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Campbeltown health visitor is the UK's best

by **MARK DAVEY**
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A HEALTH visitor based at Campbeltown Hospital was 'overwhelmed' to be named the best in Britain.

Fiona Semple, who works for NHS Highland, was 'shocked but delighted' when she was presented with the UK Universal Health Visitor of the Year award at a glitzy lunchtime ceremony in London last Friday.

Fiona, the health visiting team leader at Campbeltown hospital, had been shortlisted in two categories in the awards: Leader of the Year and Universal Health Visitor.

She said: 'I was overwhelmed when I found out that I had been nominated and then short listed, and was honestly shocked but delighted to actually win an award.'

'I do not see this as an award for me. There are six of us in my team,

and we all work extremely hard.

'I believe we in Kintyre are well on the road to establishing the gold standard in the health visiting service.'

Fiona, who is also NHS Highland's Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (MAKI) depute team leader, attended last week's presentation ceremony at the Oxo Tower, London, with Patricia Renfrew, consultant nurse, children and families.

Fiona said: 'It was a privilege just to be there simply for doing my job.'

That job has involved working closely with the Early Years Collaborative on the GIRFEC (Getting it Right for Every Child) formula and working on NHS Highland's quality improvement methodology. Fiona has worked in the National Health Ser-



From left: Kirstie Kernutt, of award sponsor Johnson's Baby Professional; Fiona Semple and Elaine Baptiste, CPHVA executive member.

vice for 33 years, 30 of them in Campbeltown, and was a midwife before becoming a health visitor in 2000.

She said: 'I absolutely love my job. We get a lot of positive feedback from our clients, so it

is good to know that we are making a difference.'

Patricia Renfrew, who had nominated Fiona for the award, said: 'Fiona is an exceptionally dedicated health visitor who ensures families re-

ceive a high standard of health visiting service. Adopting the named person role under GIRFEC, Fiona provides an excellent, high-quality, evidence-based service, working with families and including them

in all decisions that affect them.'

The awards scheme was organised by the Community Practitioners and Health Visitors Association (CPHVA), a section of the Unite trade union.

Burial fee increase incenses funeral director

THE BOSS of a Campbeltown family firm has hammered Argyll and Bute Council's 'ludicrous' interment price rise.

Alasdair Blair who manages T A Blair Ltd, which handles about 102 funerals yearly, said the 30 per cent raise in the interment costs is paying for other services.

The new fees are published in a schedule by the council's development and infrastructure roads and amenity services department.

Councillor Donald Kelly who does not support the rise said: 'I suggested not replacing the chief executive, it would have saved about £200,000 but was not supported.'

'Argyll and Bute Council tends to target the most vulnerable in our society when making cuts which is totally unacceptable.'

Mr Blair, who has worked in the business

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Police report monthly tally of 110 incidents

BETWEEN March 6 and April 6 police attended 110 incidents a constable told members of Campbeltown Community Council on Tuesday night.

Offences included: three breaches of the peace, a housebreaking on which police say they have a definitive line of inquiry and 10 endorseable fixed points driving

offences, seven of those for speeding.

Three people were found begging after police impounded their vehicle and they did not have enough money to leave the town.

Concerns

Councillor Rory Colville raised concerns about reports of drug dealing in licensed premises and the constable said that on Friday and Saturday nights police make regular toilet checks in pubs.

Police warned that bogus calls are increasing and community council member Steve Byrne told the meeting he had taken a call, about a £20,000 lottery win, but the caller just needed his bank details to make the transfer.

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Funeral director incensed

Continued from page 1 for 38 years, said: 'The charge for interment or reopening of a lair has risen from £503.30 last year to £634.00.

'Councillors show total disregard for bereaved families. This staggering increase comes when most worker's wages increased by two-and-a-half per cent. 'Argyll and Bute

Council has a dismal record on funeral prices and 20 years ago they levied a 100 per cent rise.

'The general public paying these ludicrous prices should remember this at the next council elections.'

Councillor Rory Colville repeated the council's statement at the time of the budget de-

cision and said: 'Our research has shown us that, of nine similar councils, our burial and cremation costs, including the increases, are below the average.

'Unfortunately we have had to increase charges to help us bridge our funding gap and retain the core services people rely on every day.'



Cara Browning, Emma Browning, Liz MacDonald, Jan Browning and children who walked three miles.

SOS Sports Relief squad lift off at airbase

SPARKLING sunny weather saw more than 100 SOS Fitness walkers complete 10 miles in total for charity.

Mums and toddlers joined the effort recently to surpass the total of £3,100 raised by the organisation in 2014.

The three-mile and one-mile events attracted the most entries with 50 walkers in each and the remaining nine tackling six miles.

At the finish home baking and teas supplied by the SOS Warriors raised £81. The final figure for the walk will not be released until August.

Holocaust survivor update

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar School wish to point out an error in the Holocaust survivor story printed two weeks ago.

A spokesperson from the school said: 'The Holocaust Educational Trust had said that most survivors are based around London and therefore being lucky enough to receive a visit would depend on who would be prepared to make such a long journey.'

All pupils at the testimony were 15-year-old S4 pupils.

In addition, we have been asked to point out that the last two words of a Junk Kouture article published in January were mistakenly cut from the final line.

Pigeons return

FERAL pigeons have returned to a favourite roost at Main Street's old post office.

Councillor Donald Kelly has once again contacted officers at Argyll and Bute Council's building standards and environmental health demanding urgent action.

Purple Sandpiper flies in to visit Kintyre

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

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

Around 10 of the birds were regularly spotted from the Machrihanish Seabird and Wildlife Observatory during March. *The Courier* would like to apologise for the picture code being printed across the image in last week's edition. Here it is in all its feathered glory.



A purple sandpiper swooping over Machrihanish. Photo: Eddie Maguire

Lib Dem leader Willie Rennie gave the all-clear to back independence

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Children hunt down eggs

VISITORS to Auchinlee Community Garden may strike it lucky as at least 10 Easter eggs are left from a recent hunt.

Staff hid more than 50 eggs on Wednesday of last week and despite the rain children managed to find at least 40.

The community garden is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm and the next children's event will be on May 1 from 2pm to 4pm.

Lyle, Eve, Brooke, Aidan and Kennie all found hidden eggs. 25_c16egghunt01

Shopper-Aide named Scotland's best older people's service

A CAMPBELTOWN charity which combats loneliness and isolation has won a national award.

At the Age Scotland 2016 awards ceremony, in Perth Concert Hall, Shopper-Aide Ltd scooped the Service

for Older People of the Year.

The latest accolade comes after the Herald Society named Shopper-Aide the Older People's Project of the Year for 2015.

The Age Scotland award, which was spon-

sored by Scottish Power Energy Networks and presented by singer-songwriter Eddi Reader, was given to the Campbeltown service in recognition of their efforts to support older people in the area.

Shopper-Aide Project

Manager, Joan Stewart, said: 'Shopper-Aide was delighted to receive another award recognising the work we do supporting older people in Kintyre.'

Brian Sloan, Chief Executive of Age Scotland said: 'Shopper-Aide provide an amazing service by supporting isolated older people and helping them to feel a part of their community.'

Effective

'By providing a service as simple, yet effective, as doing the shopping or helping with basic tasks around the house, they help older people to lead independent lives in their own homes.'

To showcase Shopper-Aide's work, Age Scotland has interviewed staff and service users for a video that was shown at the awards ceremony.

The video can be viewed at: www.youtube.com/user/AgeScotland.



