

Fatal crash driver is spared jail term

Son says justice not done



Celebrations for the Queen's birthday

BEACONS burned across Britain yesterday to mark the Queen's 90th birthday. The Monarch last visited Campbeltown in August 1958, just five years into her reign. Our picture, from that visit, shows the Provost of Campbeltown, Archibald Keith's daughter, Maureen Bell (née Keith), being presented to the Queen on a dias, outside the Town Hall, in a Main Street bedecked with flags. Further pictures will be on display in the window of Martins former bookshop. Picture courtesy The Herald.

A MAN whose father was killed and his brother seriously injured in a crash caused by a Danish student says the justice system has failed his family.

Andrew Rennie, whose father Andy, 62, of Millers Park, died in the A83 accident in which 10 others were injured, including his brother Iain, said he was shocked at a sentence of 300 hours unpaid work imposed on Stefan Hansen, 24, at Edinburgh's High Court on Tuesday.

Hansen, who was 21 at the time of the fatal accident, had been on a hunting trip on October 17, 2013 when he drove on the wrong side of the road, near Kennacraig, in a Mitsubishi 4x4, and caused a head on collision with a MacLeod's minibus.

Denied

Hansen, who has no previous convictions, had denied a charge of causing death by dangerous driving after he had driven his vehicle southbound in the northbound carriageway.

A jury earlier convicted him of the lesser offence of causing death by careless driving. The court heard he had previously offered to plead guilty to causing death by careless driving.

Headlights

Hansen had told the court he looked down on his radio and the next thing he saw was two headlights coming towards him.

While he has not been imprisoned, judge Lady Stacey warned Hansen at the sentencing that if he failed to carry out 300 hours unpaid work, with the Red Cross in his homeland, the alternative of imprisonment was still open.

She also banned him from driving for two years in the UK. She deferred sentence on Hansen for a year to allow him to complete the work requirement, which she said must be documented. She said his action had caused 'devastation' in a number of people's lives, adding: 'You will know you did

a great deal of harm by your actions that day.'

Speaking about the sentence, Mr Rennie said: 'Justice has not been done, Hansen's punishment has left us all shocked and empty.'

'It is a mockery of the justice system, it will not bring our dad back and our dad would feel let down by the justice system and its verdict.'

'There have been people who have done less for more - there are just no words to describe it.'

Collapsed

Andy Rennie was trapped in the minibus following the crash and died after he was eventually freed. He suffered leg, chest and abdomen injuries.

Defence counsel Euan Dow said Hansen was of 'good character' and had a clean Danish driving licence.

He said: 'He continues to feel a deep sense of guilt for the consequences of his actions and the impact his actions have obviously had on the deceased's family and those closest to him.'

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Michael Taylor will provide members with a £10 return to the Irvine event, at the Scottish Maritime Museum wharf, in his Seatours rib on Sunday May 1.

If there are not enough takers from the sailing club Mr Taylor will offer seats to others nearer the day.

The trip will leave Campbeltown at 8.30am arriving back at about 2.30pm subject to weather conditions.

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Permanent ferry's arrival 'a great reward for the Kintyre community'

'If you have not tried the Campbeltown to Ardrossan ferry give it a go this season'

CAMPAIGNERS who fought to ensure the Campbeltown-Ardrossan route became permanent will soon see the first ferry draw into the loch.

The season's first ship arrives on Thursday April 28, with runs to Ardrossan available on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday until September 25.

After a three-year trial, a community-led campaign helped secure the permanent status of the route between Kintyre and Ayrshire.

Councillor John Armour said: 'As the MV Isle of Arran set sail from Campbeltown for

potentially the last time last September, the captain sounded the horn which was greeted with a spontaneous round of applause from many well-wishers gathered.

'That day really helped fire up the Campbeltown ferry subgroup to push the case for the retention of the service.

Figures

'The group met with the transport minister to put forward the case for keeping the ferry, backed up with strong carriage figures showing that over 30,000 people had used the service.'

Transport Scotland commissioned independent research to



The MV Isle of Arran in Campbeltown Loch last year. 20_c40ferry09

evaluate the success of the route. The report highlighted the large economic impact from the introduction of the route, in particular the people visiting Campbeltown and Kintyre who may not have done so without the ferry.

John added: 'The return is fantastic news

and a great reward for the whole community for its input into the keep the ferry campaign.'

With the announcement only being made in November CalMac has continued with the existing timetable.

Many timetable issues were raised during the

campaign and the Ferry Group say they will be working with Transport Scotland and CalMac to try and have these resolved for 2017.

A spokesman for the group said: 'If you have not tried the Campbeltown to Ardrossan ferry, try giving it a go this season.'

Council picks new chief executive

ARGYLL and Bute Council has promoted from within to fill the soon-to-be vacant chief executive post.

Cleland Sneddon, currently executive director of community services, has been appointed to the position, taking effect on May 9.

Councillor Dick Walsh, Leader of the Council said: 'Cleland brings a wealth of experience and insight that will serve Argyll and Bute well.'

'In him we have a chief executive who understands the challenges, priorities and opportunities of our council and our area, and whose broad experience of local government and commitment to Argyll and Bute ensures focus on, and action for, the prosperous future the area deserves.'

Cleland said: 'I have been proud to serve Argyll and Bute Council and am privileged now to take up the sought-after role of chief executive.'

'Argyll and Bute is an amazing part of Scotland with outstanding potential. The council has a significant part to play in supporting and providing for our communities and in delivering future prosperity by turning economic opportunities into economic growth.'

'Our staff are very much the key to our success; we have a loyal, committed and enterprising workforce and I am looking forward to working with them.'

Cleland joined the Council in May 2010. He will replace current chief executive, Sally Loudon, when she leaves to take up the same role at COSLA.

Public consultation on proposed one-way system

A PLAN which may include a Campbeltown one-way system has sparked a public consultation.

Argyll and Bute Council has given the public until Friday May 13 to comment on its plans for parking and traffic

management in the Wee Toon.

These include the following: Esplanade:

- Proposed echelon parking on the seaward side opposite the Aqualibrium.

Longrow:

- Maintain the current

two-way flow of traffic but with parking on one side only or

- One-way system, direction of travel permitted northwards between Main Street and Aqualibrium Avenue or

- One way system, direction of travel permitted northwards between Main Street and Burnbank Street.

Burnside car park:

- To remain a car park and to relocate the entrance of the car park to access via Burnside Street and remove the large planters to improve car parking area and create a possible event space.

Jim Smith, the council's head of roads and amenity services, said: 'This consultation is a key stage in our parking review process. It is the views of local people who park their cars in our towns that matter.'

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

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Booming fitness market lifts Aqualibrium gym to new heights

by MARK DAVEY

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LEISURE managers hope Aqualibrium's future users will feast on fitness, not food, as the former bistro is re-worked as a gym.

On Thursday and Friday of last week staff members, James McMillian and Antonia Baird, assisted by Fitness co-ordinator Emma Morran and senior duty officer Greig Flaws held public information sessions about the plans.

Areas to be revamped include: the former bistro, which closed in 2013, its kitchen and part of the swimming viewing gallery.

Soar

About 900 workouts a month are taken in the gym but it is hoped that figure will soar.

In addition to revitalising unused areas of the

building the plan will move fitness machinery from Victoria Hall and classes which currently operate there will be re-located.

An Argyll and Bute statement said: 'In order to keep up with market demand there is a need for a bespoke group fitness studio.

'It has become apparent that due to changing local circumstances, there is no longer the demand for the bistro area café, and it is important Aqualibrium develops an innovative solution to utilise this space.

'The space lends itself well to house the gym equipment and will also offer the user good views of the pool and Kinloch park while exercising.'

In addition it is hoped

to have a greater emphasis on group fitness including over 60s classes and GP referrals.

Under the present arrangements when a non-gym member wants to book a class such as zumba, which is run in Victoria Hall they have to pay at Aqualibrium, sometimes the day before, because payments are not taken directly at classes.

Highlighted

The document further detailed the move and highlighted that Victoria Hall does not have showers.

