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Legality of school closures questioned

KINTYRE'S Councillor John Semple, is calling on Argyll and Bute Council to seek the advice of a QC to ascertain the legality of the current school closure consultations.

'I am seriously concerned for the reputation of the councillors and officers of Argyll and Bute Council in progressing with these consultations, if they undergo legal challenge,' he said after council officers confirmed that no advice external to the council's legal team has been sought on the school closure consultations.

Asking the council to seek a second opinion, he said: 'We do this in the council regularly; where the stakes are high, we use external consultants. Why not in this case?'

His comments came this week after a 'letter before action' was issued in relation to the proposed consultation on the closure of Toward School.

Pair detained

TWO men were detained and one of them reported for the alleged possession of drugs after police searched a house in the Prince's Street area of Campbeltown on Saturday morning.



Diver Robert Lamont, left, removed the damaged rudder from *Sceptre* when she was safely back at Campbeltown Harbour. From left: skipper Tom Smith, Neil Blair and Roger Finbow; crew member Chris Bell was heading back to Rhu to collect their car. 0-c20scep01

Yacht crew saved from rocks horror

by JOANNE SIMMS
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A CLASSIC British racing yacht and her crew were saved from being dashed onto the rocks of the Mull of Kintyre on Saturday night by Campbeltown's life-

boats during a six-hour rescue operation.

The yacht was competing the Scottish Islands Peak Race.

The rudder of 70ft-long *Sceptre* had broken

and Force Six winds from the northwest were driving her onto cliffs below the lighthouse.

Campbeltown's Severn-class lifeboat was launched with the in-shore boat following.

They did not return to the harbour until after

11pm with the casualty in tow.

The following day *Sceptre* skipper Tom Smith praised the hard work and efficiency of the Campbeltown lifeboat crews.

Diver Robert Lamont, a member of the lifeboat

crew the night before, went in and removed the damaged rudder ready for *Sceptre* to be towed by tug to Troon, the finish of the race.

The race sails from Oban to Mull, Jura, Ar-

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Airbase buy-out raised in Commons

THE community buyout of Machrihanish airbase was raised at Scottish Questions in the House of Commons by Alan Reid MP for Argyll and Bute who called on the Secretary of State for Scotland, Michael Moore, to help ensure the buyout was completed as soon as possible.

'Unemployment in Kintyre will be greatly reduced if the community group's bid to buy the former air base at Machrihanish goes ahead,' he said. 'I have written to the Secretary of State with a list of outstanding issues that are still to be resolved.

'I ask that Scotland Office Ministers continue to work with Defence Ministers and the community group to resolve those outstanding issues as quickly as possible, so that the buyout can go ahead, with exciting prospects for the Kintyre economy.'

Mr Moore, who visited Machrihanish last summer and met the group, said he had welcomed the chance to meet them. 'I recognise that there are still issues that the group wishes to see resolved, and that these involve ongoing discussion with the Ministry of Defence,' he said.

Rudderless yacht was unable to steer

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ran and then Troon, stopping at each island for a team of runners to complete a hill race. *Sceptre*, with a crew of four, was carrying the boys' team from Glenalmond School, Perth.

She had run aground the night before entering Craighouse, Jura. Everything looked fine on the yacht, which was built in Argyll at Alexander Robertson's Holy Loch yard to compete in the America's Cup of 1958.

'As a precaution we did not have the boys on board for the tough leg around the Mull of Kin-

tyre to Arran,' said crew member Roger Finbow, 'They haven't missed the race; they were on board *Blue Damsel*, carrying the girls' team.'

The decision proved a wise move; not only did the rudder come loose leaving the yacht unable to steer, it was flapping wildly and in danger damaging the hull. As a precaution the lifeboat crew put a heavy-duty pump on board but this was not needed.

HMS Dragon broke off from her sea trials to come their aid of *Sceptre*; the Type 45 Clyde-built destroyer stood by until the lifeboat arrived.

WEDDING



MCGAUGHAY - ROONEY

Ann McGaughay and Seamus Rooney were married on February 26, 2011 at Coul House Hotel. The couple live in Contin, Rosshire.

Double delight for Southend surgery staff



THE staff of the Southend Medical Practice have welcomed two kind donations in recent weeks, of cash to buy equipment and furniture. The Southend WRVS volunteers, who deliver meals on wheels around the area, very kindly gave £500 which the nurses and doctors and now planning how to spend on equipment. Southend residents Bill and Linda Brannigan also donated two side tables for the waiting room area. From left: Fiona McPhee, practice nurse; Inez Ronald, WRVS; Dr Carsten Kornfeld, Annie Colville, practice manager and Catriona Soudan, practice administration. 12_c20surg01

Teenager guilty of 'unprovoked attack'

by RUTH McCLEAN
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A NEW Year assault, causing a man to lose his three front teeth, landed a teenager in court last week.

Connor Miller, aged 18, of 15 Roothing Cottages, was found guilty of butting the man to his severe injury at Davaar Avenue on January 1.

A crown witness told Campbeltown Sheriff Court he was standing talking to Miller on Davaar Avenue and said he was upset after having a fight with his mother.

He said the complainer and another man approached the pair. The witness told the court they were coming up behind them and Miller asked him who they were.

'When he [Miller] turned round to greet them he exchanged a head butt toward the victim,' he said.

During his evidence the victim said him and his friend were walking up Davaar Avenue. 'As we approached them,

Connor turned round and stuck the head on me and knocked a couple of my teeth,' said the victim. He said he hadn't even opened his mouth to speak to Miller.

In his evidence Miller told the court he'd had an argument with his mother and was heading to a friend's house when he met the first crown witness.

He said that he could hear footsteps behind him and asked the witness who was there and asked them to stay away. He said the victim con-

tinued to walk toward him and looked 'quite aggressive'.

'I was nervous at the time. The way he was looking at me was very aggressive and when we came face to face I felt intimidated. I put my head forward and hit him.'

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said she had no hesitation in convicting Miller of this 'totally unprovoked attack carried out with what must have been considerable force'.

Sentence deferred until June 9 for reports.

Cycling in support

KINTYRE was ready to welcome Somerset Charrington of Ulva, a small island off the Isle of Mull, on Wednesday and Thursday as he cycled in support of the rural primary schools facing closure by Argyll and Bute Council.

He planned to visit Skipness, Clachan and Rhunahaorine schools on his route, taking in each community threatened with the loss of its school.

MSP offers talks on school closures

NEWLY elected MSP Michael Russell has offered to meet every councillor in Argyll and Bute to discuss the proposed closure of rural schools.

