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Kintyre Way future is in jeopardy

by TONY GARNER

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KINTYRE is in trouble of losing one of its major assets, if funding is not found immediately.

The future of the Kintyre Way is in jeopardy, with chairman of the charity set up to run it, John Bakes, saying they are in 'dire trouble'.

He exclusively told *The Courier* this week, the charity's finances were in a bad state, and it was having difficulty paying its bills.

Mr Bakes feels there is a real danger that all the work put into setting up the route over a number of years, together with the extra income it brings into the area, could be lost.

'We are in dire trouble at the moment because we just can't get the funding,' said Mr Bakes.

'We have established something that we estimate is bringing £1 million a year into the local economy. We have got 2,000 people walking it

each year and if they are staying six nights that is 12,000 bed nights.'

The Kintyre Way opened in 2006 and criss-crosses the peninsula in seven main sections starting in Tarbert and finishing at Dunaverty in Southend.

Whilst the basic route is in place, maintaining 86 miles of trail is a major ongoing task, for which the Kintyre Way Charity employs a route manager.

The board members and other volunteers give up their own time to help with this, as well as publicising the trail and developing it further.

Mr Bakes said: 'We have done the groundwork and now we are seeing the shoots coming up and I would hate to see them killed off.'

'There's a lot of money going into the local economy but we are not actually getting any of it ourselves.'



The king or rock 'n' roll performs in Campbeltown

LOCAL talent was out in force last Friday at Campbeltown Grammar School. The king of rock 'n' roll AKA Robert McCallum was joined by gospel singing nuns including Jacqueline McCallum, Barbara McEachran, Rhona Cairns, Laura Lamont and Alice McCallum. A host of other acts also performed in aid of the sensory garden at Auchinlee Nursing Home. For further details turn to the leisure pages. 20_c17auch01

The Kintyre Way Charity has received £3,000 from Argyll and Bute Council to prepare a business plan, which

Mr Bakes said he was pleased with and described as 'a positive move'.

However, with the plan

ready soon, he is worried about unrealistic expectations that it will show the Kintyre Way can bankroll itself.

'If people are expecting a business plan that shows we are sustainable they are just not going to get it,' he said.

Council press officers resign

TWO press officers suspended by Argyll and Bute Council for sharing a joke on a private messaging system have resigned.

Dinah Mackay and Janet West handed in their notices after being investigated by the council for sharing light-hearted comments via the internal Microsoft Lync messaging service.

Staff were unaware their communications were being monitored as part of a separate investigation into 'spying' allegations against the council's communications head, Jo Smith.

Following their resignation, the council has ended an investigation into the pair's conduct.

A spokesperson for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'It is not this council's normal practice to provide briefings or otherwise make comment in respect of on-going disciplinary investigation work.'

'But in view of some inaccurate and misleading reporting of this matter within some areas of the media, it is considered appropriate to confirm the following:

'On Wednesday, April 4, two members of council staff were suspended

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Staff cutbacks may be behind poor service

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STAFF cutbacks are thought to be behind recent poor service at the two outlets of Boots pharmacy in Campbeltown.

Long waits, queues and misleading information were highlighted by community councillors and members of the public at a recent meeting of Campbeltown Community Council.

The meeting heard about the case of one elderly customer who had handed in a prescription on Monday morning and gone back to collect it on Saturday, only to be told to come back half an hour later as there was a backlog.

Typical

Describing the incident, Eva MacDonald said the story was typical of many others she had heard from older people in the community.

Members of the community council said they also had experience of long waits, and being told to return multiple times only for prescriptions still not to be ready.

Concluded

The meeting concluded that those most affected were older people who come from outlying villages to pick up prescriptions in Campbeltown, often relying on the bus to travel in and out.

No one wanted to blame the staff themselves, and Eva MacDonald said: 'They have got to be admired for doing their best in a very difficult situation.'

Cathie Duncan, community councillor, said she understood that recent disruption to Boots' staffing patterns, especially the lack of con-

tinuity of staff, was behind the problems.

The General Pharmaceutical Council in its latest recommended standards states that pharmacies are expected to ensure: 'there are enough suitably qualified, skilled staff for the safe and effective provision of the pharmacy services provided.'

Feedback

After being contacted by *The Courier*, Boots came back with a statement saying: 'We take customer feedback seriously and would like to apologise to any customers who feel they have not had a good experience in our store.'

'We are currently looking into the matters raised and would ask any customer with concerns to contact our customer care team.'

The Community council has written a letter to Boots summarising the complaints.

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Pupils learn about the world of work

AS PART of World Book Night, pupils from Campbeltown Grammar got the chance to learn about the world of work.

Promoting

Aimed at promoting the cross-curriculum of mathematics and English, the S5 pupils took part in the activities and also received books as part of the event.

The Courier's advertising director Anne Martin and senior reporter Ruth McClean spoke to the pupils and organised workshops based on advertising and editorial activities from everyday life working at the newspaper.

Books were also given out to the pupils to encourage them to read more often and to

then swap the books to get more people, who wouldn't normally read, to open a book and spend the time to read it.

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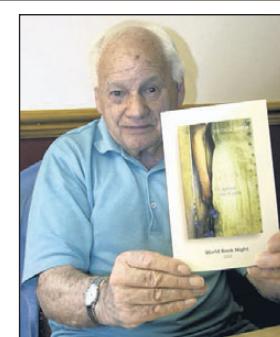
The Courier worked with members of the Kintyre Cultural Forum, Skills Development Scotland and members of the community learning team to deliver the successful day. 20_c16book01

Feast of free fiction

A FEAST of free fiction was on offer in Campbeltown for Monday's World Book Night, with members of Kintyre Cultural Forum distributing titles around local cafes to anyone who wanted one.

People could choose from the 12 special editions published for the event. There were classics such as Dodie Smith's *I Capture the Castle*, alongside more recent novels like the Scandinavian thriller *Let The Right One In*.

Pamela Galbraith from the Forum said: 'The idea is that people read the book and then pass it on to someone else. We'd encourage people if they like the book to put something on their Facebook page.'



Local man Edward Lafferty received *I Capture the Castle*.

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Police Files:

Noise:

A NOISE complaint led police to a property in the town centre last Thursday night, where they found a small quantity of cannabis. A man has been charged with alleged unlawful possession of controlled drugs.

Unpaid fine:

A WOMAN was arrested last Thursday in connection with an unpaid fine. She was later released from custody when someone attended the police station to pay the outstanding fine on her behalf.

Disturbance:

A REPORT of a disturbance led the police to arrest three men for alleged breach of the peace in the town centre in the early hours of Saturday morning. They all appeared in Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Monday morning in connection with the incident.

Witnesses:

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a window was smashed at a house in Hillside Road, Carradale, on Saturday afternoon.

Anyone who has any information should contact the police station.

Alleged breach:

A MAN was arrested for allegedly breaching the peace in the early hours of Sunday morning in Main Street. He was released from custody after he had sobered up.

Abusive texts:

FOLLOWING an alleged domestic incident involving abusive text messaging on Sunday afternoon in the town, police charged a man under the Communications Act 2003. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Domestic:

IN the early hours of Monday morning a man was arrested for alleged involvement in a domestic incident at an address in the town centre. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Carradale children working for third eco flag

PUPILS from Carradale Primary School have been getting green-fingered with a number of projects out in the school garden.

Last week they planted fruit trees, put out bird feeders and set up water features. The school has just got its second Green Flag from the Eco-Schools programme, and is now working towards a third.

As part of their environmental learning the pupils have been using an activity pack that came with a model Easter Island head. Last week they collected natural materials to make their own heads in two dimensions on paving slabs outside the school.

This week the primary sixes and sevens joined children from other schools in the area on a trip to central Scotland.

Staying in Stirling from Tuesday, the group returns today (Friday) having also had scheduled visits to Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh and the Science Centre in Glasgow.



Pupils Niamh Baxter, Scott McGeachy, Tabitha Broatch and Elliot Gemmil 20_c17head01

All systems go for Red Cross Week

RED Cross Week is fast approaching which will help raise much-needed funds for the charity.

Coffee mornings will take place from Tuesday May 8 until the Saturday, and each area of the peninsula will be holding one.

Carradale starts things off on Tuesday May 8, followed by Wednesday's event hosted by Campbeltown.

The West Road keep

the kettle boiling on Thursday, followed by Southend on Friday. Machrihanish rounds off the week on Saturday.

All are held in the Red Cross Hall, Kirk Street, Campbeltown, with the usual stalls. There will also be a door-to-door collection during that week.

This being the centenary of the local branch, other events will follow later in the year.

Council press officers resign

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pending an investigation. The background to both suspensions and the resultant investigation put in place to deal with matters does not, in any way, relate to any other investigation being undertaken currently by the council.

'Both officers have since submitted letters resigning from their positions and these have been accepted by the council.'

Ring and Ride and Red Cross transport services secured

TWO LIFELINE services that allow elderly people to lead active and independent lives have this week been secured.

