

# Town hall restored to its former glory

Work reflects town motto: Fortune helps those who help themselves

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MORE than a quarter of a millennium ago Campbeltown celebrated the completion of its Town House and last weekend the restoration saw a return.

On Saturday, in just four hours, at least 1100 people took the chance to see first hand the achievements of all involved in the six year project and see some of the suggested uses for the ultra modern facility including weddings, anniversaries, coffee mornings and parties.

The previous night, at a ticket-only event where guests enjoyed champagne and canapés provided by Argyll Bakeries, South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) chairman, Councillor Rory Colville, praised all involved in the project.

People and organisa-



**Councillor Rory Colville toasts the success of the restoration.** 25\_c19townhall08

tions singled out for special praise included: project coordinator Eric Spence, South Kintyre Development Trust's (SKDT) own staff who, working away behind the scenes, secured funding, Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) project officer James Lafferty and the principle contractors, building firm McK-inven and Colville, which donated the exterior lighting after funding for it ran out.

Mr Colville said: 'We could not have done anything without Eric Spence and James Lafferty but they are like the opposite ends of a magnet; one is positive and one is negative.'

Jokingly he said that they work well together but just like a magnet should not be forced together too often for great results.

Mr Colville added: 'Mr Lafferty convinced me that it was one of Scotland's finest town houses.'

Mr Colville explained some of the project's timeline to the audience.

An initial scoping study was carried out in July 2010 and that December SKDT and Campbeltown Community Council began working together.

The project advanced and in June 2012 the Big Lottery Fund ap-

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**James Lafferty and Kintyre Schools Pipe Band's Rory McGrory, whose late grandmother Nancy Smith spearheaded initial moves in the project and mum Alison is an SKDT director, piped guests in on Friday night, the day before his 14th birthday.** 25\_c19townhall05

## Rallies for imprisoned pirate hunter

TWO GROUPS came together to help to keep the focus on the rescue mission for Billy Irving.

His partner, Yvonne MacHugh, organised a rally in Carlisle on Tuesday to put pressure on visiting foreign office minister Hugo Swire, while Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara attended a support event held in Oban on the same day.

The former Campbeltown Grammar School pupil was sentenced to five years in prison in India, last January, after being on board the *Seaman Guard Ohio*.

The ship was seized in Indian territorial waters in 2013 while undertaking anti-piracy missions, when government officials deemed it to have been carrying illegal arms.

The imprisoned ex-soldier's partner, Yvonne MacHugh, said: 'On Tuesday the foreign office minister Hugo Swire was in Carlisle, and they are not doing much so we organised a rally to make sure the prisoners are noticed.'

'Billy's Campbeltown friends Craig Connelly and Keith Brown are planning to go to India at the end of the month to see him.'

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## Campbeltown Sheriff Court

### Speeding in restricted vehicle

A MAN was fined and received points on his driving licence when he appeared for sentencing at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

### Police files:

#### Television theft

POLICE are appealing for information regarding a break-in and theft of a television from a property in West Loch Tarbert.

The incident happened on Thursday April 28 between 8am and 6.30pm.

#### Urinating in public

TWO men were issued with Formal Adult Warnings for urinating in a public place last weekend.

They were spotted early on Sunday morning in Campbeltown town centre.

Malcolm Graham, 37, of 52 Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty, at an earlier hearing, to a charge of driving a vehicle restricted to 50mph at 74mph on the A83 near Badure Farm, Tayinloan on January 6 at 8.45am.

He faced a further charge for the vehicle not having insurance, for which he was fined £350 as well as having his license endorsed and six points added.

#### Driver using mobile phone banned

A MAN was fined £120 and banned from driving for six months after he pleaded guilty to a charge of using a mobile phone while driving.

Paul Ashworth, 40, of 83 Sandhaven, Dunoon, was caught committing the offence on February 16 this year on the A83 Tarbert road.

The three penalty points he incurred were added to nine already accumulated, resulting in the disqualification.

#### Youngster fined for climbing on police car

A CHRISTMAS works party cost a man £250 after he pleaded guilty to behaving in a disorderly manner.

At 2am on December 20 last year, Lewis McFadyen, 22, of 2 Lochview Avenue, Campbeltown, climbed on to a marked police vehicle on Shore Street before running away from police officers.

Lewis, an apprentice engineer, apologised for his behaviour which he believed was caused by an excess of free wine he drank at a Christmas works party.

The sheriff told him: 'I find your behaviour very childish, and I do not want to see you in here again.'

He was fined £250,



### T-shirts boost support for Billy Irving's plight

YVONNE MacHugh has helped design t-shirts to boost support for her partner Billy Irving imprisoned in India.

They carry the message of the 'Free the Seaman Guard Ohio 6' campaign, which can be found at [www.freesgo6.co.uk](http://www.freesgo6.co.uk)

## Three decades delivering dinners

A WOMAN who delivered hot meals to elderly residents for more than 30 years has had her dedication recognised.

Isobel McLean helped deliver Meals on Wheels to people in Campbeltown on behalf of the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS).

#### Renowned

Isobel has been involved in various local groups and charities throughout the years and is renowned for her tireless and selfless dedication to helping others.

She formed part of a valued team of more

than 160 meals on wheels volunteers in Argyll and Bute, who provide help to at least 100 older people to enable them to continue living independently in their own homes.

Meals on Wheels volunteers provide regular social contact when delivering dinners.

Anyone wishing to join should contact Karen Dalgleish on 01475 600442.



Isobel receiving her flowers with fellow volunteers at a tea provided by owners of the Grammar Lodge.

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proved the stage one application. Coltart Earley Architecture was appointed the same year to lead the design team and a year later the full funding package of £1.7 million was in place.

Mckinven and Colville boss Barry Colville spoke about his team's hard work.

Trevor Oxborrow, former chairman of SKDT, who created a town hall website, also praised the project's key players in its early days.

Argyll First Council-

lor, Donald Kelly added his praise and said: 'On behalf of the local community I would like to thank everyone involved in this project, especially SKDT and James Lafferty.'

#### Fantastic

'It is fantastic to see this very important and iconic building restored.'

Rory Colville quoted Winston Churchill and said that this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.

For more on this story see page three.

## Quesada memorial receives planning approval

THE PLAQUE and cairn commemorating the *Quesada* disaster has now passed planning.

The monument pays respect to those who were lost when the *Quesada* sank, and the rescuers who saved the survivors from certain death, on the 50th anniversary of the boat's sinking.

Willie MacCallum, whose father was lost in the tragedy, set the memorial in motion and has raised more than £2,700 towards it.

James McCorkindale has also arranged a fundraising concert at Stronvaar bowling club on May 14.

The memorial concert and dance will feature Tommy and Stewart Blue and shall begin at 8pm, with tickets at £10 available from the Fish Shop, Longrow and Stronvaar.

The memorial service will be held at Highland Parish Church on May 21 at 2pm, with a short unveiling ceremony afterwards at the Esplanade cairn.

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# Praise for hall restoration heroes

A BUILDING firm runs the £1.57 million project's principal building contractors, McKinven and Colville, turned the tale of the hall into a poem and illustrated some of the key characters who

have turned a vision into reality.

### Brief speech

Mr Colville read the verses, printed below, during a brief speech, at an event to honour workers and the team

responsible, on Friday of last week, before Saturday's public open day.

Later project coordinator Eric Spence handed out awards to four key personnel.

*But the restoration required someone, with vision and common sense,  
But those people are few and far between, but way-hay in came Eric Spence.*

*My own proud firm received the task, to bring life to Coltart Earley's design,  
There were peaks and troughs along the path, but look... she's turned out fine.  
We required to have our management on site, to lead this from the top,  
The names that came into the frame, were Allan McDougall and Graham Sopp*

*Our many meetings have been worthwhile, with Trevor, Jill and Allan and Rory,  
So many more have played their part, in the Campbeltown Town Hall story.*

*Now our Town Hall is saved for future years, despite doom laden warning,  
I'm sure she'll see many joyous times, and even the odd coffee morning.  
So if you have a function planned, and you wish to have a tear,  
Just phone 552870, and ask to speak to Claire.*

## Oor Toon Hall

*Constructed in 1760, for the folks of South Kintyre,*

*A four-bayed classical town hall, complete with wooden spire.*

*Throughout the 18th century, the façade became well-known,*

*The clock and bell were now in place, with spire now made of stone.*

*Her uses through the centuries, have been many and diverse,*

*A hub of interaction, for the townsfolk which she served.*

*Among the early purpose served, was as prison and council chambers,*

*A line of thought I won't pursue, out of respect for elected members.*

*Alas as often is the case, the years began to tell,  
Slowing down her hands of time and silencing her bell.*

*The town hall's fate remained unclear, to preserve it, was a must,*

*Here enters the Campbeltown THI, and South Kintyre Development Trust.*



Leadwork champion Peter Griffiths. 25\_c19townhall02



Site foreman Graham Sopp for remaining cool in all circumstances. 25\_c19townhall03



Eric Spence, right, hands certificates to: Painting supremo Craig Macaulay. 25\_c19townhall04

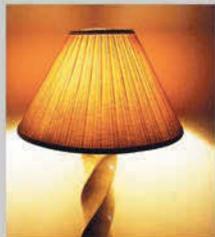


Townscape Heritage Initiative maestro James Lafferty. 25\_c19townhall01

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From left: Nicola McFadyen, Nicola Wareham, Kirk Lang and Rhona Lee.

## Grammar pupils' posters picked for Edinburgh Fringe festival

FOUR aspiring artists from Campbeltown Grammar School had designs on appearing at the world's largest arts festival.

S2 pupil Kirk Lang's entry in the Edinburgh International Fringe Schools' Poster competition was a brush stroke ahead of the rest and he is regional winner for Argyll and Bute, securing an exhibition slot.

He will be invited to a prize giving ceremony

on May 24 to collect his certificate. Nicola McFadyen and Nicola Wareham from S5 and Rhona Lee from S1 also enjoyed success.

All four were shortlisted to appear in the exhibition of the best entries in Scotland, which will take place in the Dynamic Earth venue in the capital from May 24 to August 29.

The competition was highly competitive, with more than 4,900

entries from across the country.

The pupils' teacher, Peter Lewis, said: 'To have had four shortlisted entries is a fantastic result in such a competitive field.'

