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Hotel job losses as last pint poured

'I very much regret the closure and would like to thank all the loyal customers'

by MARK DAVEY
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AN ICONIC Campbeltown hotel closed its doors on Monday night with the loss of 12 jobs.

The White Hart in Castlehill has been managed for the past six years by tenant David Eaton.

On Monday evening the hotel's bar on Barochan Place was packed with regulars from 4pm to 7pm as Mr Eaton sold all drinks for a pound.

Mr Eaton, who has run a town creamery business for 30 years, took the lease in 2009 from Oxford Inns, a country-wide owner of licensed premises.

He described investing

substantial sums in the property to improve it internally, including creating a new bar.

Mr Eaton said: 'I very much regret the closure and would like to thank all the loyal customers.'

'I would also like to recommend my staff as being one of the best assets of this business.'

'I have invested considerably in the fabric of the building including roofing, rewiring and installing a new bar.'

'There are a number of factors behind the downturn I have experienced including a reduction in room revenue.'

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The White Hart. 06_c18hart02

Goats may have been 'sheep deterrent'

MACHRIHANISH Bird Observatory warden Eddie Maguire has a theory on how the village's feral goats, featured in last week's Courier, were first introduced to southwest Kintyre.

Mr Maguire said: 'According to the late Col MacNeill of the Lossit Estates, the goats were introduced more than a century ago by the estates south of Machrihanish.'

'The sheep farmers thought that as the goats would forage on the cliffs, that would hopefully deter the sheep from trying to do the same, as they were prone to falling off.'

Noisy parties warning

TWO tenants were warned about noise levels by police after complaints of them hosting noisy parties, firstly at a flat in High Street, Campbeltown last Friday evening, and then at a flat in Campbeltown town centre, in the early hours of Sunday morning.

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Autism project to help up to 200 families in Argyll

'It could be rolled out to other areas in Scotland'

AN ARGYLL autism project promoted by a Campbeltown woman is pioneering a rural support scheme which is the first of its kind in Scotland.

The five-year programme 'Get Set 4 Autism' provides post diagnostic support for up to 200 families funded by a £548,622 lottery grant awarded last year.

It has just launched across Argyll and Bute with the money helping to fund two part-time specialist posts.

The programme, in partnership with Autism Argyll, is designed for families with children up to the age of 18 who are on the autism spectrum. It aims to reduce the feelings of isolation which can be experienced in rural areas.

Campbeltown's Ali-

son Leask, chairwoman of Autism Argyll, said: 'We know about the sense of isolation which exists locally amongst many families who have children with autism.'

'Contact with both professionals and other families who are experiencing similar challenges can be rare and, as a result, many currently feel like they are left to cope alone.'

Promote

The programme will promote a greater understanding of autism, improve communication between parents and professionals and ultimately equip parents with the information and practical skills to support their child better.

Autism advisors will work with families to enable them to under-



Get Set 4 Autism launch from left: Alison Leask, chairwoman Autism Argyll, Mary Hamilton, autism support team manager, Scottish Autism, Emma Queen, funding development officer, Scottish Autism, Joyce Munro, autism advisor, Get Set 4 Autism, Charlene Tait, director of development, Scottish Autism, Maureen Mackintosh, autism advisor, Get Set 4 Autism.

stand the diagnosis, and equip them with knowledge and practical skills.

Charlene Tait, director of development at Scottish Autism, said: 'We are excited to be deliver-

ing this model and hope that if it's successful in providing post diagnostic support, it could be rolled out to other areas in Scotland.'

Further support will

come in the form of an online parent and carer support programme called Right Click, as well as resources from Autism Argyll and other local bodies.

White Hart Hotel closes its doors

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The hotel has 19 letting bedrooms but since 2009 a number of other hotels have opened which has expanded the choice of rooms available in the town.

In the past there have been some concerns that cheap accommodation at Machrihanish Airbase, which was bought by a community company, could affect bed and breakfasts, guesthouses and hotels in the town.

Claire McFadzean, marketing officer at the airbase, said that the accommodation there was very basic, self-catering and did not compare with that offered in a hotel.

Miss McFadzean said: 'We always suggest businesses in Campbeltown when we get requests about accommodation.'

'Our rooms would only be used as overflow when there are events or occasionally leased to large groups.'

The White Hart, which opened in 1850 and had its corner tower add-

ed in 1897, is on sale with Edinburgh agents Cornerstone, priced at £350,000 for the freehold.

Cornerstone agent Barrie McNeil said that the first week it was listed, two months ago, a buyer from Argyll approached them and looked close to a deal but nothing had been finalised.

Mr McNeil said: 'The business continues to be on the market and we are open to any options.'

'We are looking to sell the freehold for Oxford Inns but would also consider a tenant prepared to take a lease.'



Kelsey Brown pours one of her final drinks at the White Hart.

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Wee Toon ferry links Islay to Ireland

A CAMPBELTOWN bus operator will run a ferry from the Irish mainland to a Scottish island for the first time this century.

Colin Craig, the managing director of coach firm West Coast Motors, hopes his new passenger ferry linking Ballycastle in County Antrim with Port Ellen on Islay will boost tourism.

Mr Craig is also the boss of Kintyre Express which runs a seven-day passenger service between Campbeltown and Ballycastle. That

service enters its fifth season today.

From the beginning of June he plans to add a leg from Ballycastle to Islay on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Distillery tour

The regular 7.30am boat will leave Campbeltown for Ballycastle and at 9.30am it will head to Islay. Currently the trip is being marketed as an all-inclusive distillery tour including lunch at Ardbeg, leaving Islay at 3pm.

The return from Bal-

lycastle is scheduled to leave at 4.30pm giving people about four hours on Islay.

Mr Craig said that the ultimate aim is to develop Islay as a day trip destination from Northern Ireland to accelerate growth on the Kintyre Express.

The Kintyre Express 90-minute route survives solely on fares and is unsubsidised.

The service was launched in 2011, nearly 12 years after the former car ferry to Ballycastle, which was summer only,

had last run in 1999.

As reported in the Campbeltown Courier in March there have been numerous calls for that ferry to be reinstated.

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell said: 'I am very supportive of a vehicle ferry between Ballycastle and Campbeltown.'

'The traffic likely to flow on the route is very limited at present as hauliers prefer the shorter Larne to Cairnryan service.'

Restart

Thursday also sees the restart of Caledonian MacBrayne's three-day-a-week vehicle ferry service from Ardrossan in Ayrshire to Campbeltown.

Last year this service saw the numbers using the service increase three times compared to 2013.

On a Saturday only the Campbeltown service stops at Brodick on the Isle of Arran.



The Caledonian MacBrayne ferry which runs to Ardrossan.

Planners put blocks on turbine bids

TWO controversial wind turbine applications in West Kintyre have both been refused by regional planners.

Turbine developer Burcote Wind hoped to build 18 125-metre high turbines at Creggan, north east of Glenbarr, but that application was recommended for refusal by Argyll and Bute Council last Wednesday.

A report by the council's planning, protective services and licensing committee drew on several factors for rejection, such as an adverse impact on nearby heritage sites, damaging visual impact and potential harm to wildlife.

Fraser Campbell, Burcote Wind's operations manager, said: 'While we remain positive about the benefits Creggan could offer the community, we are obviously disappointed the council have maintained their objection, despite significant improvements on the original scheme.'

'We look forward to



There will be no turbines yet at Creggan and Blary Hill, like those pictured here at Tangy, after both applications were refused by Argyll and Bute Council.

the opportunity to look more closely at the proposal and the decision which will be taken at the forthcoming public inquiry.'

While council planners received 165 letters supporting the Creggan project to 146 against,

the report noted that 'a significant number of those in support wrote in a standard letter template, as opposed to individually prepared submissions', and that for Kintyre submissions alone, the objectors outweighed supporters 83

to 51. One of the objectors, a Glenbarr resident who did not want named, said: 'The villagers just want to be left alone to get on with their lives.'

'Beautiful countryside could have been altered forever, not to mention

the village itself, with roads being reshaped and heavy traffic supplying Creggan causing huge disruption in the village.'

'This refusal justifies the general feeling in Glenbarr - these turbines were not wanted.'

Meanwhile, a second application to build 14 110-metre high turbines at Blary Hill, by wind farm developer RES, was also refused by council planners.

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'In this case the council is the determining authority, so any appeal would be lodged through the Scottish government's directorate for planning and environmental appeals.'

A spokeswoman for RES said: 'We are extremely disappointed at the refusal of RES's application for Blary Hill Wind Farm.'

'This development would result in significant positive environmental and local economic benefits for Argyll, including the generation of enough sustainable, clean and green power to supply 12,000 homes.'

'It would also mean an injection of more than £4million into the local economy and also provide £3.5 million in community benefit funding.'

'We will review this decision and consider our next steps for Blary Hill Wind Farm.'

'As soon as we have established plans for this site, we will advise local representatives and the community.'

Albert Roberts, another Glenbarr resident, was delighted with the decision, and felt RES was operating against the tide of public opinion in the village.

He said: 'Representatives from RES were told at an early stage that most people in Glenbarr did not want the Blary Hill project to go ahead. Now that Blary Hill has been soundly rejected - not only because of its aesthetic impact, but due to the fact it could have impacted on the wellbeing of residents - I can only hope RES gets the message.'

Dialysis unit works to start

A TARBERT building firm will begin work on the new dialysis unit within Campbeltown Hospital on May 11.

Duncan Macgregor Joiners and Builders are expected to complete the alterations by July with patients able to start receiving dialysis shortly afterwards.

NHS Highland service planning manager Kristin Gillies said: 'I would like to put on record NHS Highland's thanks to the local community of Kintyre for all of their donations which have totalled £100,000. This is really tremendous.'