Campbeltown Ring and Ride and the British Red Cross transport service have received tens of thousands of pounds from Argyll and Bute Council to offer transport to some of the most vulnerable members of the community.

The Ring and Ride on-demand bus service operated by West Coast Motors was awarded £18,864 to continue to help elderly and disabled people in the town area attend appointments and activities.

The British Red Cross service, which goes to more remote places and transports elderly and disabled people to medical appointments, community events, and to access other services received £3,500 for the 2012/13 financial year.

Despite concerns last week that it was un-

der threat and that funding was being slashed, the council said funding for the service had already been identified in the budget, published in February.

Robert Colburn, Red Cross senior service manager for Argyll, said: 'The Red Cross is acute-

ly aware of how much this service means to people in Kintyre. Many who use it have mobility problems, live in remote rural areas and either cannot use or would have extreme difficulty accessing public transport.'

'For the past two years,

we have faced uncertainty with this service but, happily, the council has been able to continue funding it and our service users have not suffered any disruption.

'Without the Red Cross transport service, they would risk social isolation.'

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New owl centre now up and running

IN MARCH last year, the Scottish Owl Centre closed its doors in Campbeltown, but its owners, Rod and Niccy Angus are now up and running again near West Lothian. The larger site at Polkemmet Country Park, has allowed the Angus family to increase their collection of owls to more than 80, with all the original collection surviving the move.

Kintyre Chorale raises £1,247 for charity

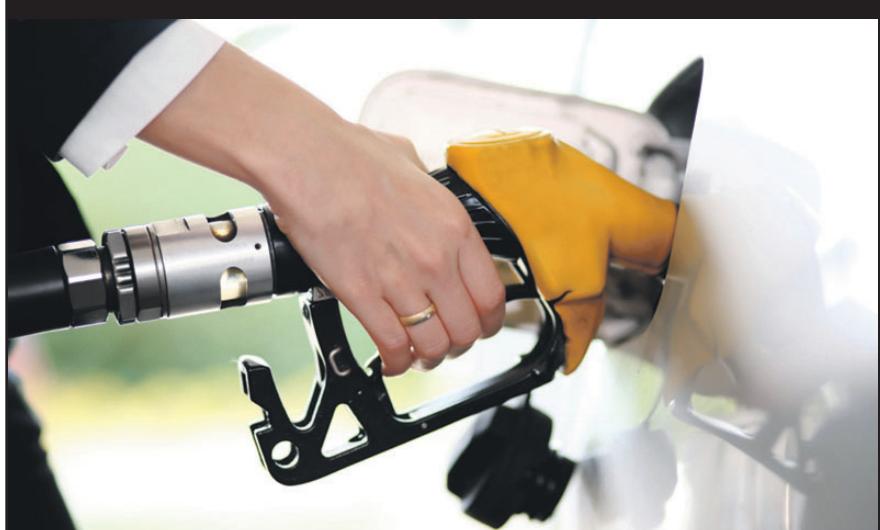
AT ITS recent concert Kintyre Chorale raised £1,247 for charity.

The Spring Concert at Lorne and Lowland Church was held in aid of the Friends of the Beatson and Beatson Oncology Centre Fund.

It featured special guests Susan Fairbairn, Ashley McLean and Robert McNair.

Over the last three years the chorale group has raised more than £3,000 for local charities.

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Community venue holds an open night

ONE of the area's most important community venues held an open night last week – showcasing the many groups it hosts.

The Kintyre Community Education Centre had been under threat of closure due to funding cuts but managed to work out a plan to stay open.

Sheena Robertson from the centre's management council said the cleaning and janitorial staff had had to be made redundant, but the centre council decided to start it back up anyway. By splitting the maintenance responsibilities among themselves they are now able to keep it open for the same number of hours as before.

The centre offers a

place where local clubs and groups can hire rooms to use for practices or meetings. It has a computer room, loop system for the hearing impaired, a gym hall, classrooms and storage space.

The vibrancy of the centre was plain to see at the open night, with numerous classes going on including Campbeltown Brass, highland dancing and Footnotes modern dance group.

Martine Craig, one of the Footnotes group leaders, said the 45 kids in the group had been depending on the centre remaining open. 'If it had been closed we would have been done for,' she said.

The centre is also key to the hugely successful Campbeltown Brass,

which has been using it for nearly 10 years. As well as being a practice venue it gives them storage space, meaning kids can learn to play on borrowed instruments before having to buy their own.



Footnotes dancers in the gym hall at the community education centre 20_c17comm02

Mark wins his first competition

A FORMER Campbeltown Brass stalwart, Mark Good, now musical director for Renfrew Burgh Band enjoyed his first competition win as a conductor.

The band won the third section at the recent Fife Festival of Brass in Dunfermline.

This was only Mark's second contest with the band, having taken over in January of this year.

Mark is currently a fourth year student at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in Glasgow, and as Bass Trombonist, a member of Champion-

ship section Exchange Communications Whitburn Band.

The band, which included former Campbeltown Brass members George Good and Dominic McKeown.

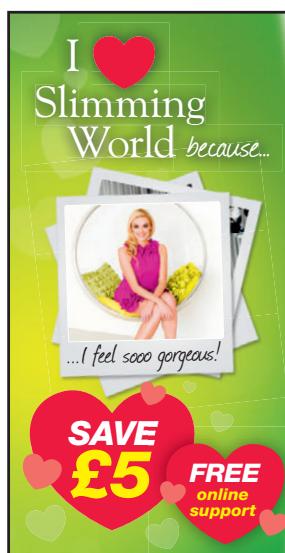
Adjudicator for the contest was the re-

nowned John Boax, a regular visitor to Campbeltown and well known to brass musicians in the area, who remarked in his pre-result comments, that the choice of programme suited the bands that were successful on the day.

Solo kayaking challenge

A MAN raising awareness of Rheumatoid Arthritis by doing a 2,600-miles solo kayaking challenge will be passing through Campbeltown towards the end of next month.

NHS Consultant Rheumatologist Martin Lee is attempting to raise £100,000 for the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society by paddling a clockwise solo circumnavigation of the UK mainland.



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Parking restrictions at the Old Quay

LOCALS parking in the centre of town are reminded parking near to the Old Quay is currently restricted.

Harbour master Stephen Scally spoke to *The Courier* this week to remind people several parking spaces on Hall Street are also out of use due to the current improvement works at the harbour.

Care is advised to anyone using the pier to park, as the normal one-way system may not be in place at all times.

Work started this week to strengthen the road for lorries loading and unloading at Campbeltown Harbour, in particular lorries transporting wind tower sections.

This will help to improve manoeuvrability for these lorries through the roundabout.

The harbour will continue with one pier whilst work at the New Quay goes on throughout the summer.

Major upgrades are currently going on to allow larger vessels including cruise ships to visit the Port of Campbeltown.

Drop in airport passenger numbers

CAMPBELTOWN Airport recorded a drop in passenger numbers last month.

However, passenger numbers across the Highlands and Islands Airport Limited (HIAL) Group which operates the local airport, rose by 4.1 per cent.

Islay Airport saw a 3.6 per cent increase in March, compared to the same time last year.

Flower club hold open evening

AN OPEN evening was held by Campbeltown Flower Club recently.

Lochgilphead's Isobel Soudan and Cathy Smith gave an inspiring and entertaining demonstration of flower arranging to members and visitors in the Red Cross Hall, Campbeltown.

They judged, and gave helpful critiques, of the competition arrangements entitled 'Using something found on the shore'.

Results were as follows: 1 Janette Hunt, 2 Pauline Simson, 3 equal Moira MacDougall and Morag Johnston, 4 Margaret McKendrick.

After the raffle a light supper was enjoyed, and Margaret McKendrick thanked Isobel and Cathy for giving us such an interesting and amusing night.

MOK Run funds benefit remote villages in Peru

'Most couldn't afford the trip' or indeed the medication

RAISING funds in last year's Mull of Kintyre Run has benefited remote villages in Peru.

Claire Brannigan spent a fortnight working with the Scottish charity Vine Trust on board Amazon Hope I on the Peruvian Amazon.

Claire paid her own way but also raised more than £2,000 for the charity, through part sponsorship by running the local 10k and the organisation of a golf day at Dunaverty Golf Club.

During her time in Peru she was part of a small team on board the floating health centre.

It is used to provide care for more than 100,000 people living in isolated river communities.

Claire, who is the daughter in law of Bill and Linda Brannigan

from Southend, expected to see lots of tropical illnesses unfamiliar to her, but she told *The Courier* it was just basic practice, including chest infection and skin conditions.

'However we had to deal with a machete wound and a stingray bite – something which you don't see often in Scotland,' said Claire, who is a doctor based in Alva, Clackmannanshire.

Visited

'Each village is visited around once every three months, and the nearest hospital is around six or seven hours by boat.'

'Most couldn't afford the trip, or indeed the medication.'

She said it was a great experience to work for a short time in a different environment.



Claire with some of the children she met during her time in Peru.

Office of Fair Trading survey response to living in remote areas

RESPONSES from Kintyre and the Isles are amongst those being considered from a survey by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) into issues affecting rural communities.