The council hopes that by relocating the gym it may also boost use of the swimming pool and because everything is in one place increase gym usage.

The statement says that Aqualibrium membership stands at 420 but that the proposed project should lift member-

ship and pay as you go income. As well as adding air conditioning to the former kitchen and bistro the floor will be upgraded to meet cur-

rent industry standards for both gym and group fitness areas.

The work to upgrade the gym is due to start on May 3.



Fitness co-ordinator Emma Morran and senior duty officer Greig Flaws at the consultation.

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Pub fight leads to assault conviction

A JURY found a Campbeltown man guilty under provocation for an assault in a bar after he claimed he had acted in self-defence.

Peter Angus McKinlay Anderson, aged 49, of 3 Castlehill Court, Campbeltown, plead not guilty to a charge of permanently disfiguring William Smith and severely injuring him during an assault with a glass, on May 16 last year, at the Kilbrannan Pub in Longrow. Following the assault Smith needed 29 external and four internal stitches.

Earlier, in the two-day trial, the jury had been shown closed-circuit television footage of the incident which took place, in a very 'restricted timescale' of a matter of moments in the bar.

The court was told the fight happened after Smith head-butted Anderson and grabbed him round the neck. Anderson claimed that he re-

acted without thinking and hit Smith with the glass from which he was drinking.

During his summing up, the procurator fiscal told the court: 'We saw the number of strikes and the ferocity of the final strike as Smith was crouched in front of him.'

In mitigation Anderson's defence solicitor said: 'My client pleads not guilty because he was acting in self defence.'

He added that it was not an insignificant scuffle and at what point should Anderson have reacted and taken the assault seriously.

'The whole thing happened in the blink of an eye, it was over in seconds,' he said, 'My submission is that the violence used by Anderson was necessary.'

Speaking to the jury, before they considered their decision, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC re-

iterated the three principles of self-defence, that Anderson was being attacked, force was his last resort and that he should have only used necessary force and not a 'cruel excess'.

Sheriff Anderson said that the third point was the most important in this case. She added that if the jury did find Anderson guilty it could be under provocation if they believed he had been provoked.

Sheriff Anderson adjourned sentence until June 2 for a social work report to be prepared.

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Restoration project will secure jobs

Budding author pens her way through Radio 2 competition

AN ASPIRING young writer has been picked ahead of more than 100,000 other UK entries to reach the next round of BBC Radio 2's 500 word competition.

Eleven-year-old Emma Matthew, a P7 pupil at Drumlem-



Emma with her BBC Radio 2 certificate. 04_c17emmamathew01

ble, who lives in Machrihanish, submitted her entry *A Few Red Bricks* after gentle encouragement from her parents.

Her entry in the competition, championed by star presenter Chris Evans, has since been selected from 123,400 UK entries which have been narrowed down to 4,500 to go through to the next round. They will then be cut down to a top 50.

Her story is an emotive look at a personified brick wall that encloses a lion and their growing relationship. The lion is eventually put down to the great dismay of the wall, and the reader.

Emma said: 'At school we were talking about personification, and I really like lions so I thought I would write about that.'

'We have been to Blair Drummond and Edinburgh Zoo, so I used that as help.'

'I love writing and reading, especially adventure and comedy books. My favourite author is Jacqueline Wilson and I would really like to be an author.'

Emma's proud mum Jill said:

'We are absolutely delighted, maybe even more excited than she is.'

'She is always writing stories, and this one is really special. She has the bug and the talent and has had quite a few people in tears, including her teacher and her granny.'

'To have made it into the top three-and-a-half per cent is an amazing achievement already. She is very happy to have made it through this far.'

Her teacher at Drumlemble, Mrs Catherine Black, said: 'Emma loves writing stories, when other kids are heading out to play at break she is still finishing off her writing.'

'I did cry when I read the piece, it is beautiful. She is a very confident, expressive writer who enjoys it and wants to challenge herself.'

'It is fantastic she has got through to the next round, and she has a great chance of getting through again with this story.'

Emma will find out in May if she has made it through to the top 50.

ROTTEN brickwork has been removed from a Longrow South block.

It is all part of a Campbeltown repair project securing about 20 jobs as three business premises are saved from dilapidation.

The £350,000 restoration, which includes safeguarding six flats and making premises available for a new business, is the first of Argyll and Bute Council's new conservation area regeneration schemes.

Workers erected scaffolding at 10-20 Longrow South last week and began removing large amounts of brick and masonry.

Pippa Milne, the council's executive director of development and infrastructure, said: 'This is exactly what this council is all about – breathing new life into town centres, creating jobs, making town centres more attractive and vibrant places and boosting the economy.'

'As a result of this investment a number of new businesses have opened and existing

businesses have been secured. This is the first in another phase which will see over £2million being invested in the town centre, protecting around 70 jobs.'

'We are working with owners of priority buildings to develop their projects and a small grant scheme will be launched in the summer.'

Sweeney McGeachy, chairman of the local owners association, said: 'We are delighted to see this project getting under way.'

Major issues

'One of the major issues with our historic buildings in Campbeltown is the lack of any recognised factoring.'

'With the help of the council we have created an owners' association which meets on a regular basis to discuss and arrange maintenance and repairs.'

'All owners contribute monthly payments to our joint bank account to help fund repair and maintenance.'

'The council has helped us develop this

project and provided some much-needed financial support. It can be quite intimidating for private individuals to navigate the process of setting up a big project like this, from procuring an architect to getting planning approval.'

'We will be committing to a tenement management agreement which will make sure that, once the building is renovated, it is properly maintained.'

The external repairs include total re-roofing, repairs to lead work, stonework and rainwater goods and the replacement of the failing rear deck that led to the closure of the G10 Bistrot in 2014.

As well as securing the future of the three existing businesses it will lead to the re-opening of the vacant units at No.10 and 12 and the new owners say that they will convert them into one large unit for use as a café.

The council will fund £280,000 of the project cost and the balance will be met by the owners.

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Kebabish win helps to put Oban on the map



Shaukat Anwar Chaudhry, far left, Hashmat Ali Chaudhry and Danyal Ali Chaudhry, with their award. It is the eighth award the George Street curry house has won. 16_t16kebabish01

KEBABISH Curry House in Oban has won its eighth award, this time winning the title of Healthy Curry Provider in Scotland by the Scottish Curry Awards, held at Marriott Hotel, Glasgow.

The team beat nine finalists from all over the country to win the honour. Shaukat Anwar Chaudhry, Kebabish

managing director, said: 'It is great to be a finalist from over 6000 nominations and then beating the other 9 finalists from all over Scotland to win the honour in front of over 500 guests. All the other finalists were from big cities and most of them didn't even know where Oban was.'

'I feel proud to represent Oban and I

am proud to be part of a team which is providing healthy food.'

'I could not do it without my team. Well done to them for providing hygienic and healthy food to the Oban community. I'd also like to thank the customers who have supported us throughout the year. They are the ones who nominated us for the award.'



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Four workers affected as SSE plans to sell Campbeltown store

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SSE, formerly known as Scottish and Southern Energy which owns Scottish Hydro Electric recently announced it will close all 37 of its shops across Scotland.

The firm will sell its empty properties after they close in May, including the Campbeltown shop which closes for trading on May 11.

One hundred and 19 staff positions are in doubt, four of which are in Campbeltown.

The group confirmed they are in discussion with the employees affected, but could not confirm whether any voluntary redundancies or redeployment options had been taken yet due to confidentiality.

A spokesperson for SSE said: 'We appreciate it is a concerning

time for our employees and our priority is to support them over the coming weeks and months. SSE operates a range of businesses throughout the UK, employing around 20,000 people, so we will be doing all we can to redeploy affected employees and avoid compulsory redundancies.'

SSE director of domestic retail Stephen Forbes revealed changing shopping habits and more consumer choice meant the shops had been running at a loss for several years. 'We know some of these shops have been on local high streets for a long time so we did not take this decision lightly, but footfall and sales have reduced considerably and there is, unfortunately, no realistic prospect of that long-term trend reversing.'



