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Members of the Kintyre Dialysis Campaign committee with one of the patients who will benefit, Kathleen Sharp, fourth right. 20_c19dialysis01

Dialysis service 'will change lives'

Treatment to begin in Campbeltown by August

KINTYRE patients forced to endure nightmare journeys for vital dialysis will be treated in Campbeltown Hospital within three months.

A meeting at the Burnet Building in Campbeltown on Tuesday evening, organised by the Kintyre Kidney Di-

alysis Campaign, heard the region's health board pledge that the town's hospital will deliver dialysis care by August.

The exciting news comes after the dialysis campaign, consisting only of local volunteers, raised more than £100,000 for dial-

ysis equipment and staff training.

The announcement was warmly welcomed by a patient attending the meeting, who has endured thrice-weekly trips to the Vale of Le-

ven Hospital in Alexandria for treatment. Kathleen Sharp, a dialysis patient for the past two-and-a-half years and who lives at Sound of Kintyre, said: 'This is just wonderful news. It

will change my life.

'Until you are in the situation you cannot know what patients like myself have been going through. Traveling six hours per day, not to mention hours of treatment, leaves you so tired you spend every other day recovering.

You may look ok but inside you are seriously tired.

'This routine becomes your life.

'Soon I will only have 15 minutes' travel to access treatment. Simple things like going out to meet friends and social-

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Screen needs more silver

FOR the flicks to feature once again at Campbeltown Picture House, further funding is required.

As repairs continue on the century-old building, the redevelopers have urged Kintyre people to get behind the project once again.

Campbeltown Community Business (CCB) has been accepted by the Aviva Community Fund to enter a voting contest for funding, and the group hopes the public can help secure additional funds to rejuvenate parts of the historic cinema.

The Picture House celebrated its centenary in 2013 and a project to improve the building with a second screen is on-going.

Jane Mayo, CCB chairman, said: 'For the past two years volunteers and professionals have worked tirelessly to develop the Picture House project, but funds are still required to restore some of the cinema's historic artefacts,

'We would be so grateful if Campbeltown and Kintyre could help us again. Those wishing to lend their support can register and vote at <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/Project/View/>'

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Dialysis treatment to begin by August

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ise will be made possible again.

'I cannot thank the Kintyre community enough for their incredible generosity. For a small area to raise £100,000 is almost beyond belief.'

'I can also speak with confidence about the Campbeltown Hospital staff, as they helped with my treatment while training in Alexandria.'

'They were first class. It was as if they had been doing it for years.'

The Courier heard another story of respite, with one Gigha-based dialysis patient, often forced to stay in hotels on the mainland after hospital trips because of travel delays, soon being able access treatment in Campbeltown.

Ronnie McNally, Kintyre Kidney Dialysis Campaign treasurer, said: 'This long-overdue development will drastically improve patients' quality of life.'

'Our campaign started out last summer with a petition, which received more than 20,000 signatures across Kintyre and was handed to NHS Highland.'

'There have been a number of targets put before us, meaning our initial fundraising goal of £35,000 rose to £100,000.'

'However, the increased demands only galvanised the campaign - once we got going we were never deterred from our goal.'

'Our volunteer committee worked so hard to organise fundraising events, using connections with individuals and groups to reach our total in a matter of months.'

'I thank everyone who donated money to the campaign. A spare fiver means as much as the largest donation.'

Christina West, NHS Highland's operations director for integrated care in Argyll and Bute,

also spoke at the meeting.

Ms West said: 'This project has our full support. It is incredibly positive to see this level of community fundraising and it will make a real difference in Kintyre.'

'Staff from Alexandria will be supporting the trained staff from Campbeltown during its initial stages.'

'The equipment will have a 12-year lifespan and be serviced once a year.'

Donald Kelly, dialysis campaign chairman, said: 'This campaign shows how a community can put its energy behind an important issue.'

'So many organisations have helped us get this far and we are grateful to all of them.'

'We will continue to fundraise so that future costs we may have to cover are met, ensuring the patients we have fought to gain this service for see it not just delivered but maintained.'

A83 petition sparks government hearing on Rest problems

REST and Be Thankful (RABT) landslides may be stopped if a Scottish Parliament hearing makes concrete recommendations.

MSP Michael Russell has vowed to keep a petition about the problem live at the parliament.

The petition was started in 2012 by Argyll First councillors Donald Kelly, Dougie Philand and John McAlpine.

Following Mr Russell's backing the Scottish Parliament petitions committee have agreed to consider holding a hearing in Argyll so that members can see the road and talk to local residents.

Mr Russell said: 'Transport Scotland has told the committee that its consultant, Jacobs,

has proposals for the next task force meeting in June. The petitions committee unanimously agreed that it would remain involved in the matter.'

Last Sunday there was heavy rain. Warning lights at either side of the areas most prone to rock fall on the A83 were flashing on Transport Scotland's 'Wig Wag' signs to remind drivers of the increased risk.

Transport Scotland says that if the wig wag signs are flashing, motorists should avoid stopping, particularly on bridges or next to water-courses but instead to proceed with increased caution.

Mr Kelly said: 'When these lights are flashing

are all drivers and bus drivers doing the trip at their own risk? If a rock fell on a vehicle who would be at fault?'

The Argyll First councillors' petition was not just about finding a permanent solution to the RABT problems.

It was also about trunking the A83 between Kennacraig and Campbeltown which was achieved in 2013.

Mr Kelly said: 'In May 2012 the original petition contained more than 10,000 signatures from members of the public. It also had more than 400 business supporters.'

Mr Kelly said that despite giving the Scottish Government every opportunity to come up with a permanent solu-



a Transport Scotland 'wig wag' sign.

tion to the RABT it have so far failed.

Mr Kelly said: 'Therefore we launched a subsequent petition early this year and again attended the parliament to speak on the RABT issue. If this problem existed in the central belt of Scotland it would have been resolved as a priority.'



The Ronja Atlantic moored on Tuesday evening. 06_c19boat01

Shipping news from the loch

NORWEGIAN fish farm boat Ronja Atlantic sailed into Campbeltown Harbour on Tuesday.

It is one of a worldwide fleet of 14 well-boats used to harvest live salmon from cages on fish farm sites and

transport them in vats of saline water to processing plants. About 1,200 to 1,400 tons of salmon a month pass through Campbeltown.

During Tuesday night 20 Irish prawn boats off-loaded their catch for processing in Ayrshire. Harbour master Stephen Scally said that some of the prawns will probably return to Ireland for sale.

On Wednesday a timber ship, The Alice, was loading 3,000 tons of wood bound for a processing plant at Gruvon in Sweden.

Sheds vandalised

POLICE are appealing for information after sheds and garages were vandalised in the alleyway between Millknowe and Miller's Park, Campbeltown, between the evening of Tuesday, April 14 and the morning of Friday, April 17.

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Algae warning in Kintyre

CAMPBELTOWN Loch and other stretches of Kintyre coastline have registered high levels of toxic algae in recent weeks.

The Kilbrannan Sound was found to be high in algal toxins after monitoring work by Argyll and Bute Council's environmental health team.

The study found raised levels of naturally-occurring algal toxins in several areas around Kintyre, including Saddell, Kildalloig and Carradale bays.

The naturally-occurring toxins, which gather in molluscs such as mussels, oysters and razor clams, can be harmful to health, therefore commercial shellfish harvesters are advised to postpone harvesting until algae levels subside.

Casual gatherers are also advised not to pick shellfish from affected areas.

For further information please contact Argyll and Bute Council on 01546 605519 or the Food Standards Agency on 01224 285157 or email Jennifer.howie@food-standards.gsi.gov.uk

Blast off! Kintyre spaceport bid launches

A BID to bring space travel to Kintyre officially took off last Thursday, with Kintyre company Discover Space UK launching its bid for Machrihanish airbase to host the country's first spaceport.

The site, purchased by Machrihanish Airbase Community Company in 2012, is one of five sites shortlisted by the UK Government to become the country's first operational spaceport from 2018.

The former RAF base is already seen as meeting key criteria, being the only bidder to exceed the UK Government's minimum runway length of 3,000 metres, as well as being over 1,000 acres in size and removed from densely-populated areas.

Tom Millar, Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) chairman and Discover Space UK director, said: 'Machrihanish has a long history with space flight, going back to the launch of NASA's space shuttle in 1981.

'The base was an emergency landing site for the shuttle in Europe, with our 3,049m runway long enough to welcome the shuttle and get it airborne again aboard a Boeing 747 shuttle carrier aircraft.

'The last time the UK looked at establishing a spaceport, in 2009, Virgin Galactic said Machrihanish was one of its preferred sites for a UK spaceport.'

As well as emphasising its technical advantages and heritage, Discover Space UK feels Kintyre's unique geography makes it an ideal place to welcome the first wave of space tourists, who are likely to pay up to £200,000 per head for a ticket to the stars.

Mr Millar said: 'Kintyre is blessed with some of the most spectacular scenery in Scotland, featuring miles of golden, sandy beaches, luxury hotels and two world-class links golf courses. There are also three top-class distilleries in Campbeltown itself - and all these at-



Two holidaying aliens roamed Kintyre as part of Discover Space UK's spaceport bid launch - even stopping to read the Courier on Hall Street.

tractions are only a half-hour flight from Glasgow.'

The Machrihanish site is spread over 1,000 acres and houses more than 50 business units.

Mr Millar added: 'A spaceport would provide a significant jobs boost, revitalising businesses across Kintyre.'

Pressing the case for Kintyre space exploration in light-heart-

ed fashion, MACC also produced a video of two 'aliens' holidaying in Kintyre.

The three-minute clip proved very popular,

registering more than 3,000 views on YouTube in just four days and reaching thousands of social media accounts.

To watch the video and see the aliens' trip around Kintyre, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXv065QX-UTI

Ferry finally floating

MECHANICAL gremlins which scuppered the first day of this year's Ardrossan to Campbeltown ferry service have been cured.

Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) suffered a social media backlash when a broken propeller on the MV Isle of Arran caused the service to be cancelled last week. On Tuesday a CalMac spokesman said the vessel was back in service.

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Left to right: Elaine Hemmings, Anne-Marie Mayberry and Eva MacDonald MBE, all volunteers, and Lindsay Giffen, volunteer co-ordinator. 20_c19advocacy01

Advocacy - the voice of the vulnerable

CAMPBELTOWN'S branch of the Lomond and Argyll Advocacy Service (LAAS) celebrated 15 years' service last month - and is seeking volunteers to continue its work in the area.