An invitation has been sent asking all 36 to attend a meeting on Monday May 23 at council offices.

Councillor Robert MacIntyre, leader of the SNP group, said: 'We believe one of the major messages of the election was that the people of Argyll and Bute have

made it clear these proposals are wholly unacceptable and that the process should be immediately halted.

'I am hopeful that all councillors who are serious about the future of their schools and their communities will take up the offer.'

One of the points on the agenda may be the assertion that some schools have too few pupils to offer a wide and varied education under the Curriculum for Excellence.

Mr Russell, who may be returning to his cabinet post as Education Secretary later this week, is adamant there is no optimum number for providing a good education.

He said: 'Curriculum for Excellence is a methodology and depends on good teaching. Good teaching can bring the best out of any group of children.'

'To assert that there is a bottom number would be much more difficult,' he added.

Police Files

Abusive:

POLICE received a call from a shop in the centre of Campbeltown on Thursday when a customer was abusive to the staff.

No disc:

DRIVING without a tax disc cost a motorist a fixed penalty ticket when he was stopped by the police on Thursday in Clachan.

Fuel theft:

THE theft of fuel was reported from a house at Keils, Islay on Thursday.

Warned:

FOUR motorists were warned about speeding during a speed check at Snipefield, Campbeltown on the A83 on Friday morning.

Disturbance:

POLICE in Campbeltown were called on deal with a group of youths on Fishers Row in the town who were causing a disturbance on Saturday night.

Theft:

A HOUSEHOLDER reported the sneak-in theft of a set of keys from inside their home on Mill Street, Campbeltown, on Sunday.

Camping:

A COMPLAINT was made to police about a man camping on private property at St Mary's Monastery, Dalismirren, over the weekend. Police inquiries are continuing.

Quackers!:

A QUACK squad of officers was sent from Campbeltown Police Station after a report of ducklings wandering on Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown. The ducklings were nowhere to be seen but lambs were found on the road and they were safely returned to a field.

Police Files

Arrested:

A MAN was arrested for an alleged breach of the peace on Main Street, Campbeltown, early on Sunday morning.

In a separate incident two men were also arrested early on Sunday morning for causing a disturbance on Main Street.

Charged:

A MOTORIST faces charges of drunk driving after failing a breath test on Kinloch Road, Campbeltown early on Sunday morning. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal by the police.

Complaint:

POLICE inquiries are on going in Kintyre after a driver made a complaint about the manner of another motorist's driving in the Muasdale area.

Tampering:

A NUMBER of complaints have been made to the police about children in the Calton Avenue area of Campbeltown tampering with the windscreen wipers on parked vehicles.

Defective:

THE driver of a vehicle stopped by police in Stewarton on Thursday was issued with a notice after the car's suspension was found to be defective.

Warned:

A HOUSEHOLDER at Harbour View, Campbeltown, was visited by police and warned about loud music early on Saturday morning.

Fall:

A 20-YEAR-old woman had to be taken to hospital after she fell and hurt her head early on Friday morning in Campbeltown.

Mum concerned at safety in play park

by **RUTH McCLEAN**
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A CONCERNED mother has spoken out after two of her young children have been hurt whilst playing in a park in Campbeltown.

Julie Fusco, of Prince's Street, Campbeltown, contacted *The Courier* after two of her children, Erin, aged eight, and Llana, two, were hurt in the play park, in McCallum Street, within the space of two days.

Julie explained that older children using the play park got a supermarket bread crate with wheels tied to the roundabout.

She said this is not the first time this has been done.

Julie is urging better security to stop the children getting their hands on things like that that could pose a potential danger.

'I can understand kids will be kids, and I'm in no way blaming them, they just want to make the park more exciting, but when kids start getting injured it's a different story,' said Julie.

The older kids playing with Erin spun her



ROUNDBABOUT: Erin with her wee sister Llana who were both hurt in the playpark on McCallum Street. 21_c18park01

around on the roundabout attached to the crate, forcing her backwards off the attached crate losing her glasses and gaining a graze to her elbow. Two days previously, younger sister Llana fell off the

roundabout and received scratches to her legs. If it wasn't for Erin, Julie claims it could have been a lot worse.

'It's not the first time something like this has happened. I certainly don't blame the kids.'

A spokesman for the nearby Tesco store said it viewed people taking crates or shopping trolleys very seriously and members of the public should report any found outwith the store grounds immediately.

Addict's plea for help in kicking heroin habit

A YOUNG man who had been addicted to heroin since he was 15 pleaded with Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Thursday last week to be given a drug treatment testing order to help him beat his habit.

Paul Richmond, aged 24, who gave his address as flat 2-4, 26 Main Street, Campbeltown, admitted stealing £60 from the till at the Ceannloch Diner, Bolgam Street, Campbeltown, on May 3 in what procurator fiscal David Glancy described as 'a brazen theft'.

When staff were in the kitchens he had leaned over the counter, opened the till and taken out three £20 notes, which

were never recovered. 'Prison isn't helping me,' Richmond told the court.

'It certainly isn't helping Campbeltown,' said Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC, who said that Richmond was 'a man without morality'.

'That £60 represents a lot of money; they have to work hard to put that money in the till.'

The case adjourned until later in the day for the court to contact Richmond's family and it was agreed he could return to the family home for the next four weeks to complete an assessment for a Drug Treatment Testing Order under strict bail conditions.

Woman spent £60 a day on drug use

A WOMAN who had a parcel containing heroin posted to her on Islay has been given a year to prove she can turn her life around.

Yvonne MacLean of 74C Frederick Crescent, Port Ellen, Islay, had previously admitted being in possession of the Class A drug on December 17, 2009.

The drug had been posted to MacLean; Royal Mail became suspicious about the parcel and alerted the police, the procurator fiscal told

the Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

In her defence, the court heard that MacLean had the drug for her own use and at the height of her addiction had been using £60 to £65 of heroin per day.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC had called for reports on MacLean, a 31-year-old mother, and when she appeared before the court again last week the sheriff deferred sentence for 12 months for MacLean to be of good behaviour.

Pair held over alleged theft

A MAN and a woman have been reported to the procurator fiscal for alleged theft of two handbags from premises on Cross Street, Campbeltown, at the weekend. In a separate incident police inquiries continue into the theft of a customer's handbag from a town centre bar on Saturday night.

Primary school fire alert

A FALSE alarm from the fire alarm system at Dalintober Primary School meant an early morning call-out for Campbeltown fire fighters on Saturday morning.