The public had until last Friday to give their views online or by post about how the price, quality and choice of goods and services are affected by living in a remote area.

Fuel prices and delivery costs were expected to be major sources of feedback.

The OFT will make a report based on the responses which a spokesman said should be ready by July.

The spokesman added: 'The OFT will be looking at whether there's anything it can do in terms of using competition or consumer protection rules to bring about change where it's felt rural communities are treated unfairly.'

Places Still Available at Your Local University



Alexander Mack of Dunoon, a BA (Hons) Scottish Cultural Studies student at Argyll College UHI, is passionate about the need to recognise and build upon the varying languages, cultures and dialects within Scotland which are reflected in his choice of study. He was named Argyll College UHI student of the year in 2011 and is the Argyll representative for UHISA, the university's students' association. He has organised band nights in Oban and has served on quality monitoring groups and subject review panels to help ensure that students in Argyll are getting the very best level of support.

Argyll College UHI – At a Glance

- Argyll College UHI is located throughout the mainland and Islands of Argyll and offers students the flexibility of accessing learning resources at 13 of its well equipped centres
- Each centre is complete with computer and video conferencing facilities, and gives students access to the UHI online library service
- The campus has excellent facilities and, with friendly staff and the opportunity to meet other students across the university, it offers a close network of support
- The number of students undertaking full-time courses at Argyll College UHI has more than doubled over the last three years

The University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) is still welcoming applications from those who wish to study this year but, with many people asking, "where is my local campus?" the answer is "right on your door step". Your local college, Argyll College UHI, is part of the University of the Highlands and Islands and offers access to degrees and other qualifications, with the same independently assessed quality standards as other universities in Scotland.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Sheddell



SOMETIMES it's not easy to describe the things which are most precious to us. Sometimes we just can't find the words to paint a picture of a place, which enchants us. Sometimes we feel totally inadequate as we wish to share an experience with someone and know we are just not getting the message across.

Sometimes the only thing to do is to say: 'come and see'.

We had tried to explain the beauty of Iona to our friend. We had talked about the colours at the north end, of the beauty of Port Ban, of the peace in the Abbey Church, of the wonder of singing in the Reilig Oran, of being still amidst the cloisters, and so much more.

But the words are inadequate without the experience, and so we said: 'come and see'.

So Catriona came to Iona with us, and it was then that the words and the pictures came to life.

It was being involved that made sense of all that we had said and the experience became personal.

After Jesus had spoken to the Samaritan woman at the well, she wanted to share this experience with her friends.

She knew she could never convey the wonder of this meeting, and so she went to her friends, and said: 'come and see'.

Seeing is believing and there is nothing quite like personal experience.

When Andrew met Jesus by the lakeside his life was changed forever, and the first thing he wanted to do was share it with his brother.

So he went to find Peter and said: 'come and see'.

Come and see for yourself.

When we can't find the words and we want to share the special things, we can say: 'come and see'.

Wonderful things happened when people told others of Jesus, and said: 'come and see'.

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Down Memory Lane

GREIG Flaws of Campbeltown handed this photograph in which features his grandfather Charlie Flaws. Charlie and Jock Shaw, also pictured, owned the Flaws and Shaw ship chandlers. Greig believes this photograph was taken around 1981, with the duo shutting up shop in 1984. The shop used to be next to the coal merchants on Kinloch Road, Campbeltown.

Positive support 'positively' resourced

Sir,

Teachers in the Education Institute of Scotland (EIS) think that if voters wish to improve the educational opportunities for the children of Argyll and Bute in the up and coming local elections then they should be interested in the views of the candidates in the following areas of education - all of which have the potential to impact positively (or negatively) on the pupils.

Maintaining teacher numbers and reducing class sizes.

Improving resources for schools and for the new Curriculum for Excellence.

Access to quality professional development for all teachers.

Appropriate resources to provide for disruptive pupils.

Access to quality nursery education for all 3-

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5 year olds and the children being taught by qualified nursery teachers.

Appropriate resources to support for pupils who experience barriers to their learning.

Parents should also be interested in how they will ensure that positive support is 'positively' resourced.

Billy Marshall
EIS Argyll and Bute Local Association Secretary

Whereabouts of Miners Welfare and Caskie Cups

Sir,
 Through the courtesy of your columns could we ask your readers if they have any information on the whereabouts of

the Miners Welfare and Caskie Cups?

Over the years we have managed to secure the rest of our community's historic trophies, and, these in turn will be available for viewing in a forthcoming local football exhibition.

The Miners Welfare trophy was last played for as part of the Kintyre Amateur Football League during the late 1990s, and the Caskie Cup, within the auspices of the Campbeltown Boys Football Association earlier in the same decade.

We would be grateful for any help that would lead to us to the restoration of these important trophies.

Alex McKinven
Football Exhibition Project.

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lour, a children's charity that provides help to over 6,000 of Scotland's most vulnerable children, young people and their families each year.

Every school that participates will also have the opportunity to win a visit from a leading children's author who will be participating in the Edinburgh International Book Festival.

In 2011, Port Ellen Primary School on the Isle of Islay was selected as the winner and the school received a visit from acclaimed author Vivian French.

If you would like to register your school to take part in the ScottishPower Swap Shop please contact Roanna Katz at The BIG Partnership on swapshop@bigpartnership.co.uk or call 0141 333 9585. Schools should register their interest before Wednesday 23rd May 2012. The book swaps should take place by Friday 22nd June 2012.

Roanna Katz
 Account Executive
 The BIG Partnership
 5 Park Circus Place,
 Glasgow, G3 6AH

Improving the lives of young people

Sir,
 YouthLink Scotland, the national agency for youth work, has challenged all of the candidates standing in the Argyll and Bute area in the upcoming local government elections to commit to improving the lives of young people in Scotland by supporting four key Youth Work Pledges as follows:

•Pledge to ensure that no young person is left behind in any of Scotland's 32 local authority areas

•Pledge to improve equality of access to youth work services in all 32 local authority areas in Scotland

•Pledge to improve sustained, permanent funding for youth work services and to support and work with the voluntary sector in all 32 local authority areas

•Pledge to improve recognition in all 32 local authority areas of the positive and preventative impact of youth work

Adam Lang,
 Youth Link,
 Scotland

Dalintober win Rotary Quiz

DALINTOBER pupils carried off the trophy at the Annual Primary Schools Rotary Quiz last Friday.

They themselves hosted the quiz, welcoming teams from Castlehill, Gigha and Glenbarr, Rhunahaorine, Southend, and Carradale and Drumlembie.

The Dalintober 'A' foursome were very closely followed by Castlehill 'A' and Southend in joint second place.

Having won the Kintyre schools cup, Dalintober will now go forward to the District final of the Rotary Quiz in Pollokshaws, Glasgow on May 21.

Their impressive score of 84 points out of a possible 96 was two ahead of the scores from Castlehill and Southend.

'Wwoofers' from all over come to Torrisdale Castle

by TONY GARNER

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AN ORGANIC volunteering charity is bringing people from all over



Estate worker Hannah Welsh in the walled garden at Torrisdale
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the world to an eco-minded Kintyre Estate.

Torrisdale Castle Estate, near Carradale, joined the World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF) project this year.

The participants, known as 'Wwoofers', get board and lodgings in exchange for helping out with the estate's numerous eco-projects.

Showing *The Courier* round, estate worker Hannah Welsh said: 'This is the first time we've tried it and it's been really good so far. The first two volunteers, from Bradford and Blackpool, have just left after a two-week stay. Then we have two Aus-

traliens coming on May 4 to help clear the walled garden and help us plant an organic vegetable garden behind it.'

'Over the summer we have people from Spain, France and the US coming too. People have dif-

ferent skills and we'll try to match the work to the skills they have and what they want to do.'

Torrisdale Estate is owned by the Macalister Hall family, and is currently managed by Niall Macalister Hall who de-

cided to put the environment at the centre of all decisions.

Current projects include the installation of a wood-burning biomass boiler, and planting new trees to regenerate native species.

Chewing gum ban in Campbeltown?

CHEWING gum vandals have been the target of a UK-wide campaign this month.

The campaign, run by the Chewing Gum Action Group, encourages people to have an active part in keeping their community cleaner by not disposing of gum on

the streets.

The problem was discussed at the last meeting of Campbeltown Community Council, with chairman Jim Martin saying he thought gum seriously disfigured streets in the town.

After some discussion it was heard that Argyll

and Bute Council would have to pass a by-law to enforce a Singapore-style ban on chewing gum in Campbeltown.

'Beautiful Scotland' entries required

KINTYRE communities have until May 13 to register for a competition to find the best-tended local environments in Scotland.

There are 11 different categories for 'Beautiful Scotland' ranging from 'wee villages' to cities, with entrants judged on three main themes: horticultural achievement, environmental responsibility and community participation.

General cleanliness, graffiti and sustainability issues such as recycling, are all taken into account and contribute to the entrant achieving either a bronze, silver,

silver gilt or gold medal.