Lindsay Giffen, LAAS co-ordinator, said: 'Since starting our work in Campbeltown in 2000 we have helped more than 450 people get their views and needs heard by organisations who make decisions affecting them.'

Eva MacDonald, a volunteer, said: 'Demand for advocacy in Kintyre is

higher than ever and we are seeking new volunteers from all walks of life to come and join our hard-working team in Campbeltown.

Rewarding

'Many volunteers have found advocacy offers a rewarding opportunity to develop their skills, meet new people and give something back to their community.'

For those interested in becoming advocacy volunteers, Lindsay can be contacted on 01586 553428.

Woodland buyout takes root

'It is important at this stage that people get actively involved in the project'

PLANS to purchase a wooded peak near Campbeltown are gathering pace.

A steering group behind the plan for a community buyout of Beinn Ghuilean, located south of the town, is looking for more volunteers.

No formal structure exists as yet to buy the 352-metre summit from current owners the Forestry Commission.

However, the main activists behind Beinn Ghuilean Community Woodland Group's purchase plan are keen to engage as many interested parties as possible.

Angus Martin, Aaspokesman for Beinn Ghuilean community woodland group, said: 'Clearly many local

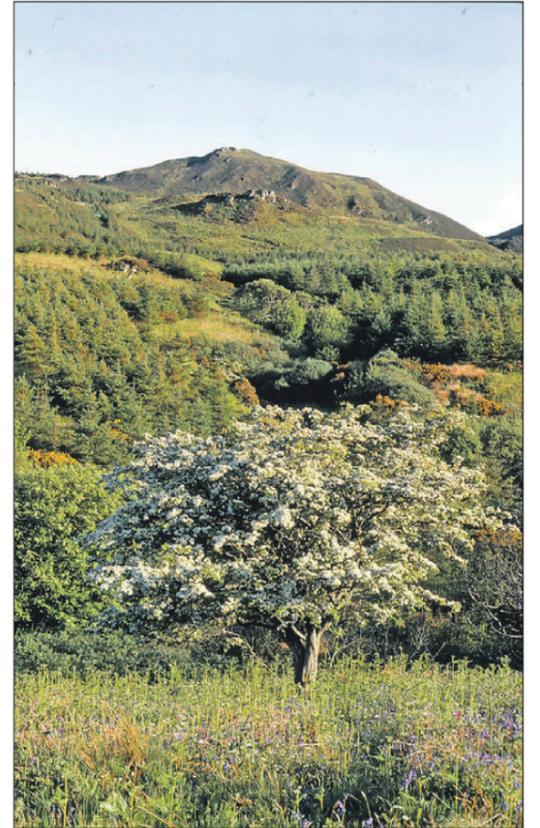
people - mountain bikers, dog-walkers, naturalists and others who may have commercial ideas - support this initiative.'

'It is important at this stage that people get actively involved in the project.'

'I would appeal to anyone who attended earlier meetings, and who remains interested, to come to the group's next meeting or, at least, to get in touch.'

'The same goes for those interested in the initiative but who have not been to any meetings yet.'

'It is not a lifelong commitment and at this stage there is not even a committee to get dragged on to, but



Beinn Ghuilean could be the subject of a community-led purchase and volunteers are being sought to help explore the proposal. Picture courtesy of Angus Martin.

we do need a broader mix of people, of all age groups, with the ideas and energy to ensure the project goes on with a fair chance of success.

'Our next meeting will be held next Tuesday, May 12 in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbel-

town, at 6pm and all interested parties are very welcome.'

It is expected that a representative of the Forestry Commission will be at the meeting to outline the commission's design plan brief and restocking plans for the hill.

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Design in Motion arrives in Wee Toon

DIGITAL design divas will display their skills in Campbeltown for one day only tomorrow (Saturday).

The touring exhibition Design in Motion features leading fashion designer Holly Fulton, BAFTA award-winning game designer Sophia George and innovative product designer and artist Geoffrey Mann as well as four other artists.

All seven designers

use digital technologies to push the boundaries of their discipline, enabling them to demonstrate how design can be put to work to reconstruct heritage, visualise the unseen and create products not previously possible.

The show, housed in a custom built gallery in a bus, is curated by the as yet unfinished Victoria and Albert (V and A) museum in Dundee.

It will stop at Aqualibrium tomorrow as part of its 17-week, 70-venue tour of Scotland.

Former V and A, London, director of design, Kintyre's Moira Gemmill, who tragically died in a London road accident last month, pushed for Campbeltown to be one of the tour's locations.

The tour's final stop will be the Victoria and

Albert Museum, London in June.

More than 4,500 people have seen the exhibition since it left Dundee on February 27, and it is anticipated that more than 10,000 people will visit the exhibition in total with additional audiences taking part in events, activities and digital engagement.

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Patroller to make Dalintober Primary school walk 'much safer'

'It will improve the road safety in the area'

by JOHN McCALLUM
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

A BUSY road near a Campbeltown school, left unsupervised for almost 18 months, should soon have a new patroller.

Campbeltown community councillors heard last month how pupils at Dalintober Primary School have been forced to cross a part of Millknowe without the aid of a crossing patroller.

It is a near the trunked A83 road and the route for most traffic entering and leaving Campbeltown.

The news that some-

one is expected to start work within weeks has delighted local campaigners.

Busy road

Cathie Duncan, a Campbeltown community councillor and nearby resident, said: 'The stretch of Millknowe just outside Millknowe Stores had a school crossing patroller in the past, but for too long pupils have had to risk crossing a busy road, without any help, just to get to school.'

'That meant parents with young children, or

some of the older primary pupils walking to school unaccompanied, crossing a road used by many heavy vehicles and without a patroller in sight.

'If, as expected, there is to be a new lollipop man or woman put in place at Millknowe then it is great news for Dalintober pupils and their parents.'

'It will come as a big relief as it will make their walk to school much safer.'

'Also, elderly Millknowe residents can cross the road to get their groceries or their morning paper in safety, so it is good news all



Dalintober pupils crossing this busy stretch of Millknowe will have a new patroller within weeks, it is hoped. 20_c18crossing01

round.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman said: 'There is a school crossing patroller immediately outside Dalintober Primary, and it is expected another will

be employed soon at Millknowe. The crossing has been unmanned since October 2013 due to the lack of reserve patrollers for the Campbeltown area available to give permanent cover.

'The council recognises that learning to be safe on the road is a life-long process, and a full programme of activities and resources is available for schools to help children develop their

road safety awareness.' A spokeswoman for Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel said: 'The panel welcomes this news as it will improve the overall road safety situation in the area.'

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A lesson from history

TODAY marks 70 years since the end of the Second World War in Europe, and our story this week, of one-time Kintyre resident and veteran soldier William Milne's role in the liberation of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, is not your average history lesson.

Instead it is a painfully vivid reminder of what can happen when ignorance prevails over reason and justice.

His inability to comprehend what and who he had earlier set eyes upon, feeling almost as confused as the people looking back at him, can be felt in every word written in his memoir.

Thankfully, in Western Europe at least, this is a crime confined to the annals of history.

Yes, this is the Courier and not the council on foreign relations, but it is nevertheless important to look beyond your own doorstep and realise what injustices others have gone through.

Mr Milne's story, kindly offered to us by his nephew Hugh Sinclair, is precious evidence of events that must be retold but ought never be repeated.

Road safety issues

DALINTOBER primary school pupils will soon get a new lollipop person at a dangerous crossing on the A83.

This is great news for their safety on a major route in and out of Campbeltown.

At the other end of the A83, drivers are at risk of rock fall crossing the Rest and Be Thankful during heavy rain.

Councillor Kelly is absolutely right when he says that in the central belt this problem would have been sorted.

In North Wales the A55 coast road runs beneath cliffs for many miles. Drivers are protected by tunnels and solid concrete galleries which retain the glorious views.

The same method is used in the mountainous areas of France and Switzerland.

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Volunteer for your community

Sir,
Kintyre community education centre plays a key role in the community in Campbeltown, hosting 16 permanent community groups and the hugely popular soft play area.

Rehearsal space, training rooms, group get-togethers, tribunals, keep-fit and kids' parties mean it is a multi-purpose building allowing those who live in Campbeltown to make things happen.

What many people do not know is that this is largely managed by a team of dedicated volunteers who meet once a month, and they are inviting people of vision and energy to join them to launch the next phase of the development of this big-hearted building.

If you would like to join the committee and find out what commitment is required, please get in touch with Anna Binnie on 552836 for an informal chat or email kecccchairperson@outlook.com

The group's AGM is being held at 6.30pm on Wednesday May 13 and everyone is welcome to come along and hear what has been achieved so far

Anna Binnie,
Chairwoman,
Kintyre Community Education Centre Group,
Campbeltown.

Research project

Sir,
Researchers at Heriot-Watt University are looking to recruit people in the Campbeltown area to take part in a Scotland-wide research project on the day-to-day expe-

riences of people who work and qualify for working tax credits.

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James Richards,
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Wear it wild

Sir,
World Wildlife Fund for nature (WWF) is calling on people of all ages to make a stand for nature and 'Wear It Wild' on Friday June 5.

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As well as raising awareness about threatened species, any money raised will help support WWF's work to tackle growing pressures on our natural world and its precious wildlife.

This is especially important because in the last 40 years we've seen wildlife populations decline by more than half.

The number of tigers in the wild, for example, has reduced by 95 per cent in the last century.

As WWF's recent living planet report highlights, thou-

sands of other species are also threatened and we need your support to show your care.

The only rules for Wear It Wild are sign up at wwf.org.uk/wild, share #WearItWild, and be as wild as you dare ... only fake fur please.

Lang Banks,
Director,
WWF Scotland.

From our Facebook page

THE DEMISE of the White Hart Hotel, as reported on the Campbeltown Courier front page last week prompted considerable comment on Facebook.

Here are some of the comments:

Iain McKerral: Let's hope someone buys it and brings it into the 21st century, as it has been very sad to watch the gradual deterioration of this once grand hotel.

Elaine Payne: Oh no, I remember going in here as a child to visit my auntie Margaret. Hope someone takes on this hotel.