Shopper-Aide founder, Susan Paterson, left; and Project Manager Joan Stewart, right; receiving their Age Scotland Service for Older People of the Year award from singer-songwriter Eddi Reader.



Susan Paterson receives a donation of £330 from Kintyre Crafters' treasurer Ann Currie. The group raised the money from their fairs held in 2015.

False story leads to £1,000 fine

A PAIR of young Kintyre men were nearly jailed for perverting the course of justice after they concocted a story about who was driving on a night out.

Stephen Cupples and James Ronald were each fined £1,000 and banned from driving for six months.

They were arrested after a trial collapsed at Campbeltown Sheriff Court in February; Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC who heard that case had this matter moved to Oban and heard by another sheriff.

High court

Mr Cupples and Mr Ronald whose addresses were given as Lorne Cottage, Tarbert, and 1 Port Avenue, Lochgilphead, respectively, were told by Sheriff Colin McKay that the offences they had committed were considered so serious that they could have been heard at the high court.

Both men admitted intending to, and, perverting the course of justice: Cupples, 23, a scallop boat skipper, that he falsely stated who was driving a car; Ronald, 21, a forestry worker, that he falsely stated who had been driving the car and inducing two girls to provide false statements to the police.

The pair and their girlfriends had been out for the night and were driving back to Kintyre on November 22 last year. They had pulled over into a lay by on the A83 and all were out of the car when a police patrol stopped and talked to them. All smelled of drink so the officers asked who was the driver.

The car belonged to Cupples, Ronald had been driving as he had had the least to drink but he had no insurance to drive Cupple's car. Ronald feared a fine and points on his licence so

the men agreed Cupples would say he was driving.

Cupples told the police: 'I was the driver; I will take the blame for it.'

Cupples failed the roadside breath test and all were taken to Campbeltown Police Station.

There Cupples persisted in the tale that he was driving and was breath-tested and charged.

At the station Ronald had urged both of the young women to keep up the pretence.

The matter went as far as Campbeltown Sheriff Court but one of the young women had gone to Lochgilphead police station and told the truth.

When Cupples' drink-driving case appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court the prosecution did not continue with the case.

'Both Cupples and Ronald were detained

on leaving the court and subsequently arrested,' said the procurator fiscal.

The pair were both represented by Graeme Cunningham. He told Oban Sheriff Court on Monday: 'They were carried away in the story in an attempt to stop Ronald being disqualified; not for drink driving but totting up with another six points on his licence.'

Appreciated

Mr Cunningham said he appreciated that both men were 'on the cusp of custody' but both were in full-time employment.

Sheriff McKay agreed that both were hard-working and from good families and this prompted him to fine rather than imprison them.

'This has been prosecuted for very proper reasons; I could have sentenced you to 12 months,' he said.

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Scottish election candidates can be quizzed at Campbeltown hustings

ELECTION campaigning is now into its last three weeks and the battle for Argyll and Bute is hotting up.

In 2011 winner, Michael Russell, polled 13,390 and

an 8.5 per cent swing from Conservative to SNP.

There will be a chance to quiz all the candidates at *The Courier's* hustings next Wednesday at 7pm in the Lorne and Lowland Hall.

All are welcome and refreshments will be served after the event.

Discussion

Topics up for discussion may include: extending the ferry, spaceport plans, the

Lossit Point fish farm and the A83 and the Rest and Be Thankful.

Three candidates, Michael Russell - SNP, Donald Cameron - Conservative and Alan Reid - Liber-

al Democrat have made statements about their economic vision for Argyll and Bute.

The fourth candidate, Labour's Mick Rice failed to provide a statement by the

time *The Courier* went to press. All the candidates have confirmed their intention to attend the hustings including independent James Stockan and the Green Party's John Finnie.

Michael Russell - SNP

Argyll and Bute is a great place to live but the key to our continued economic success is connectivity.

The Highlands and Islands is home to one of the biggest broadband projects in Europe and high speed services are already coming on line in many places.

Nicola Sturgeon has promised that there will be 100 per cent coverage by the end of the next Parliament, ensuring that every part of this constituency will have faster access and providing the backbone for better mobile phones signals too.

There has also been substantial increased expenditure on ferry services, with the budget up over 130 per cent since 2007 and new boats being built. The problem of the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful is being tackled with major work under way there.

The SNP Scottish Government has also encouraged more

business start ups, prioritised rural industries (especially food), promoted tourism and increased apprenticeships and expenditure on education which is the best investment in our national and local future.

All of this activity is good news for our area but it needs to be matched by vigorous support from the Council and Highlands and Islands Enterprise so that everyone is working together.

Donald Cameron - Conservative

Argyll has so much going for it! With its small businesses and entrepreneurs; with its traditional industries of tourism, fishing, and farming; and with its world-famous food and drink production, there is a huge amount to build on.

The Scottish Conservatives under Ruth Davidson want Scotland's economy to remain competitive so that the local economy here in Argyll can benefit from increased business and greater investment. For that reason, we should keep tax rates in Scotland in line with the rest of the UK. Both Labour and the Lib Dems are lurching to the left on tax, promising to impose tax rises on every working person across all income tax bands. This would not only hit the pay-packets of hard-working families in Argyll but it would also make Scotland the highest taxed part of the UK.

Greater investment will enable the local economy to thrive both on the Argyll mainland and on the islands, and will benefit existing individuals and communities. And Argyll has a great deal to offer new businesses, visitors and prospective residents too. However, we do need to ensure our infrastructure is robust so we can compete with other parts of Scotland. If so, then the sky is the limit.

Alan Reid - Liberal Democrat

Argyll has tremendous potential. The key to realising this is modern communications. We are in a digital dark age. The Scottish Government must put in the investment to provide superfast broadband to every home and business and at least 4G mobile coverage everywhere.

Argyll must be seen to be open for business in all but the most extreme weather conditions. That means upgrading the A82 and A83. A permanent solution must be implemented at the Rest and Be Thankful to stop landslides closing the road.

More investment is needed to our ferries to improve capacity, booking facilities, reliability, the age of the fleet, and the pier infrastructure.

Ferry fares for commercial vehicles are far too high. The recent Scottish Government decision to remove commercial vehicles from RET must be reversed.

Farming is vitally important. The shambles of the Scottish Government's failed computer system must never happen again. The Scottish Government's failure to pay farmers the

money they owe them has caused severe cash flow problems. Farmers must be compensated for interest and bank charges incurred due to this.

The public sector should do all that it can to award contracts to local, small businesses.

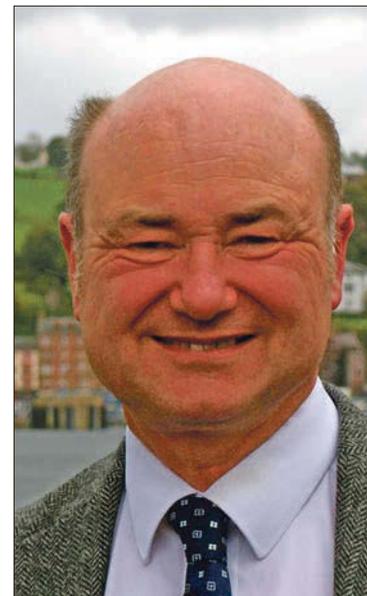
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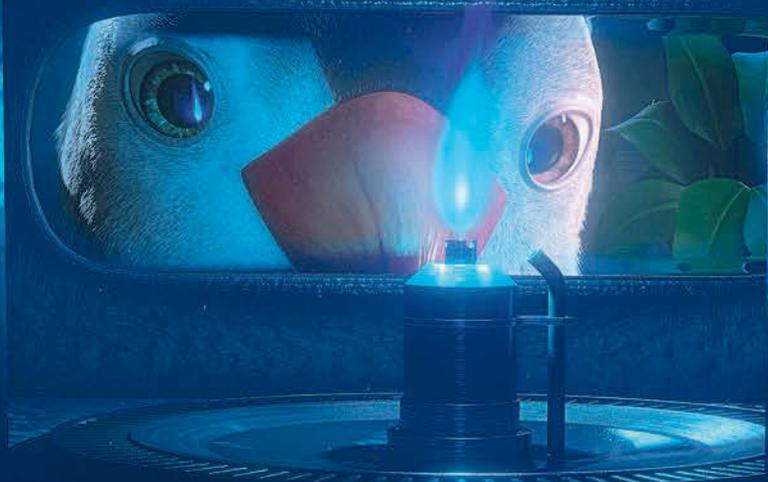
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Flat owners working towards permanent Main Street roof fix

by **BEN RAMAGE**
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THE HOMEOWNERS' association responsible for the property whose soffit/fascia boarding crashed onto Main Street is working towards a permanent solution.

