

Billy Irving's case taken up by MPs

The MPs plan to set up an all party parliamentary group called The Chennai Six

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TWO Argyll and Bute MPs are to set up an all-party parliamentary group called The Chennai Six to put pressure on the Foreign Office (FO) and the Indian government to ensure the case of jailed anti-piracy guard Billy Irving remains in the spotlight.

Mr Irving is one of five Britons fighting his release from an Indian jail.

Back in 2013 Mr Irving was a crew member on board the Seaman Guard Ohio. It was seized in Indian territorial waters after government officials claimed it was carrying illegal arms. Mr Irving has been held in detention ever since.

Their case has been taken up by Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara, who represents the former Campbeltown Grammar School

pupil, and East Renfrewshire MP Kirstin Oswald working on behalf of Mr Irving's partner Yvonne MacHugh.

Mr O'Hara said: 'When Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Britain last year and spoke in parliament we were told that if we did not rock the boat all would be well for these men.'

Five years

'I was in the Foreign Office (FO) on the day in January when the news came through that Billy had been sentenced to five years in prison with no remission.'

'Officials were all flabbergasted at the result.'

'We think this idea is the best way to be independent of the Foreign Office but not in opposition to any moves they can make.'

'We hope to have the group up and running by



Countryfile candidate is a farming favourite

KINTYRE was at its best when farmer and councillor John Armour entertained the BBC's Adam Henson and Charlotte Smith. Mr Armour has beaten off hundreds of contenders to make the last three for the nomination of the Countryfile Farming Hero 2016.

For more on this story, see farming, page 11.

the end of the month.'

The idea has been welcomed by Ms MacHugh who said that Ms Oswald, the SNP's spokeswoman on armed forces and veterans, has been very supportive with regular contact.

Ms MacHugh said: 'I shut myself away af-

ter the verdict but I am planning to come to Campbeltown with William [the couple's son] for a break this week.'

'I speak to the Foreign Office on a daily basis - there are lots of questions which need answering but it can be frustrating.'

'I have found out that there are only 10 Britons imprisoned in the whole of India.'

'People are still being amazing and are very generous. Billy's parents visited India recently for five days with letters from Campbeltown which help him to

keep going. I was there in January and hope to be go again in July.'

On Saturday April 23, one of Mr Irving's cousins, Jennifer, is organising a fundraiser at the Ellangowan Masonic Club, Milngavie, at 8pm and Ms MacHugh says all are welcome.

Argyll and Bute candidates ready for the final push

PROSPECTIVE MSPs fighting for the Argyll and Bute seat on May 5 are a mix of the tried and tested and those yet to cut their political teeth in power.

Sitting SNP man Michael Russell is standing again having been elected as MSP for Argyll and Bute in 2011.

He faces the experienced former MP, Dunoon-based Alan Reid, fighting the seat for the Liberal Democrats after losing his Westminster mandate in 2015.

Labour has selected Mick Rice, who stood in 2011 and beat his wife Susannah and Michael Kelly to become the candidate.

Ardrishaig Conservative Donald Cameron, who previously stood for Ross, Skye and Lochaber in the 2010 UK election and Orkney and Shetland in 2015, will battle for Scotland this time.

Scotland's left alliance RISE and the Green Party are concentrating on the list vote and have candidates for the Highlands and Islands regional list.

A hustings, with all four candidates, organised by the Courier, is planned for Wednesday April 20 and will be chaired by Rev Philip Wallace in the Lorne and Lowland Hall at 7pm. All welcome.

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Loose masonry crashes down on Main Street

A LARGE piece of masonry which fell onto Campbeltown's Main Street could have 'seriously injured' passers by.

About 10am on Monday, a large chunk of 11 Main Street fell onto the canvas above A-One Homestore before smashing onto the



Police taped off the path while a fence was erected. 04_c15masonry05



A fireman removing the surrounding loose soffit/fascia boarding. 04_c15masonry04

street. The police cordoned off the pavement, before the fire service arrived and removed debris and the remaining boarding surrounding the dislodged fascia.

A police spokesperson said: 'We made the area safe until the roads department arrived.

'As we were unable to contact the landlord, we passed the case on to the Argyll and Bute emergency planning department.'

A council spokesman said: 'Building standards were advised of the incident and contacted the roads department and asked them to close off the area below.

'A member of Building Standards inspected the building and it is believed the loose material

is soffit/fascia boarding where birds are nesting behind.

'This, in conjunction with a lack of maintenance to the property, has contributed to the issue. Correspondence has been issued asking all communally responsible owners to work together to remedy the problem so that the public footpath can be opened safely.

Repairs

'It is the responsibility of the building's owners to maintain their property and ensure it is fit for purpose and safe. Ultimately it is up to the owners to undertake the necessary repairs and ensure this will not happen again.'

The property is part of a group of flats be-



A bird finds its nest destroyed. 04_c15masonry03

tween 9 and 11 Main Street which have several landlords. *The Courier* tried to speak to the landlord of the damaged flat but was unable to reach them.

Speaking about the incident, Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'It was fortunate no-one was seriously injured when this masonry fell into the street.

'The current bird problem is exacerbating major problems with a wide range of properties throughout the town centre.

'I am deeply disappointed that I never gained the necessary support from other elected members in my attempt to convince the council to put a control policy in place.'

Westport beach clean

SURFERS Against Sewage will tackle the aftermath of storm Imogen next week.

The organisation's Big Spring Beach Clean takes place at Westport Beach on Saturday April 16 between 10am and noon.

Storm Imogen recently swept through the UK, battering the coastline with gale force winds and colossal waves; dumping tonnes of marine litter along the

coastline. A Campbeltown spokesman for the group said: 'Marine litter is now one of the biggest threats to the health and sustainability of our marine ecosystem.

'A recent report predicts there will be more plastic than fish in the sea by 2050.

'Every day approximately eight million pieces of marine litter find their way into our oceans causing the death of one million sea

birds and 100,000 marine mammals annually.

'Community beach cleans play a vital part in tackling the marine litter crisis with recent research demonstrating that removing plastic waste along our coastline is the most effective clean-up method.

'Plastic waste collected or intercepted along the coastline is now also being viewed as a vital resource that society cannot afford to waste.'

Purple Sandpiper flies in to visit Kintyre

A WINTER caller to Britain and Ireland has been spotted soaring around the coast of Kintyre.

The Purple Sandpiper winters on rocky shore habitats on the west of Scotland from breeding populations in Iceland, Greenland and possibly also Arctic Canada.

Around 10 of the birds were regularly spotted from the Machrihanish Seabird and Wildlife Observatory during March.



A Purple Sandpiper swooping over Machrihanish. Photo: Eddie Maguire

Crash closes A83 near Clachan

A WOMAN was airlifted to hospital following a head-on collision between two vehicles near Clachan.

Police described her injuries as 'not thought to be life threatening' after the smash on Wednesday afternoon which closed the trunk road in both directions.

A man driving a van involved in the accident was taken to Campbeltown hospital.

A fire crew, police and the medevac helicopter attended the accident, one mile south of Clachan.

Police files

Breach of the peace

TWO MEN were reported for an alleged breach of the peace on Burnside Street, Campbeltown. The incident took place last Wednesday.

Road accidents increase

THERE have been several reports of minor road accidents over the last week. The police advise drivers to remember to adapt their driving to the road conditions.

Speeding

A MAN was reported for speeding in Drumlemble on Thursday last week.

Police were also carrying out speed checks on Tuesday morning of this week on Witchburn Road, heading out of Campbeltown towards Machrihanish.

Window chipped

A WINDOW was chipped after a stone was allegedly thrown in New Parliament Place near Dalintober School.

The damage took place on Thursday March 24 at around 8.40pm and police are appealing for any witnesses who may have seen the incident to give any information to PC Ross Crawford on 101.

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Employees fear for future if new fish farm is refused

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EIGHT employees could be cast adrift and forced to leave Kintyre if the proposed Lossit Point wrasse hatchery is rejected when it reaches planning.

The Machrihanish workers, many of whom live in Campbeltown with young families, say they are 'desperate' for the proposed hatchery to be accepted, despite calls from objectors to abandon the plans and build at MACC.

Assistant manager Andrew Denham, 35, said: 'We are all in the same boat, if Marine Harvest do not get planning permission then the factory will go somewhere else.'

'MACC is simply a no-go, and there are eight of us guys who may be re-located.'

'I have a baby on the way, so we really do not want the upheaval of moving home now. Most of us would have to try and find other work here.'

'Jobs are more important than an emotional tie to the land.'

