bute.gov.uk/sds or call 01546 605517.

Pirate hunter Billy out on bail

Partner Yvonne is there to greet him as he leaves 'hellhole' prison

AFTER six months in a 'hellhole' Indian jail, getting out last Saturday was a 'surreal' experience for former soldier Billy Irving from Argyll.

Waiting for him outside with a hug and a kiss was partner Yvonne MacHugh - who promptly whisked him off in a limo to the comfort of a hotel.

'The pair had huge smiles on their faces, I'm delighted for them,' said Billy's father, Jim, a former Appin policeman now living in France.

'He said it was surreal for him.'

Yvonne had made the surprise visit to India to meet Billy when he was finally released on bail on condition he remains in India.

Billy, 33, a former Campbeltown Grammar pupil, was among the 35 crew of an anti-piracy ship who have been held on charges of illegally entering Indian waters, possessing arms and ammunition and illegally procuring diesel.

The vessel, Seaman Guard Ohio, is owned by US marine security firm AdvanFort which denies all charges.

All

of the crew have been granted bail except the captain and security manager due to their senior status.

Legal moves are already under way to have the charges quashed, and Billy's family remain hopeful that will happen soon.

Jim Irving added: 'I've spoken to Billy and he's

doing remarkably well considering what he and the others had to endure in that hellhole of a prison.'

Billy's best friend, Shaun McDaniel from Campbeltown, told the Courier: 'It's great he's out. He has left a message of Facebook thanking everyone for their support.'

'Hopefully, the charges will be quashed and he'll be home soon.'

During a long battle by the families of the detainees, Yvonne, 25, started a petition which gathered 147,000 signatures calling for the men's release. It was recently handed to Downing Street.

The International Organisation of Masters, Mates and Pilots (MMP)

has said the crewmen and guards were being subjected to 'inhumane' conditions in prison.

Spokesman Captain James Staples said they were 'deprived of proper medical treatment,

bathing facilities and adequate food'.

The news of Billy's release from prison was well received by his teammates at Taynuilt Shinty Club. Manager Davie Thomson said: 'It has given the boys a huge lift. We've spoken about Billy's situation a lot.'

'The boys want to get a win this weekend against Oban Celtic to mark his release from jail.'



Billy Irving and partner Yvonne McHugh pictured before he joined the crew of Seaman Guard Ohio last year.

Update promised on A83 problems

COMMUNITIES situated along the A83 and plagued by road closures and speeding will learn in June what is being done to stamp out the problems.

Transport minister Keith Brown has indicated he will be in a position to 'update on progress' when the A83 Taskforce meets again in June.

Five landslides

The news comes after five landslides closed the lifeline route this winter, while issues surrounding speeding and safe crossings are still be dealt with in Tarbert and Ardrishaig.

Councillor Douglas

Fined £40 for breach of the peace

A TWENTY-two-old Glasgow man was given a fixed penalty fine of £40 in the early hours of Monday for committing a breach of the peace in Argyll Street, Campbeltown.

A 41-year-old man was also given a £40 fine for committing a breach of the peace in Longrow last Friday evening.

Top volunteer nominations sought

ARGYLL Voluntary Action is calling for nominations for volunteer of the year, with the deadline of April 18 fast approaching.

The theme this year is 'the age of integration' and celebrates the increased role the third sector is playing in supporting the delivery of public services.

Councillor Robin Currie, Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for community and culture, said: 'The work of volunteers is immeasurable and this award ceremony goes some way towards highlighting their hard work and tireless commitment.'

The categories are: individual volunteer of the year, young volunteer of the year, voluntary/community group or organisation of the year, social enterprise volunteer of the year, regional timebank heroes, and health volunteer of the year.

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Commonsense tell us that the treasures the world offers cannot be bottomless, yet we continue to act otherwise. We desperately need to slow down our demands on finite resources and the damage we are causing. Being hit hard in our pockets by energy costs in recent years is finally starting to focus our minds.

We can all do more to consume less, and that is where the free energy advice available at Power to the People Kintyre could be invaluable. In a win-win situation, we can learn how to reduce our energy consumption, save money and help save the planet.

On a similar vein, there is hope that tidal energy soon to be tested off the Kintyre shore could eventually provide a clean electricity source and provide a boost to the area's economy in the process.

GREAT news that former Campbeltown Grammar pupil Billy Irving has finally, after six months, been released from his unpleasant prison conditions in India. Fingers crossed, charges will be quashed very soon allowing him to return home to Argyll.

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Help is available over bedroom tax

Sir,

The Scottish Government has finally yielded to Scottish Labour and popular pressure and made funds available to effectively end the bedroom tax in Scotland.

With little fanfare, the Scottish Government wrote to councils a couple of weeks ago to tell them to grant all requests made for discretionary housing payments. These payments are for people who are struggling with the additional costs as a result of the tax and are the way in which councils and housing associations can effectively cancel out any shortfall in money.

Previously, the SNP told everyone that they could not do this. John Swinney said that he wanted to keep our most vulnerable at risk of losing their homes because he didn't want to let Westminster 'off the hook'. It was shocking to see the SNP play politics with our poorest.

Scottish Labour offered the SNP a solution. Housing associations and Labour councils had offered a way to protect all their tenants. Jackie Baillie, our social justice spokeswoman, had introduced a members bill to prevent any bedroom tax evictions in Scotland. Still, the SNP would not move. Finally, after huge pressure, the SNP relented. They have made the money available.

Not many people will know about Scottish Labour's success in achieving this concession from the SNP Government.

Tenants across the Highlands and islands can now

make requests for discretionary housing payments to cover the money they're losing as a result of the bedroom tax. Local authorities can now make these payments knowing they will get the money back from the Scottish Government.

So if you are affected by the bedroom tax, apply to your local council for these payments. Don't wait – there is a solution available now.

David Stewart
Highlands and Islands Labour MSP.

All the time in the world

Sir,

Had to laugh at last week's octogenarian who contemplated the pros and cons of Scottish independence and then said that while he would like to see it happen in his lifetime, he was not sure that now was quite the time.

Now there is a elderly man clearly confident of many more years in front of him.

'If not now, then when?' I would ask him.

G. Wallace
Glasgow.

Blue murder

Sir,

I noticed the story in last week's story about the police receiving complaints about a small blue car driving at high speed on Main Street in Campbeltown. This young driver has been making a nuisance of himself with his modified exhaust for many weeks now.

There are not infrequent displays at lunchtimes, peacocking in front of grammar school pupils in the town for some-

thing to eat, and he will mindlessly go up and down Main Street for hours on end during evenings and weekends constantly revving his engine for maximum exhaust effect.

This driver and his ilk are effectively sticking two fingers up at everyone by behaving as if they are completely confident that such anti-social driving will go unchecked.

These drivers should be charged with anti-social behaviour and the courts allowed decide if repetitive, pointless motoring up and down a main thoroughfare, constantly revving modified exhausts is anti-social or not. It would be interesting to hear these kids try to explain and justify their actions.

Name and address supplied and withheld on request.

Fundraising could solve dialysis problem

Sir,

I've been back in this country for two years, and the things I have noticed most is how people are prepared to sit back and wait for things to be done by others. 'Others' usually being people in authority.

In the 'new Scotland' that successive Westminster governments have given us, we are conditioned to expect someone else to take control, to do something for the good of the community. pen.

As a community we can work together to make Kintyre a better place to live in. This involves volunteers, giving up their time freely to help other, less advantaged

members of the community.

Campbeltown is not dead yet, despite what some people might think. We have a thoroughly modern hospital whose services are being eroded due to health service cutbacks.

I totally understand where the Scottish government is coming from. They are given the block grant each year, from which they must balance the books.

They have given us free prescriptions, free university education and free primary school meals for the younger age group. These three policies alone have created so much good.

The services of the health board seem to have suffered. I say 'seem to' because they still found money for the Methadone clinic that no-one wanted.

The trouble with the NHS today is that there are too many departments fighting for a share of the funding. What a shame that while there is spare cash for drug users, there is none for the elderly or for people with kidney disease. While I have no doubt a 'Yes vote' will bring untold economic gains for Scotland in the future, it is the present we are dealing with.

I'd like to see the start of a fundraising campaign here, within our own community, to raise money to buy a dialysis machine for the local hospital, and if necessary to pay for the staff to run it.

We have the volunteers, we have the fundraising infrastructure, and we have the will. Why aren't we doing it?

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Council fight against benefit fraud continues

FRAUDULENT housing and council tax claims totalling more than £90,000 were uncovered by Argyll and Bute Council between April of last year and the beginning of this year.

Three people were taken to court after making false claims for benefits, the local authority has revealed.

Ten others have been formally cautioned and 21 people have accepted a penalty, meaning they must repay a penalty charge of up to 50 per cent of the money they received under false pretences.

The council's fraud investigation team works closely with colleagues in the council as well as

liaising with the Department for Work and Pensions to combat benefit fraud.