The winning community in each category will receive a trophy and go forward for other national awards.

Greening-up

Registration is also open until May 13 for a non-competitive sister event called 'It's your neighbourhood', which is open to groups who are interested in cleaning and greening-up their local area.

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The top three teams from the Rotary Quiz. 20_c17quiz01

Cuckoo - cuckoo - cuckoo

JEAN Gilhooley from near Whitehouse contacted *The Courier* last Friday to tell us she heard her first cuckoo of the year.

Jean, who lives between Whitehouse and Clachan, was on the beach near to her home when she heard the cuckoo's distinct sound last Thursday, and then again on Friday morning.

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Annual Volunteer Awards 2012 nominations are now open – this is your opportunity to reward an individual or group you value for their voluntary work.

- Categories for nomination
- Individual Volunteer of the Year
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- Voluntary organisation of the year
- Local Timebank Heroes • This year 2 new categories! Social Enterprise of the Year sponsored by Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network
- Health Volunteer of the Year sponsored by NHS Highland and Argyll Community Health Partnership

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Kate and Michael Singleton received a specially engraved bowl as a thank you for their long service and dedication to the Kintyre Civic Society.

Kintyre Civic Society forced to call it a day

THE Kintyre Civic Society has been forced to fold after not getting enough interest to take the society forward.

Reluctantly the current members voted the society out of existence at its annual general meeting recently.

The declining number of members, and finding no one willing to take on posts on the committee or office bearers, meant the dissolution was inevitable.

At the Ardshiel Hotel, chairman and secretary Kate Singleton, and treasurer Michael Singleton, were presented with a specially engraved bowl to mark their long service to the society.

The outgoing officers and committee are now tasked with passing on the society's assets for which there are strict criteria to reflect its status as a charity.

Win a pair of tickets to Rockness

THE Campbeltown Courier is giving readers the chance to see acts such as Mumford and Sons, Deadmau5, Biffy Clyro, and Noah and The Whale at the Highlands' premier music festival – Rockness.

Special

We have teamed up with the organisers for a special competition to give away two pairs of general weekend tickets to the award-win-

ning festival, including camping passes, worth £159 each.

Details of how to enter the competition will be published across Wyvern Media's titles over the coming two weeks.

Among the other acts confirmed to appear at this year's event, which runs between Friday, June 8 and Sunday, June 10, are Annie Mac, The View, Mystery Jets, Friendly Fires, Death

in Vegas, Mylo and Beardyman.

A host of comedy acts have also been announced to appear, headed up by musical comedian, Tim Minchin.

Confirmed

In total, more than 90 acts have so far been confirmed for this year's Rockness, making NME's Small Festival of the Year 2012 a must in any festival-goers calendar.



You could win tickets to see Mumford and Sons at Rockness this June by entering our competition. Details to be published next week.



Merlin spotted in Kintyre

MACHRIHANISH Seabird Observatory's image of the month for March 2012 The Merlin is a regular passage migrant and winter visitor to all coastal areas of Argyll. A few pairs sometimes nest in Kintyre but it is a rare breeder here. Warden Eddie Maguire took the image with a Nikon D7000 and a Sigma 150-500mm lens.

Kintyre Christian Fellowship

THE first meeting of 2012 will be held by Kintyre Christian Fellowship next Friday.

Taking place in Springbank Evangelical Church, Campbeltown, the guest speaker for the evening will be Reverend John MacLeod from Allander Evangelical Church Milngavie, Glasgow.

Rev MacLeod hails originally from Harris and was formerly a minister in Church of Scotland by one of his ministry at Allander Church.

This is his first time in Campbeltown and it

will be well worth coming along to hear him.

The meeting begins at 7.30pm on May 4 and everyone is most welcome whether or not they normally attend a church.

Coffee morning

A COFFEE morning in aid of the Salvation Army will be taking place tomorrow (Saturday).

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Positive Steps course to be held in Campbeltown

A FREE course for people affected by sight loss is starting soon in Campbeltown.

The course, called Positive Steps, has been developed by the charity Visibility, for the Argyll and Bute Sensory Project.

It involves two-hour sessions once a week for four weeks, beginning on Thursday May 3.

The course is aimed mainly at people who have recently been registered as blind or partially sighted, or who are in the early stages of living with their sight loss. However, anyone who thinks it might be useful to them is welcome to go along.

The emphasis will be on making the group a relaxed and positive experience, giving people the opportunity to meet others in similar situations and compare experiences.

People can come for advice and to share knowledge about communications, aids and equipment, looking and feeling good, and keeping active.

By the end of the four weeks those who attend should hopefully feel more confident about the challenges they face.

Friends and family may also become more aware of how relatives feel and be more able to help.

For more information contact Debbie Campbell, sensory project worker, on 01838 200841 or email argyllandbute@deafaction.org.

Travelling Gallery in town

AN EXHIBITION of work by selected artists came to Campbeltown last Wednesday.

The Travelling Gallery came from Edinburgh to give locals the chance to see 11 artists who have received an award from the Alt-w Fund.

The Alt-w Fund supports experimental and interactive practice which makes use of technology as both platform and medium, and recognises the changing role that digital culture has in our society.

Choreography at the festival

PUPILS from Campbeltown were some of those taking part in this year's Argyll and Bute Festival recently.

Twenty-one teams competed in the high school choreography competition including others from the area, Lochgilphead, Oban and Hermitage.

The judging panel consisted of Jonathan Barton, vice principal of Ballet West, Moira Barbour, former Oban High School PE teacher and Nicola McKie former Oban High School pupil and dance graduate.

In what was one of the closest competitions ever held, Hermitage Academy pupil Sara

MacKellar won best dancer in the junior section and the senior prize was awarded to Meroula Hondrou and Lauren Angus from Oban High School.

Trophies

Active Schools donated trophies for best overall dance groups and best presentation in both junior and senior competitions. Ballet West students performed two dances and judge Nicola McKie also performed a solo.

Jonathan Barton presented tickets to the Ballet West Showcase on April 13 to 1st place groups and to the best dancer in the junior and senior sec-

tions he presented an award to attend the Ballet West Summer School for half price.

Junior Section: 1 Hermitage 2; 2 Mixed Up - Oban High School (Carys Rimmer and Katherine Tamplin); 3 Hermitage 4. Best Presentation - Lochgilphead 1. Most Entertaining - Hermitage 4.

Senior Section: 1 Meroula Hondrou and Maeve Hannigan - Oban High School; 2 The Black Parade, Oban High School; 3 Foothigh - Campbeltown. Best Presentation - The Black Parade, Oban High School. Most Entertaining - The Sports Leaders, Oban High School.

Practice makes perfect

HIGHLAND Dancers from Campbeltown are among the local performers practising hard for the Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival in Oban's Corran Halls next week.

Teacher Mary Wilson went through the steps with the dancers at a practice session at the Community Education Centre last Thursday.



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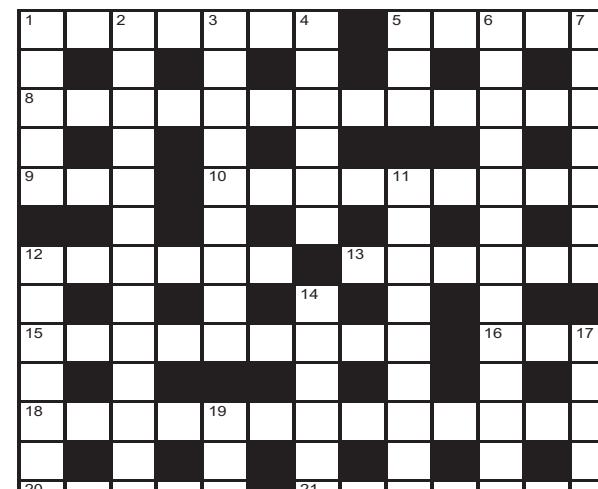
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Sixteen year old Katniss Everdeen volunteers in her younger sister's place to enter the games, and is forced to rely upon her sharp instincts as well as the mentorship of drunken former victor Haymitch Abernathy when she's pitted against highly-trained Tributes who have prepared for these Games their entire lives. If she's ever to return home to District 12, Katniss must make impossible choices in the arena that weigh survival against humanity and life against love.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD



Last week's solution



Campbeltown pupils who took part in the festival.

Two family tickets to The Singing Kettle up for grabs!



The Singing Kettle is returning to Victoria Halls, Campbeltown on May 18 and to celebrate, the Campbeltown Courier and Argyllshire Advertiser have two family tickets plus Singing Kettle goodies to giveaway!

This year's show, "Shake, Rattle & Roll", is set to be an unforgettable musical experience. Children are invited to make their own shaker or bring a musical instrument to play along with The Singing Kettle's brand new sing-along extravaganza. Bursting at the seams with energy, you will Shake, Rattle and Roll out the rhythm of this non-stop, all action show.

