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Bitting teen rips flesh from man

'This must have been an awful experience for the passengers'

A TEENAGER bit into a man's bare back and ripped the flesh off it following a violent fracas on the Campbeltown to Glasgow bus.

Nineteen-year-old Mark Livingston then spat a mouthful of blood into the mouth of woman passenger who had gone to the man's rescue, Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard on Wednesday.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told how the man had his top torn off as he was dragged off the bus by Livingston and three co-accused, Michael Duffy, 32, Garry Rooney, 24, and Darren O'Donnell Little, 24.

He said: 'Mr Livingston jumped onto the man's back and latched onto his shoulder like a limpet, biting him.'

The woman described seeing flesh tearing off as she pulled Livingston off the man's back.

Chased

'The man was then chased around a car park by Livingston, Duffy and O'Donnell Little.'

Mr McGinty said both the man and women were now awaiting blood tests to check for infectious diseases.

The fiscal said the four men had began drinking, smoking, shouting and swearing

soon after the bus had left Campbeltown on April 23.

The quartet were warned by the driver at Clachan, but their behaviour got worse and at Tarbert he asked them to leave.

They became aggressive and it was then other passengers, including the man who was bit, helped the driver eject them from the bus.

Police were called and the four arrested, after lengthy pursuits around a forested area of Tarbert.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson said:

'This must have been an awful experience for the passengers,

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Campbeltown Community Nursing Team leader Louise Burke shows off their newest mode of transport.

Nurses out and about on bikes

AS NHS Highland continues to make cuts to services in Campbeltown, the local nursing team has bought a new pushbike for making home visits.

A number of continuing care beds at the hospital have been recently marked for removal, while a review into out of hours radiology services is ongoing.

Due to the growth of the community nursing team and the increased number of home visits, a car is not always available and only a small amount of funding was available to the team.

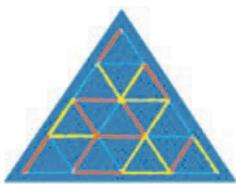
Rather than be left without transport, the team

decided the best use for the money was to get a bike, fully equipped with panniers, a helmet, vest and a bell.

Team leader Louise Burke did her first patient check using the bike and said she thoroughly enjoyed it.

She said: 'The patients were a little surprised when I arrived in a safety helmet and luminous vest, but I am sure that as the bicycle is used more it will just become the norm.'

'I hope that as the weather improves more of the team will take advantage of a healthier mode of transport.'



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Campbeltown Grammar's S6 students gather for a group photograph before their graduation last Friday. 08_c19graduates01

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar S6 pupils enjoyed some moments to remember last Friday morning as they officially said goodbye to each other and the school.

They enjoyed a breakfast together in the school before being joined by family members and friends for their graduation ceremony.

Citizenship awards were presented to Lori McLatchie, Gareth Scott-Dodd, Struan

an Watson, Laura McKellar, Louise MacAlister, Ross Colville and Sally Chute before addresses by school captains Louise MacAlister and Stuart Crossan.

Torin Currie and Joe McManus then gave talks of their S6 memories.

Graduation certificates were given to: Aila Adair, Eva Armour, Andrew Barbour, Sean Beasley, Ross Caisley, Alison Campbell, Sally Chute, Abbie Clements,

Ross Colville, Stuart Crossan, Torin Currie, Carly Duncan, Hamish Duncan, Eilidh Gaughan, Charlotte Gilbert, Kelly Gilbert, Fraser Gillies, Jodie Hannah, Eilidh Henderson, Lewis Henderson, Kathryn Howell, Sylvia Johnston, Thomas Jordan, Adam Kenny, Courtney Lang, Tiffany Lang, Alison MacAlister, Louise MacAlister, Stuart MacBrayne, Morbheinn MacAllister, Amanda McAulay, Amy McCallum, Martin Mc-

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Noufest celebrations at Carradale

THE WORK of an author with a special affinity to Carradale is to be celebrated this weekend in the village.

Naomi Mitchison moved to Carradale in 1938 and 2013 is the 75th anniversary of her purchase of Carradale House.

An exhibition, originally used to celebrate her 100th birthday, has been revised and extended for the occasion.

Tonight the celebrations of Noufest kick off with a buffet and traditional Scottish dance with Archie MacAlister's Band.

Tomorrow (Saturday) sees a concert of Scottish artists featuring music, poetry, songs and stories starting at 8pm.

Distinguished

On Sunday there will be talks by three distinguished writers about Mitchison's writings, travel and Carradale's

influence at 2pm. Local band The Wild Sarachs will also be making an appearance, as they re-unite after a two and a half year hiatus.

For more information about the event contact 01583 431637 or 01586 550453.



Several of those involved in Noufest pose at the National Library of Scotland, including members of the Mitchison family.

Couple charged with possession and intent to supply drugs

A COUPLE have been charged with possession and intent to supply drugs after being detained by police on Saturday.

A woman, aged 27 and man, 26, were caught after police carried out a search warrant on premises on Davaar Avenue on Saturday.

Both were charged under the misuse of drugs act.

This came as police arrested eight more people over the weekend for possession of drugs after carrying out stop searches.

In all, seven men and one women were detained by police between last Thursday and Saturday.

Police in Campbeltown continue to focus on stop searches under the misuse of drugs act.

Information wanted on stolen garden ornaments

POLICE in Campbeltown are requesting information after several garden ornaments were taken from a home in Main Street.

The theft was reported last weekend to local police after the owner at 31 Main Street discovered the ornaments had gone.

Armed Forces Day

THIS WEEKEND sees a bumper armed forces day in Campbeltown involving both the Royal British Legion and Sea Cadets.

Tomorrow, members of the Royal British Legion Scotland (RBLS) Riders Branch, Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, veterans, RBLS Campbeltown, Campbeltown Brass and the Sea Cadets will be taking part in a parade from Kinloch Green at 1pm.

Stall will also be set up on the Green.

The Sea Cadets will also be laying a wreath at Kilkerran war memorial and holding boat races with other sea cadet units.



Sally Chute receives her award from Gerry Toner, of Heriot Watt University. Left is Chris Mordey, president of the Rotary Club of Campbeltown, and right is Campbeltown Grammar French teacher Julien Dessans.

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Top award for Campbeltown schoolgirl

YEARS of family holidays in France and a love of the country's culture have certainly paid off for Campbeltown Grammar's sixth-year pupil Sally Chute.

The 18-year-old has won a prize for excellence, finishing third in a prestigious national competition aimed at improving the oral examinations of Advanced Higher French students. A total of 34 entries were received from 11 schools.

Organised

Last week she was presented with her prize by Gerry Toner, of Heriot Watt University, on behalf of AMOPA-Ecosse, which organised the competition to promote the development of French language and culture.

Sally's teacher Julien Dessans said: 'She got full marks in her speaking exam last year, so we

knew she would make a decent entry.'

Sally, who is also fluent in Spanish, is now looking forward to going to Heriot Watt University in the autumn where she will study languages, interpreting and translating.

She added: 'I would eventually like to work as a translator and interpreter in an environment like the European parliament.'

Agnes Stewart of the Rotary Club said: 'Sally has been a huge credit to the club as her sponsors, and also to the languages department of Campbeltown Grammar.'

'I passed my Higher French and Advanced Higher French a year early, so doing the competition was an incentive to keep me speaking the language.'

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Positive response to Town Hall renovation plans

THERE has been a positive response to plans for Campbeltown's Town Hall renovations after a large number of people turned out to view them last week.

