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## Safety warnings over lack of pedestrian path at Machrihanish

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A BADLY-needed path to improve pedestrian safety in Machrihanish is being delayed by Argyll and Bute Council, it was claimed this week.

Near misses involving walkers and vehicles on the outskirts of the village have increased calls for a path to be created as soon as possible. 'Machrihanish Caravan Park visitors are taking their lives in their hands walking into the village,' said Councillor Donald Kelly.

'The lack of a footpath has dragged on for years, but it is more important than ever with a much-increased use of the caravan park.

'Families with young children, prams and dogs are walking on a road with cars flying by at 60mph.'

Councillor Kelly thought a solution had been reached recently with a proposal for Sustans, the safer routes charity, willing to estab-

lish the first 300 metres of a walking route, with the council continuing a narrower path because of space constraints for the remaining 400 metres into the village.

However, progress has stalled.

'It is not too late to get a path created for this year if the council can come up with a solution soon,' said Councillor Kelly.

### Too slow

'It has been too slow to act on this. There has been no urgency, yet the issue of public safety is not going to go away.

'Concerns have been voiced by the likes of the caravan park, the local farming community, Laggan Community Council, MSPs Mike Russell and Jamie McGrigor, the general public, Machrihanish Golf Club and Ugadale Hotel owner Southworth Developments which has invested more than

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Ewen Macdonald and Vicky Middleton pictured at the entrance to Machrihanish Caravan Park with the road to Machrihanish village behind them. 08\_c16path01

## Fake lottery letter cost man thousands

AN elderly Campbeltown man was tricked into parting with thousands of pounds in a lottery con, it was revealed this week.

Kintyre residents are being warned by police to ignore letters telling them they have won an international lottery.

The elderly man was conned into believing he had been randomly selected for a huge lottery win but needed to part with a four-figure sum to ensure he got his fortune.

A Campbeltown police spokesman said: 'This is a warning to anyone of the dangers of fraudulent schemes.

'Such scams will often target vulnerable people but it can happen to anyone.

'Anyone receiving such mail should contact trading standards on 03454 04 05 06, or Campbeltown police office on 101.'

## Ammunition found on beach

POLICE were called to an area of beach near Tanga on Sunday after a box of machine gun ammunition, bearing NATO insignia and containing 51 bullets, was brought ashore.

A police spokesman said: 'The rounds have since been safely disposed of. Any similar finds in future by the public on Kintyre beaches should be reported to Campbeltown police office on 101.'

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# Scottish minister visits Machrihanish hatchery

THE importance of the Machrihanish wrasse hatchery was outlined to Dr Aileen McLeod, the Scottish minister for the environment, rural affairs and climate change, when she visited the fish farm.

The freshwater hatchery grows wrasse which are being used in salmon farming to help combat the challenge of sea lice.

The project, part of a collaboration between Marine Harvest Scotland, Scottish Sea Farms and the University of Stirling, aims to develop this sustainable means of reducing sea

lice levels.

Wrasse, sometimes known as cleaner fish, are natural predators of sea lice and remove the sea lice from the salmon when they are put together.

The two fish happily co-exist in the farm pen. The minister last week met the staff of Marine Harvest who run the farm as part of the collaborative project.

Wrasse are proving to be successful in reducing sea lice levels at an increasing number of salmon farms across Scotland.

The Machrihanish wrasse hatchery is one

of a handful in place in Scotland.

It is expected to produce up to one million wrasse for use in salmon farms across the country for Marine Harvest and Scottish Sea Farms.

#### Investment

Dr McLeod said: 'I was delighted to visit Machrihanish to see the collaborative effort and investment being made in cleaner fish by Scotland's farmed salmon industry and research community.'

'This work will help manage sea lice and enhance the sector's environmental sustainability.'



Dr Aileen MacLeod is pictured with hatchery manager Paul Featherstone and Dave Cockerill, Marine Harvest veterinary manager.

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£30 million in the local area.'

Councillor John Armour, a local farmer, urged the council to look for an alternative plan for a path 'immediately'.

He said that such were safety concerns in the area that Laggan Community Council had at one point offered to fund part of the path.

Many visiting golfers stay at the caravan park and, along with other site residents, choose to walk to Machrihanish's Old Clubhouse and the Ugadale Hotel for food

and drink because of the stricter drink driving laws.

Ewen Macdonald, co-owner of Machrihanish Caravan Park, said: 'We have been in discussions with council representatives about a path for two years.'

'Meanwhile, there have been near misses involving motorists and pedestrians.'

'On a summer week we can have up to 350 people on site and wanting to find their way into the village to eat and drink or to go to the beach.'

'The road is extremely

dangerous, and a lack of a safe path has stopped lots of people returning to the caravan park for another stay.'

'That is a loss to the local economy.'

Walkers are being forced onto an uneven grass verge when cars approach, but even that is not possible for mums with prams.

The Kintyre Way was recently re-routed because of the worry of walkers' safety on the B843.

Vicky Middleton, a Laggan community councillor, said: 'I've felt strongly about this

for years. It is a huge danger.'

'Pedestrians and motorists have been left badly shaken by near misses.'

'People are walking with buggies, dogs and children, and there is nowhere for them to go when a car comes.'

'Do we have to wait until someone is killed?'

Ken Campbell, professional at Machrihanish Golf Club, said: 'A lot of our golfers stay at the caravan site and come here to eat and drink.'

'They and others should be able to walk in relative safety.'

## Council insists it is working on finding a solution

ARGYLL and Bute Council insisted this week it was 'doing all it can to move this matter forward'.

A spokesman for the council said work on a stretch of the route from a farm field into the village could be 'progressed within 10 weeks...once an agreement is reached with the golf course to move an adjacent fence'.

However, it claimed a section from the caravan park to the farmer's field was 'more problematic' as it required engineering work costing around £100,000, 'a quarter of the entire maintenance budget for

Kintyre's road network'.

As a result, the council was still trying to access external funding, with some secured from the Cycling Walking Safer Streets (CWSS) fund.

#### Existing budgets

A council spokesman added: 'Council engineers will now be doing work to price two potential solutions - a fully integrated footpath with the appropriate drainage, which would need to be externally funded, and a second, less costly, option which will involve a gravel-type surface and could be provided within existing budgets.'

'To come to detailed costs they

will be carrying out surveys, excavating trial holes to test the ground under the surface and then doing estimates based on those investigations.'

'If external funding is not forthcoming it is likely we would proceed with the gravel option, paid for through existing budgets.'

Councillor Donald Kelly said this week: 'In my view a basic stone path similar to the one the council installed between Caradale and its village hall would cost no more than £10,000 for the problematic area between Machrihanish Caravan Park and the farm.'

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### Ill boss tells of absenteeism challenges

COUNCIL employees who are off sick will be interviewed by their line manager when they return to work, as Argyll and Bute Council fights to cut absenteeism in the workplace.

Pippa Milne, development and infrastructure boss, wrote a report to elected members of the council's development committee that absence and sick days were a key challenge in keeping the roads and amenities service on track to make savings.

A report given on behalf of Ms Milne, who was herself off sick, said: 'The costs and impact of absenteeism on services are a key challenge.'

### Breaches of the peace

THREE people were arrested for breach of the peace incidents in Campbeltown last week.

A 20-year-old woman arrested at midnight last Thursday for causing a disturbance in Kinloch Road was later released with a £40 fine.

A 19-year-old woman and a 21-year-old man were arrested late last Friday evening in separate incidents on Longrow South.

The woman was charged with resisting arrest, police assault and drug possession, and a report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

The man was given a £40 fine for breach of the peace.

### Three men detained

THREE men of unknown origin were arrested in the Clachan area last Friday under the Immigration Act (1971).

# Kintyre Way walkers boosted by a following wind from RES

VITAL funding has been given to the Kintyre Way by wind farm developer RES - for a fourth year.

Over the past three years, RES has been the main sponsor of the Kintyre Way - providing a total of £30,000 in life-line funding.

Now it will give the Way a further £10,000 backing.

'The Kintyre Way is extremely grateful to RES for its continued support of the route for a fourth consecutive year,' said Clive Good, Kintyre Way treasurer.

'The Way is a vital part of the Kintyre economy and this financial support from RES ensures that the route is maintained and kept open for another season.'

Neil Martin, RES development manager, said: 'We are delighted to be continuing to support the Kintyre Way.'

'It has been a fantastic three years watching



Aidan Keogh, left, and Anne Martin of the Kintyre Way, are pictured accepting the cheque from Neil Martin and Kirsten Sweeney of RES.

this wonderful walking route go from strength to strength. RES is committed to playing an active and positive role in the Kintyre community. We believe that our

involvement and sponsorship of the Kintyre Way is an ideal way to achieve this.

'This walking route brings new people to the peninsula to spend mon-

ey in hotels, B&Bs, cafes, restaurants, shops and bars.

'We hope that for every pound that we invest in the Kintyre Way that it is able to generate many

multiples of that pound for the local economy.'

A Kintyre Way spokeswoman said: 'RES funding has enabled the Way to maintain and improve the original 80-mile

route - including removing parts of the route from the road onto new footpaths and tracks.

'It has also helped extend the route to 100 miles - ending at Machrihanish.

'Funding has also been used to part-fund staff and apprenticeships and to promote the route to walkers from across the UK and beyond.

'This work to make the Kintyre Way one of Scotland's great walks has allowed staff to attract new funders - helping to make the management of this route more sustainable and hopefully protecting it for generations to come.

'This further £10,000 will be used for general running costs and maintenance to make the route as safe and attractive as possible. We will also continue to push to attract more people to come and experience this beautiful walking route.'

## Fayre is set for a big day

WEDDING fever is set to hit Kintyre in just over a week's time with the arrival of the Explore Campbeltown Wedding Fayre.

More than 30 stalls, demonstrations and a catwalk will be set up in Campbeltown's Victoria Hall for the one-day event next Sunday, April 26, from 1pm-4pm.

An Explore Campbeltown spokeswoman said: 'The excitement is real-

ly building towards the event and we are looking forward to showcasing the best Kintyre businesses can offer to cater for a wide variety of wedding needs.

### Champagne

'Tickets are priced at £3 per person, and can be purchased from Cadenhead's Whisky Shop and Numero Dix Hair Salon. This includes a complementary glass of champagne.'

### Drugs offences

TWO men aged 23 and 26 were reported to the procurator fiscal for alleged drugs offences after their flats in Park Terrace and Main Street, Campbeltown, were searched last Friday.

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# £25,000 benefits cheat jailed for 12 months

A CARRADALE man who made false benefit claims totalling £25,000 when he had an occupational pension and £90,000 in savings has been jailed for 12 months.

David Ellis, 61, of Gorton Cottage, was locked up by Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC last week after failing to take advantage of an extended opportunity to make 'realistic repayments' of the fiddled cash.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court had heard two months earlier how the £90,000 'disappeared' after David Ellis's fraudulent claims were uncovered.

His defence agent, Christian Kane, claimed the savings were spent by his client on a new kitchen, trips to the Ca-

naries and a garden shed but was unable to produce documentation to support the alleged expenditure.

Mr Kane said £5,000 had been repaid so far as a result of deductions from Ellis's benefit payments over the past two and a half year.

## Increased

The amount deducted was also set to be increased.

Ellis, 61, pleaded guilty to receiving £11,154 in income support and a total of £14,845 housing benefit and council tax he was not entitled to between February 2008 and March 2012.