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Two custom-designed eco homes being built at Machrihanish

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TWO custom-designed eco homes are being built into a hillside at Machrihanish.

People who travel the road to the village have been intrigued over the last few years to see the two taking shape on the hill above East Trodugal Cottage.

The homes are a project by Mike and Linda Peacock who live at the cottage.

They were looking to build something that was

eco friendly and unique; not satisfied by what architects had to offer they decided to design them themselves, based on their own research.

The results impressed the Argyll and Bute planning officers enough for planning permission to be granted.

Linda said: 'We liked the Blue Reef cottages on Harris and used them as our inspiration.'

The cottages will be finished in stone and larch

and have turf roofs and earth works around them to blend into the hillsides and the landscape.

The windows have been placed within the properties to make the most of the views to the ruined church behind and across the sea and shore.

The walls are hollow polystyrene building blocks that are filled with concrete and the interior of the roofs an intricate vault of beams.

This, along with the turf roof, the stone facings and earth works to finish will make the



FOLKS WHO'LL LIVE ON THE HILL: Linda and Mike Peacock at East Trodugal with one of their eco homes in the background. Inset: the timber roof designed by Mike Peacock and installed by Angus Brown. 0_c19trod02/04

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two cottages very snug and only need a wood burning stove as their main heat source and so they will be very energy efficient.

Wherever possible the couple have used local suppliers; Angus Brown

was the carpenter, site works have been carried out by McFadyen's and retaining walls by AJC Civils.

'The council has been absolutely fantastic and really, really helpful,' said Linda.

The Peacock family continue to work on the cottages alongside running East Trodugal as a bed and breakfast and Mike's own computer consultancy and are on target to finish the buildings by the end of 2012.

Campbeltown man admits head butting woman

A YOUNG Campbeltown man admitted assaulting a woman by butting her on the head, at the town's sheriff court last week.

Craig James Robertson of 49 Crosshill Avenue admitted the assault by also grabbing the same woman by the arm and pulling her along the pavement on February 19 this year at Castlehill, Campbeltown.

Procurator fiscal David Glancy told the sheriff court the accused and the woman had been at a

party in a hotel in Campbeltown where drink had been taken.

He said the accused and complainer left the premises and made their way up Castlehill and two passing motorists in separate cars saw incident.

Controlling

'A woman was driving up Castlehill and saw the accused having hold of the girl effectively controlling her movements and then saw him head butting her,' said Mr Glancy. 'She got out to

see if the girl was ok but the accused told her to 'f*** off' and it was none her business.' She went to the police immediately the court heard.

The driver of another car also saw the accused with the girl and said she looked distressed. She said she saw the accused head butt the girl.

Defence agent Christian Kane said first offender Robertson had removed the girl from the party after she got into an argument.

'The complainer was paralytic at the time. He was trying to get her up the road and she didn't want to go. He couldn't leave her in the streets. He accepts his behaviour was fairly extreme,' said Mr Kane.

Mr Kane said as a direct result of this incident 18-year-old Robertson's job has come to an end and he is apologetic for his behaviour.

Sentence was deferred until June 9 for reports to be carried out.

£100 fine for failing to stop after colliding with parked car

KATHLEEN Bradley, aged 63, of 16 Castleacres, Campbeltown, was fined £100 at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week after pleading guilty to failing to stop and give her name, address and details after her car collided with a parked vehicle on March 15 on Smith Drive, Campbeltown.

Bradley, described by the procurator fiscal as 'a genuine first offender', had not realised her vehicle had struck the parked car, causing minor damage. Sheriff Ruth Anderson also imposed three penalty points on her driving licence.

DVD boost for Campbeltown Picture House

Two years till centenary celebrations

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A PIECE of Campbeltown maritime history is going on sale to help boost one of the town's most historic enterprises.

There are just two years to go until the celebrations to mark the centenary of The Campbeltown Picture House and the impressive restoration and renovation plans for the beautiful listed building which is the oldest continuously run, purpose-built cinema in Scotland still showing films.

Projects

As one of the fund raising projects for the

cinema a DVD of video footage and photographs from the final visit of *HMS Campbeltown* is going on sale.

The very successful and hugely popular visit by *HMS Campbeltown* before she was decommissioned saw people from all walks of life in Kintyre get involved in saying farewell to the ship and her crew.

With more than 150 photographs, documents and video clips, this DVD covers the storyline of the visit and is a unique record of this historic occasion.

Available from May 26

and costing £10 it can be bought from the cinema or Keith's Newsagents on Main Street, and also at a coffee morning in aid of the cinema to be held on June 4 in the Red Cross Hall, Kirk Street, Campbeltown.

Gift

For people living out with the area, or for those who want to send it as a gift, the DVD can be ordered by post at a cost of £12 including postage and packing.

You can order the DVD from the following address: David Mayo, Bellgrove, High Askomil, Campbeltown, PA28 6EN with cheques made payable to 'CCB Centenary Project'.



WINDFALL: Nick Henley Price, secretary, and Judy Orr, chairwoman, present cheques to Sarah Livingstone, Laggan Opportunity and Amenity Fund, Valerie Graham, Machrihanish Village Hall and Nancie Smith, Machrihanish Seabird and Wildlife Observatory. 21_c18wind01

Windfall from windfarm group

THREE charities in the village of Machrihanish received a windfall when Kintyre Offshore Windfarm Action Group was dissolved.

The aims of the group were achieved when Scottish and Southern Energy decided to halt work on the development of the offshore windfarm at Machrihanish and Scottish Ministers decided the Kintyre site was unsuitable for the development of offshore wind.

The remaining funds in the action

group's coffers were divided equally between Machrihanish Village Hall, Laggan Opportunity and Amenity Fund and Machrihanish Seabird and Wildlife Observatory, with each group receiving £272.06.

Benefit

Judy Orr, who chaired the group said: 'We are happy for these local groups to receive this funding and we know it will be put to good use to benefit the community.'

Assault woman admonished

A YOUNG Campbeltown woman who assaulted a teenager in a shop in the town last year has been admonished.

Jane Gallagher, aged 23, of 11 Glenside, previously pleaded guilty to the offence on January 25, 2010 and had her sentence deferred for a year for good behaviour.

She was admonished at the town's sheriff court last week.

Container application withdrawn

AN APPLICATION for a storage container to be sited at Victoria Hall on Kinloch Road, Campbeltown has been withdrawn.

The proposed application was for part of the Victoria Hall carpark on Kinloch Road.

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2011 competition season gets underway!