Marine Harvest, the biggest salmon producer in Scotland, claims it needs to build a wrasse hatchery to supply enough sea lice-eating fish to service its 48 sea farms.

Lossit Point, next to the existing hatchery, is its preferred location and would secure the existing eight jobs and provide 10 new positions.

The firm held a public meeting last month and intend to hold another soon to further explain its case.

Manager Paul Featherstone, 60, said: 'We were pleased with the reception at the first drop-in session, most people supported it, but there are some concerns and suggestions for alternative sites have emerged.'

'We feel there may be misunderstanding about our proposal. Another meeting will allow further explanation of the project and site requirements.'

On the suggestion to

build at MACC, Mr Featherstone said: 'It is simply too much of a risk. Young wrasse are tiny, delicate creatures that require a quiet, stable environment and a growing industrial business park does not provide this.'

'There may even be a Spaceport there in the future, so we cannot invest £6million in a new factory there with all the associated risk factors.'

Steve Bracken, business support manager for Marine Harvest, added: 'Setting up at MACC would involve installing a pipeline through the existing dunes of a Site of Special Scientific Interest, across a golf course, and Westport beach.'

'It is not economically or ecologically good enough for Marine Harvest, and does not give us the bio-security we need given there is another fish farm already at MACC.'

'We have considered many sites throughout Scotland and most do not fit the criteria. Lossit ground is our favoured site, and while we always respect public opinion the reality is we would have to go elsewhere.'

The company will release details of their second consultation meeting shortly.

Environmental campaigners opposed to the

new development have set up an online Facebook group with more than 750 members.

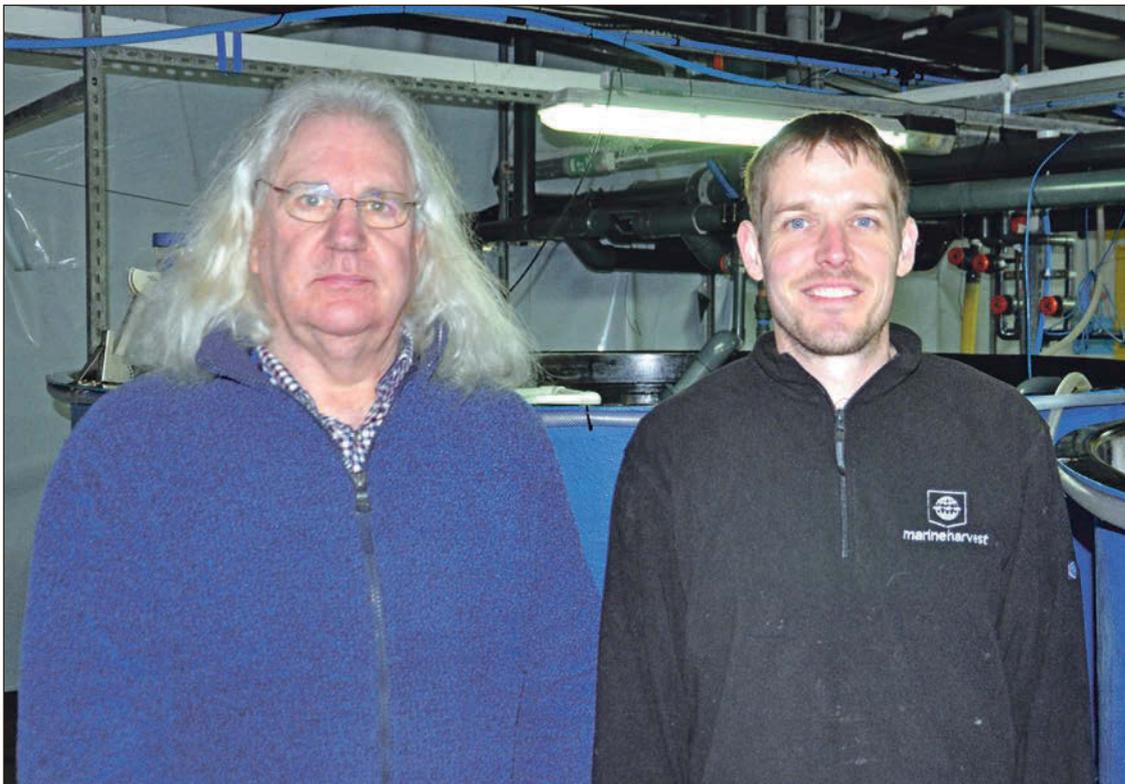
Objector Robert Miller from Sound of Kintyre, said: 'The threat of job losses is a typical scare tactic from large companies.'

'I personally welcome jobs in Kintyre but Marine Harvest are trying to scare the community out of an immense cultural, environmental and emotionally-significant site because for them the Gauldrons is cheap and easy.'

'They need to be socially and environmentally responsible and could put their new factory on a brownfield site like MACC or the old shipyard at Trench Point.'

'What price jobs? Marine Harvest are a business which just laid off 100 staff across the country.'

'When a Norwegian



Manager Paul Featherstone, left, with assistant manager Andrew Denham. 04_15fishfarm01

company build a better wrasse farm, what is to stop them shutting this new factory down, leaving us with some of our most treasured land destroyed?'

For more on this story, see Letters, page six.

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Santander staff present Kintyre Foodbank staff with the money.

Kintyre Food Bank plan to move premises

KINTYRE Food Bank volunteers hope a £3,800 funding boost from the Santander Foundation will put them one step closer to opening new premises.

The money, combined with hoped-for profits from the organisation's spring fashion show, should fund rental for larger premises with disabled access and running water, and volunteer training to support the people in Kintyre who suffer from food poverty.

Mary Anne Stewart, vice chairwoman at Kintyre Food Bank, said: 'We are delighted

to receive this generous donation. Hopefully between this and the fashion show we are holding on May 14, we will be able to move to new premises by the summer.'

Tickets for the fashion show can be bought in George McMillan's shop or the Yorkshire Building Society.

The manager at Santander's Helensburgh branch said: 'The Santander Foundation makes hundreds of donations every year to good causes throughout the UK for projects that help disadvantaged people in local com-

munities. Our branch is committed to playing a key part in the community and we are delighted to be supporting Kintyre Food Bank, and hope the donation makes a real difference to local people.'

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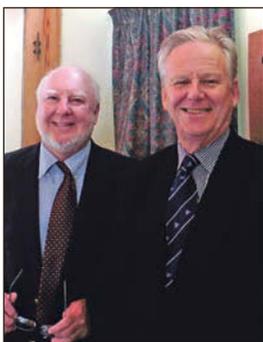
In 2014, £5 million was donated by the Santander Foundation to charities across the UK. For more information visit: www.santander-foundation.org.uk/

Ancient West Coast craft inspires Maine boat builder

A KINTYRE sailor has discovered an American yacht designer was inspired by skiffs in Oban harbour spotted during a 1960s backpacking trip.

Mike Healey represented Campbeltown Sailing Club at a 25th anniversary in Hampshire for the Victoria 30 yacht and met its designer Chuck Paine from Maine, New England.

After the celebration lunch for the Victoria Owners Association at Warsash Yacht Club on the river Hamble, Mr Healey presented Mr



Chuck Paine left with Mike Healey.

Paine with a Campbeltown Sailing Club tie.

The organisers were delighted to find that Mr Healey had travelled so far and made a big deal out of the presentation but Mr Paine then revealed that he had a soft spot for the west coast of Scotland.

Mr Paine said the craft he spied while in Oban as a student had influenced his earliest design, the Frances 26, and all his other boats which followed.

Mr Paine explained: 'I took photographs in the early 1960s in Oban harbour of small double ender, wide beamed, long keeled, fishing boats.

'These boats had practically no cabin. They were the most seaworthy little boats I had ever seen.

'My early drawings and photographs, based on these Oban fishing boats, resulted in the successful Frances 26.



Maya in Campbeltown marina. 25_c15yacht06

'This was the smallest craft my brother and I could afford to build and sail from Maine to Bermuda.'

Mr Healey added: 'Other designs, including my own Victoria 30 called Maya, which is in Campbeltown Harbour, followed these ideas.

'It is easy to see the links with Scandinavian-inspired Birlinns which, as we know, were a Scottish response

to Viking influence. These boats all had canoe sterns and wide beams.

'Birlinns spread throughout our West Coast and Ireland as coasters and war ships. The heads of clan Campbell of Argyll and Lords of the Isles had fleets of them.'

Mr Paine said he would like to visit Campbeltown and give a talk when next in Scotland.



A Birlinn replica.