He had been given almost four months by Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC to confirm he could repay the £25,000.

In that time, his hopes of raising money through to a war disability pension claim came to nought.

Last week, Sheriff Anderson heard for the first time that Ellis was appealing a rejection of the claim.

She said that Ellis had yet again failed to make a 'full and frank admission' of his circumstances, having previously claimed that a huge amount of money had disappeared on trips abroad and refurbishing a property he did not own.

Jailing Ellis for 12 months, she told his defence agent Jim McKeown: 'I said months ago that if he did not make realistic repayments, he faced a custodial sentence.'



Enjoying tea and cakes at volunteer celebration day.

## Trust celebrates work of volunteers

SOUTH Kintyre Development Trust recently held a very successful volunteer celebration day to show their appreciation for the outstanding contribution volunteers make within the community.

It attracted a wide range of people from organisations such as The Community Organic Garden, Shopper-Aide, SKDT, Argyll Voluntary Action and The Senior's Forum.

A fabulous array of cakes were provided by a host of local people including Michelle at the

Bluebell Café, Mary Colville, Eilidh McMillan, Louise Gillet, Rebecca Russell, Sarah Thompson and Scott Thompson. Argyll Bakeries supplied scrumptious pies.

SKDT would also like to thank Ian at AVA for promoting the event, Rebecca, Sandra and Isabel for waitressing and Sarah, SKDT's volunteer coordinator, who facilitated the event.

Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to get in touch info@skdt.org or can contact ian@argyllvoluntaryaction.org.uk

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## Campbeltown Sheriff Court

### Islay man banned from driving

A YOUNG Islay man who took a car without the owner's permission and drove it without a full licence or insurance has been banned from driving for six months.

Kevin McGurn, 18, of 11 Bay View, Port Ellen admitted at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week to committing the offence in Port Ellen on September 21, 2014.

The court heard that the owner of the vehicle, whom McGurn knew, had gone to Glasgow for the weekend and left the car behind.

Defence agent Jim McKeown said his client had no excuse for his actions.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC banned McGurn for six months and fined him a total of £200.

She told him: 'Don't be so stupid in future. A driving licence is a pre-

cious thing - take care of it when you get it back.'

### Man pays £470 compensation

A MAN who assaulted his then partner has been admonished after a court heard he had been of good behaviour for the past year.

Sentence had been deferred on William Smith, 29, of 9 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown after he had been found guilty after trial of assaulting his former partner on her body with his knee and repeatedly

pushing her on her body at his home on December 8, 2013.

He was also found guilty of shouting and swearing at her and demanding she clean up food he had poured on the walls, and further found guilty of damaging a car door.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC admonished him of the charges but imposed a compensation order for £470 worth of damage to car. Smith paid the sum immediately.

### Man must pay assault victim £150

A YOUNG Islay man who gave another man a bloody nose has been ordered to pay his victim £150 compensation.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week, Scott McGurn, 21, of 11 Bay View, Port Ellen was also fined £150 when he pleaded guilty to committing the assault in the village's Frederick Crescent on August 24 of last year.



## NHS warning on cold callers

NHS Highland is advising members of the public to beware of cold callers claiming to be from the NHS.

Laura Gillies, of NHS Highland, said: 'We have received reports of a company cold calling older people claiming to be from the NHS. They

have a limited knowledge of each person's medical history and, using this, are able to set up home appointments. Once in the individual's house they then try to sell them medical equipment.'

'The NHS does not cold call people and we

would not try and sell people medical equipment. This company has nothing to do with the NHS and we would urge anyone who is contacted by them to report it.'

Ms Gillies added: 'I would encourage anyone affected to contact Police Scotland on 101.'

# Former Kintyre woman dies in London cycling accident

## Death of 'inspirational' designer

A FORMER Kintyre woman, regarded as 'inspirational' in the world of design, was killed last week while cycling in London.

Moira Gemmill, 55, died after being struck by a lorry as she was cycling to work last Thursday morning.

She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Ms Gemmill grew up at the family farm at Ifferdale, Carradale and attended Campbeltown Grammar before studying photography and graphic design at Glasgow School of Art.

A Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, she was director of design at the Victoria and Albert Museum for 13 years and is credited with playing a

key role in transforming it into a world leader.

In January, Ms Gemmill, who lived alone in the capital's Kennington district, left the V&A to join the Royal Collection Trust.

One of her roles was to oversee renovations at Windsor Castle.

### Inspirational

Her brother, Andrew, 59, told the Times newspaper: 'She was a wonderful, inspirational woman.'

'She was extraordinary but in a modest way.'

'She was very excited by her new post.'

Martin Roth, director of the V&A, said: 'We are devastated to hear of the tragic death of our much-loved and respected colleague of many

years, Moira Gemmill.

'During her 13-year career at the V&A as the director of design, she made an extraordinary impact in transforming the museum's galleries and facilities with a programme of restoration, refurbishment and redesign.'

'I cannot overstate Moira's remarkable contribution in making the V&A the global leader in museum design it is today. She will be greatly missed and our thoughts are with her family at this very sad time.'

Sir Mark Jones, former director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, said she was 'a really exceptional person' and it was 'a terrible loss'.

He said: 'She was one of the brightest and best people in the world of art and design, much liked and respected by all the many architects and designers she worked with and loved by her colleagues and friends in the V&A and elsewhere.'

According to the Times, Ms Gemmill's was the 26th cycle death in the UK this year and the fifth in London.

Ms Gemmill was struck by a tipper lorry at the Millbank roundabout near Lambeth Bridge at 9.30am.

The 40-year-old lorry driver involved was not arrested.

Rosie Downes, campaigns manager at London Cycling Campaign,



Moira Gemmill died while cycling near Lambeth Bridge.

said: 'We are devastated to hear of yet another fatality on our roads.'

'This death took place at a notorious danger spot - campaigners have long called for the ur-

gent redesign of this junction.

'That proposals to do so were abandoned after consultation will bring no comfort to this woman's family.'

### Society will show Ailsa Craig film

KINTYRE Antiquarian and Natural History Society's AGM on Wednesday, April 22 will be followed by a film about Ailsa Craig.

It will be introduced by David Napier, an authority on the bird-crowded micro-granite rock which rises to more than 1,000 feet above sea-level off Ayrshire and is visible from many parts of Kintyre.

The film will be of particular interest to those members of the society who visited Ailsa Craig last summer on the Kintyre Express.

The meeting will begin at 7.30 in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown.

### Hotel extension

A PLANNING application to alter and extend the Machrie Hotel, Port Ellen, Islay, including the creation of new tourism lodges, has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

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## Time for action

FOR the second week in a row the Courier finds itself highlighting serious safety concerns surrounding a Kintyre road. Last week it was the speed limit on the A83 through Tayinloan, this time our front page is about the B843 on the outskirts of Machrihanish where cars are allowed to go at 60mph on a stretch of road devoid of a pavement for an ever-increasing number of pedestrians.

What is disappointing is that public disquiet about both locations has been going on for years without remedial action being taken. Where is the modern-day obsession about health and safety - which stultifies so many areas of our working and leisure lives - when you actually need it and people are crying out for it?

The situation at Machrihanish has to change - and as soon as possible. We have a caravan site there which is attracting up to 350 visitors a week in the summer to one of the most beautiful areas of Scotland and we cannot even take appropriate steps to help ensure their safety on a short walk.

Machrihanish Caravan Park is doing so well now that it is creating jobs and playing a key role in a fragile tourism economy. And because of its proximity to top golf courses and the attraction of the area for walkers and birdwatchers, it has a longer season than many similar facilities in Scotland.

Argyll and Bute Council is making a big noise that it is determined to attract more people and jobs to the area. Well, if that is the case, it should wake up and get this path sorted immediately.

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### Why wait for a serious accident?

Sir,  
With regards to your front page story last week, I agree that a 40mph speed limit at the Tayinloan road junction and pedestrian area would be very wise.

Even the sharp bends just south of the A83 at this point would benefit from such a speed restriction.

My only surprise is that it has not yet been implemented. Why wait until there is a serious accident?

**Robert McCall**  
**Lochgilthead.**

### Question was not answered

Sir,  
I am sure I won't be the only one to notice that Alan Reid in his letter in last week's Courier didn't answer the question I had asked, namely why he voted against an amendment to protect witnesses in the CSA inquiry against pursuits under the Official Secret Act.

He surely must be aware that his argument concerning Theresa May's guarantees doesn't wash, as it is not in Mrs May's gift to stop proceedings under the OSA. He will also know of the claims that some ex-police officers have been threatened with the OSA to stop them coming forward. Surely this amendment would go a long way towards reassuring witnesses, victims and the public about the transparency of the enquiry.

Readers will also have noticed it was Mr Reid who brought political parties into this. A small number of his

Liberal Democrat colleagues did in fact vote for the amendment and I commend them for this principled decision.

What party I may or may not belong to is irrelevant to this discussion. I renew my appeal to Mr Reid to explain why he chose to vote against this amendment. Democracy does not stop at the ballot box, it is every citizen's responsibility to ensure that once elected, their representatives are answerable about the decisions they make.

A glossy magazine through your letter box might tell you what your MP wants you to hear, but we must go beyond that if we are to be properly represented.

**Catherine Wilson**  
**Campbeltown.**

### SNP the only choice for socialists

Sir,  
It was certainly something of a surprise to find an article about Brian Clough on the back page of the Courier last week and the story of the meetings Tommy Kelly had with him made fascinating reading. There is no doubt that, along with Busby, Shankly, Stein and Ferguson, Brian Clough was foremost among the managers in the British game.

He was also an ardent socialist, and made no secret of the fact that his views and opinions placed him on the political left, frequently critical of the Labour Party's lack of ambition to establish the aims of Clause 4 in its constitution. This may well have been a factor in preventing him becoming manager of England's national team.

What Clough would have

made of Labour's present position is not difficult to reason. Miliband has actually managed to suggest that he is anxious to put socialism back on the agenda, but the policies he speaks of are not my idea of socialism, and barely take him to the left of Cameron and Clegg. In Scotland, Labour has been well out-manoeuvred by a buoyant SNP, and seem incapable of understanding the cause of their own downfall. Replacing Johann Lamont with Jim Murphy solved nothing.

Murphy has, in effect, trimmed his conscience to suit the present political climate in Scotland. His previous right wing politics and Blairite convictions have been unceremoniously ditched in his desperate search for votes.

As a socialist I am reluctant to vote SNP, but really see no alternative option if Scotland's cause is to be truly served.

**Norrie Paton**  
**Campbeltown.**

### SNP has history of cuts

Sir,  
As the election campaign gains momentum there is going to be a lot of accusations about why services are being cut. The SNP seems to feel it is above all this and has a perfect record - not so.

Let us examine their cuts record during its majority rule in Holyrood.

The SNP has cut the number of hospital beds leading to a crisis in our hospitals.

The SNP has cut the number of nurses being trained by 3,000.

The SNP has cut the number of college places, so depriving our young people of the chance of further education and a leg up in life.

The SNP has cut funding of £21.5 million to our world class university research facilities.

In our area the access to youth psychiatric services have been closed and moved further away from friends and family support due to cuts.

The SNP has cut the number of police forces within Scotland leading to closure of local police stations and courts.

The SNP's pledge to cut corporation tax has been cut as it realises it is unworkable.

With the LibDems you know exactly what is on the table in its upfront manifesto with no hidden agenda. This is why I am backing Alan Reid on May 7 at the general election.