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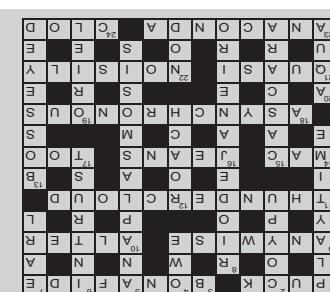
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Across

- 1 Announce (7)
- 5 Arab leader (5)
- 8 Spaceships? (6,7)
- 9 That (3)
- 10 Not kin nor to do with (9)
- 12 English exam (1,5)
- 13 Levy (6)
- 15 Surpass (9)
- 16 Short summer month (3)
- 18 Lockings up (13)
- 20 Sheik's bevy (5)
- 21 Main page on a computer (7)

Down

- 1 Silly duck! (5)
- 2 Hot shaken condiment (7,6)
- 3 To a sickening extent (2,7)
- 4 Check (6)
- 5 Australian runner (3)
- 6 Attractor (13)
- 7 What's left (7)
- 11 Tumours (9)
- 12 Annul (7)
- 14 Margaret...a Canadian poet (6)
- 17 Re-fill the Calor canister (3,2)
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Jean McAllister welcomes visitors to the Abbey. Her late husband was the fifth laird of Glenbarr and passed away in 2007, but the couple had built the house and its artefacts over the years.

In its Victorian-style tearoom tea is served in China tea cups and is bound to impress.

It will definitely be a visit that adults and children, alike, will remember.

Farsain Cruises

A variety of exciting trips are offered by Farsain Cruises, including to the Corryvreckan whirlpool and wildlife tours.

Farsain Cruises have been running every year since 1990, and is owned by Duncan Philips, who has been sailing for a number of years and has extensive knowledge of the area.

Based at Croabh Haven, near Lochgilphead, Duncan can provide

different trips to suit what you want to do. Whether it's for charters to nearby islands, filming, diving, wildlife trips, or even as a ferry service, Duncan can oblige for any party.

He skips the 31-foot motor launch boat Mitchell 31, which features a galley, with refreshments available on board.

Duncan takes an active interest in wildlife in the area, and knows where to find the best sights.

'That fact that I am interested in it myself it's a bonus,' said Duncan. 'Every trip is an adventure for me.'

Kilmartin Hotel

As well as free wireless Internet access, the Kilmartin Hotel in the intimate village of Kilmartin boasts a beer garden to its rear.

Welcoming families and pets as well as passers-by, the hotel serves fresh local seafood daily, and serves scrumptious lunches and dinners.

Lunches are served from 12 to 2.30pm and dinner from 5.45pm to 8.45pm.

There are regular music nights taking place at the hotel, and tonight (Friday) Robert Carmichael will be taking to the stage.

He will be playing an acoustic evening on April 27 starting at

9pm and everyone is welcome to come along.

A seven-seater mini bus is also available, and more information can be found by contacting the hotel.

Lord of the Isles

Benefiting from stunning panoramic views, the Lord of the Isles Pub and Restaurant are ideal for a quiet drink, meal or stay.

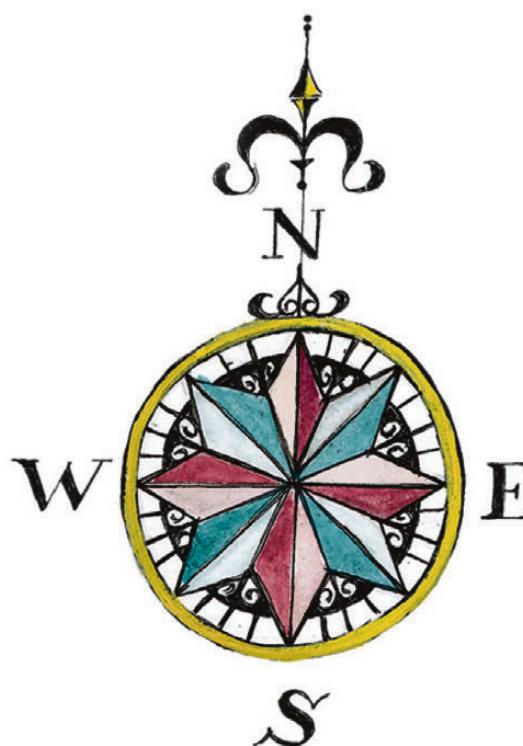
The idealistic building is set in Croabh Haven, on the road to Oban, and has just been refurbished to show off the best of its surroundings.

New windows have been put in for residents to see more of the stunning landscape from the premises than what they have been able to before.

The owners of the business have also now started up a village shop to benefit the residents of the village and visitors who travel from far and wide.

A new seasons menu features a wide range of seafood and shellfish, as well as exquisite daily specials.

Stunning views across the Corryvreckan Whirlpool and round to Loch Melfort help to make your time with the Lord of the Isles Pub and Restaurant one to remember.





Icon Hairdressing

Based just off Lochgilphead's main street, Icon Hairdressing features top class, experienced stylists.

Owner Maria Mackenzie, a tutor for Argyll College, started the business a year ago to give some of her hairdressing students the opportunity to progress in their careers.

Maria concentrates on giving her employees top class, continuous training and has even got industry expert Colin

McAndrews from the National Hairdressing Federation's artistic team coming to Lochgilphead in June.

'We have been building up the salon's reputation and clientelle over the last year,' said Maria.

'All the girls who work for me I have trained up through the college. I have been hairdressing locally since I was 16 and it is always something I wanted to do.'

'I want my employees to learn new skills and gain more experience and believe putting them through regular training is key.'

Starfish Restaurant

A renowned Tarbert seafood restaurant will soon be celebrating its first birthday after a successful first year.

Starfish Restaurant, which opened in May last year, has gained excellent reviews and proven itself another jewel in Argyll's crown as Scotland's best seafood dining location.

The restaurant, tucked behind the Corner House just off the waterfront in Tarbert, uses fresh seafood caught by local fishermen in Loch Fyne. Shellfish is one of the

main specialities served up by head chef Ryan Glen.

Owner Carolyn McDonald told The Courier she was delighted with how things have gone up to now: 'We had a great Easter. I'm really pleased with how we are doing so far.'

'We are starting to build up our reputation and getting lots of bookings for the coming season, both local and from further afield, which is good news.'

'Overall we've been really encouraged by our first season and are looking forward to bigger and better things.'

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Spring Gardening



The Vegetable Garden

One of the things the enthusiastic gardener gets down to at this time of year is organising the vegetable plot. Some gardeners avoid the purely decorative plants feeling that unless the whole of their available ground is taken up with home-grown offerings for the table, then somehow they have failed. Others of course will have none of it and use the entire garden for purely ornamental purposes. Somewhere in between these two extremes the rest of us dwell, our gardens being a comfortable mixture of annuals, perennials, fruit trees, fruiting and ornamental shrubs, plus a few vegetables. All are grown as much for interest as any serious intention to provide for the family's main requirements. These days however, there is a growing lobby in favour of planting vegetables amongst the decorative subjects for two reasons. The first is because some vegetables actually enhance the appearance of the plot. Green and red lettuces for example, placed alternately along a border can be very attractive. French marigolds and certain other aromatic plants are both very good at banishing predatory insects and a lot more environmentally friendly than chemicals.

Home-grown vegetables are rather special as they probably taste better than many that has been bought fresh from the local supermarket. Research has shown that the vitamin C content of vegetables declines in the time between harvest and use. Taste and nutrition apart, perhaps part of the appeal of 'growing your own' lies in being able to say nonchalantly to admiring dinner guests, "Picked it this morning you know!" Anyway, whatever the motive, the casual vegetable garden is here to stay, so perhaps it is time to review just what should be grown on a small scale in order to reap the most benefit from what is undoubtedly, quite hard work?

The first point to think about is what the you and your family likes. There is absolutely no point in growing lines of beautiful greens when no-one at home will eat them.

The second consideration is, what space is available for the vegetables? If your space is very limited then, rather than growing the good old, main crops such as potatoes, carrots, onions, and the larger members of the cabbage family, your best bet is to try your hand at producing some of the less common vegetables that are difficult, expensive or even impossible to buy commercially. This can be something of a journey of exploration. There are many edible plants that are no longer sold to be eaten but which make tasty and valuable additions to the family diet.

One example that comes to mind is rape - that yellow flowering crop that is grown in vast fields all over the UK. In the middle ages it was considered a salad vegetable and if you care to try it, both leaves and pods make a flavoursome alternative to rocket or lettuce.

There are other examples such as members of the onion family that almost never appear in the shops, but can be grown quite happily at home and will all add that something different to your diet. Rocambole is a good subject. Known botanically as Allium Scorodoprasum it is a native of Northern England. It is sometimes called the 'sand leek'. It grows best in rich loam and is cultivated by dividing the bulbs into cloves, which should be planted in March about 2 inches deep and about 6 inches apart. The onions are ready to harvest when the leaves fade, and you have small onions with a taste rather resembling garlic but much, much milder. They will keep well if hung in a cool dry place till needed. The so called Welsh onion is another good subject to try. Allium Fistulosum is in fact a native of Siberia but was once very commonly grown in Wales. It is an herbaceous perennial and extremely hardy under the bleakest conditions. The onion forms no bulbs, the young growths are used for salads and stews. Seed is sown end of March or in the autumn, the latter being ready to use in the spring before even chives are available. There are both red and white varieties, both being equally good. Established plants can be divided every three or four years, although the best flavours come from plants seeded annually. Garlic is another member of the onion family that provides very valuable flavour and variety to meals hot and cold. Did you know that there are several varieties of garlic ranging from the very large, lightly flavoured 'elephant garlic' down to the tiny, intensely flavoured, wild variety you only seem to be able to get in Italy. If you come across bottled specimens, buy them, they are delicious!