Former funeral director praises compassionate air fares

THE AIRLINE serving Campbeltown has flown into new territory with its compassionate fares policy.

Loganair is the first commercial airline in the United Kingdom to introduce discounted fares for passengers in times of family bereavement or critical illness. Some 400 passengers have benefited from the policy in the last six months, across the company's 19-route Scottish network.

The scheme was the brainchild of Scott Preston and volunteers, who run the Facebook site: Islanders for Fair Air Fares, and it was introduced in September 2015.

The scheme can provide a 50 per cent discount on fares to eligible customers in times of a family emergency.

Loganair's compassionate fare

policy also includes increased flexibility without charge when bookings are required to be amended or even cancelled.

The policy is available to customers who need to travel throughout Scotland at short notice for the following reasons – the bereavement of an immediate family member; cases of critical and unexpected illness involving an immediate family member and an immediate family member receiving in-patient treatment.

The airline's chief executive Stewart Adams said: 'We believe Loganair was the first commercial airline in the UK to introduce such an inclusive compassionate fare policy for its customers, and we are proud of this achievement.

'It is also greatly encouraging to know that many of our customers have benefited from both the dis-

counted fares and greater flexibility – particularly during what must be very difficult times for them and their families.'

Scott Preston, founder of the Facebook campaign group and a former funeral director, said: 'As a result of the island communities in Scotland raising their voices through the campaign and working with Stewart Adams and his team, this innovative and vital scheme was introduced.

'Six months later and the impact can be seen through the hundreds of individuals who have benefited from the generous reductions when people need them the most.

'The airline should be commended for listening to and working with their customers to improve their service offering.'

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CS Wind workers given £500 each as signing on bonus

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THE KOREAN multinational which bought Wind Towers Scotland (WTS) has already boosted pay packets.

CS Wind chairman, Seong Gon Gim, announced the bonus during a speech to all employees at a handover

ceremony on Friday of last week.

His protracted negotiations to buy the company, lasting nearly 18 months, ended at 8.30pm in Glasgow on Wednesday of last week.

Mr Gim said that opening a CS Wind operation

at Machrihanish has increased the firm's global footprint and makes it easier for the company to support its wind tower customers in Europe.

'I would like to offer my deepest appreciation to all guests, executives and employees for their patience,' Mr Gim said, adding: 'We will contribute to the development of the local community.

'CS Wind wants to make this factory the best wind tower supplier in Europe and to show our commitment to you we will give all employees a £500 bonus to be paid in the next payslip.'

Earlier Mr Gim spoke to the *Courier* and said that it was very important for CS wind to have a plant near the big manufacturers Vestas and Siemens.

He said; 'We had our

first meeting with WTS in October 2014 when we were one of three potential investors.

'WTS has a good skills pool which is ready to go into producing off-shore wind towers.'

Last year CS Wind had looked at a possible site on Humberside, in England, supported by a £1 million grant from the Regional Growth Fund, but the firm would have needed to build a factory from scratch and decided Kintyre made better commercial sense.

The firm intends to build two manufacturing hangers as it becomes the first factory in the UK to enter the off shore tower market.

Mr Gim said experts will be brought in for training in engineering and to modernise, for example, with robotic shot



Top CS Wind bosses, Kyu Hwan Cho, Young Jae (David) Ryu, Knud Bjarne Hansen and chairman Seong Gon Gim met executives at the Machrihanish plant last week. 25_c15cwind01



CS Wind executives unveil a plaque at the opening ceremony. 25_c15cwind12

blasting, but that long-term only about 15 South Koreans would be based here, leaving the firm looking for 70 recruits in the near future.

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara who visited CS Wind said: 'They have some wonderful plans for production and will create a centre of excellence. It is great news for the workforce.'

Former WTS owners SSE and Highlands and Islands Enterprise have been committed to Machrihanish, since taking the reins in 2011, but admitted during the handover ceremony that it is not their core business.

CS Wind chairman Seong Gon Gim during his speech to employees. 25_c15cwind13



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Fish farm debate opens a can of worms

FISH farmers and environmentalists are drawing the battle lines for the future of Lossit Point. Already both sides are claiming slightly different definitions of the area under threat. The Facebook campaign *Save the Gauldrons* gives the impression that the plant will be built at the Gauldrons, which is a pebble beach beyond the site Marine Harvest hope to develop.

Bosses at the fish farm claim they will create a bund shielding the plant from view. In addition in a bid to curb protest, they have proposed creating a trail to celebrate the works of William McTaggart, arguably Scotland's finest 19th-century landscape painter.

The protestors have pointed out that the footings for the 450 foot Fessenden aerial will be desecrated but for more than 100 years there has been no indication, except in books, that the lumps of concrete are historically significant.

It has taken the threat of further industrial development, although the fish farmers prefer the term hatchery to describe their factory, to catalyse thoughts about preserving the mast site.

Marine Harvest claims it will provide interpretation boards to explain the site. This would be a 100 per cent improvement for tourists as they could understand that the concrete is not a war relic but far more significant.

If transatlantic communication by radio did not exist, an inventor in the 21st century would have a big planning battle to get the necessary mast erected.

In the early 1900s radio communication was at the forefront of scientific research rather like recirculating aquaculture is a growth area in the fish farming industry creating globally valuable skills for its workers.

The environment is worth protecting, but man has shaped almost every inch of land in Kintyre during the last 5,000 years and will continue to do so long after this argument is forgotten.

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Wrasse is a science success story and the future of aquaculture

Sir,
We would just like to respond to the letter from Valerie Nimmo in last week's *Courier*.

As the manager in charge of the current wrasse facility at Machrihanish, I would like to reassure your letter writer, Valerie Nimmo, about our proposed development.

The current development was built by Stirling University between 1992 and 2002. We took out a 10-year lease on two of the buildings in 2010 and remain in these same buildings today.

Our project to develop the use of wrasse has been very successful. We use the wrasse, or so called 'cleaner fish' in our salmon cages to reduce sea lice.

The project has been so successful that we have outgrown our current home. We now want to invest £6m to build a new facility and, in the process employ more people.

We did look initially at various sites in Scotland but we are keen to keep the plant in the local area where we have developed an experienced workforce. In particular, we closely examined the MACC base but it is unfortunately not suitable because of a need for total bio-security and reliability of water supply.

This in no way reflects upon the MACC base as a location for other activities, and we would support and encourage any industrial development there.

Our current proposal will mean an additional 10 skilled jobs for the local area, as well as providing long-term employment for the existing workforce of eight.

**Paul Featherstone,
Marine Harvest,
Machrihanish.**

Lossit Point is historically and artistically important

Sir,
The aerial photograph of the planned fish farm in Lossit Low Park, Machrihanish, is truly horrendous; much worse would be one from ground level in the opposite direction, showing the panorama from the cliffs encircling the Gauldrons to the bay itself, the headland and then the Antrim coast and Rathlin.

This is the last accessible unspoiled stretches of the Kintyre west coast, recognised by SNH as of outstanding scenic value and requiring rigorous protection from any form of commercial development.

The proposed site is not in fact 'next to' the existing facility, whose surreptitious encroachment on the Uisead has altered the character of Mill Bay, but invisible from it: it occupies a completely new vista opening up as one follows the track round and over the hill beyond the old lifeboat station.

This has been inviolate until now and gives immense pleasure to locals and visitors alike.

As has been pointed out it is

of international significance both artistically regarding artist William McTaggart and historically, it was the site of the 450ft Fessenden mast, from which transatlantic radio communication became reality: both commemorated at Machrihanish.

It is unconscionable that such large-scale, insensitive desecration should even be contemplated.

Alternative sites must be available.

**Dugald Barr,
1 Canning Place,
London W8.**

Feral goats could munch the wrasse factory

Sir,
As a resident of Machrihanish of 70 years duration and faced with this new industrial development at the Gauldrons, I was in stages surprised, taken aback, disappointed and eventually appalled at the idea of placing a factory in the Gauldrons.

To call it a farm is misleading and mischievous. The 'mission creep' of the present fish farm is at least contained in a discrete and discreet area.

The old tented village is now a fully fledged factory set-up. Is there no limit to Mammon's lust for profit? There is a huge swathe of land for industrial development at the airbase, ready and waiting for new investment.

The wind turbine business seems to be thriving now and this recent proposal, if located there, would add to the possibility of a business hub. I would like to have been a fly

on the wall at the negotiation stages. Has there been any dialogue? And between whom? When there were plans to site turbine towers off the Machrihanish coast, public opinion and commercial influence brought them to a halt.

Will there be any accountability to the public at large? If the proposal goes ahead, at least it will give the feral goats something to chew on.