The SSE shop on Campbeltown's Burnside Square. 25_c17hydroshop01

Young musician's dedication rewarded

by BEN RAMAGE

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A TALENTED trumpeter who has played instruments since the age of six was picked to perform alongside the best young talent in the country.

Erin McLellan, 13, played her way through a nerve-wracking audition in Glasgow last year to qualify for the junior section of the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland.

Her reward was a five-day residential Easter course at Strathallan private school in Perth starting on March 30, that culminated in a performance at the Royal Conservatoire in Glasgow on April 3.

She was just one of two who qualified from Argyll and Bute, and one of four trumpeters

for the whole of Scotland.

Her proud mother Julie said: 'The whole family went to the concert, with gran and papa along as well, and we were all so proud.'

Incredible

'We have never seen anything like it, all the players were under 14 but the level was incredible. We were so proud of her, she played a lot of principal parts and was brilliant as always.'

'I was nervous for her but I try not to let her know that. She does not look nervous at all when she plays.'

Head teacher of Campbeltown Grammar School, Miss Catriona Hood, allowed Erin time off from school to attend which was greatly ap-

preciated by her family.

Erin said: 'It was a wee bit nerve-wracking but I really enjoyed it. I prefer playing the trumpet than the cornet because there are more possibilities musically.'

'I want to work in an orchestra and travel around the world.'

Erin, who has been West of Scotland Junior champion three years in a row, also travels to attend the Junior Royal Conservatoire for Scotland every Saturday.

Her dad, Charles, said: 'She has been hand-picked for the orchestra, this is like one of the young guys being chosen to represent the Scotland football team at youth level. It is incredible.'

'Neither of us are musical, so I do not know where she has got it from, but she deserves



Erin McLellan

the success for all the work she puts in.

'She gives up every Friday night and Saturday to travel through to Glasgow and keep improving, which is not easy for a young girl.'

Erin's musical studies are supported by the Hedley Gordon Wright Charitable Trust. She is the grand-daughter of Calum and Roselyn MacLean and the late Ian and Blondie McLellan.

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Permanent seasonal ferry starts next Thursday

ONCE regular steamer services brought tourists flooding into Campbeltown.

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The Campbeltown Ferry Subgroup fought long and hard to make sure the trial was recognised as a success and have been rewarded by a permanent service.

The first CalMac boat arrives at the quay next Thursday and campaigners are urging anyone who has not tried the service to give it a go.

Competitive fire drills

A QUARTER of a century ago firefighters battled it out on Lady Mary Row for the Hazelburn Plaque.

This week's From our Files, on page 20, tells how Campbeltown won the annual fire drill competition. In those days there were two local teams as the RAF had firefighters on the base at Machrihanish and teams visited from across Scotland to try their luck.

With the reinstatement of a permanent seasonal ferry perhaps now is the time to revive this event.

Pupils pick up their game

SATURDAY'S Campbeltown Pupils' match was a joy to watch when two young players showed promise.

The team have had a torrid league season, only winning two and drawing two games. The wettest winter on record when Kintyre received 42 inches of rain compared to the usual 28 has wreaked havoc on the fixture list.

It was not a walkover and Pupils had to battle for the goals. In previous matches an incident like the disputed penalty has been enough to put them off their stride but last week it just poured petrol on the flames and ignited the fightback.

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Sir,
I would like the proposed Wrasse Factory at Machrihanish to go ahead for several reasons.

We badly need some industry in the area to create jobs and encourage people, especially young folks with families, to stay or move here. It would be great to put Kintyre on the map with such a new and enterprising idea.

I do understand that it will change the start of the Gauldrons walk but I believe that is a small price to pay for the benefits it will bring to the area.

We have had coal mining, a railway terminus and the Fessenden tower at Machrihanish in the past, we now have wind farms and a thriving farming industry, these commercial operations must have affected the beauty and isolation

of the area and yet it is still a special place.

It would be negligent of us to write off the proposal simply on the grounds that it might spoil a small part of our countryside, the bigger picture should be considered.

Linda Peacock,
South Trodical Cottage.

Make today's Earth Day your Action Earth day

Sir,
Scotland's people cherish their local green spaces and are always looking to improve these environments.

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Robert Henderson,
Volunteering Matters.

Do not stop at the Rest build a new road to Campbeltown

Sir,
I would certainly welcome the investment in the Rest which you are sponsoring.

But that is not enough, why not invest in a new road from Tarbet to Campbeltown, to stimulate growth in the main industry of tourism and encourage young people to stay and develop industries in Argyll.

There have been millions spent clearing the mud from the road of the A83 so that, by the end of this century, we may have rebuilt the A83 several times over.

Many times I have heard politicians say 'yes something needs to be done about the A83' but never do we hear that this is a major issue in their manifestos.

The A83 is more and more used by larger and larger vehicles pounding this road only to leave it the worse for wear.

The very nature of the environment should be obvious to the planners, the road is not fit for purpose, the weath-

er will get worse and the Rest will stand a greater chance of landslides. This will impact on other parts of the A83. So what does the government say? Only that it will spend their infrastructure money between Glasgow and Edinburgh and a bridge over the Forth.

It is about time we heard our politicians support and fight for Argyll to get a better deal.

How many times have we heard that Scotland has special needs due to the spread of the population but now we have austerity, don't we?

Derrick Anstee,
Inveraray

Beating bowel cancer

Sir,
During Bowel Cancer Awareness Month this April I would like to urge families of cancer patients to seek the practical and emotional support they need.

Ten years ago my mum was very ill. She told me it was glandular fever, but she was actually dying of bowel cancer.

She was trying to protect me but it meant she ended up fighting the disease alone. I was left feeling extremely alone too.

If you have any queries or concerns about bowel cancer, there's lots of information and support on Beating Bowel Cancer's website www.beatingbowelcancer.org or you can call their Nurse Helpline on 020 8973 0011.

Sean Fletcher,
TV presenter,
Ambassador,
Beating Bowel Cancer

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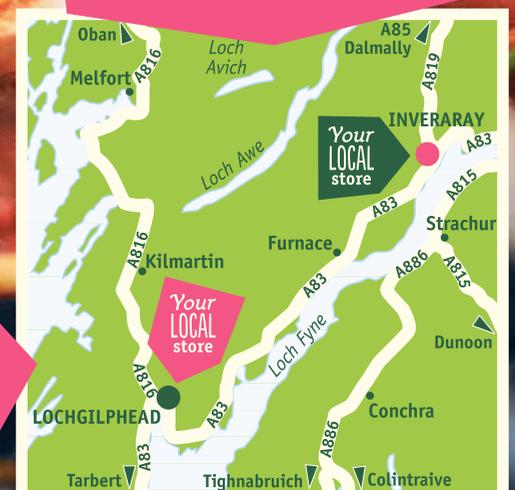
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Sand sparkles at Westport Beach



Ross McGregor said it was the best turnout ever. 25_c17beach03

WESTPORT Beach was given a spring clean as part of the nationwide Surfers Against Sewage event.

More than 25 volunteers, including children, lifted at least 40 bags of plastic waste during the two-hour event last Saturday. The surfers' West of Scotland organiser Ross McGregor said: 'Today's sunny weather has really helped and we have our best turnout.'

'The amount of plastic collected is the worst I have seen the beach.'

'Less than one per cent of the waste in the sea ends up on a beach and the average piece of plastic takes more than 450 years to biodegrade.'

'The tiny bits are called mermaid's tears and are eaten by sea creatures, birds and fish, eventually ending up in the human food chain.'

'Today Parley for the Oceans provided us with the huge bag for plastics which will go for recycling.'



Steven Wood junior, Jimmy Anderson and Euan McLean (not in photo) used their SSE volunteering day to work at the beach clean.

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Youngsters Annie Watson, aged 8, Katelyn Davis, 10, and Lizzie Watson, five, collected plastics. 25_c17beach02

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From left: Laura Mcallister, Audrey Willan, Gabriella Kohler and Susan Gilchrist. 04_c17bankofscotland01

Bank tellers swap calculators for oven gloves

WORKERS at the Campbeltown Bank of Scotland branch traded cakes instead of cash this week.

