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Villagers want 40mph limit on A83 through Tayinloan

by **GRAHAM CRAWFORD**
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CHRISTINE O'Hanlon primes her young grandchildren for a dash across the A83 at Tayinloan.

'Okay, get ready, go!' she calls out.

They have just a few seconds to reach the comparative safety of a narrow pavement on the other side.

It is an ordeal she and Tayinloan residents go through every time they want to take themselves and youngsters on one of just two walks available in the village.

It is no better for local drivers.

Leaving either one of the two junctions out of Tayinloan in a vehicle can be just as fraught.

Christine's daughter, Rebecca Harvey, said:

'People are constantly sharing stories of near misses.

'You have less than 100 yards visibility in either direction.

'You think you have a clear road, you pull out and suddenly somebody is right up the back of you.

'Cars come at you so fast.'

The problem for Tayinloan residents is that motorists can legally drive through the village at 60mph.

On the downward slope into the village, following the long straight from Rhunaharine, vehicles are often travelling faster.

Mrs O'Hanlon, a councillor with West Kintyre

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Crossing, or walking alongside, the A83 in Tayinloan is not something villagers relish as vehicles often fly by at 60mph or faster. 08_c14tay01

Restoring building is hard labour

A HISTORIC Campbeltown tenement has been stripped back to a bare, roofless shell - literally by hand - before it can be restored fully.

With no room for vehicles at 2 Cross Street/50-52 Main Street, workmen have painstakingly removed 600 tonnes of rubble using no more than chain-saws and drills.

Once brick and woodwork were broken up, labourers hauled it out by wheelbarrow.

Full story on page 3.

Caught speeding

THREE motorists were caught speeding by police in Tarbert last Saturday.

They were each fined £100 and issued with three penalty points.

Similar penalties were given to two motorists caught speeding in Drumlemble the same day and another driver was caught in the village the following day.

Arrested

A 25-year-old man was arrested in Campbeltown town centre around midday on Tuesday in connection with an assault on another man. He was also reported to the procurator fiscal for possession of a controlled drug.

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Community Council, said: 'Everyone agrees it is an accident waiting to happen.'

'It is not fun trying to cross that road or walk along the narrow pavement on the other side,' she said, 'but there are only two places I can take my grandchildren for a walk - to the woods at Largie on the other side of the A83 or down the narrow ferry road which has no pavement.'

'The community council has been approached numerous times by locals concerned about traffic and we have brought it up with Argyll and Bute council and the police many times.'

'A box installed to monitor the traffic was removed after 24 hours. How can traffic be gauged in a single day?'

'Muasdale, Clachan

and Kilkennie have 40mph limits - we should have the same.'

'It would only be necessary for a quarter-mile stretch but make villagers feel a lot safer.'

Mrs O'Hanlon said a fresh approach will be made to Transport Scotland following the recent trunking of the A83 between Kennacraig and Campbeltown.

Argyll and Bute councillor Robin Currie said: 'We are having speeds cut imposed by Transport Scotland where not necessary - such as between Tarbert and Ardrishaig - yet scant attention is paid to communities who say there is a clear need.'

'There is a very obvious need in Tayinloan for a reduced speed to make the village junctions safer.'

Fellow councillor John McAlpine agreed: 'Tay-

inloan merits a lower speed limit on the A83 there because of the limited visibility at these junctions.'

A Transport Scotland spokeswoman said a 2012 review of speed limits on the A83 on that stretch concluded that they were 'most appropriate'.

She added: 'This recommendation was made with agreement from the police.'

'Road safety is of paramount importance to Transport Scotland and we will continue to assess the safety performance of the trunk road network through our annual monitoring programme.'

* What do you think? Write to editor, Campbeltown Courier, Campbeltown, PA28 6AE or email editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Bonnie bonnets for Monday Club's Easter celebration



Flory McKendrick, left, Cathie Duncan, centre, and Margaret McElroy had plenty of fun making bonnets for the Campbeltown Monday Club's Easter concert held in the guide hall in Kinloch Road. 08_c15bonnet01

Songwriters' festival to hit the right notes

THE EIGHTH annual Kintyre Songwriters Festival on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 29-31, promises another weekend of great entertainment for the area's music-lovers.

Friday night is rock night, with 10 acts performing in Whisky Macs across the evening, including local favourites Violent Echo, The Twisted Melons and Medium High, before headliners The Gilchristians perform the songs of festival founder, the late Kenneth Campbell Gilchrist.

At the White Hart on Saturday evening, the

headliner will be Colin MacLeod, known as The Boy Who Trapped The Sun, a well-known singer-songwriter from Lewis who has supported Bruce Springsteen and Snow Patrol.

He is joined by fellow Lewis-raised artist Miss Irenie Rose, who will bring her modern slant on folk music.

Dundee-based Charlotte Brimmer will hit Kintyre fresh from a US tour including a performance at the world's biggest music festival, SXSW in Austin, Texas.

Also fresh from SXSW will be Sunday co-headliners Hector Bizerk,

Scotland's top hip-hop act.

They are joined by recent BBC Introducing artist of the week Kathryn Joseph, a fast-rising star whose jaw-dropping live shows have earned her plays on Lauren Laverne's show on BBC 6 Music.

She is joined by Angus Munro and his band, a piano-playing singer-songwriter influenced by the likes of Ben Folds and The Divine Comedy, who has been asked to support The Hoosiers and The Rumble Strips and has shared a stage with Tom Jones at Celtic Con-

nections. Also making the trip to Campbeltown from Glasgow's southside are Black and White Boy.

Home-grown artists Adam Fortune, Gullion and Fuji Above The Lightning will be showcasing their original material over the weekend, alongside newcomers like Thomas Jordan, Gareth Croll and Parallel Proof bringing the total number of local acts to a record 19.

As usual the main showcases will be supplemented by friendly, open-stage events and a free music industry seminar programme.

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Forest track application

A PLANNING application to create a forest track at Beinn Buidhe, Carradale, has been submitted to Argyll and Bute council.

Solar panel plan

A RETROSPECTIVE planning application for a shed with 15 solar panels, built at Brookfield, Tayinloan has been submitted to Argyll and Bute council.

Restoring this listed building is a painstaking process

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Tough and slow

Tony MacMillan, construction manager for MacLeod's, the Mid Argyll company undertaking the work, said: 'It has been a tough and slow job because of access issues.'

The rebuild of the 18th century listed property is being overseen by Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) which is providing £390,000 grant funding. Work began last December and should be completed by the end of



Tony MacMillan points out some of the work being done on the Cross Street and Main Street building. 20_c14cross01

the year. Mr MacMillan added: 'The building suffered long-term neglect and the rebuilding job is extensive. 'There was water ingress all over the property, so we had to demolish

whole floors, which were sunken, as well as taking down the roof. 'The heritage aspect is important as work progresses. Since it is a list-

ed building, we will keep the original facade and reinstate the external appearance using traditional methods and materials. 'It is good to be in-

involved in restoring a historic building. We actu-

ally found newspapers from the 1920s under the old floorboards.'

The building had been in danger of being demolished, leaving an unsightly gap site.

A Campbeltown THI spokesman said: 'If the town centre had lost this building it would have completely undermined the progress made through regeneration projects during the past seven years.

'The costs involved in this work sends out an important message to other owners that if they do not look after their buildings, repair costs continue to increase until it is beyond their means.'

When the work is completed, the building will again have two ground-floor shops for commercial lease as well as four one-bedroom flats above.

Award for council service

THE CHILDREN and families service of Argyll and Bute council has won a gold award at the prestigious annual CoSLA Excellence Awards in the category 'securing a workforce for the future'.

The redesign of children and families social work included listening to the views of staff who provide the service and to those of the young people who receive it, giving them confidence in knowing their opinions are valued and lead to changes which put young people at the heart of the service.

Councillor Mary Jean Devon, policy lead for children and families, said: 'The council is deeply committed to ensuring that care is in place for our vulnerable children, and their involvement and input during the redesign of services which support them were an integral and valuable part of the process.'

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Billy has new hope of finally returning home



Billy Irving is preparing for another day in court.

HE WAS arrested and accused of arms smuggling in India, jailed for six months in squalid conditions and separated from his partner and newborn son despite being cleared of any wrong-doing.

However, former Campbeltown man Billy Irving has high hopes his 18-month 'nightmare' could soon be over after a date of today (Friday) was given for his case to be heard at the supreme court in India.

Billy, 34, and five fellow ex-British soldiers were among the crew on board the anti-

piracy ship *MV Seaman Guard Ohio* when they entered Indian waters in October 2013.

Although charges against the crew were quashed last June, an appeal against the verdict by the Tamil Nadu police means the men cannot leave the country.

A court hearing last week to have their possessions returned was successful but they have still not received their passports.

Police appeal

This could all change today when the supreme court is due to hear the police appeal.

Billy, who has missed the birth of his son William to partner Yvonne MacHugh, 26, said: 'We were informed by our lawyer in the supreme court of the hearing.

'We hope this will put an end to this nightmare

and they reject the appeal.

'We should find out if the high court's decision to quash the charges stands, and it's the end, or if they accept the appeal and we go to a trial.'

Billy's lawyer will argue the crew's human rights have been breached throughout the process.

The accomplished piper and shinty player has been given clearance to leave India by court and immigration officials but Indian police have refused to issue a no objection certificate, meaning he cannot leave the country.