'In addition I would also like to thank Trans-

plant Life UK and the British Kidney Patient Association for their very generous donations as well.'

'This phase of the project is very exciting as we can all now see that there will soon be an end to the long journeys that dialysis patients have had to make to the Vale of Leven.'

Positive manner

The campaign group chairman Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'The group is delighted that it has a start date in sight and will continue to work with all partners in a positive and constructive manner.'

'Our fundraising ef-

orts will continue and we would like to thank everyone who has donated to our campaign.'

'The people of Kintyre are simply the best.'

As well as the works to alter the hospital building it is essential to have trained staff.

Four nurses are on the second stage of training at Vale of Leven hospital where they will meet and work with Kintyre patients prior to them being treated in Campbeltown.

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Lot of love shown for wedding fayre

EXPLORE Campbeltown raised a glass to a hugely successful - and glamorous - wedding fayre on Sunday.

Held in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown, more than 30 businesses were featured at the action-packed, three-hour event, with hair and make-up demonstrations taking place across the afternoon, as well as a catwalk show featuring a red carpet entrance.

Stall holders were praised by visitors and organisers for the quality of their displays, showcasing Kintyre's range of products and services.

Organisers Explore Campbeltown hoped the event would help Kintyre couples plan a perfect wedding.

An Explore Campbeltown spokeswoman said: 'Many stallholders received very positive feedback on the day, and although it was not so much a 'selling on the day' event, it was a great opportunity for business owners to network with people who may require their services in the future.'

'We had 276 visitors through the door which was really impressive and more than we could have hoped for.'

'We are still receiving some donations but we have definitely made more than £1,500 for our two charities which is amazing.'

'The day ran so smoothly and Explore Campbeltown would like to thank all our volunteers and businesses who helped to create brilliant and memorable event.'

'A special thanks must go to Kerry Dickson from Numero Dix, who approached us in January with the hope of organising a wedding fayre.'

'The aim was to showcase the wonderful products and services available in Kintyre to create a dream wedding, and we hope people feel this was achieved.'



The Explore Campbeltown Wedding Fayre proved a huge success, drawing almost 300 people to the event.

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Kintyre set to welcome ultra-keen runners

ALMOST 200 trail runners will push themselves through the pain barrier next weekend - when they take part in the Kintyre Way Ultra.

A record 185 runners from the UK and Europe will flock to Kintyre for the race on Saturday, May 9.

Anne Martin, Kintyre Way marketing officer, said: 'The Kintyre Way Ultra is steadily gaining in popularity and is now in its ninth year, attracting top trail-running athletes.'

'We look forward to welcoming UK entrants as well as those travelling from as far away as France and Holland to compete.'

Sponsored by renewables firm RES, the endurance test sees individual runners choose either the 67-mile route from Tarbert to Campbeltown or the 35-mile race from Tayinloan to Campbeltown.

Fifteen relay teams

have also signed up, with nine teams of six trudging 67 miles from Tarbert to Campbeltown, and seven teams of three taking on the 35-mile route.

Rob Reid, race organiser, said: 'We are seeing an increase in competitors every year, proving just how popular ultra running has be-

come. The Kintyre Way provides a great challenge due to its diverse terrain.'

'Runners are often accompanied by friends and family, ensuring the Kintyre Way Ultra brings people into the area.'

Ms Martin added: 'All races use the Kintyre Way long-distance

walking route, therefore it is no surprise the race is regarded as one of the most scenic trail runs around.'

The finish line is outside Aqualibrium in Kinloch Road, Campbeltown with refreshments and massages available for all the competitors nearby in The Hub.



One of last year's competitors, Andy Robinson, on his merry way to completing a 35-mile trail run. 20_c18way01

Battle for Argyll and Bute reaches its climax

IN SIX days' time Campbeltown will head to the polling station at Victoria hall to vote in the General election.

There are five candidates to choose from: Brendan O'Hara for the SNP aims to keep Scotland top of the agenda; Lib Dem Alan Reid promises to put Argyll and Bute first; Labour's Mary Galbraith hopes to transform the area's prospects; Conservative Alastair Redman says he is for safeguarding Argyll and Bute's economic progress and UKIP's Caroline Santos is campaigning to end rule from Brussels.

On Wednesday the Campbeltown Courier went out on the streets to gauge local opinion.



James Savory, 18, from Campbeltown said: 'I will be voting SNP. I do not fancy what any of the other parties are doing. Look at the state the country is in now. I would rather have a Scottish party in power.' 06_c18vox01



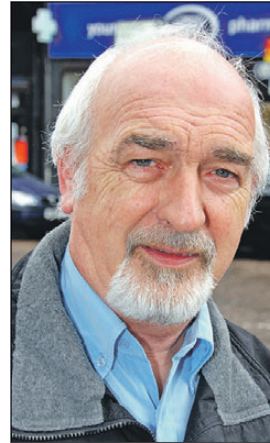
Morag Branson, 57, from Glenbarr said: 'I will be voting SNP. Before the referendum last year I did a lot of research. I do not see any of the other parties doing anything for us - especially after all the chances they have had.' 06_c18vox02



Elaine McChesney, 43, from Campbeltown said: 'I will be voting SNP because they are against Trident. I would have been happy to vote for the Trade Union and Socialist Coalition (TUSC) or Greens if those parties had fielded a candidate in Argyll and Bute.' 06_c18vox07



Neil McEachran, 75, from Campbeltown is a retired bricklayer. He said: 'I will not vote SNP. I have been a working man all my life and I will be voting Labour. I do not know what Labour's chances are in Argyll and Bute.' 06_c18vox04



Kenny Johnson, 66, from Campbeltown said: 'I am undecided. There is an awful lot of not very nice name calling in the campaign especially about Scotland leeching on Britain. UKIP is a big fear and coming out of Europe is another worry.' 06_c18vox05



Jim Irwin, 68, from Campbeltown said: 'I have voted SNP since the 1970s. Everyone on the ground here seems to be SNP. We do not see the opposition much. We are half-way to independence. Whether we still want Westminster or not the general election is still very relevant.' 06_c18vox06



Barbara Mansell, 61, moved to Campbeltown from Staffordshire in England 15 years ago. She said: 'I am going to vote SNP although I am English. I think, like a lot of people, I am fed up with the Westminster system even the Lib Dems are not going to change it. The SNP is a party that is broadly run by ordinary people not by an elite.' 06_c18vox03



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Kidney dialysis is just around the corner

UNPAID volunteers and fundraisers in Campbeltown's community are making a noticeable difference.

Work is about to start on alterations at the hospital to accommodate a dialysis unit with community donations totalling a tremendous £100,000.

This was a big campaign that drew support from all walks of life in Kintyre.

At last patients will be saved a tortuous thrice-weekly journey to Alexandria for treatment which should always have been available locally.

On social media one commentator says that people have talked about the need for Kintyre kidney dialysis for more than 30 years - it is hard to believe that it will finally be a reality.

Beautiful scenery unspoilt by litter

MORE selfless volunteers headed for Carradale Beach on Saturday and collected a staggering 90 bags of rubbish.

All the people who visit the beach and village this summer should see an unspoilt vista thanks to true community spirit.

Autism Argyll's primary goal becomes reality

WHEN Autism Argyll was founded in the year 2000 by a group of parents one of its visions was to provide post-diagnostic support to families.

This month that vision has gone from an idea to something concrete with the launch of a five-year project.

Once again it is the work of unpaid volunteers that has pushed this concept forward.

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Oil tax receipts exaggerated

Sir,
As the real price of a barrel of oil is exposed, the Scottish Conservatives have again slammed the SNP for their dishonesty over the issue.

The news comes after one of Saudi Arabia's top officials said that a barrel of oil is unlikely to hit the peaks that it once enjoyed last year.

Speaking at an energy conference in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia's OPEC governor Mohammed al-Madi said that hitting the \$100 to \$120-a-barrel mark again would be 'difficult'.

The price of oil has fallen sharply over the past year due to weakening demand.

The drop in value comes after the SNP quoted a fanciful oil price of \$113 a barrel during the referendum campaign.

The Scottish Conservatives have published a report highlighting the Scottish government's manipulation of oil forecasts.

The SNP predicted that a separate Scotland could be able to generate £10.7 billion in 2016/17 from oil tax receipts.

However, this was vastly exaggerated as the independent Office for Budget Responsibility has said the revenues could be as low as £600 million that year.

Only a vote for the Conservative and Unionist Party can protect Argyll and Bute from the SNP's disastrous fairytale economics.

Alastair Redman
Conservative and
Unionist candidate
Argyll and Bute.

SNP are over-centralising

Sir,
It was interesting to watch Nicola Sturgeon's behaviour during the recent leaders' debate. There she was threatening and bullying Ed Miliband.

If this was simply a personal mannerism it may be excusable but it is characteristic of her party.

The SNP government feels the need to be in total control and therefore is obsessed with centralisation and stripping powers away from local communities. Take for example the local closure of police control rooms, public counters and loss of local accountability.

The centralised police service is now in turmoil with low morale, shocking rates of stop-and-search and guns on the streets.

The fire service has also been stripped of local control with the closure of five control rooms.

In the health service, the Scottish Government has imposed a new rule on health boards limiting the amount they can spend on capital works at hospitals without the permission of central government.

This means the Scottish government has centralised decisions on major works at 179 hospitals, rather than the decision being taken more locally.

Just as worrying is the intimidation of local councils by the SNP government. To get access to revenue funding, the 32 councils have to agree the council tax level set by ministers in Edinburgh. It is increasingly difficult for

a council to be perceived as local, particularly when it comes to decision making.