The boarding fell onto the street last Monday due to leaking guttering that allowed water to rot the wood to which it was fixed.

Kate Watt, 37, owns one of the first floor flats at 11 Main Street, which is part of an owners' association covering 12 flats and four shops from number 9-11.

She is the only owner still in Campbeltown and worked as quickly as possible to repair and replace the boarding.

She said: 'Thankfully

no-one was hurt and Argyll and Bute Council's Building Standards' department is happy that the problem has now been suitably fixed.

'We have had a feasibility study carried out to find out what further repairs to the roof need to be done.

'The cost is pretty huge, well into six figures, and now it is up to all the homeowners to come together because buildings need to be maintained.'

The cost of a new roof and further repairs to the building's fabric will far outstrip the monthly contributions members of the association make, and they are now likely to look for any grant funding which



Some of the debris on Main Street last week. 25_c15masonry03

might cover the cost. Ms Watt added: 'Many buildings in the town are in a similar state, it is a major problem in

the town and many roofs need fixed. Unfortunately our block is not one of the priority blocks for funding.'

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'Despite all the good work that has already been done and is currently being

planned, we still have major problems with a wide range of properties throughout the town centre.'

Help for flood victims

GRANTS of up to £1,500 are available for people affected by severe flooding.

Argyll and Bute Council has been authorised to pay the money out for people affected by severe flooding events that have taken place between July 1 last year and March 31 2016.

In addition, a flat-rate grant payment of £3,000 may be paid to businesses which have been severely impacted.

For further information go to the website at: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/flood-ing-grant-application or email: floodingenquiries@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Recycling relocated

KINTYRE Park's recycling bins have been moved to create space during the Grammar School construction.

The glass and textile bins were relocated this week to Bengullion Road to create space for a builder's compound.



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Crumbling Campbeltown buildings could cost lives

MANY column inches have filled *The Courier* about Campbeltown's old post office but that ruin is not currently spotlighted.

The dubious honour belongs to another Main Street tenement where pieces of fascia board crashed onto the pavement last week and it was a miracle no-one was seriously injured.

Every man-made structure needs proper upkeep, just as a car needs a service and oil change a building should have scheduled repairs and checks.

This week it has been revealed that school buildings in Edinburgh, only 10 years old, have structural faults. Luckily most Campbeltown properties were constructed well, 100 or more years ago, but many are far past the date when work should have been completed.

Roofing slates are loose, woodwork is rotten, plasterwork is crumbling, chimney pots leak and buildings are scarred by long wet streaks where guttering is ineffective or down pipes blocked.

One High Street building, for months, had a large plastic bag tied over its chimney. This had come loose and howled in the wind while doing nothing to stop water seepage.

In the past local factors, acting for landlords, many of whom were absent, organised maintenance and collected monies due for the upkeep of buildings.

This week one of the Main Street building's owners spoke to *The Courier*. She said that the factoring system had not been in place since she bought her property at least a decade ago. She said that with multiple owners and large sums of money being required it takes time to organise repairs.

At Campbeltown Community Council, on Tuesday evening, members agreed the prospect of further jobs at CS Wind and in fish farming might be just the lift the property market requires. All said there is nothing like the incentive of selling property to encourage maintenance.

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Landlords should be forced to maintain their properties

Sir,
The debris that fell on Main St was not due to a bird problem, it was due to buildings not being looked after in the first place. If buildings are looked after there will be no problem with birds nesting in run-down properties.

Problems with run down property has been a serious issue for a long time in Campbeltown. Using the excuse of a bird problem does not, and will not cure it. Cure the original problem and you do not have other problems arising from the original problem.

Housing associations, such as Argyll Community Housing Association, are bound to keep their properties safe, why not the private sector?

If the council is bound by laws it should be the same for the private sector, not a war against birds.

Name and address supplied.

Lossit Point development not wanted

Sir,
Once again your editorial fails to present a balanced point of view. Firstly there is the nitpicking over the name of the campaign, Save the Gauldrons. For many generations the Gauldrons experience started where the cattle grid is today.

Secondly it is stated that there has been no indication of the Fessenden mast, except in books. Not true, until re-

cently there was an interpretation board in Machrihanish village. It is also marked on the maps of the Royal Commission of Ancient and Historic Monuments.

You state that it is only the factory proposal which has catalysed thoughts about preservation, but at least we knew about its historical importance, Marine Harvest did not. I congratulate Marine Harvest, on being at the forefront of scientific research in re-circulating aquaculture. However it will do them no credit if this is at the expense of an area recognised as of outstanding scenic value.

Worldwide when multinational companies want to contravene the environmental regulations of a country, they use the carrot of much needed local jobs.

Next they threaten to pull out entirely from the area, if they do not get what they want. This is exactly what is happening here.

Valerie Nimmo,
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Wrasse factory benefits outweigh the costs

Sir,
Following letters in your last three issues about the proposals for a wrasse farm past the existing one at Machrihanish, I would like to reinforce why the site has been put forward. The airbase is not a viable option because it would be very difficult to build a seawater supply on an open sandy beach that would ei-

ther get blocked by sand or washed away by storms.

There is a chance of investment and badly needed jobs for the area, but the choice is not between two local options. It is between expanding the existing site or investing outside Kintyre. What is more the wrasse are needed to counter a real threat to all the existing jobs in the salmon industry across the west coast. Just like bacteria, sea lice are becoming resistant to the available drugs.

Researchers are working hard on vaccines and other new technologies but they are not ready yet.

In the meantime the best chance of protecting all these jobs is for a larger facility to be built next door to the university laboratory and to continue working together on how to grow enough wrasse quickly enough to save the farms. I know people love the beach but the plan would include banks and maybe even trees as screening around the facility, and it would not block access, so personally I think the benefits outweigh the cost.

Dr David Bassett,
Southend.

A number of comments have been added to Facebook pages about the proposed development. Here are a selection:

Elizabeth Conley: 'I do not understand why so many people are against this, the Gauldrons are further round, plus you walk along the shore looking at the horizon not the grass behind and it is offering more jobs.'

Jimmy Kidd: 'Is this about to ruin one of our most beautiful retreats and deny us access?'

Catharine Maclean: 'Let Stirling University keep their fish farm in Stirling. The Gauldrons might not mean anything to them but it does to us locals and all the visitors who enjoy the beauty.'

Lea Brown: 'I cannot help myself...I like it....somehow I can see how the hatchery surrounding could be attractively done, what we should demand, to improve the current wasteland.'