He will not build his hopes too high today; he has had too many false dawns and lengthy legal delays already.

Meanwhile, Yvonne has left the couple's home near Oban to get the support of her own



Yvonne MacHugh and baby William hope Billy will return soon. 16_114billy01

family in Neilston, Glasgow, as she cares for the couple's month-old son.

Yvonne said mother and baby could not visit Billy in India until little William - or Uilleam Beag - is at least three months old because he has not had the necessary vaccinations.

'I don't think I could take William over there anyway,' said Yvonne. 'Going to the shops with him is a big enough task, let alone going to India.'

'Just now it is difficult to concentrate on what is going on over there because William has to come first, but I know he needs his dad home.'

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Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel reports on past year's achievements

THE RECENT AGM of Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel (KCPP) discussed its achievements during the previous year and issues still to be tackled.

A KCPP spokeswoman said: 'Missing CCTV spots in Campbeltown town centre and waterfront were an issue throughout the past year and we plan to pursue this and keep it on the agenda. There has also been much liaison with Campbeltown grammar school and we supported the local fire brigade's presentation to

pupils regarding safe driving.

'At the request of the police, KCPP reprinted 1,000 fuel theft leaflets, through the Kintyre Agricultural Show and D McNair fuel merchants, which were kindly sponsored by the community safety forum.

'We campaigned for lighting at the skate park on Campbeltown's Ben-gullion Road, which Argyll and Bute council has since installed.

'In addition, last summer's Keep Yourself Safe campaign, with the NHS and Police Scot-

land, was a success and will be repeated this summer. We are grateful to ACHA for sponsoring campaign leaflets and funding the personal attack alarms to senior pupils.

Own funds

'Funding has been difficult during the past year. Consequently we are looking at raising our own funds by organising Easter and Christmas raffles.'

The panel has several key issues it wants to pursue this year, including vandalism, fly tipping, dog fouling and

damage to Westport beach.

The spokeswoman added: 'We also hope to grow our online presence with a Facebook page for KCPP and will continue working with the GRAB Trust to provide school trips to sites of special scientific interest.'

Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel office bearers for 2015-16 are: Andrew Hemmings - chairman; Eva MacDonald - vice chairwoman; Walter Bell - treasurer, and Linsay MacPhail - minute secretary.

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Litter leaves residents fuming

'Fly tipping and littering are simply down to laziness'

FLY-TIPPING in a scenic Campbeltown street has angered the area's residents.

Three bin bags packed full of empty alcohol bottles and cases, as well as several empty beer

and wine bottles, were strewn along the shore in the town's Kilkerran Road last Tuesday.

One resident, who did not want named said: 'I clean the shore once a week and feel it is

so important to have a litter-free town.

'Fly tipping and littering are simply down to laziness.

Leaving rubbish strewn around is harmful for several reasons; it looks



Three bin bags full of rubbish were dumped by the roadside, angering nearby residents. 20_c14litter01



Bottles were strewn across the shore in Kilkerran Road. 20_c14litter02

disgusting, harms the environment, is an injury risk for passers-by and looks bad for visitors seeing that.

'People coming to Campbeltown do not want to see litter and rubbish at the side of the road. I hope people will think more carefully about disposing of it.'

An Argyll and Bute

council spokesman said: 'Fly tipping can be reported through the council's website, which has an easy-to-use online form designed specifically for this issue. If anyone wants to register an account with the council's website, they can follow the progress of any issues raised, but can also

report anonymously if they wish. Find out more at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/myabc/flytipping

'Alternatively, those without internet access can call Argyll and Bute council on 01546 605514 or drop into our customer service point, the Burnet Building, St John Street, Campbeltown.'

Rotary set for another popular sale

ANOTHER of the Rotary Club of Campbeltown's popular sale of the century events will be held in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown, on Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18.

A club spokeswoman said: 'These sales are important money raisers for the club's charities account and enable the club to help others locally, nationally and internationally.'

'There will be the usual variety of goods on offer and auctioneering will, as always, be in the capable hands of resident auctioneers Cecil Finn and John Kerr.'

'Once again on the Friday, the day before the auction, the hall will be open to the public from 2pm for the popular bric-a-brac sale.'

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Fast action needed

TAYINLOAN should be a rural idyll - a cluster of houses surrounded by fields and woods and the sea close at hand. It should be a joy to live there. However, the A83 takes the shine off that experience, with drivers allowed to fly through the village at 60mph. As our front page story reveals, it can be an ordeal for pedestrians seeking to reach and walk along a pavement or for local drivers joining the A83. Is it right that local residents have their hearts in their mouths every time they step or pull out?

Villagers will certainly not be impressed by a Transport Scotland statement this week that, following a review, the existing speed there was classed 'most appropriate' and the police agreed. Did no one think to ask the community, the people who have to live with the road and its perceived risks on a daily basis?

Would it be so difficult for Transport Scotland to say that it recognises local concerns and, for the peace of mind of residents, the speed limit will be cut to 40mph? A few poles and signs and it is done, with less than 30 seconds added onto journey times. Would frequent travellers along that stretch grudge those 30 seconds? Unlikely. There are no complaints about longer 40mph stretches through Clachan, Muasdale and Kilkenny.

Historically, road campaigners around the country have been told there are not the accident statistics to justify a change in their locale. It is a dreadful response, tantamount to saying change can only happen after sufficient serious injuries or worse. Let us not have to wait for that at Tayinloan.

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Budget cuts will hit vulnerable

Sir,

The SNP group's attempt to involve all councillors in the Argyll and Bute 2016 budget process was defeated, despite the budget decisions being reserved to the full council.

However, the administration leadership was forced to take a different path.

It has set up a 'cuts commission' to identify the proposed cuts instead. Will the unions take up their two offered places? It doesn't matter as there is a built-in majority for the administration. So it is all a bit of a sham.

The public has little interest in council politics and process but they should be outraged that those being targeted by the administration's cuts are the most vulnerable in our communities.

The proposed massive slices off services falls most heavily on adult care which will take up almost 40 per cent of the mean estimated cuts required. Add in children and families and it is around 45 per cent of the total mean estimated cuts.

Those are the budgets that will transfer to the new health and social care integration partnership that has been postponed for a year in Argyll and Bute.

The administration leadership is trying to transfer its financial problems and difficult decisions to that new body.

The proposed real 20 per cent cut in adult care budget can only mean fewer vulnerable older people will qualify for care and support, and those that do will get less.

Argyll and Bute will not be a place for the vulnerable or poor to grow old with dignity or in comfort.

Councillor
James Robb
Argyll and Bute
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SNP's broken promises

Sir,

Why is it people have such selective memories? We are now in the throes of an election campaign and I hear all the time that the Lib Dems can't be trusted as they broke their pledge on tuition fees south of the border. They have apologised for that many times. Are they the only party to break pledges? No the SNP has an appalling record of broken promises since coming to power in 2007.

SNP promised to dual the A9 which is known as a killer road - we are still waiting for that to start. Many lives have been lost.

SNP promised to scrap council tax - promise broken.

SNP pledged in Scotland to abolish student debt - promise broken.

The SNP pledges on education are impressive. To maintain teacher numbers - broken. No primary school child would be taught in a class of more than 18 - broken. Every school child up to S4 would have two hours of PE a week - broken. SNP pledged to halt the sale of school playing fields, pledge broken.

Alex Salmond in 2010 proudly announced that the Spanish company Iberdrola would invest £1 billion to upgrade Longannet and Cockenzie as well as £2.7 billion

in Scottish businesses. Well he got his sound bite but not the money. Neither the businesses nor the power stations received the cash input promised. Cockenzie has closed and Longannet will close shortly. Broken promises. How many jobs have been lost?

No, you can't trust the SNP as they will promise anything to get a vote and then conveniently forget their pledge or blame someone else.

Ursula Craig
Cove.

Election campaign taken into the gutter

Sir,

The SNP's Mrs Wilson's accusation in the Courier's letter's page, March 27, that I am protecting paedophiles is outrageous and a cheap insult to victims by using their suffering to promote the SNP in the coming election campaign.

Is this as low as the SNP can go in their desperation to win at any cost or can we expect them to sink even lower before May 7?

If Mrs Wilson was genuinely concerned about the suffering of these children she would know that months ago, the home secretary had announced that the Official Secrets Act could not be used to stop people giving evidence to the inquiry into historic child abuse. Her statement in the House of Commons gives the lawful authority to anyone to supply information to the inquiry without fear of prosecution under that Act.

Despite this, Mrs Wilson repeatedly accused me of pro-

tecting paedophiles. Many people suffered terribly from abuse when they were children and for Mrs Wilson to make use of this suffering to falsely accuse me of protecting the perpetrators is disgusting and takes this election campaign into the gutter.

It suits the SNP to divert attention from the real issue of this election campaign - the fact that the SNP plan to go to London and demand a huge cut in Scotland's budget. This is because they want to replace the generous Barnett Funding formula with disappearing oil revenues.

This would mean a £7 billion black hole in Scotland's budget which would need an income tax rise of 14p in the pound to plug.

Unless the SNP expel Mrs Wilson immediately for her false accusations, they stand accused of condoning her behaviour and backing her disgusting attempt to divert attention from the real issues of this campaign.

Alan Reid
Liberal Democrat
candidate
Argyll and Bute.