On Monday, the staff sold a selection of home-baked treats to raise money for the bank's registered charity Children in Need.

Audrey Willan, branch manager for 15 years, said: 'We all pitched in to make the cakes and will run the stand until the cakes run out.'

'We are always willing to volunteer at local events.'

'We helped out at the MOKRUN and last year we raffled off a Christmas hamper for the Christmas lights fund.'

'If anyone needs help with volunteers please do not hesitate to come in and speak to us.'

Chance to buy fashion show tickets at supermarket

TICKETS for Kintyre Foodbank's eagerly anticipated fashion show are selling like hot cakes.

Shoppers will have a chance to buy when the charity sets up in Co-op's entrance on Friday April 29.

Kintyre Foodbank's Squirrel Cross said: 'We have now acquired a unit on the Mull of Kintyre industrial estate, at the old Jaeger factory, which will allow us to provide wheelchair access as well as more comfortable surroundings for our users.'

The show, takes place on May 14 in Victoria Hall at 6.30pm and will be run by Colours, which specialises in fashion fundraising shows featuring professional models. A pop-up shop afterwards will offer the chance to buy items at a 50% or more reduction.

Interactive show from secret rendezvous

THE PRECISE venue for a Carradale outdoor theatre performance on the first weekend in May is a closely guarded secret.

Cowal-based Tenterhooks is bringing its interactive play *Call Of Nature*, aimed at five- to eight-year-olds and their grown-ups, to the village for two days.

It offers children and their parents or carers an opportunity to engage with the environment and nurture their own family play.

The play, funded by Awards for All and developed in association with Platform, Glasgow, has been devised by performers Suzie Ferguson, Diane Thornton and Fergus Dunnet in collaboration with actor and author Pauline Lynch.

Call of Nature is free to attend but spaces are limited so interested

families should get in touch as soon as possible.

They will be given a short task to complete before Tenterhooks reveals the top secret meeting point for each performance.

During the past five years, Tenterhooks performers have been involved with The Mudskippers outdoor adventure group in Cowal and have developed ideas from working with those fami-

lies. A parent previously said: 'Your stories and theatre are fantastic because it gives my son another way to engage with the environment.'

'It is not just about me telling him facts. It is about his imagination and it gives him a way to connect with the outdoors that will never leave him.'

The Mudskippers is funded by Big Lottery and Argyll and Bute Council.

Audience members are

on the move throughout the performance. People who may require special assistance should talk to Tenterhooks when booking. The company also has some water-proofs and midgie repellent spray if needed.

To book tickets, families should contact 07399 514977 or email callofnature2016@gmail.com. Performance times are Saturday May 7 at 1.30pm and 3.30pm and Sunday May 8 at 11am and 1pm.

Old objects tell a story

MEMBERS of a Campbeltown society will spin stories from objects of interest.

Following the Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural History Society's annual general meeting next Wednesday, April 27, at 7.30pm in the Ardshiel

Hotel, a bring and tell session will be presented instead of a speaker.

Society members and the public have been asked to take an object of interest along and to outline its history and significance. This could be an artefact, a docu-

ment, a family heirloom, a photograph - anything with a story.

Several such evenings have been held in the past and met with success and the society hopes that the response this time will match previous events.

Commemorative WW1 play coming to Campbeltown

A PLAY exploring west coast village life during the Great War will bring back the drama of the era.

The Argyll and Bute Council commissioned show, called *Home Fires, Broken Sons* has been produced by Taynuilt-based theatre company Three Wee Crows Theatre to commemorate the centenary of the First World War.

Conflict

The new work brings the towns and villages of Scotland's west coast

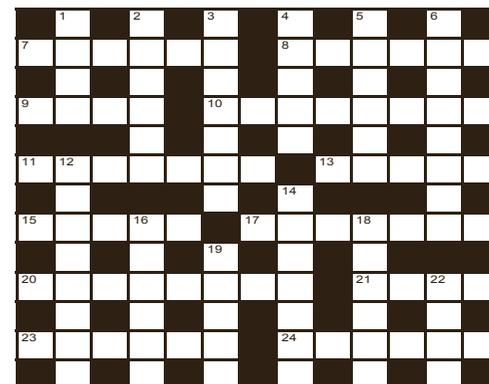
during the conflict back to life through theatre, music, dance and poetry.

The production tells tales drawn from real events and highlights the contrast between life on the home and battle fronts.

The play will take place in Kirk Street Hall, Campbeltown, tomorrow (Saturday April 23) at 7.30pm.

Admission is free but booking is recommended. Tickets are available from Campbeltown Library. Call 01586 555435.

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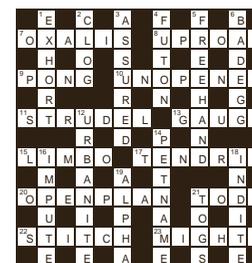
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Last week's solution



GLENBARR

See 'behind closed doors' at Glenbarr Abbey

PARTS of Glenbarr Abbey not normally open to the public are all part of a family fun day next month.

The half-hour tours, which start at 11am on Sunday May 1, will highlight works that need to be undertaken and how this will be of importance to the Abbey's future as a tourist attraction.

There will be children's activities from 11am including face-painting and green woodworking, a barbecue provided by Ifferdale Farm with refreshments in the Laundry House and live music from Ronnie Hek, a folk singer from

Norham in the Scottish Borders, and a choir.

The Cadenheads Whisky Shop will provide a whisky tasting from 1-2pm, with the day drawing to a close with the grand prize draw at 2pm.

Tickets will be available on the day but are still available at Glenbarr and Southend Village Stores, the Courier Centre and The Whisky Shop in Longrow, Campbeltown.

A spokesperson said: 'The Trustees are very grateful to all who have supported the Abbey and hope they will continue to do so.

'Local businesses have been so generous

in supporting the prize draw and the Trustees are very grateful to all who donated prizes, and to everyone who has sold tickets for the Draw since last November.

'In the next few years there will be a long and protracted process of grant applications for building and restoration works, museum upgrading and the formation of a visitor attraction that will be fun for adults, children and disabled folk alike.'

The trustees request that visitors on the day do not park on the Glenbarr road between the main road and the Abbey, or in the village.

CARRADALE



Couple's last cuppas at tearoom

AFTER pouring teas, cutting cake and serving light lunches for a year at Carradale's Network Tearoom Carol and Kevin Jones have relinquished the reins. They are pictured outside the venue, popular with visitors and residents, on their penultimate day.

Carradale beach clean

VILLAGERS and visitors who care about the environment should head for the Bay Car park tomorrow (Saturday) at 10am for Carradale's annual beach clean.

Once the beach is ship-shape the organisers, East Kintyre Community Council supported by the Grab Trust, plans to spruce up the roadside from The Glen to the village hall.

Gloves, bags and pickers will be provided and organisers say there is a chance for a blether later with tea and coffee provided.

Windfarm cash up for grabs

PROJECTS seeking capital or revenue funding could get some wind in their sails with a grant from the East Kintyre Community Council (EKCC) Windfarm Trust.

Applications are currently sought for the trust's first disbursement this year. Groups, halls, charities and churches within EKCC bordered by Grogport in the north and Peninver in the South may apply.

For further information call Eleanor Sloan on 01583 431524 or email midsummer.bracken@tiscalico.uk

SOUTHEND

Zentangle doodle drawings entertain SWI

DESIGNING doodle cards using the Zentangle technique tested SWI artists in Southend.

The group's president, Kathleen Martin welcomed members at April's meeting held in St Blaas's Hall.

The group discussed the Feder-

ation Show to be held in Victoria Hall on April 30, before Mrs Martin introduced speaker Barbour Bell, who talked about Zentangle. Everyone Zentangled the evening away, with their cards and added a backing colour to finish off the masterpieces.

Vice President, Mairi McBrayne proposed the vote of thanks to Barbour Bell, raffles were drawn and tea served. The results of the hot cross bun competition were: Marion Warnock gold, Fiona Rowland and Kathleen Martin silver and Alison Eynon red.