Tomatoes can be sown in trays or pots and placed on the window-sill or under glass in a sunny position. As soon as two leaves have appeared you can prick out as described above. They should not be planted outside however, until the weather steadies, at which point you can plant in the ground or in pots sunk into the soil in a warm, sunny and sheltered spot. Again don't just grow the commercially productive strains. There are some wonderful, and unusual varieties about. Tiny cherry tomatoes have that beautiful tomato flavour so many commercial varieties have lost. Alternatively the huge, beef tomatoes are wonderful for stuffing.

If you are seeking unusual vegetables your garden centre may be able either to source them, if you know what you are looking for, or point you at a specialist supplier, they do exist. Be adventurous, if you don't like a particular subject, you need not grow it again, on the other hand, you just never know what you might be missing!

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Decking and Garden Furniture

Today's gardens are no longer patches where clothes may be dried and dad can spend weekends tending to a flourishing kitchen garden. They are extensions of the home in a very real sense. True there are still flowers, shrubs, trees and vegetables but these are less important than the usable accommodation and general appearance of the plot. But people want even more from their gardens and seek designs for patio areas or decking where eating al fresco is just as convenient as having meals indoors. To cater for this growing trend, has come a whole industry devoted to providing you with what you want to help make the best use of the open space around your home.

The concrete or paved patio has been popular for many years, but growing in popularity now is timber decking as the feel of seasoned wood blends with a garden in a way that the patio may lack in certain circumstances. It provides a raised level from which the garden may be enjoyed.

However in some areas, decking may have to comply with building codes and regulations which may amongst other things, regulate setback distances, foundation and deck materials.

Building a simple decking area can be achieved by the average DIY enthusiast as there are stockists for the specialist materials and appropriate fixings.

Garden furniture has been the subject of a major revolution in design over recent years. Once upon a time, seat-

ing in the garden was a matter of canvas covered deck-chairs, like those hired at the seaside, or basic wooden bench-seats. Now all this has changed. The humble deckchair has been swept away by whole suites of co-ordinated garden furniture that is more comfortable, elegant, substantial in structure and quite spectacular to look at.

Many supermarkets and most DIY stores and garden centres stock a whole range of patio sets comprising table and chairs made from all-weather resistant plastic resin and priced to suit the average pocket. These can usually be added to with the addition of a parasol fitted into a base through the table, and matching seat pads.

Traditional tubular steel garden furniture is still popular with a full range of hammocks loungers, relaxers and sunbeds, all easy to assemble, that come with a selection of fabric cushioning. Cast iron and cast aluminium tables, chairs and bench seating mostly now come in a variety of scrollwork and patterns.

At the top of the range of garden furnishings, but still affordable, are sets of hardwood furniture with usual designs of tables, chairs, benches, swing seats, loungers and gazebos. This sturdily built furniture is often available to buy on a mix and match basis, so items may be added to as and when required or when finances allow. Again extra seat cushions are usually available, as are parasols with a hardwood pole, wood or cast iron base, and heavy-duty, shower-resistant fabric.

One can never really be sure of the British weather so no garden designed for outdoor entertaining, especially in the evening, is complete without an efficient patio heater designed for use with bottled gas which is hidden away inside the base unit. As a matter of safety, all out-

side patio and decking areas should be adequately lit, and specialist retailers will have a whole range for you to choose from.

When designing a patio area or decking, allow enough room not only to just accommodate the furniture, one still has to move about and have room to cook at the barbecue. On top of all that a few tubs of flowers and plants will give a finish to the overall appearance.

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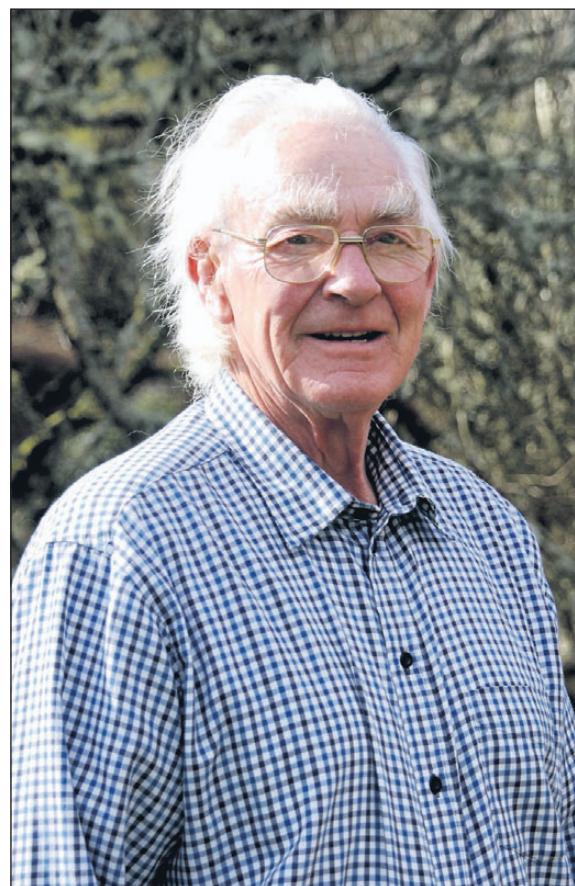
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Sheep farmer Douglas Barker of Barfad Farm has only one healthy lamb left following an attack on his flock last Wednesday. 08_a17sheep01

by ALAN KENT
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MORE THAN a dozen sheep have been slaughtered in farms on the edge of Tarbert this month as cases of sheep worrying rise in the area.

In the most recent incident eight lambs were attacked at Barfad Farm on the edge of the village.

In a savage attack, believed to be carried out by a dog, seven lambs were killed and an eighth has been seriously injured. The lambs were just two days old.

The attack comes only weeks after neighbouring Stonefield farm lost five ewes in a series of similar incidents.

Speaking to the *Campbeltown Courier* last Thursday, Dr Douglas Barker, who owns Barfad Farm said he has been left 'devastated' after the attack. Describing

the scene of the incident as 'carnage', Dr Barker said: 'All the lambs had been bitten and the ewes were traumatised, dashing about panicking.'

'We had eight happy lambs when Iain McConnell, our shepherd, went to check on them at 12.30pm on Wednesday afternoon, but then he phoned me later that day at 5pm to say there was carnage.'

Five of the lambs had been killed on the spot, with a further three badly injured; one died soon after the attack, with another going missing, believed taken by a fox or bird of prey.