Reid did not toe the party line

Sir,

I know that all political parties wish their MPs to behave in a collegiate manner. However at the recent SNP conference members passed new standing orders for Westminster MPs, which contain 11 draconian clauses on whipping and discipline, which will be extremely confining to their future MPs. Conference agreed that, 'No

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member shall, within or out with the parliament, publicly criticise a group decision, policy or another member of the group’.

I began to feel sorry for Brendan O’Hara, SNP’s candidate for Argyll and Bute, thinking he would feel stifled and limited in what he could say and do for his electors. However, I understand Mr O’Hara is reported to have said: ‘In this next parliament loyalty and discipline will be essential. After 33 years of SNP membership I will not break ranks with the parliamentary group when the going, as it surely will, gets tough.’

People of Argyll and Bute are used to having an MP who will

not toe the party line if he thinks something is not in the best interest of his constituents. Indeed the former Liberal Democrat MP, Alan Reid, showed his independence by voting against his party’s three-line whip on increases in fuel duty, university tuition fees and the ‘bedroom tax’.

Scottish Nationalists by nature are centralists and controlling. A centralised police force; a centralised fire service; domination of committees of the Scottish parliament; and now future MPs who must be submissive to the party’s commands. This Scotland under Nicola Sturgeon is beginning to slide towards a centralising one-party state.

We need an MP who knows the communities of Argyll and Bute and will fight for their best interests. If you don’t want to be represented by a SNP party-minion, then vote for the hardworking, experienced and independent Liberal Democrat candidate, Alan Reid.

Alison Hay Minard.

Looking for relative

Sir, I will visit Campbeltown in mid May, hoping to drive past the house where my uncle, Oliver Gray, lived as a medical GP between 1924-29.

Does a house with this name still exist in the town? If so, where is

it? Perhaps somewhere near the north shore of the loch?

Does anyone remember him, or his young wife? I would welcome any information your readers may offer.

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Community care maths do not add up

Sir, I by no means profess to be a mathematician, but can anyone from health and social care integration please explain to this simple soul how making a number of staff under the threat of

job losses is being complementary to the utopian world of community care (constantly sold to the people of Kintyre by the powers that be when over the years the hospital beds were radically cut to 19). My simple schoolboy mathematics cannot work it out.

In this era of joint budgets perhaps someone in authority can explain this calculation: minus substantial hospital beds plus job losses plus third sector redundancies plus questionable commissioning procedures plus an ageing population equals adequate and comprehen-

sive community care. It just does not add up.

Perhaps it is time I was educated by those gifted health and social care bureaucrats, but then again, on reflection, perhaps not, because in my dotage I do wish to retain a small element of my simple schoolboy mathematical credibility just in case my doctor decides to test my memory rather than my scruples.

**Andrew Hemmings
Sound of Kintyre.**

Lib Dems are finished in Scotland

Sir, Conservatives and Liberal Democrats have worked well together in government over the last five years.

Both parties believe in the importance of bringing the deficit under control, getting people

back into work and cutting taxes for the lowest paid.

However the simple truth is that the Lib Dems are finished in Scotland. Poll after poll shows the same thing - a comprehensive collapse in support in every part of the country.

The Scottish Conservatives and Unionists are now the natural home for people who want to see the recovery continue and Scotland to remain a proud part of our United Kingdom.

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

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Children lead the Way on breathtaking walk

THE Kintyre Way has created a new, family walking guide for the 100-mile route - courtesy of local schoolchildren. The primary school project was designed, in conjunction with renewable energy company Burcote Wind, to involve children, parents and teachers in promoting learning about the Kintyre Way and all it offers the community and visitors.

Anne Martin, the Way’s marketing officer, said: ‘The top-pocket sized guide and map has contributions from pupils across Kintyre - giving them the chance to have their own say about one of Scotland’s most breathtaking and beautiful walking routes.’

‘Each school contributed their own thoughts for sections of the route, with quotations direct from the pupils who jumped at the chance of saying how they feel about the Kintyre Way.’

‘The project was incredibly well received by the schools that were involved. Contributions came from the length and breadth of the Kintyre Way, with



Southend primary pupils enjoying a walk with Kintyre Way staff.

Carradale, Drumlemble, Southend, Clachan, Glenbarr, Skipness, Tarbert and Dalintober primaries taking part.’

One pupil described doing the walk as ‘a moment you would never forget’ and another said the route was ‘magical with amazing flowers excellent animals and learning about history’.

Most of all, they described the route as ‘fun’.

The guide is specifically designed for fam-

ilies, local and visiting, who want to take in the highlights of the Kintyre Way, but not necessarily commit to the entire route.

Ms Martin added: ‘It was all made possible by £5,000 funding from Burcote Wind.’

‘Besides getting children, parents and teachers more involved with local area, it is also hoped the project can attract even more funding for Kintyre Way through showcasing this active

and engaging community involvement.’

‘The Kintyre Way really is a sight and walk to behold. Its proximity to nature, winding pathways and gorgeous sights attract people the world over, and the importance of engaging with the community to promote the walk cannot be understated.’

‘We are blessed to have it on our doorsteps. But don’t just take our word for it, ask the local schoolchildren.’

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Tickets can be either booked online or by calling the 24 Hour Ticket Box Office on 0844 854 2014 or by visiting www.idealhomeshowscotland.co.uk. For further information about the show, visit the website www.idealhomeshowscotland.co.uk.

The centre piece of this year’s Ideal Home Show Scotland, The Super Theatre, represents each of the 8 sections of the show with talks and demonstrations from the nation’s most loved home experts. And the Ideal Home Show wouldn’t be iconic without one of our stunning full size Show Homes for you to explore!

The Ideal Home Show Scotland is offering 5 lucky readers of The Campbeltown Courier the chance to win a pair of tickets to this year’s event in Glasgow’s SECC from 22nd – 25th May 2015.

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Funny old week for Accent Players

CAMPBELTOWN drama group Accent Players did Kintyre proud at the recent Lorn Drama Festival by winning its Stage Management Cup.

Accent performed their play *That Old Black Magic* in the three-day competition at Oban's Corran Halls, but with adjudicator

Paul Dougall also judging the west regional final in Kilmarnock the next day, where Accent Players were also due to perform after winning the Kintyre Drama Festival in February, they did not compete fully.

Serious plays

However, their well-received comedy in Kilmarnock could not

quite get them beyond the west regional final, with the two qualification spots for the Scottish final taken by more serious plays.

Kenny Johnson, Accent Players director, said: 'At the Lorn festival and the west final our play was well received. Both audiences loved the play.'

'We were given credit for entering a comedy, when it tends to be serious plays which get the most success.'

'We were still very proud of our performance in a high-quality competition, especially as comedies are so challenging and are therefore rare at divisional level.'



Accent Players, Kintyre champions and Stage Management Cup winners at the Lorn Drama Festival, just missed out on the Scottish final.



Second sighting of vagrant rock pipit goes on record

A VERY rare visitor to Kintyre has been verified by the Scottish birds records committee.

A vagrant rock pip-

it, a sub-species of the Scandinavian rock pipit, photographed at Machrihanish Seabird Observatory last May, has been accepted as

only the second recording in Argyll.

The photograph was taken by Eddie Maguire, warden at the observatory.

Event will promote biker safety on A83

A SAFETY event is to be held to warn bikers of the dangers of the A83.

It will be held at Loch Fyne Oysters, Cairn-

dow, on Sunday April 12 from 10am until 4pm.

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Choirs in fine voice for dialysis fund

KINTYRE Chorale rubbed shoulders with Mod royalty when they sang in concert with Glasgow Gaelic Choir. Held at Lorne and Lowland Church in aid of the Kintyre Dialysis Campaign, £1,000 was raised, leaving dialysis treasurer Ronnie McNally delighted. Mr McNally said: 'First of all it was a superb concert. I am delighted Glasgow Gaelic Choir, led by a Campbeltown man, conductor

Kenneth Thomson, offered to come down and perform in front of his home crowd. 'Their guests, the Kintyre Chorale, were excellent too. 'They both played a huge part in raising this wonderful sum which will help our campaign for providing dialysis treatment in the town. '£843 was donated at the door, a hugely generous effort. 'A raffle and a donation from the Gaelic

choir brought the total to £1,000. 'Glasgow Gaelic Choir could not do enough to help, coming down here and staying over at their own expense, and we are extremely grateful for their support.' **Arrangement** Campbeltown's Mod legend Raibert McCallum, conducted the massed choir's performance of Sine Bhan, or 'Fair Sheena', a Mod tradition, and a song his father M G McCal-

lum created the choral arrangement for in the 1940s. Past members of Campbeltown Gaelic Choir emerged from the audience to take part in the massed performance. A Kintyre Chorale member said: 'The Glasgow choir were amazing and had a real depth of singing talent. It was a wonderful opportunity to perform with Mod winners and the Gaelic songs were beautiful.'



Ross McGregor with the rubbish collected in a few hours at Westport beach.