The plans for the project adorned the walls of the council chambers, with food and drinks available for those who took the time to come and view them last Tuesday.

According to the architect who was involved in designing the renovation, these plans are '95 per cent fixed', adding, 'there's always room for manoeuvre.'

This event was one final push for the South Kintyre Development Trust, who hope to send in their Big Lottery application at the end of May.

Architect Bill Colart, who has spent 10 months working on the plans for the hall, said: 'People are looking at the plans, understanding how it will come together and how they might use the space.'

Proud

'We are reinforcing the historic character of the building and when it's finished it will be a place people will be proud of and enjoy.'

'People will want to come here again.'

A prize draw was held at the open day, with Angela McMillan from Campbeltown winning an Original Factory Shop voucher and Tony Williams from Muasdale picking up a bottle of Springbank whisky.



Tracy Grant from South Kintyre Development Trust (left) explains the plans to some visitors.

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New in house repair service created by ACHA

DAY to day repairs and maintenance of Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) homes is to be carried out by a new in-house repairs service.

Created by ACHA, the new company, called Argyll Homes for All, has been given a three year contract to deliver these services on behalf of ACHA to its tenants across Argyll.

Alastair MacGregor, chief executive of ACHA said: 'After a year in the making I am pleased that Argyll

Homes For All is now up and running and providing a range of repairs and maintenance services under contract to the association. I hope our tenants will get an excellent service and good value for money in the arrangements.'

Exciting time

'This is a very exciting time in the association's development and I hope our new repairs subsidiary will rise to the task and be able to expand its services both to ACHA and others over the next few years.'

Committee to discuss whether A83 should be a trunk road

THE SCOTTISH Affairs Select Committee is to discuss whether the A83 should become a trunk road as part of an inquiry over the power failures in Kintyre in March.

Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, told the *Courier* that when the group meets over the summer, they will be discussing various points relating to how the power cuts were handled.

This will include investigating what can be done to reduce problems in the future, why it took two days to get SSE down as well as whether the road from Kennacraig south should be trunked.

Mr Reid said: 'I believe if it had been a trunk road, with all the equipment available to a trunk road network, it would have been open quicker.'

MV Isle of Arran will soon be a familiar sight in Campbeltown

IT IS still a novelty to see, but it will soon be a familiar sight.

The Caledonian MacBrayne ferry MV Isle of Arran was in Campbeltown Harbour last Wednesday and Thursday for berthing exercises.

It was all part of its preparations before the start of the new ferry service between Campbeltown and Ardrossan, which begins on Thursday, May 23.

It will be a special day for Kintyre, which has campaigned for the service for many years.

It will also make good use of Campbeltown's £4.6million New Quay which is also serving the timber trade and renewables energy industry.

Three-year-trial

As part of a three-year trial, boats will operate to Ardrossan on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays via Brodick and Sundays until the end of September.

Foot passengers will pay £9.50 for a single journey and £16 for a five-day return.

Vehicles will pay £58 for a single trip and £99 for a five-day return.

MV Isle of Arran was built in 1983 and served Arran for 10 years before moving to Kennacraig. Described as 'a real workhorse', it has been a relief vessel and spare vessel for CalMac in recent years.

It was designed to carry 448 passengers and 76 cars.



MV Isle of Arran approaching Campbeltown Harbour as part of its berthing exercises last Thursday. 20_c19arran02

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Fuel poverty grant can 'make difference'

A £780,700 Big Lottery grant to tackle fuel poverty in Argyll could make a 'substantial difference' to many people's lives.

That is the assertion of the charity Argyll, Lomond and the Islands Energy Agency (ALIenergy) which has received the award.

'Between a third to two-thirds of households in Argyll can be in fuel poverty, depending on the area,' revealed a spokeswoman.

'Fuel poverty means having to spend more than ten percent of your income to heat your home.'

'Most of Argyll is not on the national gas grid, resulting in people having to use expensive electricity storage heaters or oil central heating.'

'However, there are

many options available to people to save energy.

'For example, we can look at the fabric of the house, the state of the walls, windows, floors, loft.'

'We can look for draughts, and see if there are cheap or free insulation measures available.'

'We can check for cold and damp and how that can be alleviated.'

'We can look at people's income and benefits available. We can look at the appliances and tariffs they use.'

'There are so many energy-saving measures within a house, not least of all with electricity where people have developed wasteful habits from when it was cheap.'

The grant is for the 'Affordable Warmth for Sustainable Rural

Communities in Argyll' project will target areas with highest rates of

vulnerable people have support locally.'

The Big Lottery money will fund three full-time advice/support officers, travel costs, staff training, as well as management and other costs for five years.

It is hoped to have the posts filled next month.

The funding will also see frontline health and social care providers given training to 'improve identification, referral and support of elderly people and lone parents experiencing fuel poverty'.

Support networks comprising local advice agencies, NHS and local authority representatives will also be developed.

Community volunteers will also be recruited to help identify, support and refer individuals most in need.

Pancake Tea raises £680 for brass band funds

A PANCAKE Tea held by Campbeltown Brass last month has raised £680 for the band to help with running costs.

This money will also go towards starting a Beginners Percussion Group.

Packed crowd

The event was held at Stronvaar Bowling Club on April 27, where a packed crowd enjoyed baking and tea while listening to the band play a variety of music.

Anyone who wishes to take up percussion should get in touch with Campbeltown Brass.



Solo horn player Alison Campbell plays at the Pancake Tea which took place last month. 20_c18brass01

Local economy on to a winner when 800 runners hit town

'It's a very busy weekend and good fun for the community'

by GRAHAM CRAWFORD
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

THERE is one guaranteed winner already before racing even starts at the MOK half marathon and 10k races in a fortnight - Campbeltown.

The local economy will receive a massive boost when 800 runners flock to the town.

Hundreds will stay one or even two nights in the area's hotels and guesthouses.

Shops, restaurants and pubs will also benefit from extra trade.

The event has captured runners' imaginations throughout the UK - and abroad.

So many competitors now want to take part in an event named the UK's top half marathon by the Runners World magazine for the past three years. This year sees entries from Australia, Denmark and Abu Dhabi.

Dozens from throughout the UK are also set

'I think the town's hotels and guesthouses are always fully booked.'

The Ardshiel Hotel will welcome back 14 members of a running family for the seventh year.

Co-owner Flora Grant said: 'We are fully booked. We have competitors booking more than a year in advance.

'It's a very busy weekend and really good for the community.'

'It's a brilliant, fun atmosphere - everybody's happy.'

Mike Story, executive director of Argyll and Isles Tourism, said: 'The

MOK runs are unique. Competitors are attracted by the atmosphere, the scenery and the people, and everyone goes away as an ambassador for the so many things Kintyre has to offer.

'There is a real desire in Kintyre to welcome its guests and the community benefits.'

Kintyre tourism will also benefit from this weekend's Kintyre Way runs and relays, with Scottish runners joined by competitors from Poland, Sweden, France, Ireland, England and Orkney.

Council to take over parking enforcement

PARKING enforcement in Campbeltown is to be taken over by Argyll and Bute Council within the next year to 18 months.

At last week's full council meeting, the council agreed to take on the parking in the town after the police withdrew from controlling parking enforcement.

Until Street Scene takes over the enforcement, the police will continue to issue tickets when they are in the area or hear complaints from residents.

Masonic Hall to host diecast model show this weekend

TRUCKS, trains and automobiles will be appearing in Campbeltown Masonic Hall on Sunday at the rescheduled diecast model show.

The event was due to take place in March, but due to the power cuts had to be called off. It will now take place on Sunday, May 12.