'On top of the success other pupils have had this year in the Junk Kouture competition and the RSA award, this shows the breadth of art and design talent at Campbeltown Grammar School.'

# Wrasse firm's scholarships may hatch fresh talent

THE NORWEGIAN aquaculture firm planning to expand Machrihanish's wrasse hatchery hopes a new scholarship will net marine science's best thinkers.

Marine Harvest Scotland (Ltd) has pledged two scholarships to the Erasmus Mundus joint master degree in aquaculture, environment and society (EMJMD ACES) run by the Oban-based Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS UHI) in collaboration with the universities of Crete and Nantes.

The course is part of the European Union's prestigious Erasmus Mundus programme and gives students the unique opportunity to travel throughout Europe as they learn about sustainable aquaculture.

The two-year sponsorship, open to graduates from EU member states, will fund one student per year and includes participation fees and an opportunity to work with Marine

Harvest for a period of six months in order to complete their dissertations.

Dr Gareth Butterfield, technical services manager at Marine Harvest Scotland (Ltd), said: 'Research and education is vital in an industry that is only 45 years old. For our business to thrive, and the industry to grow overall, we have to bring in young people who increasingly require specialist

skills and training. In terms of research, it is critical we keep pushing on in this area if Scotland is to become the industry leader in research, innovation and technical development, providing science-based knowledge and better solutions in a growing sector.'

'To date, the UK has lagged behind Norway in providing an availability of aquaculture-educated person-

nel, but that balance is changing.'

The EMJMD ACES course, which began in 2015, awards a Joint Masters Degree through the universities of the Highlands and Islands, Crete and Nantes.

It focuses on fin-fish and shellfish biology, interactions between farming activities and the environment and involves internationally renowned researchers in the field.

It provides students with an insight to the industry, whilst stressing the importance of socio-economics; Atlantic salmon has grown to be Scotland's biggest food export and provides the country with a financial income of more than £500 million per year.

Dr Liz Cook, the EMJMD ACES programme leader at SAMS UHI, said: 'One of the main themes behind this course is global food security, so we are delighted to receive the support of a world-leading food producer such as Marine Harvest Scotland.'

Dr Butterfield added: 'Aquaculture-based academia within the UK is growing and beginning to receive the recognition it deserves.'

'The research undertaken at SAMS, Crete and Nantes is industry-relevant, and students educated there are provided an opportunity to learn and understand theories and techniques that can easily be applied and incorporated in to production strategies.'

For an application form contact Helen Bury, EMJMD ACES education administrator at ACES@sams.ac.uk



EMJMD ACES course leader Dr Liz Cook of SAMS UHI and Gareth Butterfield, technical services manager at Marine Harvest, launch the new scholarship.

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## £6 million wind tower order now shipping

WIND tower sections which are part of a multi-million pound order for Kintyre firm CS Wind will ship out of Campbeltown for the next six weeks.

Dutch-registered cargo ship *Arctic Rock* loaded 15 sections, from a total of 99 sections, last week bound for Inverness.

From the Highland port they will be shipped by road 15.5 miles to the Dun Maglass estate at South Drumnadrochit where they will be assembled into a 33-turbine wind farm with a capacity of 94.05 mega watts.

A spokesperson from CS Wind, which is a tier-two supplier to GE, said: 'The tower heights are 70 metres

and each one is built in three sections.

'People will have seen these sections as CS Wind has been storing them on the runway at Machrihanish for some time.

'This order represents about 20 weeks' worth of work.'

Road haulage for the work is carried out by McFadyen's with one section per lorry meaning there will be a total of 99 individual trips along the A83.

CS Wind is currently working on its next order, for 54 towers, an extension to the Clyde project using Siemens 2.3 turbines.

On that job the firm will make and ship 206 sections through Campbeltown.

# Rotary quiz champs head to Glasgow

A TEAM of four quiz champions from Dalintober Primary will pit their brains against the best in a Glasgow regional final.

The school's B team of Alexander Campbell, Lewis Kenny, Caryn Kerr and Nicole Shields proved to be best in The Rotary Club of Campbeltown's annual primary school quiz on Thursday of last week.

Quizmaster Margaret Bakes who presented the trophies said: 'The one question which did not get any answers was: 'How many blackbirds were baked in a pie?' The answer, of course, is four-and-20. 'There were 48 ques-



The winning team, from left, Caryn Kerr, Nicole Shields, Rotary Club of Campbeltown vocational convenor Margaret Bakes, Alexander Campbell and Lewis Kenny.

tions in eight rounds of six questions each, which included nature, numbers and general knowledge.

'The winners of this quiz go through to Glasgow for the Rotary district final in June.'

Other teams in the running were: Southend: Caitlyn Russell, Mathew Ferguson, Ruarri Barbour and Alba McGowan, Dalintober A: Euan Dott, Arron Glen, Beth MacPherson and Amy Lowrie, Castlehill A: Matt

Megson, Jame Scott, Kyle Paterson and Calum O'Hanlon and Castlehill B2: Scott Oman, Sonny Scott, Drew Cunningham and Sophie Durnin.

All children who took part were given a pictorial dictionary.

## Parking proposal consultation to roll into town

DRIVERS in Kintyre can toot their linguistic horns at a public consultation on parking.

Argyll and Bute Council is running the meeting on parking proposals affecting Mid-Argyll and Kintyre, which will take place in the Aqualibrium Conference Room in Campbeltown on Tuesday May 10, from 4pm until 6pm.

The council took on responsibility for enforcing parking restrictions across the area in May 2014, tasked with managing traffic effectively and maintaining parking turnover.

More information can be found at: <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-parking-proposals-mid-argyll-and-kintyre>



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## Campaigner marches on for ex-military pirate hunter

FORMER Grammar School boy Billy Irving, currently imprisoned in India, could not have a better supporter than his partner Yvonne.

For more than two-and-a-half years she has tirelessly campaigned to raise the profile of the ex-paratrooper's case and the five other ex-soldiers incarcerated with him in an Indian prison.

Her energy has resulted in 349,825 supporters signing the current Free the Seaman Guard Ohio 6 petition online, which Yvonne started with just one signature.

This week she has been involved in a rally in Carlisle in an attempt to put further pressure on the foreign office to press the Indian government for a resolution to the case.

Yvonne has been creating waves on Billy's behalf since October 2013 when the Indian authorities first detained Billy and his comrades.

Hundreds of supporters have commented on the change.org petition.

Many have said that Billy would be very proud of Yvonne if he could see how tirelessly she is fighting his corner, despite the frustratingly slow progress of any official moves to resolve the case in India.

## An elegant venue already attracting bookings

AT LAST the work is finished on the town hall and staff have bookings for weddings and anniversaries.

It was a bit of a scramble at the end to make sure everything was perfect for Saturday's open day.

People were naturally curious about what has been happening and project coordinator, Eric Spence, patiently clocked more than 1,100 people, on an analogue counter, itching to get a view of all that has been happening in the historic building.

The venue is ready and has state-of-the-art lighting available, but it is up to individuals and groups, to make sure it is fully booked and utilised to prove its worth to the community.

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'Now, give it over, Dainken, that is quite enough of your petty niggles.'

The Town Hall of 2016 is a truly munificent and magnificent civic asset in terms of architecture and appointments, kitchen equipment, draperies etc. and the highest praise must be accorded to all involved in delivery of this world-class project.

**Duncan Iain MacDougall, Tarbert.**

## Campbeltown needs the work

Sir,  
The town needs the work [at Lossit Point fish farm] and it is good for the economy, it is as simple as that.

No-one complained when the shipyard was built and we wish we still had it, no-one complained about the new pump house at the

trench. There might come a time when no-one will want to set up business here because of our objections. The town needs the business, simple.

No-one loves the country more than I do but when needs must...and they are very much needed this time round.

Be very careful with the objections, we might not get many reasons to object in the future.

**Name and address supplied.**

## Economic fortune wholly dependent on investment

Sir,  
The Gauldrons will be with us forever, solid rock immutable over hundreds of centuries, the temporary imposition of a few sheds will not debilitate.

The prospects of our local people's economic fortunes, however, are wholly dependent on any source of succour in this highly challenged remote environment.

This is not a project which can be queried on the grounds of pollution or environmental discharge. It is laudable in its aims and wider benefit. Should 'spoiling the view' of probably infrequent visitors be a reason to prevent the expansion of a very sound and local business?

The Gauldrons will await another thousand years and shrug.

**David Eaton, Campbeltown.**

## Concreting the Gauldrons is not the way forward

Sir,  
What paradoxes professor Ronald Roberts presented to us in his letter last week.

In his opinion Marine Harvest (MH) has a good reputation for environmental awareness but those reading salmonfarmingkills.com would strongly disagree.

Juxtaposed with this is his insistence that concreting over a wild and unspoiled part of our coastline with a huge hatchery development is the only viable way it could be built.

He says he has no connection with MH or its project but is emphatic that technically it is not feasible to put it on a brown field site at MACC.

Having, I assume, not had sight of any extensive pre-planning option appraisal documentation that would allow him to make such an informed judgement.

We are told that the Gauldrons' site is low grade grazing area and yet two separate reports by Scottish National Heritage in the 1970s and 1990s clearly state that development on that area should be completely restricted due to its visual and environmental value to Argyll.

He was instrumental in establishing the world-leading facility that has existed quite happily at Lossit for many years without a gigantic pro-

duction facility but tells us that if the Gauldrons site, and that site alone, is not consented for development then mysteriously the technical expertise could not be maintained and the existing jobs would go.

Taxpayers contributed £830,000, through Scottish Aquaculture Innovation grants at the existing site and I think the Scottish government would take a dim view of the threat of job losses if MH do not get their way.

We all want the Lossit project to succeed, we all want the jobs and investment, but we are not going to surrender our shared heritage and precious wild coastline to foreign owned multinationals just because they want an easy and cheap solution.

MH is wisely investing in at least three other approaches to controlling sea lice in their salmon.

If any one of those proves cheaper and more efficacious than the wrasse then they will not hesitate to shut the new hatchery; remember they laid off 80 Scottish workers in a 'restructuring' in January.

If MH is the bastion of environmental propriety that the professor says it is, it will happily properly research the alternative sites and approaches that are no doubt available to them and save the Gauldrons.