Councillor Dick Walsh, the council leader, said: 'Every penny counts when it comes to helping people in need.'

'As a council we do our best to support those who are genuinely struggling financially.'

'We will do everything we can to try to stop people claiming benefits they know they are not entitled to so that we can continue to help those who really need it.'

He urged people to let the council know of suspected benefits frauds.

This information is confidential and people do not need to give

their name. They can call 0800 854440, Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 6.30pm or visit any council office and speak in complete confidence.

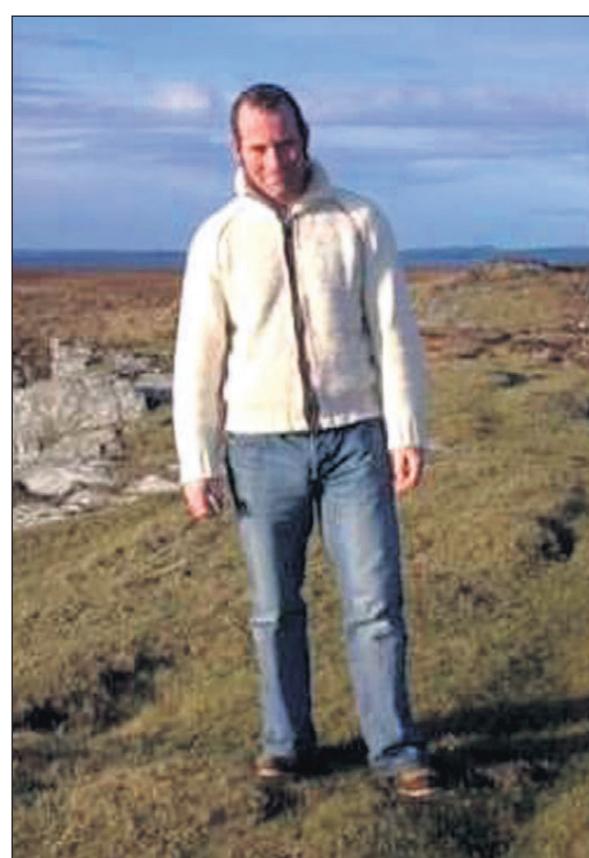
There is also a reporting form on argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/benefit-fraud

When fraud is confirmed, the individual is either formally cautioned or handed an administrative penalty.

Depending on the seriousness of the case, it may be passed to the procurator fiscal to consider criminal proceedings.

The council added that it will always attempt to recover the full amount of money taken.

New greenkeeper appointed at Machrihanish Dunes



Simon Freeman is to be new head greenkeeper at Machrihanish Dunes Golf Course.

A NEW head greenkeeper has been appointed at Machrihanish Dunes Golf Club.

Simon Freeman was the head greenkeeper at The Machrie on Islay from 1999, where he oversaw the running of the championship course.

He was also involved in rebuilding the tees, greens and bunkers, and later was also heavily involved in the design and oversight of the bunkering at Castletown Links Course on the Isle of Man, a sister course to The Machrie.

Prior to that, Simon was head greenkeeper at Culcreiff Golf Club in Perthshire, where he was instrumental in creating a par three course and driving range, and growing in and bringing to maturity three new holes on the Crieff Hydro Course.

He holds a degree from Elmwood College. As part of his studies he apprenticed at Gleneagles and helped prepare its Centenary Course for four Bell's Scottish Opens.

He said: 'I look forward to focusing my energies onto maintaining and, where possible, improving the magnificent Machrihanish Dunes course.'

'I particularly look forward to mastering the challenges of working on the west coast with its alkaline sand and extreme winter weather.' Simon will be joined in Campbeltown by his wife Catherine and sons Bailey and Brandon.



Argyll and Bute Council need Foster Carers to provide -

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If you are interested in becoming a Foster Carer please contact our Family Placement Duty Worker on 01546 605517 or email fpduty@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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Making an enquiry does not commit you to becoming a carer

Once approved as a carer you will receive on-going support and training from the council

The council runs a fee payment scheme dependant on the types of care being offered

Veronica, one of our carers, has written about some of her feelings and experiences.

"I was approved as a short-term foster carer 6 years ago and wow, has it been a learning and emotional roller coaster!"

"Well, first and foremost it has been rewarding. Not fluffy round the edges rewarding, but deeply satisfying life-changing rewarding."

"If you do decide to progress there's an in depth introduction and assessment process which is very enlightening and will help equip and inform you about what is involved and expected when looking after a child in foster care. So you will have plenty time to come to your own decision about proceeding with the process or not."

Fostering - rewarding in more ways than one



Kilbrannan Bar owners James Robertson and Elaine Munro have helped good causes hosting their race nights. 08_c15bar01

Bar's race night is a winner for the town hall

THE support and generosity of the Kilbrannan Bar was praised after it hosted a race night which raised £520 for Campbeltown's town hall project.

'They were extremely good hosts and also provided prizes and food as well as sponsoring one of the races,' said Gill Wright, of the town hall project group.

'Money is in place for the refurbishment and upgrading work due to start on the hall but we still need funds for accoutrements and fittings.'

Other sponsors of the

race night were: A&G Barr optometrists, Kin-Tyre Hire, D. McNair and Son fuel merchants, JD and IM Duncan dentists, Wright Ogilvie accountants, Krisp Print and Argyll Bakeries.

Three years

James Robertson and Elaine Munro have owned Kilbrannan Bar for the past three years.

Mr Robertson told the Courier: 'We are always happy to help organisations and good causes.'

'Past race nights have helped Carradale AFC, Campbeltown Pupils and the young firefighters.'

Well worth the journey for Dunaverty Players

'A fabulous way to support the local club'

DUNAVERTY Players may have missed out on a place in the finals of the Scottish Community Drama Association competition but its members had a great time.

The group, which won the Campbeltown District Drama Festival in February, travelled to Castle Douglas to take part in the West of Scotland Divisional Finals.



AM Transport gave Dunaverty Players free use of a van for the set and props. Archie McMillan of AM Transport hands the keys over to director Linda Brannigan.



The cast of Easy Stages: Back row, from left: John Bakes, Heather Macadam, David Bassett, John Ives and Elizabeth Barbour. Front row: Patricia Healy and Susan Paterson.

On the opening night in Castle Douglas there plays from well-known authors. First on was a play by Arthur Millar, followed by a Tennessee Williams production before a rollicking comedy ended the evening.

Dunaverty Players opened the second night with their comedy Easy Stages by NJ Warburton. Director Linda Brannigan said: 'It was about the backstage crew of an amateur dramatic company's performance of Hamlet. Those involved with amateur dramatics will fully understand how important it is to

have your stage hands working quickly, quietly and in sync to get sets on and off the stage.'

The play, which featured John Ives, Elizabeth Barbour, Heather Macadam, Susan Paterson, David Bassett, Patricia Healy and John Bakes, was well received by the Castle Douglas audience.

At the after-show event they put on a 10-person rendition of the Andy Stewart monologue, The Rumour.

Linda added: 'Throughout all this the real stage crew worked tirelessly to assist in eve-

ry way. Christine Jardine kept everyone on the right page of the script, Terry Leahy and Bill Brannigan ensured the sound and lighting came on in the correct place while I ran round like a headless chicken.'

'Special thanks to AM Transport who gave free use of one of their vans for the set and props to travel to Castle Douglas.'

This was amazing support to the group and a fabulous way to support the local club, so thank you to Archie McMillan and crew.'

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The infants of Castlehill Primary are pictured during the school's spring concert. The theme was the Commonwealth Games, with the P1 class singing songs about taking the bus from Campbeltown to Glasgow to experience the sporting event. 20_c15castlehill01

Argyll is big hit at Glasgow tourism expo

ARGYLL'S attractions were among the most popular at the VisitScotland expo in Glasgow last week.

Nearly 1,000 companies from the UK and around the world descended on the SECC for the two-day event to see what Scotland's tourism sector has to offer.

Impressed

Many were very impressed with the quality and diversity of Argyll and the Isles' attractions and events, which were

showcased by Argyll and the Isles Tourism Cooperative (AITC).

Connie Lovel, AITC chairwoman, said: 'This is the third year running we have had space at the show and the feedback just keeps getting better.'

'Our stand showcased some of the very best of Argyll and the Isles, so it's not surprising that it generated a great deal of interest. I may be biased, but I think it would be difficult not to be hugely impressed with the range and quality of attractions this wonderful region boasts.'

I'm confident we made a big enough impression on many of the VisitScotland expo visitors so that they'll make sure Argyll and the Isles is on their agenda.'

Better place

She said many of AITC's existing partners had commented that the area is becoming a better place to visit and do business with. 'That's exactly what we're trying to achieve,' she added.