The access road for disabled visitors, benches or picnic tables, as someone has already mentioned earlier, car park for the visitors and the hatchery on its own could attract more visitors to the area.

I do not want to sound aggressive, offensive or abusive - but why cannot we take this as an opportunity for local community rather than a destruction of the rural countryside?'

Poet inspired by loch's monster

Sir,
I was amused to see the report on the sea monster sighting in the harbour recently. I am writing and illustrating a children's book about mythical creatures and I was inspired by the article to do one about this new addition to the pantheon of Scottish water monsters. I hope you like it.

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Clarity sought on all sides of fish farm proposal

by **BEN RAMAGE**
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THE PROPOSED location of the new wrasse hatchery is causing consternation amongst those for and against the new construction.

While Marine Harvest continues to claim that the new building will be

situated at Lossit Bay and not encroach on the Gauldrons at Machrihanish, several against the proposal continue to argue the contrary.

Concerned resident Bob Millar said: 'Whilst the 19th-century maps



Wrasse fish in the current hatchery at Lossit Point. 20_c16wrassefarm03

marked the volcanic south area of the Lossit Bay as the Galdings, that has long passed into abeyance and it is sophistry to pretend that these days the raised pasture south of Uisaed Point is anything less than an intrinsic part of the Gauldrons experience.

'Whenever people say 'let's go to the Gauldrons' they mean the entirety of the bay from Uisaed Beach to the far headland where the feral goats graze.'

Councillor Donald

Kelly believes this is not the case.

He said: 'I would like to point out that the area of the proposed development is not the Gauldrons.

'A number of local people have contacted me recently thinking that the Gauldrons were under threat, when I explained to them the correct location they were perfectly happy to support the proposal.

'I think it is important that a balanced view is put forward by both

sides which includes the removal of any misleading information.'

In response, Mr Millar said: 'I completely agree that a balanced view needs to be taken, but to achieve that you need to have information and until now there has been disquietingly little of that from Marine Harvest and so more heat than light is generated.

'If they can convince us that they have thoroughly researched and properly discounted the

alternatives, have clearly demonstrated that the benefits significantly outweigh the loss of this coastal site and that they will deliver those benefits and for the long term, then perhaps they will change hearts and minds.'

Steve Brackan, Marine Harvest business support manager, said: 'The feedback from our initial public information session at the Ugadale Hotel in Machrihanish showed the overwhelming majority of attendees were in favour of the proposed development.

'However, following recent comments to the contrary on social media, we feel it would be useful to hold a second public information session to allow us to clarify our position and hopefully deal with any misunderstandings.

'We have not set a date yet but we will once we have considered all the comments.'

Double figures apply for six-figure chief executive post

NEARLY 20 candidates have applied for the chief executive role at Argyll and Bute Council.

The post, which will be vacated by Sally Loudon in May when she leaves to become chief executive at COSLA, comes with an annual salary of £116,317.

The council's appointments panel met on Wednesday to consider an assessment of candidates by external advisers, including a presentation topic and interview questions.



One of several tanks housing young wrasse.

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Vice-chairman Richard Cameron, left, with royal legion members who staffed the event.

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Legion stirs up funds for branch

THE CAMPBELTOWN branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland held one of its three

yearly coffee mornings in the Red Cross Hall.

At the event last Saturday, the branch had a

bake stall which had to be re-stocked more than twice as a variety of cakes were snapped up.

They also had a bottle stall and raffle with the majority of the prizes kindly donated.

Richard Cameron, vice-chairman of the Campbeltown branch, said: 'The money

raised from this morning's event will go towards running costs of our branch here.

'We usually hold three mornings, and our others will raise funds to help support ex-servicemen, as well go towards local charities, concerns and youth groups.'

Mr Cameron spent nine years in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders infantry, serving in Borneo and Yemen amongst other locations.



The bottle stall did a roaring trade. 04_c16coffeemorning02

Bridge trophy winners

THE BRIDGE player who donated the Jackie Wareham Memorial Trophy in memory of her late husband has won it this year.

Mary Wareham and John McLean collected the trophy at a recent meeting of Kintyre Bridge Club. Their two playing partners, Mary Campbell and Joseph Thomson respectively, were unavailable on the presentation evening.

Here is a round-up of recent bridge scores from Campbeltown Bridge Club: January 7: N/S: 1 Owen Morgan/Isobel Grant, 2 Anjie Smith/John Smith and 3 Enid Colville/John McLean. E/W: 1 Barbara Young/James Armour, 2 Hamish Armour/Cora-Lynn Woolley and 3 Thomas Cameron/Duncan Johnston.

January 22: N/S: 1 Enid Colville/John MacLean +930, 2 Isobel Grant/Owen Morgan +230 and 3 David Robertson/Geoff Bell +200. E/W: 1 Barbara Young/James Armour +1,930, 2 Renee Shaw/Margaret McNair +710 and 3 Hamish Armour/Cora-Lynn Woolley +680.

February 4: N/S: 1 Isobel Grant/Owen Morgan +2,480, 2 Enid Colville/John MacLean +2,340 and 3 Thomas Cameron/Duncan Johnston +2,300. E/W: 1 Renee Shaw/Margaret McNair -290, 2 Barbara Young/James Armour -580 and 3 Susan Cameron/Sandy McPherson -790. February 18: N/S: 1 Enid Colville/John MacLean +3,590, 2 Isobel Grant/Owen

Morgan +2,350 and 3 David Robertson/Dougie Graham +1,450. E/W: 1 Barbara Young/James Armour -880, 2 Jill Lines/Libby Kerr-Liddell -1,100 and 3 Gloria Cooper/Dorothy Gray -1,120. March 3: N/S: 1 Enid Colville/John MacLean +2,730, 2 David Robertson/Dougie Graham +1,010 and 3 Geoff Bell/Joseph Thomson +950. E/W: 1 Thomas Cameron/Duncan Johnston +670, 2 Gloria Cooper/Dorothy Gray +640 and 3 Renee Shaw/Margaret McNair +380. March 17: N/S: 1 Judith McCrae/Sandy McPherson +1,170, 2 David Robertson/Dougie Graham +430 and 3 Enid Colville/John MacLean -380. E/W: 1 Barbara Young/James Armour +2,340, 2 Hamish Armour/Cora-Lynn Woolley

+1,510 and 3 Thomas Cameron/Duncan Johnston +1,460.

Kintyre Bridge Club: January 12: N/S: 1 Owen Morgan and Margaret McNair and 2 William Semple and Elizabeth McMillan. E/W: 1 equal Gloria Cooper and Linda Peacock, Hilary Oman and Jimmy McPherson.

Jackie Wareham Memorial Trophy February 9: N/S: 1 John McLean and Joseph Thomson and 2 Libby and Stubhart Kerr-Liddell. E/W: 1 Margaret Campbell and Mary Wareham and 2 James Wilson and Jimmy Armour.

Scores for March 10: N/S: 1 Geoff Bell and Betty McIntyre and 2 John McLean and Mary Wareham. E/W: 1 Barbara Young and Dougie Graham and 2 Enid Colville and Duncan MacDougall.



Winners of the Jackie Wareham Trophy were: John McLean and Mary Wareham missing from the picture are Margaret Campbell and Joseph Thomson. 25_c12bridge01

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Young gymnastics whizz teaches next generation

A DANCE student gave pupils on their Easter holidays a fun lesson in combining gymnastics with dance.

During the school break, Morgan Irwin, 18, has run classes at Kirk Street Hall in Campbeltown for youngsters looking to improve their dance and gymnastic ability.