**Bob Miller, Sound of Kintyre.**

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# Grants will help mark centenary

FUNDING of between £3,000 and £10,000 will help heritage groups mark the centenary of the Great War.

Brendan O'Hara MP for Argyll and Bute has urged communities to apply for the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) money after a recent Westminster

event. Mr O'Hara said: 'The centenary of the First World War is a chance to uncover its stories and explore what it means to us today.'

Since April 2010, HLF has awarded over £70million to more than 1,300 projects, large and small, that will mark the

centenary of the First World War.

HLF support helps projects across the UK that focus not just on the events of 1914-1918 but also on the lasting changes the war brought about.

At least £1million a year is available until 2019 as part of the First World War:

then and now programme for small, community grants

Successful projects may include: researching, identifying and recording local heritage; creating a community archive or collection; developing new interpretation of heritage through exhibitions, trails

and smartphone apps; researching, writing and performing creative material based on heritage sources and conserving and finding out more about war memorials.

Lucy Casot, head of the HLF in Scotland, said: 'The HLF's First World War: then and now

programme will enable communities to explore the continuing legacy of this war and help young people in particular to broaden their understanding of how it has shaped our modern world.'

An online application pack is available at [www.hlf.org.uk/ThenAndNow](http://www.hlf.org.uk/ThenAndNow).



Watched by members of Campbeltown Royal British Legion Scotland (RBLs) are: Patrick Stewart, chairman of the Argyll and Bute World War One Steering Group, Alan Milstead, Heritage Centre chairman and Richard Cameron, RBLs vice chairman, moments after unveiling the gun. 25\_c19minenwerfer01

## Heritage centre gun's similarity evokes poignant memories

UNVEILING a rare German gun sparked a moving moment for Argyll and Bute's World War One Steering Committee chairman.

Seconds before pulling away the cloth, covering the minenwerfer or trench mortar, Patrick Stewart, not attending in his capacity as Argyll and Bute's Lord Lieutenant, recalled his great uncle's death, in a trench near Loos, thought to have been the result of a round from such a weapon.

Mr Stewart told the watching crowd: 'My great uncle John Balfour Jones was a Lance Corporal in the 7th Battalion Cameron Highlanders and was killed by a round from a 17.5cm trench mortar on September 10 1915.'

'It is a poignant moment for me, I have the war diary for that day in which it was

discussed what sort of weapon was used.

'It was heavier than a rifle grenade but lighter than artillery.'

Earlier the Heritage Centre chairman Alan Milstead had spoken about the gun's history and how it came to the town.

Mr Milstead said that weapons such as this were presented as trophies to towns and cities after the war, but most were later scrapped, such was the demand for steel.

He added: 'We are glad to have this German gun as part of our collection, in social history terms it provides context and perspective of the huge effect the First War had on the local population.'

'Today there are believed to be no more than eight 17.5cm minenwerfers still in existence worldwide.'

Most minenwerf-

ers were built by the Rheinmetall company in Düsseldorf but the markings on the breech end show that this one was built in 1917 at the Sächsische Maschinen Fabrik engineering works in Chemnitz, Saxony.

The gun could fire a shell weighing 50kg, the weight of two bags of cement, up to 750 yards - the distance from the Heritage Centre to the Grammar School.

Mr Milstead added: 'Its destructive power demoralised the enemy. Usually fired from a pit at least 1.5 metres deep, there was no sound of distant discharge to warn of imminent danger.'

Following the unveiling ceremony guests enjoyed refreshments in the Heritage Centre served by volunteers.

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**Red Cross holds festival of coffee mornings**

PLANTS, home baking and bric-brac bargains will all be part of a week long series of coffee mornings.

Red Cross week is from Sunday May 8 to Saturday May 14. The events in the charity's Kirk Street hall, from 10am to noon, will be run by a separate Kintyre area each day.

Carradale kicks off on Tuesday May 10, followed by the Wee Toon on Wednesday, West Kintyre on Thursday, Southend on Friday and Machrihanish bringing the week to a close on Saturday.

# Seascapes take centre stage in Las Vegas

PAINTINGS from a Gigha Gallery exhibition have taken a taste of Kintyre's sea to the Nevada desert.

Proprietor Henri Macaulay has sent four Dawnne McGeachy canvases from a recent exhibition by the award winning Campbeltown artist, across the sea to America's gambling capital, Las Vegas.

Ms Macaulay said:

'Dawnne's dad was a fisherman who said that the stars often brought him home. These seascapes reflect the fact that a lot of Kintyre boats are named after constellations.

'I posted the works from Gigha post office and as I wrote the address staff were watching and wondering when I wrote 'Las...'



**Henri Macaulay at Gigha Gallery.**  
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**Dawnne McGeachy's Beaufort Polaris Number One.** 25\_c18gighagallery02

of these seascapes in the middle of an arid desert showing the incredible power of the sea.'

From Monday June 6 until the end of July Gigha Gallery will have an exhibition of work by Shropshire artist Erni Upton who, Ms Macaulay says, usually arrives as crew

on a yacht and specialises in scenes of the Western Isles and coasts of Scotland.

Mr Upton has already had shows this year in Oban and Fort William.

Ms Macaulay is about to branch out into running pottery classes and has invested in a wheel and kiln.

## Can you help to solve mystery of the Picture House dragon?

A BEAST has sprung from the woodwork at Campbeltown's historic cinema.

Lurking behind recently removed plasterboard, during the on-going renovation, was a painting of a dragon and the Picture House team would like to find out more about it. It is possible that it was painted when the annexe, which will be transformed as part of the renovations, was used as a Thrift Shop sometime back in the early 1990s to raise funds to turn the space

into a Youth Café.

Jane Mayo, chairwoman of Campbeltown Community Business, said: 'We would love to find out more about the dragon and what was going on in the annexe in the past.'

Anyone involved in painting the dragon or who knows anything else or knows someone who does, should contact The Picture House team - email jane.damico@btinternet.com or post on the Campbeltown Courier Facebook page.



**The Picture House dragon photographed by Fraser McNair.**

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# Southend sweep the table at woman's rural institute's show

MEMBERS of a Kintyre women's institute dominated the Argyll Federation's show in Campbeltown.

Southend scored more than twice as many points with 619 than Appin on 296 to win the Large Institute Shield.

The branch also won the Houston trophy for community best entry and individual member Eve Taylor won two trophies: the J McKenzie Trophy Housewives Guild and Kilbride Trophy (Small Arrangement).

In addition Mary Cameron won the B McInnes Rose Bowl for best exhibit in community and Marion Warnock the J McCal-



Trophy winners at the bi-annual show held in Campbeltown this year. 25\_c19federation01

lum trophy for most points in housewives. The remaining results were as follows:

The Oban branch won the Banner for Foursomes Best Entry. The Medium Insti-

tute Shield was won by Kilmore and District with 979½, 2 Oban 845½ and 3 Bel-

lochantuy 470½. Kilmichael Glassary's 431 points won the Small Institute Shield, 2 303 Clachan and 3 288 Largeside.

Poltalloch Trophy for the best entry in knitting: 1 Lochgilphead and 2 Bellochantuy.

Poltalloch Cup for best design: A C Campbell, Taynuilt. Rita Lindsay Trophy (Handcraft Guild): B J Aston, Benderloch. Oatt's Trophy for art: A Craig, Strachur. Allardyce Trophy for photography: Jane Darby, Kilmore and district. Federation trophy for literature: K MacDonald, Kilmichael Glassary. Flowers trophy for large arrangement: A Stewart, Kilmore

and district. M Ferguson prize chairman's choice: Linda Bryce, Bellochantuy.

Oban's Fiona MacCullum won the Baden trophy for special competition best entry of four pieces: polymer clay, stump work, which is raised embroidery, a child's

jumper and a quilting item.

Claire Smalley, also from Oban, won the Mrs A D MacInnes trophy for the most points in the under 35s section and The Kilmartin Cup for best knitwear by a 60-year-old or over was won by the branch's J McLean.

## Ultra runners can race to free cinema tickets

ATHLETES taking part in Kintyre's most gruelling run can put their feet up for a well-earned rest at this month's cinema screenings.

Participants in the weekend's marathon can claim one free ticket when they come with a paying companion and present their certificate at the box office.

There will also be screenings of a short film showing the work of social enterprise Kintyre Recycling Ltd before the start of

many of the films.

The May line-up's family film is Disney's latest hit, *Zootropolis*, from a team with *Frozen*, *Tangled*, *Wreck-It Ralph* and more to their credits.

There is also a real heart-warmer jumping on to the screen, the story of a lifelong underdog defying all the odds to achieve his dream.

In 1988, Michael 'Eddie the Eagle' Edwards was Britain's first Olympic ski jumper.

Despite having little experience and no

coach, he travelled to Calgary to take part in the Winter Games.

*Batman V Superman: Dawn of Justice* sees DC Comics' two biggest heroes square off against each other in an epic superhero showdown.

A Portokalos family secret brings the beloved characters back together for *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2*, the long-awaited sequel.

*The Man Who Knew Infinity* is the improbable true story of a unique genius.

Set in India and England in 1913, Srinivasa Ramanujan Iyengar (Dev Patel) is a 25-year-old shipping clerk and self-taught

obsessive mathematics genius who earns admittance to Cambridge under the wing of G H Hardy (Jeremy Irons).



Taron Egerton and Hugh Jackman star in *Eddie the Eagle*.

**Campbeltown Picture House**  
Victoria Hall, Sat 7 & Sun 8 May

**Zootropolis** (PG) Sat 7, 2pm / Sun 8, 1pm / 108 mins  
Family fun in Disney's latest adventure set in a city like no other.

**Eddie the Eagle** (PG) Sat 7, 4.45pm / 106 mins  
True story of Britain's first Olympic ski jumper, who took on the establishment and won the hearts of sports fans around the world.

**Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice** (12A)  
Sat 7, 7.30pm / 106 mins Ben Affleck and Henry Cavill  
Epic showdown as Gotham's vigilante takes on Metropolis's saviour as mankind faces a new threat.

**My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2** (12A)  
Sun 8, 3.45pm / 94 mins  
Long awaited sequel sees more hilarious Portokalos wedding chaos.