Members of the Campbeltown branch of the Royal British Legion pictured at their fundraising coffee morning in the Red Cross Hall last Saturday morning. 08_c15legion01

Fashion show will have Scottish theme

A FASHION show to highlight what Campbeltown businesses have to offer will take place in the Tasting Room, Bolgam Street on Saturday, April 26.

Organised by Explore Campbeltown, it has a Scottish theme which will feature a range of tartan items, handmade woollen items, tailored and evening outfits as well as some locally made jewellery and accessories.

There will be two showings with both lasting around 45 minutes.

The afternoon showing at 2pm will have tea, coffee and cakes available, and the evening showing at 7pm will have both alcoholic and non-alcoholic cocktails available.

After each show clothing rails which will feature all the clothes which were worn on the runway to give people the chance to 'look at and feel' the products.

This will also give the retailers the chance to answer questions and display their clothes further.

Encouraged

Explore Campbeltown members are also being encouraged to take part in the expo being held as part of the MOKruns next month.

The expo event in the Victoria Hall on Saturday May 24 between 1pm and 6pm is expected to draw around 1,000 people and anyone looking to have a stall, cost £20, should email events@mokrun.com



Campbeltown Brass members playing during their fundraising pancake tea in Stronvaar Bowling Club last Saturday afternoon. 08_c15brass01



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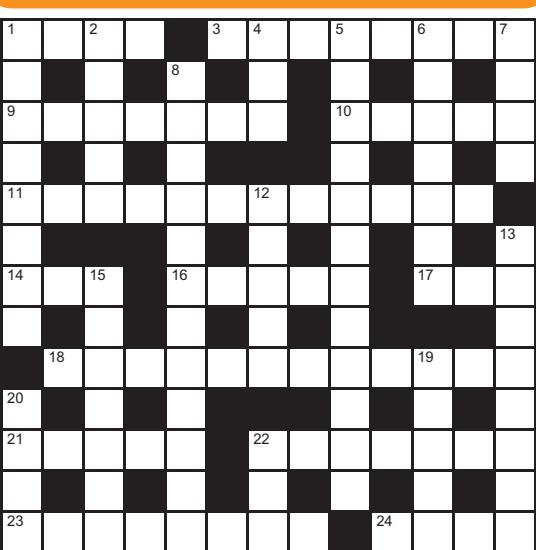


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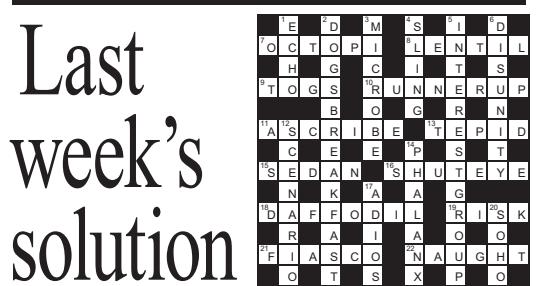
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Rio 2 2D (U) Daily: 14.00, 16.15, 18.30 (exc Tues)
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The Grand Budapest Hotel (15) Daily: 20.45 (exc Tues)
Tinkerbell & The Pirate Fairy (U) Daily: 12.00

Event Cinema Now Booking
The British Museum Live: Vikings Thursday 24 April 2014 at 19.00
The Royal Ballet Live: Wheeldon THE WINTER'S TALE - Monday, 28 April 2014 at 19.15
NT Live: King Lear 12A – Thursday 1st May at 19.00
RSC: Henry IV Part I : Live on Wednesday 14 May 2014 at 19.00

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD



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| 1 Hope for (4) | 1 Upstarts (4,4) |
| 3 Mixture of beverages (8) | 2 Cold dishes (5) |
| 9 Defendant (7) | 4 Away (3) |
| 10 Very slow in tempo (5) | 5 Mixture of colours (12) |
| 11 One who inspires (7,5) | 6 Dirigible (7) |
| 14 Just there (3) | 7 Diving bird (4) |
| 16 A mission in 1836 at San Antonio (5) | 8 Selling ready to eat foods (12) |
| 17 Dash (3) | 12 Used at the last supper (5) |
| 18 Liveliness (12) | 13 Hurries along faster (6,2) |
| 21 A puzzle of symbols and words (5) | 15 As a pointed example (7) |
| 22 Poor (7) | 19 Could be secret or raising (5) |
| 23 Parting word (8) | 20 Of eye and plant (4) |
| 24 Increase distance by foot (4) | 22 Belonging to the lady (3) |



Blow for Glenbarr wind farm applicant



THE company which hopes to put up 19 massive wind turbines just behind Glenbarr has had a smaller project rejected.

Burcote Wind's bid for four 110-metre high structures at Meikleton Farm, Huntly was refused last week by Aberdeenshire Council's planning committee.

The news was welcomed by Glenbarr residents who are almost unanimously opposed to plans for 125-metre high turbines near their village.

John Seddon, of Barr Glen where the proposed turbines would be

located, told the Courier this week: 'Reading the consultations, the main objection was visual impact. So there is hope for us.'

'Apart from the many other reasons that Barr Glen application is wrong, the visual impact would be horrendous.'

The Glenbarr proposal will be considered by the Scottish Government rather than Argyll and Bute because of its size.

Opponents, including Argyll and Bute's MP Alan Reid and MSP Michael Russell, say the glen is an inappropriate location and that any

large turbines should be confined to the spine of Kintyre where wind farms are already established.

Boyd and Sally Sneddon told the Courier last year that the pending application had made it impossible to sell their house.

An Argyll estate agent

also stated that wind turbines not only devalued property but also left some homes unsaleable.

Burcote spent more than three years on its Huntly proposals going through a lengthy consultation process with the area's residents.

Original plans for six turbines were reduced to

five at 125 metres high and then further adjusted to four at 110 metres high.

It also promised to contribute more than £1 million to a community fund during the turbines' lifetime.

The fund for the larger Glenbarr development would be worth more

than £9 million.

Burcote has four other large-scale wind farms proposed including 43 turbines on the Cowal Peninsula 10k east of Lochgilphead.

The others are 21 turbines west of Moniaive in Dumfries and Galloway, 30 in Upper Nithsdale and 24 structures

eight miles from Castle Douglas. It has yet to have a planning application approved.

Regarding last week's refusal in Huntly, a Burcote spokeswoman said the company would examine the details of the decision before 'taking a view' on what to do next.

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More needs to be done to reverse population decline, says councillor

NOT enough is being done to reverse population decline in Argyll and Bute, Kintyre councillor John Semple said this week.

Councillor Semple, lead councillor for economic development prior to changes to the council's administration last year, said plans from the authority's economic development agency 'lack ambition'.

He also called on it to 'raise its game'.

He said: 'I established an overarching aim for the council's economic development action plan which was to reverse population decline in the area.'

'The trouble with the plans from the new administration I have seen is that they lack ambition and look much like previous plans which failed to retain our young people or attract significant numbers of economically-active people to live here.'

'The 10-year plans in development must be significantly different if they are going to have any impact on population decline. This maybe the last opportunity to

save many of our fragile communities.'

At last week's Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Area Committee, Mr Semple proposed an addition to the local economic development action plan which would see the establishment of a forum.

Its aim would be to es-



**Kintyre councillor
John Semple**

tablish potential for international business and promote opportunities to that audience.

He added: 'Many of the key commercial enterprises which have developed here came about because of the ingenuity, expertise and local knowledge of our business community but yet, until now, the public sector does not engage fully with that community in the development of our economy.'

'A forum would focus on how, together, the business community and the council could encourage significant opportunities for employment in Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and Islay.'

Council leader, Dick Walsh, said this week:

'The council is focused

on taking all action we

can to help grow our

population, develop our

economy and secure a

prosperous future for

the area.'

'We are ambitious for

our people and our area.

This ambition must be

founded on realistic ac-

tions and the recog-

nition that the task of

growing our population

cannot be achieved by

the council alone.'

'We are moving to area based economic develop-

ment action plans that

prioritise the necessary

key actions to stimulate

sustainable growth in

our communities.'

'We are also planning a population summit to bring key local and national representatives together to focus on action needed to increase our

population and full de-

tails will be announced

shortly.'

Many trades will be required for town hall work

TRADES people who want to become involved in the £1.7 million renovation of Campbeltown Town Hall are being asked to contact South Kintyre Development Trust.

The main contract has now gone out to tender, however the trust hopes that the successful contractor will be able to subcontract as many services as possible.

The project is being funded by the Big Lottery, the Townscape Heritage Initiative and CHORD. Work is expected to begin on the renovation by July this year and due to be completed by September 2015.

Eric Spence, project coordinator, said: 'There are many different aspects to the renovation and refurbishment of the hall requiring many different skills and trades including, joinery, plumbing, electrical, painting, tiling, plastering, glazing and stone masonry.'

To register your interest please send an email (max 400 words) outlining specific skills, experience, availability and contact details to eric-spence@btinternet.com

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Dog owners urged to keep pets under control

NFU Scotland is urging dog owners and dog walkers to keep their pets under control around livestock.