Dance club

Morgan said: 'I was in Footnotes dance club for years but there was

never that much for gymnastics in the town, so I thought it should be set up.

'I am at college now, but I take the classes every holiday period and am going to try and have them the last week-end of every month.'

Morgan is currently studying dance at New College Lanarkshire, and also took two teaching courses with Y-Dance, which is helping her run the class-

es that are linked to her mother's SOS Fitness troop.

Age groups

There were three age groups involved, with 25 in the P1 - 3 group, 20 in the P4 - 7 group and seven in the Campbeltown Grammar School group.

Morgan said: 'This summer we are hoping to run a five-day course and showcase the final results to parents and friends of the children.'



Morgan Irwin, centre, with the P4 - 7 group. 04_c16gymnastics01



The group working on one of their dance routines. 04_c16gymnastics06



Dancing the day away. 04_c15gymnastics07

On the road for writers and campervan lovers

REVIEW by MARK DAVEY
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KINTYRE'S remote beauty has inspired generations of creatives and *Writing on the Road* explains the attraction.

Glaswegian author Sue Reid Sexton's third book, a travelogue, subtitled *Campervan Love and the Joy of Solitude*, tackles the tough subject of creating the ideal conditions to get into the zone and produce original work.

Hot on the heels of her first two novels comes a book featuring an asthmatic succession of second hand campervans. These allow her to

find solitude in a variety of Highland locations though West Kintyre, particularly Anne Little's Killegruer campsite, is her favoured destination.

It covers approximately six years of escapes from her hectic household to Skye, Assynt, Cowal and France as well as Kintyre.

Ms Reid Sexton's manual about choosing a campervan, for what she calls wild camping, combines buying the wheels, the break-up of a marriage and philosophical discussion about finding the right frame of mind to write.

For generations Kintyre has inspired thinking in a wide variety of disciplines. These include: painters such as William McTaggart, writers: Naomi Mitchison, Angus MacVicar, detective supremo Denzil Meyrick and current Grammar School teacher Elaine McGeachy, poet: Angus Martin, musicians: such

as brass band maestro Gordon Evans MBE and global superstar Paul McCartney, jewellers Grant Logan and Jewellery Casting Scotland and even cooking as Linda McCartney's vegetarianism was founded in Kintyre.

Perhaps for many the easy availability of distiller's products lends a helping hand.

In Ms Reid Sexton's chapter on Zen and the Art she writes that anyone, from shop assistants to software designers, can find the zone for creativeness, but it is an elusive place and easy to lose, especially with age.

Appeal

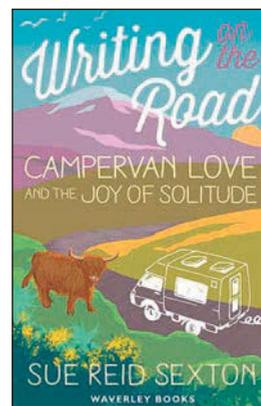
Her book with its delightful end leaves of photographs from her travels will appeal to many although it can take time to inhabit the reading zone it requires.

Potential readers should not be put off by its title; it is as much about the pitfalls of campervan ownership as the joys. There is a fair smattering of toilet humour, literally, concerning the perils of

chemical loos and emptying them. The final paragraph, while quite funny, will leave some questioning the writer's love of unspoiled places but it is undimmed throughout the book.

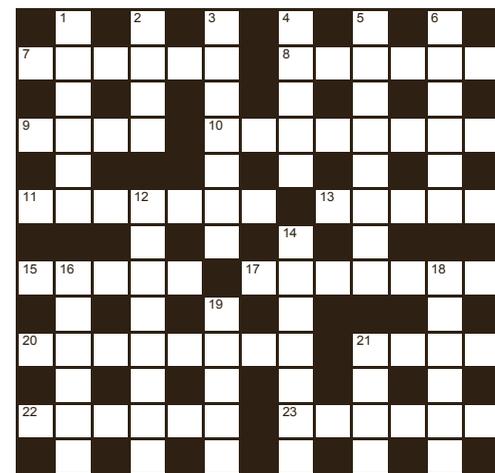
The book is published by a Glasgow firm, Waverley Books, at £8.99 and is available now.

The book's front cover.



Author Sue Reid Sexton.

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£3M plan to restore 200-year-old Glenbarr Abbey

THE GLENBARR Abbey Trust has an ambitious plan to restore the historic building.

More than two centuries ago, in 1815, Colonel Mathew Macalister, the 1st Laird of Glenbarr, commissioned the renowned architect, James Gillespie Graham, to undertake works to create the imposing building standing today. The abbey is now in 'desperate' need of complete renovation in a bid to support itself financially and help boost the economy in Kintyre and provide employment as a tourist attraction.

To achieve this the trust recently submitted a project viability report to the Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) and

received a grant which paid for a professional report.

The trust hopes the AHF will award a development grant enabling an application for further monies and restoration works.

The cost of the entire project will be in excess of £3million.

Grateful

A spokesperson said: 'The trust is extremely grateful to the AHF for the support and understanding that it has given over the last year.

'The small group of volunteers, helping Mrs MacAlister at the abbey, have begun a fundraising and public awareness campaign, starting with a coffee morning held in Campbeltown,

in March, which raised almost £300.'

Anyone interested in volunteering at the abbey should contact Mrs Macalister or Mrs Bryce for details about the different types of assistance needed.

Glenbarr Abbey will be open for tours and the gift shop, by appointment only until the May 27.

Please contact Mrs MacAlister on 01583 421090 or Mrs Bryce on 01583 421358 to make an appointment, and for any other information about the Abbey.

From Friday May 27, the abbey will be open for business as normal, Tuesday to Sunday 11am to 4pm with the last tour at 3pm.



Launching the project at a Campbeltown coffee morning in March. 04_c11glenbarr01



Glenbarr Abbey was built in 1815 by the 1st Laird of Glenbarr. 04_c16glenbarrabbey01

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John and Jean Ives

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Chips are down for working dogs

FAITHFUL farm col- lies more than eight weeks old in Kintyre should have been microchipped.

The deadline for all dogs in Scotland to be chipped and registered on an approved database passed on Wednesday of last week.

National Farmer's Union of Scotland (NFUS) had asked the Scottish Government for working dogs to be excluded but the only exemptions permitted are for individual animals under veterinary certification for welfare reasons.

That means for the vast majority of farm dogs, chipping is now a requirement. In addition, the database must be kept up to date with

owner details and notified of any change in owner, address or contact details.

Litters of pups and dogs must be chipped and registered before pups are sold or ownership changes, and any pups or dogs entering Scotland must be chipped and registered within 30 days of arrival.

Deadline

NFU Scotland's Animal Health Policy Manager Penny Johnston said: 'With many of Kintyre's farmers and shepherds in the throes of the lambing season, this is a deadline that may have slipped the mind but it is one they need to address when they get the chance.'



A dog being chipped in Campbeltown at a free session in February.

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'While the Union supported the principal of compulsory microchipping in a bid to improve the control of dogs and help address the growing issue of sheep wor-

rying, we had requested an exemption for working dogs.

'We believe farmers and working shepherds are likely to be disproportionately impact-

ed by this regulation, as they tend to have more dogs than most pet owners. Also, working farm dogs rarely leave their owner's farm, which we hoped would have ne-

gated the need for microchipping.'

These arguments were not taken up and no exemption exists for farm dogs.

Ms Johnston added: 'That means, with few exceptions, all dogs will need to be chipped.'

'Costs are thought to be in the region of £30 per dog depending on the veterinary practice.'