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band heads to the Scottish Championships sponsored by D McNair & Son

CAMPBELTOWN'S leading fuel merchants, D McNair & Son, of Kinloch Road, have stepped in to sponsor Kintyre Schools Pipe Band's assault on the Scottish Pipe Band Championships at Levengrove Park, Dumbarton, tomorrow, Saturday May 21.

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offer a friendly, prompt and efficient service.

Managing director, Alan Shaw said: 'I am delighted to be supporting juvenile piping and drumming in Kintyre by sponsoring the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band once more on its first major excursion of the 2011 season.'

'The Band has been going for 10 years and in that time they've

been World Champions on three occasions.

'I welcome D McNair & Son's association with them.'

Ian McKerral, Pipe Major, thanked Mr Shaw for his kind words.

He said: 'It's amazing just how much help and support we get from within our own community, not least from firms such as D. McNair & Son.'



On sale this week!

THE long awaited *Bengullion*, Kintyre Schools Pipe Band live in concert on DVD goes on sale this week in shops around the town. Highly recommended at £12.99

Alan Shaw of D McNair & Son, proud to sponsor Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, with the band members on Stewart Green before Saturday's street performance.

The band marches up Main Street on Saturday evening.



Encouraging start at Gourock

KINTYRE Schools head for the Scottish Championships on Saturday, having been placed third in Novice Grade and fourth in Juvenile Grade at

the Gourock Highland Games on Sunday May 8.

'I was pleased with our run at Gourock,' said Pipe Major McKerral, 'but I've told

them we can do better. My aim for the band at Dumbarton is a clean, tight performance without any bloopers. We've been practising every day this week.'



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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



IT was uncharacteristically calm when we landed on Iona a few weeks ago. There wasn't a breath of wind and the Sound of Iona was almost motionless.

We abandoned our luggage and set off to walk to the Abbey. It was Easter and we were filled with anticipation for the week ahead.

Worship in the Abbey is always special, but at Easter there is an added dimension, which can both surprise and challenge.

As we walked across the fields dappled with lambs, the only sound was the rustle of the grass against our boots. It was then in the silence that this sound impinged on my consciousness. I felt a surge of excitement when I heard the strange, but distinctive sound of the Corncrake.

Now here, now there – where was this most secretive of birds?

Tantalisingly he continued to call as if laughing at our inability to spot him. This master of disguises eluded us, yet left us with the knowledge that we had indeed experienced something very special.

We could hear, but could not see, and that was going to have to be enough.

As the week progressed, we heard many familiar words of Scripture, words of God, yet still even in this holy place we could not 'see' God. Was hearing to be enough?

In the beauty all around, we could see so much of the creativity of God, the wonder of God, the love of God. Was this to be enough?

Finally, back at the hotel, sitting with coffee in the late afternoon sun, a blackbird joined our table; sitting within inches, close enough to touch.

I thought of the poem, 'he comes on chosen evenings, my blackbird bountiful'. After such a day, I reckoned that if still I couldn't 'see' God, then indeed my senses are dulled and impaired.

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Down Memory Lane



THE death last week at the age of 89, of Denis McWhirter means that the last of the football team of Campbeltown Grammar in 1938 has died. Denis' brother Francis brought us this cutting from *The Courier* and it is a fitting tribute to Denis, front left, who was 16 when this photograph was taken, and also for all the young lads seen here, most of whom went on to fight in the Second World War.

Alison Hay's thanks

Sir,
I would like to thank all the people who voted for me in the Scottish Holyrood elections.

I would also like to thank my opponents for a lively and robust contest.

Finally I would like to congratulate Mike Russell on his win and wish him well in representing Argyll and Bute's interests in Government.

Councillor
Alison Hay

You helped make history

Sir,
I would like to thank through your letters page all those who turned out to vote and helped make history.

I have never experienced such a positive feeling in the run-up to an election here in Campbeltown and on behalf of our local campaign team I thank you

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for your kind messages and good wishes.

Argyll and Bute Council elections will take place in 12 months' time and, if this result is anything to go by, there is no reason why we cannot take Argyll and Bute Council too.

I look forward to making the case for that in the months ahead.

Councillor
John Semple,
South Kintyre.

Salvation Army clothing collection

Sir,
I'm writing from Salvation Army Trading Company Ltd which operates The Salvation Army Clothing Collection Scheme.

This year marks our

20th anniversary and we'd like to extend our sincere thanks to all your readers who have helped us with their generous donations over the past two decades, and to remind them to recycle any old clothing they won't be wearing this summer!

There are lots of ways to donate, whether it's via clothing banks at a local supermarket or recycling centre, a door-to-door collection bag, or one of our charity shops. We can accept all unwanted clothing, shoes, household linens, even cuddly toys, although we do prefer things to be clean!

In the past three years we've donated £16.2 million to the charity and support from your readers has made this all possible.

Thank you, and let's make our 20th year a bumper one!

Paul Ozanne
National Recycling
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• In Kintyre, clothing can be left at the Salvation Army, Burnside Square, Campbeltown

No 'dark forces' after all

Sir,
I welcome assurances that there will be an open meeting for all stakeholders involved in the Campbeltown Marina development to discuss viable options.

It is a relief that this assurance has been given, I was concerned that the CHORD Project was being manipulated by 'dark

forces' following the last meeting of its board when a senior officer of the council outvoted a proposal by elected members, myself and Councillor Donald Kelly, to improve the public facilities from the Royal Hotel into Main Street as part of the project without, what I would consider as, reasonable justification.

I look forward to positive, realistic and inclusive discussion on a sustainable future for the marina in the next few weeks.

Councillor
John Semple,
South Kintyre.

Campbeltown dental service

Sir,
My partner and I moved to Campbeltown in February 2010. On trying to register with the local dentist we were told it was full but that a new dental centre was being built and we could register when it was complete.

It was explained that the centre would be a student-training centre but that when it opened we would be registered for regular checkups treatment and hygiene care. We were to come back later in the year when the centre would be completed.

On that basis we put our names on a 'waiting list' in January of this year. During March I went to the said dental centre, which is complete but not yet open, to be told that we were indeed on a waiting list, number 120 as I remember, not for registration for a dentist but to be seen as a one-off by students.

To be precise we would be assessed by the tutor, a course of treatment identified and then delivered by the students. That would complete the matter; there is no facility for check ups or dental hygiene work.

I would like an explanation of why a centre paid for by the NHS is not going to provide a service that is vital to the local community? Why is there not going to be another salaried NHS dentist to provide the care that we are entitled to?

Jacqueline Mackenzie,
Dell Road,
Campbeltown.