Incidents of sheep worrying are growing with more farmers across the country seeing their livestock distressed, hurt or killed by dogs.

At this time of year, with fields full of pregnant ewes or ewes with young lambs at foot, an incidence of worrying can have a devastating impact on a flock and cause severe distress to the shepherd.

Mauled

He said: 'Over the past two years we've had several attacks where dogs have mauled our sheep, the most recent of which was two weeks ago.'

'We want to stress that although you don't see sheep or other livestock immediately in front of you in a field, it doesn't

mean they aren't in that area.'

'Whenever dog owners come to me looking for their dog that has run off on our land, they tell me the dog won't bite and 'just wants to play'. Would you put your children in a pen with lions that 'just want to play'?

'Our plea is to keep your dog under control. If it doesn't come back automatically when you call, then don't let it off the leash.'

'We don't want to stop people going out to enjoy the countryside, however we need to make sure that they are being responsible.'

'Our sheep are our livelihood and we can't risk having them dis-



A sheep at Kipps Farm, Linlithgow which was recently mauled by a dog.

tressed, hurt or killed by dogs who have irresponsible owners.'

'By following the simple messages in the Scottish Outdoor Access

code that require dogs to be kept under close control in the countryside, these distressing incidents can hopefully be avoided.'

MARKET REPORT

Caledonian Marts (Stirling)

CALEDONIAN Marts in Stirling sold 708 store cattle and 73 young bulls on Tuesday.

Bullocks 398 averaged 232p to 283p per kg for a 235kg Limousin from Wester Whin, Slamanan and £1.390 gross for three 675kg Charolais from Loanrigg, Slamanan..

Heifers 268 averaged 223p to 285p per kg for a 525kg Limousin from Hilton of Beath, Kelty and £1.500 gross for the same animal..

Bulls 73 averaged 125p to 219p per kilo for a 305kg Limousin from Heads, Strathaven and £980 gross for a 510kg Limousin from Meikle Coull Farms, Tannadice, Forfar.

42 black and white bulls averaged 131p per kilo.

Leading prices bullocks, £ per head: 0-250kgs - £670 Wester Whin, 251-300kgs - £745 Wester Mail-

ing, 301-350kgs - £940 Mid Ervie, 351-400kgs - £1,030 Meikle Coull Farms, 401-450kgs - £1,190 Walton 451-500kgs - £1,120 Wester Pirleyhill, 501-550kgs - £1,195 Midlerigg, 551-600kgs - £1,325 Greencraig, 601-650kgs - £1,335 Greencraig, 651-700 kgs - £1,390 Loanrigg.

Leading prices heifers, £ per head: 0-250kgs - £640 East Gartfaren, 251-300kgs - £690 Wester Mailing, 301-350kgs - £845 Walton, 351-400kgs - £930 Martnaham Mains, 401-450kgs - £1,090 Hilton of Beath, 451-500kgs - £1,110 Woodend, 501-550kgs - £1,500 Hilton of Beath, 551-600kgs - £1,160 Heads.

Leading prices bullocks, £ per kilo: 0-250kgs - 283p Wester Whin, 251-300kgs - 272p West Lochhead, 301-350kgs - 273p Hilton of Beath, 351-400kgs - 260p Meikle Coull Farms, 401-450kgs - 270p Walton,

el's from D Gracey, Orchard.

Feeding ewes, 61 sold, averaged £48.39 selling to £92 for Texel's from M Robinson, Kirkland.

Leading prices ewes with lambs at foot: Belt x gimmers with twin lambs - £176 Leadmachany, Belt x ewes, (2 crop) with twin lambs - £171 Leadmachany,

Belt x gimmers with single lambs - £162 Leadmachany, £58 Kirkland.

Texel x gimmers with single lambs - £160 Leadmachany.

Feeding Hoggets: Tex - £90 Orchard, Char - £88 Auchenlay, Easycare - £85 Dinar Estate, Cont - £83 Hoodhill, Suff x - £81 Straiton, Mule - £79

Orchard, Chev - £75 Ballymeanoch, BF - £70 Orchard.

Feeding ewes: BF - £64 Cruachan, Swale - £60 Morenish, Chev - £58 Kirkland.

Young farmers have a new committee

CAMPBELTOWN Young Farmers held its annual AGM last week when a new committee was selected.

They are: Fraser Cameron, chairman; Kelsey Brown, vice chairman; Thomas Irwin, secretary; Michael Smith, vice secretary; Nichola Kerr, treasurer.

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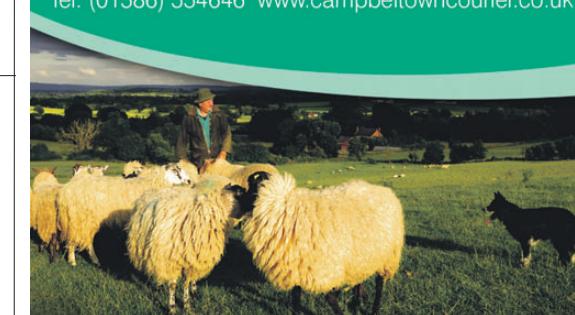
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SOUTHEND

Southend SWRI hosts annual bulb show

JUDGES at the recent Southend SWRI annual bulb show were very enthusiastic about the standard of the entries.

Held on March 10, entries for the show were received during the afternoon and judged at 4pm.

There were a good number of entries in the bulbs and plants section, as well as the baking, but entries were down in the flower arranging and craft sections.

Beautiful bowls of blooms filled the hall, with hyacinths releasing the most powerful smell.

The evening was opened by president Jen Ronald, who welcomed everyone to the meeting. Before she introduced the guest speaker, Marilyn Sheddell, everyone enjoyed browsing around the exhibits.

Marilyn showed photos entitled Nature Through the Lens, which showed lots of flowers, beautiful scenery and her pet dogs at play.

There were also pictures of a few of the cats she fostered before re-homing them as part of the Cats Protection League.

Maggie Young accompanied some of her pic-

tures on flute, playing atmospheric music to match the mood of the moment.

Flower of Scotland played for a Scottish thistle, while Morning by Greig played to herald sunrise over the Isle of Skye.

Despite some technical difficulties with the projector, Maggie and Marilyn gave a splendid show.

Inez Ronald proposed a vote of thanks to Marilyn and Maggie. The judges also thanked members for their hospitality and Pauline Simpson outlined the judges' thoughts on the show,

saying the standard of entries was very high.

Presentations then took place for the winners of the various classes, before supper was served and the raffle was drawn.

Results: Bulbs: 1 Jen Ronald, 2 Fiona Rowland, 3 Inez Ronald; Baking: 1 Mary Cameron, 2 Inez Ronald, 3 Jen Ronald; Handicrafts: 1 Margaret McDowall, 2 Jen Ronald, 3 Fiona Rowland.

Three special prizes were awarded for the best entries in their class: Bulbs: Margaret Bateman; Baking: Mary Cameron; Handicrafts: Jen Ronald; Most points in the show: Jen Ronald.

SWRI Southend would like to thank everyone who took part for all

their hard work, which makes the bulb show a success.

STONEFIELD Honour for hotel's head gardener

STONEFIELD Castle's head gardener love affair for his work has been recognised with an honour from the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society.

Peter Robertson, who tends to the hotel's 60 acres of woodland and gardens, was presented with his award for his contribution to horticulture and gardening in Scotland at a ceremony in the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh.



Peter MacDonald, who has been head gardener at Stonefield Castle hotel for quarter of a century.

Peter said: 'It is wonderful, but for me it is my work, it is what I love. Tending Stonefield's gardens is reward enough in itself. I'm a millionaire doing the job up here, I meet a lot of nice people and to see it in bloom it is wonderful.'

Peter, who has tended to the estate's eco-system for more than 20 years, knows the name of every tree and is happiest escorting guests around the grounds on guided tours.

When Stonefield, on the shores of Loch Fyne, hosts its luncheon each year for the Gardening Society of Scotland, the first thing members do when they arrive is seek Peter out for his advice and news.

Anne MacDonald, general manager of Stonefield said: 'Like many of my family of staff at the castle, I'm blessed to have him.'

He has planted many varietals, including British Champion Tree, Lit-

tle Beech from Tasmania, Red Cedar, Eucalyptus, Monterrey Cypress and Cryomeria.

There are also now hundreds of rhododendrons in the grounds as Peter plants one for every couple who have married at the property under his tenure.

The most precious plants to him, however, are the four copper beech planted by his grandchildren.

He said when he parts this earth he will be scattered among them, adding: 'I've always said if you're trying to find heaven come to Stonefield Castle, so I hope to see you soon.'

ISLAY Escaped vulture found on Islay

A VULTURE which recently escaped from World of Wings in Cumbernauld has been found in Islay.