Many hands make light work of beach clean

THERE was a fantastic turnout for the first beach clean of the year, organised by Surfers Against Sewage, at Westport beach on Saturday March 28. Ross McGregor, the area's representative, said: 'This was one of 150 cleans being carried out around the UK over the weekend and this was our busiest yet since we started at Westport three years ago.' 'In total, 50 to 60 bin bags of marine litter were removed from

the beach, along with a large amount of fishing ropes and nets. Around the UK more than 5,500 volunteers worked to remove more than 25

tonnes of marine litter from the country's oceans and coastline. 'Anyone who would like to learn more should visit www.as.org.uk'



Campbeltown's Raibert McCallum, facing choir, conducts a performance of Sine Bhan at the end of the dialysis concert in Lorne and Lowland Church.

CalMac highlights great days out on the west coast

C A L E D O N I - AN MacBrayne has launched the 2015 editions of its popular Go Explore and Go Days Out travel brochures. The two publications feature new and exciting opportunities for visitors to Scotland's west coast highlands, islands and peninsulas with suggestions for great value day and longer trips, to attractions the length and breadth of the west coast.

Go Days Out offers a range of great options to discover and enjoy more of the islands and peninsulas of the west coast. From visiting ancient castles to guided wildlife and walking tours, award-winning gardens, the chance for close encounters with whales, dolphins, seals and basking sharks, great value family days out or simply relaxing café and supper cruises. New additions to Days

Out this year include sea safaris on Islay. 'Now's a great time to plan for some Highlands and islands adventures,' said Cathy Craig, Caledonian MacBrayne's commercial director. 'And Go Days Out and Go Explore offer visitors brilliant hints and tips on where to go, useful travel information and plenty of suggestions for single-day visits through to prolonged holidays.' Both Go Explore and Go Days Out are available online at www.calmac.co.uk/goexplore and www.calmac.co.uk/daysout. The Go Explore brochure is also available at all VisitScotland visitor information centres, CalMac port offices and vessels, at airports and at main tourism hubs. Go Days Out brochures will also be available soon at the above destinations.



A spring tea at Highland Parish Church was well supported. The event was held in Kirk Street hall on Saturday March 28. 08_c14spring01

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

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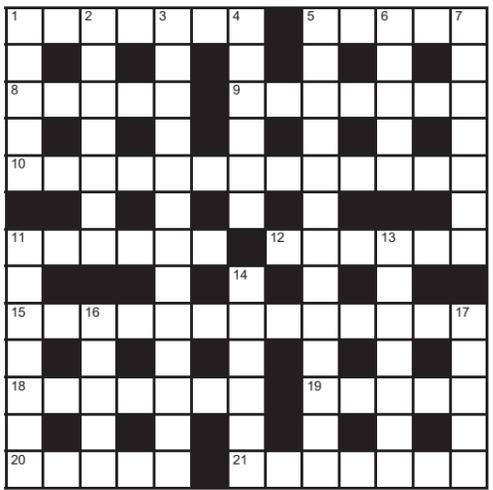
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10 Not just in this country (13)

11 Used with a mortar (6)

12 Behind the times (3-3)

15 Fee paying education place (7,6)

18 Hangs on (7)

19 Lowest deck (5)

20 Support of someone (5)

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1 Civilian clothes (5)

2 Writes symbols (7)

3 Bottled beverages (7,6)

4 Warning (6)

5 Operation on the throat (13)

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Help at Hand



Everyone needs a hand in life sometimes, whether it's helping with everyday chores, staying safe or counselling through a difficult period.

Family life should provide sanctuary, but there are many factors that can lead to disharmony instead. Separation, affairs, money woes, unwanted pregnancy, problem adolescents or new family members can all upset the balance at home. Changes within the family or the personal problems of one member can leave other members confused, angry and hurt. Counselling provides a safe, neutral space in which families learn how to effectively communicate and relate to each other in a healthy manner. No one should be ashamed or afraid to seek counselling for any type of problem, for the stereotype of the rare dysfunctional family is a thing of the past. Every family is unique and none is perfect- each has its own highs and lows. Some lows, though, seem overwhelming, and this is when a family therapist can come to the rescue.

The elderly and disabled often find it difficult to perform everyday tasks, such as grocery shopping, paying bills and cleaning. Even keeping up with prescriptions and personal care can be a challenge.

Fortunately, there is help available so that vulnerable residents can live independently at home.

As they say, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and this is particularly true with fire safety. Elderly and disabled citizens are vulnerable, especially if their smoke alarms are not working properly, but every family needs a well rehearsed fire drill to assure that everyone knows how to get out the house and to a central pre-arranged meeting spot. Organizations such as Scottish Fire and Rescue Service provide fire hazard analysis, escape plans and even free smoke alarms so that a worst-case scenario never happens.

Life can utterly change in a moment. From cancer to Alzheimer's, a disease diagnosis can lead to despair- not just for the patient, but for the family as well. There is no need to suffer alone, though. Help is available. Many organisations offer information, support and counselling to patients and their families to help them through this difficult time.

No one should face life's complications alone. For those needing a helping hand, it's as easy as reaching out.

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'We hope there will be a big turnout as the community's support has been brilliant in the past'



The Campbeltown crew's boat *The Ernest and Mary Shaw* will be open to the public on gala day. 08_c15lifeboat02



Campbeltown RNLI's gala day returns on July 4, including the popular raft race.

AMERICA will be the theme when Campbeltown RNLI holds its popular biannual gala day and raft race on Saturday July 4.

David Cox, of Campbeltown RNLI, said: 'There will be lots of activities on the day including boat trips, helicopter winch exercises and the lifeboat will be open to the public.'

'We are holding a raft race between the new quay and old quay, and are looking for teams of six to get in touch and register their interest.'

'Teams can be made up of anyone, whether friends, work colleagues or sports teams.'

David is hoping there will be plenty of rafts on show, with a dozen or more having competed in past races.

He added: 'It is always a real highlight of the day and great fun to be involved in. If there are enough teams we will be holding heats, so the crowds can enjoy several fun races.'

'Those looking to run a stall on the day are also encouraged to get in touch with us soon as

possible. With the gala day organised for July 4 this year, we decided on an American theme, and while fancy dress is optional it would be great to see people turned out in American-themed costumes. It all adds to the occasion.'

'We hope there will be a big turnout as the community's support has been brilliant in the past.'

To register interest in a stall or to enter a raft race team call 01586 552414 or email campbeltown@rnli.org.uk

Be quick to vote

TIME is running out to register to vote in the UK general election on May 7.

To vote you have to be aged 18 or over and registered to vote by Monday April 20. The deadline for new postal votes and postal proxy applications and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes is Tuesday April 21.

Registering is quick and easy – you can do it online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or call free on 0800 980 0470.

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Application to install cabinet

A PLANNING application to install a telecommunications cabinet on land outside Lochview, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, has been submitted to Argyll and Bute council.

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Take a seat - and buy a bit of local history

THEY are guaranteed to be comfortable. After all, they were built for people watching movies for hours. They are a little bit of local history.

Chairs from Campbeltown's Picture House are up for sale for as little as £10 each.

Already 100 have been sold to an Edinburgh upholsterer who recognised

a good business opportunity - raising £1,000 for the cinema's refurbishment funds.

Now members of Campbeltown community business group (CCB), which owns the cinema on behalf of the community, are looking for buyers for more than 100 seats.

A single one will cost £15, buy two or more and it is a deal at £10 each.

'Because they have shared legs, if we sell them singly it means less can be sold and therefore less money raised,' explained David Mayo, a CCB director.

'They are extremely comfortable seats and a bit of a novelty. Buyers would have to create their own wooden stands for them, of course. They were screwed into the floor in the cinema.'

'With a bit of luck, we could raise £2,000 for the cinema from their sale.'



The seats can be mounted on a wooden stand for use in the home.

Anyone interested in buying one or more of the seats should email admin@weepictures.co.uk

Local delivery can be arranged.

As a result of recently securing important

funding, it is hoped work will start this year on a £3 million restoration and modernisation of the cinema, a listed building, which has provided entertainment in the town for more than 100 years.



Chairs from the Picture House balcony are among 250 being sold to raise funds for the cinema's restoration.

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Home-Start volunteers with alpacas.

A different family walk

A GROUP of Home-Start volunteers were invited to 'walk with alpacas' at An Tairheart visitor centre in Tarbert. Beachmore Alpacas kindly offered Home-start volunteers and staff the chance to walk with their own alpaca around the hills of Tarbert. A Home-start spokeswoman said: 'Our volunteers are used to caring for and supporting children and family

members but the Beachmore alpaca family are a bit different from their usual charges. Thank 'Everyone had a great time and we want to thank Beachmore Alpacas for the opportunity and the volunteers for all the fabulous work they do.' Anyone wishing to know more about Home-Start can call 01880 820400.

SOUTHEND

Show brings fresh smells of spring

SOUTHEND SWRI held its annual bulb show in St Blaans Hall on a beautiful spring day. Everyone brought their lovely flowers and bulbs, filling the hall with fresh smells of spring. The baking and handicrafts were beautiful too. The judges this year came from Southend ladies not involved in the SWRI, Mrs Francis Hill,

Mrs Jen Campbell and Mrs Ella Munroe. They had a wonderful time looking, tasting and debating. Baking - 1 Jen Ronald, 2 Inez Ronald, 3 Kathleen Martin. Bulbs - 1 Jen Ronald, 2 Fiona Rowland, 3 Inez Ronald. Handicrafts - 1 Jen Ronald, 2 Karen Twynham, 3 Fiona Rowland. Special awards: baking, three decorated cup-

cakes - Mrs Jen Ronald; bulbs; bowl of tulips - Mrs Jen Ronald; handicrafts, four assorted knitted cakes on a plate - Mrs Jen Ronald; most points overall - Mrs Jen Ronald. Mrs Ella Munroe presented the prizes. Members enjoyed a slide show from Mrs Marion Warnock of a cruise around Singapore, Thailand, Bangkok, Cambodia, Vi-

etnam and Hong Kong. There were many lovely slides of gardens and buildings and the cruise ship was beautiful as were the hotels they stayed in through out the cruise. Vice president Mrs Kathleen Martin proposed the vote of thanks to the judges and to Mrs Warnock for her slides, and to everyone for their many entries on an enjoyable night.