'We think there is merit for members with several dogs to discuss a discount with their vet and also consider asking the vet to chip any farm dogs whilst out on the farm performing other duties.'

On purchasing a pup or adult dog, it will be the new keeper's responsibility to notify their details to the database on which the dog's details are recorded, unless the

previous keeper has already done so.

If bringing a dog into Scotland, the onus is on the new owner to determine if the dog is already chipped.

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UNITED Auctions held its Annual April Sale at Islay Auction Mart when they had a catalogue entry of 801 grazing cattle.

A good selection of grazing type cattle sold well at the sale last Saturday, whilst strong-rye short keeping types proved harder to cash.

Bullocks sold to average £832.05 per head, whilst Heifers levelled out at £740.16. The following are the averages per kilo.

Bullocks: AA X - 209 pence (p), BRB X - 213p, Charolais X - 230p, Limousin X - 220p and Simmental X - 216p.

Heifers: AA X - 204p, Charolais X - 219p, Limousin X - 212pence and Simmental X - 204pence.

Bullocks sold to a top price per head of £1050 for BRB X from Dunlossit Farms. Knocklearach and Tallant Farm led the kilo prices at 281p for Limousin Crosses. Limousin X Heifers from Coillabus (Carmichael) sold to £1080 whilst Tallant led this section per kilo, with Charolais Crosses selling at 264p.

Principal lots and prices, top prices per head: Bullocks: AAx: £1020 (4), £980 (14), £970 (3), £960 (6) and £920 (11) -

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Fraser McPhail hands over to John Pirie.

Young Farmers Club not just for welly wearers

CAMPBELTOWN Young Farmers Club (YFC) has a new chairman and vice-chairman following their annual general meeting.

Members at the recent meeting in the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown, discussed the past year's events and former chairman Fraser McPhail handed over the role to John Pirie. Robert McKinnon took over the vice-chairman's job.

The club has a busy schedule of events throughout the coming year and would like to invite anyone interested in taking part or joining the Young Farmers to follow its Facebook page: Campbeltown Young Farmers.

The page has all the up-to-date news and events from the club and anyone wanting to join can contact members or message the page for further details.

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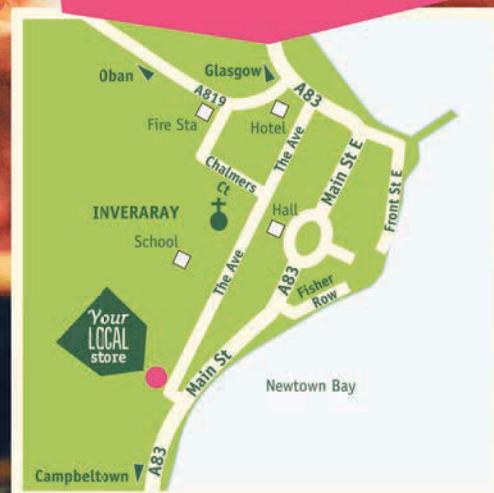
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Responsible for designing and building the new store has been MacLeod Construction Ltd, and the project is something the firm clearly takes great pride in.

The Lochgilphead-based company was given a brief to construct a 4,500-square foot building with no supporting pillars to interfere with floor space.

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The 14.5-metre span is believed to be have no equal in Argyll. The carefully calculated design is just about at the limit of timber construction, but choosing timber over steel had other advantages - it kept construction jobs within Argyll.

In line with requirements laid down by Historic Scotland, the new store's distinctive exterior design is intended to blend in with the rest of the 18th Century planned town's unique architecture.

'Right from the planning stage, Historic Scotland was involved,' said Greig MacLeod, the firm's business development manager.

'There was a lot of discussion over things

like the building's height, materials and features, but I think what we've ended up with is very pleasing. It is white in

roof also adds something to the look.'

MacLeod Construction Ltd has come a long way since the early days. When

1975, it was a simple house builder. It is now a major Argyll employer, with a reputation for building quality homes,

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The new occupier of the building is impressed with the outcome.

Inveraray Co-op store manager Paul Nelson said: 'The new building allows the shoppers of Inveraray to have a purpose-built supermarket where they can come along and do a trolley shop and have a great shopping experience.'

'There's ample space, plenty of parking and we're just delighted.'

The new store represents a £600,000 investment by the Co-op, and will focus on fresh, healthy foods and essentials.

Paul added: 'MacLeod's have done a really great job with the building. It looks fantastic inside and out, and every member of staff can't wait to get going at our new Inveraray store.'



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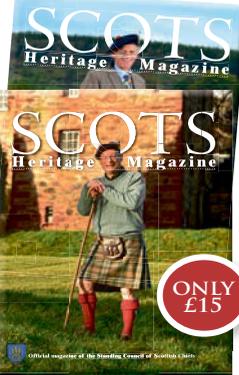
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Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
16/00974/PP	Removal of existing rendering to be fully replaced with new lime harling (as specified) to all previously rendered walls and chimney stacks. Insertion of new slate cill to all windows identified on drawings. Provision of new verge detail on both gables	1,2,3,4,5,6,6A,7,8,9,10,11,11A,11B,12 and 13 Arkland Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8UD	Sub Post Office Inveraray
16/00802/PP	Erection of welfare building	Waste Water Treatment Works Kilmory Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
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16/00855/PP	Conversion of existing first floor outbuilding to facilitate 3 holiday letting units	The Glen Carradale Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6QG	Sub Post Office Carradale
16/00746/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse and associated outbuildings	Land South West Of Rhu House (Plot 1) Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YF	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert
16/00834/PP	Installation of telecommunications cabinet	Telephone Exchange 8 Glebe Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6JJ	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT WAS just a handshake.

I do not know if it was planned or spontaneous, or if it happens every week, but it was such a moving gesture.

We were in Lamlash church on Arran for morning worship, and it happened right in the middle of a hymn.

We were singing, 'Let us build a church', and as we came to the words, 'all are welcome in this place', the Minister, Session Clerk and worship leader rose from their seats and offered a handshake of friendship around the church.

It was such a touching thing to do and I felt my eyes well up with the emotion of it.

It is so lovely to be surprised in church.

The other 'surprise' was the welcome of the bells.

As we parked the car we heard the lovely sound of hymns played out by bell ringers.

On a glorious morning with the sun dancing on the sea, it was as if creation itself was singing a welcome.

Nature welcomed us in the vibrant yellow of the gorse and the sea of daffodils that lit up the island.

Welcome is so important and it made me think about what we in the Kirk call 'door duty'.

The door is the place of welcome.

Jesus said 'I am the door', and all are welcome.

We who have the responsibility of being 'on door duty' are standing to offer welcome in the name of our Lord himself.

It is more a privilege than a 'duty'.

In Lamlash we were blessed by the welcome, we were blessed by the sermon, we were blessed by the singing, and we were blessed at our parting.

The Minister blessed us and asked us to take that blessing to all in Kintyre, and so I pass this on to each of you.

It was just a handshake.

From our files:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

April 19 1991

Campbeltown gets two new sheriffs

SHERIFF Colin McKay, 49, of Helensburgh, was installed as the regular Sheriff at Campbeltown to succeed Sheriff David Noble, of Connel, now covering Oban and Fort William courts. Sheriff McKay will sit at Campbeltown and Dumbarton instead.

Clr George McMillan, of Campbeltown, was made an honorary sheriff in the joint installation ceremony by the Sheriff Principal of North Strathclyde, Sheriff Robert Hay.

They were sworn-in and introduced by Sheriff Hay before a gathering of honorary sheriffs,

magistrates and solicitors at Campbeltown Court House on Wednesday last week.