There will also be models of tractors, cranes, motorbikes and buses, as well as a selection of home baking and a raffle.

All proceeds from the show go to Leukaemia research in Campbeltown.

It starts at 10am and finishes at 4.30pm.

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Exhibition a sobering reminder of Kintyre's role in the war

IS THE Second World War becoming a distant memory?

Perhaps as the years go by, its reality, horrors and political implications are being diminished. It is part of the human condition and memory process that events will fade in our minds and consequently become less real.

Eventually, only history books will remain to remind us of what actually occurred. It happened with the First World War as the years ticked by, when only an aged veteran recounting gory details could shock us back into the grim truth. Now the passage of time means fewer former soldiers remain to give first-hand accounts of WW2.

One such man is Duncan McCallum, now 93, who last week served to remind us about that war - and how he and many others from Kintyre took themselves off to serve their country.

Major McCallum also reminded us that many he knew in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders did not return to families and friends. They were young men lost forever and he, for one, is grateful for his fortune in being spared.

Lest we forget, Major McCallum was able to provide a valuable service in assisting a military artist to re-enact The Battle for Longstop Hill in Tunisia. The battle cost many lives and saw the awarding of a Victoria Cross to a brave leader who survived only to be claimed by the war a few months later. It was an important battle and the day was won by the Allied Forces.

The painting and its accompanying display, in Campbeltown Library for the next two weeks, are well worth viewing.

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Jewel in Crown just needs a polish

Sir,

I read with great interest your article on page nine of the recent *Campbeltown Courier* headlined 'Project team on their way' regarding the recent substantial grant received from the Coastal Communities Fund for the Kintyre Way.

Along with five friends I have just completed The Kintyre way.

For logistical reasons we chose to walk from Dunaverty to Tarbert as the Kintyre Way brochure claims 'way marking works in both directions'.

This we found was most certainly not the case and on four occasions our experienced team of six found ourselves walking either in completely the wrong direction looking for the way markings or indeed walking in the right direction in the hope that a blue marker would be found.

The mile markers affixed to the way markers (of which there are few) are clearly and only marked for those walking from the Tarbert end.

There is a distinct lack of benches or seats in order that food and drinks can be consumed or - more-so - that running repairs on aching limbs can be carried out.

The footpath is badly in need of some cosmetic surgery to clear the route of the overgrown plants and shrubs which caused us to walk a number of miles on the main road between Tayinloan and Clachan.

That aside we had a fantastic five days walking amongst some of the most stunning

scenery Scotland has to offer and this is what the project team must concentrate on.

On behalf of us all we wish the project team good luck and look forward to see the improvements.

Argyll has its very own "Jewel in the Crown" it just needs a little bit of a polish.

Douglas Colville

Dochas Dancers hold successful workshop

Sir,

On Saturday, April 27 Dochas Dancers, a local community Dance Group led by Anne Becket, were delighted to be able to host an inspiring workshop, run by three dancers who are part of Independence Dance Group. Independence is based in Glasgow and specialises in working/dancing with people with disabilities, creating opportunities for people with diverse abilities, and their carers to enjoy, express and fulfil their potential through dance.

The workshop took place at Ardrishaig Village Hall from 11am till 4pm and was open to dancers from Lochgilphead and Campbeltown Resource Centres, Senior Dancers from the Mid Argyll Community Dance Group and Volunteers.

Because the workshop was spread over a whole day everybody who took part had lots of opportunity to become really involved and benefit from tutors, Will, Haley and Adam's wealth of experience and innovative approach. Dancers were engaged in a warm up led by Adam and Will. Haley led workshops which involved dancing with beautiful Venetian style masks and dancers in small groups cho-

reographing and performing their own short dance pieces.

Everyone who took part in the workshop found it an energising and creative experience. Independence and Dochas Dancers are now looking into the possibilities of further collaborations. Perhaps in the form of a workshop/performance in Glasgow which would enable, Mid Argyll dancers to broaden their experience.

Sue MacDougall and Anne-Marie Kastelein.

Back-up battery system

Sir,

During the power cuts in March, a lot of tenants were unable to use their gas central heating as it needs mains electricity.

With ACHA taking away all gas and solid fuel fires, maybe it would be an idea to innovate the gas boilers with some kind of battery back up system as this is the only form of heating that some have been left with.

Adam Boyd,
Campbeltown

Play golf for charity

Sir,

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Sam Torrance OBE

Find eagle answer

Sir,

A most lively and cogently felt debate, this issue of the loss of lambs to eagles and to foxes. The latter can be dealt with by a lead injection.

Flock masters feel the loss of lambs deeply both from a commercial viewpoint and the distress caused to ewes.

Those with little knowledge of animal husbandry can certainly agree with shepherds on this emotive issue.

It is hoped that redress is extended generously to cover the losses which involve months of care and at times work of a strenuous nature.

Shepherds have deep feelings for their charges. Farming exists under great pressure.

Is there another aspect of the conservation of eagles? Is there empirical evidence that eagles control numbers of hoodies, foxes, rabbits, gulls even small deer?

Is it known that eagles can at times drive deer over a precipice and consume the carcasses. Does a case exist for the defence of eagles acting as nature dictates?

Doubtless controversy is ongoing. Are there any answers which meet the demands of both sides of this dilemma?

Captain John S Colman
Ardentinny.

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Battle's last survivor recalls the fallen

'Most of the officers were killed or wounded'

AN OLD soldier stands with quiet dignity in front of a painting of a bloody war scene.

The Battle for Longstop Hill, Tunisia, 70 years ago claimed the lives of more than 100 members of the 8th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Among them were young men from Kintyre.

Major Duncan McMillan, 93, of Campbeltown, pictured, knows how lucky he is to have survived.

Now the Argylls' remaining survivor of Longstop, he told the *Courier*: 'It was the worst battle I experienced.'

'It was pandemonium. Bullets buzzed past you like bees all the time.'

Leave him

'If your pal dropped, you had to leave him and carry on to the top of the hill.'

'I was very lucky to survive the Second World War. Everyone who came through it was lucky.'

Major McMillan will never forget quite how lucky he was.

He was among a group of men

who built a shelter after winning the vital Longstop Hill from the Germans. They were ordered out on patrol; when they returned the shelter had been wiped out by a shell.

The painting, commissioned to mark the battle's 70th anniversary, is on display at Campbeltown Library for the next two weeks.

It portrays 25-year-old Major Jack Anderson leading the uphill assault after the commanding officer was killed.

Major McMillan, then a sergeant aged 23, was ordered to give close support and awarded the Military Medal for his actions.

Despite a leg wound, Anderson overcame several enemy machine gun posts and mortar positions.

A heavy toll reduced the battalion to 44 men, but the hill was taken with 200 prisoners.

Awarded the Victoria Cross for his valiant leadership that day, Major Anderson died in action in Italy only a few months later.

Major McMillan, of Dolsach, Low Askomil, Campbeltown, returned to his home town after

the war and eventually set up a successful upholstery business still run by his family today in Longrow.

Major McMillan, who helped leading military artist Stuart Brown re-enact the Longstop scene, still has strong memories of Longstop.

'Most of the officers were killed or wounded,' he said.

Regret

'I regret later turning down a chance to go back to the battlefield. A lot of my friends from Campbeltown, Stirling, Islay, Oban and Mull were killed there.'

Unveiled last month in the Argylls' regimental museum in Stirling Castle, the painting will also be shown in Oban, Dunoon and Helensburgh before returning to the museum where Major Anderson's VC is on display.