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Young farmers competition opens for beef enthusiasts

AN ALL-EXPENSES paid trip to France next spring lies in wait for the winner of a competition aimed at young farmers with a predilection for beef. The Cogent Futures Programme, which has previously provided young cattle enthusiasts with the chance of winning opportunities and prizes in the dairy breeding industry, has been expanded into the beef sector.

The programme will offer two finalists the chance to work with Cogent's beef genetics team to develop their understanding of genetics and the beef industry in general. After spending time within the company, the two finalists will be given a topic and asked to prepare a presentation from which the ultimate Cogent Futures winner will be selected.

The winner's prize will be an all-expenses paid, escorted trip to France next spring, taking in the Paris Show.

Sammie Wilson, Cogent's beef genetics and product analyst, said: 'The finalists in the programme are expected to gain a deep understanding of how beef cattle are selected for different sectors of, and different purposes within, the beef industry, and any young person who is successful in this competition puts him or

herself at a distinct advantage for their future employment prospects.'

Applicants must be aged between 16 and 26 on January 1 2016, can download their application form from the Cogent website at www.cogentuk.com.

The closing date for applications is May 27.



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Driver carries best friend's ashes the rest of the 'Way'

by **BEN RAMAGE**

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A BUS driver whose best friend died of cancer has carried out his final wish in Kintyre.

Brian Burns passed away before he and primary school pal John Ramage could complete the Kintyre Way together, having walked much of the route when it opened in 2006.

On his death bed, John told Brian he would carry him the rest of the way, the section they never completed from Campbeltown to Southend and around to Machrihanish, and has just carried his ashes the final leg of the journey.

John said: 'We walked and fell in love with the Kintyre Way when it opened in 2006 and trekked the route twice when it initially finished in Machrihanish from Campbeltown.

'We were preparing to come and walk

the newer part of the route in May, down to Southend and around the Mull, but unfortunately Brian passed away in February.

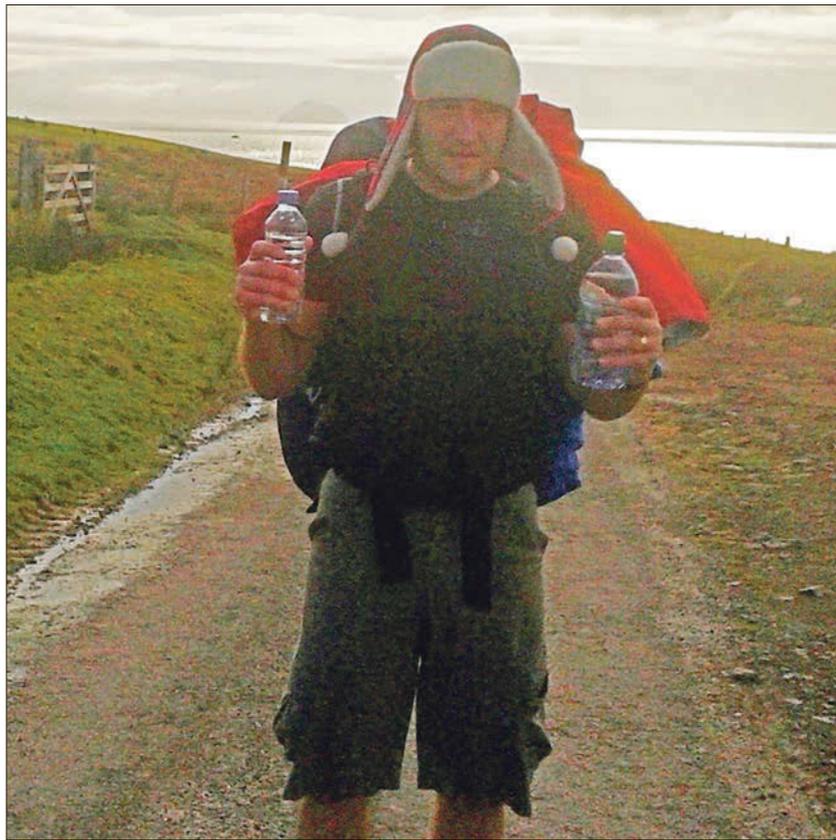
'Brian and I were best friends for 47 years.

'We were like brothers and I promised him before he went that I would carry him around, that we would get there.'

John, 53, a First Bus driver from Drumchapel, Glasgow, set off from Tarbert on Monday April 4 and completed the 'Way' on Thursday April 7 having been joined by his wife in Campbeltown for the final leg of the journey.

They laid Brian's ashes to rest at his favourite bench at Machrihanish overlooking Westport Beach.

John said: 'We saw sea lions there the last time and, even though we did not see any when we



John Ramage on the Kintyre Way.

laid down his ashes, it was a beautifully sunny morning.

'His sister and nephew came up and she thought

it was so beautiful. Now the family has a meaningful place to come and remember him.

'I will be coming back in February next year and for a lot of anniversaries because he will be sadly missed.'

Health board to tackle loneliness

NHS HIGHLAND has asked its board members to support its campaign to tackle loneliness in Kintyre.

A report presented to the board explained there is growing research suggesting social isolation and loneliness are significant issues affecting people's health.

The research also suggests more people die from loneliness than from being overweight or not exercising.

The report stated: 'The services provided by NHS Highland have the potential to reduce loneliness, even if this is not its primary aim.'

'As the biggest employer in Highland, we touch many people and, therefore, inside and outside of work can make a difference to combat loneliness.'

Loneliness will be explored in the 2016 annual report by NHS Highland's director of public health.

Baby S on Hig

'It was unique

by **MARK DAVEY**

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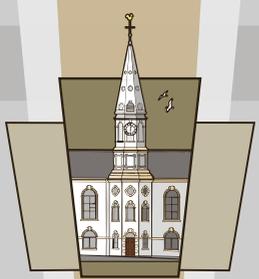
A FIRST time Campbeltown mum and her newborn baby took a starring role in the latest series of BBC Alba's Highland Midwives.

Susanna Fee, 23, and her husband Daniel, 27, of Witchburn Road, gave Highland Health Board's midwifery team in Campbeltown permission to film Saul's birth.

Mrs Fee said: 'When they first asked me when I was seven months pregnant I thought this is a cool opportunity but it is not for me. But they told me it would be a small camera and I started to come round to the idea.

'It was unique, overwhelming and unforgettable.

'The completed film wasn't too graphic.'



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aniel has not watched programme, however because he wants to remember the birth how as.

midwife Helen Fairbairn said: 'The BBC came and interviewed Susanna. The bit is tricky is finding someone who will allow filming at the moment of

'We did not want to see a man doing the filming so they gave us a camera. There are always two midwives at a birth and my colleague Mel Cook did all the filming which was then edited by the BBC.

My ex-colleagues in cities who have watched the series say it forces what happens in a remote place and portrayed the experience really well.'

The birth was one of 16 in Campbeltown last year.

Ms Fairbairn said: 'There is really strict criteria for mums to be choosing not to go to Paisley because we do not have the back-up there is in a big hospital.'

Pool birth

Mrs Fee has a strong stance on the use of drugs and was determined to have as natural a birth as possible as well as opting for a pool birth, one of seven in Campbeltown from all the births last year.

Mrs Fee told *The Courier*: 'I was born in Campbeltown and did not like the thought of travelling to Glasgow.'

'We wanted to take the hypnobirthing route which is all about relaxation and enjoying the experience and takes giving birth back

to what it is all about. It is not about going into a trance though.

'It gave Daniel a role and a good understanding of what to expect. There were five classes, led by midwife Becky Scott, who follows the Marie Mongan method, about six months into my pregnancy.

'We arrived at the hospital at about midnight. I was really ready to push, but in the check-up room was quite uncomfortable.

'As soon as I got into the water I was relaxed and Saul came out a few hours later.

Tastefully

'I have watched the episode at least eight times and it has reinforced my desire to use hypnobirthing again.'

Ms Fairbairn spoke about Susanna's ideal fit for hypnobirthing and said: 'Susanna had no drugs or gas and air and

was ideal because she is a total purist. You have to have faith in hypnobirthing because you cannot just shout for an epidural.'