The bird was spotted close to Laggan Farm last week before being caught, wrapped in a coat and put in a dog crate with some scraps of chicken to eat by ornithologist Malcolm Ogilvie.

It has now been returned to World of Wings, which is Scotland's largest bird of prey centre.

Port Ellen pupils are inspired to write poetry

TWO Port Ellen Primary School pupils have been awarded for their poetry writing skills after entering a national competition.

Abbie Morris, P6, and Asher Borthwick, P7,



From left: pupils Lewis McNeill, Andrew Francis, Eilidh Norris, Heleana McAllister, Joseph McAllister, Morvern Paisley, Zac Carter, Mathilda Moller, Leo Silvan and Alasdair Paisley in Gigha's bible garden.

Clachan and Skipness pupils explore Gigha

CLACHAN and Skipness primary schools recently took a trip to Gigha and explored the island.

The two P7 pupils, Kayleigh McNeill and Peter McAllister, spent the day at Gigha Primary, getting to know the other P7 pupils there and their teacher Lorna MacAlister.

Everyone else Nordic walked around parts of the island, visiting the bible garden and the beach.

The pupils would like to thank Anne

McIvor for showing them around the garden.

Much discussion has been stimulated following their visit as it has encouraged pupils to ask questions about events and characters in the bible.

They later Nordic walked to one of Gigha's coves and, despite the wind, enjoyed exploring, creating sand sculptures and investigating life on the seashore. The trip was pupil Andrew Francis' idea.

series on Gaelic channel BBC Alba.

The island will appear in episode four of the new eight-part series Eileanan Fraoch.

Islay-born Heather De-war will visit eight diverse island communities during the series, learning about their past and present.

She will meet local artists and business people, crofters, boat builders, historians and cooks, while witnessing how island communities are fighting back against decades of population decline.

On Gigha, she speaks to Willie McSporran, who tells her how the island has fared under community ownership. She visits the turbines, tours Achamore Gardens and is shown around Gigha Halibut.

Heather also meets Henri Macaulay who gives her a tour of Gigha Gallery. Other islands featured in the series are Scalpay, Rum, Tiree, Eigg, Raasay, Rathlin Island and Lismore.

The Gigha episode will air on BBC Alba on April 29 at 8.30pm.

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The fourth annual charity choir ceilidh in Clachan Village Hall recently raised £420 which will be divided equally between the Marie Semple Fund and Miremba school in Uganda which is linked with Clachan Primary. One of the organisers, Anne Parkhouse, said: 'Special thanks go to David Hunt and Alex for providing the dance music, to our special guests Na Seudan folk group from Tarbert, and the Community Choir [pictured] and Dunskeig Singers.'

CLACHAN

Castle by Horatio McCulloch.

Both have been invited to hear their poems read aloud at an awards ceremony at the Scottish National Gallery in Edinburgh on April 17.

GIGHA**Gigha to feature in new BBC Alba series**

GIGHA is to once again feature in a television

Inspirational Kintyre pair will carry the Queen's Baton



Carolyn Buchanan from Tarbert who is one of the Queen's baton bearers.

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TWO Kintyre residents are set to carry the Glasgow Commonwealth Games baton as it passes through Argyll in June. Colin Millar from Campbeltown and Carolyn McAlpine from Tarbert were nominated and chosen to carry the Queen's Baton during its journey in Scotland.

Colin, 24, was selected to become a member of the sportscotland young people's panel in 2012, giving a voice for young people on the future of sport.

He has supported a range of local and national groups including the sportscotland board, community sports hubs and Argyll Young Am-

bassadors, offering business support and feeding back ideas.

According to his nomination, Colin is 'totally dedicated and passionate about sport' and 'has inspired a huge number of individuals and community groups'.

Carolyn McAlpine, a jogscotland leader, ran from Glasgow to Tarbert last year in memory of her father and aunt who both passed away following a battle with cancer. She ran 100 miles in three days, raising more than £13,000 for the Friends of the Beatson cancer charity.

Running alongside friend Dougie Moore, Carolyn inspired peo-

ple to join the pair on parts of the run. Many of those people now run every week in Tarbert's jogscotland group. The Argyll leg of the Queen's Baton Relay will take place from July 7 to 13.



Colin Millar from Campbeltown who will be taking part in the Queen's baton relay.

Grammar pupils leave the Den with £500 for Gambia project

TWO Campbeltown Grammar students have won £500 at a Dragons Den-style event.

The money will support ongoing work in Gambia.

The pupils attended the Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network (ABSEN) annual conference and Dragons Den, held over two days in Inverary.

Three winners, including the Campbeltown pupils, were picked from eight entries.

Their money, sponsored by Firstport, will go towards their new business idea for CGS4Gam-

bia to develop sales and marketing of ethical imported goods.

A group of Grammar pupils visited Gambia in February on a volunteering trip which the school hopes to repeat.

Reinvest

Artmap Argyll was also a winner, receiving £500 of sponsorship from Inspiralba to progress its sales of Argyll art to the London market and reinvest in art workshops for local people.

The annual Social Enterprise Awards were also presented at the conference, recognising ex-

cellence and highlighting the range of community, environmental, economic and social benefits being created by organisations in the area.

Fyne Futures won Social Enterprise of the Year for their commitment to community regeneration through environmental activities.

Social Enterprise Leader of the Year was awarded to Brian Swinbanks from Tobermory Harbour Association, and Oban Phoenix Cinema won New Social Enterprise of the Year.



The Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network annual conference and Dragons Den was held in Inveraray last week.

'Positive feedback' to town hall open day

MORE than 150 attended an open day last week to view plans for the £1.7 million upgrade of Campbeltown Town Hall.

Eric Spence, project coordinator, said: 'It was an opportunity for people to have their say on the latest proposals and we were delighted with the turnout and overwhelming positive feedback.'

'The architect's presentations were filled to capacity and were very well received.'

'This is a very ambitious project to protect, restore and bring this important building back into community ownership and

use, so input from local people is vital to its success.'

'We are grateful to everyone who attended and provided important feedback and especially the many volunteers who helped us prepare and deliver a very successful event.'

The Campbeltown Town Hall project, run by South Kintyre De-

velopment Trust, is being funded by the Big Lottery, the Townscape Heritage Initiative and CHORD.

Contracts for the main contractor to undertake the construction work are out to tender and the work is expected to begin on the renovation by July this year and completed by September, 2015.



The architect's presentations will filled to capacity.

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A view of the old school - the large building with the white gable end - taken from the hill above the village.



The old school is the building to the left. The building to the right is the former drill hall.

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Coming home

Exhibition promises big insight into the history of a school and its village

ON October 4, 1935 it was recorded in school diary for Drumlembie Primary:

'So many tinker children have come here that Miss McQueen complains that she cannot do justice to her ordinary pupils. She has 18 ordinary and 14 tinkers. There are 17 tinker children in the school. Headmaster has written to Dr MacDonald [director of education].'

The diary, uncovered by the committee for Drumlembie Primary Homecoming on July 12-13 of this year, reveals many remarkable insights into a rural school established in 1875.

Celebrate

It also reveals:
May 14, 1937 - The school was closed for three days to celebrate the coronation of King George and his wife Queen Elizabeth.

June 11, 1937 - Headteacher attended juvenile court in Camp-

beltown. Three boys pleaded guilty to tumbling cope stones off dyke. Two were put on probation and one was fined 10 shillings.

September 30, 1938 - Mrs Thomson's choir gained two first prizes and a second at the National Mod, being the most successful choir in Scotland.

November 4, 1938 - Dr MacDonald visited the school and discussed the possibility of admitting three more tinker children to the infants class, where there are already 32 youngsters including nine tinkers.

February 24, 1939 - Director of education remarks 'The school is really too small...a fifth teacher may have to be considered...proposed possibility of using the drill hall...children cannot go home for their meal...it is unusual in any Argyll school for "nothing" to be done. It is usual to supply the children with hot

water...and the use of a classroom.'

May 31, 1939 - Mr McNeil tested the gas masks of all the pupils.

September 1, 1939 - School closed owing to the evacuation of Glasgow children. Billeting and registration carried out.

September 15, 1939 - School re-opened. 145 children on the roll.

Taken over

August 6, 1940 - The drill hall has been taken over by the army. It has been found necessary to use a room in the unoccupied schoolhouse for infants 2...not satisfactory as the room is rather small for a class of 27.

August 14, 1940 - Mr Clark left this morning having been called up for military service.

August 16, 1940 - A number of pupils have been absent during the week caddying on the golf course. A warning was issued.

September 3, 1940 - One of the infants died



Above: A Drumlembie Primary school class in 1939



to Drumlembie



ry class photograph in 1935.

in hospital with diphtheria.

Session 1941-42 - School roll 140 plus five evacuees.

February 13, 1942 - School bus in accident. All pupils taken home after being dressed at Machrihanish Sick Bay. One admitted to Campbeltown Cottage Hospital.