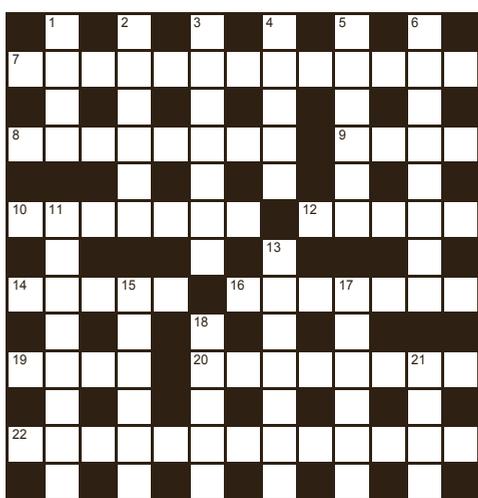
**The Man Who Knew Infinity** (12A)  
Sun 8, 6.15pm / 109 mins Jeremy Irons and Dev Patel  
Improbable and wonderful true story of a unique genius propelled from poverty and obscurity with the help of a Cambridge professor.

Advance booking: [www.campbeltownpicturehouse.co.uk](http://www.campbeltownpicturehouse.co.uk)  
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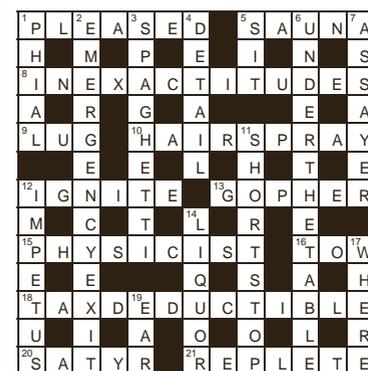
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- 17 Loathsome (6)
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### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



# Loch Fyne Food Fair promises to be a memorable weekend

LOCH Fyne Food Fair, May 14-15, next to the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar.

From shucking to seaweed: interactive events have been added to Scotland's longest running food festival programme.

With two weeks to go until the return of Scotland's longest running food festival – an exciting programme of interactive workshops has joined the line-up.

Tapping into the growing interest for foraged and 'wild foods', a workshop, run by Duncan Smallman from Slate Island Seaweeds, will help participants identify different types of seaweed and explore their uses.

Festival folk are also invited to sample the first batch of This Gose; the world's first beer designed to pair with smoked salmon, created by collaboration of local craft brewer Fyne Ales and Loch Fyne Oysters.

A lively Gin Fling in the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar will round off Saturday's festivities. Priced at £25 per head, this event is not to be missed and features a delicious three-course dinner paired with Makar Gin cocktails.

This year will see Loch Fyne Food Fair mark its 26th year, making it Scotland's longest running food festival.

The two-day event, which is free to attend and situated on

the picturesque shores of Loch Fyne, will take place from 11am each day.

Established in 1990 to celebrate the best food and drink Argyll has to offer, this year's festival is set to attract more than 3,000 visitors.

Retaining a strong emphasis on locally-sourced food and drink, the event will showcase several producers from the Food from Argyll collective – see the programme for the full list.

Loch Fyne Food Fair organiser Virginia Sumsion said: 'We are tremendously excited to be on the cusp of our 26th Food Fair.'

'It's rewarding to see Scotland's appetite for locally-sourced, traceable produce grow year-on-year; 2016 being no exception.'

'From succulent Loch Fyne oysters to refreshing craft beer, there really is no better place to try such a diverse and delicious taste of Argyll in the company of those who make and produce it.'

Loch Fyne Oysters managing director Cameron Brown also welcomed the food fair back to the lochside: 'It's a real delight to have so many Scottish food and drink producers join us here on the spectacular shores of Loch Fyne.'

'Loch Fyne Oysters is now

in its 37th year and it's been rewarding for the business to share this journey with our friends and colleagues at the food fair, while welcoming new producers and businesses into the fold.'

## The full weekend workshop line-up includes:

### Saturday:

- How to identify and use seaweed, with Duncan Smallman
- Isle of Bute produce showcase, with Jim Hood from Eat Bute
- Live gin distilling with Makar Gin, Glasgow's newest gin distillery
- Learn how to open oysters, with Virginia Sumsion of Loch Fyne Oysters

### Sunday:

- Green Fry Foods – a guide to fun, tasty and healthy snack making, with Liz Adams from Bute
- Cupcake decorating workshop, fun for all the family, with Natalie's Cupcakery
- Makar Gin cocktail making
- Loch Fyne Oysters seafood masterclass with Oyster Bar head chef Jamie Nicholson



On Saturday learn how to open oysters with Virginia Sumsion of Loch Fyne Oysters

Sunday includes gin cocktail sampling with Makar Gin, Glasgow's newest gin distillery

For further information and to book for the Gin Fling contact [info@lochfyne.com](mailto:info@lochfyne.com) or call 01499 600264

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11 am: Dunoon Grammar School Pipe Band  
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Noon: Ri chèil  
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1.30pm: The Big Shoogle  
Scottish ceilidh band with over 16 years' experience playing. Big hit at last year's food fair.  
[www.thebigshoogle.com](http://www.thebigshoogle.com)

3.45pm: Dr Hip and the Blues operation  
Well-loved rocking blues band bringing their energy and passion to the food fair once again.  
[www.reverbnation.com/drihandthebluesoperation](http://www.reverbnation.com/drihandthebluesoperation)

### SUNDAY MAY 15

11.30am: Inveraray Grade One Pipe Band - TBC  
Inveraray and District Pipe Band is one of the top ensembles in the world. The organisers are delighted they are able to take time from their busy schedule to play at the food fair this year.  
[www.idpb.co.uk](http://www.idpb.co.uk)

12pm: The BarrowBand  
Look out for this troupe while they sing, dance and juggle their way through a large selection of songs- whilst manipulating a kinetic Barrow covered with various fruit, vegetables and beasts.  
[www.thebarrowbandlive.co.uk](http://www.thebarrowbandlive.co.uk)

2pm: Bute Community Band Concert Band  
Bute Community Band is based on the Isle of Bute. The concert band, which was set up in 2011 now has more than 20 brass, woodwind, percussion players. Concert band and swing at this year's food fair.  
[www.facebook.com/butecommunityband](http://www.facebook.com/butecommunityband)

3.15pm: Rusty Nail  
Great tunes and craic from Gregor and Stevie who got together over a bottle of Drambuie and a bottle of whisky at an international festival in Belgium –hence the name. Get your dancing shoes on.  
[www.rustynail.gregorlowrey.com](http://www.rustynail.gregorlowrey.com)

### Saturday May 14 GIN FLING

Join everyone in the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar for cocktails and a food fair feast created by the Oyster Bar team along with Makar Gin.  
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## Milk price continues to sour but First Milk backs Campbeltown

THE PRICE of milk is continuing to decrease with the announcement of further pool price reductions implemented by First Milk.

Taking effect from May, a cut of -0.66ppl to creamery milk pools will be unwelcome news for Kintyre dairy farmers already battling low prices.

First Milk, however, has claimed it has a new business plan focusing on premium sales which will help save remote creameries.

Paul Flanagan, First Milk's external relations director, said: 'At the same time as we have taken steps to improve First Milk, the market has continued to worsen. As a result of falls in the market mechanism that governs our returns, the price changes an-

nounced need to be implemented.

'We started a round of our twice-yearly member meetings in Campbeltown recently and the key message is that the finances of the business have now been stabilised, which provides the platform for starting to build an improved price to members this milk year.

'With regard to Campbeltown, there are business plans in place that the producers have been taken through in order to increase premium sales. Producers will continue to receive regular updates on progress.'

In response to decreasing milk prices, NFU Scotland has called on milk processors and retailers to accept a greater share of the costs and risks involved in producing milk, or else risk causing irreparable damage to Scotland's production base.

NFU Scotland's milk policy manager George Jamieson said: 'While we cannot dodge the fact that the market is the market, the consequences of extended periods of low prices

must be addressed. There is a fundamental need to share the risk which is currently being carried by the producer, while the rest of the supply chain manages margins at the expense of those producing the milk.

'Long-term food production is too important to leave totally to the market.

'A dysfunctional and short-sighted supply chain, if allowed to carry on, will severely compromise primary production.'



The creamery in Campbeltown. 08\_c46creamery01

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CARRADALE

## Former Abbeyfield resident celebrates 90th birthday

A RETIRED army major, who was a resident of Abbeyfield Carradale, has just celebrated reaching his tenth decade.

Denis Campbell, who stayed at Abbeyfield Carradale for a number of years, moved to Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown a few months ago.

It was there that his birthday was celebrated in the company of 23 people, mostly those who as committee members or staff had previous connections with Abbeyfield.

Denis had a distinguished career in the army reaching the rank of major before moving to the US, where he taught in New England and California. He returned in retirement to live in Ardfern, Argyll.

As an avid reader, his birthday cake was in the shape of an open book and admired by all.



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## Open day herald's summer season at Glenbarr Abbey

THERE was something for everyone at Glenbarr Abbey's open day.



**John Barton has a go on the pole lath supervised by Clachan woodworker Peter Simpson.** 25\_c19glenbarr04

Ten members of the U3A choir provided entertainment with a medley including: The Ash Grove, the Uist Tramping Song and Westering Home.

In the marquee youngsters had their



**Abbie Clements pours a Springbank sample.** 25\_c19glenbarr06

faces painted, Skernish Clydesdales brought a pair of horses, Peter Simpson demonstrated traditional wood turning, Abbie Clements tempted the taste buds with Sprinkbank whisky and there were Ifferdale lamb burgers to make sure everyone was fed.

There was a serious element to the fun, The Glenbarr Abbey Regeneration Project and the Clan Macalister Charitable Trust hope the Abbey is used as much as possible so that it can remain open while grant applications are submitted to repair the fabric of the building.



**Face painted: Doggy Hannah, 5, tiger Brooke, 2½ and ghost Neil, 2½ at Glenbarr Abbey.** 25\_c19glenbarr01

A further aim of the regeneration project is to upgrade the unused rooms for extra guest, staff and museum accommodation.

However, the most pressing problem is

leakage through the slate roof, stone walls and windows, with water damage so extensive that urgent work is needed to protect the building and the museum.

LARGIESIDE

## Bake and taste at SWI AGM

PICNIC nibbles were all part of the bake and taste at Largieside Institute's annual general meeting (AGM).