Ian Gillespie: What a shame. In my eight trips to Campbeltown from Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia, over a few years I have had a few beers and meals with my relatives there and good memories. I hope someone steps in. It has a lot of history.

Fiona Blake: Hope someone buys it soon. It was the in place to be in the late '60s. Always full and buzzing. It is such an icon of the town, it would be sad to see it left to deteriorate.

Audrey Walker: Good grief...my mum and aunt worked in this hotel for years.

Graeme Paterson: My Gran-

ny was married in the White Hart in April 1928!

Caledonian MacBrayne's Ardrrossan to Campbeltown ferry's maiden 2015 voyage was cancelled last Thursday.

The ferry firm said that the vessel The MV Isle of Arran required propellor repairs and was taken into dry dock. Consequently it did not sail on Friday or Saturday but ran on Sunday.

Following a story on the Campbeltown Courier's Facebook there were many replies.

Here are a selection:

Elaine McGeachy: Very disappointed. Meant to be on a sailing for a wedding. Poor communication from CalMac.

David Reid: Sounds more like spooched maintenance schedule than repairs. CalMac need to watch themselves. It does not matter how minor a route it is to them, annoy even one passenger the wrong way and it will damage their reputation. Cancelling at short notice because the ship is laid up in dry dock is a serious way to annoy people and looks amateurish in one go. At least they're efficient at that.

Mhairi Reid: Am I the only person to think that CalMac don't really want this service to succeed!

Nena McSparran: What a joke...Wee rib would do better...

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Kintyre Fundraising Group committee members from back left: Ruth McGougan, Gemma Wylie, Aimee McGougan, Carol-Anne Shields, Maggie Allen and Amanda Hillhouse. Front from left Marie Curie nurses: Vicky Middleton, Hilary Rankin and Kitty Millar with Iain Graham. 06_c19curie01

Kintyre fundraising group revitalised

FUNDS from a charity cycle will kick start the re-launch of a Kintyre group raising money to support the Marie Curie nursing service.

The Kintyre Fundraising Group met at the Ardshiel Hotel last week to celebrate its formal creation and begin planning activities.

Group members were joined by Iain Graham, 33, who lost his mum to cancer last year. He is going to cycle the 81-mile Marie Curie Étape Caledonia, near Pitlochry, this Sunday, May 10 to raise funds.

Mr Graham said: 'My mum, Marie, passed away in October 2014 and we could not get a Marie Curie nurse for

her last few days. Mum went for a scan on a Wednesday and had died by the following Thursday.'

So far Mr Graham has £600 pledged but hopes to raise more. The forestry plant operator said: 'I have been training most weekends. The furthest I have ridden so far is from Campbeltown to Tarbert and back on the A83.'

Marie Curie is the UK's leading charity for people with any terminal illness.

The charity helps people and their families living with terminal illness to make the most of the time they have together by delivering hands-on care, emotion-

al support, research and guidance.

Marie Curie employs more than 2,700 nurses, doctors and other health care professionals, and with nine hospices around the UK, is the largest provider of hospice beds outside the NHS.

Vital funds

Amanda Hillhouse, community fundraiser at Marie Curie, said: 'The Kintyre Fundraising Group will help us raise vital funds so that our local Marie Curie nurses can continue to provide free care to patients with terminal illnesses.'

'The group will be supporting Marie Curie's major campaigns such as the Great Daffo-

dil Appeal and Blooming Great Tea Party.

'They will also promote fund raising within the community and encourage new people to join.'

To join the local fund raising group or to find out more about the group and other ways to support the charity please call Ruth McGougan on 07747874175 or email amanda.hillhouse@mariecurie.org.uk

Marie Curie runs a free phone service from any land line open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday on 08000902309.

Iain Graham has a donations page at: <http://www.justgiving.com/iainpixiegraham3.>

Argyll and the Isles gets international expo-sure

ARGYLL and the Isles attracted international attention at this year's VisitScotland Expo.

The two-day event, held on Wednesday and Thursday, April 23-24, saw hundreds of companies from across the globe cast their eye over the Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) stand.

Open to buyers from all sectors of the tourism industry and all corners of the globe, this year

there were many interested parties attending for the first time - and it all suggests Argyll is set for a busy summer of visitors.

Especially busy

Gavin Dick, AITC chairman, said: 'This is the fourth year running we have exhibited at the VisitScotland expo and this year has been especially busy on our stand.'

'It has been a great couple of days but our focus shifts to gearing

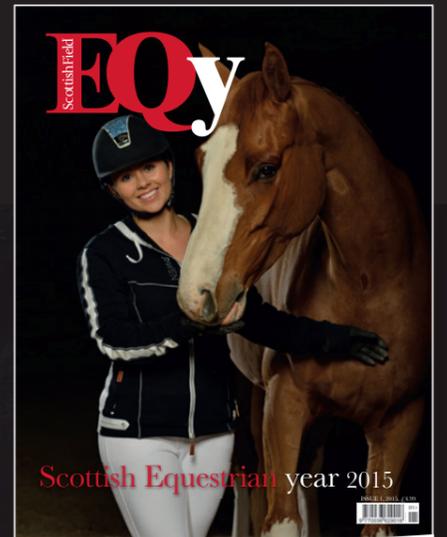
up for the tourist season. Standing still is not an option for AITC.

'We are competing against the rest of Scotland and as the voice of tourism in Argyll and the Isles it is up to us to attract visitors, so we cannot be complacent.'

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Islay ceilidh paid for by Holyrood

AN AFTERNOON ceilidh this Sunday in Islay's Ballygrant hall will be sponsored by the Scottish Parliament.

The equal opportunities committee is meeting on the island to continue its age and isolation inquiry on Monday, May 11.

The committee hope the bash, the day before, will give members a chance to have informal discussions with local people and hear their views.

It will be organised by the Kilmeny Ceilidh Club with tea, coffee and cakes plus free admission.

Ceilidh club secretary Catriona Bell said that it was hoped transport would be laid on for those who would like to attend and that the timings also fitted in with the Jura ferry timetable.

She added that this was a great chance for young and old alike to meet the committee members and describe the unique problems they face.

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Aimilia talks about her visit to France

Rotarians were unanimous in their praise of the promising young student's composure

ROTARY Club of Campbeltown held its 44th Charter Night Dinner in the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown last month, where Rotarians heard all about Campbeltown Grammar pupil Aimilia Chute's visit to France.

President Laurens Denson welcomed a large company of Rotarians, partners and guests and, after an excellent meal, he introduced Marion Willet, Inner Wheel Club of Campbeltown president, who in turn proposed the toast to the Rotary Club.

Mr Denson replied on behalf of the club before giving a brief review of his presidential year, in which he thanked members for their hard work, not least at fundraising events.

The Rotary president

then introduced Aimilia Chute, who with a selection of other Scottish students had visited Strasbourg and the European Parliament with Euroscola, an annual event giving Higher French pupils the chance to go to Strasbourg.

Several Campbeltown students have been chosen to attend this prestigious event, the most recent having been Aimilia's older sister, Sally.

Aimilia spoke eloquently about her enjoyment of the experience, how much she had learned during her visit, not least about getting on with a group who, until the trip, were strangers.

Aimilia got the chance to ask a question about youth unemployment in front of a room of hun-

dreds of other European students.

She felt that the whole group had matured through meeting people from so many different countries. She spoke too of the enjoying the Scottish students' ceilidh on the final evening of the visit.

Rotarians were unanimous in their praise of the promising young student's composure, speaking so articulately to a large group, most of whom she did not know.

Aimilia's parents, Peter and Liz, were present, as were her grandparents, Ian and Jean Teesdale.

Rotarian Clive Good gave a comprehensive vote of thanks, and the happy evening was brought to a close with the toast to Rotary International.

Willie makes it nine in a row



CAMPBELTOWN piper Willie McCallum showed his winning ways with a ninth title at the Donald MacLeod Memorial Competition in Stornoway.

One of a select group of pipers invited to the event, run by the Lewis and Harris Piping Society, McCallum and his competitors had to play a composition by the late Lewis piper MacLeod, remembered on the island as an army pipe major in the Second World War, an escaped prisoner of war and a prolific composer of Piobaireachd.

McCallum, who has been to every the competition since its inception in 1994, won the Piobaireachd section and the Ceol Mor Trophy by playing 'Roderick MacDonald's Salute'.

He was also victorious in the Strathspey and Reel competition, before sealing the overall trophy and two gold medals.

Willie McCallum, right, pictured with his father Willie McCallum snr after winning the Donald MacLeod Memorial Competition in Stornoway.

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S1 pupil Jay McConnachie, right, tries on some Bronze Age 'furs' with Crog author Amanda Mitchison. 20_c19book01

Pupils inspired by Bronze Age tale

AUTHOR Amanda Mitchison hoped to inspire another generation into creative writing when she visited Campbeltown Grammar with her latest book.

Amanda, granddaughter of famous Carradale resident and prolific author Naomi Mitchison, talked about her own fiction work Crog, in which a Bronze Age boy is thrust into the 21st century, having been tasked for those 3,000 years with protecting a mystical bowl.

All three S1 houses were given

a talk on the modern inventions Crog has to deal with, as well as the symbolic role of water within the book, given its sacred value for Bronze Age people.

Some pupils even got to dress up in Bronze Age clothes.

Modern living

Ms Mitchison said: 'Crog deals with the increased speed of modern living.'

'It is a bit like Stig of the Dump, however, I think they missed a trick when Stig could not speak, so Crog does actually speak to

the other characters. He may be primitive but he is not simple.

'My grandmother and my mother, Roslyn Mitchison, were inspirational for me in starting to write.'

'I have been a regular visitor to Carradale over the years and have fond childhood memories of family visits there.'

'I hope my visit might say to the pupils that with a bit of inspiration and hard work they can create books through their own ideas.'

New seniors club offers lots to do

A CLUB open to all of Campbeltown's over 60s gets underway this month.

Organised with the help of Ailsa Clark from Fyne Futures, part of Fyne Homes, Shopper-Aide has received funding to start a new group at Campbeltown Free Church Hall, George Street, Campbeltown.

The group would like to invite those over the age of 60 to attend an open day from 1pm on Tuesday May 12 offering a chance to see the facilities available to the group. A name has not yet been determined for the club but suggestions have been made, and Shopper Aide would like those interested in joining to make the decision through voting at a ballot box.