**Ursula Craig**  
**Cove.**

### Lib Dems know all about breaking promises

Sir,  
If I could comment on Alison Hay's letter in last week's issue urging voters to support Alan Reid, the Lib Dem candidate for the general election of May 7.

Mr Reid was a member of the Lib Dem group which broke most of the promises it made in its 2010 election manifesto in order to become junior partners with the Conservatives.

After doing what they were told for the past four years and 10 months it now fiercely criticise the Tories at every opportunity in a desperate attempt

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to gain some credibility with the electorate. This is not working as they have now sunk to four or five percent in the polls with political oblivion beckoning.

Alan Reid is defending a large majority but this is in danger as Mrs Hay is acutely aware of, having personally lost one of the Lib Dem's largest votes in the last Scottish parliament elections.

If the truth be known the Labour, Conservative and Liberal parties cannot deal with the huge surge in support for the SNP. They are now resorting to the pre-referendum tactic of Project Fear which is a collection of smears and untruths. These will not work a second time.

**Robert Macintyre, Dunallan Farm, Rothsay.**

**Conservatives are true tactical vote**

Sir, Lately voters in Argyll and Bute have been inundated with leaflets from Alan Reid and the Liberal Democrats stating that a vote for them is a tactical vote to stop the SNP.

This is misleading to say the least. Although the Lib Dems have held Argyll and Bute in the past, their poll rating is down to between three to six percent in Scotland, which would make them firm losers in most of their seats, including in Argyll and Bute.

In the past two Westminster elections, myself in 2005 and Gary Mulvaney in 2010 came a respectable second, and polls show our support is robust on around 16-18 percent nationally.

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In addition, our policies to increase employment, keep fuel duty

down and secure the country's economic recovery are popular. We must not leave our debts to be paid by our children and grandchildren.

**Jamie McGrigor Conservative Highland and Islands MSP.**

**Murphy left hung out to dry**

Sir, In just one day the Labour general election campaign in Scotland has been holed, potentially fatally, below the waterline, not by any other political party, but by its own party bosses at Westminster.

At the launch of Labour's UK manifesto, both party leader Ed Miliband and shadow chancellor Ed Balls have said that there would be public spending cuts in Scotland, when Mr Murphy had already firmly claimed there wouldn't.

When Mr Murphy's claims were put to them, the shadow business secretary Chuka Umunna said: 'The leader of the Scottish Labour Party will not be in charge of the UK budget.'

Mr Murphy has been hung out to dry and the simple truth is that Labour would impose swingeing spending cuts on Scotland and the rest of the UK, carrying on with austerity where the Tories left off.

Ed Miliband, Ed Balls and Chuka Umunna have just confirmed that Labour in Scotland continue to be no more than a branch office of Westminster. Labour and Mr Murphy have been left devoid of any credibility in this campaign.

**Alex Orr Edinburgh.**

**Neverendum hinders growth**

Sir, I may not fully understand what the first minister Nicola Sturgeon means by 'fiscal autonomy' but I certainly recognise when she is

breaking a promise.

During Sunday's BBC Leaders' Debate she again refused to rule out a second referendum on independence in the SNP's 2016 manifesto. During the referendum the SNP continuously claimed it was a once-in-a-generation vote. The SNP will keep asking the question until they get the answer they want.

As she grinds people down, the uncertainty is also grinding down the Scottish economy. We have seen from Canada the negative economic impact of an uncertain constitutional environment. Quebec lost jobs, investment and growth.

The 'neverendum' also directly hinders public services. During the referendum campaign the SNP Scottish government took its eye off the ball resulting in slower economic growth, longer waiting times at hospitals, reduction in college places and potholed roads.

The SNP cannot be trusted. It will say anything and do anything to secure a separate country. I want a Scotland which builds a stronger economy and a fairer society, balancing the books and delivering more powers. That

is why I'm voting for Scottish Liberal Democrat candidate, Alan Reid on May 7.

**Jane Lindsay Cove.**

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by a minimum of £8 billion in the next parliament.

This will mean a better NHS for everyone who needs it, including guaranteed same day GP access for the over 75s.

You can only have a strong NHS with a strong economy. Only the Conservatives and Unionists have a plan for that and this will ensure the NHS is there for you and your family, whenever you need it.

We are now the real party of the NHS.

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

**Looking for photographs of farm**

Sir, At the beginning of 2011 while researching my family tree I came across a first cousin first removed named Agnes Hamilton. She was born at the Flush on April 18, 1867 and married Donald Mitchell in 1886 at the Flush. He was born at Achaglass Farm which was situated past High Clachaig Farm at Muasdale. The farm was demolished so that the Forestry Commission could plant a forest.

I found two second cousins, one now 95 and the other 92, in Canada and gave them all the information on their grandparents' lives in Kintyre before they emigrated to Canada. They had no knowledge about Kintyre.

I wish to ask if anyone living in Kintyre has any photographs of Achaglass Farm before it was demolished, so that I can forward the pictures to my cousins.

I can be contacted at the address below or by email at jock\_38hotmail.co.uk

I look forward to receiving the Courier every Friday to keep up with the news.

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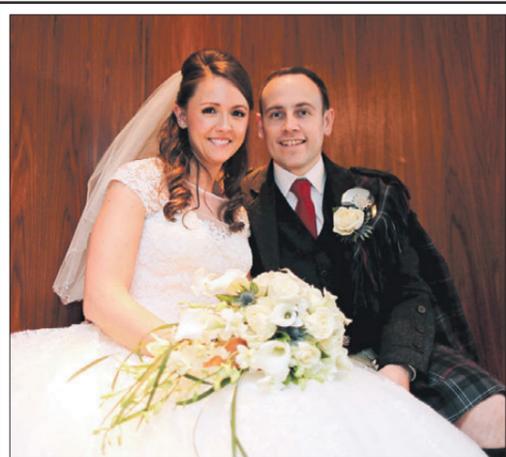
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# Pupils' puppet show is a hoot

RHUNAHORINE primary and pre-five unit dressed up and had their faces painted for Comic Relief last month.

The school raised £176 which the UK government will double to £352. The pupils have since been designing and cooking their own pizza recipes, to find out how their favourite foods are made.

They also travelled to

Tayinloan Village Hall with Clachan school, for a puppet show from owl Twitawoo, a performance everyone loved, while learning about how litter can affect woodland creatures.

The school's pre-five children have been busy in the polytunnel planting seeds, and the primary pupils are starting their potato growing competition. Rhunahao-

rine also had a visit from Oly Hemmings of the Scottish Wildlife Trust, who helped the school learn about habitats and food chains.

Meanwhile on the sports field, P4 pupil Lewis Gilchrist did very well in Sports Hall Athletics and competed in the finals in Oban.

The term ended with a fun Easter egg hunt and coffees for parents.



Rhunahaorine pupils raised £176 for Comic Relief.



Three of the pupils show off their homemade pizzas.



The Rhunahaorine pre-fives planting seeds in the polytunnel.



The school attended a woodland conservation puppet show, hosted by owl Twitawoo.

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# Plenty for divers to discover in Kintyre waters

NINE scuba divers from the British Sub Aqua Club took part in a challenging wreck diving expedition to Campbeltown over the Easter weekend.

Steve McKelvey, Libby Anderson, Deborah McNeill, Victoria Presly, Kelsey Padgett, Chris Thompson, Jon Harvey, Yo-Han Cha and Simon Exley spent five days diving off a 10-metre rigid inflatable dive boat, Fyne Pioneer, based at Lochgair, searching for a number of wrecks.

Libby told the Courier: 'This expedition brought together members of dive clubs from Aberdeen, Glasgow, Lancaster and Yorkshire.

'We were made very welcome by everyone in Campbeltown, especially those at Campbeltown Backpackers and Terry from Pennysaorach Farm.

'Most of the wrecks we surveyed sank many years ago and little was known about their condition.

### Dive site guides

'Our aim was to locate, survey and record the wrecks, producing photo mosaics and dive site guides for use by nautical archaeologists and scuba divers.

'Comprehensive lists of marine life on each site will go into the National Biodiversity Network Database.

'The team conducted full surveys on the HMS

Breda and Glenhead wrecks. We also had a look at the Paterson's Rock wrecks (Norse, Davaar and Adept) and are producing a sketch map of this site.

'HMS Breda was a magnificent steam yacht requisitioned for both world wars.

'She sank in Campbeltown Loch in 1944 following a collision with a submarine.

'Although her bow is broken up, her undercut stern stands proudly up out of the mud.

'Glenhead lies much deeper, at 38 metres, on a sloping mud and shingle seabed.

'A Clyde puffer carrying coal and iron ore up and down the west coast of Scotland, she was



Libby Anderson on the wreck Glenhead.

sunk by an unexpected-ly large wave in 1890.' 'The Glenhead re-

mains quite intact and her large central hold is still full of coal.'



Some of the pupils who attended the P1-3 dance club.

## School clubs are packed with activity

ACTIVE School cluster clubs are continuing to grow in South Kintyre, targeting all primary school pupils.

Archery, dance and tennis were all on offer for a four-week block last month with all clubs full.

Lindsay Ramsay, active schools co-ordinator, said: 'The children en-

joy learning new skills, meeting new friends and having fun.

### Thank

'Active Schools would like to thank the volunteers and young sports leaders from Campbeltown Grammar who give up their own time to make these clubs happen.'



Some of the pupils who took part in the tennis club.

## Waverley back for Kintyre sailings in May

CAMPBELTOWN and Tarbert will welcome the world's last sea-going paddle steamer this summer in a special anniversary year for the ship. This is the 40th year the ship has sailed in preservation.

Sold by Caledonian MacBrayne for £1, Waverley has been operated by a charity since 1975 and preserved as a heritage asset.

Waverley returns to Campbeltown on Tuesday, May 26 for her first visit in two years.

She will steam around the Mull of Kintyre and through the Sound of Islay, offering views of Gigha, Jura and Colonsay before cruising on to Oban. The second and final Campbeltown sailing this summer sees Waverley take passengers on a daytrip to Ireland.

Visitors can spend time ashore in Redbay, or cruise the Antrim Coast. On July 19 it will cruise Sanda's islands towards Mull of Kintyre.

From Tarbert on Sun-

day, May 24, Waverley will retrace the route of her first sailing in preservation by cruising Loch Fyne towards Ardrishaig.

Sailings from Tarbert take in magnificent scenery on Loch Fyne every Wednesday, from July 3 until August 28, and on Sunday, August 16.

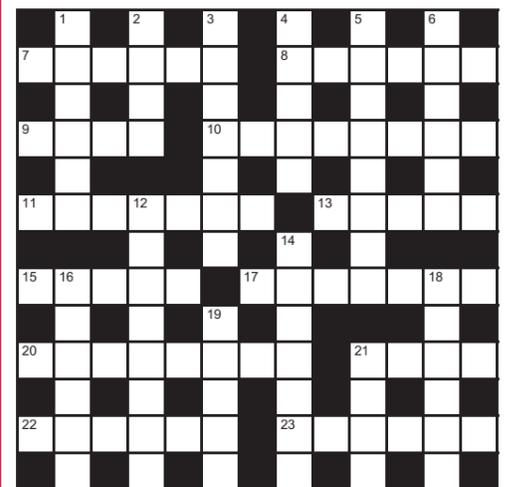
Andy O'Brian, Waverley's captain, said: 'We are delighted to be returning to Campbeltown and Tarbert. You cannot escape from the spectacular scenery when you cruise aboard Waverley.'