The group held its AGM in Tayinloan village hall recently and made the following changes in committee members: president - Helen Steel, vice-president - Linda Hutchinson, treasurer - Rita Alps, secretary - Enid Williams, press secretary - Jessie Main, raffles - Zandra McDougall, competitions - Linda Hutchinson and teas - Jessie Main.



**Some of the food on offer during the bake and taste.** c19largieside02no

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# Enjoy the 'Fyne' life at the Silvers Marine Scottish Series

THE Silvers Marine Scottish Series will welcome more than 100 racing yachts at Tarbert Loch Fyne from May 27 to May 30 2016.

Set on one of the most beautiful lochs in Scotland, the 42nd Scottish Series, is much more than just a yacht racing event – it has something for everyone both on and off the water.

The buzz of the event in the village of Tarbert and across at Portavadie provides a magnet of attraction for both locals and visitors alike and makes it one of the busiest

weekends in the year for the area and a destination in itself to enjoy. For many it's a 'must do' weekend in the UK racing and social calendar.

Organised by Clyde Cruising Club (CCC) with Silvers Marine, as the title sponsor, the series offers a mix of handicap racing including white sail classes. Passage races, a white sail cruise in company from Largs, family and cruiser classes and the Round Inchmarnock race on Sunday gives a choice of racing for the entire event.

## Tarbert Harbour

Tarbert Harbour Authority (THA) hosts the fleet at this pretty west coast port. Donna Mallen, Business Development Officer of THA, said they expected in the region of 130 racing boats as well as round 50 committee, press and support vessels.

She said: 'The Scottish Series kickstarts the season and puts a lot of money into the village which is essential to our economy.'

Harbour master Donald McAllister added: 'We look forward to welcoming the fleet and hope everyone has fair winds and sunshine for racing.'

The THA team has a rough berthing plan to adhere to on a first come, first served basis. A new pontoon addition has expanded the berthing area and is now described as 'second to none'.

## Portavadie Marina

Across the water from Tarbert, Portavadie Marina also hosts competing yachts for which a regatta rate of £20 is offered. Marina Manager Craig Cochran said: 'Most of the accommodation is taken by yacht racing teams and we are open for business in our restaurants and café at our Leisure Club.'

As well as being a Five Gold Anchors accredited marina Portavadie is a first class resort destination in itself with infinity pool, spa and range of accommodation and leisure facilities.

## The Racing

The Scottish Sonata Association has nominated the event as their Scottish Championship. Ross MacNish, class representative said: 'The Scottish Series offers the Sonata fleet the opportunity to enjoy tight one-design racing over four days in the stunning setting of Loch Fyne. With excellent race management on the water and plenty of fun to be had off it, running the Scottish Championships within the event make perfect sense.'

## Racing schedule

All spinnaker classes race on Loch Fyne on Day 1 whilst the white sail class and passage race only classes start at Largs on Thursday

night. After arrival at Tarbert, racing continues on Loch Fyne till Monday May 25 finishing with the overall regatta prize-giving. 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.

## Lining up on the startline

### Class IRC 1

The battle between Jamie McGarry and Colin Moore's Eala of Rhu and Steve Cowie's Zephyr will dominate the placings... Roxstar under the formidable partnership of Findlay and Anderson will be hot on their heels alongside Bruce Douglas's J133 Spirit of Jacana.

### Class IRC2

Kevin Aitkin's First 36.7 Animal pitches against Carmen II, the other 36.7 of Jeffrey and Scutt whilst Iain Thomson's Sloop John T will be looking for the class title this year. Christine Murray's new Triple Elf, the former First 35 Salamander, Neil Sandford's Now or Never and John Stamp's Corby 33 Jacob all race this class as seasoned and experienced campaigners.

### Class IRC 3

Craig Latimer's J92 Wildebeest won IRC 4 last year from Trastada, the Andreu Half Tonner of Angus and Challis with Lambay Rules under the helm of Stephen Quinn of Howth Yacht Club in third. Phoenix will also be a serious class contender with the experience aboard.

### CYCA 5

From little to large, Richard Shellcock's Prism 28 takes on 2015 class winner – Local Hero, the Howison's First 44.7. Add the Morrison's Enigma, class runner-up last year and Alan Moore's Dehler 34 alongside the Elan 333 of Wallace and Cuthbertson - and this will be a tough class to call.



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**CYCA 6**  
 Valhalla of Ashton and Murray Caldwell's Trapper 500 Oystercatcher will be vying with the Arran Grand Soleil 34 of Campbell and Bilisland for top placings. And former series winner John Corson will be one to watch in his newly acquired Moody 336 Salamander XX11. The beautiful Kelana will also grace this class. Alastair Pugh of Oban takes his Contessa 32 Marisca whilst Richard Doig and the Downie/ Wilson duo pit their wits against each other in their CYCA 6s. Series sponsor Boyd Tunnock's Moody 38 Lemerac is also expected to enter.

**White Sail Fleet**  
 CYCA Class 8 sees Clyde Challenger, the Clipper 60 racing alongside Arnold Clark's famous Holland 77 Drum. Angus Cartwright's First 47.7 scales down the size to David Macnab's

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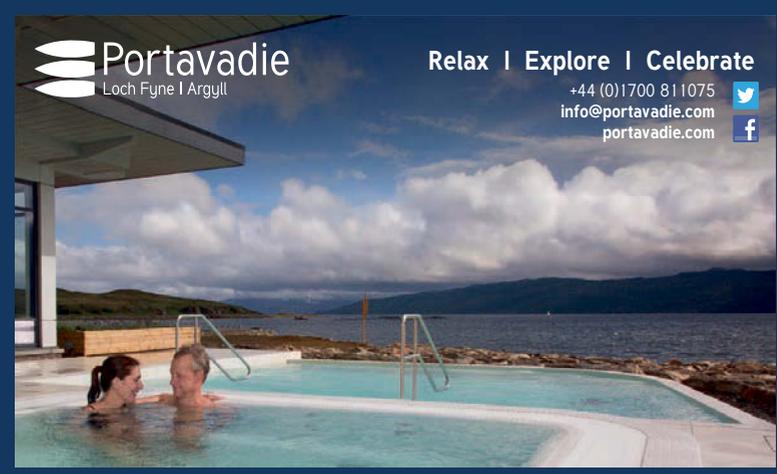
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Dehler 41 Windhound, class winner last year. Regular SS competitor Brian Robertson of Mid Argyll with his X332 Celtic Spirit will again be part of this class alongside fellow X332 owner Owen Mcmanus of Campbeltown Sailing Club.

CYCA Class 9 has Clive Reeves as one of the hot contenders after finishing second last year alongside Brave, the Sigma 33 of Allan and Shearer and Marc Ritson's Sigma 36 Saracen. Stalwart Ian Nicolson returns with St Foy.

**Sigma one-designs**

Seven Sigma 33s line up for the starting gun and Ian McLaren and his team on Sigmatic are always hard to beat. Hailed as one of the best sailed classes, the usual suspects return with Leaky Roof 2 of Harper and Robertson, James Miller's Mayrise and Harold Hood's Odyssey II all vying for victory.

**Sonatas**

Familiar names of Old School with Ross MacNish at the helm of Scruples, Saraband and Wicked Wookie will all be vying for top placings in a highly competitive fleet.

**VX / J70 and Hunter 707s**

Chris Turner defends his class title with Ovington Boats in the VX Class and David Clarke of Ullswater Yacht Club is also back.

A dozen Hunter 707s are entered. Last year's winner Carl Allen returns with More T Vicar and David Smith's Rammie from Aberdeen, who was second last year. Kieran McAllister brings his Wishful Thinking all the way from Lough Swilly Sailing Club. The strength of this class on the east coast should show through with Neil McLure's Blue Funk, Valhalla, Seaward and Steve Gush racing Jalapeno of

## Social Scene

The social scene is as important as the on the water activity with a range of activities throughout the series. The focus will again be the marquee on the north shore adjacent to the pontoons. Here sailors and visitors will be welcomed each day to enjoy drinks from the bar in the afternoon and a selection of local fresh produce from the area including Tarbert's famed seafood fare. This is an opportunity for everyone to congregate and catch up on the day's actions on the water before the daily prizegiving.

Tarbert Enterprise Company (TEC) organise and drive the shoreside attractions.

John Hardie of TEC said: **'Saturday will focus on the big party night in the port with Big Vern and the Shootahs. There will be a break for the traditional fireworks at 10.30 which light up the entire village and Tarbert Castle providing a stunning backdrop to the boats in the harbour.'**

**'As well as the big band on Saturday night, we have the Mid Argyll Pipe Band playing in the village over the weekend – always a stirring sight and sound.'**

John added: **'We hope the growth in the numbers entering the regatta and coming to view the Scottish**

**Series continues. People recognise it's a great event – well organised on the water and great fun ashore. And all in the most beautiful part of the world – you just can't beat that as an attraction for everyone to enjoy!'**

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## Tarbert Harbour & Village

Tarbert Harbour is a traditional fishing port situated at the heart of one of the most beautiful villages in Scotland. This west coast harbour is situated in Argyll and is naturally sheltered by an amphitheatre of hills and picturesque heritage village.

What makes Tarbert so special is the warm welcome from the friendly locals with a resident population of around 1,800 people, who encourage you to join in seasonal festivals such as the seafood festival, music

festival, Viking festival and so much more.

Tarbert village has a bank, post office and is filled with shops, galleries, bars and restaurants. It is predominantly famous for its fresh seafood and local produce, however, with its many festivals throughout the season it may well also earn the title 'Festival Capital of Argyll'.

In addition to the fishing industry, Tarbert Harbour provides leisure yachting and boating facilities that can accommodate 160 finger

berths, 600 metres of parallel pontoon and more than 120 visiting vessels of various sizes. Facilities around the harbour also include a large recreation area and safe environment with picnic benches and BBQs. There is also an outdoor gym and games area and a pedestrian walkway that wraps all the way around this attractive harbour taking you safely to the village and local amenities. There's a community marquee on the recreation area each season making it a perfect place for musters and social

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Port Edgar Yacht Club joining forces with the Robertson's Cacciatore from Royal Forth and could make it an east west battle. Still Game, Chaos and Mad Rafiki, from Helensburgh Sailing Club form the west coast contingent.