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come the visitors from Northern Ireland who'll be popping over to see us, here's a look at what we can enjoy there; whether we're going for a day, a weekend or a longer break. Remember it's only an hour-and-a-half away in the comfort of Kintyre Express, nearer in both distance and time than Oban and someone else will be doing the driving, so you can even enjoy a nice big glass of wine with your lunch and sit back and enjoy the view.



Ballycastle's Lammas Fair takes place annually on the last Monday and Tuesday in August (29th and 30th this year) when tens of thousands of visitors come to Ballycastle to soak up the atmosphere of Ireland's oldest 2 day fair.

DALRIADA Festival runs from June 17 – 19 this year, so get your ferry tickets booked!

Hang on a minute? Isn't Dalriada that place up near Lochgilhead? Reach for your history books: the first settlers from the Irish tribe of Dal Riata in County Antrim arrived in Argyll around 400AD and gradually created a kingdom; later St Columba established himself in Iona. Dalriada Festival is centred on Glenarm Castle Estate near Ballmeana, a quick journey from the ferry terminal at Ballycastle. It began 14-years-ago to create

a cultural and heritage event to highlight the sporting, music and food cultures of both Ireland and Scotland. Topping the bill this year is the classical music group The Priests, three Catholic priests all from Northern Ireland. Other performers include General Fiasco an indie rock group from Magherafelt; Duke Special, from Belfast; Amici, four classically-trained singers who specialise in operatic pop, and Tucan an instrumental

group from Sligo. That's before the Highland games challenge, sporting events and the festival of fine food. There will be plenty of folk from Northern Ireland coming over to visit our own Mull of Kintyre Music Festival this summer, so let's repay the compliment. Remember the only thing that separates us, culturally, historically and geographically is the 12-mile wide North Channel and that's now got a fast ferry!

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THEY call it the Causeway Coast and the A2 coast road around the Irish north coast offers beaches, countryside and views as stunning as our own A83. Funny to think as you drive home to Campbeltown in the dark and look across at the lighthouse on the coast there, that over there they're looking out at our own Mull of Kintyre lighthouse.

So much in common, so close and up until now getting there involved a lengthy road trip and sea crossing but that coast is now just 90 minutes away by fast ferry!

The must see has to be the Giants Causeway it's a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

A boat trip across a beautiful stretch of water, excellent bus service link to a unique and beautiful location and back home again. And you won't be behind the wheel, slogging up the road; sit back and relax, someone else will be doing the driving (and sailing) for you. What a brilliant way to spend a day; the trip to the Giant's Causeway is going to become a must-do. Sit tight, here comes the lesson bit: intense volcanic activity, with lava welling up through fissures in the chalk bed formed a lava plateau, giving polygonal columns of layered basalt. Three distinct periods of volcanic activity created the Lower, Middle and Upper Basalts, and it's the Middle Basalt rock which forms the famous amphitheatres of hexagonal columns. Time and the weather finished the job off. Now we've got that over and done with, what about the Giant's Eyes, The Chimney Stacks, The Harp, The Organ and the Camel's Hump? These are some of the names given to the formations; the Giant's Causeway is not just home to these but a

wealth of bird and sea life and some rare species of plant also.

Until summer next year work is taking place on building a superb new visitor centre at Giant's Causeway car parking will be limited so going by bus remains the best option.

GOLF

To say that there are people in Kintyre who like their golf might be a little bit of an understatement. Well, we're pretty sure they feel the same on the other side of the North Channel; they've got a course or two of their own.

You can bet that a lot of the people travelling with Kintyre Express from Ballycastle will be stowing their golf clubs on board and coming to play Machrihanish, Machrihanish Dunes, Dunaverty and Carradale.

Don't forget that when it comes to getting golfers onto the greens on time Kintyre Express already has a great deal of expertise; the route between Troon and Campbeltown is already well used by golfers to cut down on travelling time.

How about Royal Portrush, Galgorm Castle, Ballycastle, Roe Park and Gracehill for starters? Portrush is one of the great courses of the world like our own Machrihanish; Galgorm is in the top 30 great courses of Ireland and Garcehill challenges with its American-style water hazards.



Take the exhilarating rope bridge to Carrick-a-Rede island and enjoy a truly clifftop experience.

PEOPLE of a nervous disposition and those who suffer from vertigo, look away now, those braver-hearted souls still reading, welcome to the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge. It's as much of an icon of the Causeway Coast as the Giant's Causeway, Bushmills and golf.

In a word: wow. The rope bridge to the tiny island of Carrick-a-Rede crosses a chasm that is 30-metres deep and 20m wide; the earliest versions were built by fishermen to go and check their salmon nets. Earlier bridges only had a single rope hand rail but the National Trust built the latest one with two. You know those places on the tourist

map that people say you have to see and photographs don't do it justice? Well the rope bridge if one of those.

The coastal walk leading to the bridge is magnificent; the tiny island is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, the flora and fauna and birdlife and wonderful and the views breathtaking. Even if you don't feel brave enough for the bridge, the

walk and the view along the coastal path is fantastic. (National Trust-run; the bridge is part of the Ulster Way, open weather permitting, no more than eight on the bridge and dogs not allowed onto the bridge but welcome on the path on leads).

THE links across the North Channel continue with distilling; on both sides there are iconic distilleries and their products have a loyal following. Bushmills is Ireland's oldest whiskey distillery; in 1608 King James I granted Sir Thomas Phillips a Royal licence to distil 'in the territory of the Rowte' in County Antrim; the first official record of the trade in the area around Bushmills. The first actual reference to Old Bushmills Distillery is in 1743. And just as in Campbeltown there are tours and tastings to be had; tour places are normally sold on a first-come-first-served basis but bookings can be taken for groups, contact the distillery.

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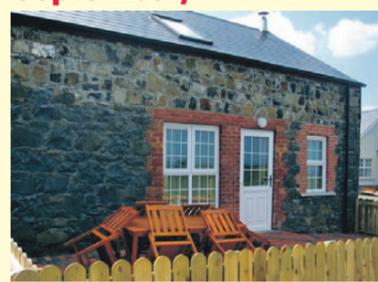
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Like all good, truly international cities Belfast works on so many levels to offer a great time.

Family with kids? Shopping with the girls? Culture vulture? Wanting to party? You'll find it all, so here are a few suggestions. First of all, if you want to get the feel of the place there are tours of the city available by bus, taxi and even on water with Belfast Splash tours.