Argyll and Bute councillor Maurice Corrie, an armed forces and veterans champion, said: 'It is so appropriate to have Duncan at the painting's Campbeltown unveiling.'



Major Duncan McMillan recalls the moments that helped inspire the painting . 08_c18battle01

Bus fracas lands teenager in court

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including children, on the bus.'

She expressed her surprise the matter was not on indictment, which would have increased her sentencing powers.

All four accused, who recently moved

to Campbeltown from Glasgow, admitted breach of the peace.

Pleaded guilty
Duffy, of 11 Longrow South, who also pleaded guilty to assault and threatening a police officer, was jailed for 10 months backdated to

April 24.
O'Donnell Little, of 26 Burnside Street, who also admitted assault and resisting arrest, was jailed for 10 months backdated.

Rooney, of 20-22 Burnside Street, was jailed for eight months. Sentence on Livingston was deferred until June 5 for reports and he was remanded in custody.

GRADUATION



Jillian Ogilvie has recently graduated from Napier University with a BA in television. Jillian is the younger daughter of Allan and Anne, Campbeltown and is currently working as an assistant editor with Editworks in Glasgow.

Come and air your views on methadone and hospital changes

CAMPBELTOWN Community Council is reminding those who wish to air their views about methadone and hospital changes to come to a meeting on Monday night.

The community council has arranged a meeting with managers from the NHS to discuss both the methadone clinic and cuts to beds at the town's hospital.

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Runners and cyclists mingle just before the start of the races. 08_c19gigha05



Eleven-year-old Cameron Campbell from Campbeltown crosses the line first in the 5k. 08_c19gigha03



Not another runner is in sight as Kenny Campbell powers a lone path approaching eight miles in the Gigha Challenge. 08_c19gigha01



They're off at the start of the 5k race. 08_c19gigha04

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Runners prepare for the start of the 5k running race in the Gigha Challenge. 08_c19gigha07



The start of the 11.2 mile race. Winner Kenny Campbell, number 30, is on the left. Third place Alasdair O'May is number 47. Number 76 is ladies' winner Jennifer Martin. 08_c19gigha06



Competitors gather to register at the Gigha Gallery. 08_c19gigha08

All ages are up for the Gigha Challenge

AN 11-year-old boy won the 5k running race and a Kilmarnock couple belied their pensionable age to be the fastest walkers over the 11.2 mile course.

Meanwhile, Kenny Campbell, aged 36 and still remarkably fresh from his fine efforts at the recent London Marathon, smashed the record for the longer running course.

Success came in all shapes, sizes and ages as a record entry of 105 walked, ran and cycled in the Gigha Challenge last Saturday.

Tousle-haired Cameron Campbell, 11, from Campbeltown, crossed the 5k line in an impressive 23mins 10secs.

There were much older people in the race however not far behind him in second was another youngster, 14-year-old Catriona Booth from Bearsden.

In the main event, the 11.2 mile run, Kenny Campbell, from Southend and a member of Campbeltown Running Club, defied a strong, cold wind to solo run 64mins 59secs and knock many minutes off the previous record.

Another CRC runner Jennifer Martin won the ladies' race for the second year. Considering they walked the same dis-

tance, David and Evelyne Murdoch, who are both 68, did remarkably well to take just 2hrs 50mins.

Keen walkers, they joined in the fun after arriving to support their son, James, who finished fourth behind three Campbeltown Running Club teammates.

Heather Gorman, one of the organisers, said: 'We were delighted to have a record turnout of competitors.'

'While it was very cold for spectators, the runners said it was fine for them.'

Results:

Men's 11.2 mile run - 1 Kenny Campbell, 2 Alan Reid, 3 Alasdair O'May. Women - 1 Jennifer Martin, 2 Rachael Edward, 3 Jennifer Reid.

5k run male - 1 Cameron Campbell, 2 Julien Gritten, 3 Campbell Reid.

Female - 1 Catriona Booth, 2 Cara Gorman, 3 Kerry Connelly.

11.2 mile cycle - 1 Stuart McDonald, 2 Tina Barrie, 3 Fiona Urwin.

5k cycle - 1 Alan MacDougall, 2 Andrew Byles, 3 Rozlyn Byles.

11.2 mile walk - 1 eq David and Evelyne Murdoch, 3 Christine Mineham.

5k walk - 1 Alex Shaw, 2 Elaine Shaw, 3 Alexander Storie.



David and Evelyne Murdoch catch their breath after a powerful walk of 11 miles in well under three hours. 08_c19gigha02

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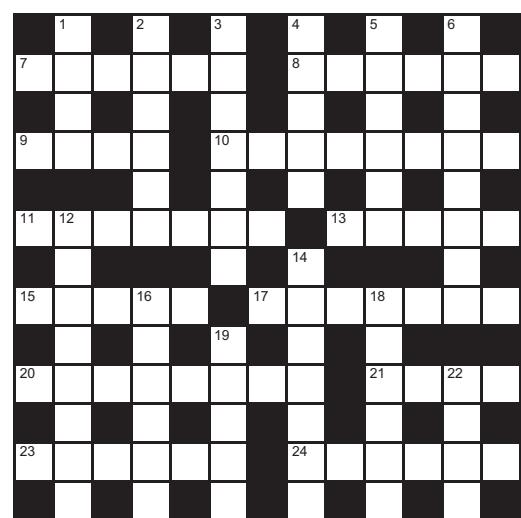
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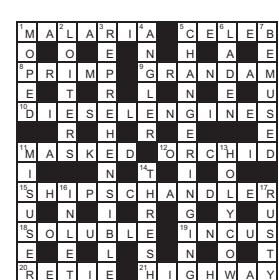
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- 23 Waiting to be put through (2,4)
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Campbeltown belongs to Ayrshire

IT may be in Kintyre, but Campbeltown will belong to Ayrshire next week.

Hundreds of farmers from all over the UK are expected to arrive in the town for the Ayrshire Cattle Society's annual conference and AGM.

The biggest event of the calendar for the huge society - it has 1,200 members - it is being held in Campbeltown to mark the end of the one-year term as president by Robin Barr, of Clochkeil Farm, Kilkenzie.

Tradition dictates the conference is held in the president's home town.

Robin and his wife Iona, supported by a committee, have been busy preparing a warm Kintyre welcome for their visitors who will enjoy three days of events and entertainment beginning on Thursday.

Robin told the Courier: 'Iona and the committee have put in an awful lot of work to ensure a good conference.'

Around 120 delegates are booked into the Ugadale Hotel and cottages, Machrihanish as well as the Royal Hotel in Campbeltown.

Local economy

In a further boost for the local economy, more than 100 day visitors, including many Kintyre dairy farmers, are also expected.

A busy itinerary includes visits to Machriebeg, Ormsary, Gartvaigh, Ballygrogan, East Drumlemble and Clochkeil farms.

Victoria Hall will host most events in Campbeltown including a gala dinner and dance on the Saturday.



The many merits of Ayrshire beasts will be to the fore of discussions at the Ayrshire Cattle Society annual conference in Campbeltown next week.

MARKET REPORTS

Dalmally Auction Mart

UNITED Auctions held its annual May sale involving 278 cattle of all classes, at Dalmally Auction Mart last Saturday.

A good offering of grazing cattle sold in keeping with principal mainland centres.

Averages failed to reach last year's exceptional high values, this being attributed to lack of grass throughout the

country.