The drop-in club will take place every Tues-

day and Thursday from 12pm-4pm, featuring a number of activities including a 'Knit and Knatter' in conjunction with CGS4Gambia, where members can knit baby clothes and blankets which Campbeltown Grammar will take to the Gambian clinic the school supports.

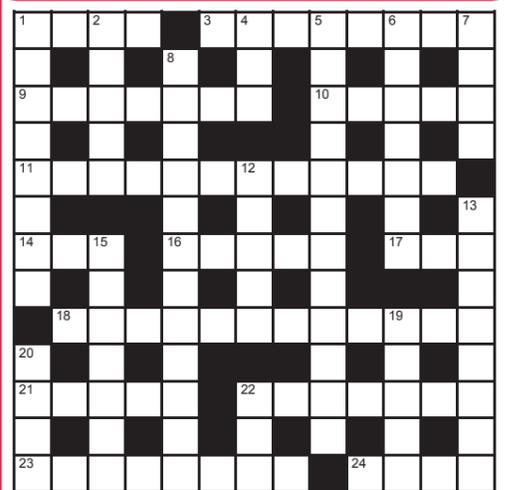
Session workers can help members make a 'memory book' - containing photographs and memories of their own life - which members can then pass on to their

family. There will be a snooker table and loads of board games including jigsaws, playing cards, chess, draughts, arts and crafts, and there are numerous extra events taking place throughout the coming year.

Shopper-Aide will have its cars available for those who have difficulty accessing events outwith their home and support will be given.

A car can be pre booked by telephoning 01586 551600.

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Down

- 1 Drink place to place (3-5)
- 2 Cold discharge (5)
- 4 When lit, used in cooking (3)
- 5 A show of uniforms (6,6)
- 6 Lack of respect (7)
- 7 Not one shortened (4)
- 8 Stingy (5,7)
- 12 Once more (5)
- 13 Turning aside (8)
- 15 One who operates at sea (7)
- 19 Raw pasta (5)
- 20 An object nearby (4)
- 22 Compete (3)

Across

- 1 Gaze, at the opening? (4)
- 3 Type having square slab serifs (8)
- 9 Signal devices (7)
- 10 Turn colourful from green (5)
- 11 Fireworks (5,7)
- 14 Fly catcher (3)
- 16 Collide with (5)
- 17 Churchyard tree (3)
- 18 Soldiers in the front line (6,6)
- 21 Sound uttered in disbelief (5)
- 22 Tube used to avoid drag (7)
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Carradale toasts new slipway

'Users are expected to make a contribution'

CHAMPAGNE toasted the hand over of Carradale's new harbour slip last Saturday to Carradale Harbour Enterprises Ltd.

The community company, part of Carradale Network Ltd, took control of the slip from contractors MacLeod Construction.

The project, which was part-financed by the European Fisheries Fund 2007-2013 pro-

gramme with contributions from Marine Harvest, East Kintyre Windfarm Trust and the Carradale community, also used Kintyre-based labour, with AJC Civils the main sub-contractor.

Contribution
A Carradale Harbour Enterprises spokeswoman said: 'The slip is available to anyone, but users are expected to make a small contri-

but ion to ongoing maintenance. It will be useful for launching small boats by visitors and locals and should be of great assistance to the Marine Harvest fish farm.'

A small ferry service across the Kilbrannan Sound to Arran, one project proposed during community consultation, is understood to have the capital finance to get underway.



The Flink family from the Netherlands, pictured enjoying a picnic, were the new Carradale slipway's first visitors.

BELLOCHANTUY

Name change issue for SWI

BELLOCHANTUY SWI had changes to discuss when it held its AGM on Monday, April 27 in Glenbarr Hall.

President Patricia Fair welcomed members, before the recent change of the Scottish Women's Rural Institute's name to Scottish Women's Institute was discussed.

Several members expressed their concerns at the apparent lack of consultation they had received.

The upcoming summer outing was discussed - a trip to Whitehouse and Kilmartin with lunch at Cairnbaan Hotel planned for Tuesday, June 16.

Annual prize giving results were: Margaret Deans Tray - Diane Roberts; Barbara Black Trophy - Elaine Hemmings; Margaret Deans Quach - Joan Grady; Margaret Allan Rose bowl - Libby Kerr; Best Plant in bulb show - Angie Smith; Margaret Martin Shield - Diane Roberts.

The meeting concluded with refreshments. Anyone interested in the summer outing or joining the SWI should contact Elaine Hemmings on 01586 820269.

SOUTHEND

Anne shows the way with SWI talk

SOUTHEND SWI president Jen Ronald warmly welcomed members to their April Meeting in St Blaas's Hall.

The group's speaker for the evening was Anne Martin, marketing manager of The Kintyre Way.

Mrs Martin began her talk with slides, describ-

ing the improvements made to the walk to make it longer.

The route has been changed to take in the Learside, pass through Southend, up Glen Breackerie to Largiebaan before finishing at Machrihanish.

The change of route makes the Kintyre Way

a 100 mile-long trip and a route to put on anyone's bucket list.

Vice-president Kathleen Martin proposed the vote of thanks to Mrs Martin for an informative evening along with her slides. The evening then came to a close with refreshments and the raffle was drawn.

CLACHAN AND SKIPNESS

Science fun for primary school pupils

CLACHAN and Skipness primary schools got to play with robots last Thursday at the schools' joint science day.

Held at Skipness primary, science education group Generation Science visited the school to teach the pupils about two new topics - rocks and robots.

The youngsters were split into two groups, the Fuel Hunters and Lego Mindstorms.

Skipness pupil Morvern Paisley said: 'Fuel Hunters taught us about geology and oil.'

'It started with a talk about different rocks and had some samples of each of them like source rocks, reservoir rocks and cap rocks.'

Mathilda, in P2 and from Clachan Primary, said: 'At the end all the pupils got to build a two-metre high oilrig

from various parts. It was very fun.'

'I liked the bit when they showed us the oil and the water and that the oil was always at the top. I would be very excited to do it again.'

Morvern added: 'Lego Mindstorms was all about robots. Each pair of children had a computer and a Lego Mindstorm robot. They had to programme the robots to move around obstacles,

move about and programme through levels.'

Zac, a Skipness P5, said: 'I thought it was great. I liked at the end when we got to programme our robots to dance in a disco.'



Clachan and Skipness pupils learn to make robots move.

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Dark day for Kintyre dairy farmers

A FURTHER cut in wholesale milk prices has been branded a dark day for Kintyre dairy farmers.

NFU Scotland has hit out after the farmer-owned business First Milk cut prices once again.

Faced with exposure to falling commodity values, the firm has been forced to cut prices on a number of occasions in recent months.

The majority of Scottish suppliers to First Milk are to see prices cut by a further 0.2p per litre for June.

The cuts were announced as part of a wholesale business review, revealed by new chief executive Mike Gallacher, aimed at turning around the company's fortunes. The business plan included cost reductions across First Milk, including potential job losses primarily at its Glasgow head office; a change to milk pricing policy and sales refocused on UK contracts.

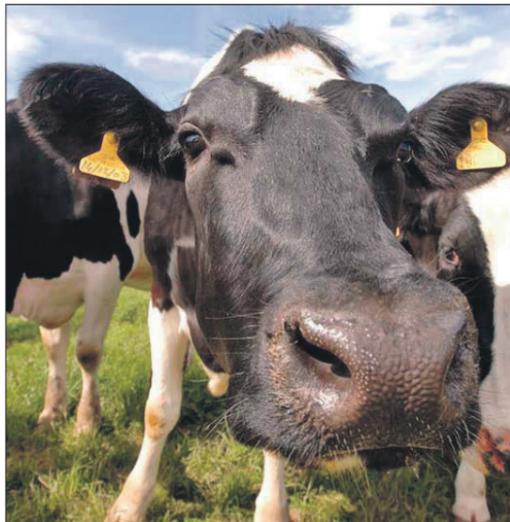
After a telephone discussion with First Milk chief executive officer Mike Gallacher, NFU Scotland president Al-

lan Bowie said: 'For Kintyre and Bute, where dairying is a huge part of the local economy, First Milk has put a taskforce in place to support the Campbeltown creamery in the coming months and drive forward the marketing of Mull of Kintyre cheddar.'

'That part of the business plan must be given an appropriate time to bed in and allow the planned improvements to the creamery to be completed.'

The milk pricing changes will see First Milk move away from a liquid or manufacturing price paid to members depending on its end use, regardless of where the member was located in the UK.

Instead, a member will now be allocated to one of seven milk pools and their price based on the net commercial returns from First Milk's own manufacturing sites and its customers. The standard litre price before deductions for Scottish First Milk producers will be: mainland Scotland - 20.3p; Campbeltown - 20.67p; Arran - 20.67p and Bute - 19.3p.



Milk prices are to be cut by a further 0.2p per litre.

However, First Milk members supplying Haverfordwest in Wales or the Lake District creamery in Cumbria will receive a standard litre price before any deductions of 21.17p.

In other areas of Argyll, such as Bute, the price for producers has been most severely affected due to the costs associated with transporting milk off the island.

John Smith from Drumlea Farm near Kilkenzie said: 'It is obviously hugely concerning. First Milk has taken its eye off the ball.'

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell said: 'I was horrified to be notified this morning by

farmers that a further cut to the price they receive was going to be announced today.'

'First Milk claim their 'turnaround' plan requires them to take 0.2p more off the price of a litre supplied by Scottish farmers, though no such reduction is to apply to Welsh farmers.'

'As the price paid is already below the cost of production, this is a further serious blow to Kintyre. In reality, this is a cynical attempt by First Milk to blackmail the Scottish government into further transport subsidies, with the benefit going not to farmers, but to the company.'

'It is also a cruel betrayal of the Bute farm-

ers who have supported their own co-operative over many years.'

NFU Scotland and First Milk have been pressing the Scottish government to extend existing subsidised ferry transport to milk tankers and a meeting with Transport Minister Derek MacKay will be held in the Scottish parliament later this month.

Previous responses from the Scottish government indicated that ferry transport support would not be reviewed until September but NFUS believes this latest price crash makes a decision on subsidised transport hugely important to the survival of milk production on the island.

NFU Scotland president Allan Bowie said: 'We can appreciate restructuring and turning around a business often means pain, but for Scottish dairy farmers supplying First Milk these further cuts will place them in a hugely difficult position. We know a number of First Milk members have already taken the difficult decision to walk away from milk production and those that remain have challenging business decisions to make.'