Sheriff McKay has held court at Campbeltown on 10 occasions since June 6 1990, as a relief or 'floating sheriff', based in Paisley and covering Kilmarnock, Greenock and Dumbarton as well.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

April 21 1966

Campbeltownian's will make up huge £10,000 net

THE CAMPBELTOWN net factory of Bridport-Gundry Ltd, will play an important role in the manufacture of the first ever purse seine net for a British fishing vessel.

The net, worth nearly £10,000 and measuring 480 by 140 yards, has an area equivalent to five full size football pitches.

The netting has been woven in the Bridport-Gundry factory at Bridport and was due to arrive in Campbeltown before the end of the week.

Here, the 30 panels of netting will be joined up and the net will be mounted to ropes with floats and leads.

The local net factory manager, Mr C Flaws, said on Tuesday that the completed net would be dispatched by lorry early next month to Peterhead where it will be delivered to the 'Glenugie III'.

Bridport-Gundry Ltd have used about 7,000 lbs of nylon for the actual netting. Together with the fittings, which includes more than two-and-a-half miles of 'Viking' Terylene rope, produced by British Ropes Ltd, the fully-rigged net weighs more than five tons.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

April 15 1916

Noted Clydesdales

Kintyre being celebrated for its breed of Clydesdale horses, the following may be interesting to the many breeders in this district. At the dispersal sale of the noted Clydesdale stud belonging to the late Mr Robert-Bryden, Seaham Harbour, the Clydesdale mare 'Silver Queen' (134957) was sold for 510 guineas to Mr John Johnston, Carbrook Mains.

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Silver Queen's great-grand-dam was 'Princess'.

'Down Memory Lane'



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Possibly Kintyre's first mail flight from Glasgow

A COURIER reader has sent a picture of what she thinks may be the first airmail from Glasgow arriving at Machrihanish.

Anne Maynard from Monifieth in Angus sent in the information after finding some old photographs.

Mrs Maynard said: 'I believe they show

the first flight of mail from Glasgow to Campbeltown and are pre-1939.'

Post Office

'In the group photo my father, Robert Stewart, who worked at Campbeltown Post Office, is in the centre left next to the tall man handing a letter to a child.'

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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).

BIRTHS



BRODIE - COX

Lindsay and Mark are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful son, Robbie Angus Cox, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on February 11, 2016. A precious grandson for Angus and Jeanette Brodie, Campbeltown and Nanette Jackson, Renfrew.

MARRIAGES



MCGEACHY - CURRIE

Andrew and Lorraine are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Kayleigh, to Scott Currie, on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth. Thanks to family and friends who shared their special day.

DEATHS

HENDERSON - Peacefully, at the University Hospital, Ayr, on April 12, 2016, Catherine Walker Watterson, in her 85th year, formerly of Cedar Road, Kilmarnock, dearly beloved wife of the late Maurice Alexander Henderson and a dear sister and aunt. A graveside service will be held in Kilkerran Cemetery, on Friday, April 15, 2016 at 1.00pm. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Meet at the cemetery gates at 12.50pm. Family flowers only please.

MCCALLUM - Suddenly in Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, on April 9, 2016, William McCallum, in his 88th year, 78 Longrow, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret Morrison Martin, much loved and respected father of Morag and William, dearly loved and loving granda of Claire, Andrew, Kirsty, Hailey and Scott, great granda of Jessica, and beloved brother of Hugh. Service in the Highland Parish Church on Saturday, April 16, 2016 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 Macmillan Nurses Kintyre Locality.

PATERSON - Suddenly at home, 56 Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, on March 27, 2016, Flora Graham McCallum, in her 60th year, dearly beloved mum of Marc and Craig, loving daughter of Barbara and the late John McCallum and a loving and much loved sister and aunt.

IN MEMORIAM

LEESMOFFAT - Margaret Watson Thomson, who passed away on April 13, 2015. We thought of you today But that is nothing new We thought of you yesterday And will tomorrow too We think of you in silence And make no outward show For what it meant to lose you Only those who love you know Remembering you is easy We do it every day

It's the heartache of losing you That will never go away. - Poppy, Daniel, Mathilda and Zephyr xx.

MACKINLAY - In loving memory of our dear dad, Peter, who died April 30, 1988. Belated loving memory of our dear mother, Isabella, who died April 5, 1993. To all you children who still have parents Cherish them with care Because you never miss their value Till you see their vacant chairs. Simply the best. - Angus and Margaret.

MAXWELL - In loving memory of Florence (Bunty), who died on April 17, 2013. Sadly missed. - Tom, James and family.

MCLEAN - Charles, Promoted to Glory on April 6, 1995. Precious memories of our beloved dad, granda and great-granda. Too good to be forgotten, always in our hearts. Also, our beloved brother and uncle, Daniel Stuart McLean, Promoted to Glory on April 21, 2013. Much loved and sorely missed.

- Rene, Flora, and families, Senga, Sean and Millie, Maureen and Eddie and the family at home and away xxx.

MCLEAN - In loving memory of Hector, a dear husband, father and grandfather, who died April 16, 2015. Loved and missed every day by us all. - Anne and family.

MURPHY - Danny, one year ago, on April 18, 2015, we said "goodbye" to you and held you tight. Love and miss you so much. - Marge.

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Sunday Service 11.00 am with Sunday School followed by refreshments Pastor Chris Holden
mainly music 10.00 - 11.30 am every Thursday (term time only) Registration required
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322

Highland Parish Church
SC002493
Sunday 17th April
The service will be conducted by Rev W Crossan and will be held in the Church at 11.15am

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 17th April Service 11.15am Creche, Triple C, Next Generation
Mr J Campbell
Tuesday 19th April Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am Anchor Boys 6.00pm Junior Section 7.15pm Church Hall
Thursday 21st April Choir 7.30pm
Friday 22nd April Lunch Club 12.00 noon New Hall

free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 17th April 11.15am Worship Service Rev Rodger Crooks
Wednesday 20th April 12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm Water of Life Café
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 17 April 2016 11.00am Family Communion Service Mr John Ives, Southend
Tuesdays 10am- 12 noon Coffee morning All welcome
Wednesdays 12.30pm at the Free Church
Joining in fellowship with Campbeltown Free Church for Prayer and Bible Study
For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 0586 551237.
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SC014646

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church
Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 17th April Fourth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion 10.45am
Details of services are on the church door.
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Sunday 17th April 2016
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Minister: Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
All Welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Achahoish at 9:45am Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Ardrishaig at 7:00pm with the Malawi Twinning Group

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES
Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Sundays 11.00 am Eucharist & Coffee

St. Columba, Poltalloch (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month 9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month 6.00pm Evensong
Father Simon Mackenzie 01546 602315

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)

lochgilphead baptist church
Pastor Derek Gibson
All Welcome
Sunday 17th April 2016 Morning Service 11.00am
Open Heaven 5.30pm for 6pm here at Baptist church
Scottish Charity SC015187

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 17th April 2016 11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch
SPEAKER: Graham McLean "That I may win Christ"
Thursday 21st April 2016 7.30pm
Prayer, Word and Sharing
All Welcome

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 17th April 2016
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE
Annual Stated Meeting follows the service.
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
Every Tuesday 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk

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Sunday 17th April Morning Worship Glassary 10.00am
Commissioning Service for the Malawi Travellers 7.00pm at Ardrishaig Parish Church
Tuesday 19th April Kirk Session, 7.30pm, church hall.
Thursday 21st April Messy Church 4-6 pm, Living Stones Hall, Kilmartin
All welcome
SC0 02121

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 17 April Inverlussa Church
Morning Worship 11:30 am
Saturday 16 April CAFE CONNECT 10:30 am
Achnamara Hall
Monday 18 April Tayvallich Church
Prayer meeting 10:30 am
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 17th April 2016
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Marilyn Sheddon
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Mr Tom McKay
Tuesday 19th April Kirk Session Meeting
Tarbert Church 7.30pm
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Tarbert golf captain captures April medal

A ROUND of 75-14 for 61 in difficult wet conditions was the winning score in Tarbert's April Medal.