GLENBARR



Kintyre Fiddlers boost cancer fund

Kintyre Fiddlers held a concert in Glenbarr Village Hall on Saturday March 28 in aid of the 'Mairi Semple Cancer Relief Fund'. Members were joined by flautists Libby Kerr, Maggie Young and Fiona Wotherspoon. There was a good turnout and £180 was raised.

SOUTHEND

Don't miss Scarecrow Sunday

JUDGING for Southend's highly contested scarecrow challenge will be on Sunday April 12 in the village's St Blaans Hall. 'Yes it is that time of year again,' said Susan Paterson, chairwoman of Dunaverty Hall, 'and next year we will be able to hold the event in our new hall which is coming on. 'This event has become one of the most successful ones we hold in Southend and heralds the start of the summer season for local people and visitors.' Scarecrow Sunday is when people judge the entries which are spread throughout the village and surrounding area. There will be a number of other events in May and June to help complete the funding for the new hall.



One of the entries from last year's scarecrow challenge.

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Cheese campaign launched as farmers 'fight for livelihoods'

DAIRY farmers in Kintyre are 'fighting for their livelihoods', it was warned this week.

David Bolt, the National Farmers Union of Scotland (NFUS) branch chairman for Kintyre, delivered the stark message on Tuesday as local farmers, their family members, union representatives and politicians met at the Co-op in Campbeltown for the official launch of the union's campaign to encourage the public to buy Mull of Kintyre cheddar.

'We must do everything we can to keep promoting the cheese,' added Mr Bolt. As part of the campaign, promotional bumper and car stick-

ers and roadside banners have been produced promoting the phrase 'Kintyre Cheese, Yes Please!'

Free samples of the cheese were given to Co-op shoppers from 11am to 2pm on Tuesday.

Reaction

Angus Bell, head of local sourcing for the store in Scotland, Ireland and England, said there had been a 'fantastic' customer reaction following the recent re-stocking of the cheese in the firm's Kintyre store.

Mull of Kintyre cheddar is featured as part of a trial of 10 delis in Co-op stores around the country featuring local produce. If it is successful, the concept will be spread across the country.

Allan Bowie, NFUS president, said it was 'great to see the cheese back on sale in outlets throughout Kintyre'.

He welcomed the recent promise of £450,000 investment in the First Milk's Campbeltown Creamery where the cheese is produced from milk from Kintyre herds.

'We have a great product here that needs investment,' he added.

Dairy farmers in Kintyre, like the rest of the UK, have been struggling to cope with a dramatic fall during the past year in the price they are paid for their milk.

That drop has been caused by a fall in global demand for milk products.



Farmers and family members, union representatives and politicians met at the Co-op in Campbeltown for the official launch of the NFUS campaign to encourage the public to buy Mull of Kintyre cheddar.

Market report

Caledonian Marts (Stirling)

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 782 store cattle and 3 young bulls on Monday.

The judging was in the hands of Logan Trophy winner 2014 James Graham, Mains of Burnbank, Blairdrummond and the following were his awards.

Champion - R Dunlop, Windyedge, Dary with a 335kg Limousin which made £980 to D Watt, Cairntack, Belhelvie.

Reserve - J Geyer, Blairhall, Culross with a 570kg Limousin which made £1,200 to D Watt.

Bullocks (386) averaged 230p to 292p per kg for Limousin's from R M Dunlop, Windyedge Bungalow, Dalry and to £1,380 for a 645kg Limousin from D Reid, Middlerigg, Falkirk.

Heifers (307) averaged 222p to 283p per kg for Limousins from D & L Graham, Mains of

Burnbank, Blairdrummond and to £1,310 for Charolais from J Brown, Greencraig, Falkirk.

Bulls (3) averaged 210p to 236p per kg for Limousins from Mains of Burnbank and to £1070 from Mains of Burnbank.

Black & White Bulls (86) averaged 162p sold to 192p per kg from J & GP McConnell, Hoodyard, Beith and to £960 from D T Marshall, West Kirkland, Newton Stewart.

Leading prices
Bullocks p per kilo
Up to 250kgs - 280p Garlewood, 257p Mains of Struie, 244p Easter Whin; 251-300kgs - 273p Wester Whin, 262p Blacklands, 255p Lochridgehills; 301-350kgs - 292p Windyedge Bungalow, 268p Midervie, 266p Offers & Gallamuir; 351-400kgs - 271p Woodend, 258p Easter Gormyre, 255p Ardgate; 401-450kgs - 287p Walton, 260p Woodend, 259p Skeoch; 451-500kgs - 244p AirtheyKerse, 241p Martnaham Mains, 237p Gibblaston; 501-550kgs - 231p Burnhead, 228p East Gormyre, 225p Gibblaston; 551-600kgs - 222p Greencraig, 218p Loanrigg, 216p

Greenraig; 601-650kgs - 221p Greencraig, 216p Loanrigg, 215p Middlerigg; 651-70kgs - 208p Middlerigg, 204p Loanrigg.
Leading prices heifers per kilo
Up to 250kgs - 233p Wester Ochtermuthill, 191p Garlewood, 182p Easter Whin; 251-300kgs - 283p Mains of Burnbank, 257p Midervie, 255p Windyedge Bungalow; 301-350kgs - 279p Midervie, 269p Mains of Burnbank, 257p Holehouse; 351-400kgs - 254p Mains of Burnbank, 244p Skeoch & Holehouse, 242p Martnaham Mains; 401-450kgs - 244p Offers, 230p Burnhead & High Kilphin, 228p Martnaham Mains; 451-500kgs - 230p Gallamuir & Rievloch, 206p West Kirkland, 204p Wester Braco; 501-550kgs - 241p Awhirk, 211p Braeside & Malletsheugh, 203p Rievloch; 551-600kgs - 213p Malletsheugh, 210p Bowridge, 200p High Kilphin; 601-650kgs - 238p Greencraig, 200p Malletsheugh.
Leading prices bullocks £ per head
Up to 250kgs - £590 Mains of Struie, £560 Garlewood, £500 Easter Whin; 251-300kgs - £785 Blacklands, £740 Lochridgehills, £695 Wester Whin; 301-350kgs - £1,010 Woodend, £980 Windyedge, £900 Midervie; 351-400kgs - £1,020 Ardgate,

£990 Woodend, £980 Easter Gormyre; 401-450kgs - £1,175 Walton, £1,110 Martnaham Mains, £1,100 Mountop; 451-500kgs - £1,165 Gibblaston, £1,140 Martnaham Mains, £1,130 Rievloch; 501-550kgs - £1,240 Gibblaston, £1,190 Rievloch, £1,180 Gibblaston; 551-600kgs - £1,285 Greencraig, £1,275 Greencraig, £1,270 Bowridge; 601-650kgs - £1,380 Middlerigg, £1,370 Loanrigg, £160 Greencraig; 650-700kgs - £1,360 Middlerigg, £1,350 Loanrigg.
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Farmers urged to help power company

SCOTTISH and Southern Energy Power Distribution (SSEPD) is calling on farmers, land owners and land managers to store its number on their phones in case they find damage to the electricity network on their land.

Operating in the north of Scotland and central southern England, SSEPD is aware that some of its poles, pylons and wires run through private land and want to make it as easy as possible for information on damage, potential damage and power cuts to be passed on.

By storing a freephone number for landlines and a low cost number in their mobile phones, it is hoped that any areas of concern such as wires down, leaning or broken poles or damaged pylons can be spotted and reported quickly, allow-

ing the network operator to act quickly and hopefully allow for repairs to be made that would otherwise escalate if left unattended.

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Rita immersed herself in Japanese culture after marrying Masataka Taketsuru.



Masataka Taketsuru and his wife Rita.



This picture is believed to be of a group of Hazelburn distillery workers at around the time Alex and Ma

Day the Japan Campbelltown

Kintyre's link to remarkable story of

IT MUST have created quite a stir.

Three Rolls Royce cars bearing Japanese flags parking up in Campbelltown's Kinloch Road in the early 1980s.

It certainly astonished the man the Japanese party had come to see - Alex Colville, an elderly but alert widower who had been sitting by the fire in his flat.

'My father was in his early 90s,' his son, Kenneth, told the Courier this week.

'His main visitor was the son of Masataka Taketsuru, who had founded the Japanese whisky industry and become a billionaire.'

Masataka Taketsuru worked with Alex Colville for a number of years at Campbelltown's Hazelburn distillery after studying organic chemistry at Glasgow University.

The pair became friends and later kept in touch by letter. Alex, who was the Argyll badminton singles and mixed doubles champion, also taught the sport to Masataka.