'I am sure there is a trip to tempt everyone up the gangway.'

Waverley has a restaurant serving hot and cold snacks, two bars, heated lounges and a souvenir shop.

Prices start at £19 for adults, discounts for senior citizens, children under 18 half fare and under 5s travel free. To book tickets or for more information visit [www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk](http://www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk)

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# 'We do need more hospital beds'

## Community council chairman talks from personal experience

THE reduced number of beds at Campbeltown Hospital is not working, according to leading community figures.

Among those leading a growing clamour for more beds is Alan Baker, chairman of Campbeltown Community Council.

A recent four-day stay in the hospital convinced him the present quota of 18 acute beds is inadequate.

'There were 60 beds available when the hospital first opened and that number has been eroded over the years,' he told the Courier.

'At last month's community council meeting a NHS representative said the beds had a minimum usage of 11 and maximum of 17 - that

was not my experience. On two of the four days I was there, the hospital was full and they were moving beds about to keep male and female patients separate.

'Luckily, there were no emergencies during the night on the full days. Things are being cut too fine.

'Moving beds about, which happens regularly, disorients some patients.

'Essentially, the problem is a shortage of beds and a shortage of nurses to man the beds.'

Mr Baker has already raised his concerns with the hospital manager, and the community council is expected to raise the issue with NHS Highland.

The community council and local councillors opposed the most recent reduction in bed numbers, introduced a few years ago.

Andrew Hemmings, the former community council chairman, was involved in meetings with NHS Highland at the time.

### Suffered

He told the Courier this week: 'The rationale was fewer hospital beds and more care in the community, but I actually think care in the community has suffered with staff having to whizz around the countryside seeing people for just 15 minutes.

'Fewer hospital beds makes no sense when you having an ageing popula-

tion and you are also trying to attract more young people to stay here.

'It also is difficult for elderly people to travel to Glasgow or Oban to visit loved ones in hospital.

'Patients should have the opportunity to at least finish their recovery in their own community.'

Councillor Donald Kelly led an unsuccessful campaign against the closure of the hospital's assessment ward in 2004. A rally in the town was followed by busloads of protesters taking a petition to the Scottish parliament.

He said this week: 'The NHS is too important to be a political issue.

'It should be removed

from the political spectrum and be guaranteed to be free at the point of care.

'As for Campbeltown Hospital, the set up should favour the community rather than service-driven cuts.

'It is totally unacceptable, for example, that end-of-life care is happening in Glasgow rather than here.

'Relatives should have reasonable access at a time like that.'

A NHS Highland spokeswoman said: 'The bed reduction in Campbeltown Hospital two years ago was a result of the closure of Bengullion Ward, a continuing care ward for the elderly. This was due to the Scottish government directive stating elderly people

should be looked after in their own home.

'The number of general practice acute beds in Campbeltown has not been reduced.

'Campbeltown Hospital is a community hospital, where patients are looked after by the GPs. There are no consultants or anaesthetists.

'Between January 1, 2015 and March 31, 2015 the average bed occupancy was 87 percent. Bed occupancy figures are regularly monitored to ensure there are sufficient beds for the area.

'In Campbeltown, the bed availability is evidenced as being sufficient for the bed demand.'

## 'Stig' wins race to be top scarecrow

SOUTHEND welcomed some strange visitors on Sunday when the village held its Scarecrow Challenge.

First prize was won by the Ives family, with their creation 'Stig for Hire', based on the mystery test driver from BBC's Top Gear programme.

Second place went to 'Game of Thrones' and third was 'Campbeltown Cheese - Yes Please'.

Susan Paterson, chairwoman of Dunaverty Village Hall committee,

said: 'We had a good turnout, raising £572 towards the new hall funds.

'The hall build is going well and on Sunday afternoon contractors McEwan Osborne will open the premises to allow villagers only to see how it is coming on.

'We have already had enquiries for functions and groups wanting to use it, and we will be working hard over the next few months to continue to raise funds with a family quiz and car boot sale in May.'



First prize in this year's Southend Scarecrow Challenge went to the Ives' 'Stig For Hire'.



In second place was 'Game of Thrones'.



'Campbeltown Cheese - Yes Please'.



Competition winner James Ives was presented with an Easter egg by Dunaverty Hall Committee's Margaret McDowall.

**WIN! WIN! WIN!**

**A meal for two at the Mishnish**

To celebrate the Mull Music Festival, The Mishnish Hotel in Tobermory has teamed up with the Campbeltown Courier to offer readers the chance to win a delicious three course meal for two people.

The Mishnish Hotel are delighted to be one of the festival venues hosting bands and sessions throughout the weekend, including performances from The Mad Ferret Band, amongst others. The Mad Ferrets are a Scottish duo from Perth, Scotland, known on the folk scene for their hard hitting blend of traditional and contemporary folk music. Their lively, energetic performances are packed with fast Mandolin solos, tight harmonies, driving Cajon beats and earth-moving Guitar sounds. The influence from both Scottish and Irish folk music has helped shape their unique sound.

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CLACHAN

## Flower festival has a musical note

KILCALMONELL Church in Clachan was the venue for its biennial flower festival over the Easter weekend.

The theme was 'The Sound of Music', and arrangements outside led the way into the church which was ablaze with colour and full of creativity.



'Easter Parade' by Anne Clark.

Many visitors came to enjoy the arrangements and teas were provided in the hall.

**History**

There was also a sales table and a display of old photos showing the history of Clachan which is part of a project by the newly formed local history group.



'And the Band Played On' by Catherine Doyle.

## Andes animals in trekking venture

ALPACA trekking is now available in parts of Argyll.

North Beachmore Farm on the West Loch at Tarbert has a herd of 12 and has started walks from Tarbert, Lochgilphead, Inveraray and surrounding areas.

Each session will last about an hour and is fully supervised with the llama-like creatures which originate from the Andes of South America.

Alpacas were an integral part of the culture and lifestyle of their Andean caretakers, serving as a source of food, fuel, clothing and transportation.

For further information about the treks call Zofia on 07881 786680.

TARBERT

# Daffodil Ball boosts Marie Curie cash



Members of Mid Argyll Badminton Club. 08\_a14daffodil03

Fundraisers at a glittering Tarbert dinner dance raised more than £4,000 for cancer carers.

The first Daffodil Ball was organised by four members of Mid Argyll Marie Curie Cancer Care's (MAMCC) fundraising committee.

Julie Brown, Kellie McConnell and Jenny and Rachel Brolly combined forces to sell 10 tables to corporate sponsors and 76 tickets to individual diners.

Guests enjoyed a three-course meal with wine at the village hall provided by caterers from Campbeltown's Argyll Bakeries followed by a raffle and blind auction.

People danced the night away to local band Fyne Fusion.

The businesses and organisations which supported the event were: Tarbert Dental Surgery, MacLeod Construction, Fyne Wines, The Flower Shop, Lochgilphead, Loch Fyne Gallery, West Coast Motors, Cowan and MacBrayne Ltd, The Smiddy Bistro, Lochgilphead, Cooke Aquaculture, Scotland, Tarbert Medical Practice, The Corner House Bar, Tarbert Argyll Fishermen, G M McNaughton and Son, Argyll4Sale, Colin Brolly Forestry Ltd, Scottish Sea Farms, The Larder, Collie Haulage, Dan-



Cowan MacBrayne's table members. 08\_a14daffodil04

ny's, R Hyslop and Son Butchers, Srondoire Community Wind Farm, C and J Shellfish Ltd, West Loch Shores and Midton Acrylics.

Master of ceremonies was Gavin Brown of Stewart, Balfour and Sutherland solicitors and estate agents. MAMCC chairwom-

an Liz Lees praised the four organisers during her vote of thanks and said that without them it would not have happened.

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MACHRIHANISH

## Searching for Easter bunnies

MACHRIHANISH Village Hall committee's annual Easter bunny treasure hunt was a huge success with more than 50 children searching around the village for clues and chickens in a thoroughly enjoyable day.

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The committee would like to say a huge thanks to the Co-op and Argyll Bakeries for their generous donations and to all the helpers who made the day such a success.



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## Spring sale on Islay

A UNITED Auctions second spring sale of all classes' cattle in Islay last Saturday saw 1,012 head catalogued.

A good offering of stock in all ages was presented to a good ring-side of regular mainland buyers.

The continuous fall for prime cattle was reflected at the sale as the stronger cattle were harder to cash while longer keeping types held their values against last year's averages at the corresponding sale.

Bullocks sold to average 230.08 per kilo or £870.76 per head and heifers levelled out at 226.88 per kilo and £783.14 per head.

Bullocks sold to a top of £1,275 per head for Limousin crosses from A Carmichael, Coilabus, while Corrary Farm led the kilo prices in this section at 308p also for Limousin crosses.

Heifers sold to £1,145 also from A Carmichael, Coilabus for Limousin crosses, and Neil McDonald, Bayview led the kilo prices for Limousin crosses at 285p.

Principal lots and prices  
Top prices per head bullocks  
AAx: £975(7) - Craigens; £965 - Craigfad; £955(7), £945(9) and £935(12) - Craigens; £925 - Tallant; £915 Craigens(7) and Octomore(16). BRBx: £935 - Bayview. CHARx: £1,175(4), £1,135 and £1,075(3) - Craigfad; £1,070 - Cladville; £1,055(9), £1,035(5), £1,015 and £995(8) - Craigfad; £995 - Corrary(3) and Ballimartin(3); £955(2) - Gartacharra; £935 - Uiskentuie; £925(2) - Ballimartin. HERx: £935 - Kilchiaran. LIMx: £1,275, £1,185, £1,175, £1,155 and £1,135(2) - Coilabus (Carmichael); £1,115(3) and £1,105 - Uiskentuie; £1,095(2) & £1,075(5) - Kilchiaran; £1,045 - Lössit(2), Ballimartin(6) and Balaclava(2); £1,025 - Uiskentuie; £1,015 - Starchmill; £1,010(2) - Coilabus; £995 - Uiskentuie(4), Ballychattrigan and Kilchiaran(10); £985(8) - Ballimartin; £975 - Lössit(2) and Carrabus; £965(2) - Lössit; £955 - Craigfad; £945(2) - Foreland Estate; £935 - Kilbride, Corrary(2) and Ballimartin(6); £925 - Ballimartin; £905(8) - Kilchiaran. LUINGx: £855(11) - Duich. SHx: £815 - Kilchiaran. SIMx: £1,045, £995 and £935(2) - Coilabus (Sinclair);

£915(6) - Kilbride; £905 - Corrary. Heifers  
AAx: £945(4), £925(3), £910(3), £905(2) & £900(4) - Craigens. BRBx:  
£795 - Bayview. BAX: £885(5) - Island Farm. CHARx: £925 - Ballimartin and Eorrabus(8). HERx: £745 - Kilchiaran. LIMx: £1,145(2) - Coilabus (Carmichael); £1,115 and £1,015(3) - Uiskentuie; £975(2) - Kilchiaran and Corrary; £945(5) - Uiskentuie; £925 Ballimartin and Eorrabus(2); £915(12) and £905(2) - Lössit. SIMx: £825 - Island.