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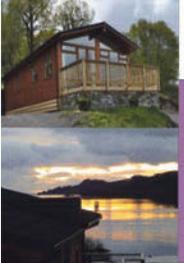
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shop in Campbeltown last Saturday to learn about transforming furniture from up-cycling expert Lea Brown.

The participants learned about using specialist paints to give tired and bland furniture a new lease of life.

Various techniques such as distressing and picture transfer were used to create furniture with a vintage look.

Lea, who is about to start her own social enterprise company with help from the Vital Spark programme, said: 'This is a great opportunity to showcase what can be done with old furniture and very little spending.'

Shannon Brodie,

one of the participants, said: 'I wanted to learn how to up-cycle so I can add a personal touch to my own furniture, whilst saving money and reducing waste.'

'It is great to have something that is unique.'

Catherine Wilson, Zero Waste Heroes co-ordinator, said: 'This first furniture upcycling workshop was extremely successful and we will run more in the coming months.'

'People wishing to view the finished pieces can do so in our shop on Longrow, open Monday to Saturday from 9am to 1pm, where they can also register for future workshops.'

## Rainbow Guides' find pot of gold at the bank

CAMPBELTOWN Rainbow Guides are quids in after a bank worker used a company grant scheme to give the troop £500.

### Initiatives

The Clydesdale and Yorkshire Bank Employee Volunteer Grant Programme funds charitable initiatives that its employees are passionate about and has awarded more than £160,000 funding in total to em-

ployees through the programme in the last year.

The funding will be used towards the cost of new equipment for the girls as well as exciting trips.

Employees can apply for a grant of up to £500 if they have been actively involved with local community groups in their own time for at least 12 months.

This includes lo-

cal charities or not-for-profit organisations such as schools, brownies, scouts or sports groups.

### Community work

Jacqui Atkinson, community support manager at Clydesdale Bank, said: 'The programme recognises the great community work our employees are involved with outside of the bank's own extensive volunteering programme.'

## Young pupil's story falls just short

A DRUMLEMBLE pupil's tale, picked ahead of thousands of entries in a BBC Radio Two writing competition, could not unfortunately make the final 50.

Emma Matthew's story beat more than 120,000 others to reach the second round of Chris Evans' 500-word competition.

The talented 11-year-old made it through to the top 4,500, and the Courier has been given permission to print a copy so that the rest of Kintyre can read her story.

### 'A Few Red Bricks'

'I started off as a few red bricks and a tub of cement sitting alone on the pavement next to Edinburgh zoo. Feeling guilty as a crumbling, retired wall got taken apart right in front of me.

'He was dismantled so that I could be built.

'Although I was heartbroken as he got torn down, I couldn't help feeling proud as the builders started their work. Brick by brick, block by block.

'Eventually, as the sun rose over the lush hilltops, illuminating the grass and the dew drops which splashed slowly to the ground, the last brick was placed securely upon me. I wanted to shout, 'look at me everybody' to boast and to scream. But I couldn't...because I was just a wall, just a red brick wall.

'I was constructed to protect the latest member of the zoo, the noble and majestic lion. When the lion first entered his new home I felt anxious and nervous but I soon learned that I was safe with him.

'The years passed and we became close, as close as a wall and lion

could be. We watched the excited children peek over me, trying to catch a glimpse of his fearsome teeth and claws.

'At the end of each day, once all the children had left, I'd watch him prowl around impatient and eager, waiting for his meal which he would devour, savouring every morsel.

'Each night as the sun set across the distant valley he would curl up and go to sleep against me.

'As time moved on I watched my lion grow old. Until one day, when the vet came.

'I saw him shake his head, I heard him say 'it's no use'.

'I felt his warm skin as he ran his fingers along my rough surface. I remembered that feeling, a welcoming one of soft human touch. I didn't understand what was going

on, why was my beloved companion being led away?

'What is happening?' I asked myself. 'Stop! Stop!'

'The roars echoed throughout the zoo and then silence. Have I lost my only friend? After some time the vet came back, his whispery tone gave me a shiver. 'It's done' he said, 'it's over.' What did he mean?

'He continued talking, 'some people will be here in the morning to take this wall apart. We don't need this enclosure anymore.' And with that he left. I was scared and confused as I waited for the morning.

'The builders came, they tore me down, their hands weren't warm, they were cold and rough like sandpaper. I finished off as a few red bricks sitting all alone.'



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**Co-ordinates**                **Co-ordinates**  
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**Tayvallich Bay Association**

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**Wednesday**  
**18th May 2016**  
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Drumlemble Primary School Parent Council  
**The Annual General Meeting**  
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Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
16/00246/PP	Erection of building providing Pre-fives Facilities and associated works	Craignish Primary School Ardlarach Road Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8QN	Sub Post Office Ardfern
16/00876/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 18 Soroba Meadow Ardfern Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Ardfern
16/01188/PP	Change of use from former dentist (class 2) to 2 no residential flats (class 9) including installation of replacement windows	14 Cross Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6HU	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
16/01147/LIB	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of sunroom extension	Kirklea Argyll Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6AZ	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
16/01029/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and boatshed. Installation of sewage treatment plant, air source heat pump and formation of new vehicular access	Plot 1 Land 450 Metres South Of Achnaba House Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RY	Mid Argyll Area Office
16/00941/PP	Erection of wind monitoring meteorological mast (up to 80.5 metres high) for a temporary period of 5 years	Land East Of Loch Nan Gartnagrenach Forest Whitehouse Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert
16/00909/PP	Construction of hard standing area to form temporary turning point	Land East Of Camas Beag Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8QN	Sub Post Office Ardfern
16/01040/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of sewage treatment plant and formation of access	Land 120 Metres South Of Ballibeg Castleton Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
16/01146/PP	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of sunroom extension	Kirklea Argyll Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6AZ	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING**  
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**THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (PART OF CORE PATH C082 FROM KILKERRAN ROAD TO LIMECRAIGS, CAMPBELTOWN) TEMPORARY STOPPING UP ORDER 2016**

Argyll and Bute Council hereby gives notice that on 27 April 2016 it confirmed as unopposed the Order made under Section 208 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to be known as "The Argyll and Bute Council (Part of Core Path C082 From Kilkerran Road to Limecraigs, Campbeltown) Temporary Stopping Up Order 2016 (hereinafter referred to as "the Order") authorising the temporary stopping up of part of Core Path reference C082 leading from Kilkerran Road to Limecraigs, Campbeltown along the footpath known as the Cutting, all as shown by the blue broken line on the Plan forming Schedule Part I annexed and subscribed as relative to the Order. The footpath will be temporarily stopped up for a period not exceeding four weeks all as more particularly specified in the Schedule Part 2 annexed and subscribed as relative to the Order. An available alternative route is shown by the green line on the said Plan. The temporary stopping up of the footpath is necessary to facilitate the installation of an underground drainage pipe so as to enable the development comprising generally the construction of the new Campbeltown Grammar School permitted under Planning Permission reference 15/00933/PP granted under Part III of the said Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to be carried out in accordance with the said planning permission.  
 A copy of the confirmed Order and relevant Plan contained in the Schedule Part 1 showing the footpath to be stopped up and the available alternative route, and other information contained in the Schedule Part 2 may be inspected at the offices of Argyll and Bute Council, Burnet Building, St John Street, Campbeltown, PA28 6BJ by any person, free of charge, within normal office hours following the appearance of this advertisement.  
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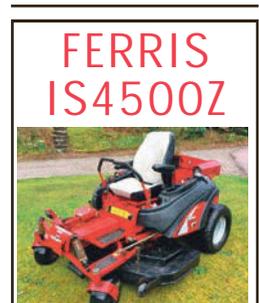
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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



WE were on our way to Dunkeld for a week's holiday when we stopped to give our collies a walk at Glenogle.

We were delighted to find that not only was there a lovely walk for Carys and Jazz, but there was a little sustenance for us.

A small outside kiosk by the name of Julia's offered quite a selection of snacks which looked very tempting.

I was intrigued by one particular item on the menu which said 'soup IN a roll'.

I was sure this must be a misprint and asked if it should read 'soup WITH a roll'.

Julia informed me that it was indeed 'soup IN a roll'. Well, I just had to go for it.

It was quite the most delicious chunky vegetable soup served in a large brown cob roll.

The special delight about this is that the soup makes the roll soggy and the soup bowl can be enjoyed as well as the soup.

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I thought again about the joy there is in being surprised. I think most of us love surprises and it is good to leave our comfort zone and try something new.

There is a delightful book called *The God of Surprises* by Gerard Hughes and in it the author leads us through some very interesting scenarios.

Basically we need to remember that, despite what some people think, God is exciting and religion is not boring.

God has been the God of surprises since time began, and will continue to be so until past and present and future merge into eternity.

I wonder if the first humans were surprised by the beauty of a sunset and wondered how it happened. Maybe that sense of wonder led to worship and opened up the first connection and communication our ancestors had with the God of surprises.

## From our files:

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

May 10 1991

#### Guns in the night

ARMED police were brought in by bus from Glasgow and Lochgilphead to join local police marksmen hunting four youths, with two shotguns, after live rounds were fired, in the streets of Dalintober in the small hours of Saturday morning.

Streets were closed to traffic, residents were warned to stay indoors away from windows and all pedestrian movements were made with armed police escort.

Police searched houses in the Broad Street and Dalaruan Street area after residents heard up to six shots fired about 2.05am. Nobody was hurt in the shooting.

#### SNP leader 'knows his onions'

LEADERS of Kintyre fishermen and farmers were impressed by the knowledge and understanding of their problems shown by the leader of the Scottish Nationalist Party, Alex Salmond,

when he paid a flying visit to Carradale and Campbeltown on Saturday.

Mr Salmond, MP for Banff and Buchan, was on a one-day tour of the Argyll and Bute constituency by helicopter with the prospective candidate, Prof Neil MacCormick.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

May 12 1966

#### Driver, cows escape as cattle truck plunges to sea-shore

A YOUNG farm worker had an amazing escape from serious injury early on Saturday when the cattle float he was driving crashed through a wall and toppled 20 feet on to the shore just outside Bellochantuy. The lorry ended up on its roof ... but seconds later the driver, 22-year-old Charles McIsaac, of Muasdale, staggered clear with only slight injuries. The seven cattle in the lorry were uninjured.

Mr McIsaac is employed by Mr Malcolm McDonald, the livestock carrier, of Beachmenach. The cattle were on

their way to a sale at Dalmally on behalf of their owner, Mr William Smith, Barrmains.