On June 11 2013, the votes of five nationalist MSPs meeting in Edinburgh were enough to close 17 law courts across Scotland, even in the face of objections from local people.

Clearly the SNP has double standards. They angrily demand more powers for Scotland while robbing local Scottish communities of their rights and powers.

The best way to reverse this centralisation is to vote for Alan Reid, the candidate of the party which best defends local communities, the Scottish Liberal Democrats.

Finlay Craig
Cove

Redman fights for workers

Sir,
Since the long and strenuous independence referendum in September last year, politics in Scotland has changed forever, a nation divided in re-invented opinions and ideologies.

Ever since I have known my political leanings, what I am looking for in my future, how I see the world and would like it run, I have soaked up every possible outlet of information from leaflets, hustings, debates and more.

I believe there is just one clear candidate for Argyll and Bute, Alastair Redman, the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party candidate.

Mr Redman understands the working class people of this area.

My biggest issue with electoral candidates is that the

party or the MP with the stronghold does not have to fight to win, which I feel is completely wrong - but I fear it still may happen.

This all needs to change. Support for the Liberal Democrats has fallen sharply but the Labour Party's readiness to make a formal pact with the SNP heightens the feeling of disenfranchisement.

As a postmaster, he understands concerns over slow service and people not receiving what they ask for.

He has true conviction when he speaks, and understands what it means to own a small business, to be a father, a partner and a worker, and the hardships we all face in tough times.

Matthew Hall
Taynuilt

Country being sold short

Sir,
This country is being sold short by the Holyrood parliament, with services cut to the bone and the SNP blaming everyone but themselves.

We have now had five police control rooms, 17 local courts and 21 local enterprise companies closed across Scotland and the centralisation of these facilities does nothing for people's faith in their government.

In Argyll and Bute we have seen police offices transferred away from where they are required to centralised call centres. How does this affect the response time to an urgent call?

I am extremely surprised to discover this week that some armed police are still walking

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Continued from page 6 about in public places, which does not inspire confidence - it was supposed to have been abolished.

Most of us have to travel miles to hospital appointments and to visit patients, and while we were told it would all be better if we could govern ourselves, so far there is no evidence that things are improving. In fact it is the complete opposite.

If you cut local enterprise offices you stifle innovation and progress. We need open and fair representation not dogma-driven opinion.

In this election the only way for reasonable people to vote is for Alan Reid, who has proved himself to be an honest and fair-minded politician with 14 years' experience in government.

In the last parliament he voted against the bedroom tax, persuaded the government to cut fuel duty and secured millions of pounds for increased broadband cover.

**Margaret Horrell
Helensburgh**

End the misery - vote Labour

Sir,
The Conservatives and Liberal Democrats say that we should vote for them if we want to see off the SNP in Argyll and Bute.

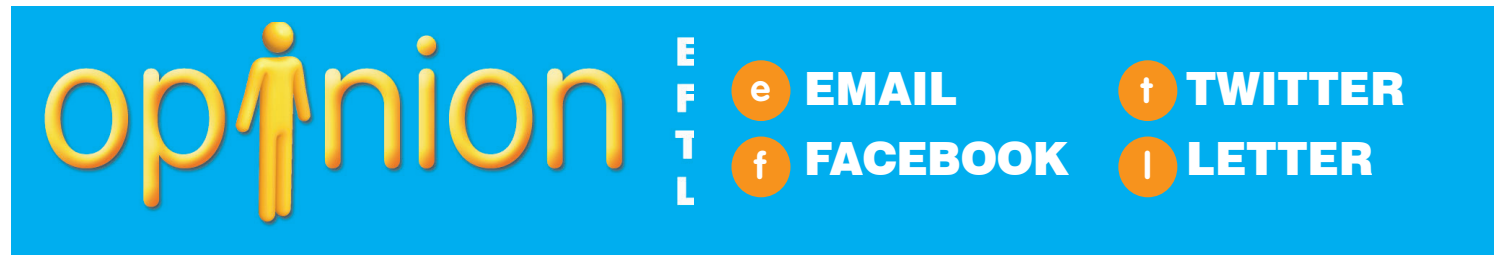
It is worth remembering that these are the parties that gave us bedroom tax and welfare cuts, causing untold misery to the most vulnerable in our communities here.

Many folk were left with the choice of feeding their families, heating their homes or going into serious debt.

This was further compounded by an SNP government which refused to alleviate this distress until it was embarrassed into doing so by Scottish Labour.

However, for the richest in the country, the Tories and LibDems gave them a nice wee tax break.

Currently the LibDems are unlikely to return even Danny Alexander or Charles Kennedy to their seats and the Tories are unlikely to get



any seats in Scotland, so there is no likelihood of them being able to challenge the SNP.

Only a vote for Scottish Labour can do that.

If you want continued unfairness and misery vote SNP, LibDem or Tory, but if you want Argyll and Bute to have a powerful voice for its people in Westminster then cast your vote for Mary Galbraith.

**Bob Chicken
Scottish Labour
Party Secretary
Mid Argyll, Kintyre
and Islay**

Rural fuel cuts needed

Sir,
It is deeply disappointing to note reports that the introduction of a discount on fuel in remote rural areas in this year's Budget has been shelved by the Treasury.

It is a disgrace that the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition has not even taken the first step in this process, which would be contacting the European Commission to seek a derogation for rural motorists, at a time when the country is crying out for action to bring down fuel costs.

To add insult to injury, figures reported this week show how the UK Treasury will collect an additional £2 billion in tax from North Sea oil revenues this year, on top of the £10 billion previously forecast.

Scotland's significant wealth from North Sea oil should be used to help its people and businesses rather than this black gold being used to fill the black hole in the Treasury coffers in London.

Alex Orr, Edinburgh

Sea life experience

Sir,
Conservation charity Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust is recruiting volunteers from across the UK to join our 2015 marine research expeditions, on-board our specialised yacht Silurian, previously used in the filming of the BBC's The Blue Planet.

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Such surveys have discovered that Hebridean waters are home to the UK's smallest known resident population of bottlenose dolphins, and only known resident

group of killer whales.

This research off western Scotland is an excellent opportunity to help secure the future of our whales, dolphins, porpoises and basking sharks. For details and costs, please contact us on 01688 302620, email info@hwtd.org or visit www.hwtd.org

**Morven Russell
Volunteer
coordinator
Hebridean Whale
and Dolphin
Trust**

Practical money help

Sir,
This year's Budget has prompted renewed debate, and disagreement, on the impact any economic recovery is having on real people.

Regardless of the politics, millions of people in the UK are genuinely struggling financially.

We hear daily accounts of families having to make choices that most of us would find incomprehensible just to make ends meet.

So, amid any discussion on whether the Budget is or is not going to help, it is doubly important that people who are affected by financial hardship know there is practical and immediate help available, for things like understanding benefits entitlements, or seeking a grant to deal with an unexpected and adverse event.

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Red Cross week starts Tuesday

CAMPBELTOWN'S Red Cross branch is holding a series of coffee mornings to mark the charity's nationwide appeal.

Next Tuesday, May 5 sees the start of five days of coffee, home baking, plants and bric-a-brac at the Red Cross

Hall in Kirk Street, Campbeltown between 10am-12pm.

The final coffee morning takes place on Saturday, May 9.

Anne Cousin, area organiser, said: 'Every year the Red Cross has a dedicated week of fundraising, but when disas-

ters strike such as last week's Nepal earthquake, additional fundraising is vital to continue to help people in the UK and abroad.

'There will be a collection point at the coffee morning each day and any donations will be greatly appreciated.'

Pancakes go down well at Salvation Army coffee morning

CAMPBELTOWN'S Salvation Army corps held its monthly coffee morning in the group's hall in Burnside Square.

A strong turnout arrived in the spring sun-

shine to enjoy hot drinks and freshly-made pancakes.

Delighted

James McKerral, a Salvation Army member, said: 'There was plen-

ty of interest which we were delighted to see.

'It is always great to see people come out and socialise with others they may not have seen for a while.'



Pictured at the coffee morning, from left, are Gillian Campbell, visiting from Renfrew, her children Freya, Lois and Curtis, their great-granny Carolin McLean, William Kelly and daughter Holly (and her dog Rob).

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Some of the volunteers who took part in the Carradale Beach Clean last Saturday.

Beach clean shows village spirit is alive

TWENTY volunteers rolled up their sleeves last Saturday for the annual Carradale Beach Clean.

Organised by East Kintyre Community Council and supported by the GRAB Trust, the group also cleared litter from the roadside between the Carradale Village Hall and The Glen restaurant

on the other side of the village. Ninety bags of litter were collected, which it is hoped will make a big difference to popular areas of the village.

Eleanor Sloan, East Kintyre Community Council secretary, said: 'Our thanks go to everyone who helped out.

'It is great to see community spirit alive and well in Carradale, with so many people prepared to give their time to help keep the area tidy.

'Our thanks also go to local constable Nic Harper for coming out on his day off to support the venture and maintain road safety.'

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Black comedy takes top spot

REPORT By MARK DAVEY
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THE curtain came down last Friday for the 67th year of the Argyll Drama Festival in Ardrish-aig.

Campbeltown's Accent players took top prize with the Dunoon Town Council trophy and their play 'That Old Black Magic' also won the John Brown Trophy for the highest mark in the comedy section.

Second placed overall and winners of the Oban Town Council trophy was Peninver Players with its 'Last Tango up the Crinan Canal'. The group also won the John MB Anderson cup for highest mark for acting.

Lochgilhead Drama Club's The Play Reading was third overall winning the MacKellar trophy and the Maisie Reekie prize for stage setting.