Ms Fairbairn added: 'Hypnobirthing is a specific course.

'I have sat in on Becky's classes and it is remarkable.

'Anyone who has gone through the hypnobirthing classes and has gone into the pool just gets into their zone.

'I had seen Susanna the whole of the way through.

'There was no way I was not going to be there for the filming and the end result is very tastefully done.'

Saul's birth was just the start for Susanna.

Both her and Daniel come from big families and say they hope to have six children.



Daniel, Susanna and Saul Fee at home. 25_c15maternity01

Mum's midwifery inspired a life delivering babies

'We look after women's antenatal care from conception right the way through'

A CAMPBELTOWN midwife says her mum's life in midwifery was part of her own inspiration.

Helen Fairbairn has worked with Highland Health Board's midwifery team in Campbeltown for three-and-a-half years of her two-decade long career delivering babies.

Ms Fairbairn said: 'I was brought up in Campbeltown and then moved away when I trained as a midwife.

'I was born in Glasgow as the practice then was that mums were put up to the city weeks before their time.'

There are lots of differences between the facilities in big city hospitals and Ms Fairbairn has experienced both sides.

She spoke about the inflatable birthing pool in Campbeltown.

It is filled via hoses attached to taps and the temperature is checked with a thermometer.

It is heated up just before delivery to ensure the water temperature matches the mum's when the baby is born.

Ms Fairbairn said: 'In Edinburgh you literally clap your hands and the water fills the pool to just the right amount and at the right temperature.'

Scanning is another area where Campbeltown is slightly behind the big city hospitals. The unit has a maternity scanner but no staff qualified to operate it, so one of the midwives, Becky Scott, is away for a year's training. Once she is qualified, she will cover Campbeltown and Mid Argyll.

Ms Fairbairn added: 'Sometimes people end up delivering in Campbeltown because we cannot get

them up the road quickly enough. In the case of a neo-natal emergency, we work exactly as required.

'Sometimes we watch weather forecasts avidly.'

Life with Campbeltown's midwifery team is not just about delivering babies. Following the set up of the NHS and improvements in technology and drugs, there was a shift towards other medical professionals but in recent years midwives have regained their role.

Ms Fairbairn said: 'We look after women's antenatal care from conception right the way through. It might be someone who has just found out she is pregnant, to a new mum just home with her baby.

'The consultant, based in Paisley, comes once or twice a month. Blood results have to be checked and filed, the phone is busy and general practitioners pass on anything which is related to pregnancy.'

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Helen Fairbairn beside Campbeltown's birthing pool.

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16/00943/PP	Variation of condition 12 relative to planning permission 14/02829/PP (Erection of two wind turbines (maximum blade tip height of 135 metres) together with associated hardstandings, access tracks and other related infrastructure) - Retention of temporary hardstandings for forestry purposes.	Land 1.5km North of Blackmill Loch Adjacent to Consented A'Chruach Windfarm West of Minard	Mid Argyll Area Office
16/00942/PP	Variation of condition 12 relative to planning permission 11/02520/PP (Windfarm comprising 21 turbines (126.5 metres high to blade tip) erection of 2 meteorological masts, substation, control building, construction compounds, access works and ancillary development (amended proposal) - Retention of temporary hardstandings for forestry purposes	Land at A'Chruach Kilmelford Forest West of Minard Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
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Buy-to-let investors storm housing market

- Estate agents report an increase in the number of buy-to-let investors trying to push sales through before April stamp duty deadline
- Influx triggers a boost in demand, which was at a 12-year high in February
- Sales to first time buyers consequently drop by five per cent



In February, more than eight in ten (85 per cent) estate agents reported an increase in the number of buy-to-let (BTL) investors flooding the market to beat the stamp duty changes on second homes, according to the National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA) February Housing Market report.

The Chancellor's announcement around stamp duty for additional homes, made in last year's Autumn Statement, meant in January

and February this year, 72 per cent and 85 per cent of agents respectively, saw an increase in interest from those hoping to buy second homes.

Supply and demand With added pressure from BTL investors on the market, demand for housing was the highest level for 12 years in February.

There were an average 463 house hunters registered per member branch - the highest since August 2004 when 582 were regis-

tered per branch. This followed an increase in January when estate agents reported 453 per branch, the highest since July 2015.

The number of properties available per branch increased marginally from 33 in January to 35 in February, as the number of sales agreed per branch in February increased too. There were an average nine sales completed in February, back to the level seen in October 2015 and a rise from

eight sales agreed per branch in January. First time buyers A quarter (24 per cent) of total sales made in February were to first time buyers (FTBs), a decrease of five percentage points from January, as mounting pressure from investors increased competition.

Mark Hayward, managing director, National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA), commented: 'It is evident from February's report findings that we've seen

a real sense of urgency from landlords trying to complete on sales ahead of the stamp duty reforms which come into force next week. However, the mounting pressure and increased demand for housing has meant first time buyers have had to compete with landlords for property and, as a result, they have lost out.

'We would like to say that come April things will look better for first time buyers. Schemes like

the Help to Buy ISA, Help-to-Buy scheme and the new Lifetime ISA all sound great on paper and there's no doubt that some young people will definitely benefit from them.

'The crux of the problem though is that there is still a huge issue with supply and until we build more homes, and crucially the right sort of homes, we cannot fool ourselves into thinking we are doing enough to help people buy their own home.'

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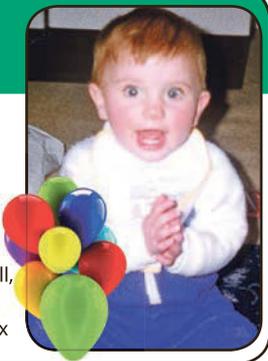
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE SCENERY from the edge of the high rocks at Skipness is beautiful.

The Ayrshire coast stretched out before us and the mist curled over the Arran peaks.

We were enjoying a lovely meal with friends and the conversation flowed across many topics.

There was much to talk about and stories to share.

One particular story stood out for me. It was a story about roses.

Our friend told the story of his first visit home after his mother had died.

His mother had grown the most beautiful roses and the rose-bed was her pride and joy.

Going into the garden and seeing the weeds almost as high as the roses, her son thought in despair: 'Just look at the roses'.

His father followed behind him and before his son could say anything, his father said, bursting with pride: 'Just look at these roses!'

The son had seen the weeds and the father had seen the roses.

How often in life we miss the beauty around us when we fail to look for it.

There are people in this world who are eternal optimists and who see the best in everything and everyone.

There are people who live in some of the worst conditions in the world, yet can find something beautiful to lift their spirits.

There are people who face the most difficult situations and yet still find a blessing.

A wise person once said: 'The beautiful remains so even in ugly surroundings.'

The roses had lost none of their beauty, even though they were surrounded by weeds.

In Argyll we are fortunate as we do not have to search for beauty - it engulfs us.

Sometimes though, when life is hard, we cannot see anything but weeds.

That is when we need to remember the roses are there too.

We just need to look for them.

From our files:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

April 26 1991

Fire drill winners

FOR THE seventh time in 12 years, Campbeltown won the fire drill competition against four visiting fire teams in Lady Mary Row on Saturday afternoon.

The home team won the one-man, two-man and three-man hydrant drills, Dunoon won the four-man hydrant drill and Kirriemuir (Angus) won the pump drill.

RAF Machrihanish and Glasgow Airport fire teams were unplaced.

Campbeltown retained the Hazelburn Plaque, which they won in 1980, the first year of the competition, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1988 and 1990.

Runners-up were Kirriemuir and Dunoon in third place.

The full Campbeltown team comprised station officer

John Armour, captain, and firemen Barry King, John Lamont, Robert McGeachy, Robert Scally, Ronnie Souden and John Wareham.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

April 28 1966

Councils in joint talks on steamer services

REPRESENTATIVES of local authorities in Kintyre, Bute and Ayrshire met in Irvine to discuss proposals to put to the Caledonian Steam Packet Company for the future pattern of steamer services in the southern half of the Clyde.