Top prices per kilo bullocks  
AAx: 246p(3) - Callumkill Estate; 244p - Gartacharra(8) and Tallant(4); 241p(3) and 233p(2) - Ardmensh; 230p(10), 227p(16), 225p(12) - Craigens; 224p(10) - Octomore; 222p - Tallant; 220p(7) and 219p(9) - Craigens. BRBx: 231p - Bayview. CHARx: 295p(2) - Carrabus; 272p and 261p - Tallant; 258p - Carrabus; 257p(3) - Eorrabus; 253p(3) and 251p(2) - Ballimartin; 245p(5) - Gartacharra; 242p(8), 237p and 232p(7) - Craigfad; 224p(3) - Corrary; 223p(5) - Craigfad; 222p - Callumkill Estate and Gartacharra(2). HERx: 211p - Kilchiaran. LIMx: 308p(2) - Corrary; 293p - Duich; 284p(2) and 280p(2) - Lössit; 274p(2) - Kilchiaran; 273p - Grulinbeg; 271p(2) - Tallant; 269p(20) - Duich; 268p - Carrabus; 267p - Carrabus; 263p(2) - Island; 260p - Carrabus(2), Corrary(3) and Balaclava(4); 257p(2) - Lössit; 253p(8) - Ballimartin; 252p(4) - Uiskentuie; 251p - Ballimartin and Tallant; 250p - Carrabus; 249p(5) - Balaclava; 248p(5) and 247p(5) - Kilchiaran; 247p(3) - Kilbride; 246p - Balaclava(2) and Ballimartin(6); 245p - Corrary; 243p - Eorrabus(2) and Ballimartin(7); 240p - Glenegadale (Bell) and Balaclava(2). LUINGx: 261p(11) - Duich. SHx: 253p - Kilchiaran. SIMx: 252p - Uiskentuie; 248p(2) - Kilbride; 237p(4) - Corrary; 235p(6) - Cladville; 233p(3) - Kilchiaran; 232p - Carrabus and Kilchiaran(9). WBSHx: 242p - Carrabus.

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The future of the creamery has received a boost with £450,000 funding recently secured from the Scottish government to install badly-needed new boilers within the plant. 08\_c46creamery01

# Committed to creamery

## Kintyre farmers want to secure plant's long-term future

DAIRY farmers in Kintyre have committed to work with their milk buyer First Milk to secure the long-term future of the creamery and milk production in the area.

At a meeting of NFU Scotland's Kintyre branch in Campbeltown last week, around 40 members turned out to discuss the difficult situation within the sector and to look at what can be done to drive positive change.

Allan Bowie, NFU Scotland president who chaired the meeting, listened to producer concerns and ideas, and agreed to relay those back in person to First Milk officials.

Milk production and the creamery at Campbeltown are hugely important to the economy of the area. The future

of the creamery has received a boost with £450,000 funding recently secured from the Scottish government to install badly-needed new boilers within the plant.

Backing their product, the new 'Kintyre Cheese? Yes Please!' campaign was launched by local farmers last Tuesday to encourage the region to keep supporting dairy farmers and buy local cheese.

With the recent appointment of Mike Gallacher as new chief executive of First Milk, there is a desire from the local dairy farmers to continue to work with First Milk. However, producers seek significant improvements in their relationship with the company and want a more open and transparent dialogue.

NFU Scotland repre-

sentatives were joined by First Milk director Jim Baird and Fergus Younger of Argyll Agricultural Forum for last week's meeting.

A NFUS spokeswoman said: 'It was agreed to continue with the new campaign and push for a re-branding of Mull of Kintyre Cheddar, with a strategic marketing plan drawn up by First Milk that targets local markets and also sales nationally and internationally.'

'It was also agreed to work with First Milk and ensure the promised investment from the Scottish government in Campbeltown Creamery is put in place as quickly as possible, and further to continue to support First Milk in its efforts to turn around the milk pricing situation as quickly as pos-

sible and meet with the new chief executive in the immediate future.'

David Bolt, NFU Scotland's Kintyre branch chairman, said: 'Lots of positives came out of the meeting. There was a strong representation from all the farmers in Kintyre, expressing disappointment at the turmoil within the milk industry.'

'However, a lot of good suggestions were made. We want to work with First Milk, get more clarity on the current situation and look for it to improve its communication with its members.'

'We hope in the longer term that First Milk will deliver on all the promises and agreements that have been made in the past.'

'We look forward to working with the new chief executive Mike

Gallacher and want to welcome him to Kintyre to experience first-hand the passion and enthusiasm the farmers here have for the future of dairying in Kintyre and Scotland. We want milking cows to be part of our farming landscape for generations to come.'

Mr Bowie added: 'We need First Milk to do more to ensure that Scottish, UK and international consumers have the chance to buy the fantastic Mull of Kintyre cheddar.'

'Investment in the creamery needs to start as soon as possible, and we all need to work on how we take Mull of Kintyre cheddar further.'

'Producers have some great ideas and we need them to be effectively channelled to First Milk.'

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Artist Jan Nimmo with a portrait of her father, Neil Nimmo.



Argyle Colliery's Sandy Smith, who worked in the mine's winding house, Willie I. Courtesy of Willie Durance.

# Exhibition could fire

A FILM-MAKER, who captured the lives of Kintyre's coal miners, wants to remember them through an exhibition.

Jan Nimmo, who went to Campbeltown Grammar, produced *The Road to Drumleman*, a 50-minute film about Argyle Colliery between Drumlemble and Machrihanish, described as the most remote mine in Scotland.

Jan's father Neil Nimmo, along with his twin brother Ramsay, was a miner at the pit which closed in 1967, and she admits he was the film's main inspiration.

Jan said: 'The Road to Drumleman took me three years to create, all in my spare time. It was a labour of love really, a homage to my late father.'

'I managed to speak to many people and record their stories of working down the mines.'

'People were maybe hesitant to talk about it at first as it is clearly an emotional subject.'

'Miners described their time down there as being part of a big family.'

'There was a sort of hierarchical society in the mines and I would like to recreate that, and other

aspects of mining life, through an exhibition in Campbeltown.'

'Almost 400 people were connected with the mine during its busiest time, so hopefully there are ex-miners or their family members who have yet to share their stories who might want to after having seen the film.'

'There are many people who will have left the town - where are they now?'

'I would love to hear from them.'

The *Road to Drumleman* attracted a sell-out audience when it played

at the Campbeltown Picture House in 2011, and a showing in Machrihanish Village Hall was also an enormous success.

Jan said: 'The event in Machrihanish turned into a ceilidh atmosphere. It was amazing.'

While Jan knew about the history of the mine from a young age, growing up with family and neighbours who were miners, the Glasgow School of Art graduate confessed she was pessimistic about a mining film being a success.

She added: 'I had made plenty of films abroad,



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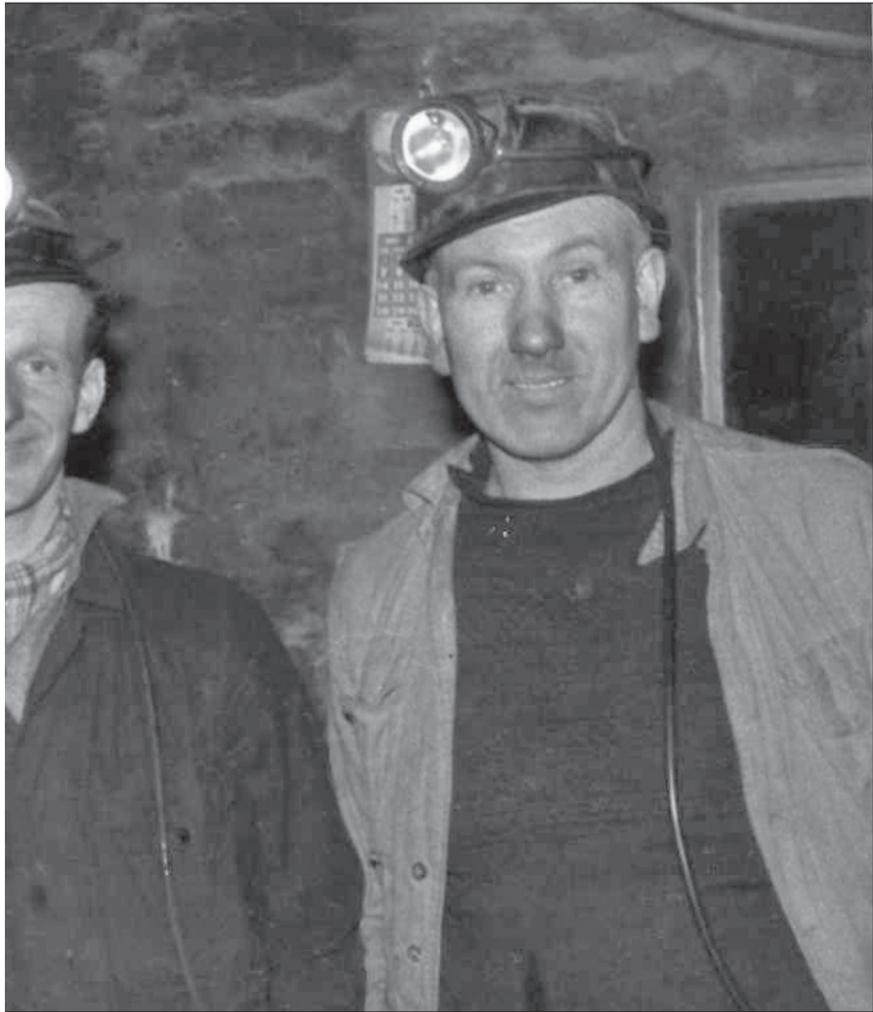
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Durance, an electrician, and Gus McDonald, a fireman at the mine.



Willie Durance, a former electrician at Argyll Colliery.

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# coal mine memories

comparing the conditions of banana workers in Ecuador and Cameroon, but my dad said to me: "Why don't you make a film about workers here?"

'So I visited many miners and scanned their photographs rather than take them away.

'The images really brought the place to life.'

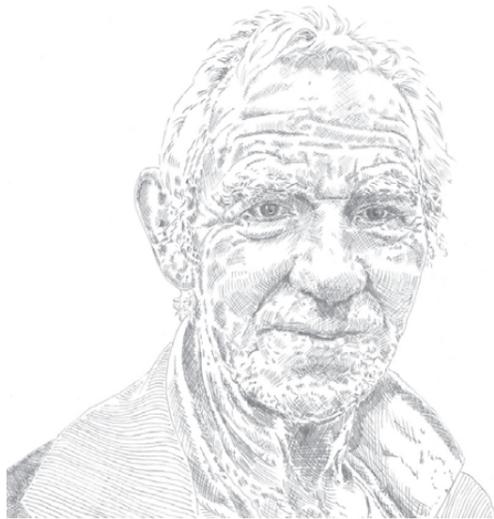
Jan has produced pencil drawings of many of the miners and is keen to add to the collection of characters she has already catalogued.

She added: 'If anyone out there has a story to tell, I would record their

memories and draw them. 'The aim, if funding allows, is to create a biographical exhibition to put an important part of Kintyre's history on record.

'From an educational aspect it is also important to let future generations in the area know there was actually a coalmine running close by not so long ago.'

To get in touch with Jan and share you or your family's story of working at the Argyll Colliery, contact her on 0141 357 3803 or email [jan@jann-nimmo.com](mailto:jan@jann-nimmo.com)



Neil Nimmo.



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Argyll and Bute Council has developed webpages allowing community groups to access advice and support to help them make progress with their projects.