Tarbert Academy's Drama Club A team won the Oona Campbell trophy for dramatic production and the Youth

Achievement trophy.

Adjudicator Alasdair Hawthorn awarded certificates of merit to all the youth teams.

The festival ended with two contrasting plays; Tarbert Academy Drama Club's B team staged Harry Glass' drama set in the Warsaw Ghetto in 1942 and Peninver Players comedy, 'Last Tango up the Crinan Canal'.

During his adjudication Mr Hawthorn commended Tarbert's B team for tackling such a difficult subject.

Mr Hawthorn said: 'Sometimes the best way to get a message across is by people younger than ourselves telling us a story.'

'It is easy to forget 70 years on what happened and we need plays like that to remind us that it affected all generations.'

Mr Hawthorn praised the use of brown earthy colours in the staging which helped the play look that bit more re-

alistic. He reserved his highest praise for Peninver Players, which had performed a play with in a play.

Mr Hawthorn said that for many who had been involved in dramatic productions 'Last Tango up the Crinan Canal' was almost alarmingly too realistic.

Mr Hawthorn said: 'The four performers felt so comfortable in their roles that you could almost believe the play had been written specially for them.'

Praised

In his closing address, festival chairman Arthur Barclay praised all the producers and adjudicator.

He called on Mr Hawthorn to give his overall impression of the festival.

Mr Hawthorn said: 'Adjudicating has been a real pleasure over the last three nights.'

'The fundamental thing about these festivals is that they bring communities together.'

'The youth groups are so important, it needs the next generation to come in and get involved in the work.'

'Each night the festival has given you three pieces of contrasting drama. Where else would you get that for the money you are paying?'

'You certainly would not in theatres in Glasgow or Edinburgh.'

'Please get out there and fight to keep these festivals going because they are a pleasure to attend.'



Accent Players collecting the trophies are: Martha Rennie, Kenny Johnson and Maureen Johnson. 06_a18drama02



Lochgilhead Drama Club members collecting their trophies from left: Ruth Morrison, Jim Morrison and Kirstin Thompson. 06_a18drama03

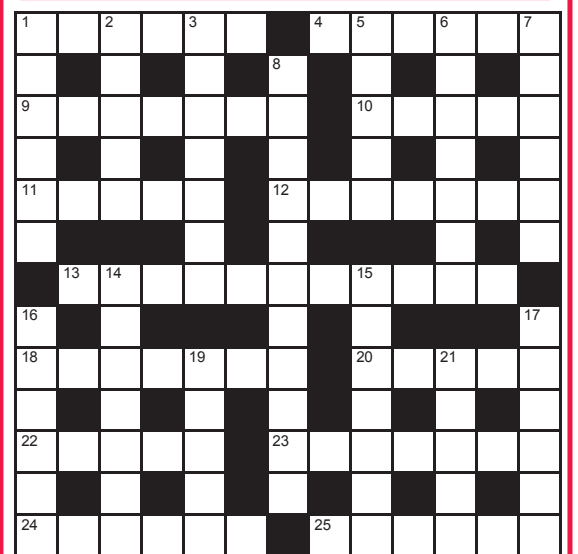


Tarbert Academy Drama Club players are from back left: Isaac Stainesby, Peter Tyler, Jack and Niamh Heggerty. Front from left: Susan Connor, Beth Atkinson, Cerys Baird, Gaia Silvan and Barbara Bell. 06_a18drama04



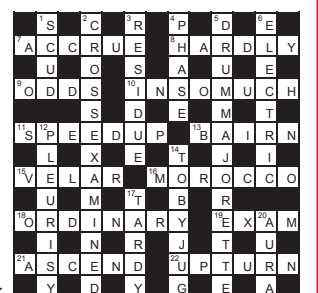
Peninver Players are from left: Lesley Armour, John Armour, Fiona Sweeney, Janette Hannah, Iain Ferguson and Anne Leith. 06_a18drama01

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Sunday 10 May

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CHILD CARE

CHOOSING childcare can be frustrating for parents in Argyll and Bute, but this 'how to' guide is here to help them make a decision that is right for them and their child.

There are a range of private and public nurseries, childminders and pre-5 units, which offer a host of learning and fun activities aimed to equip children with a variety of skills that will see them into school and beyond.

There are many options for parents depending on their own and their children's needs.

These range from outdoor learning and activities opportunities to indoor learning to school pre-5 units and all are available throughout the region.

Parents need a childcare service that will fit with their own lifestyles and other commitments, that they can trust, rely on and is easily gain access to.

It is important for parents to know that their children are getting the best care, stimulation and learning through play.

With many families where both parents work from 9am-5pm after school care has become essential for many people.

Services available in Mid Argyll and Kintyre range from public to private or even one-to-one and each child is nurtured and cared for to the highest standards.

Nursery and pre-five services offer youngsters the opportunity to ensure they achieve their best personal development via the Curriculum for Excellence, while child minders are overseen by the Care Inspectorate to ensure youngsters are well looked after and start learning through play from an early age.

Tarbert Academy Early Level Class

Last summer the Pre-5s moved up into an Early Level classroom built specifically for them within the primary department at Tarbert Academy, a successful 3-18 school. The academy believes that a nurturing environment is vital for children to learn and develop through structured play. 'Play is the child's work' within the Early Level.

The Early Level has an established outdoor area designed specifically for the children and it is this year's aim to develop it further to establish a well-equipped area with lots of opportunity for 'outdoor learning' to take place.

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The aim is that transition through a 3-18 school is smooth and as informed as possible.



Tarbert Academy Early Level Class

Parents/carers interested in bringing their children to join the early level class are welcome to visit at any time.

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Dalintober Pre-Five Unit is situated within Dalintober Primary School, Campbeltown and caters for pre-school children from aged three to five years.

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encourages parental involvement with the nursery in all areas, and especially with all its Eco and Forest school endeavours. Staff would be delighted to welcome parents and families to come and see for themselves the very special and highly individual learning environment they have created.

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Lesley Goodwin and Carla Perkins.

Pen pals enjoy a life of letters and friendship

'I have got the names of 45 children from America who would like pen pals in Scotland'

IN LIFE it is rare to retain many friends from childhood into adult life.

For a Campbeltown woman who first wrote to her American pen friend in 1977 when she

was 12 that is exactly what has happened.

Minard primary teacher Lesley Goodwin and Carla Perkins from Columbia, Kentucky first 'spoke' to each other through letters, then

phone calls and emails, and now Facebook and texting. Yet, they had never met in person.

In another similarity in their lives, Carla also works in education and is the Technology Director at Adair County Schools.

On April 3, Mrs Goodwin and her husband John travelled to Kentucky to meet Carla and her husband Tim. Carla and Tim have spent the last two weeks showing them Kentucky and Tennessee.

The finale of Mrs Goodwin's visit was when Carla took her to Adair County Elementary School (ACES) last Thursday.

Mrs Goodwin met students from the third grade and delivered letters from her own students. They talked about her and Carla's friendship and she told the students all about her school and Scotland.

Mrs Goodwin said: 'I have got the names of 45 children from America who would like pen

pals in Scotland. Initially anyone interested should write to me and I will forward the letters to Kentucky.'

Mrs Goodwin presented ACES with a plaque and flag from Argyll and Bute and wanted to thank Superintendent Reed, ACES principal Steve Burton, assistant principal Sandy Wilson, staff members Alice Curry, Patricia Aaron, and Cindy Smith for their warm welcome and the presents for her students that they presented to her.

Carla and Mrs Goodwin will remain lifelong friends. Now their friendship has a new dimension. Carla and Tim hope they will be able to spend a couple of weeks with Mr and Mrs Goodwin in Argyll.

Sharmarie Claiborne, a publicity coordinator from ACES, said: 'It just shows what can happen if you put forth the effort to make a relationship last. What better lesson for our youth to learn - personally, I can think of none.'

Young people take the lead

A GROUP of young people from across Argyll and Bute are stepping out in their communities with increased confidence, new skills and qualifications after completing a leadership training programme.

Thirteen youngsters took part in the scheme designed and delivered by Argyll and Bute Council's Youth Services team, in partnership with YouthLink Scotland.

A council spokeswoman said: 'The Leadership Skills Training Course offers young people the chance to build a whole range of new skills - self-expression, communication, team building and goal setting.'

'It also covered practical sessions on child protection, health and safety

and HeartStart - all delivered with a healthy dose of good fun.

'The latest training group is active in youth groups across the area, including Argyll and Bute Youth Forum and Youth Bank. Members will join the 12 trained young leaders who work with the council's youth services team to deliv-

er holiday programmes, events, training and peer education for young people in their communities.'

Anyone wishing to find out more about what the youth services team should look out for Argyll and Bute Young Scot on Facebook or check out www.youngscot.org/argyllandbute



Argyll and Bute's young leaders receive their certificates.

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A PLANNING application to build replacement fencing at Port Ellen Primary School on Islay has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

velopment and an area for 'community use'.

The plan was agreed to by Argyll and Bute Council's planning, protective services and licensing committee last Wednesday.

Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) has already built 20 flats in the area as a first development phase, and a planning application is being considered for 10 more houses.

Angus Gilmour, the council's head of planning and regulatory services, said: 'This is great news for Bowmore and

Islay. It increases the potential for investment in the area and is part of the move to address population decline in Argyll and Bute.

'A strategic framework guarantees a proper approach to the development. It also lets the community know exactly how their town will develop.

'Commercial developments such as offices, tourist accommodation, retail and leisure facilities are to be taken forward in two future building phases, creating new job opportunities.'

SKIPNESS



Skipness primary school pupils will go Nordic walking in an event also open to the public.