Or, you can be your own guide and go at your own pace with the new Belfast iTours audio visual podcasts. You can download the audio visual MP4 files from the website and simply copy them to your MP4 player, or mobile device. The files are also available free on the Apple iTunes Store. Or call

into the Belfast Welcome office to hire a MP4 player with your choice of tour downloaded.

CULTURE VULTURES

The oldest part of the City, the Cathedral Quarter with its cobbled lanes is home to the fringe-style Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival which takes place every May. The area is a hub for entertainment and arts and offers a mix of hip bars and restaurants, hotels and contemporary art galleries all alongside the magnificent St Anne's Cathedral.

SHOP TILL YOU DROP

Belfast city centre is compact and easy to get around with an unrivalled concentration of leading international chains, mixed with an excellent selection of local retailers. For haute couture, visit the leafy Lisburn Road littered with boutiques, cafe bars and delicatessen; striking Victoria Square offers retail therapy with refreshments and one of Belfast's best vistas from its impressive dome.

KIDS STUFF

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the award-winning science and discovery centre at the Odyssey in Belfast or Belfast Zoo and the Ulster Museum beside the Botanic Gardens. You can go on a ghost walking tour or Titanic walking tours or visit Aunt Sandra's candy factory. If you've a family it makes sense to take advantage of

the Belfast Visitor Pass to save you time and money with unlimited travel on all scheduled Metro, NI Railways and Ulsterbus services operating within the pass zone and up to 85 special offers including discounted tours and attractions.

PARTY TIME

Belfast knows how to

have a good time and the city centre is full of great bars and live music.

The Grand Opera House, Ulster Hall, Belfast Waterfront and Odyssey Arena host all kinds of events and tours and the brand new Lyric Theatre has just reopened, so stay the night and see a show.



Visitors love the tranquillity of Rathlin Island which is only a short ferry trip from Ballycastle.

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AFTER crossing the North Channel with Kintyre Express, why not set sail across the Sea of Moyle.

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The wildlife outnumbers the people; one side of the island is home to an RSPB bird centre which is packed full of puffins, guillemots, razorbills, kittiwakes and many more during the summer.

The island also sees summer migrants of the human kind; holiday makers who love the tranquility of the place which has a good cross section of accommodation and services. We've long had links with Rathlin; many

fishing families came to live in Kintyre from there, just check out the Campbeltown Heritage Centre to see photographs.

There is also a piece of national heritage linked to Rathlin. Bruce's Cave is said to be the spot where Robert the Bruce is supposed to have watched a spider keep trying again and again to spin its web, and been inspired to raise a fresh army and fight for his kingdom.

A good yarn that's been spun over the centuries? Well Bruce took refuge there in 1306, you decide.

You can see the island so easily from the Mull of Kintyre, why not repay the compliment, take a trip and see the Mull of Kintyre from the other side of the channel?

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Good luck to the pipe band



BACK HOME: Lorne Cousin, right, is back home for the month of May from Los Angeles where he teaches piping, seen here with Peter Ferguson. Lorne will be playing with the band on Saturday. 12_c20pip02

GOOD luck to Kintyre Schools Pipe band to morrow (Saturday) at the Scottish Pipe Band Championships!

The band played for the public on Saturday with a march along Argyll Street and Main Street, Campbeltown, with a performance outside the Argyll Arms Hotel.



LOOKING SMART AND SOUNDING GOOD: Kintyre Schools Pipe Band on Main Street, Campbeltown, on Saturday. 12_c20pip01

Video of this available online
CAMPBELTOWNCOURIER.CO.UK

CARRYING THE CAN: Robert Strang and Jamie O'May were collecting on behalf of the band. 12_c20pip03



CELEBRATION: Campbeltown celebrated its 112th anniversary in the town with a dinner at the Salvation Army Hall on Saturday night. The guest for the evening was Major Victory Kennedy, right, the West of Scotland divisional commander and his wife Miriam. 0_c20sal01



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YUMMY: Joanna Weir, age 11, from Clachan, was the youngest helper at the cream teas held at Glenbarr Village Hall on Sunday afternoon by the West Kintyre Ladies RNLI fund raising group. 12_c20tea01

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Bootleg Beatles to headline at festival

THE Mull of Kintyre Music Festival committee is delighted to announce that the Bootleg Beatles will headline the festival this year.

Taking a trip down the original long and winding road they can hardly wait to visit Campbeltown near the Mull of Kintyre, title of the hit penned by Sir Paul McCartney.

Saturday night in the Victoria Hall will provide a high point for festival revellers who will get the opportunity to dance and sing along

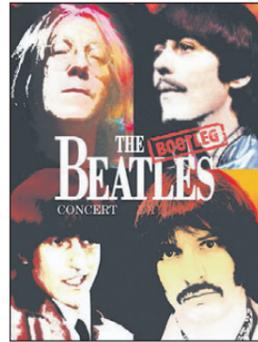
with 'the biggest tribute band in the world' according to Graham Norton on whose show the band appeared.

The festival committee would like to encourage the audience to join in and dress up to suit the occasion.

Formed about 30 years ago from the cast of the West End Broadway musical *Beatlemania*, they were the first western rock group to tour the former Soviet Union.

Among many festival gigs including Glastonbury 1994 they have

also played for the Queen. Liam and Noel Gallagher Oasis front



men asked the Bootleg Beatles to support their Earls Court gig in 1995 and they have shared a

bill with Rod Stewart, Elton John and David Bowie.

The festival committee are sure that Saturday August 20 will be a night to remember for festivalgoers.

For more details visit the Festival website at www.mokfest.com or email mokfest@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Tickets will go on sale in mid June and the committee expect a huge demand this year, the exact date will be confirmed shortly.



LOTS OF FUN: Rainbows and Brownies at the coffee evening and sale held at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road, last week. 0_c20bro04



LAST BUT NOT LEAST: Gayle McKinven and Maggie Thomson brought up the rear of the girls' Macmillan Mile walk. 21_c20bro02



WALKING: Rainbows, Guides and Brownies put their best feet forward in their Macmillan Mile Challenge. 21_c20bro03

In the Brownies!

IT'S lots of fun and very hectic if you're a wee Brownie in Campbeltown.

The girls have had so much to do in the last weeks, helping others, just like their Brownie Promise says.

They joined with the Rainbows and Guides on a Macmillan Mile Challenge to raise money for cancer patients and research, which was led by the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band and they also held a coffee evening at the Guide Hall.

The coffee evening raised an impressive £377 for funds and they all say a bug thank you to everyone who turned up to help and support them.