After the accident, Mr McIsaac, who was badly shaken, made his way to the Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy, where he was given special attention by the proprietrix Mrs Jenny Stewart, and her son, hotel worker James Allan (41).

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

May 6 1916

#### Opening of Campbeltown Bowling Green

UNDER the most genial weather auspices the green of Campbeltown Bowling Club at Stronvaar was opened for the season on the afternoon of Saturday last with the usual rink game - President v Vice President.

Rinks having been drawn, the opening ceremony was performed by the President, Mr R W Oldfield, who in the course of his remarks said they had raised the curtain that day on the season of 1916.

## 'Down Memory Lane'



The Queen inspects guides and scouts in 1958.

## Queen's birthday sparks memories

A PICTURE of the Queen in Campbeltown in 1958, published on the Courier's front page the day after her birthday on April 21, has prompted other memories.

#### Inspecting

Margaret McIntyre brought in this photo, left, of the Monarch inspecting guides,

brownies and scouts on the day of her visit. The Courier stated that the visit was the only one the Queen had made to Kintyre during her reign.

Former harbour master Willie MacDonald knew differently and spoke about an unofficial in transit visit in 1994. The Queen flew

into Machrihanish before rejoining the Royal Yacht Britannia from which she had disembarked in Liverpool.

#### Bouquet

Mr MacDonald said: 'There was a wee guy on the quay who stepped out from the crowd with a bouquet, which delighted the Queen.'

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

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

**DEATHS**

**ARMOUR** - Peacefully in her sleep, at Ardfenaig Residential Home, Ardrishaig, on April 30, 2016, Flora McMillan Armour, in her 76th year, formerly of Killarow and Tayinloan, dearly beloved daughter of the late Archie and Flora Armour, much loved sister of Dougald, John, Jessie and the late Jean, Agnes and Archie, and a much loved aunt and great aunt. Service will take place in A'Chleit Church, on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 12.00 noon, 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 Ardfenaig Residential Home, Ardrishaig.

**HUMPHREY** - On April 27, 2016, peacefully at her beloved home, Seileach Mor, Inveraray, after an illness fought with great courage and determination, Eileen Edith Humphrey, née Billings, in her 81st year, devoted wife of the late Ernie, and a dearly loved friend and neighbour of many. Together Eternally. Funeral service at Inveraray Parish Church, on Friday, May 6, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired, to Inveraray Parish Church.

**LANG** - Peacefully at home, 23 Hillside Road, Campbeltown, on May 2, 2016, Margaret Sinclair Johnston, in her 78th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Peter Lang, much loved mother of Gillian, Fiona and Peter and a loving granny of Grant, Michelle, Kirk and Alyx. Service will take place in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, May 6, 2016 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of The Community Nursing Team, Kintyre Locality.

**ALLAN** - Judith and the family of the late Annie would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers following their sad loss. Thanks to doctors and nursing staff in the Acute Ward, to Agnes Stewart for thoughtful and comforting words, to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for professional services and to the Ardshiel Hotel for a lovely tea.

**GROGAN** - Kathleen and family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for all their kindness, help, phone calls, messages, cards and flowers following the sudden sad loss of Andy. A huge thank you to ambulance crews and Dr Norrie for all their efforts and kindness shown. Thank you to Rev Philip Wallace for a comforting service, to Mr McEwan for music, to Kenneth Blair for efficient services, to the Ardshiel Hotel for purvey and to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside and kindly donated to Dogs Trust Scotland.

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**MARSHALL** - In loving memory of my darling daughter, Kellyann, died May 10, 1979, aged 6 days. The gates of Heaven opened wide, The angels stood side by side, A special guest was on her way, The day God took my Kellyann away.

- Inserted by Mum, Southend. **MCCALLUM** - Precious memories of our mum, Tessa (Scally), passed away May 5, 2007. Also our dad, Archie (Caddy), passed away January 6, 1993. Remembered with love, every day.

- Maureen, Robert, John and families. **MCGUINNESS** - In memory of our much loved dad, Ian, who died May 6, 2009. We love and miss you every day, Dad. - Mary, Robert, James, Elizabeth, grandchildren and families.

**MCMILLAN** - The family of the late May McMillan would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received after their recent sad loss. A special thanks to all carers for their help and support during May's illness. Thanks also to district nurses, doctors and nursing staff at Campbeltown Hospital, to Rev Philip Wallace for a comforting service, to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their help and guidance, and to the Ardshiel Hotel for tea and refreshments. A collection taken at the church door raised £482.70 for the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital.

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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**  
Sunday 8th May 2016  
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair  
Charity No. SC016097  
Minister: Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell  
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
Seirbheis Ghàidhlig Monthly Gaelic Service in Lochgair Church at 3 pm  
All Welcome

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
Sunday 8th May 2016  
11.00am  
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch  
SPEAKER: George Stewart 'In Whom I am well Pleased'  
**Thursday 12th May 2016**  
7.30pm  
Prayer, Word and Sharing  
All Welcome

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Sunday 8th May**  
Service 11.15am  
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Rev P Wallace  
**Tuesday 10th May**  
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am  
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Junior Section 7.15pm  
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**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**  
**Christ Church**  
Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)  
**Sundays**  
11.00 am  
Eucharist & Coffee  
**St. Columba, Poltalloch**  
(SC031391)  
**1st Sunday of the month**  
9.00am Holy Communion  
**3rd Sunday of the month**  
6.00pm Evensong  
Father Simon Mackenzie  
01546 602315

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**Tuesday at 10.15am**  
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**Friday from 10am**  
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Scottish Charity SC015187

**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**  
**Sunday 8th May 2016**  
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE  
Dr. John L Morrison OBE  
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Every Wednesday  
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**Sunday 8th May 2016**  
Sunday Worship  
Glassary 10.00am  
Rev. C. R. Acklam  
All welcome  
SC0 02121

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Argyll Street, Campbeltown**  
St Kieran Episcopal Church:  
Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277  
**Sunday 8th May**  
The Ascension  
Holy Communion 10.45am  
Details of services are on the church door.  
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141  
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

George Street, Campbeltown  
**Saturday 7th May**  
9.00am Prayer Breakfast  
**Sunday 8th May**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Sean Ankers  
11.15am  
Explorer Sunday School  
**Wednesday 11th May**  
12.30pm  
Bible Study and Prayer  
2.00pm Water of Life Café  
All Welcome  
[www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk](http://www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk)  
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

**Sunday Service**  
11.00 am  
with Sunday School followed by refreshments  
Pastor Chris Holden  
mainly music  
10.00 - 11.30 am  
every Thursday (term time only)  
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We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
[www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk](http://www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk)  
SC043322

**SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYN AND KILBERRY**  
**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
**Sunday 8th May 2016**  
Communion Services  
Skipness 10.00am  
Tarbert 11.30am  
Rev. Margaret Anderson  
Kilberry 2pm  
Rev. Stewart Birse  
For all church enquiries and pastoral care  
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735  
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**Highland Parish Church**  
  
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**Sunday 8th May**  
The service will be conducted by Mr Tony Leighton and will be held in the church at 11.15am  
All welcome.

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 8 May**  
Tayvallich Church  
Communion 11:30 am  
Jubilee Green 1 pm  
Sailing Service  
**Monday 9 May**  
Tayvallich Church  
Prayer meeting 10:30 am  
**Thursday 12 May**  
Tayvallich Hall  
Messy church 4 - 6 pm  
All welcome  
Enquiries 01546 606926  
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Army Kidz  
6.30pm Evening Worship  
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1.30pm Home League  
**Wednesday**  
7.00 pm Make and Munch Craft Group  
**Thursday**  
7.30pm Bible Study  
All welcome

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**Sunday 8 May 2016**  
11.00am  
Family Communion Service  
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## Donald shines in season finale

CAMPBELTOWN footballer Donald McCallum made a quick impact again on Sunday when he scored after only six minutes for Dumbarton in the SPFL Championship.

With second-tier status secured for another season, The Sons finished their league campaign at already-relegated Alloa Athletic, where McCallum, a half-time substitute, made the score 1-1 on 51 minutes with a shot into the roof of the net from close range, to secure a point for his side.

McCallum, a former Campbeltown Grammar pupil, told The Courier: 'It was great to get some more game time and experience under my belt, and it was a real buzz to score.'

McCallum made a late cameo in front of 48,000 fans at Ibrox Park last month, where the Sons lost out 1-0 to second-tier champions Rangers.

The 19-year-old is also confirmed to hand out the medals at the 2016 Campbeltown Football Festival, taking place on Saturday, June 4.

## Islay Golf Club results

**SUMMER League:** Wednesday, April 27: 1 L Gairns, 32 pts; 2 B O'Neill, 31 pts; 3 G Hamilton, 28 pts.

**May Medal:** Sunday, May 1: 1 D Livingstone, 54 nett; 2 C Holyoake, 55 nett; 3 I MacCuaig, 56 nett.

# Youth teams shine at Oban festival

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils Youth teams participated in a huge football festival with around 400 young players.

Sides from the 2009, 2008, 2007 and 2005 age groups travelled

north to play in the Oban Primary School Festival, hosted by Oban and District Football League, at the end of April.

Around 45 teams took part, with the medals handed out

on the day by former Celtic, Borussia Dortmund, Hibs and Scotland player Murdo MacLeod. The Pupils Youth 2005s won the Fair Player Award after playing superbly with just seven players.



Campbeltown's 2007 side with Murdo MacLeod and coaches Mairi MacMillan and Douglas Renton.



The 2009 side.



The 2005 team were ecstatic to receive their Fair Play Award, alongside coach David Paterson.

## Pupils punish nine-man Milngavie

THE YOUNG Pupils picked up their second win in as many days as they overcame an ill-disciplined Milngavie side to progress to the last four in the league cup.

A punishing fixture schedule saw the youngsters heading to Glasgow the day after their excellent 7-0 league win, and they looked to be feeling the effects as they started slowly playing into a heavy wind.

Milngavie	1
Campbeltown Pupils	4
DFDL League Cup - Quarter Final	

With some strong challenges and dissent from the Milngavie team in the first half, the referee booked two of the home side's players which was to prove pivotal as the game progressed.