Bullocks sold to average £755 per head or 231p per kilo and sold to a top of £1,355 for Charolais crosses from Auchlyne and 258p per kilo, also Charolais crosses from Barnakill. Heifers sold to average £608 per head or 212p per kilo and selling to a top of £1,035 for Charolais crosses from Auchlyne and 231p per kilo for Charolais crosses from Dunans.

Principal lots and prices per head
Bullocks
AAx: £785 - Knock-Dhu.
Charx: £1355, £1105, £1075, £1055 & £835 - Auchlyne Farm.
Limx: £1,065, £965(2), £955 & £945 - Tiraghoil. £875 & £845(2) - Knock-Dhu. £845(7) - Tiraghoil.
Shx: £755(2) - Arileod, Coll.
Simx: 252p(6) - Keilarot. 248p(4) - Tiraghoil. 247p(5) - Keilarot. 244p(2) - Tiraghoil. 239p(2) - Glencreren. 233p - Duncroisk & Glencreren Estate. 226p(2), 223p & 221p(3) - Duncroisk.

Heifers
Charx: 231p(2) - Dunans. 222p - Barnakill. 212p(2) & 205p(2) - Auchlyne.

Limx: 220p(2) - Duncroisk. 218p & 241p(2) - Ardsignish.

Simx: 216p(3) - Dunans.

Heifers
Charx: £1,035(2) - Auchlyne Farm.
Limx: £895 - Ardsignish. £865 - Tiraghoil. £855 & £845 - Ballie-manoach, Kilmartin.
Simx: £795 - Duallin.

Top prices per kilo
Bullocks

AAx: 251p - Knock-Dhu.

Charx: 258p - Barnakill. 257p - Dunans. 244p(2) - Barnakill.

243p - Dunans. 237p(2) & 225p - Auchlyne. 221p - Barnakill. 220p - Auchlyne.

Limx: 251p(7) - Tiraghoil. 250p - Tullochan. 248p(2) - Brenchoirle. 246p - Knock-Dhu. 239p(2) - Brenchoirle. 238p(5) - Tiraghoil. 235p - Craigmore. 234p(2) - Keilarot. 232p - Craigmore. 231p - Tullochan. 228p(2) - Knock-Dhu. 224p(7) - Tiraghoil. 221p - Ard-maleish. 220p(3) - Knock-Dhu. 218p - Barnakill. 212p(2) - Arileod. 210p - Knock-Dhu. 208p - Barnakill.

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1,904 prime hoggets, 30 prime sheep and 490 cast ewes and tups on Tuesday.

Prime lambs (27) sold to 254p for 46kg Suffolk from J Wilson, Balhelvie and to £119 for a 51kg Cont from J Frame, High Dyke to average 240.85p per kilo (+14.56p on the week).

Leading prices - p per kilo and £ per head:

Suff x - 254p & £117 Balhelvie; Meat Linc - 251p Greens Farm, Suff x - £114 Greystone; Berr

245p & £108 Kirkton; Suff

243p Greystone; Meat Linc - £106

Greens Farm; Tex - 233p High

Dyke, £106 Greystone:

Prime hoggets (1904) sold to 277p for 39kilo Beltex's from J B Guthrie, Cuilburn and to £124 for 65 kilo Texels from W M Bell, Craigen to average 213.25p (+0.44 on the week).

Leading prices - p per kilo & £ per head:

Belt - 274p Lurgan Farm, £114 Craigen and Lurgan Farm; Belt x - 272p Cuilburn, £118 Lurgan Farm; Tex - 271p Craigen, £116

Queenshaugh and West Thomas-ton; Tex x - 253p West Thomas-ton, £112 Drumcairn; Cont - 249p

Drumcairn, £113 Walton; Cross - 243p West Thomaston, £108.50

Bowshiel; Suff - 241p Lathalmond

Farm, £120 Queenshaugh; Suff x - 233p Dalmarock, £116.50 Bal-

helvie; Chev - 229p Queenshaugh,

£105.50 Raecruick; Char - 226p

Balure Farm; £112.50 Nether

Strathkinness; BF - 228p Scart,

Park, £985 Blairmains; Blonde - £1,135 Woodcockdale, £955 Dou-

gall Est; BB - £1,295 Balglass;

High - £865 Badeneath; AA -

£1,135 Wharlawhill; B Shorthorn - £1,195 Woodcockfaul:

Cows per kilo: Char - 190p Dal-

chirla; Lim - 190p Lower Green-

yards; Frie - 186p Wharlawhill;

AA - 167p Lyleston; BB - 185p

Balglass; Ayr - 137p Badeneath:

OTM clean: Lim - £1,332 Pit-

craig, £1,285 Lower Greenyards;

AA - £1,205 Blackford; Char -

£1,345 Easterston:

Calves and stinks (45)

Stisks selling to a top of £590

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top of £300 (twice) for a Simmen-

tal bull calf from Woodend and for

a Simmental heifer calf from For-

restmill Farm.

Leading prices: Stisks:

Sim Blk - £225 Forrest-

mill; Char x Hfr - £245 Shields;

Ayr - £172 & £140 Clochkeil;

AAX - £158 & £155 Argaty; Frie

- £110 Carnel, £92 Nyadd:

Young Calves: Char - £100 Tul-

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ISLAY

Whisky awards

ISLAY'S distilleries have once again been commended after a whisky website announced the winners of its awards, known as the Drammies.

Whisky consumer website, forwhiskey-lovers.com, presented Bruichladdish Distillery with two awards, Whisky Distillery of the Year and Most Exciting/Innovative Whisky Producer/Bottler.

Laphroaig Distillery, meanwhile, also received an award for having the best distillery tour - this is the second consecutive year they have won the award. The Best Whisky Value/Bang For the Buck award went to Ardbeg 10 year old Single Malt.

Malt Mill Music night

LAGAVULIN Distillery is set to present their Malt Mill Music Night on May 24 at the distillery.

Edinburgh-based group Blueswater will be providing the entertainment, with a mixture of blues, folk, soul and rock and roll.

Tickets for the event are available on the door

or in advance by emailing lagavulin.distillery@diageo.com.

Doors open from 7.30pm.

JURA

Oral history project looking for keen youngsters

JURA Lives, the island's oral history project, is looking for keen youngsters to get involved in work experience over the summer.

Jura children over the age of 12 can gain experience in an office or recording studio environment while take steps towards gaining a Saltire Award, a Scottish Government scheme to reward volunteering.

They will also receive acknowledgement on the CD produced to coincide with the island's digital archive of memories and stories in October.

The project can also offer paid work experience to recent graduates or current students for up to three months through the 'Adopt an Intern' scheme.

Jane Carswell, project officer said: 'The archive will just be like an audio library managed by a database.'

PENINVER

**An Ceardach garden in bloom**

THE prolonged cold and windy weather this year was quite damaging to a lot of the early flowering shrubs at An Ceardach, Peninver.

'The flowers were opening just in time to be killed overnight,' said owner Christine Russell.

'Some of the more tender plants which do well in our mild climate have suffered too, but no doubt things will recover in time.

The recent pleasant weather means that the garden is moving into its next phase with more and more rhododendrons and camellias in full flower, with primulas and bluebells just beginning.

Visitors are welcome to come to the garden during May when there are some really beautiful sights to be seen.' c18garden01no

GLENBARR

Green fingered volunteers wanted for Glenbarr gardening Group

GLENBARR Gardening Group is looking for some green fingered volunteers to get involved in gardening at Glenbarr Primary School.

The group had their first hands on gardening session last month with the Campbeltown Community Garden team and is inviting anyone with an interest in gardens or wildlife to come along every Monday from 3.45pm.