The museum Café is open every day for fresh beverages, oven-hot scones and other home baking, as well as a wide choice of light lunches. Additional "specials" are always on offer, and the Café, open from 10am to 5pm is not just for museum visitors.

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Synopsis: Red Riding Hood. Valerie (Amanda Seyfried) is a beautiful young woman torn between two men. She is in love with a brooding outsider Peter (Shiloh Fernandez), but her parents have arranged for her to marry the wealthy Henry (Max Irons). Unwilling to lose each other, Valerie and Peter are planning to run away together when they learn that Valerie's older sister has been killed by the werewolf that prowls the dark forest surrounding their village. For years, the people have maintained an uneasy truce with the beast, offering the creature a monthly animal sacrifice. But under a blood red moon, the wolf has upped the stakes by taking a human life. Hungry for revenge, the people call on famed werewolf hunter, Father Solomon (Gary Oldman), to help them kill the wolf. But Solomon's arrival brings unintended consequences as he warns that the wolf, who takes human form by day, could be any one of them. As the death toll rises with each moon, Valerie begins to suspect that the werewolf could be someone she loves. Panic grips the town as Valerie discovers that she has a unique connection to the beast—one that inexorably draws them together, making her both suspect...and bait.

Visit the wee pictures website for more what's on and coming soon.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

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Those magnificent men and their flying machines

by RUTH McCLEAN
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ENTHUSIASTS from all over Scotland gathered at Machrihanish Airbase last Saturday to take advantage of the airfield for flying their model aircraft.

Hosted by the Kintyre Radio Model Club more than 60 types were flown

over the weekend.

Despite the unfavourable weather attendance was up from previous years, and many travelled from across Argyll to fly their models.

Matthew Hart gave a display of high speed pulse jet powered control

line flying, exceeding speeds of 140 miles per hour.

Matthew holds the British record for a similar class of model with a speed in excess 200mph.

There was a wide diversity of other models, including the first successful flight of a large scale Hawker Hurricane.

Most of those attending the week-

end set up camp at the Machrihanish Campsite with other displays in the evening of smaller crafts.

The organisers would like to thank Alan Muir of Defence Estates for allowing them to hold the event.

There are suggestions that a flight training school be set up to teach those who would like to learn to fly radio controlled aircraft, including helicopters.

If there is any one interested in such a group please get in touch with Bryan Passey on 01546 602918.



FLYING HIGH: John Josey from Clydebank with his F16 aircraft. John is one of the top acrobatic model helicopter pilots in Scotland. 21_c19plane02



EXPENSIVE HOBBY: Aberdeen's Graham Robertson with his aircraft worth more than £10,000. 21_c19plane03



REFUELLING: Stephen Semple from Renfrew refuelling his model aircraft ready to fly. 21_c19plane01



Up, up and away

Wee Aiden Cunningham, who was out with his grandpapa Stewart Cunningham, is given a balloon by Desmond Bernie during the promotion for Home-Start, where Desmond was out meeting people in the street to talk about the crèche and how it should develop. c19creche02

Waverley timetable will not change

THERE will be no changes to the timetable of the *Waverley* as she remains in dry dock.

The last sea-going paddle steamer was scheduled to go into dry dock for maintenance and there will be plenty of time for the work to be carried out before her next Clyde sailing on May 27.

She will be arriving in Campbeltown on May

30 to give people the opportunity to cruise to Ireland.

Opportunity

She will be leaving Glasgow at 7am for Campbeltown, and will then head for Ireland to visit Redbay with the opportunity to cruise the Antrim Coast.

She will make her way to Largs to finish off her journey arriving at 10.45pm.

Eclectic concert

A SUMMER concert featuring an eclectic range of songs will take place on Friday May 27.

The Kintyre Chorale will perform their concert in Lorne and Lowland Church in aid of Argyll FM and Alison's Kilimanjaro climb for Alzheimer Scotland.

Entry is by donation and the concert will also feature a special performance by the Southend Girls' Choir.

Garden Clippings

with Robert Westerman

MAY

SUMMER BEDDING

Whether it's borders, baskets, or tubs now is the time to look at planting up with bedding.

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Some plants are more suited to growing at ground level and others like Lobelia would look good trailing over the side of a tub or box.

If it's plants for baskets you couldn't go wrong by choosing a plant like Surfinia that will produce a cascade of colour before long.

To ensure success with any of your plants make sure they don't dry out, especially with your tubs and baskets and sometimes that does mean watering every day if the weather is warm or windy.

Following some simple guidelines your plants will quickly establish and give you flowers over the next few months.

Water your plants well before planting out.

Try not to damage any of the roots or foliage.

ALPINES

If you're pushed for space and time in the garden consider creating a mini garden in the shape of a container planted up with Alpines.

Whether it's an old sink, trough or even the cracks in a wall, there is an Alpine to suit all.

Alpines prefer to have their roots in well drained soil. It may be worth purchasing a small bag of compost specifically designed for this purpose or alternatively you can add coarse sand or gravel to your compost mix to help drainage.

Fill your container below the rim to allow room for a top dressing of grit around the neck of your plants. Place out in the sun but consider shading on very hot days. Never allow your plants to dry out during the growing season. Alpines also like good ventilation so avoid crowding other plants around them.



Dig the hole large enough for planting to allow enough room for both the root ball and some back filling with a multi purpose compost to give your plants the best start.

Aim to plant out in late afternoon or early evening. This allows your plants time to establish out of the heat of the sun.

Give your new plants a good water to settle them into the soil.

Feed and dead head the plants on a regular basis to encourage flowering.



Sideways planting in a wall for example can also be considered. Check there is enough soil within the hole to avoid any gaps between the root ball of the plant.

Water regularly but not excessively. Keep Alpines drier in winter and in mid Spring feed with a general fertiliser at just 1/4 of the manufacturer's recommended strength for other plants.



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MULL OF KINTYRE HALF MARATHON AND 10K

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MULL of Kintyre Run 2011 is set to be the biggest and best yet and this is your chance to get the low down on an action packed weekend. More runners will be taking part in the half marathon and 10k events, a total of 750, and an exciting new event has been introduced to add to the electric atmosphere the weekend gives Campbeltown. Organisers want to involve those who aren't taking part in the races as much as possible, asking for people to make banners, flags and get out and spur on the runners and keep them going throughout the routes. Local groups, such as guides, rainbows and school groups are also being encouraged to draw up their designs and cheer on everyone taking part. The weekend's newest event will take place on the Saturday and has been named the 'Friendship Run'. It will take place from Westport Beach to Machrihanish and give runners a chance to warm up the day before and stretch their legs at the same time as meeting others who are taking part in the race on Sunday. A FREE bus will be on offer and free refreshments will be served at Machrihanish. Last year's half marathon race was ranked number one in the UK in Runners World magazine's Ultimate Guide. It was also voted number one for beginners as well as for atmosphere. This just goes to prove the event's success and reputation is growing year on year with more people coming from out with Kintyre to get a piece of the action. Tickets for the much anticipated post race ceilidh on Sunday night are now sold out. For more information or to reserve a space on the bus email events@mokrun.com.