Councillor Robin Currie, council policy lead for community and culture, said: 'People will find a range of self-help tools and can access a single point of contact within the council's social enterprise team to provide guidance on a range of matters from funding to sharing resources.'

'It is really important that we help our communities improve their own areas by getting involved in worthwhile projects and, most importantly, creating jobs.'

'We have a dedicated social enterprise team - a one-stop-shop - providing advice and support to third sector organisations, helping them successfully develop their initiatives. 'These new webpages will be really useful for community groups who are thinking about a project and want some pointers on how to go about things.'

The helpful new webpages can be found at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/community-support](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/community-support)

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Deborah Rycroft, 37, right, and her mum Janet Mills, 60, in their shop, Jinty and Baa Needlecraft.

# Hoping to have success sewn up

A MOTHER and daughter duo are spreading their love of knitting and embroidery by creating a craft hub within their shop.

Deborah Rycroft, 37, and her mum Janet Mills, 60, opened Jinty and Baa Needlecraft based in the village of Kirm, Dunoon earlier this year.

With support from Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway, Jinty and Baa offers a wide range of modern designer fabric, knitting and sewing products while offering people a social space to learn new skills and share tips.

The shop, named in tribute to Deborah's late dad Bob, is already attracting customers of all ages, some of whom are completely new to knitting.

Deborah said: 'My dad

had bought the building a few years ago but his illness prevented him from doing anything with it. After he passed away, we had to decide if we wanted to keep or sell it and that's when we came up with the idea to set up our own business.'

'My grandmother had taught me and my mum to knit and embroider, so it runs in the family. I was buying a lot of American fabric online as I wanted modern and unusual designs and I felt there was a gap in the local market for the kind of products I was interested in.'

'My mum also liked the thought of running her own shop, so we invested some money into getting the building renovated and earlier this year we opened our doors.'

'The feedback so far has been great and our classes are becoming busier which has led us to putting on even more, including spinning, felting and sock making.'

Now, Deborah and Janet plan to offer even more classes and develop the community atmosphere they have already created.

The pair will also be looking to stock more unusual and new designs as well as selling customer favourites such as their huge range of buttons and yarn.

Deborah added: 'It's still early days but we're really excited about the future of Jinty and Baa and we know my dad would be proud of us.'

'Business Gateway has been really helpful and our adviser Donald

has been so supportive. He talked us through our business plan as well as helping us to identify funding that we can apply for.'

Donald Melville, business adviser for Business Gateway, said: 'Jinty and Baa is a wonderful addition to the Dunoon business community and we have supported Deborah and Janet since they decided to set up the shop.'

'As well as offering advice on finance issues such as cash flow and funding, we have helped them with their business plan and will be on hand to support them as the business grows.'

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## It really does pay to be unique in the business world

THE team of advisers at Business Gateway Argyll and Bute understand how it feels to start and grow a successful business.

One of them, Donald Melville, shares his top tips on how to identify unique selling points (USP).

He said: 'You need to have a USP. It is the difference that sets your business apart from others who are providing the same, or similar, products or services.'

'You will need to research other businesses and determine what their USP is - look into whether they have been successful, or if they are missing a crucial component, as this is where your business can fill the gap.'

'Understanding market trends is essential if your business is to make the most of its opportunities and remain competitive. Try to get answers on the demand for your product or service, what new products are in your competitors' pipeline and how they promote themselves.'

'After you have conducted your competitor research, put yourself in your customers' shoes. Carrying out customer research on loyalty and satisfaction can make a big difference to your business.'

'If you know how your existing and potential customers make their buying decisions, then you can adapt your sales methods to fit their needs.'

'You can do this by having a focus group to discuss your product where you ask the participants for feedback and suggestions regard-

ing it. Or you could send out a survey to past or potential customers.'

'Talking to potential customers is one of the best ways to gather information because not only will you get crucial information, but you may well gain some invaluable ideas on marketing your product or service while you do it.'

'Your USP should be something you completely believe in and are truly passionate about, as you need to convey this passion and drive to your customers in order for them to want to buy your product or service.'

'Once you know what you are doing better, faster, stronger or more professionally than your competitors, you will have your USP.'

Some key points to keep in mind:

\* Ask your Business Gateway adviser about accessing market intelligence and business information from the Business Gateway information service.

\* The way you conduct your own research will have a significant impact on the quality of the results. Ask the right questions, talk to the right audience and engage enough people.

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15/00677/PP	Upgrading of access and formation of footpath	Land South Of Caoruinn High Airds Carradale Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale
15/00782/AMSC	Approval of conditions 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 relative to planning permission in principle reference 13/01424/PPP for the erection of dwellinghouse with garage, formation of new access and installation of septic tank	Land West Of Red Gate Lodge Kilmichael Glen Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
15/00799/PP	Upgrading of existing track and formation of new section of hill road to enable construction access relative to planning permission 13/01481/PP	Land North Of Brenchoille Farm Furnace Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8XN	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/00877/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage, installation of septic tank and formation of new access	Land Opposite SSE Ballure Sub Station Tayinloan Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Tayinloan

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS)(SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/00694/PP	Demolition and replacement of 'Tarbert Wall' at junction of Harbour Street and A83(T). Installation of bollards (8 no.) and street furniture including temporary erection of additional new bollards in place of demolished walls	Tarbert Wall Harbour Street Tarbert Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert
15/00852/LIB	Display of replacement signage (4 illuminated signs, ATM surround and name plate non-illuminated)	11 Castlehill Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6AN	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
15/00871/PP	Variation of conditions 2, 3, 4 and 5 to reduce the limitations of their suspensive provisions relative to Planning Permission 14/02093/PP	The Picture House 26 Hall Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6BU	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
15/00872/LIB	Variation of Conditions 2, 3, 4 and 5 to reduce the limitation of their suspensive provisions relative to Listed Building Consent 14/02094/LIB	The Picture House 26 Hall Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6BU	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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**DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

**THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (B8025 CRINAN MOSS - KEILLS ROAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015**

On Monday 13th April 2015, Argyll and Bute Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 62 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, made the above named Order the effect of which will be that for a temporary period, no person shall wait, drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle on the length of road indicated in the Schedule below.

The restrictions imposed by this Order will be effective for 7 days over the period 21st April to 29th April 2015 and are desirable because of considerations of public safety and convenience whilst filming is taking place at this location.

Exceptions will apply to vehicles that are:-

- 1) being driven upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform;
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- 3) associated with the filming.

Contravention of the Order, which may be inspected at the Argyll & Bute Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, could result in a penalty of up to £500.

**SCHEDULE**

**PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC/NO WAITING AT ANY TIME**

Name of Road in Mid Argyll	Extent of Restriction	Dates/Times Restrictions Apply
B8025 Crinan-Moss to Keills Road	That length which extends from the gate at the west side of the car park near to Keills Chapel to the landward end of Keills Ferry Slip, a distance of 810 metres or thereby	24 hours a day on:- 21st April 2015 22nd April 2015 23rd April 2015 24th April 2015 25th April 2015 27th April 2015 28th April 2015

Jim Smith, Head of Roads & Amenity Services, 1 A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RD

**COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES**

**Councillor Sandy Taylor (E.W.3 Mid Argyll)**  
 Councillor Taylor will be holding a drop in surgery in Tayvallich Village Hall, Tayvallich on Monday 20th April 2015 from 4.30pm - 6.00pm.  
 Councillor Taylor can also be contacted by e mail - [Sandy.Taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:Sandy.Taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk) and by telephone - Tel: 01546 604184. He will also be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

**Councillor Donald Kelly (E.W.1 South Kintyre)**  
 Councillor Donald Kelly can be contacted by email - [Donald.Kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:Donald.Kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone 01586 810193 / 07977 327751.  
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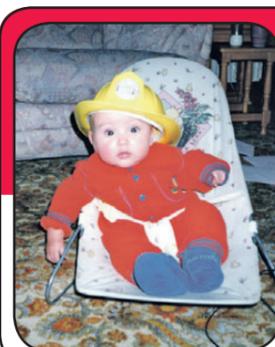
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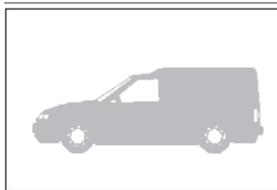


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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



'DO you have a reservation?' we were asked at the lovely little restaurant in Whiting Bay on Arran. The restaurant, aptly named 'Coast' is most popular, and the quality of the food and service is undoubtedly the reason for its success.

A varied and inventive menu, which spans options for all tastes and budgets, brings choices seldom offered elsewhere.

The presentation was wonderful and a talking point in itself. The regular customers are greeted by name and the holidaymakers given a warm welcome by the owner.

It's not often I cannot make a decision, but the choices were so appealing that I was glad to be staying for a week so that I could make several return visits.

'Do you have a reservation?' Well, we did not have a reservation on our first visit, but were welcomed and accommodated anyway.

Soon the wee restaurant was full and echoed with happy chatter as food and wonderful scenery were both enjoyed.

Customers continued to congregate at 'Coast' and those who hadn't booked were promised an alternative time and a table to suit.

So what makes 'Coast' different? I think it is not only the welcome, but the originality in the menu.

It is different: it is interesting: it is mouth wateringly tempting.

There are surprises we did not expect. So what makes 'Coast' special? People make it special.

We knew that in the coming week we would have no reservations about making reservations for this welcoming little bistro.

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# Jack, 7, is already a sought-after footballer

A PROMISING young footballer with Campbeltown roots is just seven years old but already has two top English teams vying for his services.

Jack McAllister Sutherland has been a Reading academy player for the past eight months, and has just been asked to join the elite youth academy of Premier League high-flyers Southampton.

Jack is in good hands though; his father Aiden Sutherland, a winter Olympian for Great Britain's bobsleigh squad in Salt Lake City in 2002, knows a thing or two about top-level training.

Born and brought up in Campbeltown and a pupil at Dalintober Primary and Campbeltown Grammar, Aiden knows it is early days to be thinking of professional football for his son but is delighted Jack has been invited to such a prestigious academy.

Mr Sutherland, a former

army physiotherapist who runs a gym and rehab centre, said: 'Jack has always had a football at his feet, whether training or kicking about with older kids at family parties and barbecues. He is naturally two-footed and has impressive speed and game awareness.'

'It is exciting he has two options available to him. Reading has an excellent youth set-up and Southampton's training complex is out of this world.'

'In England, academies are graded one for the best, down to three for the least developed. Southampton's is a grade one academy and its main training hub for the youth teams is at Bath University, which would be ideal.'

'He is still very young and there is no pressure on him. My wife and I have been driving him to training and around the country for games and it becomes a big part of your life but



Jack McAllister Sutherland, pictured in a Scotland strip, is only seven but has already attracted attention with his football skills.

for Jack the standard is great and he really enjoys his football.

'It is early days but like any parents we have high hopes for him.'

'When you think about the players Southampton's academy has produced - Gareth Bale, the world's most expensive player, for a start - it is exciting for him to be part of

that environment.'

Young Jack is in no doubt as to who he wants to play for when he is older.

Mr Sutherland explained: 'Jack's mum was born in England but his grandparents are all Scottish, so he is effectively three-quarters Scottish.'

'I don't say it too loudly down here but he is a Scotland man.'

## Argyll pupils go higher

ALMOST half of Argyll's school leavers last year went on to take up college and university courses, according to an Argyll and Bute Council report.