**Alan Bryce,
Machrihanish.**

Fish farm will despoil Machrihanish

Sir,
The consultation organised by Marine Harvest at the Ugadale Hotel recently made clear the proposed despoliation of an area of outstanding natural beauty, much loved by the people of Machrihanish and many tourists from far and wide.

This is a wild area, the home to many seabirds and other wild life and of great geological interest, which must be left as it is.

This area has already suffered from the ever-increasing green buildings of what started as a small scale laboratory for Stirling University, but which has become a noisy commercial venture under the aegis of Marine Harvest.

For another such huge commercial development to be imposed on this fragile and beautiful area when there are alternative sites available is unthinkable.

**Fiona Walker,
Fisherman's Cottage,
Machrihanish.**

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Pupils learn of drug use dangers from past addicts

by **BEN RAMAGE**

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CAMPBELTOWN Grammar pupils were left in no doubt about the disastrous consequences of drug and alcohol abuse after hearing from two teenagers whose lives were torn apart by the substances.

The school's substance misuse awareness day last Wednesday was arranged by PC Trish Collins and Sergeant Lana Stewart, of Police Scotland's L Division, which funded the day, and deputy head teacher Catherine Cameron.

The youth group Y Sort-it attended with two addicts-turned-youth-workers who told S3 and S4 pupils how the group pulled them out of addiction.

S3 and S4 pupils from Campbeltown Grammar School were the first young people in Argyll and Bute to benefit from the Choose Wisely Roadshow, a new programme funded by Police Scotland and the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership in association with Young Scot.

Abusing

Jason, 19, revealed he began abusing drugs and alcohol at just 14. He was drinking every day and became involved in gang fighting and drugs in Clydebank.

A video revealing his life story showed he threw a brick at a bus which his mother and sister were on. He saw several friends die as a

result of addiction.

He found Y-Sort-it and the West Dunbartonshire charity helped him pull his life around.

Danny, 18, had a similarly heart-rending story which also warned the young Campbeltown pupils that drug abuse has serious detrimental effects on young people's lives.

PC Trish Collins said: 'We arranged today for these pupils because this age is a real turning point. Suddenly things become available and it is easy to be tempted to try different substances.'

Powerful

'The guys from Y-Sort-it were great because sometimes young people are better taught by young people. They can relate better to them and their stories were really powerful.'

'We want younger people to make safe, informed choices, as well as understand how convictions can change your life.'

'Drugs, especially, are a total lottery. They can be cut with different substances which means you have no idea what they are or how much has been used. They are lethal.'

The day, arranged alongside Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership, will be followed by a 'Choose Wisely' campaign, which will promote substance misuse awareness



Police Scotland led workshops on the day.

through stickers featuring local help lines.

A school spokesperson said: 'In the It's a Fact workshop, pupils enjoyed an excellent presentation on drug categories and the causes and effects of addiction delivered by their peers, Eilidh Campbell, Rebecca Cunningham, Millie Henderson, Jenna Lamont, Ava McLatchie and Iona Reid.'

'The girls also showed excellent leadership in organising the 'Drugs Box' and 'Scratch and Sniff' activities which followed, aided by Mandy Robertson of the Youth Café and Nona Ruesgen of Kintyre Alcohol and Drugs Advisory Service.'

'In the legal highs session, Craig McNally, senior health improvement Specialist, and Fiona Kalache of Mid Argyll Youth Improvement Services, offered an insight into the world of psychoactive substances and helped to clarify much of the confusion surrounding these dangerous drugs.'

John Mathieson and

Catherine McTaggart from NHS Highland led pupils in a workshop on the effects of alcohol on the body.

Finally, in Vision versus Reality, the team from Kintyre Youth Enquiry Services and Community Learning and Development – Dawn Wallace, Phil Edwards and MC Croll – gave pupils the opportunity to demonstrate their own knowledge about drugs and alcohol and highlighted the devastating impact which unwise choices can have on a young person's life.

Quizzes

Throughout the day the pupils also took part in quizzes and workshops to help better understand the effects and dangers of drugs and alcohol abuse.

Chris Annetts, of Kintyre Youth Theatre, has been commissioned by Police Scotland and ADP to work with S4 and S5 pupils to produce a play about drugs misuse which will be filmed and made available to other Argyll and Bute schools.



Danny and Jason from Y-Sort-it told their stories. 04_drugsmisuse01



Pupils take part in a drug and alcohol fact quiz. 04_drugsmisuse02

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Cast iron statue's stare across the Kilbrannan Sound nears its end

NEARLY a year ago The Landmark Trust marked its golden anniversary with the installation of an Antony Gormley statue at Saddell Bay.

The Turner prize-winning artist's sculpture has been on show for 12 months on the edge of the Kilbrannan Sound, which separates Kintyre from Arran, and the exhibition comes to an end on the weekend of May 14 and 15.

The statue and four other similar ones around the UK, which are part of the LAND exhibition to commemorate 50 years of the

trust, will be deinstalled at a farewell event on the Sunday (May 15) afternoon from 2.30pm.

That afternoon Saddell House will have free admission, with leaflets on the building's history also available.

Light hearted

A limited edition calendar has been produced for 2017 in Carradale, with the agreement from Antony Gormley's studio, taking a light-hearted look at the statue and celebrating its year at Saddell Bay.

Sponsored by The Glen Bar and Restaurant, and using themes and images of the activ-

ities on offer at Carradale, the calendar will raise funds for Carradale village. The Landmark Trust has flyers in its properties at Saddell

advertising the calendar, which can be purchased for a minimum

of £6.99 from Coastal Designs, Campbeltown, as well as Carradale Post Office and The Glen Bar and Restaurant in Carradale.



Young flower sellers Lucy McNair, Amy Ross and Hannah Ross. 25_c15daffs01



Raising money for Campbeltown Scouts were Kyle King, left, Megan Pitt, Sandra Pitt and Craig Pitt. 25_c15nbusiness01

Kirk Street buzzes with coffee mornings

YOUNG flower sellers helped Highland Parish Church raise £800 in less than two hours as coffee drinkers were spoilt for choice.

Sunday school girls Lucy McNair, 5, Amy Ross, 9 and Hannah Ross, 12, sold bunches

of daffodils at 50p each during the event in Kirk Street Hall last Saturday.

Sunday school teacher Linsay MacPhail said: 'We have been very busy and the home-baking sold out very quickly.'

Across the street, at the Red

Cross Hall, Argyll College National Certificate Business students Kyle King, 19 and Sandra Pitt held an Easter egg hunt with 40 eggs hidden in the garden.

At a baking stall, the two students, who had only 10 days to

prepare for the event, also ran a colouring-in competition for children, with a further Easter egg as a prize. All proceeds from the morning were going to the Scouts as Sandra's daughter Megan, also one of the helpers, is a Scout leader.



The calendar's front cover image. c15saddell01no

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Accent Players celebrate 30th year with five trophies

by **BEN RAMAGE**

editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

A DRAMA group's performance of the play *Romance* was enough to earn them five trophies.

Accent Players' performance of John Reason's play, about the same woman at three different stages of her life, saw them win five of a possible seven trophies at the Lorn Drama Festival, but surprisingly not first place.

Taking to the stage on March 31 at the Corran

Halls in Oban, Martha Rennie, Maureen Johnson and Elise Glendinning's evocative performance earned them second place overall, highest marks for stage set, the stage management award, highest marks for dramatic production and the moment in theatre prize.

Despite the bumper haul, the group was pipped to top spot by

Benderloch Players who adjudicator Michael Emans picked for the Robin Banks Trophy for first place.

Director and producer Kenny Johnson said: 'We were delighted with five trophies. It is always nice to get the recognition.'

Surprised

'We were a bit surprised not to get first place having picked up so many of the awards, but we hear the first place performance was very good.'

The group next travel to East Kilbride for another performance of *Romance* which they hope will finally make top spot having lost out marginally in Kintyre Drama Festival.

Kenny said: 'We were invited to perform at East Kilbride and as we are unable to perform at the Mid Argyll competition in Ardrishaig as we normally do, we are heading there in May to hopefully lift even more silverware.'



Accent Players with their trophies. From left: Martha Rennie, Kenny Johnson, Maureen Johnson, Sandy Glendinning and Elise Glendinning.

Live West End show to grace Victoria Hall screen

A SPECIAL showing of a live performance of Olivier award-winning play *Hangmen* is the highlight of this month's cinema screenings.

Captured live in London's West End and broadcast to cinemas by National Theatre Live, the play picked up Best Design and Best New Play at the Olivier awards last week.