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MARKET REPORT

UNITED Auctions held its annual May sale of all classes of cattle and sheep at Dalmally auction mart last Saturday.

Another increased entry on the year sold to a strong force of buyers. 285 head of cattle was catalogued and averages were as follows. Bulls averaged 265.7 pence per kilo (kg) or £861.96 against 250.7 pence per kg or £845.79 last year.

Heifers averaged 248.8 pence per kg or £736.25 against 229.4 pence per kg or £726.03 last year.

The entry of cattle con-

sisted mainly of smaller grazing type cattle between 270 and 320 kg's which were in keen demand whilst heavier sorts proved harder to cash which is in keeping with current trends.

Bullocks sold to a top of 307 pence per kg for Limousin Crosses from Duncroisk and to £1155 per head for Charolais Crosses from Tiraghoil, Mull.

Heifers sold to 289 pence per kg for Charolais Crosses from Dunans and to £945 for Limousin Crosses from Tiraghoil.

All classes of sheep sold in keeping with recent prevailing values.

Principal lots and prices: Top prices per head:

Bullocks:
AAx: £895 - 16 Carnoch : £885 - Barnakill : £855 - Traigh Farm.
BRBx: £830 - Dall Farm.
CHARx: £1155 - Tiraghoil, Mull : £1015(3) - Auchlyne Farm : £995 - Tiraghoil & Auchlyne Farm(4) : £985 - Tiraghoil : £945(5) - Auchlyne Farm : £940(4) & £920(4) - Ardmaleish Farm : £905(3) - Barnakill Farm.

LIMx: £1125, £1115 & £985(3) - Tiraghoil : £980 - Dall Farm : £940(3) - Ardmaleish : £935(10) - Tiraghoil : £910(6) - Ard-

maleish : £890 - Dall Farm : £875(5) - Tiraghoil.

SHx: £840 - Dall Farm.
SIMx: £920 - Blarghour Farm : £905(6) - Keilator Farm : £850 - Blarghour Farm : £845(5) and £835(3) - Keilator Farm : £835 - Blarghour Farm : £830 - El-lary Farms : £825(2) - Keilator Farm : £810 - Dall Farm.

Heifers:
AAx: £765(3) - Barnakill Farm.

CHARx: £905 and £880 - Barnakill Farm : £855 - Ardmaleish(4) & Auchlyne Farm(4) : £835 - Tiraghoil & Auchlyne(2) : £815 - Tiraghoil.

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Saddell Castle gears up for Golden Weekend

A TURNER Prize-winning artist is bringing his new project to Kintyre this month to mark a leading trust's 50th anniversary.

Antony Gormley, who won the prestigious art prize in 1994, has created LAND, a set of five life-size, cast-iron sculptures to celebrate 50 years of the Landmark Trust, one of which will be placed on Saddell beach.

To celebrate the trust's Golden Weekend, Kintyre musicians will perform across the weekend of Saturday May 16 from 2pm-5pm and Sunday May 17 from 10am-4pm.

The opening day sees the trust host a 'Golden Moment' at 3pm, with musicians across the country performing An Anthem for Landmark simultaneously at all 25 trust sites.

Saddell Bay will be the backdrop for a massed Kintyre choir comprising the Kintyre Chorale,

Singing Sensations from Campbeltown and Fair Fa from Tarbert, all conducted by Southend's Paula McLean.

They will perform a specially-commissioned piece composed by Kerry Andrew, winner of two British composer awards last year.

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band and The Wild Sarachs will also perform tunes and songs from Kintyre and beyond.

Artist Gormley is also the creator of the famous Gateshead structure The Angel of the North.

Iain Johnston of Kintyre Cultural Forum said: 'It will be a great weekend and everyone is welcome to come along, bring a picnic and enjoy the music and scenery.'

Parking for visitors will be signposted off the main road and those attending the event are encouraged to car share or use the local bus ser-



Saddell Castle and its nearby beach are preparing to welcome part of Antony Gormley's project, LAND.

vice to make sure there is room for everyone.

Kasia Howard, engagement manager for the Landmark Trust,

said: 'As well as Landmarkers, we would love to see the Kintyre community coming along to enjoy the Golden Week-

end. Big thanks go to Iain Johnston, project worker with Kintyre Cultural Forum, and JIG Events who has been in-

strumental in orchestrating the Golden Weekend musical activities. 'Thanks also to Argyll and Bute council for its

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Can you name the missing fitba' men?

THIS photograph full of smiles shows some early Tartan Army footsoldiers - a group of Kintyre men known as the Caledonia Club - on their way to Hampden Park for a Scotland match.

It was submitted by Roy Johnston from Campbeltown.

Roy said: 'The picture was taken around 1949 of the club on its way to watch the bi-annual

Scotland v England international football match.

'My father Archie and uncle Sweeney are in the photograph too.

'The group would stay in Glasgow overnight and head to the famous Barras market before heading home.

'They were usually disappointed but never defeated.'

Back row left to right: Alec Taylor, (?), James Cook, (?), Wullie McGeachy, bus driver Andy, Sweeney Johnston, (?), Duncan McConnachie, Tommy McPherson. Middle row: Ned McSporan, (?), Archie Johnston (aka Tubby), (?), Jimmy McIvor. Front row: Neil Paterson, Angus Paterson, Teddy Lafferty, Wullie Paterson, Jock McGeachy.





Photograph courtesy of Graeme Cowan,
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Gear up for some Fyne Sailing with the Silvers Marine Scottish Series!

THE 41st Silvers Marine Scottish Series will welcome more than 100 yachts to Tarbert on Loch Fyne from May 22 to May 25 2015. Organised by the Clyde Cruising Club (CCC), the largest sailing club in Scotland with more than 2,000 members, the event offers a mix

of CYCA and IRC handicap racing including CYCA white sail classes. This ever popular racing event looks set to mark a revival of yacht racing in Scotland. The last few years have seen a decline in racing numbers across all regattas – but with numbers building, this year's Scottish Series looks set to reverse the trend.

Silvers Marine Scottish Series chairman Dane Ralston said: 'We'd love to see 150 take part this year out on the waters of Loch Fyne. 'Silvers Marine Scottish Series is a major event

in the yachting calendar in Scotland and we're keen to encourage more people to take part. Thanks to Clyde Challenger sponsorship we can attract those sailors who not only want to take part in a regatta but also cruise in company. The White Sail class at Scottish Series is the perfect introduction to racing.'

Glen Porter from Clyde Challenger said: 'The team at Clyde Challenger, Scotland's Iconic Clipper 60 Ocean Racing Yacht is delighted to continue sponsorship of the Scottish Series white sail fleet in 2015. We look forward to

seeing a wide range of family and cruising yachts join us for this great event.' There are two classes for the Clyde Challenger Passage Race on Friday and The Inch Race on Sunday. Tarbert Harbour Authority is further demonstrating commitment to the regatta by offering all boats a discount on their berthing fees. And Portavadie Marina just across the water from Tarbert, will also be a host port for competitors and guests with discounts for those staying in their accommodation. A regatta rate may also be introduced for competing boats.



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Racing schedule

For 2015 all Spinnaker classes will revert to racing in Loch Fyne on Day 1 whilst the white sail class and passage race-only classes will start their event in Largs on Thursday night. A buffet supper will precede the race to Tarbert on Friday. The Clyde Challenger Passage race to Tarbert and the Round Inch Race on the Sunday are open to all comers as stand-alone races. After arrival at Tarbert, racing continues on Loch Fyne from Saturday to Monday May 25, with the regatta prize-giving after completion of racing on Monday. The event format is a mixture of windward/leeward courses and coastal races.

Classes range from high tech IRC yachts to CYCA handicap classes both spinnaker and white sail and the popular one design classes. Many of the renowned names on the Scottish racing scene return to compete as well as new faces attracted by the great racing and après sail socialising that the series is famed for. Stuart Childerley, race officer for the Brewin Dolphin Commodore Cup, will be race officer on the IRC/CYCA big boat course whilst Alan Cassels and David Kent will run the White sail/one-design/sportsboat IRC classes. Stalwart Johnnie Readman remains as PRO.

Northern Area Championships for J70 class

And in conjunction with the Silvers Marine SS the inaugural J70 Northern Championships will be held. The J70 fleet has seen a rapid expansion across the country and currently



seven boats have entered. With 12 races to be held over the four days of the series, the fleet is treating the event as essential practise for British teams hoping to compete at the 2015 World Championships in La Rochelle this July.

ON THE START LINE FOR THE 2015 EVENT

IRC competition

Familiar names line up in the IRC classes once again. The battle between Eala of Rhu that won last year's IRC 1 from Steve Cowie's Zephyr will continue again. Jamie McGarry and Colin Moore's Swan 45 Eala is a formidable competitor, particularly when the wind is up. As is Rod Stuart and Bill Ram's Corby 37 Aurora. Add the now legendary Anderson and Findlay's Roxstar, Sloop John T and Spirit of Jacana and there is strong competition for the class title.

Joining IRC Class 2 this year is Richard Shellshock with his Prism 28 Thrust from Benderloch. He has sailmaker Chris Owen of Gaastra Sails aboard calling tactics. Richard will use the SMSS as a platform before heading south at the start of August to do the southern regatta circuit. John Corson's Salamander, last year's class winner, is back to do business as well as Fools Gold and the First 36.7 of Jeffrey and Scutt Carmen II. With fellow First 36.7 Kevin and Debbie Aitken's Animal, Neil Sandford's Now or Never 3 and the Thomson's Sloop John T all in contention, it will be an interesting class to watch.

IRC Class 4 sees the two Wildebeest go head to head with Craig Latimer's well prepared J92 racing against Derek Buchanan's Brenta 24. Buchanan's

boat won the class last year.

In CYCA Class 5 Oban sailor Graham Anderson with his Hanse Lucky Ned Pepper takes on the Beneteau 44 Local Hero of Geoff and Norman Howison, always a difficult duo to beat. This is another tough class with the familiar names of Enigma, Significant and Delinquent alongside regulars Ian McNair's First by Farr and MacLachlan's Polaris.

CYCA local and national

Joey Gough of Oban Sailing Club also faces stiff competition in CYCA Class 6 with a huge range of handicaps to contend with, ranging from 14.2 to 20.25.