A total of 382 pupils leaving school in summer 2014 went on to higher education - 40.3 per cent - the highest percentage recorded in Argyll and Bute.

Another 172 continued their studies at further education colleges, with 255 going straight into employment.

Aileen Morton, the council's policy lead for education and lifelong learning, said: 'I am delighted to see so many of our young people moving on from school to positive destinations.'

'It is important to tap into the potential of all our young people, including those who are looked after and accommodated and those who live in the most remote locations, by providing appropriate work placements and training opportunities.'

The council's community services committee has written to the Scottish Funding Council to support a bigger share from its college fund for Argyll College.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

'The Lord ... will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no-one can fathom' (Isaiah 40:28).

**DEATHS**

**BULLOCH** - Malcolm MacGregor. Peacefully, on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at St Margaret of Scotland Hospice, Malcolm, loving husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service at Clydebank Crematorium, North Dalnottar, on Saturday, April 18 at 11.30am. All welcome. Family flowers only please, donations to St Margaret of Scotland Hospice and Beatson Oncology Centre.

**HALE** - Jessie (née Crawford), passed away peacefully in hospital in Birmingham, on April 1, 2015, after a long illness. Deeply missed by husband Alan, daughter Angela and sisters Anne, Trigg and Mary McCorquodale.

**LEESMOFFAT** - Peacefully, at the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital, on April 13, 2015, Margaret Watson Thomson Urquhart, in her 80th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Captain John Leesmoftat, much loved mother of Elizabeth-Isla (Poppy) and loving granny to Mathilda and Zephyr. Service will take place in the Highland Parish Church, on Friday, April 17, 2015 at 11.00am, 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 RNLI, Campbeltown Branch.

**MACADAM** - Peacefully, at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, on April 6, 2015, Ian MacAdam, in his 95th year, 1 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret McMillan (Pearl), much loved father of Donald and Finlay and a loving and much loved grandfather of Andrew and Lorne. Service will take place in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, April 17, 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 Church.

**MACFARLANE** - On April 11, 2015, peacefully at Ardfenaig Home, Ardrishaig, Rita MacFarlane, née Vivian, in her 85th year, beloved wife of Alexander MacFarlane, much loved mother of John and the late Lynwen, dear nana of Sharon and John and great nana of Bethany, Kai and Jamie. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church (today), Friday, April 17 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, for Ardfenaig Home, Ardrishaig.

**MCKENZIE** - Suddenly, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on April 2, 2015, Donald J McKenzie, in his 81st year, of 31 Dewar Avenue, Lochgilhead, beloved husband of the late Mary Cameron, much loved father of Sheila and Iain and a much respected father-in-law of David and Carrie. A dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilhead Parish Church, today Friday, April 17, 2015 at 11.30am, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery, Minard. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to Marie Curie Mid Argyll and the Beatson Oncology Unit.

**MCMURCHY** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 9, 2015, Janet Kelly, in her 76th year, Machrie, Kintyre Gardens, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Bobby McMurphy and a dearly loved sister and aunt.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**MACKELLAR** - Kenneth MacKellar and his wife, Jana, would like to extend their sincere, heartfelt thanks to all the consultants and nursing staff at the Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban for the care given to the late Edna MacKellar (née Shepherd) during her sudden, but brief illness. Also to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair, who provided a highly professional, yet personal and attentive service to us and ensured that all of Mum's wishes were met and to the reverend Philip Wallace of the Lorne and Lowland Church for delivering a very unique and fitting sermon dedicated to Mum. Thanks also to all family and friends who attended the service and made donations to the respective charities and also the Ardsheel Hotel staff for the after service refreshments.

**STEWART** - George and family of the late Isobel would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for their many expressions of sympathy and cards received following their recent loss. Thanks to Agnes Stewart for conducting a lovely service; to the Highland Parish Church and organist, David McEwan, for the beautiful music, to the Ardsheel Hotel for the excellent catering and to Blair Funeral Directors for their sympathetic and dignified services. Thanks also to all the staff at Campbeltown Hospital for their care and attention. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at the church and graveside to pay their respects.

**STEWART** - The family would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kindness, sympathy, support, lovely flowers and cards and hospital visits prior to and following the sad, but peaceful, passing away of our dear mother, May Mathieson, beloved wife of the late Charlie Stewart. Heartfelt thanks to all who attended her funeral, and to the Rev P D Wallace of the Lorne and Lowland Church for delivering a beautiful service, and for the kind donations to the retiral collection. We are very grateful for the wonderful care and attention provided by Dr Lazarus and all the staff at the Campbeltown Hospital. Thanks also to Ardsheel Hotel and Blair Funeral Directors for all services carried out with dignity.

**IN MEMORIAMs**

**MCSPORRAN** - In loving memory of Alastair, who died on April 17, 2012.

Although you can't be with us, We're truly not apart, Until the final breath we take, You'll be living in our hearts.

- Ann, Hilda, Iain and all the family.

**ROBERTSON** - In loving memory of my dad, Malcolm Robertson, died April 21, 1994.

Always in my thoughts. - Your daughter, Kelly-Anne.

**SMITH** - In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother, Flora, who died April 19, 2010.

Always in our thoughts. - From all the family, Kilmichael Glassary.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**

"It is good to sing praises to our God"  
Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm

**Scottish Episcopal Churches Everyone Welcome**

**Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilhead (SC013787)**  
Sundays 11.00 am Eucharist service 4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins & 11am Eucharist Service Coffee & Cake follows the service  
**St Columba's, Poltalloch, nr Kilmartin (SC013911)**  
1st Sunday of the month 9am Eucharist service 3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong  
Scottish Prayer Book  
**All Saints, Inveraray (SC025646)**  
Saturdays 5.30pm Eucharist Service  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran 01546 602315



**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**

Sunday 19th April 2015 11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE  
Rev. Hilda Smith  
Every Tuesday 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers  
Every Wednesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe  
All Welcome  
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk  
Lochgilhead (Church of Scotland) SC016311



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

Sunday 19th April  
Third Sunday of Easter  
Holy Communion 10.45am  
All Welcome  
Details of services are on the church door  
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141  
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

**TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

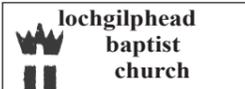
Sunday 19th April 2015  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
Rev. Tommy Bryson  
Kirk Session Meeting, Tues 21st April  
Tarbert Church 7.30pm  
For all church enquiries and pastoral care Telephone 01880 821012  
Everyone very welcome SC002622



**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
Sunday 19th April  
Morning Worship  
Ford 11.45 am  
Rev. C. Acklam  
All welcome  
SC0 02121

**FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT:  
Tarbert 10.00am, located on School Road.  
Lochgilhead 11.30am, located on Lochnell Street/Manse Brae  
Minister, Rev. R Macleod  
Prayer Time Mondays 1.15 - 1.45pm  
Ladies Bible Study 2pm (fortnightly)  
Soup Lunch Monthly (last Thursday)  
All welcome.



**lochgilhead baptist church**  
All Welcome  
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
Sunday 19th April 2015 11.00am  
Mainly Music Tuesday at 10am  
Jumpstart Friday from 10am  
Scottish Charity SC015187

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**

Sunday 19 April 2015 11.00am  
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch  
Speaker: Graham McLean "The Manifestation of His Glory"  
Thursday 23 April 2015 10.00am  
Praise, prayer & sharing  
All Welcome

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**

Charity Number SC001002  
Sunday 19 April  
Bellanoch Church 10 am  
Morning Worship  
Tayvallich Church 6 pm  
Informal Worship  
Rev. C. Acklam  
All welcome  
Enquiries 01546 606926  
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs



**Highland Parish Church**  
SCO02493  
Sunday 19th April  
The service will be led by Rev Catriona Hood and will be held in the Church at 11.15am  
Everyone very welcome

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
Friday 17th April  
Lunch Club 12.00 noon  
Sunday 19th April  
Morning Service 11.15 am  
Creche, Triple C, Next Generation Rev P Wallace  
Tuesday 21st April  
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am  
BBs Church Hall  
Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Thursday 23rd April  
Choir 7.30pm  
Friday 24th April  
Lunch Club 12.00 noon



Campbeltown Corps Church and Community Centre  
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359  
Burnside Street, Campbeltown 01586 552046  
Sunday Services 10.30am Morning Worship Army Kidz 6.30pm Evening Worship  
Tuesday 12.15pm Lunch Club 1.30pm Home League  
Wednesday 7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob  
Thursday 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Lt. Mark Scoulding

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
Sunday 19th April 2015  
11.00am Family Communion Service  
Mr Gordon Cosgrove  
Thursday 23rd April 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
To hear Christian music, conversation and Thought for the Week, tune in to Argyll FM - 106.5/107.1 & 107.7fm - on Monday mornings from 8am to 9am and listen to the Breakfast Show.  
For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200  
www.springbankchurch.co.uk  
SC014646



George Street, Campbeltown  
Sunday 19th April 11.15am Worship Service Rev Kenny Boyd  
11.15am Sunday School  
Wednesday 22nd April 12.30pm  
Bible Study and Prayer 2.00pm - 4.00pm  
Water of Life Cafe  
All Welcome  
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co  
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980



**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday Service 11.00 am  
with Sunday School followed by refreshments  
Baby & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.45 am every Thursday (term-time)  
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk  
baptist union of scotland  
We are a member of the Baptist Union of Scotland SC043322

**ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH**

**LOCHGILPHEAD**  
Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
**ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY**  
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
**ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN**  
Saturday 5pm  
Fr. David Connor 01546 602380  
All Welcome (SC0002876)

**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**

Services 19th April 2015 - all welcome!  
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair  
Charity No. SC016097  
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am  
Glenaray and Inveraray  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

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**ADVERTISER ANNOUNCEMENTS COURIER**

**Cricket starts again in Carradale**

CARRADALE Cricket Club are building up to the new season with a series of practise sessions, beginning next Friday at 6pm, weather permitting. Matches start on Sunday, May 10 against Oban.

The committee has done a lot of work improving the pavilion and scoreboard, giving it a real village cricket club appearance, as well as working on the square which it hopes will greatly improve the wickets.

New members, whether they have cricketering experience or not, will be made most welcome at the club's ground at Wellpark, Carradale.

A Carradale Cricket Club spokesman said: 'For players, cricket gear is supplied by the club, annual membership is only £10 for playing and non-playing members'.

Further information can be obtained from club secretary Robert Abernethy on 01583 431321.

**Back off to avoid injury**

THERE is a little change in week eight in the beginners' preparation for the MOK 10K on May 23. The runs in the first and second sessions of the week go up from 20 to 25 minutes.

The third recommended session goes up from 25 to 30 minutes.

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

Session 1 - 9 miles long run; session 2 - 3 miles hard run; session 3 - 5 miles quality run; session 4 - 4 miles easy run.

This week's tip is be kind to yourself. If you feel an injury developing, give one or two sessions a miss. You will nip things in the bud and you will not lose much or any fitness.

What is the difference between a niggle and an injury? If a niggle reaches the stage where you are actually favouring it when you run then it is definitely time to back off.

# Dookers fight back for vital win

Tarbert	3
Eaglesham 'B'	2
SAFL Division 1B	

TARBERT fought back from 2-0 down against Eaglesham to gain a vital win to take them into second place in the league.

The home defence of Allan Blair, Craig Johnstone, Jamie Meechan and Callum Elliott held firm, but there was little they could do when the visitors took the lead when a front-post clearance from a corner cannoned off the 'Hams striker and trickled past keeper John Martin.