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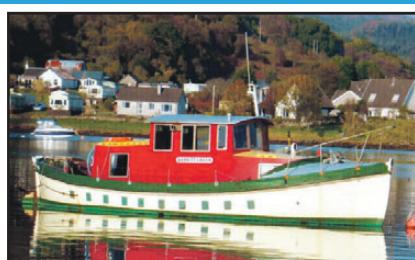
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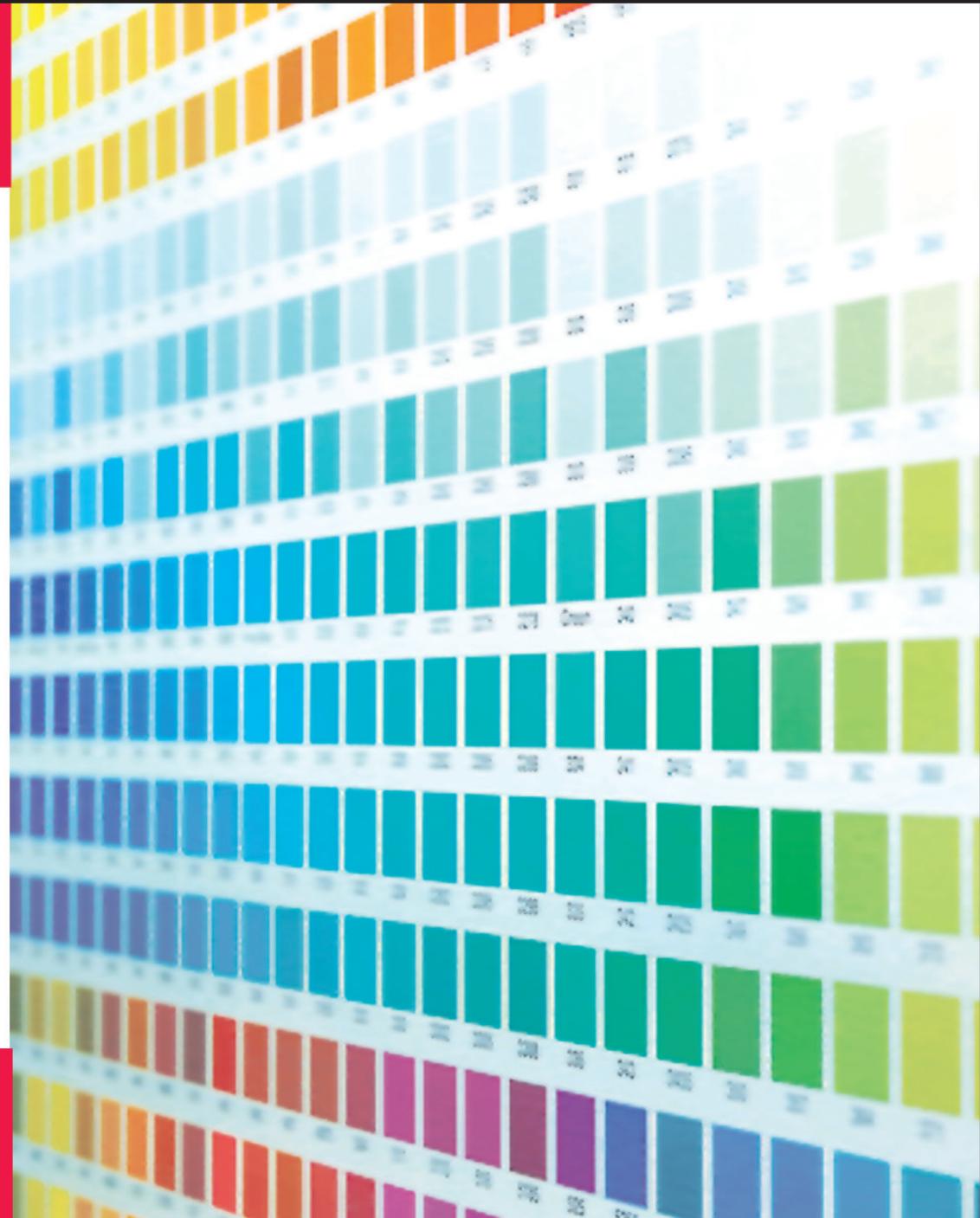
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VALLIS

John and Morven are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their precious daughter, Darcey Annie McKinlay, born March 1, 2012. First granddaughter for John and Maureen and third grandchild for Diana Logan. Special thanks to all midwives at the Mid Argyll Maternity Unit, Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, Princess Royal and Yorkhill hospitals for their special care. Thanks also to the Lochgilphead ambulance team for their kindness and good wishes.

BLAIR – Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on April 20, 2012, Catherine McCallum Blair (Cathy), in her 98th year, formerly of Range Road, Campbeltown, beloved daughter of the late Malcolm and Marion Blair and a loving sister, aunt and great aunt.

CULLEN – Peacefully, after a long illness, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, on April 23, 2012, Margaret Helen Cullen, née Robb, aged 78 years, of Dunskeig, Ardfearn, beloved wife of Tom, loving mother of Paul and Robert, much respected mother-in-law of Christine and a much loved grandmother of Jamie and Jonathon. A dear sister of George, Keith and the late Hugh and Robert. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium on Monday, April 30, 2012 at 11.15am. All family and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MARTIN – Peacefully at Inverclyde Royal Hospital, Greenock, on April 18, 2012, Malcolm Martin, in his 91st year, Cumbray Court, Largs, formerly of High Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Margaret Wareham, much loved father of John, Kathryn and Calum and a loving grandad of Kerry, Jamie and Duncan.

MCINTYRE – Peacefully, after a short illness, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on April 23, 2012, Catherine (Kate) McIntyre, née Hamilton, aged 90 years, of Seaview, St Clair Road, Ardrishaig, beloved wife of the late Sandy McIntyre, much loved sister of John, and the late Forsyth, Mary, Bet, Dan and Janet and a dear aunt and great aunt. She will be sadly missed by all the family. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church today, Friday, April 27 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired to Help for Heroes.

SCOTT – Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 25, 2012, Fay McIntyre Leyden, in her 71st year, much loved mother of Andrew, dearly beloved daughter of Ina and the late Willie Leyden and a dear sister of Margaret and Arthur. Funeral private.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BROWN – The family of the late Kathleen Brown would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and phone calls received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and nursing staff of Glenaray Ward and to the staff of Ardfenaig Residential Home for their care and attention to Kathleen. Grateful thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for comforting services at Lochgilphead and Cardross; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and

efficient arrangements and to the Stag Hotel for fine purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and crematorium to pay their respects. The collection raised over £425 for British Heart Foundation and Alzheimer Scotland.

COLVILLE – Roy and family wish to extend their sincere thanks to all family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following the recent sudden loss of Renee. With thanks to Dr Malcolm Lazarus, the paramedic team (Gus and Gus), Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for efficient and respectful funeral arrangements and the Argyll Arms Hotel management and staff for purvey. Special thanks to the Reverend Philip Burroughs for his comforting and spiritual service and to Mr David McEwan for the uplifting musical arrangement and accompaniment. Heartfelt thanks to all who attended the church service and graveside. The sum of £1926.59 was realised and will be donated to the local branch of the British Red Cross. Gift Aid donations have also been forwarded directly to the National British Red Cross.

MALOY – Ann, Gary and all family, far and near, would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy and support following the loss of our mother, Mary.

A special thank you to the caring doctors and staff of Glenaray Ward and Ward 1A, Gartnavel Hospital, Glasgow. Also to the district nurses, ICT staff, Grace, Naomi and neighbours who took such care of Mother. Thanks also to Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their compassionate and professional manner; to Rev David Carruthers for the comforting services at Cardross and Ardrishaig Parish Church; to Sheila, Bruce and staff for the welcoming refreshments in the South Church Hall. Finally thanks to all who attended at Cardross and church to pay their respects. The retiral collection has raised over £300 for Argyll Talking Newspapers and Glenaray Ward.

REDMAN – Bernie and family, would like to sincerely thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, letters, phone calls and home baking received following the recent sad loss of Frank. We have been overwhelmed by the support shown to us all. Our sincere thanks to Dr Simpson and local ambulance crews for their help and assistance; to Father David Connor for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their guidance and arrangements; and to the Stag Hotel for excellent catering. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised £200 for the Mid Argyll Chemo Unit.

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IN MEMORIAMS

CAMERON – In loving memory of a dear husband, Donnie, who died May 1, 2010.

Wherever I am, whatever I do, you are with me in my heart.

Love and miss you every day.

- Sheila and family x.

CAMERON – In loving memory of Ilene, died April 17, 1992 and Donnie, died May 1, 2010. A loving mum, gran, pappie and dad.

Treasured memories keep you near, as time unfolds another year.

Still loved, still missed and very dear.

- Joyce, Kenny, Scott and Lewis.

CAMERON – Loving memories of Mum, Ilene Cameron, passed away April 17, 1992. Loving memories of Dad, Donald Cameron (Locheil), passed away May 1, 2010.

Love and miss you both, always.

- David and Katie xx.

CUNNINGHAM – Treasured memories of John, died April 30, 2007. Dear husband, father, granddad and father-in-law.

"Deep in our hearts fond memories are kept, of one we love and will never forget".

God Bless.

- Inserted by Isa and all the family.

"Goodnight Faither" God Bless x.

GRANT – Treasured memories of John, our dearly loved father, grandfather and great grandfather, passed away April 29, 1999.

- Jean, Gilbert, Janice, Mark, Gillian, Karl and Douglas.

ROBERTSON – In loving memory of my dearly beloved dad, Robert, died April 24, 1980.

I loved you dearly, more dearly than the spoken words can tell.

Dad, I will always love you.

- Daughter, Nan, East Kilbride.

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

Always in my thoughts.

- Your daughter, Kelly-Anne.

WILLIAMSON – In loving memory of a beloved mother and grandmother, Christina Alice (Allie), who died April 27, 2010.

- Sylvia, Simon, Malcolm, Ross, Aimee and Lynne.

Remembered every day.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTRIN

Sunday 29 April 2012

11.00am

Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch Speaker: Graham McLean "The House on the Rock"

Thursday 3 May 2012

7.30pm

Praise, prayer & sharing

All Welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Sunday, 29th April

Kirk Session meets - 10:45 a.m.

Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.

(Crèche, Triple C and Bible Class)

Jim Campbell

Tuesday, 1st May

Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, 3rd May

Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 4th May

Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

NORTH KINNAUL PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 29 April

Bellanoch Church 11:30 am

Morning worship

Worship led by

David Logue

Tuesday 1 May

Congregational Board 7:30 pm

Tayvallich church

All Welcome

Enquiries 01546 606926

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 29th April 2012

Tarbert Service 11.30am

Sunday School 11.20am

To be held in Tarbert Free

Church

Rev. Tommy Bryson

For all church enquiries and

pastoral care

Telephone 01880 821012

Everyone very welcome

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Highland Parish Church



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Please note:
all services
in Kirk St Hall

Sunday 29th April 2012

11.15am

Morning Service

FunDay Club (3yrs - P5)

JaM (P6+)

Tuesday 1st May

7.15pm

Safeguarding Panel – Kirk

St Hall

Wednesday 2nd May

7.15pm

Bible Study Fellowship

– Mansie

Ephesians: Book by Book DVD

Rev Michael J Lind

Everyone very welcome

KINTYRE FELLOWSHIP MEETING

to be held on

Friday 4th May

at 7.30pm in

Springbank Evangelical

Church, Campbeltown

Guest speaker:

Rev John MacLeod,

Allander Evangelical

Church, Milngavie,

Glasgow

Musical items

Tea/coffee served after

meeting

Everyone welcome.