Stargazer from Arran won this class last year and is hard to beat across most wind strengths. John Kent's Farr 727 Farr e-Nuff was runner-up last year and the evergreen Valhalla of Ashton is always well placed, particularly if the wind is strong. Series sponsor Boyd Tunnock's Moody 38 also likes a breeze and following a second placed class position in West Highland Yachting Week last year, will be hoping to repeat this. Angus Cartwright's Honeybee and Graham Goudie's Cara of Kip can also be good performers and at the smaller end of the fleet Garth and Lucy Wilson's GK24 Zebedee is always well placed and with the wide handicap range should see good results. Western Isles Yacht Club Andrew Scott's Maxi Mixer Sequoia adds to a interesting range of yachts in this class.

White Sail Fleet

Brian Robertson of Mid Argyll with his X332 Celtic Spirit has opted for white sail this year and he and fellow X332 owner Owen



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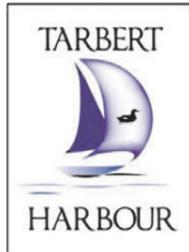



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Mcmanus of Campbeltown Sailing Club rank smallest in the fleet of big boat CYCA Class 8 They will be up against the 60ft Clipper Clyde Challenger as well as Ken Grant's Tigh Soluis II, always a consistent performer whilst the Beneteau 40.7 of Richard Smith North Star is a fast machine and could show the fleet a clean pair of heels.

Sixteen yachts line up in restricted sail CYCA Class 9 with Allen and Shearer's Sigma 33 Brave defending her title of 2014. Clive Reeves was class runner-up last year in his Maxi 1000 Lyrebird and also back as is Marc Ritson's Sigma 36 Saracen. All will be hard to separate for the top three placings. Stewart and Dorothy Ritchie, seasoned campaigners on the Clyde racing circuit, bring their big Contest 44 Anna Mae down from Salen, Acharacle, to compete in this class.

Sigma and Sonata one-designs

The Sigma brigade makes up one of the best sailed classes and this year looks to be no exception with the usual suspects under the starting gun. Former winner the McLaren's Sigmatic is always hard to beat with Leaky Roof II of Harper and Robertson James Miller's Mayrise and Harold Hood's Odyssey II chasing hot on the McLaren's heels.

Similarly a large and 'top notch' Sonata one design fleet is headed up by Murray Caldwell and team, last year's class and overall Scottish Series title winners back to defend both titles with Red Hot Poker.

Former overall Scottish Series champion Steve Goacher also makes a return with Eric the Boat and with five Sonatas from Helensburgh that regularly compete against each other, the racing promises to be 'fast and furious' making for a closely fought class, currently standing at a dozen boats.

VX / J70 and Hunter 70s

Nine line up on the start line in the VX Class – this is an exciting and fast boat that is seeing an increased number of owners. Three boats travel from Ullswater to compete and Howard Stevenson from Tyneside, an international 14 sailor, will be a boat to watch. Duncan Hepplewhite under the Loch Lomond Sailing Club flag and Martin Darrer from Ovington also bring considerable competition to this exciting class. As with the Sonatas a revival in small boat racing is being seen and with lower overheads than a larger yacht small boat racing is burgeoning. Seven J70s compete in their one design class including former Scottish Series champion Ruairidh Scott from Tarbert racing aboard Ian Atkin's boats.com – they travel from the south of England for the event as do Paul and Marie Clare Heys of J Boats from the Royal Southern Yacht Club.

Five Hunter 70s complete the one-design class divisions – again a closely fought class in the making with Clark and Parker's Black



Sheep coming from Scarborough SC, More T Vicar from N. Ireland, Rammie from Aberdeen and Stonehaven Yacht Club and Jalapeno and Valhalla from Port Edgar. With all the one design classes good racing is promised with tactics and trimming the all important difference in taking the edge in the placings.

Please note all class divisions were correct at time of going to press but may change with entry for the event.

Entertainment for all the family ashore at Tarbert

As well as the hectic on the water competition, there will be a full social programme during the day in Tarbert with live bands playing in the event marquee in the evening. Shore-side entertainment and activities are organised by Tarbert Enterprise Company. Funding is also being given by EventScotland and coincides with a special year-long celebration of food and drink, showcasing and celebrating local food. So the Silvers Marine Scottish Series will be an ideal opportunity to experience some of Scotland's fantastic larder not only to competitors but the many visitors to the event bringing the best of food, drink and boating together for an even better experience.

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Tunnock's

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North Sails

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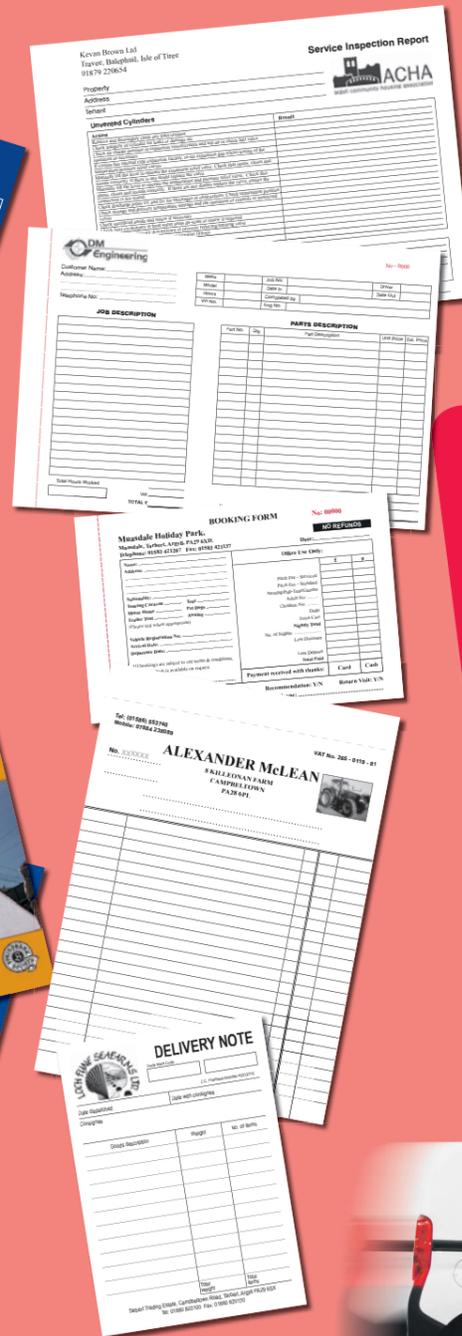
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Applicant: **Mr R Thom**

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All members are invited to attend and proxy voting will also be available.

The purpose is part of the reorganisation of the Third Sector Interface in Argyll & Bute. The proposal is to merge both IJCVS (Islay and Jura Council of Voluntary Services) and ABSEN (Argyll & Bute Social Enterprise Network) into Argyll Voluntary Action as the legal vehicle for the merger and the single entity interface.

All three organisations are holding an EGM to enable **members** to decide on these important changes. In brief, the proposals will be 1) a change of name 2) to accept the merger and 3) to adopt a revised set of Articles of Association.

Voting is welcome by proxy or attendance and full details of the revised articles will be available shortly. For further details or if you are not sure if you are a member and would like check, please contact any local AVA office or email info@argyllvoluntaryaction.org.uk or phone 01631-564839. Please RSVP if you are attending to kathleen@argyllvoluntaryaction.org.uk.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/00933/PP	Demolition of existing secondary school and associated outbuildings/structures and erection of new secondary school and piping pavilion with associated car parking, bus drop off facilities, playing fields and outbuildings	Campbeltown Grammar School Hutcheon Road Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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15/01088/PP	Change of use from derelict farm building to form smokehouse (retrospective)	Skipness Farms Home Farm Skipness Castle Argyll PA29 6XU	Sub Post Office Harbour Street

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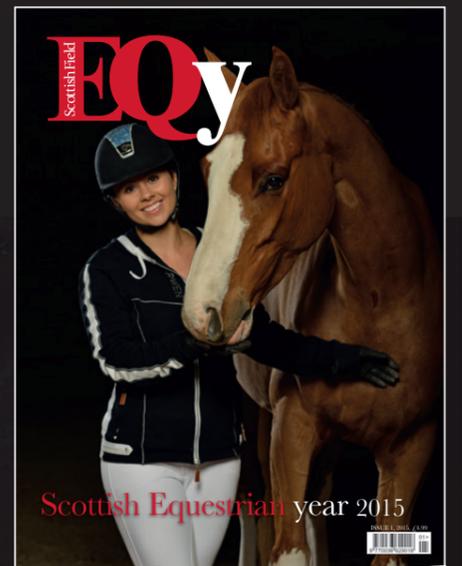


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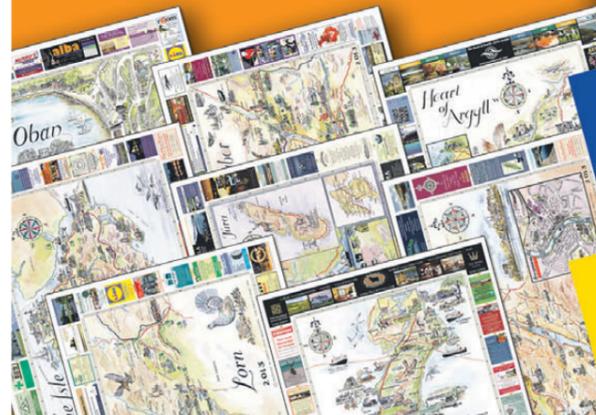
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



NOSTALGIA is a very strange feeling and almost impossible to explain.

Last week I was back in my home city of Glasgow where I grew up and spent all of my life until 10 years ago.

I love the 'dear green place' and I love the warmth and welcome of the people there which is renowned the world over.

I had time to spare and I suddenly felt a desire to revisit my past.

I drove round all the familiar places. I found myself at the house in which I was born and where I grew up.

I sat in the car and could almost hear the voices of my parents calling to me across the fields of time.

I felt a desire to go on and I drove to the local park where I was taken in my pram and where I learned to walk.

There were still people walking their dogs and I could see my own various wonderful dogs who had walked beside me in days gone by.

I looked at the now sadly neglected tennis courts where I believed that one day I would play for Scotland and I smiled at that crazy dream.

Nostalgia is a very strange feeling.

Finally, I completed my mind journey and went to look at the last house we lived in before coming to Argyll.