Returned

'Masataka Taketsuru's son, Takeshi, had returned to Scotland to retrace his late father's footsteps and took the opportunity to visit my father in Campbelltown,' said Kenneth, a retired post office engi-

neer, now 77, and living in Rothesay.

'My father was stunned to be greeted by his Japanese visitors who had obtained his address from the tourist information office. He was very old by then but still razor sharp.'

'A local historian, he was called Mr Kintyre in the town. He was a distiller at Hazelburn before becoming a manager at Argyll colliery.'

'Takeshi Taketsuru spent an hour with my father before he and his party left, bowing as they walked out backwards.'

Hazelburn distillery, now the site of Hazelburn business park, employed 22 staff and three cus-

tomers officers when Alex Colville worked there. Built in 1836, it closed in 1926.

Masataka Taketsuru scandalised middle class Clydeside and his own family in Japan in 1920 when he married a Scots-woman, Rita Cowan from Kirkintilloch, the daughter of the lady who took him in as a lodger a few years earlier.

The newlyweds lived in Campbelltown while Mr Taketsuru worked at Hazelburn before moving to Japan via New York and Seattle.

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A young Alex Colville, left, with friends Joe Black, Jim Cochrane, Tony McGrory, who became provost, and John Burgess.

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love and whisky

ganza with the possibility of some of the filming being carried out in Campbeltown and Glasgow.

The proposed mini series, shown in 15-minute episodes, will show the rollercoaster story of how Masataka Taketsuru and his Scots wife achieved their dream of making whisky on the cold north island of Hokkaido, which they believed was the most similar to Scotland.

When it first announced plans for the series, NHK TV said it would 'vividly portray the fundamental strengths of Japanese people who have managed to get through tough times'.

It added that the programme would also have 'a lot of laughter and tears as it weaves together the story of an odd couple - a Japanese man who is a socially clumsy dreamer and his British wife who is brimming with elegance and speaks the dialect of Osaka'.

Distraught

Rita Cowan, who immersed herself in Japan's culture, died in 1961, leaving her husband so distraught he wanted to keep her bones by his bed.

Mr Taketsuru, born in 1894 to a Hiroshima family that had owned a sake brewery since 1733, died in 1979.



The late Alex Colville at home in Kinloch Road.

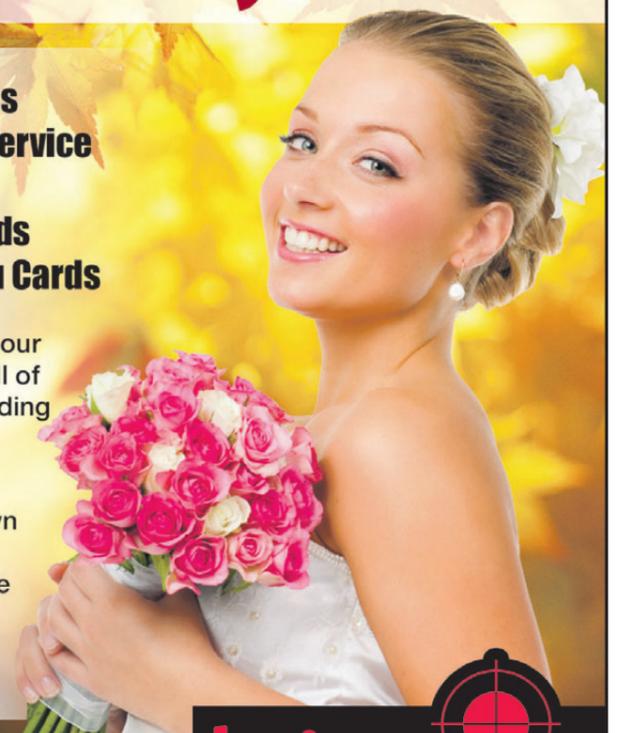
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Council to reduce spending by £37.5 million

BUDGET cuts of up to £37.5m over the five-year period from 2016 are being planned by Argyll and Bute council.

£25m worth of cuts will be made over 2016/17 and 2017/18.

The savings will be made to address the council's funding gap while delivering Argyll and Bute's single outcome agreement - aimed at attracting more people and more jobs to the area.

The council has agreed that a project board of 12 councillors from across the political spectrum and trade union representatives will work together to produce detailed proposals for savings.

These proposals will

first go to the policy and resources committee in October and, if approved, will then be considered by the full council later the same month.

The council will then seek the views of people and communities on these proposals through a consultation exercise.

Council leader Dick Walsh said: 'The current financial climate means no council is able to do as much as it would like. However, what we can do is rise to the challenge and meet it head-on.'

'We have listened to feedback from people who took part in the Planning Our Future consultation.

'We are exploring in-

itial savings targets, always considering the council's priorities, the objectives of our single outcome agreement and, of course, the best interests of everyone in Argyll and Bute.

'The process we use must allow time and opportunities to fully explore all possible options, to evaluate them carefully and to make sure the right choices can be made. This is so that we can invest in Argyll and Bute's future while still delivering services now.'

'Change is inevitable, but Argyll and Bute council will continue to be a major provider of services and a major employer in our communities.'



Youngsters milk it for Red Nose Day

Drumlemble primary school pupils had loads of fun raising £120 for Comic Relief when pupils from pre-five to primary 7 got involved by wearing onesies to school, 'splatting' the teacher, holding a bring-and-buy sale and selling red nose cakes and milkshakes.

Southend's Andrew is set for Kiltwalk marathon

THIS Sunday, April 12, Andrew Rathey of Southend will be participating in the 26-mile Kiltwalk, from Hampden Park, Glasgow, to Balloch.

Andrew said: 'The Kiltwalk raises money every year for various Scottish children's charities and I would like to thank everyone who has supported me

during my training with a cheery word of encouragement or a wave and also those who have already generously donated.'

Anyone who wishes to donate to these worthy charities should go to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AndrewRathey>.



Grant boost for Tarbert Castle

TARBERT castle trust has been granted £600 towards maintenance work.

It has been granted by Historic Scotland to help pay for the repair of paths, removal of rhododendrons and treating the timber steps on the site.

Breach of the peace

A 26-year-old Islay man was arrested for a breach of the peace in Main Street, Bowmore, on Sunday.

He was taken to Campbeltown police station and released to appear in court at a later date.

Pair fined

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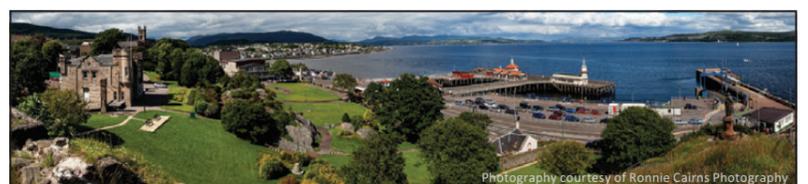
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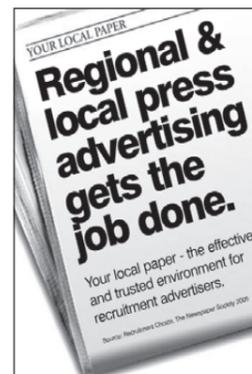


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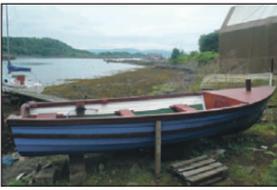
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I HAD only ever seen it on TV before and always wanted to see it in real life.

It is referred to as 'the dance of the cows' and takes place when the dairy cows, who have been inside throughout the winter, are brought back into the freedom of the fields again.

We were invited to watch this happen on a glorious Easter Monday morning on the Killegruer shore field.

We waited expectantly as the sun crept over the hill.

What a delight it was to see these lovely beasts come through the gate, down the slope carefully and then literally click their heels with joy in the early soft morning air.

I tried to capture the scene on my camera, but how do you photograph freedom?

Later it was the turn of the lambs and we were enchanted at the child-like frolics that took place in the 'nursery' when the ewes were distracted by their feed.

It was like the races at the Sunday school picnic.

Without an obvious signal, the lambs would suddenly turn and hurtle off in the opposite direction.

I thought of how empty, how desolate our countryside would be without the beasts of the fields.

How we would miss the order of the farming year from ploughing and gathering, herding and nurturing.

In all weather our farmers are keeping the rhythm of life beating.

On many days when the sun is kind, these caretakers of the land can be seen, literally working from dawn till dusk.

I love the lines penned by Thomas Gray: 'The ploughman homeward plods his weary way, and leaves the world to darkness and to me.'

Let us hope that the tide of good fortune turns in favour of our farmers and though they might come home tired, they will come home knowing how much they are appreciated.

'Communities must have a say on running ferries'

GREATER accountability and transparency is needed on how Scottish ferry agencies are governed and operate, Mary Galbraith, Argyll and Bute Labour candidate said this week.

'It's unbelievable that not one person from Argyll and Bute, the Western Isles, Skye or Lochaber is deemed fit to serve on the boards of the ferry organisations which make decisions

that affect every family and business on our islands,' she stated.

'Over the past eight years we've watched as the SNP neglect these crucial public service, and appoint people to

oversee our ferry services who themselves don't rely on them or live in a community served by a CalMac ferry.'

Labour has committed to reforming the boards of the ferry and transport agencies, including David MacBrayne, CalMac and Caledonian Marine Assets Limited.

'The last people to have a say are the islanders and communities who use the services. Labour will change this for good and make sure local communities and businesses inform and shape future ferry services,' added Ms Galbraith.