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Conquer Kintyre by Nordic walking

NORTH Kintyre becomes 'Norse' Kintyre on Mondays when Skipness Primary pupils take their weekly Nordic walk.

Laurene McIntosh, Skipness head teacher, said: 'On Monday afternoons the pupils go on their walk and we would be delighted to welcome anyone else interested in joining us.'

'Nordic walking was originally a summer training regime for cross-country skiers.'

'People use specially-designed walking poles in a way that harnesses the power of the upper body, in order to propel you for-

ward as you walk.'

'You would not be expected to come every week, but those who wanted to would be most welcome.'

'We are in the process of ordering some Nordic walking poles and hope to have some available for others to use as well.'

Interested

'Therefore we need to know how many people would be interested in joining us for Nordic walking, so that we can provide poles.'

The school's Monday walks are led by Dagmar Lages, a train-

er in Nordic walking, and start at 1.15pm. The next one takes place on Monday, May 4.

As well as walking, Skipness pupils are starting their own business, a Nordic walking cafe.

After the walk, the children will provide refreshments for everyone for a small donation. Everyone is welcome to this.

Ms McIntosh added: 'If anyone is interested or would like to know more about Nordic Walking, the children would love to explain it to you, so please contact the school for further details on 01880 740 258.'

JURA

Fab four raise huge charity sum

FOUR Jura women, three of whom were injured in a car crash, have raised almost £19,000 for charity.

Denise Rozga, Louise Muir, Deborah Bryce and Abi Beatall, who were all involved in the accident near Inveraray

in April last year, raised the sum by holding a 'thank you' dinner dance on Valentine's day this year on the island.

Donated

The funds were donated to Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA) after one of its fleet was

deployed to the scene of the accident.

Denise and Louise travelled to SCAA's Perth airport base recently to present the charity with a cheque for £18,816.

John Bullough, SCAA chairman, said: 'We

were overwhelmed with the donation.'

'This is by far the largest donation SCAA has had through a community fundraiser.'

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Young Farmers keen for new members

CAMPBELTOWN Young Farmers have announced their new office bearers, with the group also looking to welcome some new faces.

Fraser MacPhail is the club's new chairman, while John Pirie becomes vice chairman.

Michael Smith takes up the role of secretary, with John Bateman as vice secretary.

Alison Millar becomes club treasurer,

with members Kelsey Brown, Graeme McMillan, Robert MacKinnon, Fraser Cameron, Nichola Kerr, Thomas Irwin and Amy Gray joining the committee.

A Campbeltown Young Farmers' spokesman said: 'Young farmers association is a great organisation to be involved in, and is open to everyone aged 14-30.

'There are lots of exciting events and ac-

tivities planned for this year, meaning lots of opportunities to meet new people both in Kintyre and across Scotland.

'An exchange weekend is planned in July with Bathgate Young Farmers' club, with other trips planned.'

The group is holding a new members' games night tonight (Friday) in the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown at 7.30pm.



Lots of exciting events and activities are planned for this year.

The spokesman added: 'It would be fantastic to see new faces there for a fun-filled night.'

Join the group, Campbeltown Young Farmers, on Facebook or email any questions to smith-92michael@hotmail.com



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Youngsters get involved with the future of crofting

A YOUTHFUL perspective is to be brought to crofting with the formation of a younger crofters group as a branch of the Scottish Crofting Federation (SCF).

The idea of forming such a group was raised at a special gathering of young crofters in Assynt earlier this year and was consolidated at a meeting last week in Inverness.

Long history

Branch spokesman James Shewan said: 'We know that SCF has a long history of fighting for crofting so we want to be part of that.'

'But, no offence meant, people are getting older and we feel it is time for younger crofters, and those aspiring to be crofters, to get more involved and bring the young folks' voice out.'

'It is our future and it is up to us to help protect crofting and to

make sure it thrives.

'We want to give the young person's view to those that have the power to change policy that affects crofting.'

Around a hundred people - school pupils, young crofters, aspiring crofters, crofting elders and policy makers - had met in Glencanisp Lodge at Assynt for a three-day workshop on a vision for crofting and how to help the young - the future of crofting.

During the workshop there was an enthusiastic reception to the idea of setting up a young crofters' group.

Fiona Mandeville, chairwoman of the SCF, added: 'We are very heartened by the clear thinking of these young people and welcome them to the SCF as a branch in their own right.'

'We expect to see nominated representa-

tives coming on to our board and our advisory council.

'It is 30 years since the Scottish Crofters Union, as it was then, was set up so it is very significant to see a group of young activists again standing up for crofting.'

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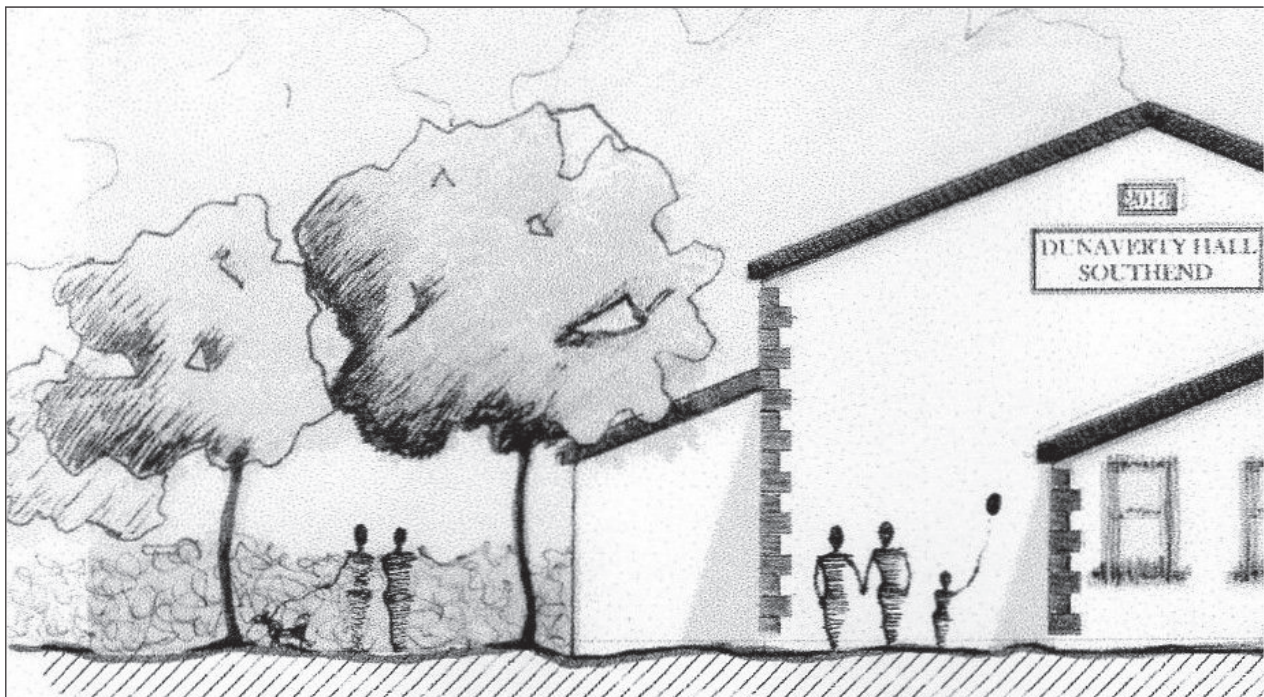
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Down memory lane in Southend

IT is out with the old and in with the new in Southend, as building work continues on a new hall for the village.

However, many villagers will have great memories of all the events, functions and plays which went on in the former building, now demolished.

The hall served as the social heart of the community, catering not only for village plays and pantomimes

run by the Scottish Women's Rural Institute in the 1950s but as a venue for birthdays, weddings and anniversaries.

A spokesman for Southend Community Council said: 'It has been the centre of village activities for decades but unfortunately its condition deteriorated over time.'

'It will be wonderful to have a new hall to serve the Southend community and



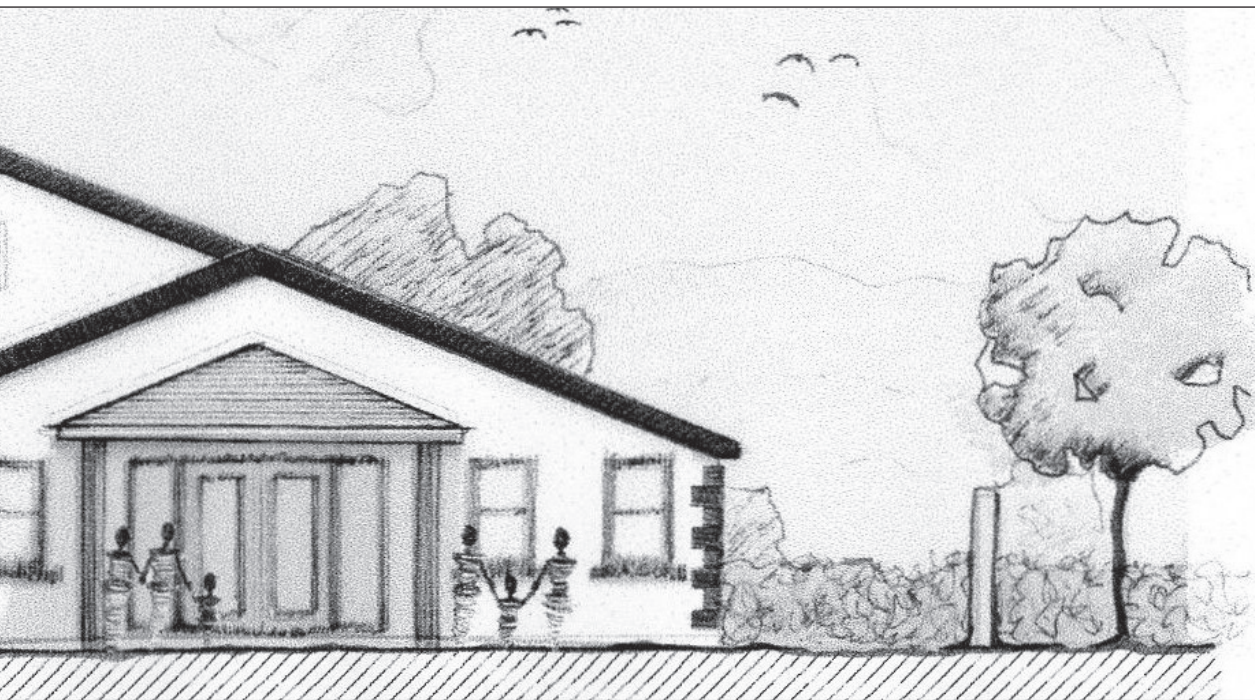
The cast of The Man Who Could Not Go To Heaven pictured in 1970.