Red Cross Hall

All Welcome

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Lochgilphead

Richard wins Captain's Prize at Machrihanish

LAST Saturday the Captain's Prize was contested at Machrihanish Golf Club in calm conditions for the majority of the 94 competitors.

Some of the higher handicap players put in a special effort in pursuit of the trophy including new committee member, Terry Mundie, who took third place with a 96-27 = 69.

Terry was long overdue a cut after retaining his ridiculously high handicap for Saturday Winter League purposes over the last few years.

Tarbert's Mickey Macneill secured second place with 78-11=67

following a very steady round of 10 pars and eight bogeys.

But it was Richard Tavendale who turned in a score of 91-25=66 for his first win at Machrihanish.

It was only a matter of time, given the amount of time spent on the course practicing, and the three stroke handicap which has been well received by Tavie's regular golfing companions.

The ladies' scratch winner was Ann Gallacher who carded a score of 81-10=71.

For club-captain, John Biggins, his first prize-giving in his new role went well despite being held in darkness due to the power cut.

McNeill Cup

The second leg of the McNeill Cup also took place last Sunday following the previous week's 3-3 draw at Dunaverty. The Machrihanish team made the most of home advantage to win 5-1.

In the scratch competition, club champion Jordan Grant returned a 73 which was good enough to take top spot. Oliver Armour and S Gilmour both had 74s, but Oliv-



Club captain John Biggins, Ann Gallacher, Richard Tavendale, Dorothy Biggins

The art of sprint starting

THE art of sprint starting was one of the skills taught young Kintyre

Athletics Club members last week.

Coaches from the club



'On your marks' – young Kintyre athletes last week.

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Training schedules for MOK Run in June

TIME is flying by and the Mull of Kintyre Run half marathon and 10k races are only five weeks away.

Training should be well underway for those taking part in the races on June 3.

The half marathon schedule is suitable for a beginner who aims to run a half marathon in

just under 2 hours 30 minutes.

If you find the schedule difficult it may be better to adopt a more gradual one, or move onto the 10k one.

Result

As a guide, 11 minutes 20 seconds per mile pace will result in a 2h 28min half marathon.

The beginner's train-

ing schedule is aimed at beginners who wish to complete the 10k event comfortably.

All running should be at a steady, even pace, and you should consult your GP before embarking on any training schedule.

For more information about all the events happening across the week-

end visit www.mokrun.com.

10K schedule	
Weeks to Go - 5	
from Monday April 30	
Mon	35 minutes
Tue	10 minutes
Wed	REST
Thu	25 minutes
Fri	20 minutes
Sat	REST
Sun	20 minutes

Day	Session	Distance	Pace min/mile	Time
Tue 1/5	Slow run/walk	5miles	12:00	approx 60 mins
Thu 3/5	Faster run/walk	4miles	10:30	approx 42mins
Sun 6/5	Easy run/walk	11miles	12:30	approx 2 hrs 20mins
Total		21miles		4 hours

Half marathon training schedule Start Date: Tuesday May 1, 2012

Weeks to go: 5

Runners complete half marathon

A CONTINGENT from Campbeltown Running Club (CRC) completed the Balloch to Clydebank half marathon on Sunday.

The race normally takes place in mid March, however the date was moved to April to help improve the chances of having better weather conditions due to snow affecting previous years.

The gamble paid off, as conditions were perfect for running - cool, no wind and no rain.

Unfortunately a few CRC members had to pull out with injury before the race and a couple of runners just used the race as a training run due to the new date.

Eight members of CRC managed to finish in good times with some notable personal bests including Ralphy Hill's well deserved 1.33.

Praise must especially go to first time half-marathoner Emma Conley with an excellent time of 1.45 and Jamie Girvan with 1.51 - well done.

Juvenile footballers to play in Lochgilphead

AS PART of the annual Anthony Nolan charity weekend in Lochgilphead, Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA) primaries four, five and six age groups will go to take part in seven-a-side football at the Ropework Park in Lochgilphead on Saturday May 5, from 9.45am to around noon.

Any parent whose child usually plays but cannot make this trip is asked to please inform CDJFA lead coach Iain Reid on 07899903419. Details of the trip will be handed out on Monday along with consent forms.



Left to right: organiser Roy Barnett, winners Ali Brodie and Martin Coffield, and Carol Green, proprietor of Fiddlers Inn.

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Pupils come out on top in Argyll derby with Dunoon

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Campbeltown Pupils 3 Dunoon 2

THE McFadyen sponsored Campbeltown Pupils came from behind twice to seal a crucial win in the hunt for promotion.

A bumpy pitch did little to help the quality of the game; however, dogged determination became an ally as the home team fought its way back into the match.

The Pupils dominated the open exchanges, but seemed intent on walking the ball into the net.

on level terms, a quick interchange of passes leaving Ryan Gilchrist free to score from close range.

Dunoon defended resolutely throughout, but were rarely seen as an attacking force; nevertheless; the home side contrived to lose a second goal when caught in possession deep in their own half.

A slightly surprised, but grateful centre-forward, lashed the ball

into the corner of the net to give his side a somewhat undeserved lead.

Once again the Pupils were level within minutes, full-back Mitchell crudely chopped to the ground after a surging run had taken him to the dead-ball line. Paul Grumoli's penalty-kick was extremely well-taken; the ball placed to the keeper's left to tie the scores for a second time.

The home side hit the

front as the first-half slipped to its close, a fine cross from the left met by Gregor McFadyen, who steered the ball into the corner of the net with his head.

The game sprang to life in the second-half, with both sides playing tidy possession football; however, the home side always looked to have the measure of their opponents as they claimed three extremely hard-earned points.



Pupils' Grant Grant on the ball.



YOUNG Aron Harris showed that age is no barrier as he bowled the first jack to open the new season at Tarbert Bowls Club recently.

The six-year-old is the grandson of president Bruce Harris and the Tarbert club will be hoping he will be one of a new generation of youngsters to get involved in the game.

Youngsters travel to Lochgilphead

FIFTY-NINE primary age footballers from Campbeltown travelled up to Lochgilphead at the weekend for a trip organised by Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA).

The kids, divided into eight teams, took part in four and seven-a-side games against their neighbours in Mid Argyll. Children from Primary two to seven played similar age groups during an afternoon with top class organisation provided by Lochgilp-



Campbeltown primary two and threes, who took part in four-a-sides.

Golf season starts

THE LADIES of Dunaverney started their 2012 season with the Argyll Cup - a gentle two round foursomes competition.

Maggie MacArthur and Mary McKinnon raced off in the first round with a 63 which would prove to be decisive.

Elizabeth Morrison and Elsie Ronald post-

ed the best second round score of 68 to take the runners-up spot.

Full result:

Argyll Cup
1 Maggie MacArthur and Mary McKinnon (combined handicap 21) 63 + 71 = 134
2 Elizabeth Morrison & Elsie Ronald (combined handicap 18) 84 + 68 = 152



Jocelyn Richard, Stuart McGeachy, Elaine McGeachy, Darren Renton and Katie Ferguson.

Runners at the London Marathon

SIX members of Campbeltown Running Club were among the 37,000 participants taking part in the Virgin London Marathon on Sunday April 22.

Three member of CRC - Kenny Campbell, Charlie Dott and Jocelyn Richard - qualified for the London Marathon via 'Good for Age' times from their recent previous marathons. Unfortunately Kenny had to pull out due to injury but Charlie completed the race in a fast 3 hours 12 minutes and Jocelyn in 4 hours 12 minutes.

Darren Renton represented the club for its yearly Scottish Athletics place and finished in a very respectable 4 hours 1 minute on his debut.

This was also the first marathon for Katie Fer-

guson who received a Golden Bond charity place and completed the 26.2 mile course in 4 hours 22 minutes. Katie raised an incredible £4,000 plus for Breakthrough Breast Cancer, a charity close to her heart.

Stuart McGeachy gained a lucrative ballot place and finished in 3 hours 19 minutes. His wife Elaine McGeachy raised over £1,000 for the National Blind Children's Society, completing the course in 4 hours

23 minutes.

All the Campbeltown runners had been training intensively since Christmas with support of the club, and although some did not achieve personal bests on the day, they were all delighted to have completed the gruelling race, passing by some of the capital's most famous sites.

The runners all said the atmosphere was electric and the race was an amazing and an emotional experience.



Campbeltown primary three and fours, 'the bumble bees', who played seven-a-sides.

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