Early starter Calum MacTaggart posted a net 64 to set the target for the other 15 golfers. He was eventually beaten by club captain Keith McTaggart, who posted the lowest net score. Best scratch score went to Bruce MacNab on 71 with Duncan Johnstone in second place with 75.

A club spokesman said: 'The incessant rain of Friday evening made underfoot conditions rather difficult and preferred lies were the order of the day.'

'The new green keeper Graham Prentice plans to verti cut the greens this week and hopefully the rain gods will stay away.'

This Saturday (tomorrow) sees the first round of the Fyne Tankard. This is a 36-hole net competition and the second round takes place the following weekend.

Members are asked to enter names for the knockout competitions. The club is also seeking any member able to lend a hand for course drainage work to contact Jim Brownlie.

Muir takes Islay golf's April medal

ISLAY Golf Club result: April Medal played Sunday April 10. 1 D.Muir 40-1= 39 2 R.Maclean 48-8=40 and 3 A.Livingstone 51-7=44.



Jim Gallacher and the training group during the Easter soccer skills camp. 25_c16soccer01

Youngsters' training is in ex-pro goalie's safe hands

A FORMER Clydebank goalie with more than 600 appearances for the once top-flight team coached Campbeltown youngsters this week.

Appearances

Jim Gallacher, 65, made 38 appearances for Arbroath between 1969 to 1972 before a

20-year spell at Clydebank from 1972 to 1992.

The evergreen player took to the Meadows to give 19 Campbeltown players, aged from five to 14, the benefit of his vast knowledge as part of Total Soccer Experience's Easter holiday training.

Gallacher said: 'I have been coming to Kintyre for years. The great thing here is that mums and dads commit to helping the young players get training.'

'There is some great talent in Campbeltown.'

'We are here all week from Monday to Fri-

day whatever the weather and come again in the summer holidays and the October break.'

Tradition

Gallacher's son, Paul, has continued the family tradition with seven Scottish caps and currently plays for Partick Thistle.



Left: The Total Soccer Experience expanded youngsters' skills. 25_c16soccer05



The goalie gets his hands on the ball.

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Bill Brannigan wins April Medal

AS HISTORY was being made in Augusta a Dunaverty golfer hit his own sweet spot but for him there was no green jacket.

For the first time, Bill Brannigan, who has come close on several occasions, finally made a breakthrough and won the April medal by one shot from Donald Taylor.

A club spokesperson said: 'Dunaverty's golfers were pleasantly surprised when they took to the course for the April medal in what was the best weather this year.'

'The early starters played in very mild, calm conditions and took full advantage.'

Results: 1 Bill Brannigan 75-12-63, 2 Donald Taylor 70-6-64(bih), 3 Donald McNeill, 69-5-64(bih), 4 Alex Roxburgh, 82-18-64(bih), 5 Campbell McCallum, 68-4-64, 6 Neil Brodie 78-12-66.

Campbell McCallum had the best scratch score of 68 and the CSS for the day was 64.

Above: Nineteen youngsters took part in the Easter camp.

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Organiser set to make debut in 10th Kintyre ultra marathon

THE LONG-TERM race organiser of the Kintyre Way is set to lace up his running shoes and take on the peninsula's hardest challenge.

Rob Reid, 70, who has administered the 35-and-a-half-mile run along the Kintyre Way from Tayinloan to



Ian Docwra, of Helensburgh Athletic Club, who won the 67-mile ultra last year, finishing in 10 hours and 27 minutes.

Campbeltown via Carradale since its inception, has never entered the race but will run in its 10th anniversary edition on May 7.

Reid said: 'I have always said to people asking me if I am taking part; 'I am too busy running it to be running it'.

'I have run plenty of long distance races before so I am not nervous, but I am looking forward to finally taking part.

'It all started in 2006, when after the official opening of the Kintyre Way I got together with a few other keen runners in the area to unofficially run the length from Tarbert down to Southend.

'Since then it has really grown arms and legs. We have around 80 solo competitors and around 40 taking part in relay teams this year, so roughly 120 will take to the course.'

The annual long distance race begins outside Tayinloan Village

Hall at 9.45am, before heading south-east for Carradale and then south to Campbeltown, finishing outside the Aqualibrium.

There will be a prize giving ceremony at 6.30pm at the Hub.

Kintyre Way marketing officer Andrea McShannon said: 'The Kintyre Way is looking forward to supporting the 10th Kintyre Way Ultra. The course is one of Scotland's most scenic trail-running events, along varied terrain covering beaches, hill paths and forestry tracks.

'With views across the sea to Arran, Islay, Jura and Gigha it is a chance to enjoy one of Scotland's finest coastlines.'

Reid added: 'We have some very fast runners signed up for this year, so there is every chance we might see a few records broken.'

The event is still open to entries which can be submitted at: <http://www.entrycentral.com/Kintyre-Way-Races>



Andy Robinson making light work of the course back in 2014. 20_c18way01

MOK runners' training halfway

IN JUST six weeks runners will be lining up for MOKRUN'S 11th start.

The Courier's training schedule has reached the halfway point and the 10K runners' first session this week should be a 20-minute run. The second and third sessions are five minutes walk, 15 minutes run and five minutes walk.

Half marathoners need to take four miles hard run on Tuesday, five miles quality run on Thursday, four miles easy run on Saturday and a nine-mile long run on Sunday.

Lotto results

THERE were no winners of the Machrihanish Golf Club lottery this week.

Held on April 11, the numbers 1, 6 and 8 went unclaimed.

The next draw will be held on April 18, when a jackpot of £500 will be up for grabs.

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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. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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Linda Dickson releasing the first jack of the season. 04_c16campbeltownbowls02



Linda was earlier presented with a bouquet of flowers by 15-month-old Laila Morran. 04_c16campbeltownbowls04

Campbeltown Bowling Club rolls the first jack



President Steve Dickson giving his opening speech to the players. 04_c16campbeltownbowls01



The green pristine as bowling starts. 04_c16campbeltownbowls05



Opening day rinks played in the sun. 04_c16campbeltownbowls06

THE SUN shone on the Stronvaar bowling green as Campbeltown Bowling Club's outdoor grass season was officially kicked off.

The first jack was thrown by current President Steve Dickson's wife Linda, before the annual Presidents versus

Vice-Presidents match got underway in the fine weather.

Result

The match result was the Vice-Presidents team led by Gavin McLachlan scored 57 shots to President Steve Dickson's team, who shot 34.

Scottish AFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - Finnart 3, Oban Saints 3; Inverclyde v Campbeltown Pupils, postponed; Premier Division One - Lochgilhead Red Star 0, Easthall Star 2; Dunoon 5, Drumchapel 3; Premier Division Two - Tarbert 2, Strathaven Dynamo 2.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Oban Saints no game; Campbeltown Pupils v Finnart; Premier Division One - Ferguslie Star v Dunoon; Neilston v Lochgilhead Red Star; Premier Division Two - Dumbarton Wanderers v Tarbert; Division One - Dunoon Athletic v Paisley.

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