Knowing the second half could have a significant bearing on where they play their football next season, Tarbert dominated their opponents but found it difficult to create clear cut chances in front of goal.

The home side were awarded a penalty when James Prentice was pulled to the ground but David Ronald's effort was saved by the Ea-

glesham keeper.

Worse was to follow for Tarbert when Iain Johnson was dispossessed in midfield and Eaglesham made no mistake by prodding the ball into the roof of the net to double their advantage.

The home side were right back in the contest moments later when they were awarded their second penalty after Ronald was clipped in the box, and captain Fraser Talbot stepped up to send the keeper the wrong way.

The Dookers went on the offensive with three at the back, with Meechan replaced by Jamie Stuart, and only moments after coming on Stuart won Tarbert another penalty much to the dismay of the Eaglesham players.

Talbot stepped up to score a brace of penalties, sending the



Paul McGougan delivers the first jack to open Argyll BC's green for the new season.

## Green opening at Argyll Bowling Club

Despite a heavy hail shower at lunchtime, the sun eventually shone for Argyll Bowling Club's opening of the green for the new season.

President Kathleen McGougan called for a minute's silence to remember members who had

passed away during the previous year.

She then called on her son, Paul, to deliver the first jack, which was followed by her granddaughter, Amy, presenting a gift to her dad.

Amy was then presented with

a gift as a thank you. They went on to play 17 ends with the president versus the past president.

The president's teams won by a narrow margin of six shots, before the afternoon continued with a wonderful buffet organised by Janette Thomson.

keeper the wrong way to make it 2-2. It was then left to midfielder Ronald to atone for his earlier penalty miss and fire a curling

effort past the keeper, and seal the three points for the home side in the final minutes.

It was Tarbert's sixth straight win.

Tarbert squad: John Martin, Craig Johnstone, Allan Blair, Callum Elliott, Jamie Meechan, Andrew Guy, David Ronald, Iain

Johnson, Kacper Krawczyk, James Prentice, Stephen Campbell, Finn Scott, Iain Bruce, Fraser Talbot, Jamie Stuart, Gavin Liddell.

## Swim team's impressive show

KINTYRE ASC swimmers returned home with a brilliant medal haul after their REN96 Graded Meet in Linwood last month.

Thirteen swimmers travelled to Linwood to compete in this annual event with excellent swims and personal bests recorded by all swimmers.

Euan Charlwood, nine, competing in the 8-10 years age group was first in the 50-metre breaststroke, knocking more than six seconds off his personal best, before placing third in the 100m breaststroke and 100m individual medley (IM).

Ten-year-old Caitlin Russell finished first in

the 100m and 50m butterfly, as well as third-place finishes in the 100-metre IM, 50-metre breaststroke and 100-metre backstroke, recording an identical time to fellow Kintyre swimmer Logan Colville in 1min 32secs.

Logan was also second in the girls' 8-10 years 50m breaststroke.

There was also success for Ryan McGeachy who finished an excellent third in the boys' 13-14 years 200m freestyle, as well as Josh Horan, who finished first in the boys' 50m backstroke and Cameron Campbell, who was third in the boys' 50-metre freestyle.

Stuart McQuaker, Kintyre ASC head coach, said: 'It was pleasing to see our swimmers' hard work and dedication pay off, with excellent swims in a large event that drew swimmers from clubs as far away as the Aberdeen area.'



Kintyre ASC medallists, pictured left to right, back row Josh Horan and Cameron Campbell, middle Euan Charlwood and Caitlin Russell, front row Logan Colville and Ryan McGeachy.



Some of the competitors at Kintyre Arrows' Easter competition in the Lorne and Lowland Church.

## Keep an eye open for archery sessions

ARCHERY group Kintyre Arrows welcomed three new archers to its 'Have a Go' Easter shooting session on Saturday, April 4.

Held in the Lorne and Lowland Church Hall, Campbeltown, the club

members arrived early to hold their usual two-hour session as well as a friendly Easter competition shoot.

A close contest was won by Andrew Mitchell with a score of 78 out of 90.

Those interested in archery can keep an eye out for future sessions and up-to-date event information on the Kintyre Arrows Facebook page, or make enquiries at kintyre.arrows@gmail.com

## Mini-rugby training schedule

MINI-rugby training goes back to normal at the Meadows tomorrow (Saturday) from 11am-12.30pm.

Training is offered for youngsters from six and seven years old right up to under-12s.

Coach John Forster said: 'It would be great to have more boys from

Dalintober and Castlehill coming to training, as the rural schools are putting the town's youngsters to shame.

'Our ultimate aim is to enter into Dalriadas competition. It would be tremendous to take part and get Campbeltown/Kintyre Rugby Club recognised.

'For the seniors, training takes place at the Meadows on Wednesday evenings between 6pm-7.30pm.

'If anyone is interested in joining either a youth or adult team they can see the rugby club's Facebook page or contact me on 07764456588.'

# Robertson and co defy wind to win event

TWENTY-SIX teams contested Dunaverty Golf Club's annual AM-AM last Saturday, and the competition, played on a dry but very windy course, went down to the wire.

Brothers Ross and Lorne Robertson, James McAdam and Stuart Gillespie, held their nerve to win by one shot ahead of Iain Reid, Peter McCallum, Barry Colville and Angus Brown.

The competition was a four-ball with the best nett score by a team member on each hole being counted. There were various prizes - for being nearest the pin in two at the first hole, nearest the pin at the 7th and 16th, ladies' and gents' longest drives at the 17th, and the lowest combined nett score at the 13th.

Results: 1 Stuart Gillespie, Ross Robertson, James McAdam and Lorne Robertson 25+26=51; Iain Reid, Peter McCallum, Barry Colville and Angus Brown 27+25=52 (bih);

3 Eleanor Hawkins, Laura Finlayson, Elizabeth Marrison and Eddie Fletcher 25+27=52 (bih); 4 Owen Morgan, Roy McKinven, Keith Johnson and Gus Laurenson, 22+30=52.

1st hole: nearest the pin in two (bottle of spirits) Mark Eagers, 2.02m. 7th hole nearest the pin (bottle of spirits), Stuart Gillespie, 24cm. 13th hole: lowest combined net (Mach Dunes four-ball), Kevan Gilchrist, Andy Robertson, Graham Gilchrist and Alan Glendinning, 16 (there was a tie for the lowest nett at this hole and the prize was decided on the best gross score). 16th hole, nearest the pin (bottle of Springbank) Alastair Brown, 2.06m. 17th hole, gents' longest drive (golf umbrella) Andy Robertson.

Ladies' longest drive (golf umbrella) Jennifer Owen.

Captain Alastair O'May thanked Kintyre Hire, the main sponsors of the event and the



Dunaverty Am-Am champions Lorne Robertson, James McAdam, Stuart Gillespie and Ross Robertson are presented with the winners' shield by Dunaverty captain Alastair O' May.

other individual sponsors who have made this year's AM-AM such a success.

He also paid tribute

to greenkeepers David Scullion and Willy MacMillan for having the course in superb condition, despite the damage

wrought by the recent rough weather.

He thanked club steward Jim Cooper, who was kept busy catering

to the players, match secretary Alex Arkell, for keeping on top of the scores, and the ladies section for all their help.

## Jackpot jumps to £700

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three-number lottery on Sunday, meaning the jackpot rises to £700.

The numbers picked were 8, 15 and 17.

The next draw will take place on Sunday, April 26 and tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Munero Stores and Burnside Bar.

## Machrihanish lotto up to £300

THERE were no winners in the Machrihanish Golf Club lotto drawn on Monday, meaning the prize money rises to £300.

Numbers picked were 12, 14 and 17.

The next draw will be made on Monday, April 20.

## Lewis nets penalty winner

OBAN Saints striker Lewis Cameron scored the winner for Scotland in a penalty shoot-out against Ireland in Tullamore last Saturday after the teams had finished level at 1-1.

Scotland won 5-4 on penalties.

# SPOT THE BALL

## THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £3350

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

A Viola Davaar Avenue Campbeltown

K Mitchell Kenkera Ardrishaig

### All you have to do

We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright.

To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

### Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

### Competition Rules

No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery. The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

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# Welcome point for Pupils

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils drew a blank last Saturday as they took on Eaglesham in their final home match of the season.

Played at Kinloch's all-weather pitch, the Pupils knew a win would all but secure their Premier status for next season, but were left to contemplate what might have been had their pressure been converted into goals.

<b>Campbeltown Pupils</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Eaglesham</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SAFL Premier League</b>	

The home side started brightly, pinning Eaglesham in their own half, but were largely unable to break down a miserly visiting defence that had kept two clean sheets in its previous three league matches.

Pupils' skipper Paul Grumoli, playing in

his more familiar central midfield role, was unlucky not to score on two occasions, with surging runs to meet crosses from the right flank, but his headers could not find the target.

Full-backs Kenneth Galbraith and Keith Mitchell got involved in

much of the play but despite the mounting pressure the teams ended the first half goalless.

The message from the Pupils management was to maintain a high tempo in the second half, and the reward would come.

The McFadyens-sponsored Pupils were in confident mood and began to dominate the match. Much of the play was taking place around the Eaglesham box but often the final ball was wasted.

The best chance of the half arrived when John McCallum latched onto Paul Grumoli's flick-on header and ran in on goal, but he could not guide his shot beyond the Eaglesham keeper, who blocked the shot.

Mitchell showed a clean pair of heels after spinning the ball beautifully over the head of a visiting player and rounding an-



Attacker Gregor McFadyen shields the ball. 08\_c16pupils11

other defender, but his cross flashed across goal without meeting a Pupils head.

Eaglesham enjoyed the best of the closing stages and there were shouts for a penalty when their number three was taken down, but referee Jimmy Litster was not

convinced and gave a goal kick.

By the end of the contest both sides were left to reflect on another tightly contested match - the reverse fixture in November being decided by a single goal scored by Eaglesham deep in injury time.

With just two matches remaining this campaign, the Pupils are without a fixture tomorrow (Saturday) but face two tough away trips to Scottish Cup last 16 side St Joseph's, from Duntocher, and current SAFL champions Oban Saints.



Shaun Grumoli, left, and John McCallum jump for a header from a Pupils corner. 08\_c16pupils03

## Bowlers hail Stronvaar green opening

MORE than 50 keen bowlers battled winter weather last Saturday when Campbeltown Bowling Club opened its Stronvaar green for the new season.

Fifty-two players took to the green, which was covered in hailstones for those turning up early for the 2pm start.

President Dugald Graham called for a minute's silence in memory of members and former members who had passed away during the previous year.

### Perfectly-delivered

He then invited ladies' president Ria Johnston to open the green, which she did by throwing a perfectly-delivered first

jack to three-quarter length and on the mark.

Thomas Dickson, nine, grandson of vice-president Steven Dickson, then presented Ria with a floral bouquet, before the match between the president and vice president got underway.

Thankfully, the match only

lasted 12 ends, with the players risking a combination of frostbite and sunburn in equal measure.

### Lush green

A fairly close encounter was won by the president, on a lush green superbly prepared by new greenkeeper David Scullion.



Campbeltown BC's ladies' president Ria Johnston launches the jack to mark the start of the new season.



President Dugald Graham, left, with Thomas Dickson and Ria Johnston.



Gary Grumoli tussles with an Eaglesham defender. 08\_c16pupils05

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