After some sustained pressure from Milngavie and a succession of free kicks and cor-

ners, the home team took the lead when a corner evaded everyone and found the net, helped by the wind.

With three fresh substitutes on and the wind behind them, the visitors fought back and forced an own goal at the start of the second half when the keeper punched Gemmill's

cross into his own net under pressure from Souden.

Robbie MacIndoe then continued his excellent form in front of goal with a great turn and volley to put the Pupils into the lead.

Milngavie then had two players sent off, one for a poor challenge on McMurchy before another for dissent as he argued the decision with the referee.

The Pupils took full

advantage of their superior numbers with McKillop scoring to give them a two-goal cushion, chipping the ball over the keeper before heading in.

Goalkeeper McKellar then put the tie to bed with a free-kick from just inside the halfway line, which he fired past the home keeper to take the Kintyre side into the semi-final.

They will now face Dumbarton Yellows in the last four.

## Taylor lifts police trophy

DONALD Taylor overcame stormy conditions to arrest Dunaverty's Mersey Police Cup.

The early starters of the competition were greeted with strong winds, rain and hailstones as they took to the course last weekend.

Ross Sinclair led the way with a nett 64 from Kenny Cameron on 65.

The consistent Donald Taylor conquered the testing conditions by recording the best scratch score of the day of 68, shooting a 33 on the outward nine and 35 on the inward.

His better inward half held off the challenge of Christian Ivan, to ensure his name would be engraved on the trophy for 2016.

Results: 1: Donald Taylor 68-6-62 (bih). 2: Christian Ivan 76-14-62. 3: Ross Sinclair 69-5-64. 4: Kenny Cameron 74-9-65 (bih). 5: Robert Irvine 73-8-65. 6: Stuart MacBrayne 74-8-66. CSS for the day was 63.

## Youngsters tee off at Tarbert open day

TARBERT Golf Club held an open day in a bid to bring in more young players to the sport.

A spokesman for the club said: 'We had a successful open day last Saturday, with a good number of juniors attending the event.'

'We are indebted to Tarbert Co-Op and Loch Fyne Langoustines for their help with the BBQ.'

Tomorrow (Saturday) the club plays host to Islay Golf Club for the first leg of the annual Dougie MacKinnon Memorial Cup, with the away leg to be held at the 'new' Machrie course in September.

Team members are asked to report for duty at 9.30am, and with the knock out draws now made members are urged to check the club noticeboard or website for full details.

## Individual wins and personal bests for swimmers

CLYDE Coast Mini League competitors dived into the Aqualibrium for one of the 'noisiest' galas in the series.

Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club (KASC) was the host on Saturday afternoon for round three with visiting swimmers from both Rutherglen and Scotia.

A spokesperson said: 'The Mini League is for younger swimmers aged 8, 9, 10 and 11 years, and the Kintyre event certainly lived up to its billing of 'the best and noisiest gala in the swimming world'.

'Throughout the afternoon

the large number of spectators, officials, coaches and swimmers watched many closely contested events with a great atmosphere and excellent swimming on show from all clubs.'

### Stiff opposition

By event six of the medley relays, Kintyre realised they faced stiff opposition with the scores at Scotia 24, Rutherglen 21 and Kintyre 12, the bigger clubs clearly having strength in depth.

Undeterred Kintyre swimmers recorded a number of individual wins with Claudia Graham, Anna Gemmill

and Oliver Reid all gaining five points for Kintyre and by event 18 the scores were poised at Scotia 73, Rutherglen 50 and Kintyre 48.

Kintyre continued to rally with many swimmers recording personal bests and there were further individual wins for Euan and Sean Charlowood and Claudia Graham. However, with no swimmers in the 11-year-old boys' age group, Kintyre was always going to be up against it.

The day finished with Scotia on top with 170 points followed by Rutherglen with 148 points and Kintyre with

117 points. A spokesperson said: 'KASC, in only its second year in the league, finished with a total of 356 points after three rounds.'

'Swimmers and coaches are already preparing for next year's events.'

### Head to head

A small number of swimmers are competing at Rutherglen Rascals Graded Meet on May 28 and 29 and the club is looking to take a large number to Inverclyde for a head-to-head match as part of the Argyll and Clyde Swim Team pathfinders squad weekend.

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**Time is running out for MOK runners**

THERE are just 24 days left to train for this year's MOKRUN.

Next week runners should be working on week 10 of the Courier schedule which for the 10K is: session one intervals of five times three minutes faster with 90 seconds recovery and a 40-minute run for sessions two and three.

Half marathons should do a hard four miles on Tuesday, five miles quality run on Thursday, five miles easy run on Saturday and 11 miles long run on Sunday.

Organisers are looking for some extra marshals for race day and anyone interested should contact marshal director Campbell Read, either by email at: mok-marshalls@outlook.com or call 07971167384.

A MOKRUN spokesperson said: 'Regular marshals should shout for their spot to make sure they retain the same location.'

# Pupils lose in six-goal thriller

<b>Inverclyde</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Campbeltown Pupils</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>SAFL Premier Division</b>	

## Norrie rolls back the years with a solid performance at full back

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils put in perhaps their most dominant performance of the season last Saturday - but still lost 4-2 to rivals Inverclyde.

The Pupils took the lead after 10 minutes when Martin McCallum's long throw was diverted into the net by an Inverclyde head.

Frustratingly, the Pupils conceded an equaliser midway through the first half when an Inverclyde midfielder shot from distance and rifled a shot into keeper Craig Lamont's bottom left-hand corner.

In the second half, the Pupils turned up the heat with swift counter attacks, going 2-1 in front when Martin McCallum stood up for a cross for striker John McCallum, who scored with a downward header from six yards out.

**Target**

It could have been so much better; Ryan Deans and Ryan Gilchrist had efforts just off target; Ryan McConnachie almost made it 3-1 but hit the post with a low snapshot.

Agonisingly, Inverclyde equalised from



## Young athletes break out at Inveraray

CAMPBELTOWN Running Club juniors clinched four of the six medal places in Inveraray's children's Jailbreak.

The Kids on the Run 3k race for 11 years and under event was run

last Sunday. Pictured are Young jail breakers, from left: Euan Charlwood, 10, 1st boy, Kirstie Renton, 8, 2nd girl, Sean Charlwood, 9, 3rd boy and Caryn Kerr, 11, 3rd girl.

a corner, a fine backwards header across goal beating Lamont.

The Pupils persevered in search of only a second away league win of the season; Deans was tripped in the box and a penalty awarded, but McConnachie did not beat the hosts' keeper, shooting at his legs.

The Pupils' long spell

of dominance ended with Inverclyde's third when a routine ball up the park put a surging midfielder in on goal.

The resurgent hosts took advantage of a wearying Pupils team, and added a fourth late on.

The Pupils have a mountain to climb to avoid relegation and

their next fixture is away to title-chasing St Joseph's, in Duntocher, on Saturday May 14.

A special mention should go to Pupils' coach and standing right back Norman Thomson, who filled in at the age of 40 and rolled back the years with a solid performance.

**Lotto results**

THERE were no winners of Dunaverly's three-number lottery.

Drawn on Sunday May 1, the winning numbers were 6, 7 and 20.

The next draw will take place on Sunday May 15 with a jackpot of £500 up for grabs.

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

There were also no winners of the Machrihanish golf club lottery, held on May 2.

The winning numbers of 3, 4 and 19 went unclaimed, meaning the next draw on May 9 will play for a jackpot of £300.

**SAFL results**

LAST Wednesday's result: Alba Thistle 0, Oban Saints 0. Saturday's results: Premier Division - Oban Saints 2, Goldenhill 6; Inverclyde 4, Campbeltown Pupils 2; Premier Division One - Dunoon 0, Neilston 0; Tarbert 0, FC Clydebank 1.

Next Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Campbeltown Pupils no game; East Kilbride Rolls Royce v Oban Saints; Premier Division One - Dunoon v Easthall Star; Lochgilphead Red Star v Kilbowie Union; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v Rutherglen.

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# campbeltown courier SPORT

INSIDE THIS WEEK:  
Campbeltown Pupils  
Youth teams shine at  
Oban festival



Euan Charwood in the breaststroke. 25\_c19kintyreasc02



Rianne Coffield starting a backstroke race. 25\_c19kintyreasc03



Logan Colville in action in the butterfly. 25\_c19kintyreasc05

## Tough test for Kintyre swimmers

SCOTIA'S swimmers scored 170 points to win a friendly three-way contest in Campbeltown's Aqualibrium pool.

The results of last

Saturday's event reflect the relative league positions of the three clubs with Scotia and Rutherglen, scoring 148, sitting just above the middle and

Kintyre on 117 5th from bottom-placed Dunoon. Currently Kintyre have a total of 239 points in the 17-club league.

Leaders South Ayr-

shire sit on 392, one ahead of Inverclyde's 391 and 15 in front of City of Glasgow with 377.

Go to page 26 for full results.

## Birthday bonanza as young Pupils hammer Ardencaple

A PAIR of birthday boys celebrated their 14th birthdays with a goal apiece to send the Pupils on their way to a massive victory against Ardencaple.

Elliot Gemmill got the home side's goals rolling, scoring with a

<b>Campbeltown Pupils</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Ardencaple</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>DFDL Under 14 League</b>	

low shot inside the first two minutes, and he was followed by Ryan McGrory, who went

on a mazy run and finished well to the far post to complete the birthday double before

half time. By full time the Pupils, in their last home game of the season, had smashed their Argyllshire rivals to the tune of seven goals.

After dominating the first half, and with fresh legs on at half time and the wind behind them, the second half saw the Pupils further add to their tally from Gemmill's left foot lob over the keeper. Souden added the fourth after he won the ball following a scramble on the edge of the box and shot low into the net.

MacIndeor then volleyed home from close range after a great run and cross down the left from Gemmill.

The home side continued to dominate but were given a wake up call when Ardencaple's



Ryan McGrory, in the air, heads a ball out to Campbell Litster. 25\_c19u14pupils01



Elliot Gemmill about to score his second. 25\_c19u14pupils07

Robb got clear and rattled the crossbar with a great shot.

Shortly after, Souden ran down the right and unleashed a powerful shot from 30 yards which flew into the net, before Agutu wrapped up the scoring with a header from MacBrayne's corner to finish the scoring.

The Pupils now have just two away games to complete their league season.

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