I thought of all the good times we enjoyed there and I also remembered the sad times.

I went to my old church, now totally and beautifully modernised.

I thought of many of the saints I had known there who are now in God's nearer presence and I thought of the ones I don't know, who are on the next part of the journey.

As I headed back to Kintyre I gave thanks to the God who weaves the tapestry of our lives and who gives us the gift of remembering.

The liberation of Belsen

TODAY on the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day the Courier reveals a soldier's previously unpublished account of liberating a concentration camp. William Milne described first-hand the horrific discovery of Bergen-Belsen in Northern Germany.

Mr Milne, from Aberdeenshire, married Margaret Sinclair from Drumlembie in 1951, and worked as a missionary in Kintyre, before studying at Glasgow University to become a minister.

He died in 1957.

In a jotter of flimsy, yellowed paper, marked only with the word 'Belsen', his disturbing and sorely real story begins: 'Germany - a delightful country with surroundings not unlike Scotland.

Everything that meets the eye is wondrous to behold - or at least seems to be, passing along in a car on a lovely summer's day in Schleswig-Holstein, where through the leafy trees a stately mansion can be spotted.

That scene is not at all what it appears to be to the human eye. It is in fact the most outrageous, deplorable

and revolting ever witnessed by mankind in all the long history of the world.

Behind those trees encircling this estate lies the place now known to the world as Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

I was there when it was liberated so I can tell you about it. The camp perimeter was guarded by German machine guns to keep any curious onlookers away, but the British Army insisted on having a look - so in we went.

A 16-foot-high, electrified wire fence, and 30ft watch towers with machine guns and search lights, were marked some 300 yards apart.

The huge mansion houses I have spoken of housed political prisoners of the Nazi party, who appeared to have been reasonably well-treated.

Then we came across the wooden huts where the hated Jews were billeted. Such a scene met my gaze - you saw pictures of it in your newspapers.

This people's crime, the reason for being in this place, was that they were Jews.

The horror camp was vermin infested and

had no sanitation, and the people there had become wrecks of humanity, human skeletons.

The prisoners approached us, but the camp's liberation meant nothing to them - they could not understand they were free from Nazi tyranny. Almost impulsively, if you spoke to one of them, a hand would go out to ward off the expected blow.

Their food was turnip and potato peelings and if they did not click their heels or give the Nazi salute smartly enough they got none.

Medical examinations were in many cases a

death sentence. Gold rings and earrings were torn off ruthlessly, and even gold fillings were wrenched out without mercy.

The treatment room was a small brick house with no windows, featuring an iron door at one end that could only be locked from the outside. Prisoners were literally crushed in and gassed to death.

Children, duped into "going to see mummy and daddy" were, despite their cries for mercy, shown none - there was no such thing in Belsen.

Work detail was simi-

larly ruthless. We have all heard the phrase. "He's digging his own grave" - and so often they did. That night, even from my camp 10 miles away, the stench of the camp was in the air. We could not sleep after our visit there.

All that remained several days later was a memory of Belsen - the camp was burned to the ground, but only after its former wardens had been made to help bury the dead.

This is a memory that I hope all people will keep in mind. Our slogan should be "Remember Belsen".



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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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Clive and Jeanette, of Campbeltown, are delighted to announce the engagement of their elder son, Mark, to Laura, elder daughter of Mairi and Duncan of Greenock.

MARRIAGES



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At Lochgreen House Hotel, on April 11, 2015, Stephen, only son of Neil and Anne Brown, Meadows Avenue, to Fiona, only daughter of Helen McEwan, Galston, East Ayrshire. A wonderful and happy day.



GALBRAITH - MCMILLAN

Both families are delighted to announce the marriage, on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Luss Parish Church, of Lynn, eldest daughter of Danny and Lorna, Carradale, to Malcolm, eldest son of Malcolm and Anne, Balloch Cottage, Campbeltown. A perfect day.



MASON - LAING

On May 6, 2015 at Crear, Kilberry, Al and Paula. An amazing day was had by all our family.

DEATHS

GOLDER - At home, on April 27, 2015, Gerald, of Wendene, Beckenham, Kent and White Croft, Kilkerran Glebe, loving husband of Jean Barbour, much loved father of Iain and the late Gavin, father-in-law of Rebecca, and grandad of Kimberley and Sarah.

MCSPORRAN - Peacefully, in the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital, on April 30, 2015, Sarah Jane Colville (Sadie), in her 71st year, 15 Princes Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Duncan McSporrán, much loved mum of Hazel and the late David, loving mother-in-law of Colin, dearly loved granny of Scott and Cara and a loving sister and aunt. Service will

take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, May 8, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital. The family would like people who attend the service to wear bright colours.

NAISMITH - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 29, 2015, Barbara Kelly McNeil (Babs), in her 78th year, 13 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late John Naismith and a much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

SHIELDS - Peacefully, at St Bede's Hospice, Gateshead, on April 21, June, née Ward, in her 74th year, after a long illness bravely borne. Sadly missed by husband Ron, brother Neil, sister-in-law Nannie. Loving aunt of Linda, Pat and families.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BELL - Graham and Eleanor would like to thank everyone for their wonderful expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and baking received following the sad loss of their mum, Margaret. Thank you also to Dr Helliwell for her care and support over many months which enabled Mum her wish to remain at home, to the Palliative Care Team for their outstanding care of Mum over the last few weeks, and for all their support to Eleanor. A special thanks goes to Lesley and Ann for coming the morning Mum died. Thanks to Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their caring and very efficient funeral arrangements, to the Rev David Caruthers and Rev Derek Gibson for a lovely service and for granting Mum's wish, to the Stag Hotel for lovely food provided, to Morna of Flowers by Morna, the flowers at the church and wreaths were amazing, thank you so much, Mum would have truly loved them. A special thank you goes to Jean for her friendship and care of Mum over a long time, without your help over the last months things would have been impossible. Mum did appreciate your help in so many ways. You meant more to her than just being a friend. Finally, thank you to everyone who came to the service, your presence and support was greatly appreciated. £245 was raised for Alzheimer Scotland, with a further £65 being raised at the sale in Ardrishaig.

CUNNINGHAM - Christine and family would like to thank all staff at Campbeltown Hospital for their care and attention given to Christine. Thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for lovely cards and flowers received, to Mr Crossan for his lovely service, to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their sympathetic and dignified service and to the Ardsheil Hotel for their hospitality. The sum of £738.53 was raised for the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital

MCKENZIE - Sheila and Iain would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for their many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, phone calls and visits received following their recent sad loss of Donald. Special thanks to the paramedics, Dr Hutchinson and the staff at the hospital for their care. Grateful thanks to Rev. Hilda

Smith, for a most comforting and uplifting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their guidance and caring funeral arrangements; and to the Stag Hotel for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised £300 for Marie Curie and The Beatson Oncology Unit.

MCKINNON - The family of the late Thomas (Tommy) McKinnon and friend Josephine, would like to thank everyone most sincerely, for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to Liz and Anne for their kindness and support, to Dr Elder for thoughtful and supportive care, to Rev Steve Fulcher for a personal comforting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for caring and professional services, to the Tarbert Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection raised £580 for RNLI.

MCLEAN - Anne, Jacqueline, Sandra and their families would like to thank all relatives and friends who joined with them at Cardross Crematorium to celebrate the life of our dear Hector, especially those who travelled a distance to be there. Also for all messages of support, flowers, cards and gifts received, we are most grateful. Our thanks also go to Sheena Johnston for her comforting service, combined with the lovely contribution from Marie, to Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their efficient funeral arrangements and to the Coachhouse Inn for purvey. Thanks also to the local ambulance staff and nursing staff at the Mid Argyll Hospital for their care and support. Donations for the Dochas Centre and Fyne Friends raised £340. Forever in our thoughts.

PHILLIS - Sue, Jan and Andy would like to express their sincere thanks to all friends for their many kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received following their recent sudden loss of Ken. Special thanks to doctors and nurses on Glenaray Ward, Lochgilphead for the wonderful care and attention. We would like to thank the Rev Cliff Acklam and the organist Francis Madden for the comforting service and Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their thoughtful guidance and sympathy. Also, to Richard and staff at the Kilmartin Hotel for the refreshments. Many thanks for the generous donations to the Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital and the SSPCA, which amounted to £340.

SINCLAIR - Donald and family would like to thank everyone who contributed to the retiral collection in memory of Jenny. The final amount raised for the British Heart Foundation was £1,123.

IN MEMORIAMS

LAURIE - In loving memory of my mother, Marjorie, died April 29, 2012. A much loved mum, mother-in-law and granny. Also my father, John, died March 27, 1982, and my sister, Petra, died October 14, 1984. Sadly missed.

- Jeanne, David, Ailish and Arwen.

MACMASTER - In loving memory of our mother, Annie MacMaster, died May 12, 2013, and our father, Neil MacMaster, died July 23, 1993. Though absent, you are very near, Still loved, still missed and very dear.

- From all the family.

MACNAB - In loving memory of our dad and papa, James, passed away May 11, 2014.

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- Stephen, Alison, Ella and Jack, Jamie and Seana.

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

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- Inserted by Mum, Southend.

MCCALLUM - Treasured memories of our mum, Tessa (Sally), passed away May 5, 2007 and our dad, Archie (Caddy), passed away January 6, 1993.

Missed every day.

- Maureen, Robert, John and family.

MCGUINNESS - In memory of our much loved dad, John (Ian), who died May 6, 2009.

We love and miss you every day dad.

- Mary, Robert, James, Elizabeth, grandchildren and families.

MCGUINNESS - In loving memory of Ian, a dear brother, brother-in-law and uncle, died May 6, 2009.

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- From the family at Ayr, Carlisle and Lochgilphead.

MCSPORRAN - In memory of Betty, a loved mother, sister and aunt, passed away May 5, 2014.