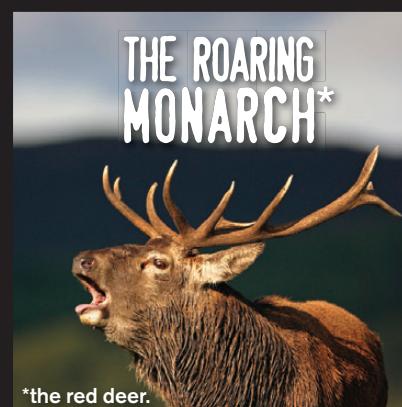
There are also evening meetings, talks and demonstrations.

On May 13, the community garden team will be joining the group once again to help build planters from recycled pallets and plant a runner bean tunnel.

People of all ages are welcome to join them as they sow seeds and plant tubs.



The Glenbarr Gardening Group with their bug hotel, which they completed last month with help from the Campbeltown Community Garden team.

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Ardshiel Hotel co-owners Flora Grant, left, and Marion Mackinnon are looking forward to reading a new German crime novel which will feature them and the hotel.

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Campbeltown hotel books a mention in crime novel

'I think it is great the Ardshiel will feature in the book'

A HOTEL in Campbeltown is about to find itself in the thick of a serious crime plot - including a murder.

And while Flora Grant and Marion MacKinnon, co-owners of the Ardshiel, will actually be named in the book, they have been given one very important assurance.

'Neither of us will be the murderer, I'm happy to say,' smiled Flora.

The proposed book is set to be the fifth in the popular German series featuring sleuth Pippa Bolle.

They are written by Ute Muegge-Lauterbach

under the pen name Frau Auerbach.

Great

Flora said: 'I think it is great that the Ardshiel and its world-famous whisky bar will feature in the book.'

'It is really exciting, and a real boost for Campbeltown as well.'

'I'm looking forward to reading it.'

The author, a whisky buff, explained in a letter to Flora why she is delighted to be centering her latest plot around whisky and Campbeltown.

She wrote: 'I remember my 10 days on Kin

interesting and relaxing of my entire career as a writer and it will be a pleasure writing the novel.'

Planning

'I have talked so much about your hotel that two of my whisky group are planning to stay with you this summer and my whisky group wants to come some time next spring.'

'I really hope I can accompany them then to sample more of the brilliant Glen Scotias you have in your selection.'

Ms Muegge-Lauterbach also told how much she enjoyed a ceilidh at the Ardshiel which fea-

tured local musicians.

Flora added: 'I remember her well. We spoke about our shared passion for whisky and its stories. She knows a lot about it.'

'She was in her mid 40s and had a vibrant and bubbly personality and a very alive mind.'

If Ms Muegge-Lauterbach and her whisky group arrive in Campbeltown next spring as hoped, they should be able to raise a glass to the success of her new book.

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Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/00772/PP	Erection of detached garage	Alder House Kilmichael Glassary Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8QA	Ardrishaig Area Office
13/00773/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and detached garage, installation of sewage treatment system and formation of vehicular access	Plot B Land West Of Corrimoor Ardfern Lochgilphead	Sub Post Office Ardfern
13/00835/PP	Erection of a single storey industrial building, installation of septic tank and formation of new access	Glencairns Farm Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6NS	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

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Along with the land, bricks and mortar, you will need large volumes of dedication, commitment and patience throughout the entire project. It will take longer than you thought. It will probably extend both deadlines and budgets so make a list in large lettering of the top three reasons of why you are constructing your own home – read it regularly, and put it in a prominent position that keeps you focused, especially when the going gets tough.

Remember that undertaking this self-build is to achieve the home of your dreams.

Whatever your chosen route to a piece of land, there are four basic areas to consider before embarking on a plot purchase – ground conditions, planning permission, utilities and services, and any legal considerations.



GROUND CONDITIONS

Ground conditions are important as it forms the foundations of your dream home. It may be necessary to employ a specialist to ensure that the plot of land is ideally suited for your project. Simple things like a high water table, while not insurmountable, need to be identified, as do more serious issues with potential flooding, industrial or agricultural pollution and, if the site has been subject to infill, what was it in-filled with? Building land may have been built on previously and what lies beneath the surface in terms of drains, pipe work, foundations, etc may have cost implications that are not immediately obvious.

PLANNING

Planning is often the biggest single obstacle that a self-builder has to negotiate.

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All plots will require utilities and services at some stage.

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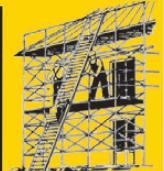
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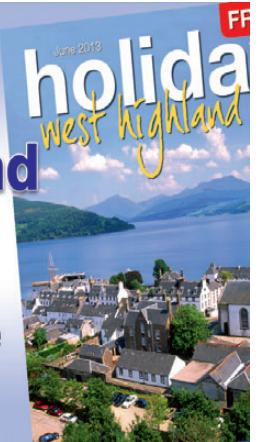
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Sheddell



THE tables looked lovely. The white teacups had a strawberry placed decoratively on the lip and the matching teapots completed the scene.

Laughter and conversation flowed and we knew it was going to be a great birthday party.

To my surprise and delight, when I was poured a cup of tea, it had the beautiful aroma of whisky!

It was the best cup of tea I've ever had, tasting as it was infused with a Springbank malt and some of our other national brew.

My companions encountered similar surprises as their cups of tea consisted of gin with blueberries or rum with coconut.

We were at the Tasting Rooms in Campbeltown and were looked after superbly by Donald and Lesley.

Music and singing entertained us and a lovely buffet completed the night.

It is always a joy to be invited to share in the special events of the lives of our friends and we were pleased to celebrate with John in such style.

It is also a delight to be surprised – to enjoy the unexpected pleasures in life.

Malt from a teapot rates high on the list!

Sometimes there are rare times in worship when we are surprised by something different and we find God speaking to us in these special moments.

It is a joy to visit other churches with different forms of worship from our own.

I love the liturgy which is precious to many, and the symbolism we find on Iona.

I love the intimacy of a small group and the wonder when hundreds gather to worship God.

But most of all I love to be surprised by God – to find God in the unexpected, out of the routine and ritual.

Elijah was surprised not to find God in the earthquake or the fire, but in the silence.

Where do we find the God of surprises.

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Campbeltown's James McCorkindale dancers put on a colourful display with a Mary Queen of Scots theme. 16_t19musicdance16

Kintyre dancers and musicians do well in Oban

CAMPBELTOWN'S dancers and musicians came out in force for the Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival in Oban last weekend.

Amy Paterson, aged 11, picked up awards across the festival, including first in the under-12 years four part tune chanter competition, first in the brass primary open and second in the under-12 years Fiddle Slow Air and March.

In the novice march under-13 years chanter competition, Jamie McKerral came first, picking up the Oban Electrical Services Trophy, as well as the Anthony Campbell Memorial Trophy for his ground of a piobaireachd in the under-15 age category.

Campbeltown's Mark Leishman also did well, winning the United Auctions Trophy for coming first in the hornpipe and jig 15 years and under-18 years age group, and the Adam McCracken Trophy after coming first in the march, strathspey and reel in the same age group.

Meanwhile, the town's James McCorkindale School put on one of the more colourful performances of the weekend.

Having finished runner up in Saturday night's Scottish Choreography Challenge heats with their piece, themed on Mary Queen of Scots, they returned for the final, at the Corran Halls, on Sunday.



Amy Paterson shows off her prizes from the festival after taking two firsts and a second place.