'As a first step, these boards must make themselves available to local communities. I've written to the chairmen of each board asking them to meet, all together, with each community that relies on ferry services.'

Referring to a lack of information about the forthcoming ferry tendering process, she added: 'It is insulting to island communities for the SNP government to hide behind commercial confidentiality.'

'The SNP has postponed the tendering decision until three weeks after the next Scottish parliament elections. Our lifeline ferry services are too important to be manipulated for political gain. This process should be about protecting island ferry services, jobs and our communities.'

'If this process is to have a modicum of integrity it must be truncated and the decision taken months before the Scottish parliament elections.'



Youngsters learn the story of Easter

Primary 5 pupils at Dalintober had their own 'Messy Church' at Lorne and Lowland Church. Rachael, Mhairi and Jean organised lots of interesting activities to link with the topic of Easter and a puppet helped to tell the story of Easter while vigorous movement was needed to join in the songs. This was followed by a variety of messy crafts plus an egg hunt. Finally, everyone sat together to enjoy lunch and a chat about the morning's 'Messy Church'.



Labour candidate Mary Galbraith wants local communities to have a say in the running of Scottish ferries.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTH



MCSPORRAN - SAKER

Aimee and Niamh are over the moon to announce the birth of their beautiful little sister, Aida Morven, born on March 29, 2015. A big thank you to the midwives at Campbeltown and Southern General hospitals and an extra special thanks to Granny and Auntie Mo for making sure Mummy got to Glasgow safe and sound.

DEATHS

GALBRAITH - Peacefully at home, 5 St Columbas Way, Southend, on April 6, 2015, Mary MacKinnon, in her 94th year, formerly of Langholm Farm, dearly beloved wife of the late Andrew Young Galbraith, much loved mother of Sadie, Margaret and Mary and a loving and much loved granny. Service will take place in Southend Parish Church, on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Keil Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

MCNAUGHTON - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 3, 2015, Margaret Park Kelly McPhail, in her 89th year, 7 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Davy McNaughton, much loved mother of Mhairi, Sandy, Carol, Robert and the late David and a loving and much loved granny and great granny. Service will take place in the Highland Parish Church, on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Kintyre Dialysis Campaign, Campbeltown.

SINCLAIR - Suddenly but peacefully, at home, 16 Glenfield, Tarbert, Janet Huie Clark (Jenny), in her 73rd year dearly beloved wife of Donald, much loved mother of Anne, Duncan and Jennifer, respected mother-in-law of John and Stewart and a much adored granny to Donald, Fraser and Gordon. Funeral arrangements to follow.

STEWART - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 4, 2015, Isobel McKechnie, in her 85th year, 16 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of George Stewart, much loved mother of Kenneth and Raymond and a loving granny of Sean, Conor and Aidan.

STEWART - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 7, 2015, Mary McKendrick Mathieson (May), in her 89th year, 16a Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Charles McNaughton Stewart (Charlie), much loved mother of Douglas, Derek and Nigel, mother-in-law of Karen, loving grandmother of Alice, Charlie and Neill and a dear sister of Catherine. Service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, April 10, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CRAIG - Jennifer, Ian, Caroline, Colin and John would like to express their sincere thanks to family and friends for the overwhelming love, kindness and support following the loss of William. The family is indebted to all NHS staff in Campbeltown and the Beatson, Glasgow for the dignified and compassionate care given to William throughout his illness. Special thanks to William throughout his illness. Special thanks to Stan Lupton for all his help with funeral arrangements.

GILMOUR - Angus, Lesley, Colin would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls, visits and flowers received following the sad passing of their mum, Sheena. Grateful thanks to the doctors and nursing staff at the Mid Argyll Hospital for their care and attention to Sheena and also for the kindness shown to her family at this time. Special thanks also

to Rev Hilda Smith for a most personal and uplifting service, which was a fitting tribute to Sheena; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for professional and efficient services; to Morna for beautiful floral tributes and to the Stag Hotel for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks are extended to all who attended at the church and graveside to pay their respects, and especially to Charles "Jaffa" Ferguson for piping. The retiral collection realised over £500 for the SSPCA.

HOGAN - Edward (Eddie), Lesley, Russell and family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of support, cards and flowers following their recent sad bereavement and for the donations to the Newport Church Bells Fund. Thank you also to everyone who attended Eddie's funeral and to Rev Neil McLeod for conducting the service. Our sincere thanks also to the nurses at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban for the wonderful care that they provided. Please accept this as our only, but most sincere, acknowledgement.

MACMILLAN - The family of the late Jane Patricia Johnson wishes to sincerely thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, flowers and cards received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Stan Lupton for all his help with funeral arrangements.

IN MEMORIAMS

GLEN - Patricia. Not a day or week goes by, You're there in many ways, A word that's said, a deed that's done bring back memories, You're never really far away, You're here inside us all, To keep a watchful eye on us, And catch us if we fall.

- Alistair, Catherine Ann, Alistair and Alan.
HUME - Granny. Miss you every day. Love you forever.
- Lorna, Megan and family.

LIDDELL - In loving memory of our dear mum, Elizabeth, died April 2, 1990. To us you were someone special, What more is there to say, Except to wish with all our hearts, That you were here today. Loved and remembered every day, Missed more than words can say.

- Evelyn and Hamish, Elaine, Robert, Grant and Stephanie.

MACKINLAY - In loving memory of our dear parents, Bella, who died April 5, 1993 and Peter, who died April 30, 1988. To all of you that still have parents, cherish them with care because you will never miss their value until you see their vacant chair. Simply the best.

- Angus and Margaret.
MACLULLICH - In loving memory of Duncan, who died on April 11, 2013, dear husband, father and brother.

Loved and remembered always.
- Annette, Alasdair and Ishobel.

MCKERRAL - In loving memory of a dear mother, Isobel, who died April 13, 2005.

Always in my thoughts,
- Ishbel.

MCLEAN - Charles, promoted to glory on April 6, 1995.

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Too good to be forgotten.
- Much loved and missed by the family at home and away xxx.

WEIR - In loving memory of Alex, a dear husband, father, father-in-law, papa and great papa, who we all miss.

Rest in peace.
- Tina and family xx.

WILLIAMSON - In loving memory of a beloved father, grandfather and great grandfather, George (Geordie), who died April 6, 2011.

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- From Sylvia, Simon, Malcolm, Ross, Aimée and Lynne.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

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Services in Achahoish at 9.45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am

Scottish Episcopal Churches

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Sacrament of baptism Everyone very welcome

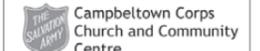
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Kintyre team challenge proves a success

THE INAUGURAL Kintyre team golf challenge was played over the Easter weekend, with Ross Robertson, Charles Roberston, James McAdam and Stuart Gillespie junior running out winners by a single shot.

The team competition was a dual venture between Machrihanish Dunes and Dunaverty golf clubs, with the first day's play a better ball over the Southend links.

A buffet for all competitors - who made up ten teams from the area's three courses - in the Ugadale Hotel was well attended and guests were entertained with a quiz and live music.

A pea-souper at Machrihanish Dunes the following day made it difficult for most players but not for Craig Harvey who claimed the individual prize.

Scottish Amateur League results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - St Joseph's FP 1, Oban Saints 2; Campbeltown Pupils, no game; Premier Division One - Dunoon 6, Jamestown 0; Division 1B - Tarbert 4, Rossvale 1.

This weekend's fixtures: Premier Division - Campbeltown Pupils v Eaglesham; Oban Saints v Thorn Athletic; Premier Division Two - Lochgilhead Red Star v Centre; Ferguslie Star v Dunoon Athletic; Division 1B - Tarbert v Eaglesham.

Lewis picked for Scotland squad

OBAN Saints striker Lewis Cameron has been picked for the Scottish Amateur Football Association international select team which travels to play the Leinster Senior League in Ireland this weekend.

No lotto winners

THERE were no winners of Machrihanish Golf Club's lotto held on Monday.

Numbers picked were 11, 17 and 20.

David and Catherine are carpet bowls champions

CAMPBELTOWN Bowling Club held their carpet bowls prize giving in the Stronvaar clubhouse recently, after an enjoyable match between the male and female carpet players.

The full list of prize winners is as follows: Men's championship: David Brown, runner-up - Jimmy Anderson. Ladies championship: Catherine McEachran, runner-up - Shona Anderson.

Burnett Cup: Jimmy Anderson, runner-up - David Brown.

John Buchanan Cup: Catherine McEachran, runner-up - Jessie Johnston.

John Bannatyne Cup: David MacMillan, runner-up - David Brown.

B and D Cup: David Brown, runner-up - Hugh McCorkindale. Ian Johnston Cup: Da-

vid MacMillan, runner-up - Hugh McCorkindale.

Helen McArthur Pairs: Lorraine Brodie and Shona Anderson, runners-up - Jean Miller and Jana MacPherson.

Men's pairs: James McPhee and Neil Maguire, runners-up - Alistair Mackay and Stewart Blue.

Mixed pairs lady skips: Jean Miller and Neil Maguire, runners-up - Maureen MacInnes and Steven McCallum.

Mixed pairs men skips: Hugh McCorkindale and James Colville, runners-up - David Brown and Steven McCallum.

Monday afternoon league: George Allan and Janie Hall. Tuesday night league: Hugh McCorkindale.