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Flower Festival in Highland Parish Church
Sunday 10th May
The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor in the Church at 11.15 am
Christian Aid Week 10th - 16th May

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 10th May
Service 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Next Generation Rev P Wallace
Monday 11th May
Messy Church 3.45 - 5.30pm
Tuesday 12th May
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
BBs Church Hall Anchor Boys 6pm Junior Section 7.15pm
Thursday 14th May
Choir 7.30pm
Friday 15th May
Lunch Club Outing

Campbeltown Corps Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009399
Burnside Street, Campbeltown 01586 552046
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship Army Kidz 6.30pm Evening Worship
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

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 10th May 2015
11.00am Family Communion Service Dr John Morrison OBE Tayvallich
7.30pm Opening Service of Christian Aid week 2015
Thursday 14th 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 SC014646

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church
Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 10th May
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion 10.45am
All Welcome
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

Lochgilphead Parish Church
Sunday 10th 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
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 10th May
11.15am Worship Service Rev Finlay Mackenzie
11.15am Sunday School
Wednesday 13th May
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm - 4.00pm Water of Life Café
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service
11.00 am with Sunday School followed by refreshments
Baby & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.45 am every Thursday (term-time)
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
We are a member of the Baptist Union of Scotland SC043322

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 10 May 2015
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean "But if not"
Thursday 14 May 2015
10.00am
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 10 May
Bellanoch Church 10 am
Holy Communion
Rev. S. Hood
Thursday 14 May
Living Stones, Kilmartin
Messy Church 4 - 6 pm
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

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Andy wins at Dunaverty

CAMPBELTOWN man Andy Robertson shrugged off high winds - and his fellow golfers - last Saturday to win Dunaverty Golf Club's Mersey Police Cup.

Twenty-one golfers took part in the morning round and were lucky enough to have a dry outing, but had some strong winds to contend with.

From that morning field, Robertson emerged as the overall winner, scoring an excellent gross 71 with a handicap 12 giving him a winning net score of 59.

Poor weather in the afternoon meant only three players took to the course.

Donald MacNeill finished second with the best scratch score of 68 but an over-all score was 63, ahead of Douglas Thomas in third.

CSS was 64.

Results: 1 Andy Robertson 71-12-59; 2 Donald MacNeill 68-5-63; 3 Douglas Thomas 81-17-64(bih); 4 Campbell MacBrayne 73-9-64; 5 Stuart McLachlan 78-15-65; 6 Ross Sinclair 70-5-65.

Tomorrow (Saturday) sees the three-man Texas Scramble at Dunaverty, with normal ballot times applying.

Away trip for Dookers

TARBERT will put their promotion credentials on the line tomorrow (Saturday) with a trip to Alexandria to face FC Argyll in SAFL division 1B.

The Dookers have four matches remaining and another win will go a long way to securing a return to the league's Premier Division Two.



Carradale's interclub day winners, from left: Margaret Smith, Sheena Ferguson, Mary MacKinnon and Margaret Barr.

Annual interclub ladies' golf day at Carradale

CARRADALE Golf Club's ladies held their annual interclub day last Saturday, featuring 27 competitors from clubs across Kintyre. Results (handicap): 1 Margaret Smith and Sheena Ferguson; 2 Isabel White and Hilary Oman; 3 Anna Brown and Gail McIntosh. Scratch: 1 Margaret Barr and Mary MacKinnon; 2 Margaret Robertson, Marlene Walker, Lynsay McGeachy; 3 Ailie MacBrayne and Margaret Richardson.

Bowls final proves a classic

CAMPBELTOWN bowling club's hectic start to the season gathered pace last weekend when the club held its Robert Leishman Memorial Invitation fours.

Sponsored by R Leishman and Son, 20

teams from across the west of Scotland took part, but conditions were far from perfect as players endured a sudden drop in temperature combined with rain and wind from mid-day onward.

The final was contested



The finalists received their prizes from Eileen Leishman, centre, and Campbeltown bowling club president Dugald Graham, far right.

by the Campbeltown foursome of Jimmy Anderson, Steven Dickson, Neil and John McCormick, and the Mid Argyll quartet of Donald Crawford, Craig Martin, Sandy Cameron

and Robert Scott. It was a classic final, with bowls falling so close the ends were being decided by measures.

The tie was decided by a winning lie from the visitors' Craig Martin

in the final end, with the teams all-square on four shots each. The trophy and prizes were presented by president Dugald Graham and Eileen Leishman on behalf of the sponsors.

Unfortunately the Famous Grouse Pairs, due to be played on Sunday, fell victim to overnight and early morning rain, and will be rescheduled later in the season.



School rugby team's new sponsor

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar's boys' rugby side is now being sponsored by renewables manufacturer Wind Towers Scotland. The team is pictured showing off its kits bearing the company's logo.

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Donald ends season on a high

Equaliser is crucial

DUMBARTON forward Donald McCallum wasted little time making an impact last Saturday after helping create a goal in the team's SPFL Championship draw against Raith Rovers.

The 18-year-old from Campbeltown was given his chance from the bench on 76 minutes and within two minutes he advanced down the left flank, before his deep cross was cleared to team-mate Scott Ag-



Dumbarton's Donald McCallum takes on Raith Rovers defender Jason Thomson during last Saturday's Scottish Championship clash.

new who scored to make it 2-2, in the team's last

fixture of the season. Dumbarton finished in

seventh place, ensuring they will play in Scot-

land's second tier next season.

Cup clash beckons for Carradale

CARRADALE head to Glasgow on cup duty tomorrow when they play Point Media in the West of Scotland AFL Challenge Shield quarter final.

The East Kintyre side have not played for two weeks, after their league cup match against Duntocher was postponed last Saturday due to a waterlogged pitch.

Carradale manager Nonnie Macalister said: 'It will be a competitive match against Point Media but hopefully we can get to another semi-final.'

'We then have a league match in Carradale against Millerston the following Saturday (May 16). The Wellpark pitch looks in great condition so we are looking forward to playing on it.'



Easter fun with Active Schools

MORE than 100 south Kintyre pupils enjoyed a wide range of sports during the Easter holidays thanks to Active Schools.

Working in partner-

ship with local sports clubs, a packed schedule of activities ranging from swim school to archery were provided for all pupils from P1-P7.

Lindsay Ramsay, Active Schools coordinator for South Kintyre's primary schools, said: 'I would like to thank Kintyre sports clubs for their continued support and partnership, enabling us to run such a successful holiday programme, as well as a big shout out to all volunteers who help to make this happen.'

P1-P3 pupils enjoying their tennis lessons at Easter are pictured with volunteer Ross Colville, back left, Catherine Dobbie of Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club and Sharon Gillies-McCallum, secondary Active Schools coordinator for South Kintyre.



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

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Varying your pace

WEEK 11 of the beginners' preparation for the MOK 10K on May 23 brings another interval session for the first run of the week.

Same as last week, after a warm-up of 10 minutes pick up your pace for three minutes before taking a 90-second recovery and repeat four times. Give yourself a 5-10 minute jog afterwards. Session two is a 40-minute run and session three is a 45-minute run.

Session one for the half marathon is an 11-mile run, session two is four miles hard, session three is five miles quality running and session four is four miles easy running.

Lottery jackpot up to £600

THERE were no winners in Machrihanish golf club's three-number lottery on Monday, meaning the jackpot stands at £600.

The winning numbers were 4, 5 and 17.

The next draw will be made on Monday May 11.

SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - Oban Saints and Campbeltown Pupils no game; Premier Division Two - Lochgilhead Red Star 3, Clydebank 2; Division 1B - Tarbert no game.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Haldane United v Oban Saints; Campbeltown Pupils no game; Premier Division One - East Kilbride v Dunoon; Premier Division Two - Centre v Lochgilhead Red Star; Division 1B - FC Argyll v Tarbert.



Ross Brown, in red, standing, beats the Ardencale keeper in the young Pupils' 5-2 win over Ardencale.

Young Pupils turn in five-star performance

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils Under 13s overcame Argyll rivals Ardencale last Sunday with a 5-2 win in their Dunbartonshire Football Development League clash.

Played at Kinloch's 3G pitch, the Pupils maintained their great run of form with ten wins from 12 matches.

The opening goal ar-

rived when the hosts' Matthew Lamont beat his man down the left and sent in a good cross for Ross Brown to side-foot the ball beyond the keeper.

The home side were lifted by the goal and went on to score a second soon after when a Fraser McBrayne corner met the head of the leaping Ryan McGrory, only

Campbeltown Pupils	5
Ardencale	2
DFDL Under 13 League	

for the keeper to pull off a good save. But the ball spilled out to Matthew Lang who rifled the ball high into the net for a 2-0 lead.

The Pupils added a third goal when Elliott Gemmell sent a great

ball to Ross Brown on the right flank.

Brown sent an excellent cross to the far post for Matthew Lamont to volley home first time.

The visitors emerged stronger in the second half and used the wind

to their advantage, pulling a goal back with a great strike from the edge of the box which gave the home keeper McKellar no chance.

The Pupils regained their three-goal lead when Aaron McCallum sent a free kick into the top left corner.

McBrayne and MacIndeor had several chances to extend

the lead but the Ardencale keeper did well to keep them out, until MacIndeor beat their defence to a long through-ball and coolly chipped the ball over the onrushing keeper into the net for a lovely finish.

The scoring was completed by Ardencale with a consolation goal courtesy of a perfectly executed free kick.

'Amazing' support for Campbeltown Pupils Ladies



NEW FOOTBALL team Campbeltown Pupils Ladies held a successful race night fundraiser last month, as interest soars in ladies' football in the area.

The race night was

hosted by the Royal Hotel and raised a fantastic £1,707 for club funds.

Football umbrella

Since forming in March, the club has become part of the Campbeltown football um-

brella, known as the Campbeltown and District Community Club (CDFC), and the ladies are delighted with the support they have received from those out with womens' football.

Emma Dudley, club chairwoman, said: 'Campbeltown's community spirit was brilliant again at the race night, allowing us to raise a phenomenal £1,707 for the team.'

Sponsored

'We had races sponsored by McKinven and Colville, McKellar's newsagents, AM Transport, McFadyens, Serenity Spa, The Royal Hotel, DM Fabrications

and The Peugeot Garage, as well as a huge range of raffle prizes donated by Kintyre business and individuals.

'The race night was very well attended and Race Night Scotland did an excellent job, while the Kintyre club made sure those who attended were well catered for with a tasty buffet.'

David Paterson of

CDFC said: 'Since forming in March, the team has focused on establishing itself as a proper club, with tasks such as registering with Women's Football Scotland and forming a committee.'

The team trains every Wednesday evening. For more details visit the Campbeltown Football Facebook page.



Campbeltown Pupils ladies are a new team but clearly have community backing, after the side's race night raised £1,707.

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