March 11, 1942 - Army took over a room in the schoolhouse.

June 11, 1943 - Large numbers of pupils absent all week turnip thinning.

March 24, 1944 - Miss Thomson off duty today having received word of the death on active service of her brother.

August 17, 1945 - School closed 15th and 16th, victory in Japan (VE).

August 22, 1945 - School closed. For victory in Europe (VE) holidays.

June 6, 1947 - School closed on 3rd for cattle show.

Session 1949-50 -

School roll 98. January 12, 1951 - 50 pupils absent with influenza.

Session 1952-53 - School roll 78.

May 11, 1953 - A service of school dinners commenced. The meals are brought out from Campbeltown by van and served in the drill adjacent to the school.

Angus Nimmo, 70, of Campbeltown, a member of the homecoming committee, told the Courier: 'The diary is one of the many fascinating items we have for our exhibition in the present school on July 12-13 but we are eager to receive more memorabilia.'

'We are particularly looking for photographs and artefacts, not just about the school but also depicting how life used to be in and around the village.'

Already more than 200 people have expressed an interest in attending the homecoming ceilidh, and we have former pu-

pils coming from Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada.

'However, we'd like to hear from many more former pupils or staff and also anyone connected to former World War Two evacuees.'

'We'd like to hear their stories about being sent many miles from their homes to live on Kintyre farms.'

As well as the exhibition, there is a ceilidh planned for the former officers' mess at Machrihanish Airbase on the Saturday evening.

The following day, a plaque will be placed on a wall adjacent to the field where the original school stood and Campbeltown piper Ian McKellar is composing a tune for the occasion.

Anyone wishing to contribute, attend the ceilidh or become involved in homecoming events should contact John Armour, tel 01586-552404, or email dhomecoming2014@hotmail.com



A school picnic outing to Machrihanish beach in 1954. From left are: Ian McArthur, Robert Lewis, Mildred Lewis, Fay McVicar, Jean Weir and Angus Nimmo.



Youngsters taking part in a sack race during the coronation celebrations for Queen Elizabeth in 1953.

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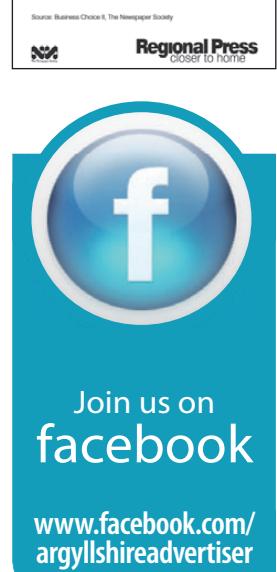
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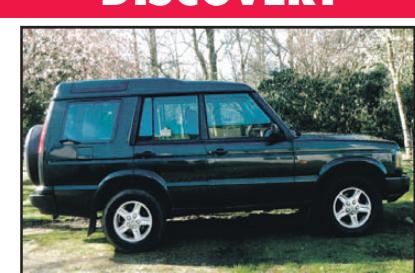


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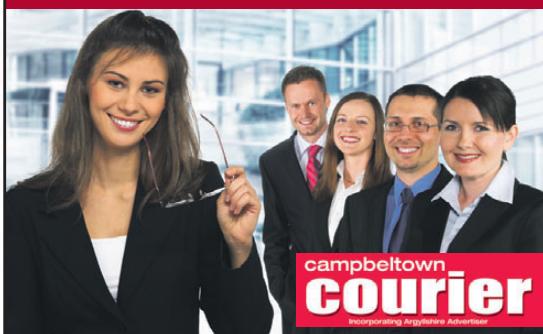
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would like to thank family, friends and relations for flowers, gifts and cards received on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Many thanks to George, Catriona, James and Roberta for a lovely evening, enjoyed by all.

Happy 21st Mummy

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 Liam xxx

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Sheddell

IT took us forever to pack.

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We needed all our 'toys' too: books, kindles, tablets, phones, ipads, ipods, golf clubs, walking boots, waterproof gear, cameras and binoculars.

We even had to take the tortoises, as our tortoise 'sitters' had also gone on holiday.

They needed hay, lamps, boxes, heated pads, a playpen and a bed.

Finally we were ready and as we squeezed into a bulging-at-the-seams car, I remembered Jesus saying to his disciples, 'When you go on a journey, take nothing with you'.

Too late, I thought, but it did get me thinking.

Of course, we cannot go on holiday with nothing, but we have become a people of possessions.

We have more gismos and gadgets than any other generation before us.

Does that make us more content, or do we take it all for granted?

This same week we enjoyed an evening of 'Messy Church' when about 54 of us shared a meal, some craft work and a lot of fun together.

I watched as children and adults made things together, without computers or any other modern wizardry.

The children enjoyed the simplicity of glue and card, decorating biscuits, putting plants in flower pots, making Easter baskets and just using all their God-given creativity.

It certainly was 'messy' but it surely was fun.

The God spark in each of us will never be replaced by technology, but sometimes we have to be reminded of it.

So I think I will go back for my paints and Scrabble - it might just fit in.

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New season gets under way at Argyll Bowling Club

ARGYLL Bowling Club was officially opened for the new season last Saturday when the club's oldest active member Nancy McRae had the honour of throwing the first jack.

Enjoyed

The members then enjoyed a dry afternoon's bowls, with the president's team taking on the vice-president's team.

A prize presentation was also made for the last indoor bowling competition of the winter season, the indoor triples won by skip Gavin McLachlan, Mandy Robertson and Donnie McCrimmon.



Nancy McRae throws the first jack of the season at Argyll Bowling Club watched by president Archie Clark and members. 08_c15bowls01



Indoor triples winners: skip Gavin McLachlan, right, Mandy Robertson and Donnie McCrimmon.



Three-year-old Sophie Robertson, whose grandfather, Andy, is a member of the club, handed over a bouquet of flowers to Nancy McRae. Also pictured is president Archie Clark. 08_c15bowls02

Open day will remember garden's driving force

A SPECIAL open day is being held by Campbeltown Community Orchard and Garden on Saturday, April 26, to celebrate the life of a man who was a huge driving force behind the garden - its former chairman Dave Pearson.

'He was an amazing man who took everything on and made things happen,' said garden administrator Tracy Chambers.

'He turned the garden round and developed and made it what it is today - a thriving community hub.'

'People can come along and see what he

managed to achieve with very little funds.'

'He had this ability to make things happen and get things done.'

'He had a vision of this space for the community to grow fresh fruit and vegetables and where people could learn about the environment and good food.'

A former occupational therapist in England, Mr Pearson had retired to a cottage near Southend with his wife, Trish, and their dog Jack.

Jack was to be his constant companion while he spent many hours in the community garden which he was heavily involved in right up un-

til his death in 2012.

Ms Chambers added: 'We hope people will come along to the open day and join us for an unveiling of a commemorative sundial then a barbecue and fun for all the family.'

'A cairn has been made to hold the sundial and we are asking if people would like to bring a small stone to lay around the bottom, with or without a personal message for Dave.'

The community orchard and garden is situated on High Askomil behind Auchinlee Even-tide Home and is part of Kintyre Environmental Group.

Ralston reunion in New Zealand

AROUND 90 people gathered in Allanton, New Zealand for the reunion of the Ralston family, who originate from Kintyre.

Acquired
Once there, he earned a living by working as a farm labourer. Eventually he acquired his own farm and was the starting example for the spread of Ralston owned farms in Allanton.

The last of the farms were sold in the 1980s by Lindo Ralston. Janine and Julia plan to visit Scotland next year.



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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

BAKER - Alistair and Louise (née Adam) are delighted to announce the birth of their son, James Alexander on Thursday, April 3, 2014, at Aberdeen Hospital. A wee brother for Andrew and a new grandson for Flora and James Baker, Lochgilphead, and Christine and Alexander Adam, Aberdeen.

BARBER - Martin and Elaine (née Robins) are delighted to announce the arrival of Erin Morag on Friday, March 21, 2014. A little sister for Anna.



CAMERON
Edith Sarah, to a thrilled Craig and Emma (MacNair) on April 3, 2014. Many thanks to the midwives at the Mid Argyll and Paisley RAH.



MACKENZIE
Douglas and Diana (née Brodie) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, John Douglas, on April 2, 2014 at Princess Royal Maternity Hospital, Glasgow. First grandchild for Diana and the late John Brodie, and first great grandchild for Barbara McCallum. Special thanks to Dr Alan Mathers and his Team and Elspeth Colville, Midwife, Campbeltown.

STEWART - TAYLOR
Chris and Cheryl are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Christopher Sean Stewart, on March 15, 2014. A little brother for Rachel and Teigan, and first grandchild for David and Joanne.

ENGAGEMENTS

MARTIN - PATERSON
James Martin and Jo-Anne Paterson would like to announce their engagement on March 23, 2014. Our families are absolutely delighted with this news.