The meeting was initiated by Campbeltown Town Council, which invited representatives from Ayr County Council and Arran District Council to discuss a plan of action which might be adopted if the *Duchess of Hamilton* - now nearing the end of its lifetime

- is withdrawn from service. One proposal certain to have been discussed at great length was that of a car ferry linking Kintyre and Arran with the Ayrshire coast. All four authorities have given time and thought to this in the past.

The talks were suggested by Campbeltown Town Council as far back as December of last year when Bailie Archibald McCallum reported on a meeting attended by the Town Clerk and himself at which the Caledonian Steam Packet Company announced its steamer timetable for the coming season.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

April 22 1916

Bonnie Prince Charlie - a popular operetta

TO THE many musical successes under his baton,

Mr J M Brown added another with the splendid performance of the operetta *Bonnie Prince Charlie* which was given in the Victoria Hall last Thursday evening by pupils of Campbeltown Grammar School.

The kinderspiels of the past, under Mr Brown's direction, are all a happy memory and it was with feelings of the most pleasant anticipation that the public hailed the announcement of the latest production.

The popularity of these entertainments was strikingly shown by the great audience which crowded the hall in every part last night.

And it may at once be said all expectations were fully realised and satisfied in the outcome of the concert.

Proceeds from the night were for a patriotic cause in aid of various work parties for soldiers and sailors.



Fyne Home tenants tackle Easter egg hunt

YOUNGSTERS uncovered nearly 50 chocolate treats at an Easter egg hunt in Campbeltown Community Orchard and Garden.

The event, on Friday last week, was organised

Easter egg hunter Caleb was pleased with his finds. 25_c17caleb17

by Fyne Homes housing administration officer Areasha Whitelaw in a bid to encourage more tenant participation in housing association events.

Later the same day, there was a coffee morning at Lorne and Lowland Church hall with energy experts on hand to give out tips.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'The Lord ... gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak' (Isaiah 40:29).

BIRTHS



MCNAIR

Robert and Stefanie are delighted to announce the birth of their lovely son, Calum Peter, at Wishaw General Hospital, on March 22, 2016. First grandchild for Ann-Marie and Frank, Cambuslang, and third grandson for John and Norma, High Smerby.

DEATHS

ALLAN - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 12, 2016, Annie Allan, in her 98th year, 4 Castlehill Mansions, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Roy Allan, much loved mother of Judith McAllister, loving grandmother of Joanne, David and Campbell and a much loved great grandmother of Morbheinn, Iona and Heather. Funeral private.

CAMPBELL - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on April 17, 2016, Margaret (Maggie) Campbell, née MacGregor, in her 69th year, of 24 Highbank Park Lochgilphead, and formerly of Dunrostan Farm, Achnamara, beloved wife of the late Archie, much loved mum of Sandy and Neil, much respected mother-in-law of Eilidh and Judy, loving gran of Mhairi and Niamh and a dear sister to Heather. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium, on Thursday, April 21, 2016. A memorial service will take place at Inverlussa Parish Church, today Friday, April 22 at 11.30am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to Inverlussa Parish Church Funds.

GROGAN - Suddenly at home, 29b Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, on April 17, 2016 Thomas Andrew Bruce Grogan (Andy), in his 73rd year, dearly beloved husband and best friend of Kathleen Muir, much loved father of Andrew, Richard, Lynsey and Craig, loving granda of Kelly, Greg, Rhona, Freya and Carys, great granda of Aaron and a much loved brother and uncle.

MCGEACHY - At the Campbeltown Hospital, after a long illness, on April 12, 2016, Margaret Park, in her 79th year, 36b Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Tommy McGeachy, much loved mum of Kathleen, David, Jeanette and Morag and a loving and much loved granny and great granny.

MCMILLAN - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 18, 2016, May Walker Watterson, in her 93rd year, Dolsach, Low Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Major Duncan McPhee McMillan MM TD, much loved mother of James, William and Fiona and a loving and much loved grandmother. Service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, April 23, 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 Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital.

SALMON - After a short illness, at Edmonton, Canada, on April 14, 2016, Sarah Margaret Battan, aged 60 years, dearly loved wife of David Salmon, much loved mother of Fraser, Julie and Stuart, loving mother-in-law and granny. Sarah was the daughter of Reg and Jean Battan, Chiskan Farm, Southend and much loved sister of Jiff, Stuart and Phil. Treasured by all the Salmon family in the UK.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

MCARTHUR - The family and friends of the late James (Jim) McArthur would like to thank

everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the community nurses, GPs and Carr Gomm for all the kind care and attention that was given to Jim. Also special thanks to Reverend William Crossan for a comforting and personal service, to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for professional services and to the Argyll Hotel for their catering. Lastly, thank you to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. A retiral collection of £202.76 was gifted to the SSPCA.

IN MEMORIAM

MCKINVEN - Remembering with gratitude and much love, our parents, Dan McKinven, died October 8, 1990 and Beth McKinven, died April 16, 2015.

- Mhairead and Sharman.

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God saw you getting tired, a cure was not to be,

He wrapped you in his loving arms and whispered come to me,

You suffered much in silence, your spirit did not bend,

You faced your pain with courage until the very end.

Love you always, you were one in a million.

- Carolin, Michael, Jacqui, Laura, Gillian, Stefan, Finlay, Rene and Flora.

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11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE
Mr Malcolm Dougall
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
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SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 24 April 2016
11.00am Family Communion Service
Mr Tony Leighton Carradale
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 24th April
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Vision for Mission - Training in Silent Meditation 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

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
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

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Meeting to be held on Friday 29th April at 7.30pm
in Springbank Evangelical Church, Campbeltown. Guest speaker: Mr William Harrison from Newton Stewart
Tea/coffee served after the meeting
Everyone most welcome.

Highland Parish Church

SC002493
Sunday 24 April 2016
The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan at 11.15am in the Church
The Sunday Club will restart after the Easter break

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 24th April
Service 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Next Generation
Rev P Wallace
Session Meeting 10.45am
Tuesday 26th April
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Thursday 28th April
Choir 7.30pm
Friday 29th April
Lunch Club
12.00 noon New Hall

THE SALVATION ARMY
Campbeltown Corps
Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046

Saturday 23rd April
10.00am - 12.00 noon
Coffee Morning
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz
6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League
Wednesday
7.00 pm Make and Munch Craft Group
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
All welcome

free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 24th April
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
Wednesday 27th April
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm Water of Life Café
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

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LOCHGILPHEAD
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Pupils under-14s dramatically clinch debut cup win after penalty shoot-out

Westerton 2
Campbeltown Pupils 2
DFDL U-14 League Cup - 1st Round

Pupils won 4-3 on penalties

THE YOUNG Pupils travelled to Bearsden for their first-ever cup game and won after an epic penalty shootout at the end of a pulsating cup tie.

The visitors had most of the possession in the first-half and created a few half chances but failed to convert them.

Yellow

Midway through the first-half Souden brought down a Westerton forward when he was clean through on goal and escaped with just a yellow card.

From the free kick the Westerton midfielder struck a great shot into

the top corner to give them a lead they held to half-time.

With all four subs on, the Pupils dominated the second-half and missed numerous chances, and had a goal disallowed for offside.

A long ball from Westerton fell kindly to their forward who lobbed it over McKellar to double the lead.

The Pupils were given a lifeline with nine minutes to go when a run from Agutu ended with him being fouled in the box for a penalty, which Souden despatched into the bottom corner.

More chances were

missed until in the last minute a corner from Brown was headed home by Souden to level the scores.

Shortly after the whistle the game went straight to penalties, with Westerton winning the toss and electing to go first.

Levelled

They scored their first before Souden coolly levelled. Goalkeeper McKellar then saved one to his right, before Brown and MacBrayne scored either side of the opposition.

A McCallum missed for the Pupils to leave it 3 - 3 with one penalty left each.

McKellar saved again to leave MacIndeor to step up and slot home, sparking wild celebrations from the Pupils' team.



Oban Saints goalkeeper Ryan MacDonald makes a good save to deny the eager Pupils' attack.

Young Pupils lose out to Oban Saints

THE YOUNG Pupils' side were unable to take their winning form into Monday's derby match against Oban Saints as they went down 2-0 after another exciting game.