Campbeltown audiences can enjoy the Royal Court Theatre production as recorded live in March 2016 at the Victoria Hall on Sunday April 10.

Olivier and Academy Award-winner Martin

McDonagh makes a triumphant return to the West End in Matthew Dunster's award-winning production.

In his small pub in the northern English town of Oldham, Harry (David Morrissey) is something of a local celebrity. But what will the second-best hangman in England do on the day they have abolished hanging?

Amongst the cub reporters and pub regulars desperate to hear Harry's reaction to the news, his old assistant Syd (Andy Nyman) and the peculiar Mooney (Johnny Flynn) lurk with very

different motives for their visit. The cameras are carefully positioned throughout the auditorium to ensure cinema audiences get the 'best seat in the house' and enjoy the best possible experience.

April's screening weekend also includes DreamWorks' latest martial arts extravaganza *Kung Fu Panda 3*, with megastar Jack Black again on brilliant form as the wisecracking Po.

There is also fun in New York City with *How To Be Single*, the weird and wonderful *Deadpool* and the Coen Brothers' latest comedy *Hail, Caesar!*, starring George Clooney.

Screening times: Saturday April 9: *Kung Fu Panda 3* (PG) 3pm. *How To Be Single* (15) 5.30pm. *Deadpool* (15) 8pm. Sunday April 10: *Kung Fu Panda 3* (PG) 12.15pm.

Hail, Caesar! (12A) 2.30pm. NT Live: *Hangmen* 5pm.



George Clooney stars in the Coen Brothers' latest film.

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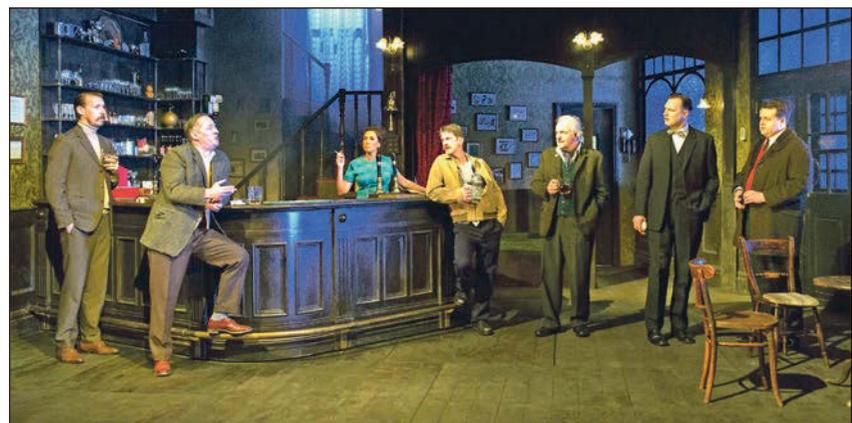
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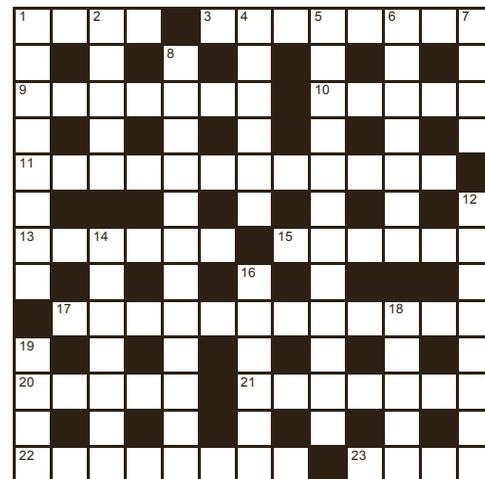


Kung Fu Panda returns to action.



The award winning *Hangmen*. Photo: Tristram Kenton.

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Last week's solution



CARRADALE

Tourist season signs replaced for first time in two decades



The first new tourist sign in Carradale for 20 years.

AS THE visitor season approaches, Carradale has been renovating some of its infrastructure.

Last week, two old, green ladder signs were replaced by Ian and Adam Gull after more than 20 years.

The boards, in light blue, are part of a £1500 project by Carradale Tourist Group supported by East Kintyre Windfarm Trust, residents and East Kintyre Community Council.

They provide updated

information for visitors driving the East Kintyre road.

A spokesperson said: 'Not in existence when the original sign were erected, Carradale Bikes and Buggies, now in its third year is proving popular with locals and visitors.'

'The all-terrain buggies are available for hire by the hour, day or week and provide an opportunity for the elderly or disabled to enjoy Carradale's paths and forest roads with able-bodied friends and family.'



Adam and Ian Gull erect one of the new signs.

CARRADALE

Kintyre's eldest resident buried at Minard

A RETIRED headmistress from Carradale, who was in her 104th year, was laid to rest in Minard cemetery looking out on Loch Fyne.

Evie Strath had just celebrated her 103rd at the end of February when her health deteriorated and she passed away peacefully.

Piper Iain Campbell and 29 mourners gathered at the graveside for a service led by Rev Steven Fulcher from Carradale and a blessing by retired Gaelic minister Rev Roddy MacLeod from Furnace.

Afterwards refresh-

ments were served at the Lochgair Hotel, according to Evie's instructions. Evie had spent 21 years of her retire-

ment in a Minard bungalow before moving to a nursing home in Oban. This was not suitable and in 2003 she moved

to the Abbeyfield home in Carradale. When Abbeyfield closed last year, Evie moved in with its former manager Joy Bidmead.

Many people enjoyed her company at Abbeyfield, in particular Johnny and Ella Durnan who often took Evie on weekend trips to places she loved and where she had taught in her long teaching career.

Evie enriched everyone she met with her phenomenal memory for events long past, stretching back to the Battle of the Somme in 1916.



Evie Strath surrounded by well-wishers on her 100th birthday in 2013.

SOUTHEND

Scary strawmen lined up for annual scarecrow competition

SOUTHEND crows are keeping a low profile this week as straw scarers proliferate for the annual competition.

Judging will take place on the afternoon of Sunday April 10 in St Blaans Hall.

Come along

Committee member Susan Paterson said: 'Be careful of the potholes and come along to see what happened to the 'Pot Hole Inspector'.

'It is amazing to see the many different scare-

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Countryfile cameras capture Kintyre farming hero

THE STARS of one of the nation's top farming programmes have rubbed shoulders with a South Kintyre farmer.

Councillor John Armour, who has been nominated for a BBC *Countryfile* Farming Hero award, gave Adam Henson and Charlotte Smith, the show's stars, an insight to life in Kintyre.

Mr Armour's nomination includes his farming and work in the community, such as at Argyll FM where he presents the farming programme with John Galbraith.

A BBC spokesman said: '*Countryfile's* resident farmer Adam Henson asked our audience to suggest the heroes from their farming community... people who go above and beyond to make the countryside a better place.'

'Adam and *Countryfile* presenter and Radio Four *Farming Today* presenter Charlotte Smith then narrowed them down to three finalists.'

The BBC nomination states: 'John lives in Campbeltown, such a

remote community it is actually nearer the East coast of Ireland than the west coast of mainland Scotland.

'This is a place where community really counts and John is central to many parts of local life.'

'He helped set up a radio station and broadcasts a farming show, he campaigned to get a mainland ferry link, and he spends much of his time supporting countless projects, including the Kintyre Agricultural Show, schools, sea cadets, young farmers – and stars in award-winning amateur drama shows – all while rearing sheep on a hill farm.'

Speaking to the *Courier* this week, Mr Armour said that the six-person film crew spent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week in South Kintyre.

The week did not start smoothly for Mr Armour, who cut his foot on an old pair of hand shearing shears on Monday and spent the next morning, when the BBC arrived, at accident and emergency.

'Filming started with an interview with my

wife Carole on Machrihanish Beach,' said Mr Armour. 'They came to the drama club Peninver Players on Tuesday evening where we were rehearsing for the Mid Argyll Drama Festival.'

'The BBC spoke to the club director Anne Leith.'

At the recent Argyll Kintyre Drama Festival, Peninver stole the show, with Mr Armour playing the raunchy, effervescent hypnotist Sven Gali, commanding married couple Iain Ferguson and Janette Hannah through a host of hilarious and embarrassing commands.

On the Wednesday, the crew filmed Mr Armour and John Galbraith making their weekly farming radio programme at Argyll FM, and spoke to passersby on Longrow.

Later true to *Countryfile's* roots, the crew recorded a series of clips in the lambing shed at Mr Armour's Drumlemble farm, with his daughter Katherine and Stuart McMillan.