DEATHS

BROWN (née Law) - Suddenly on Monday, April 7, 2014, Susan, beloved wife of the late Bill and devoted mother to Alan, Eric and Stuart. Much loved gran to Joanne, Kirsty, Morven, Ashley and Ian. Good friend and neighbour to many. The Funeral Service will be held in St John's Church on Tuesday, April 15 at 11am a.m. and thereafter to Cowal Cemetery, to which all are respectfully invited.

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LEYDEN - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 6, 2014, Jamesina Hamilton (Ina), in her 99th year, 51 Meadows Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Willie Leyden, much loved mother of Margaret, Arthur and the late Fay and a loving grandmother of Andrew, Ian and Scott. RIP Service in St Kierans RC Church, on Friday, April 11, 2014 at 1pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CAMPBELL - Jenny and family would like to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, baking, phone calls and visits received following their recent sad passing. Sincere thanks to Dr Ward and nursing staff at Glenaray Ward, along with the extended care nursing team, for all their care and attention to Duncan during his illness. Our thanks are also extended to Rev Roddy MacLeod for a most comforting service, and to Rev Hilda Smith for providing a personal tribute. ThankstoDonaldMacDonald Funeral Directors for efficient and caring services; and to the Stag Hotel for fine purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection has realised over £600, which will be divided between Glenaray Ward and extended care nursing team. Thank you.

HARROGATE - The family of the late Mary Stewart Harrogate would like to thank everyone who helped us in our recent sad loss of our beloved mum and granny. Thanks to the ambulance men and Dr Villalba for attending and for his kindness to us, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their caring and professional services, the Ardshiel Hotel for the purvey and lastly, to everyone who attended the service and sent messages of sympathy, we thank you all.

IN MEMORIAMS

BROCK - Treasured memories of my dear husband, Ian, who died April 11, 2006. Not just today, Always in my thoughts. Flora.

BROCK - Ian, a dear brother-in-law. Simply the best. May.

MACLULICH - In loving memory of Duncan who died on April 11, 2013, dear husband, father and brother. Always in our thoughts, Annette, Alasdair and Ishobel.

MARTIN - In loving memory of Jimmy, who died on April 11, 1998. Always in my thoughts, Alice.

MARTIN - In loving memory of a dear dad and grandad, James, who died April 11, 1998. Always in our thoughts, from his family at home and away.

MCSPORRAN - In loving memory of Alastair, who died on April 17, 2012. Much loved and greatly missed by Ann, Hilda, Iain and all the family.

WEIR - In loving memory of my dearest husband Alex, died April 11, 2013.

Gone but not forgotten, Although we are apart, Your spirit lives within me, Forever in my heart, Your loving wife Tina xx.

WEIR - His weary hours and days of pain His troubled nights are past, And in our aching hearts we know,

He has found sweet rest at last.

We love and miss you, Bell and Jim xx.

WEIR - Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day,

Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Love always, Allan, Jinty Alastair, Ailsa, Kian and Kara.

WEIR - Alex. In loving memory of a dear dad and papa. Sadly missed, Allan, Kirsteen, Colin, David and Andy x.

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Sunday 13th April 2014
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Monday 14th April 2014
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Wednesday 16th April
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'Messy Easter'
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12.45pm Worship Service
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Highland Parish Church

Sunday 13th April
11.15am Mr. W. Crossan
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Tuesday 15th April
Session Meeting
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Clachan
Sunday 20th April
Easter Service 10am
Ms. Marilyn Sheden

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A'Chleit
Thursday 17th April
Maundy Thursday Service 7:30pm
Rev. David Thom

Sunday 20th April
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Rev. David Thom

Easter Service 11:30am
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Sunday 20th April
Easter Sunday

"He is not here, for he has risen!"

Service in Achahoish at 9:45am
Ardrishaig at 11:00am

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Wednesday
7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob
Thursday
7.30pm Bible



Islay and Campbeltown Under 15s are pictured before their exciting clash on Campbeltown's all-weather pitch on Sunday which the visitors won 5-3. A few days earlier on the same pitch, Campbeltown Grammar School Under 18s defeated 4-3 Lochgilphead High in a great advert for youth football.

Building up to league finale

CAMPBELTOWN District Darts Association week 17 results: Ailsa 3 Southend 7, Kilbrannan B 5 Kilbrannan C 5, Fiddlers 7 Commercial 3, Burnside 8 Fiddlers B 2, Kilbrannan A/Bye.

James White of the Fiddlers, John MacIn-tosh of the Commercial and Burnside's Kenny Docherty scored 180s.

With only one week left in the league Burn-side are three points in front of the Fiddlers.

Due to a cancellation earlier in the year these two teams still have to play each other and the league will be decided on that match. With Burnside only requiring a draw all the pressure will be on the Fiddlers to produce a result.

Carradale face league leaders

CARRADALE AFC have a big match at home tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon on the all-weather pitch in Campbeltown when they are at home to top of the league side Cork-erhill.

No winners

THERE were no winners of the Machrihanish Golf Club lotto on Monday when the winning numbers were 16, 18 and 20.

The jackpot goes up to £600 for the draw on Monday, April 14.

April Medal

ISLAY Golf Club April Medal - 1 D Living-stone 81-7=74; 2 J Ro-zga 82-6=76; 3 R Quail 89-11=78. CSS 71.

Kintyre swimmers keep up to speed

FOUR competitions and a Sports Relief Swim covering more than 40 miles have seen a busy few months for Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club members.

South Ayrshire Mini meet on January 26 was attended by nine of the younger club members who all swam very well, with Catlin Russell swimming 50 metres front crawl in 51.54 seconds and Logan Colville swimming 50 metres breast stroke in 55.52secs.

Three of the senior swimmers travelled to North Ayrshire for a very competitive meet at the beginning of February with the girls finishing their 200 metres individual medley within five seconds of each other. The club held its own sprint championship on Monday, February 10 with the majority of members taking part

and many parents waiting to support and encourage their children.

For the newest members of KASC this was their first taste of competitive swimming with brilliant results and a very proud coach.

The greatest benefit of local competitions is the inspiration it provides these new swimmers to aspire to the senior

ranks and become part of the Argyll and Clyde Squad.

The newly formed squad with swimmers from Kintyre, Oban, Islay, Dunoon, Helensburgh and Clyde district team have combined strengths to aim for the high standards of national competitions.

REN96 has been the best attended meet with

12 swimmers travelling to Linwood on the March 22 and 23. This graded meet was attended by swimmers of all ages who had a great time. All these trips can cost a lot of money and so the club is planning a prize bingo on May 1 at Argyll Bowling Club and would appreciate as much support as possible.



Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club members pictured recently at Linwood's graded meeting.

Oliver Armour in champion form

OLIVER Armour took the honours in Machrihanish Golf Club's Carskney Cross and April Medal last Saturday.

Playing off scratch, the reigning club champion's nett score of 70 was enough to take the honours by virtue of the inward half count back from Owen Morgan.

Clearly this early in the season Oliver's practice is already paying dividends.

Carskney Cross: 1 O Armour 70-0=70 (BIH), 2 O Morgan 80-

10=70, 3rd H Purdey 86-15=71 (BIH). Scratch - A R Thomson 76. Senior - R McMurchy 91-14=77.

Medal: 1st class - O Armour; 2nd class - O Morgan, 3rd class - K Abendroth.

Winter league

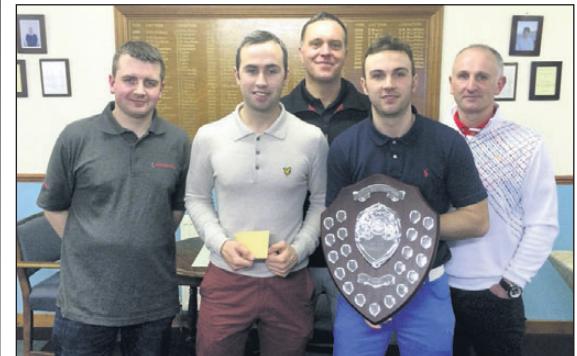
The winter league play-off the following day was won by Owen Morgan and Ian McGougan with a score of 3 up against bogey.

The winning pair won by virtue of the count back rule pipping

Stephen Kelly and David Wallace into second and new captain, David Rankin, and his vice captain, Graham Anderson, into third. All three teams finished on 3 up.

This weekend sees Machrihanish host the Argyll and Bute County matchplay championship.

On Sunday, April 13 Machrihanish play Dunaverty at Dunaverty in the first leg of the McNeill Cup with tee off at 9.30am.



Pictured from left are Kintyre Hire representative Andy McPhee with Greg Gillespie, Andrew Robertson, Graham Gilchrist and Kevan Gilchrist.

Weather makes all the difference at Dunaverty Am-Am

DUNAVERTY Golf Club's Am-Am last Saturday was a huge success with a full turnout of all the teams which entered. The early starters had to contend with fog followed by persistent rain and cold winds.