Tenancy deposit protection scheme

LANDLORDS in Argyll have less than one week to sign up to a tenancy deposit protection scheme or risk financial penalties.

From next Wednesday, all deposits from privately rented properties must be secured into one of three government approved tenancy deposits protection schemes in Scotland.

Landlords who do not sign up by the deadline will face having to pay their tenant up to three times the amount of the deposit if they have not complied with regula-

tions. Tenants have three months after the tenancy has ended to make an application to the court.

John Blackwood, chief executive of Scottish Association of Landlords, said: 'Many landlords have already signed up to the scheme but those late stragglers could find themselves in trouble. While a great proportion of landlords are registered with the scheme, there are those who are lagging behind, or burying their head in the sand.'

Come May 15, that will not be an option.'

Bunnahabhain and Fishermen's Mission launch design competition

ISLAY whisky brand Bunnahabhain has teamed up with The Fishermen's Mission to launch an international design competition.

The project aims to both raise funds to help the Fishermen's Mission, which provides support and care to fishermen and their families while nurturing emerging designers.

The competition, which is open to amateur and professional designers, involves designing a contemporary label based on the return of the brand's iconic travelling helmsman to Bunnahabhain Distillery.

This competition will

also be run in other markets, including the USA, to produce an exclusive collection called *Tales of the Sea* which will be auctioned later in the year.

All proceeds of the auction and a portion of sales from the 500 limited edition bottles will go to the Fishermen's Mission so it can continue to support fishermen across the country.

David Dickens, chief executive of the Fishermen's Mission, said: 'Every day the mission staff see the devastating aftermath of death and serious injury of fisher-

men at sea.'

'Launching *Tales of the Sea* with Bunnahabhain will help us to raise further awareness of the Mission's vital work.'

The winner will receive a £2,000 prize and have their design produced commercially as part of a limited edition.

To register for the competition, entrants must send an email with their name, date of birth and contact telephone number to taleofthesea@stripecommunications.com or phone 0131 526 3083.

Deadline for registration is May 24 and for submissions is June 24.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy' (Psalm 116:1).

BIRTHS**ROBERTSON - VAUSE**

Graeme and Roxanne are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Lewis William, on April 21, 2013. We would like to thank you all for the lovely gifts that Lewis has received.

DEATHS

HARKNESS - Miss Wilma Harkness, 39 Brodie Crescent, Lochgilphead, Argyll, passed away on May 4, 2013, aged 98 years. Funeral service will be held in The Living Stones Christian Centre, Kilmartin, Argyll, today, Friday, May 10, at 12 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. All friends are respectfully invited to attend. The family wish to express their gratitude to the staff at Ardfernig Care Home, Ardrishaig for their excellent nursing care and loving concern for Wilma during the past one and a half years.

MACMILLAN - Peacefully at Borders General Hospital, Melrose, on Tuesday, April 30, 2013, Helen McSporran Smith, dearly beloved wife of Dugald MacMillan, much loved mum to her five sons and a loving gran to her four grandsons and five granddaughters.

RUSSELL - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on May 3, 2013, Sarah Russell, in her 101st year, 41 Hillside Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late William Russell, much loved mother of June Brown and a loving and much loved grandmother and great grandmother. A service will be held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Friday, May 10, 2013 at 2.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery.

MCLEAN - Following the death of Stuart, Carolin, Michael, Jacqui and family would like to thank everyone for kind expressions of sympathy, flowers and cards received. Heartfelt thanks to Dr Villalba, Louise and staff. Also D C Major Russell Wyles for the lovely service, Mr McEwan for music, the Salvation Army for the lovely buffet and Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for all their support. The McLean family.

SCALLY - The family of the late Jim Scally would like to thank, most sincerely, everyone who phoned, sent flowers and visited when Jim was ill. Thanks to the Kintyre Care Centre and doctors and nurses from Level 7, Western Infirmary, who were so good to Jim. Thanks also to Alasdair Blair, undertakers, for their efficient help and understanding. Finally, massive thanks to Marissa, John and David for all their help and support during this sad time.

IN MEMORIAMS

MARSHALL - In loving memory of my darling daughter, Kellyann, died May 10, 1979, aged 6 days.

The tears in my eyes I can wipe away
But the pain in my heart is here to stay
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WATSON - Peacefully, on May 3, 2013, at Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre, Glasgow, Jack, beloved husband of the late Margaret McMurtie, loving father of David, father-in-law to Sandra and grandfather of Rebecca. Funeral service at Rosneath St Modan's Church, on Monday, May 13 at 10.30am, followed by private interment at Kilkerran Cemetery, Campbeltown.

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11.15am Family Service with Crèche

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Pictured from left are: Steven Dickson, Brian Leishman, Jimmy Anderson, Neil McCormick, John McCormick and Robert MacCallum. c19bowling01no

Emma overcomes difficulties to compete in National Age Group Championships

YOUNG swimmer Emma Lazarus overcame recent serious setbacks to compete in the National Age Group Championships in Edinburgh.

The Campbeltown 13-year-old finished 26th in the 200 metre freestyle in 2min 26secs.

It was outside her existing long course personal best of 2min 23secs she achieved earlier in the year at the West District Championships in East Kilbride where she finished second.

However her preparation for the nationals was far from ideal.

First she was out of the pool for a number of weeks with a suspected chipped bone in her elbow.

Then Aqualibrium closed for maintenance



Emma Lazarus pictured with her silver medal from the West District Championships.

work and then again with the power failure in March.

Kintyre Swimming Club coach Stuart McQuaker said: 'This was a fantastic achievement for Emma in the circumstances after gaining the qualifying time finishing second earlier in the

year at the West District Championships.'

The event at the Royal Commonwealth Pool in Edinburgh was held over five days and included Scottish Olympic swimmers Hannah Miley, Craig Benson and Caitlin McClatchey.

A busy time approaches for the Kintyre club with two swimmers competing in the West District Long Course Open Championships this weekend in East Kilbride followed by the Rutherglen Graded Meet in Bellshill on June 1-2.

A large contingent is set to travel to Islay on June 15 for the Islay and Jura 21st Anniversary Gala and swimmers will also compete in the Scottish Schools Relay Championships in Edinburgh on June 19.

GLENNEAGLES Golf Club beckons for Darren Kelly after he won Dunaverty Golf Club's Spring Meeting.

The competition is a popular event for the members as the prize is gifted by the club captain David MacBrayne. The majority of play-

CAMPBELTOWN Bowling Club held their blue riband fours competition, the Robert Leishman Memorial that welcomed entries from Glasgow clubs Weirs and Wellcroft and Vale of Leven, Alexandria to the Stronvaar green.

Bitterly cold

A morning that promised warmer weather soon changed to bitterly cold and had the participants seeking out their winter woollies and thermal clothing.

The qualifying sections were hotly contested to produce a final between the fours of Jimmy Anderson, Steven Dickson, John and Neil McCormick and Dugald Graham, John Johnston, Alistair Mackay and Malcolm Bannatyne that was to prove to be the match of the day and resulted in a win for the Anderson foursome.

The winners cheques and trophy were presented by president Robert MacCallum and sponsor Brian Leishman.

Excellent scores at Machrihanish

THE 2013 golfing season at Machrihanish golf course continues with some excellent scores over the past two weekends.

Results: Shield Four-ball, April 28: Winners: R McCallum and N Johnstone 64; Runner up: D Campbell and N McCallum 65 (BIH); 3rd: I Watson and R A Wallace 65; Scratch: F Walker and G Brown 72; Junior: G McKillop and A Wallace 71.