Mr Armour said: 'They did lots of retakes and kept apologising for doing it. They were scripted but I was unscripted.'

'I did not want it to be all about me and aimed to get across that because we are so remote, everyone has to pull together in South Kintyre to make things happen.'

'We had good weather and I hope the programme shows Kintyre and its people at their best. The people really are the stars of the show.'

Mr Armour is up against The Cumbria Federation of Young Farmers Clubs, which has 25 YFCs and 1,600 members, who were nominated for their flood relief work.

The other finalist is Julia Evans, from Herefordshire, who survived



The film crew at Machrihanish.

aggressive breast cancer to convert part of her family farm into a Care Farm, which helps teenagers who are on the margins of education, and at risk of school exclusion.

The *Countryfile* programme will be shown on Sunday April 17 and the winner will be announced at the BBC Food and Farming Awards in Bristol on Thursday April 28, and will appear on Radio Four and *Countryfile* on May 8.



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Ardrishaig hairdressing business looking to grow after a busy year

AN ARDRISHAIG salon is looking to take on more staff after a busy year in which demand for its hair, beauty and gym services all increased.

Nicky MacDougall runs Casa Argyll Ltd and already employs four people. She is now looking to offer hairdressers in the area further opportunities by making four rent-a-chairs available.

Nicky, who received support from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, comes from a family of hairdressers, with her gran owning a salon in the 1950s near where Casa Argyll is now. Nicky's mother launched Casa Argyll more than 10 years ago.

Nicky, who like all her stylists is Toni and Guy trained, took over the running of Casa Argyll in 2013.

Nicky said: 'My sister and I are the third gen-



Nicky MacDougall busy at Casa Argyll.

eration of hairdressers in our family. After my mum decided to move to Malta, my sister ran Casa Argyll, then I took over.

'Since last summer we've remained busy

and we're only getting busier, so now is the right time to take on extra staff. Being a mum-of-two I know that flexibility is key for so many people so, instead of just hiring people, I want-

ed to offer a rent-a-chair option to allow people to work the hours and days that suit them best.

'Hopefully, within a few months we can fill all four chairs and be able to take on even more clients.'

Nicky has also introduced new products to the salon, with all stylists now using celebrity favourite brand, Redken.

Stylist

She has also attracted the services of freelance fashion stylist Martine Carroll who will be working in the salon two days a week after 10 years of being the art director at Alan Edward's salon in Glasgow.

As well as standard hair services, the salon also offers personal training on its Vibrogym, sunbed and infrared saunas and a number of special offers for older customers,

mums and young children. Nicky added: 'It's a very exciting time for Casa Argyll.'

'As well as expanding our hair services, we also want to increase our beauty treatments and

make further use of our beauty room. I strongly believe that hairdressers should keep on training to keep up-to-date with new trends, and Business Gateway helped me access funding which I

am using towards training courses for my staff. The support from Business Gateway has been really useful, not just in terms of pointing me in the right direction to apply for funding, but in giving advice on how to make the changes needed for us to grow.'

Donald Melville, business adviser, Business Gateway said: 'Casa Argyll is a business which is more than 10 years old and is now in a position to grow further.'

'Through our one-to-one advice service we were able to successfully signpost Nicky to funding opportunities which have allowed her to invest in her staff and offer even more to her customers.'

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Nicky comes from a family of hairdressers.

Digital boost workshops for Argyll and Bute

NEW TRAINING workshops aimed at helping Argyll and Bute based businesses adopt digital technology have been launched, as part of a national programme.

The Digital Boost events have been designed to help small to medium sized businesses improve their website presence, understand and communicate with their customers better, and ultimately increase sales.

The events will run throughout April and May, covering digital

marketing, data analytics and back office systems.

Digital Boost has been developed by Business Gateway, Scottish Enterprise and Highland and Islands Enterprise on behalf of Digital Scotland.

The comprehensive programme of fully funded workshops has been designed specifically to support Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) development into digital technologies and ultimately to bring business benefits. The

free half day workshops taking place across the region include:

Digital marketing strategy – Oban April 20 and Inveraray April 22.

This workshop aims to show businesses a practical strategy for successful digital marketing, including content creation, content publishing and how to drive traffic.

Website data analytics – Helensburgh April 19, Oban April 20 and Inveraray April 22.

This workshop aims to

help businesses find out how many people are accessing their web site and what they are doing when they get there, then plan how to use that information to make the website work harder.

Digitise your business processes – Oban April 21.

This workshop aims to help businesses see what systems are available to help operational efficiency, financial management and customer relations management.

Online guides to all of

the workshop themes will be available.

As well as the local workshop programme, one to one adviser sessions with digital specialists are also available to eligible businesses that would benefit from extra support on digital topics. Access to one to one support is by referral from a business adviser based in a local Business Gateway office.

The new digital programme also sees a Digital Boost diagnostic tool live on the Busi-

ness Gateway website at bgateway.com/digitalboost, helping businesses assess their current digital know-how through a series of questions. The results will guide them to relevant online guides and workshops that might assist them further.

Ann Scott from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute said: 'Digital technologies open doors to bigger markets as well as providing opportunities to improve the efficiencies of individual businesses. The

Digital Boost events aim to give a greater understanding of this fast moving sector and the real business benefits it can bring.'

For more information on the free workshop programme, including exact times and locations, call 01546 604 555 or visit www.bgateway.com/events. Digital Boost support enhances the existing workshops available from Business Gateway covering website development, online trading and social media.

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The incorrect use of home ventilation, for example, can lead to increases in condensation, mould and air pollutants, which can affect health and the comfort of the home.

The guidance has been developed for inclusion on the NHBC Home User Guide (HUG), a secure online portal for homeowners containing all of the information about their NHBC Buildmark warranty and insurance policy as well as useful guidance about moving into and living in a brand new home. HUGs are provided free of charge to new home buyers and are also freely available for house builders and housing providers.

Home Comforts is a practical, easy-to-understand guide on the operation and maintenance of:

- Ventilation
- Solar energy systems
- Heat pumps
- Heating controls

In each case the guidance explains what the particular system does, how it works and its main benefits - enabling homeowners to take full advantage of the benefits these technologies bring.

Previous NHBC Foundation research shows that new homes use around half of the energy used by a typical (improved) home built in the Victorian era, however, many of these systems are relatively recent introductions with technology that may be unfamiliar to homeowners. As a result, patterns of use can vary between different households, sometimes resulting in poor or disappointing performance. Understanding how to operate and maintain these systems is vital in ensuring they work effectively and efficiently.

Neil Smith, head of research and innovation at NHBC, said: 'New homes offer excellent levels of comfort and energy efficiency, but some homeowners are left baffled by the latest ventilation, heating and energy saving systems. So that these systems work properly, it's essential for people to know how to use the controls, can make sure their homes are properly ventilated and understand how renewable technologies operate. From the basics of thermostat control to the maintenance of solar energy systems, this practical guide from the NHBC Foundation enables homeowners to take full advantage of these technologies.'

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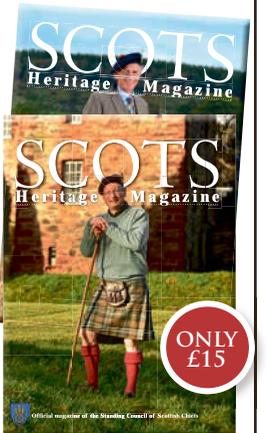


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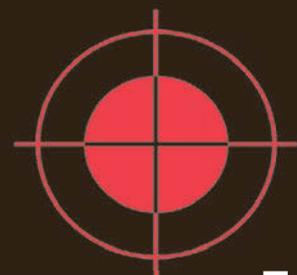
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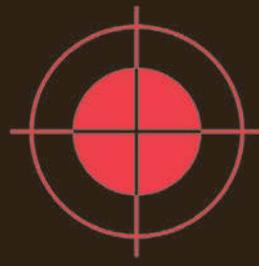
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WE COULD not understand why the ferry was late as the weather was perfect.

Then, watching from Claonaig, we saw her bobbing across the Sound from Lochranza.

Several vehicles drove off and a few foot passengers behind them.

However we were intrigued by the fact that the whole upper deck was crowded with people who stayed on board.

Safely on deck, we headed for the ticket office where the mystery was solved by a very friendly crew member.

Evidently, the folk on board had been asked to fulfil one last wish for a well-loved friend. They had been invited to scatter their ashes at a place of happy memories.

It was a well-planned trip and the folk had also taken flowers to throw onto the sea, no doubt carrying each person's personal thoughts.