Despite this some excellent scores were recorded with David Irwin's team first home posting a nett 54.

This did not last long as scores of 53, 52 and 50 began to appear. The weather relented in the afternoon with a drop in the wind and the sun almost appearing. Andrew Robertson's team of Kevan Gilchrist, Greg Gillespie and Graham Gilchrist took full advantage of this to record an astonishing score of 46 made up of an outward half of 22 and an inward 24.

Ross Sinclair's team took the second place from Ian McKinnon's quartet. Both teams having the same score but Ross had the better inward half by one shot.

Thanks must go to all the sponsors: Kintyre Hire, MacFadyen's Contractors, MacFadyen's Transport, Machrihanish Dunes, Springbank Distillery, Argyll & Bute Consultants, Andrew Smith and Son, Franklin Steel, Kintyre Motors, McKinven and Colville, P McKerral and Co and Wind Towers Scotland.

Captain David MacBrayne thanked the sponsors, the competitors and especially the greenkeepers David Scullion and Willie MacMillan who had the course in superb condition.

Team Results: 1 Andrew Robertson, Kevan Gilchrist, Greg Gillespie, Graham Gilchrist 46, 2 (BIH) Ross Sinclair, Kenny Cameron, Cameron Gibb, Neil Carmichael 50, 3 Ian McKinnon, Angus Brown, John Biggins, Hector Thompson 50. Individual hole prizes: nearest the pin in 2 at the 1st - Hayden Chambers 8ft 7ins; nearest the pin at the 7th - Johnny MacIntosh 6ft 3in; best nett score at the 13th - Duncan Watson III, Greg Watson, Reeve Thomson and Alan O'Neil; nearest the pin at the 16th - Iain Reid 2ft 7ins; longest drive at the 17th - gents Jimmy McKinven, ladies Eleanor Hawkins.

Dookers clock up double figures

TARBERT continued their good league form which has seen them unbeaten in 2014 and easily saw off Shawlands B.

Manager James Prentice made two changes to the team which won their Coronation Cup quarter-final fixture the previous week with the injured Mark McCormick and Craig Johnson replaced by David Ronald and Kyle Doull.

The Tarbert Hotel sponsored team quickly got on top of the game and turned in an excellent display of passing football on what was,

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once again, a poor playing surface.

Tarbert's good play was rewarded with 15 minutes played when Prentice opened the scoring with a low shot into the bottom corner from 18 yards. Tarbert quickly added two identical goals through Nikki MacDougall when he scored with headers from Allan Blair corners.

Shawlands pulled a goal back when Tarbert lost the ball while attacking and the unmarked midfielder fired low into the net at the back post.

Tarbert quickly regained control when a corner was cleared only as far as Callum Elliott and his dinked ball over the defence found Kyle Doull who took a touch before shooting across the goalkeeper into the far corner. Right on the

stroke of half-time, Tarbert added another when Prentice was on hand to tap the ball in when the goalkeeper dropped a powerful shot from Malcolm MacIver.

The start of the second half saw Shawlands force Tarbert goalkeeper John Martin into making two good saves.

Tarbert scored their sixth when Prentice completed his hat-trick when he spun in from the left and unleashed a daisy cutter from 25 yards which left the keeper with no chance.

Tarbert kept up their work rate and good football and they went on to add another five goals through Prentice, Ronald, Iain Johnson and two excellent finishes for young Kacper Krawczyk, his first goals for the club. Shawlands also added to their goal tally to make the final score 11-2.

Tarbert are away tomorrow (Saturday) against Millerton Thisle in the league.

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Another slight increase in training load

IN week six of the beginners' training plan for the MOKrun 10k in May, an extra five minutes is added on to both the easy Tuesday and Saturday runs.

Tuesday is now 25 minutes easy and Saturday 45 minutes easy.

Thursday also sees a slight extension to the tempo paced running.

After an easy 20 minute warm up, pick up the pace for four minutes and then walk or jog for two minutes. Repeat the four minutes tempo, two minutes recovery four more times before finishing with an easy eight minute jog.

This week's tip is a reminder of last week's: on Thursday, endeavour to err on the side of caution in your opening tempo efforts and let the body find its own rhythm.

If you experience any distress, you are trying too hard which is not what you want to do.

Alex scores first hole-in-one at Dunavery

THE HIGHLIGHT of Dunavery Golf Club's March medal came at the 14th hole, a 194 yard, par three when Alex Arkell scored his first hole-in-one.

On approaching the green neither he nor his playing partner could see the ball but after eventually looking in the hole they found it resting at the bottom of the cup.

This score helped Alex to a fourth place finish in the medal.

Peter McCallum was winner on the day beating vice captain Alastair O'May on count back.

Wind and rain made for a tough round of golf as shown by the CSS of 65 to the course par of 66. Best scratch score of 69 was achieved by Campbell McCallum.

Results: 1 Peter McCallum (cb) 81-16-65, 2 Alastair O'May 77-12-65, 3 John Dreghorn 83-16-67 (cb), 4 Alex Arkell 80-13-67, 5 Ian Doherdy 84-16-68, 6 Campbell MacBrayne 76-7-69.

Shaun of the head

Grumoli's crucial second goal sets up Pupils victory

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THIS was not a classic by any stretch of the imagination, but the McFadyen sponsored Campbeltown Pupils churned out the right

result to keep pressure on at the top with four games of the season remaining.

Shawlands kept their passing game intact



Striker Martin McCallum on the ball as Gary Grumoli looks on. 08_c15pupils06

throughout the 90 minutes, but lacked the guile and penetration to hurt the home side's lofty ambitions.

The Pupils' know they have to play to form if the season is to end with a silver lining, but the management will be happy in the knowledge that their side can deliver much better.

Even below par and forced to make a lot of changes, they won this tie with a measure of comfort.

The home side will also be satisfied with the contribution of the incoming personnel, especially Shaun Grumoli and Gregor Croll, who claimed three of the four home goals.

Shaun Grumoli heads home from close range, leaving the Shawlands keeper no chance. 08_c15pupils02

The opening goal for the Pupils arrived from an unexpected source. A Pupils corner was partially cleared to the edge of the box where Craig Lang immediately returned the ball across goal.

A first-time strike from point blank range was blocked on the goal line, but the ball cannoned into the path of centre half Shaun Grumoli who squeezed it over the line for the opener.

Just before half time, Gary Grumoli broke free



Shaun Grumoli scored twice in his first game of the season. 08_c15pupils01

to stroke the ball beyond the advancing keeper.

The home side dominated the early second half exchanges, but complacency in defence allowed the visitor's centre forward to drive the ball beyond Craig Lamont and reduce the leeway.

It was the only moment that Shawlands had threatened, but the score-line was quickly restored to its original state with a third home goal.

Winning a corner kick on the attacking right, a misdirected clearance broke into the path of Martin McCallum, who steadied himself before sending an inch-perfect cross for Shaun Grumoli to score

with a firm header beyond the stranded goalkeeper.

The home team's management then introduced all of their subs to the

fray, and it was no surprise when the fresh legs began to stretch Shawlands lands at the back.

A fine run by Kenny Galbraith ended with an offload to Croll whose pace carried him past a number of despairing challenges before he turned the ball home for the final goal of the match.

Postscript to a valuable home win was the introduction of William McKinnon, aged 17, to the senior line-up. William has progressed through the ranks of the community club, a journey that will hopefully be replicated in years to come by many more from the under-age groupings.

Campbeltown Pupils will travel to play Rutherglen tomorrow, Saturday April 12, in another important match in the league title race.

Indoor bowls winners receive their prizes

CAMPBELTOWN Bowling Club held their indoor bowls prize giving in the Stronvaar clubhouse last Saturday following a match between the men and the ladies.

The full list of prize winners is as follows: men's championship - Jimmy Anderson, runner-up Gavin Semple.

runner-up Hugh McCorkindale.

John Buchanan Cup - Susan Gilchrist, runner-up Roberta Lafferty.

B & D Cup - Jimmy Anderson, runner-up Archie Johnston.

John Bannatyne Cup - James McPhee, runner-up Gavin Semple.

Ian Johnston Cup - George Allan, runner-up James McPhee.

Ladies' pairs - Doreen MacMillan and Lorraine Brodie, runners-up Roberta Robertson and Mary Anderson.

Burnett Cup - Jimmy Anderson,

men's pairs - Hugh McCorkindale and David MacMillan, runners-up Steven Dickson and James Colville.

Ladies' mixed pairs - Catherine McEachran and George Allan, runners-up Susan Gilchrist and John Mason.

Men's mixed pairs - David Brown and Alistair Munro, runners-up Neil Maguire and Ria Johnston.

Monday league - Neil Maguire and Sally Anderson; Tuesday league - Hugh Newlands.



Campbeltown Bowls Club's indoor prize winners.

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