Brilliant effort

The home side had some great chances with Gemmill going close with a brilliant effort and McKillop's header looping over the bar, before Souden made a great run from the back,

Campbeltown Pupils 0
Oban Saints 2
DFDL Under 14 League

beating everyone before the keeper saved his effort.

With five minutes to go till half-time, Oban took the lead when a free kick was initially saved by the Pupils' keeper and Oban's Cameron Clark reacted first to knock the ball home.

The second-half was similarly close with both teams having chances.

Spurned

McKellar pulled off a great save for the home team when Oban's MacKay was played clean through, while Agutu, MacIndeor and Gemmill all spurned

chances for the home team.

Deflected

With 10 minutes to go the ball was cleared to the edge of the Pupils' box, and a deflected shot from Gavin Forgive looped in to seal the points for Saints when a draw might have been a fairer result.

The young Pupils' next game is at home on the AWP on Sunday against Kilpatrick, kick-off at 1.30pm.



Pupils from Campbeltown Grammar School taking part in a cardio tennis session last year.

Lawn tennis club plans a smashing open day

CAMPBELTOWN Lawn Tennis Club is all set to serve up an open afternoon this Sunday.

The event, open to all, of any age, with free entry, starts at 1pm and runs

until 4pm at the club which is on the junction of St John and Kirk Street.

Racquets and balls will be provided free so the only requirement is a pair of trainers and the desire to have a go.

Active Schools offer badminton coaching

ACTIVE Schools are partnering up with Badminton Scotland to give a Basics Coaching Course in Campbeltown.

To get involved with badminton, either at youth or adult level, please get in touch with Lindsay Ramsay, 07917073424, or Sharon Gillies-McCallum, 07917073391, no later than Friday May 6.

Brown battles strong winds to win spring meeting

ABUS DRIVER steered his way through treacherous winds to Dunaverty Golf Club's spring meeting title.

The club's traditional first event of the season, sponsored by new captain Alex Arkell, attracted a good turnout of members despite the very strong, cold winds.

Ross Sinclair set the target with a nett 63, closely followed by Hamish Taylor on 65.

Outshine

Local driver John Brown played superbly in the conditions to outshine the field by producing his best game yet, returning an excellent nett 62 to take the captain's handicap prize.

Helped by several birdies Ross Sin-

clair won the captain's scratch prize with a 68.

At the evening presentation captain Alex Arkell thanked participating members, and greenkeepers David Scullion and Willy MacMillan for having the course in great condition.

Results: 1: John

Brown, 76-14-62. 2: Ross Sinclair, 68-5-63. 3: Hamish Taylor 78-13-65. 4: Ken MacMillan 80-14-66. 5: Donald Taylor, 73-6-67(bih). 6: Alex Roxburgh, 85-18-67.

Scratch: Ross Sinclair 68. 2: George MacMillan 71. 3: Donald Taylor 73.



John Brown receiving his prizes from Captain Alex Arkell.

McAlpine takes early lead at Tarbert

MALCOLM McAlpine dealt the best with a tricky wet course to take the lead in the Fyne Tankard competition.

The contest, sponsored by Prentice Seafood, began last Sat-

urday at Glenralloch. Malcolm currently holds a three-shot lead over Archie Black, with James Ronald and Eddie White a further shot behind.

The second round is scheduled to take

place tomorrow (April 23). Tarbert Golf Club is also preparing for a family fun open day and barbecue on Saturday April 30 to encourage non-golfers to come and have a try.

Coaching sessions for

all age groups will be available on the day.

Leading scores: 1: Malcolm McAlpine 75 -12 = 63. 2: Archie Black 75-9 = 66. 3: James Ronald 91-24 = 67 and Eddie White 78 - 11 = 67.

Swimming teachers learn all the right strokes

BUDDING swimming teachers made a splash when an Edinburgh tutor examined their performance.

Debra Taylor ran a five-day course from Monday to Friday to help eight Kintyre learners gain the UK Coaching Certificate for swimming teaching.

The course costs £300 but is supported by a

£100 bursary from Sport Scotland.

Argyll and Bute council swimming coordinator Rhona McSparran said: 'Most of these teachers will be helping to run Argyll and Bute's learn to swim programme on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays.'

'There are also pre-school classes on

Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon and adults' and children's classes.

'A couple of the teachers training this week are previous swimming class members.'

Abigail and Emma being taught by Chloe Gillies.

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Roselyn wins Machrihanish lottery

ROSELYN McLean managed to pick the winning numbers of Machrihanish Golf Club's weekly lottery to scoop a jackpot of £500.

Roselyn correctly guessed the numbers of 7, 16 and 20 which were drawn on April 18.

The jackpot will revert to £100 for next week's draw on April 25.

There were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three-number lottery drawn on Sunday April 17.

The winning numbers were 9, 11 and 13.

The next draw will take place on Sunday May 1 with a jackpot of £400.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Muneroy Stores and Burnside Bar.

Campbeltown anglers hook Lochgilphead's best bag



Campbeltown and Lochgilphead anglers.

CAMPBELTOWN Angling Club travelled to the Cairnbaan Lochs for the first leg of its inter-club competition with Lochgilphead.

Lochgilphead had the advantage numbers wise with nine anglers to Campbeltown's seven, meaning one Lochgilphead angler's catch would count towards Campbeltown's total.

The name Archie McGilp senior was drawn from the hat at the end of the competi-

tion, which was lucky for Campbeltown as he had caught Lochgilphead's best bag with nine trout at 5lbs 11oz.

Return leg

Instead of being 8lbs 2oz ahead Lochgilphead found themselves 3lbs 4oz behind. This gives Campbeltown a lead before the return leg at Lussa Loch.

Campbeltown's best bag, after Archie McGilp, was James McPhee with two brown trout at 1lb 13oz.

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Pupils' survival hopes kept alive with win over Finnart

Campbeltown Pupils

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Finnart

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SAFL Premier Division

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils turned in a superb performance to record their first home league win of the season to boost their survival chances.

On a sunny afternoon with a biting north wind, Pupils played some of their best passing football and left Finnart struggling.

Although Campbeltown had possession for much of the game, Finnart created some good chances which kept Pupils' goalie Craig Lamont on his toes.

During a first half

which Pupils dominated, mainly through the skills of Ryan Gilchrist who was unfortunate not to score on a number of occasions, there was anger when a controversial decision allowed Finnart to open the scoring from the penalty spot.

First goal

The home side immediately renewed their efforts and were rewarded when Ryan McConnachie, playing his second game for the team, equalised with his first goal, fired home from close range.

A Pupils' spokesman said: 'McConnachie proved his worth. He is mobile, good on the ball and has height, which is really useful.'

Waiting on the sidelines was John McCallum. He came on early in the second half and immediately made his presence felt with some great crosses into the box.

About 20 minutes in he was rewarded when the Finnart goalie jumped for the ball but fumbled it allowing McCallum to fire into the net.

There were some interesting set pieces in this half, one of which could have given Pupils another goal. Just after McCallum scored, there was a goal-line scramble. Finnart's goalie punched the ball onto the bar and on the rebound, Gary Grumoli seemed to have a sitter, but scuffed it and missed.

Moments later a McCallum cross fell to Ryan Deans, but his shot trickled just wide. That was just the appetiser. After a Finnart free kick deep in the Pupils' half, the ball went out to Deans who scored with a beautiful chip into the



Celebrations after Ryan Deans' goal. 25_c17pupils03

top right corner. The ball seemed to float in mid-air before landing in the back of the net.

In the closing minutes, a Finnart player, close to the spectators, was fooled by a wolf whistle from the crowd and picked the ball up to a barrage of abuse from his own side as the free-kick was awarded.

Next week Pupils have another home game against second in the league East Kilbride.



Ryan Deans, number seven, curls a shot into the net. 25_c17pupils02



Ryan McConnachie's strike for the first goal. 25_c17pupils07



John McCallum seconds before scoring. 25_c17pupils04



A Ryan Gilchrist shot is saved. 25_c17pupils08

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