Although I did not know the one who had died, I wondered about why this crossing meant so much.

What happy times had been shared?

Was it the place where love was found?

Was it a place where the best family holidays took place?

I overheard several conversations and most began with, 'Do you remember when...?'

There was laughter and no doubt there had been tears.

The person who had passed away was certainly alive in the love and memory of friends gathered on a wee ferry last Saturday.

I wondered about the flowers carried by the waves. Would they land on some different shore?

I hoped someone would take them and hold them and treasure them.

Love drifted between life and death, and shore and shore.

It reminded me that the one who waits on the other shore of time for each one of us, will take us and hold us and treasure us for all eternity.

We need never fear that final voyage.

From our files:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

April 12, 1991

Workshop to reopen after two week lay-off

AFTER a two-week shutdown, Kintyre Training Workshop at Snipefield, Campbeltown is expected to reopen on Monday with the four training staff as shareholders in the new venture, Argyll Training Ltd.

Protracted negotiations with Strathclyde regional council for the transfer of the workshop have overshot the March termination of Youth Training under the aegis of the regional council and caused 30 trainees and four staff instructors to be laid off for two weeks.

Also, the four staff had to await their redundancy pay from the regional council to

float the new Argyll Training Ltd, a company limited by guarantee with charitable status, to inherit the council's Youth Training function in Argyll and Bute.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

April 14, 1966

Holiday visitor's quick reaction cut blaze havoc

EASTER holidaymaker Robert Stirling retired for the night shortly after midnight on Sunday ... and awoke 10 minutes' later to avert disaster for four families in a block of flats where fire broke out in a first floor bedroom.

Robert, a 23-year-old Post Office engineer, who was staying with his aunt and uncle, Mr and Mrs Robert Martin, Parliament Place, was awakened about 12.40am by a bright red glow across

the road and the crackling of burning wood.

Robert, of 45 Linnhe Avenue, Bishopbriggs, drew his curtains and saw flames shooting from the bedroom window of the first floor flat of Mr Daniel Robertson, 16 Broad Street.

He roused his father, former Campbeltown town councillor Bill Stirling and his uncle Robert. After Mr Martin alerted Campbeltown's Firemaster, Mr Neil Morrison, who lives nearby, the three men roused the occupants of the neighbouring flats.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

April 8, 1916

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Generosity flows through Kintyre resident's veins

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The event last Thursday in Victoria Hall, saw 139 people donate pints of blood for NHS Scotland.

Senior charge nurse Angela Thompson said: 'We still rely heavily on donations, for a variety of uses but especially surgery, transfusions



Lorraine O'May and Eleanor Sloan after they donated. 04_c15blood01

and treating diseases of people today and like leukaemia. places in the west of 'We have had lots Scotland are always

very generous.' important it is to donate. Eleanor Sloan, originally from Tayinloan and now living in Carradale, dropped in for her 24th donation in Scotland.

She said: 'I have been donating since I was 18, and it really is so important. My sister needed a transfusion, and even though I had been donating before

then, when a family member needs help you really realise how

excuse.'

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Mikey and Jamie-Lee would like to announce the quick arrival of their beautiful daughter, Hollie Louise Harvey, on March 22, 2016, at Mid Argyll Hospital. Jack is delighted to finally meet his baby sister.

DEATHS

FOTHERINGHAM

Peacefully in Mains House, Newtonmore, on April 4, 2016, Charles (Chay), formerly of Bruiach, Newtonmore, much loved husband of Myra, dear father to Peter and Jan and a loving grandad. Funeral service at Inverness Crematorium, on Wednesday, April 13 at 1.00pm. All friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. All enquiries to John Ross Funeral Services on 01479 872222.

HEAD - Peacefully, at Paisley Royal Alexandra Hospital, after a long illness with Parkinson's, on April 3, 2016, Margaret Head (née Trappe), dearly beloved wife of Roger, much loved mother of Elizabeth, mother-in-law of Shaun, a loving grandmother of Suzanne, Alexander and Rheannan and dear sister of Timothy and Jennifer. Will be sadly missed by all.

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MCCONNACHIE - Peacefully, at the home of his daughter, Strath Farm, Campbeltown, on April 2, 2016, Neil Thomson McConnachie, in his 94th year, Corachan and formerly of Dunglass Farm, Southend, dearly beloved husband of the late Cissie Barbour, much loved father of Angus and Margo and a loving and much loved papa and great papa.

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IN MEMORIAMs

GLEN - Patricia. Always here with us each day. In things we do and words we say. As if to keep a watchful eye. And make life safe, as time goes by. - Alistair, Catherine Ann, Alistair and Alan.

GLEN - In loving memory of my sister, Patricia. Sadly missed. - Davie and Catherine xx. Miss you. - Karen x.

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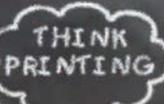
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Mr John Morrison
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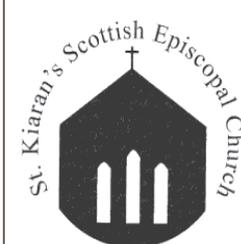
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Minister:
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am
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Sunday 10th April 2016
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Thursday
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Ribbon cut at Wee Toon Warriors fitness base

A FITNESS gym has breathed new life into a bar at the former Machrihanish Airbase.

The Clansman, where once the only activity



Heather McFadyen finds the monkey bars tougher than they look. 25_c15clansman03

was pulling pints, has been transformed into an exercise temple and base for Fiona Irwin's Wee Toon Warriors, who are clients at her SOS fitness business.

The building had lain unloved and was a shell before Mrs Irwin began its conversion.

Bootcamp training

Councillor John Armour cut the ribbon last Saturday morning to declare the Clansman open once again before a regular bootcamp training session.

Mr Armour, who is himself a personal training client of Mrs Irwin, said: 'It is a huge honour to be asked to perform the opening.

'I am four weeks into a training schedule with Fiona and have lost a fair bit of weight. She is a great trainer and does

not push you into something you cannot do.'

As well as time, Mrs Irwin and her husband Stanley have invested at least £15,000 into equipment at the gym but admit there is still a long way to go.

Mrs Irwin, who was the fitness co-ordinator at the Aqualibrium for five-and-a-half years, said: 'I must thank my mum, dad and husband and our families. We have a five-year lease.

'Wee Toon Warriors is not all about being the best; it is about being a part of the team.'

Client Pam McFadyen, 53, who joined the Warriors last September said: 'I really enjoy coming to the gym, it is great fun and everyone is very supportive which is what really makes it for me.'



John Armour cuts the ribbon. Inset: A team exercise during bootcamp. 25_c15clansman02 and 25_c15clansman06

Dunaverty amateurs battle for bumper prizes

GOLFERS in Southend enjoyed sunshine and prizes at their annual AmAm (amateur versus amateur) competition.

Twenty-nine teams took to the course in good weather, and only a few strokes separated the top teams at the close of play.

The team of Robert McCallum, Archie McCallum, John McCallum and Neil Johnstone held off a strong challenge from Brian Hone,

Robin Finlay, Willie Young and John Dickenson, eventually winning by just two strokes.

The McCallum team's winning nett score was comprised of 12 3s, five 2s and one 4.

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The comprehensive prizelist was thanks to the support of several sponsors, led by Kintyre Hire.

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Captain Ken MacMillan expressed his thanks to them for helping to make the day such a success.

He also paid tribute to green keepers David Scullion and Willy MacMillan who, despite recent severe weather conditions, had the course

in excellent condition.

Results: 1: Robert McCallum, Archie McCallum John McCallum, Neil Johnstone - 50. 2: Brian Hone, Robin Finlay, Willie Young, John Dickenson - 52. 3: John Rennie, Willie Ross, Stuart McMillan, Alasdair Anderson - 54 (bih). 4: Ross Sinclair, Kenny Cameron, Roddy MacDonald, Cammy Gibb - 54 (bih). 5: Mark Eagers, Jim Williamson, Brian Cook, Stuart MacBrayne - 54. 6: Raymond Harvey, John Brown, Danny Halliday, Gus Cameron - 56.

Spot Prizes: 1st hole, nearest the pin in two - Gus Laurenson 74cm. 7th hole, nearest the pin - Neil Johnstone 10 foot 2 inches. 13th hole, lowest team nett score: Ian McGougan, David Campbell, Finlay Wylie and Neil McCallum - 14. 16th hole, nearest the pin - Robin Finlay 9.75 inches. 17th Hole, Ladies Longest Drive - Laura Finlayson, Gents Longest Drive - Andrew Robertson.