Performing Mother Goose in



Southend dancers.



The exterior of the old Dunaverly Hall in 2010.

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it already looks very impressive after only a couple of months' work.

'It will be a lasting legacy for the village, a multi-purpose venue to be proud of.'

By good fortune, the Courier has been given a collection of pictures capturing some of the special moments in the old hall.

Here, the Courier shares some of them with readers - hopefully, they will spark some warm memories.



Highland Fling from 1985.



The old hall's interior, pictured before its demolition.



1979.



The play Sorry Wrong Number (above and one above) in 2005.

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WITH summer on the horizon - whisper it - it is time to get out and enjoy some time in the garden.

This is the time of year when the world has started springing to life again.

However, with the light in through the windows, there appears a lot to be done in both house and garden.

One little-known fact is that more people set out to improve their garden and home in the spring than at any other time of the year.

Most gardens need a complete overhaul after a harsh winter, especially if they have a lawn - often a keen gardener's pride and joy.

The garden is in effect, a frame for the home, the first thing seen by the onlooker.

It gives the visitor that all-important, first impression of a home, and says a great deal about the person living there and their standard of living, as well as being, in practical terms, a useful extension to the home.

It is a place to enjoy fresh air, privacy and the pleasures of flowers and foliage, bird song and the sky.

There are three main areas of a

garden that require care and attention; the pathways and boundaries; the buildings and decorative structures and the planted areas.

There is nothing quite so useful as the decorative paved area where garden furniture can be left securely, and enjoy the outdoors when perhaps the lawn is too wet to walk on.

Colourful plants and pretty foliage add a continental touch to a garden, and a brick-built barbecue area will make for perfect entertaining area too.

Moving indoors, the kitchen was the least considered room in any house until the 1960s, but since then the kitchen has become a top priority for modernisation.

Nowadays the average householder spends more money on that room than any other in the house.

A great deal of design, thought and effort goes into the creation of today's kitchens. It is a room to show off to friends, to hang out in, to enjoy.

For some time now, the bathroom has been considered an area where comfort can be expected.

However, with changing attitudes to heating and ventilation, it is even possible to decorate bathrooms with normal wallpapers or textured sisals.

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businessman, and Garry Keeney, an Argyll and Bute Council workman, formed Argyll Knotweed Control in 2013 in response to the growing problem of this and other invasive weeds, and have become the area's foremost authorities on what the Environment Agency calls 'indisputably the UK's most aggressive, destructive and invasive plant'. 'It really is a mutant weed, and Argyll and Bute is one of the worst areas in the UK for it,' said Stanley. 'Once it becomes established it can be particularly hard to control.' Property owners, as well as potential buyers and sellers, are potential victims of this weedy menace. And if knotweed, as it is prone to do, escapes one property and spreads to a neighbouring property, it can become a legal issue. According to Stanley the problem is so bad that mortgage lenders can refuse a loan based on knotweed. 'When someone is buying a house or site, the presence of knotweed is something they need to know about. The plant's roots are so deep that if it comes within seven metres for a property we consider it a category five situation and it must be removed straight away.' Stanley and Garry have more than 20 years' experience in controlling weeds and 48 combined years in the horticultural trade. Their team is fully NPTC qualified and certified, assuring that the best care will be taken of each property, whether residential, commercial or a new build site. In addition to knotweed, they specialise in the treatment and control of giant hogweed, Himalayan balsam and ragwort. For more information or to schedule a consultation, call 07810 445898 or visit argyllknotweedcontrol.co.uk.



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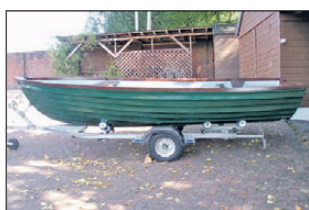
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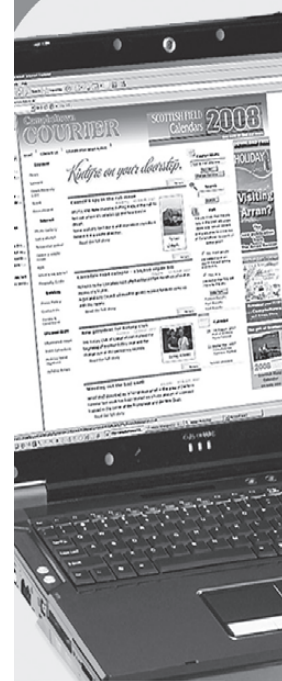
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



WE left Glasgow in the most glorious sunshine at a temperature of 25 degrees Centigrade.

The visibility was superb as we headed up Loch Lomond and wound our way around Loch Long. Inveraray reflected her whiteness across the loch as the sea shimmered in the afternoon sun.

Argyll was aglow as April awakened her to the song of spring.

The journey continued in its perfection and Tarbert was a picture postcard in the sunshine.

Becalmed yachts reflected their masts into the depth of a sea of perfect blue.

Then we came to Ronachan.

Cars approached with headlights on, and they appeared through the mist like great intruders in our world.

We were enmeshed in fog.

We switched our headlights on.

Within seconds we came from sunshine into shadow, and the warmth of the sun was replaced by the cool chill of greyness.

We could see nothing as the temperature dropped to 10 degrees.

The world seemed silent and foreboding. The light had given way to darkness and the heat retreated from the cold. Things had changed. Our spirits sank and our mood dipped.

The car cruised cautiously in the curious circling mist. Our spirits sank.

We carried on to Tayinloan where we were greeted by a sun dancing merrily on the water.

We had passed through the mist and the gloom and re-emerged into the sunshine. Our spirits rose again.

The gloom evaporated and the light returned, the way ahead was clear and we switched the headlights off.

How quickly things had changed. How quickly our mood had changed.

The light had been briefly overcome and the world had dipped into a chill of despondency.

But the fog evaporates in the warmth of light, and gloom is vanquished once again.

Rotarians test pupils' knowledge

THE ROTARY Club of Campbeltown's primary schools quiz took place on Thursday, April 23 at Dalintober Primary School, with five teams of bright and enthusiastic youngsters from P5-P7 competing for the trophy.

A close contest had the Rotarians on duty delighted at the breadth of knowledge the young pupils showed.

At the end of the quiz Dalintober 'A', com-

prising Eleanor Norrie, Cameron Noble, Alan McMurchy and Emma McKinven, won by a narrow margin.

Rotary President Laurens Denson said: 'We were all most impressed with the excellent behaviour of the pupils, who seemed to really enjoy the contest.

'We wish Dalintober 'A' well for the West of Scotland quiz in Glasgow to follow.'



Laurens Denson, left, president of the Rotary Club of Campbeltown, presents the Dalintober pupils with their trophy. Also pictured is Margaret Bakes, right, convenor of the rotary's vocational service committee.



A seascape by Senja Brendon.

Surfer's seascapes on show

THE works of a surfing painter who divides her time at Bellochantuy beach between board and canvas are the subject of a Gigha exhibition.

Welsh artist Senja Brendon's seascapes show titled Spirit of the Sea opens at the island's gallery tomorrow (Saturday) and runs daily until July.

There is a preview with cheese and wine from 2pm to 4pm.

Campbeltown Free Church cafe offers food for thought

FREE Church of Campbeltown's Sunday worship really offers food for thought - with a new project called Café Church.

It is open from 2.30pm-4pm, during which time there is a focus on some aspects of the Christian faith, featuring short talks, film clips, testimonies and songs. Entry is free.

A Free Church of Campbeltown spokesman said: 'This Sunday the topic will be 'What it means to follow Jesus', seen through the

testimony of very different people including Bono of Irish band U2, Mez, a former drug addict and criminal, and persecuted Christians in the Middle East.'

For the past eight months the Free Church has also been running the popular Water of Life café on Wednesday afternoons from 2-4pm, serving tea, coffee and home baking.

Payment is by donation and all ages are welcome to both ventures.

Fellowship meeting

SCRIPTURE will be the topic when Kintyre Christian Fellowship invites a special guest to its next meeting tonight (Friday). Martin Boyd of the Scripture Union is the guest speaker at the event, to be held in the Salvation Army Hall, Campbeltown.

Justin Boyd of Scripture Union Scotland will tell the group about the work done in schools and school summer camps by the Scripture Union team, and how many children have benefited from its work.

It starts at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome to attend and hear about the group's work.

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'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength' (Isaiah 40:31).

BIRTHS



HAYES - MCLELLAN

Joe and Ailsa are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Archie Joe, at Raigmore, on April 23, 2015. A brother for Hamish. Fifth grandchild for David and Sal and second grandson for James and Alexis.