Western Dental Stableford, May 5: 1 M MacAulay 39; 2 I McLeod 38; 3 A O'Neill 37 (BIH); Senior: A Mitchell 33; Junior: V Hundeboll 28.

Aillie wins the Argyll Cup

DUNAVERTY Ladies' Argyll Cup played over two rounds on April 13 and 20 was won by Aillie MacBrayne and Karen McKerral, whose score of 140 pipped runners up Elizabeth Morrison and Margaret Barr with a better second round.

Mary MacKinnon and Maggie MacArthur won the Coronation Foursomes Stableford on April 23 with 31 points.

Maggie MacArthur won the April Medal 86-18, 68. CSS 67, SSS 65.

Aillie MacBrayne was the spring meeting winner on May 4 with a net 67 (76-9). 16 ladies played. CSS 65, SSS 65.



Dunaverty Spring Meeting winner Darren Kelly, right, receives his prize from club captain David MacBrayne.

Darren wins Dunaverty Spring Meeting

ers competed during the morning when the weather conditions were at their best. Early in the day, Darren Kelly produced an excellent net 58, which would prove hard to beat.

This was followed by a few good low scores in the 60s but at the end of play Darren was still at the top of the leaderboard.

George MacMillan produced the best scratch score with a fine 64, to win the Lorne Medal.

Results: 1 Darren Kelly 67-9-58, 2 Ross Sinclair 67-5-62, 3 Mark Eagers 73-10-63. Scratch - George MacMillan 64.



AFTER a six-week rollover, the Campbeltown Pupils' Lotto has a winner. Ian McAlister of Ralston Road Campbeltown, seen on the left receiving his cheque from Pupils manager Alex McKinven, picked up the £460 prize last week. Tickets for the lotto can be bought from players, committee and various outlets in the town.



Lorne and Lowland men's bowling club prizewinners for season 2012/13 are pictured at their presentation at the Ardshiel Hotel, Campbeltown.



Members of Castlehill Primary A and B teams with the winners' cup.



Members of the Dalintober Primary A and B teams.

Primary Football Festival

ELEVEN teams entered the MAKI Primary Football Festival in Campbeltown last week. They came from Lochgilphead, Tarbert, Castlehill and Dalintober primary schools while pupils from Drumlembie, Carradale and Southend represented two rural schools teams.

A high level of football was on dis-

play throughout the afternoon with numerous goals scored.

Castlehill A ran out eventual winners, winning all of their games.

Active Schools would like to thank the Campbeltown Grammar School young leaders who refereed on the day and also to the schools, teachers and community coaches involved.

Sweet revenge for grammar school U18s

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar School under-18s enjoyed sweet revenge against Lochgilphead High School last week.

They forgot about their last encounter with LHS

to run out worthy 7-2 winners in a hard fought encounter at Campbeltown's all-weather pitch.

Last game
Goals from Calum Johnstone, Martin Mc-

Callum (2), Lee Allen, Donald McCallum and Ryan McConnachie (2) sealed the win for the Grammar pupils, some of which were playing their last competitive game for the school.



The team who lined up against Lochgilphead High School last week.

Scottish AFL results and fixtures

LAST weekend's results: Jimmy Marshall Trophy semi final - Hillington 1, Campbeltown Pupils 1. Hillington won 3-2 on penalties. Premier Division - Saturday - Oban Saints 3, Aikenhead Thistle 1; Sunday - Oban Saints 2, Eaglesham 0; Division 1A - Port Glasgow United 5, Dunoon Athletic 1; Division 1B - Easthall Star 5, Lochgilphead Red Star 3.

This weekend's fixtures: Saturday - Finnart v Oban Saints; Sunday - Oban Saints v Rolls Royce EK. Premier Division 2 - Centre v Campbeltown Pupils; Dunoon v Hillington; Division 1B - Millerston Thistle v Lochgilphead Red Star.

£500 jackpot to be won at Dunaverty GC

DUNAVERTY Golf Club's three number lottery will be drawn this Sunday with a £500 jackpot to be won.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Commercial Inn and Muneroy Stores.



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Teams from the 2001-04 age groups of Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA) are pictured at an afternoon of seven a sides in Lochgilphead last Saturday as part of the Anthony Nolan Festival in Mid Argyll. The local sides performed well against sides from Oban, Lochgilphead and Islay. Children from the youngest age group (2005-2007) of CDJFA are heading to Oban tomorrow (Saturday) to enjoy a fun four festival. CDJFA are hosting their own festival on Saturday, June 1 following the success of last year's event. This year is already proving popular with teams from Greenock, Erskine, Paisley, Oban, Lochgilphead, Tarbert and Islay all entered to play in the various age groups enjoying seven a sides and fun fours.

Pupils pay the penalty in Marshall Trophy semi final

'Last gasp Hillington goal forces the game to a penalty shoot-out'

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils learned the cruelty of sport when a late strike forced their Jimmy Marshall Trophy semi final to a penalty shoot-out - which they then lost.

The game away to Hillington last Saturday was ruled by the conditions, as both sides struggled to conquer the fiery surface and a strong unrelenting breeze.

The McFadyen sponsored Pupils started well, pinning Hillington back as they took the game to their fellow Premier Two opponents.

First-time strike

Robin Barr was flattened by his opposite number in the ninth minute and a Keith Mitchell free kick found Stuart Crossan, whose first-time strike flew high and wide of the target.

Minutes later, Barr was again involved as

he drifted past two opponents, but the parting shot flew wide of goal.

An angled pass from midfield in the 19th minute then sent Barr in on goal, and he made no mistake as he sent his shot raging into the roof of the net.

Minutes later a through ball sent Gary Grumoli clear but the striker elected to shoot early and the chance was lost.

Hillington looked to have levelled shortly before half time but the goal was rightly disallowed for handball.

In the second half the Pupils' midfield and back four worked tirelessly in unison to close space and Hillington chances were few and far between. Whenever a cross ball threatened, Craig Lamont was seen to fist clear with a degree of authority.

Paul Grumoli had a half chance as the

game entered the last quarter but his parting shot drifted wide.

With 10 minutes remaining a counter attack should have produced the coup de grace, but the final delivery from Gary Grumoli was played behind the incoming Stuart Crossan and the chance was lost.

Vital equaliser

With the clock running down, one last effort by Hillington produced their vital equaliser when their centre forward raced clear to drive the ball into the roof of the net.

The penalty shoot resulted in a 3-2 win for Hillington, but special mention to Craig Lamont who made two outstanding saves from the spot.

Pupils travel to play Centre East Kilbride in a league match tomorrow (Saturday).

Carradale prepare for Welfare Cup final

CARRADALE AFC are starting their preparations for the final of the Scottish Welfare Cup against The Horseshoe next Saturday.

The Kintyre side travels to Alloa's Recreation Park for the match, which will be their third against a Forth Valley Welfare League side.

Their previous ties against The Bank and The Star in the cup ended with Carradale knocking both teams out. The Horseshoe played The Bank last Sunday in a local final, which they lost 2-0.

Donald MacAlister, Carradale's manager said: 'If Carradale wants this cup they have to play to their utmost - the way they played in their two games against the Forth Valley League teams they played earlier.'

For spectators wishing to go to the match, there will be a bus seating 53 passengers, which has been sponsored by A+M Transport, Kilbrannan Bar and Archie McKellar's Bookies.

The Meridian Salmon sponsored side has no match this weekend, but hopes to play a friendly tonight at the AWP.

The cup final kicks off at 3pm on May 18 at Alloa Athletic's ground, Recreation Park.

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