Campbeltown bowling club trophy winners with presidents Dugald Graham and Ria Johnston.



The winning four receive the Cordiner Cup from Dr Carolyn Cordiner.

Excellent scoring in Cordiner Cup

CARRADALE Golf Club held its annual Easter Texas Scramble, The Cordiner Cup last Saturday.

The competition has been generously sponsored by the Cordiner family for the past few years and is always well supported by members and non-members.

This year there were 12 teams of four players and the competition was

played in good spirits with some excellent scoring.

The results were as follows: 1 Laura McGeachy, Izy Anderson, Colin Campbell, Hamish McCaig, nett 25; 2 Marlene Walker, John Driscoll, Bobby Neilson, Alistair Brown, nett 27.45; 3 Ross Owen, Margaret Richardson, Lynsay McGeachy, Gordon Abernethy, nett 27.75.

Kintyre boy's big day at Hampden Park

A YOUNG footballer from Peninver took to the Hampden Park turf with pride after being chosen as a Scotland player mascot.

Young Euan Dott, who goes to Dalintober primary and trains with Campbeltown and district juvenile football association (CDJFA), was one of a select group of youngsters to walk out onto Hampden Park accompanying a Scotland player before their Euro 2016 qualifying match against Gibraltar.

Almost 100 of his

fellow CDJFA and young Pupils footballers and their coaches took in the action from the stands, where they watched Scotland beat the minnows 6-1.

Seven goals

For many it was a first taste of a Scotland match and, despite the harsh weather, they were spoiled by seven goals, including a Scotland hat-trick for Steven Fletcher.

The Scottish Football Association gave away thousands of tickets for the match to local clubs, helping create a

40,000-strong crowd for the game and the CDJFA was happy to see so many make the long journey.

David Paterson of the CDJFA said: 'We were delighted to see such a keen response from the players and their coaches from across the age groups for this match.'

'Our under-13s team even played away to Baljaffray and went to the game afterwards and were on a high after a win of their own, so it was a great day all round.'

Tennis club season off to a bright start

CAMPBELTOWN tennis club had an official switch on of its new floodlights last Thursday evening.

The lights were made possible thanks to a generous donation from Alan Shaw, proprietor of D McNair & Son,

with scaffolding being provided by Argyll Buildbase. The floodlights will enable club members to play longer in the evenings, thereby increasing playing hours from 8am to 10pm seven days a week.

The latest club news-

letter reveals a 50 per cent increase in membership last year as a result of the new synthetic courts.

There will be adult coaching and novice nights on Wednesdays at 7pm from April 22 to May 27.

Great response for sailing series

'We'd love to see 150 take part this year out on the waters of Loch Fyne'

ORGANISERS of the 2015 Silvers Marine Scottish Series at Tarbert between May 22 and 25 are already knocking on the door of having 100 entries across all classes.

Those entering the popular White Sail class before May 1, will enjoy a 20 per cent discount on the entry fee courtesy of Clyde Challenger.

With two classes, the Clyde Challenger Passage Race on Friday and The Inch Race on Sunday, the White Sail class is a great way to involve the whole family in a regatta.

As an added incentive, Tarbert Harbour Authority has pledged to offer 20 per cent off berthing for boats, across all classes, entering the Silvers Marine Scottish Series.

Dane Ralston, the series chairman, said ex-

citement was building for the 41st Series. 'Last year we attracted 100 boats to Tarbert. This year, with almost two months until the launch of this year's regatta, we are already looking to smash this,' he said.

'We'd love to see 150 take part this year out on the waters of Loch Fyne and thanks to support from Clyde Challenger and Tarbert Harbour Authority we are able to pass on some of our enthusiasm to our competitors.'

'Silvers Marine Scottish Series is a major event in the yachting calendar in Scotland and we're keen to encourage more people to take part.'

'Thanks to Clyde Challenger sponsorship we can attract those sailors who want to take part in a regatta but also cruise in company. The

White Sail class at Scottish Series is the perfect introduction to racing.

'Tarbert Harbour Authority is further demonstrating its commitment to the regatta by offering all boats a discount on their berthing fees.'

'Silvers Marine Scottish Series is shaping up to be an excellent event and I'm really looking forward to getting it underway.'

Glen Porter from Clyde Challenger said: 'The team at Clyde Challenger, Scotland's iconic Clipper 60 ocean racing yacht, are delighted to continue their sponsorship of the Scottish Series white sail fleet in 2015. We look forward to seeing a wide range of family and cruising yachts join us for this great event in May.'

For more information visit www.scottishseries.com



Jana is ladies open singles winner

Jana MacPherson, winner of the recent Campbeltown bowling club ladies' open singles, second left, with runner-up Lorraine Brodie, second right, semi finalists Jessie Andrew, left, and Susan Gilchrist, right, and ladies president Ria Johnston, centre.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £3300

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Easy means being able to talk

WE ARE heading into week 7 of the beginners' preparation for the MOK 10K and half marathon races on May 23.

For the first time in the 10k schedule, all three running sessions have no walking element.

Sessions 1 and 2 are a 20 minute run, while session 3 is a 25 minute run.

The half marathon schedule is almost a repeat of last week, with just an extra mile in the first run.

Session 1 - 9 miles long run; session 2 - 3 miles hard run; session 3 - 4 miles quality run; session 4 - 4 miles easy run.

This week's tip is a reminder of that the easy days should be run at a pace that allows you to hold a conversation with a training partner.

If you are too breathless to do so, you are trying too hard.

Sandy blows away medal rivals

BITING gale-force winds and showers made play extremely difficult for Dunaverty golf club golfers as they attempted to qualify for the Muneroy Cup by winning the monthly medal.

Veteran Sandy Watson stood up to the test through, not only winning the March medal but also posting the best scratch score on what was a high-scoring day.

CSS for the day was 66.

Results were as follows: 1 Sandy Watson 76-9-67; 2 Donald Taylor 80-6-74; 3 John McDowall 90-15-75; 4 John Brown 91-14-77; 5 Mark Eagers 89-10-79; 6 Raymond Harvey 98-17-81.



When Tommy met legend Clough

'I met the best manager the England team never had'

CAMPBELTOWN'S Tommy Kelly would have had no idea he was playing before a future football icon when invited to England for professional trials back in 1966.

Tommy, something of a football legend in his native Kintyre after a prominent role with Campbeltown Pupils, was known as 'Iron Man' for his fearsome playing style and boundless energy.

Fourth tier

After shining in the local leagues, he was invited to Hartlepool United, a club starting season 1966/67 in English football's fourth tier, and managed by Brian Clough - all thanks to an unlikely talent spotter.

Tommy said: 'As far as I know it was a tank-driver working down

here who told Hartlepool about me.

'The next thing I had a letter through the door inviting me to a trial.'

Clough ran the rule over Tommy, who played mostly as an outside right, who was then in his early twenties and starting out on an eventual 30-year career in Campbeltown with the gas board.

The young Clough, in his first management job after a prolific career was cut short by injury, greeted Tommy by saying: 'I hope the heather's not growing out of your ears.'

Tommy said: 'That threw me a bit. I wondered who this arrogant young manager was.'

'I can still see him now. Although he was just starting out in management, he had total re-

spect among the players. All you heard was 'boss, boss, boss' when they addressed him.'

Impressed

Tommy played at outside right against a local side and scored two goals. Clough was so impressed he wanted 'The Iron Man' back down for two more trial matches and Tommy, having loved the atmosphere, was keen to return.

He said: 'The crowd at the Victoria Ground was brilliant and it was a great feeling scoring two goals.'

However, the second trip did not turn out quite as planned.

Tommy laughed: 'Hartlepool paid expenses for my trips but it was hardly enough to get me to Peninver.'

'I returned and brought



Tommy Kelly shows off the letter Brian Clough sent to Tommy's former boss asking if Tommy could get time off for a second trial. 20_c15tommy01

the late Mike McGougan, a classy winger for the Pupils, down with me. I phoned Mr Clough beforehand and he was ok with it.

'So when arrived, I met Clough and introduced him to Mike.'

'Clough said: 'Why don't you bring the whole f***** pipe band down?'

'We were a bit shocked and Mike got annoyed and spoke back to him. He never played while we were down there.'

'I spent three weeks at Hartlepool between the two trips, but Clough would only sign me as an amateur. He and his assistant, Peter Taylor, who was an absolute gentleman, were on a tight budget.'

'By that time I had a family to think about, so it just didn't work out. I told him it was professional or nothing.'

'I was just a hard player with a great engine and the odd goal in me. I felt like I could play for 190 minutes instead of 90.'

'I am not sure I would have made it, but I gave it a try and can say I played alongside John McGovern, a future two-time European cup winner.'

What a player

'He was only a teenager at the time but he never once gave the ball away, what a player.'

In retrospect, Tommy's best memory is having had the chance to work - albeit briefly - with a

legend of the game. He added: 'Knowing you have been in the company of a football genius is something not many can claim.'

'Clough had total control, a vision. It is no surprise he and Taylor brought Nottingham Forest the English title and two European cup wins.'

'I met the best manager the England team never had.'

Tommy continued to play for Campbeltown Pupils and was presented with a gold watch in 1974 for his contribution to the club.



Brian Clough would go on to European glory but as Hartlepool manager he clearly saw something in the Pupils' Tommy Kelly.

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