DEATHS

CASSELL - Pamela (Pam). Suddenly, but peacefully, in London on April 20, 2015, aged 77, beloved wife of Len and much loved mother of Andrew, Gail and Ian. Service at Cardross Crematorium, on Friday, May 8 at 11.15am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Parkinson's UK.

MILNE - Peacefully, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on April 24, 2015, Phyllis Christina Rollo, in her 99th year, Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown and formerly of The Anchorage, Machrihanish, dearly beloved wife of the later Sheriff Norman Milne. A private cremation will take place at a later date.

MURPHY - Peacefully, on April 18, 2015, with his family by his side, in Durban, South Africa, Danny, loving husband of Marjorie (Thomson), beloved father of Brian, Kevin and Kirsten, much loved father-in-law, grandfather and great grandfather. Private cremation took place in South Africa, on April 21, 2015. RIP.

STEWART - Peacefully, at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, on April 23, 2015, Duncan Norman Stewart, in his 85th year, Allan Park Gardens, Edinburgh, dearly beloved husband of Wilma Stewart, much loved father of Neill and Norman and loving grandfather of Alexandra and Andrew.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCKINVEN - Mhairread, Sharman and family would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for their many expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received following the death of their dear mother, Beth. Special thanks to St Anne's Care Home, Musselburgh for their exceptional care of Beth over the past two years. Grateful thanks to William Crossan for conducting her beautiful funeral service; to David McEwan for the lovely music she would have enjoyed so much; and to the Ardshiel Hotel for excellent catering. Thanks also to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for professional services delivered with such warm personal attention and sensitivity. A heartfelt thank you to all who attended the funeral, and whose love for Beth, and shared memories of her, made the sad day so special for us. The retiral collection for RNLI, Campbeltown Branch raised £452.

IN MEMORIAM

GRANT - In memory of John, our dearly loved father, grandfather and great grandfather, passed away April 29, 1999.

- Jean and family.

MITCHELL - In loving memory of a beloved husband, father and grandfather, Robert, died May 3, 2012. Also a loving son, brother and uncle, Robert, died June 1, 1987, aged 16 and a beautiful granddaughter, daughter, sister and niece, Amelia Hope, died May 5, 2010 aged 28 days.

Beautiful memories are all we have left

To love, cherish and never forget.

- The Mitchell family, at home and in Banbury.

ROBERTSON - In memory of Peter, much loved son, died May 5, 2012.

In our hearts, you will always be missed and loved.

- Mum and all the family xx.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of our dad, Peter, passed away May 5, 2012.

We lost a father with a heart of gold,

Few of his like this world could hold,

Never selfish, always kind, These are the memories you've left behind.

- Barbara, Paul, Isobel and Jake.

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CHURCH NOTICES

Highland Parish Church

SCO02493
Sunday 3rd May
 Celebration of Communion
 The service will be led by Rev William Crossan and will be held in the church at 11.15am
 'This Do in Remembrance of Me'
Saturday 9th May
 Flower Festival in Highland Parish Church

free church of scotland

George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 3rd May
 11.15am Worship Service
 Rev Tom Courtney
 11.15am Sunday School
 2.30pm Café Church
Wednesday 6th May
 12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
 2.00pm - 4.00pm Water of Life Café
 All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co
 Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980

Scottish Episcopal Churches
Everyone Welcome
Christ Church
 Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Sundays
 11.00 am Eucharist service
 4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins
 & 11am Eucharist Service
 Coffee & Cake follows the service
St Columba's, Pottaloch, nr Kilmartin
 (SC031391)
 1st Sunday of the month 9am Eucharist service
 3rd Sunday of the month 6.00pm Evensong
 Scottish Prayer Book
All Saints, Inveraray
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LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 3 May 2015
 11.00am
 Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
 Speaker: Graham McLean "Created for His glory"
Thursday 7 May 2015
 10.00am
 Praise, prayer & sharing
 All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
 Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 3 May
 Tayvallich Church 10 am
 Morning Worship
 Rev. C. Acklam
 Tayvallich Jubilee Green
 Sailing Service 12:30 pm
 David Logue
 All welcome
 Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 3rd May 2015
 11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE
 Rev. Hilda Smith
Every Tuesday
 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
 All Welcome
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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
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Sunday 3rd May
 Sacrament of Holy Communion 11.15am
 Creche Holiday Club for P1-P7
 Rev P Wallace
 Kirk Session meet 10.55am
 Sacrament of Holy Communion 2.30pm
Tuesday 5th May
 Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
 BBs Church Hall
 Anchor Boys 6.00pm
 Junior Section 7.15pm
Thursday 7th May
 Choir 7.30pm
Friday 8th May
 Lunch Club 12.00 noon

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service
 11.00 am
 with Sunday School followed by refreshments
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ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
 Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN
 Saturday 5pm
 Fr. David Connor
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WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Services 3rd May 2015
 - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgar
 Charity No. SC016097
 Morning Service in Lochgar Church at 10 am (with Communion)

Glenaray and Inveraray
 Charity No. SC016665
 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

 Short Service in Chalmers Court at 2.30 pm

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
 meeting to be held on Friday 1st May at 7.30pm in Salvation Army Hall, Campbeltown.
 Guest Speaker: Mr Martyn Boyd of Scripture Union, Scotland.
 Tea/Coffee served after the meeting.
 Everyone most welcome.

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 5.00pm Family Movie Night
Sunday 3rd May
 10.30am Young People's Prizegiving
 12 noon Family BBQ
Tuesday
 12.15pm Lunch Club
 1.30pm Home League
Wednesday
 7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob
Thursday
 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
 Lt. Mark Scoulding

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"It is good to sing praises to our God"
 Services in Achahoish at 9:45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
 75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 3rd May 2015
 11.00am Family Communion Service
 Mr Kelvin Moller, Clachan
Tuesday 5th May
 7.30pm Leadership meeting
Thursday 7th May
 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
 For details contact the Church Office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 01586 551237
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
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Time to pick up the pace

WEEK 10 of the beginners' preparation for the MOK 10K on May 23 brings a dramatic change.

Session 1, after a 10-minute warm-up, introduces interval training for the first time. It involves picking up your pace for three minutes before taking a 90-second recovery and repeating that a further four times.

Sessions two and three go up from 35 minutes running to 40 minutes each.

There are no changes to the half marathon schedule from last week. Session 1 is a 10-mile run, session two is four miles hard, session three is five miles quality running and session four is four miles easy running.

Golf lessons for youngsters

DUNAVERTY Golf Club is launching its junior golf lessons.

Hosted by Florence Chrystie and Ailie MacBrayne, the lessons will be available to P5-7s, and all those who have attended Clubgolf lessons.

The course will cover putting, chipping, pitching and full swing.

Lessons will be held on Friday, May 8, 15 and 29 (not May 22) and Friday, June 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 4pm-5.30pm.

The cost is £10 per child, payable at the first lesson. Those interested should meet at Dunaverdy Golf Club, Southend, on Friday, May 8 at 4pm. Any enquiries contact Ailie MacBrayne on 830619 or Florence Chrystie on 553489.

Chance to win £800

DUNAVERTY Golf Club's three-number lottery draw failed to produce a winner on Sunday, meaning the prize money stands at £800.

The winning numbers were 3, 7 and 20.

The next draw will take place on Sunday May 10 and tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Muneroy Stores and the Burnside Bar.

Golf winners have spring in their step

MACHRIHANISH golf club held its spring meeting last month.

Linda Wallace was the ladies' winner with a winning score of 86 less 17 nett 69 after a blustery round on the Pans Course, winning her a beautiful crystal bowl, specially engraved for the occasion.

Wallace won by one shot from Elizabeth Casey, for whom an unfortunate eight on the final hole proved very costly.

Last year's winner Jennifer Gilchrist was a further stroke behind in third place.

The scratch prize, a lovely Machrihanish Golf Club embossed ceramic plate made by Campbeltown Pottery, was won by current club champion Catherine Dobbie with an 83. Catherine won by virtue of the count back

rule and scoring a better inward half over Liz Casey.

In the mens' competition, Bobby Willan Snr won this year's spring meeting and captain's prize with a stunning gross score of 66.

Playing off a handicap of scratch, Bobby's nett 66 finished one shot clear of Gavin McLachlan.

Under 70

The top two players were the only ones out of a 75-strong field to record nett scores under 70.

Bobby recorded three birdies on the second, third and eighth holes to reach the turn in 32.

Another birdie followed at the tenth and having reached the par five, twelfth hole in two shots, Bobby's thoughts turned to the amateur course record held jointly by Stuart Campbell



Machrihanish golf club's spring meeting handicap winner Linda Wallace, left, ladies' captain Helen Bapty and ladies scratch competition winner Catherine Dobbie.

and George MacMillan with 63.

However, Bobby four putted for a bogey six and along with another bogey at the 16th this proved costly.

Birdies on the 15th

and 18th holes saw Bobby home in 34 to shoot a brilliant 66 so early in the season.

Gold medal

The great score resulted in Bobby winning captain Graham Ander-



Mens' spring meeting winner Bobby Willan with captain Graham Anderson's wife Denise.

son's prize for the best handicap score, as well as the gold medal for the best scratch score on the day.

In the scratch section, club champion George MacMillan had an ex-

cellent 70, with three birdies cancelling out three bogies.

In the junior section, 12-year-old Henry Palmer from Ardrishaig returned a very encouraging gross 84.



From left: Dugald Graham, Campbeltown bowling club president, with pairs winners James Colville and Robert Hendrie and runners-up Maureen MacInnes and Peter Tolmie.

Experienced pair win bowling club opener

CAMPBELTOWN bowling club's competitive season got underway on Sunday with the Derek Goode memorial pairs.