Football results and fixtures

LAST Thursday's result: Scottish Amateur Cup semi-final - Oban Saints 1, Leven United 2 (after extra time).

Saturday - Premier Division - Campbeltown Pupils 2, Alba Thistle 2; Oban Saints v Goldenhill postponed; Premier Division One - Drumchapel 8, Dunoon 2; Motherwell Thistle 5, Lochgilphead Red Star 2; Premier Division Two - Rutherglen 5, Tarbert 1.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Finnart v Oban Saints; Inverclyde v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division One - Lochgilphead Red Star v Easthall Star; Dunoon v Drumchapel; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v Strathaven Dynamo.

Neil opens Argyll green season

AN HONORARY member of Argyll Bowling Club delivered the first jack to start the 2016 season.

Neil Watson, who has played at the club for 62 years, had been given honorary membership moments before the match last Saturday.

The Past Presidents won the first match against the President's team by 11 ends. The highest up rink of past presidents was D McCrimmon lead, G McLachlan second and skip K Kerr. Highest up presidents was J D McCullum - a visitor from

Old Kilpatrick - lead, M McDougall second and skip L Allen.

The club held its carpet bowls prize giving on Tuesday of last week. The 2015/16 winners were as follows: Club Triples: Paul Grumoli Jr, Archie Clark and Grant Grant (S), runners up: Elsie Ronald, Gordon Graham and Lee Allan (S). Two Bowl Pairs: Elsie Ronald and Jane McCorkindale (S), runners up: Willie Durance and David Reid (S). Club Pairs: Grant Grant and Gavin A McLachlan (S), runners up: Neil McCallum and Lee Allen (S). Four Bowl Three Set: Alistair McConnachie, runner up: Peter Clark. Vice President's Shield: Andrew P Ronald, runner up: Grant Grant. President's Shield: Andrew P Ronald, runner up: Kathleen McGougan. Junior Champion: Gordon Graham, runner up: Gavin A McLachlan. Senior Champion: Andrew Ronald, runner up: Jane McCorkindale. Ladies Champion: Kathleen McGougan, runner up: Janette Thomson. Gent's Champion: Gordon Graham, runner up: Bobby Mathieson.



Argyll Bowling Club carpet prizewinners.



Neil Watson delivers the first jack.



From left: Winners John McCallum, Archie McCallum and Robert McCallum with Dunaverty Captain Ken MacMillan. Missing, Neil Johnstone.

Young Pupils bounce back from rare defeat

Campbeltown Pupils	5
Westerton	0
DFDL Under-14 League	

THE YOUNG Pupils returned to winning ways following a heavy defeat to reignite their title challenge.

After last week's disappointing 4-0 defeat at the hands of league leaders PFD United, the Pupils demolished lowly Westerton 5-0 to keep up the pressure on their top spot rivals.

Kicking off on Kinloch Park at 12.30pm for the second week in

a row, the Pupils had to be careful not to underestimate the visitors because of their league position second from bottom.

Taking nothing for granted, the home side dominated possession early on and took the lead on the 15-minute mark with a goal from Robbie MacIndeor.

Two more first-half goals from Matthew Lang and Elliott Gem-

mill further settled the young team.

Westerton started to rally and finally put some pressure on the Pupil's defence. They were unlucky not to pull a goal back as they came very close to scoring more than once, which served as a warning that the game was not yet decided.

The second half saw a more open, flowing match, with Westerton refusing to give up without a fight.

The tie was put out of their reach though when a pinpoint cross from the right saw Matthew



Robbie MacIndeor leading the line for the home side.

Lang unmarked on the edge of the six-yard box to place a header into an open goal.

The Pupils finished off their scoring when another fine cross from the right was met by Calum McKillop, who volleyed the ball into the left-hand side of the Westerton net.

The home side nearly made it six when Ross Souden collected the ball in his own third of the pitch and went on a magnificent mazy run through the Westerton team. It looked like a certain goal with only the keeper to beat from 10 yards, but the youngster blasted the

ball harmlessly past the right-hand post.

Next week sees the Pupils at home for the third week in a row on the all-weather pitch against Kilpatrick, when they will look to avenge their loss inflicted by the Dumbartonshire side in the opening game of the season.

Islay Golf Club Results

MARCH Medal: Sunday March 20; 1: A. MacFarlane Net 35. 2: A. MacAllister Net 35. 3: R. Shaw Net 35.

Marshall Trophy: Sunday March 27; 1: R. Quail, L. Gairns, D. Livingstone Net 30. 2: A. MacLean, C. Davey, S. Graham Net 31.

Mrs MacIntyre Trophy: Sunday April 3; 1: R. MacLean +2. 2: D. Livingstone All Sq. 3: J. Rozga All Sq.

Machrihanish golf lottery

THERE were no winners of last week's three number Machrihanish golf club lottery.

The winning numbers of 2, 8 and 19 went unclaimed. Jackpot now stands at £200.



Campbeltown Bowling Club carpet winners at Stronvaar.

Ladies smash gents at annual carpet prizegiving

AS CAMPBELTOWN Bowling Club rolled out the carpet prizes at the close of the season, the ladies team comprehensively bowled over the gents.

On Saturday April 2 at Stronvaar, the ladies team beat the gents 25 - 11 before club president Steven Dickson and lady president Maureen McInness presented the prizes to the season's winners.

Full results: Gents Championship: 1. J Anderson. 2. J McCorkindale.

Burnett Cup: 1. D Brown. 2. H McCorkindale.

B & D Cup: 1. A Black. 2. J McPhee. I Johnston Cup: 1. D Brown. 2. A Black. J Bannatyne Cup: 1. H McCorkindale. 2. J Colville. Gents Pairs: 1. A Black and S McCallum. 2: S Dickson and D R MacMillan.

Mixed Pairs: D R MacMillan and A Munro. 2: J Colville and L Brodie. Tuesday Night Rinks: H McCorkindale. Monday Af-

ternoon League: N Maguire and J Hall. Ladies Championship: 1. Catherine McEachran. 2. Jean Miller.

John Buchanan Competition: 1. Catherine McEachran. 2. Janie Hall. Helen McArthur Memorial Pairs: 1. Jean Miller and Lorraine Brodie. 2. Jana McPherson and Ria Johnston. Ladies Mixed Pairs: 1. Maureen McInnes and George Allan. 2. Lorraine Brodie and Duncan McInnes.

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The Pupils' equaliser. 25_c15pupils07

Gilchrist grabs the first goal as Pupils settle for a draw

ON JUST his second appearance in nearly two years, Ryan Gilchrist made his presence felt and put the Pupils 1-0 up after 30 minutes.

Despite the good start, up to that point it had been a scrappy game with neither side able to find a chink and the ball passing quickly from end to end.

A spokesperson said: 'Gilchrist has worked

Campbeltown Pupils	2
Alba Thistle	2
SAFL Premier Division	

hard and deserved the goal after two years away with injury.

'He was outstanding on the park today.'

The Pupils came into the game badly needing a win but Thistle were buoyant having beaten top of the table and last

year's champions St Josephs 3-0 the previous week.

In September last year, the Pupils took four from Thistle but last Saturday's team seemed a changed side, marking every move by the Pupils. Youngster Ryan Deans, in particular, faced some heavy tackles.

For seven minutes all went well until Thistle equalised and that is how it stood going into the break.

The second half began in the same vein as the first with neither team able to make a breakthrough.

After an aggressive challenge deep in the Thistle end, two players were booked and Pupils were awarded a free kick but still failed to find the mark.

Five minutes later, as the Pupils seemed to give up, Thistle upped the odds by going 2-1 up.

It seemed just the spur

Campbeltown needed and there were renewed attacks on the Thistle goal.

Pupils were unlucky when the referee did not notice the Thistle goalie tip a ball over the bar after a corner.

Pupils' second goal and equaliser followed a tremendous shot, from Liam Renton, which rebounded strongly off the left post before Paul Grumoli hammered it home to put Pupils back in the game.

Despite many further

attempts that was how it stayed and Pupils did well to get a point.

A spokesperson said: 'Desperately needing not to lose from being down was enough to stop the rot. The team today was a good mix of experience and youth and is a pointer to the future.'

'Ellis Robertson at centre half had a great game, as did goalie Craig Lamont.'

The Pupils travel to Inverclyde tomorrow (Saturday).



Ryan Gilchrist, number 10, celebrates scoring the first goal. 25_c15pupils02



Martin McCallum made some inspired moves in the game. 25_c15pupils05



Ryan Deans had another good afternoon on the park. 25_c15pupils06



Grant Grant goes in for a tackle. 25_c15pupils04

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