The Stronvaar green, already running at a good pace, sped up as the day progressed despite the showers.

Hailstones

The final, between pairs Robert Hendrie and James Colville and Peter Tolmie and Maureen MacInnes, who had to contend with a barrage of hail-

stones during the first two ends, saw the latter pair take a three-shot lead.

Their two-shot advantage continued until the scheduled final end, where Hendrie and Colville had a two-shot lift to take the match to 'extra time'.

With every bowl crucial, Maureen played her first effort to within inches of the jack for the shot that remained, until Robert played his first bowl even closer to seal victory for the Hendrie-Colville pairing.

Second Sons goal for Campbeltown's Donald

CAMPBELTOWN footballer Donald McCallum made an instant impact for professional team Dumbarton last Saturday with a goal against Queen of the South.

The 18-year-old, a development player with the Sons' under-20 team after joining in 2012, has made four first-team league appearances this season and already has two goals to his name.

Even more impressively, he has scored the two goals in just 26 minutes of action in the Scot-

tish Championship, the league's second tier.

His first goal came against Livingston back in January following a short cameo against league champions Hearts the previous week.

Amazing

Donald, a former Campbeltown Grammar pupil who now lives and works in Glasgow, said: 'It was an amazing feeling to score another goal as Queen of the South are a strong team and are in the play-offs for promotion.'



Donald McCallum from Campbeltown scored his second goal for Dumbarton last Saturday.

Alex qualifies for Muneroy Cup

DUNAVERTY golf club's April medal saw Alexander Roxburgh qualify for the club's Muneroy cup last Saturday.

Despite a seven at the first hole, he recovered with a series of fours on the outward nine, and again on the inward half, to post a net 61,

three ahead of the ever-improving Neil Brodie.

Strong winds made low scoring an impossibility and the best scratch score of 70 came from Campbell McCallum.

CSS for the day was 63.

Results are as fol-

lows: 1 Alex Roxburgh 80-19-61; 2 Neil Brodie 76-12-64 (bih); 3rd John McDowall 79-15-64; 4 Mark Eagers 75-10-65 (bih); 5 Harry MacLean 74-9-65 (bih); 6 Donald Taylor 71-6-65.

The Mersey Police Cup will be played for tomorrow (Saturday).

Hearts will make a return to Oban tournament

HEART of Midlothian FC, newly promoted to the Scottish Premier League, will make a welcome return to the annual D & K Lafferty Tournament to be held in Oban on Saturday July 11.

The Edinburgh side last made an appearance in 2012 when they won the impressive trophy but were unable to defend it in 2013 due to the turmoil the Edinburgh club was in.

Oban Saints club secretary David Buchanan, who organises the tournament, said: 'I received a phone call from Hearts director of football Craig Levein asking if we had a space for them to return to the compe-

tion after an absence of three years and I was delighted to tell him we had.'

Hearts will be taking a squad of 24 first team players and 10 staff to the tournament and are looking forward to competing in Oban again.

David said: 'Craig is no stranger to Oban and has backed our tournament for a number of years, taking the Dundee United first team squad on three occasions when he was the manager at Tannadice, so we are delighted that he has decided to come back again, this time with Hearts.'

'This means we have three SPL teams as well as Hearts taking part - Dundee United, St Johnstone and Hamilton Accies - along with Scottish First Division Alloa Athletic.

'Hamilton and Alloa will also be taking their first team squads to Oban with United and St Johnstone fielding mainly under 20 squads strengthened by several first team players.'



Craig Levein



Tarbert keep on top of things

Nikki McDougall, in red, and his Tarbert team-mates edged closer to promotion from SAFL division 1B last Saturday with a fine 3-2 win over Carlton YM. The Dookers are top of the table with four games remaining and are due to travel to Alexandria to take on FC Argyll next Saturday, May 9.

Dale crush hosts in cup rout

CARRADALE advanced to the next round of their league cup with a 7-2 demolition of Millerston.

Taking a 3-1 lead at half-time through goals from Cammy Maguire, David Johnstone and Ryan McConnachie, the McFadyens-sponsored side piled on more pain in the second half, with Maguire scoring four and McConnachie scoring his brace with a thunderous 30-yard strike.

The east Kintyre side travel to Duntocher tomorrow (Saturday) in another league cup outing.

Jackpot jumps to £500

THERE were no winners in Machrihanish Golf Club's three-number draw held on Monday, meaning the jackpot stands at £500.

The winning numbers were 1, 5 and 11.

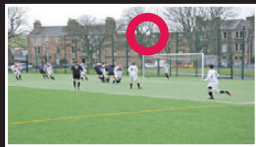
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LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



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

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Woodside
Carradale

All you have to do

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

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

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

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

Easy to enter

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

Competition Rules

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

In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.

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Name

Address

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Young Pupils on cloud nine

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils 2002s continued their good form in the Dunbartonshire Football Development League (DFDL) with a 2-0 away win against Kilpatrick on Sunday.

Goals from Darren McCallum and Kyle Colville secured the win in Clydebank to make it nine wins from 11 matches this year.

A Pupils youth spokesman said: 'What is so impressive is that this team has played the most matches in their league so far this season, proving distance is no barrier for them.'

Islay Golf Club results

HUNTER Trophy, played Wednesday April 22: 1 G Hamilton 43 Pts; 2 D Holyoake 39; 3 R Hogben 39.

Laphroaig Trophy, played Sunday April 26: 1 N Carmichael, 36; 2 A MacMillan 33; 3 I MacCuaig 33. CSS 72.

Jackpot jumps to £500

THERE were no winners in Machrihanish Golf Club's three-number draw held on Monday, meaning the jackpot stands at £500.

The winning numbers were 1, 5 and 11.

The next draw will be made on Monday May 4.

SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - St Joseph's 4, Campbeltown Pupils 1; Kings Park Rangers 1, Oban Saints 4; Premier Division One - Jamestown 1, Dunoon 2; Premier Division Two - Neilston 3, Lochgilphead Red Star 2.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Oban Saints and Campbeltown Pupils no game; Premier Division Two - Lochgilphead Red Star v Clydebank; Division 1B - Tarbert no game.

Pupils find it tough against St Joseph's

Tangy man Turner wins Puffer race



The leading pack, led by Campbeltown's Stuart McGeachy. Eventual winner Matthew Turner is third in line. 06_c18puffer01

A PAIR of Campbeltown runners were separated by an Irishman in the top three slots of Sunday's 8.5-mile Mid Argyll Crinan Puffer race.

Campbeltown running club's Matthew Turner won with a time of 45:39, which will go down as a new course record.

For the first time this year the race was run in the opposite direction, from Crinan Basin back to Ardrishaig, so the old course record of 45:52 still stands.

Second placed Eamonn Staunton from Westport in Ireland, who finished in 46:05, led for much of the race but Turner was often only just behind.

Last year's second placed runner Stuart McGeachy from Campbeltown running club came third with a time of 46:22.

Lochgilphead's Ewan Dudding won the boys' under 18s race in 47:47 and Inveraray's Freya Corner won the junior girls in 66:25.

First senior lady home was Rowan Armstrong of Stewarty Athletic in 52:37. She was followed by Jennifer Martin in 57:52 and Phillipa McKee in 62:35.

This year the race was full with 175 runners signed up to take part. After a safety briefing in Ardrishaig public hall, they were bussed to the start at Crinan.

Race organiser Kirsty Young from Mid Argyll Community Pool (MACPool) said: 'The weather was good in that the runners had a tail wind. There's nothing worse than battering against a head wind. It was quite cold and there were some hail showers to cool people down. Initial feedback from competitors was that they liked running the race in the opposite direction and they enjoyed having somewhere warm, with teas and cakes afterwards.'

St Joseph's FP

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Campbeltown Pupils

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SAFL Premier League

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils suffered another defeat last Saturday at the hands of league challengers St Josephs.

The Duntocher side struck twice early on, and two in the final minutes either side of Gregor McFadyen's neat finish, to leave the Pupils without a win in six matches.

The Pupils set up in a 4-4-2 formation, with Reid Anderson in goal protected by Keith Mitchell, Mark Davis and brothers Shaun and Paul Grumoli at the heart of defence.

However, Anderson was picking the ball out of his net within minutes when a one-two from a throw-in resulted in a thunderous shot being hit high into the net on the half-volley from the home side's number nine.

Worse was to follow for the McFadyens-sponsored visitors, as a dodgy offside call set St Joseph's racing in on goal again to double their lead.

The Pupils had little to show for their first-half toil but soon sprung into life as Criag Lamont, lining up on left midfield, advanced down the left flank and played a high cross, met by a downward header by John McCallum.

The ball dropped to

Gregor McFadyen who reacted quickest to produce a precise finish into the bottom right corner and halve the deficit.

Before half-time, keeper Anderson and Paul Grumoli were forced to scramble the ball away from goal with a St Joseph's attacker trying desperately to prod the ball home.

Into the second half, the Pupils defended with real discipline against their more experienced rivals but conceded in mundane fashion when a routine throw-in was met by an unchallenged St Joseph's player who headed the ball home off the base of the right-hand post.

It was a demoralising blow for the Feathers Inn-sponsored side, and the fourth and final goal followed with only minutes remaining when a low left-footed cross along the six-yard box was converted at the far post.

The Pupils have just one match remaining this season, against Argyll rivals Oban Saints, with a date yet to be confirmed.

Pupils' squad v St Joseph's: Reid Anderson, Keith Mitchell, Paul Grumoli, Shaun Grumoli, Mark Davis, Craig Lamont, Fraser Wylie, Gary Grumoli, John McCallum, Ellis Robertson, Gregor McFadyen. Subs (both used): Calum Houston, William MacKinnon.

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