Matthew Turner winner of the 10K with Laura Mc-Millan (parents originally from Campbeltown) and Paul Arcari winners of the half marathon. 04_c23run30



Winners of the girls 2k fun run, 6-9 years. 04_c23run25



Winners of the boys 2k fun run, 6-9 years. 04_c23run26



Joanne Rae, marketing manager of Robert Wiseman Dairies, presented the prizes. She is seen here with ladies winner of the 10k Lesley McFadyen. 04_c23run27

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WORLD adventurer Rosie Swale-Pope will be spreading her inspiration in Campbeltown through a free talk on Saturday May 28.

Rosie has many accolades behind her including sailing across the Atlantic alone in a 17-foot boat, and running 27 marathons in 27 days in Britain for charity, pulling a 300lb cart Icebird used in her world run.

She has written several best selling books including *A Little Run Around the World*.

MOK Run is privileged to have Rosie travel to Campbeltown for the occasion.

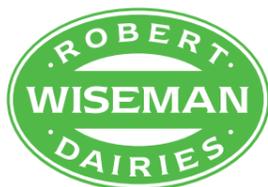
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Bob celebrates 60 years travelling to the markets

by JOANNE SIMMS

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SEVENTY-eight-year-old Bob Love is celebrating a remarkable feat in West Highland farming, of 60 years travelling to the markets of the Western Isles.

It was back in 1951 that he first went out to Barra to a mart and he was back there yet again only a few weeks ago.

And in that time, Mr Love, who now spends his time between a cottage in Southend and his farm, Ballygown, by Oban, has seen remarkable changes in agriculture.

'There wasn't a sheep on the islands back then, now there are thousands of them,' he said.

Today he and his wife Anne live at Aucharua Cottage, Southend, on the farm of David and Elizabeth Barbour, their daughter, and grandchildren Ruari and Emma, but as Mr Love says, he still 'keeps an eye' on Ballygown which he still helps to run.

In 1951 he was buying cattle for £20 to £25 a head; today the price is nearer £500 to 600.

'And to move and sell a beast cost £1, today it's £60 to 70!' he said and added that the quality of the animals today is far higher than it was back then.

'And the only paperwork was when I wrote it down in my book!'

The way the livestock is transported today is also a world away from what it was 60 years ago, for animals and farmers. Both men and beasts walked most of the way back then.

'Before the causeways were built at Benbecula you waited until the tide was right and for a guide, then you walked the cattle across,' said Mr Love.

'First you took your shoes and socks off, then you put your coat on. Then you took your trousers off and tied them around your neck to keep them dry.'

Or you made sure you bought a pony and that too came back on the boat to Oban to be sold.

There was no comfortable roll-on-roll-off ferry; MacBrayne's ran cattle boats and the animals had to be hoisted aboard, the lifting crate having to be manhandled on both the shore and boat. It was a long, hard, physical job.

'It could take hours,' said Mr Love.

Snatch

And once underway the farmers had to snatch sleep in the corridors of the vessel, hopefully managing to get a piece of coconut matting to soften the floor.

'Today they are all moved by lorry, four-deck ones with comfortable cabs for the drivers that they can even sleep in.'

But they were also good times and great friendships were forged.

'I've seen them drink the boat dry on occasion!' said Mr Love.

The Love family first came to Ballygown from Stirlingshire in 1944; Mr Love left school early at



Bob and Anne Love at their home in Southend. 12_c21bob01



Bob Love back in the 1980s at Dalmally mart.

13 to help on the farm and went on to run the farm with his widowed mother and brothers.

Director

He was the last chairman of the old Oban mart, which used to be where Tesco now stands in the town and he was probably the last person to walk cattle to market in Oban; he also served

as a director of United Auctions.

Throughout the years he has visited all the marts on the Inner and Outer Hebrides and this summer he and Anne are planning a trip to visit the islands and see all the places where there used to be marts, many of them now long, long gone.

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New chairman named

THE charity Care Farming Scotland has named John Ross CBE as its new chairman.

Care Farming Scotland promotes the role working farms and holdings can play in the rehabilitation of people recovering from illness, following long term unemployment, homelessness or release from prison. A former president of NFU Scotland, John Ross is also the current chairman of the Programme Board for Prisoner Health Care.

He paid tribute to his predecessor, Martin Robb and said: 'I am also grateful for the contribution made by SAC in establishing the charity and giving us the platform from which to move forward. SAC expertise will prove invaluable.'

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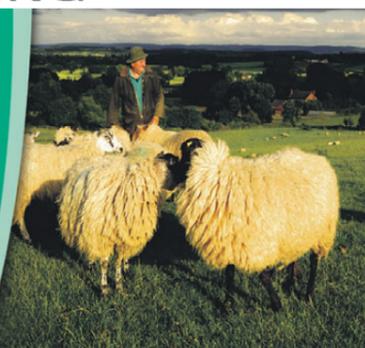
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There was a good turn out for the herd competition. 21_c19ayr04

Ballygreggan wins herd competition

BALLYGREGGAN was awarded best overall herd and best large herd during last Wednesday's Ayrshire Breeder's herd competition.

The prizes were presented by judge Robert Young's wife, Barbara at the Old Clubhouse, Machrihanish that evening. Robert and Barbara travelled from Waterside Farm in Dunblane for the competition.

Results: Herds competition: 1 Ballygreggan received the SAI Cup for

best overall herd and the Carrs Cup for best large herd, 2 Clockheil, 3 East Drumlemble, 4 Machribeg received the George M Reid Cup for best small herd.

Individual cow: 1 Volvac Cup, J&M Barr, Clockheil, Calderglen Martha; 2 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh, with heifer sire by West Mossgiel and bull Athos, 3 AC Millar Ballygreggan, second calves by Carnell Bright Crown, 4 Malcolm Ronald, Ormsary.



BREWIN DOLPHIN

SCOTTISH SERIES 2011

TARBERT LOCH FYNE 27 MAY - 30 MAY



TARBERT is set to welcome The Brewin Dolphin Scottish Series 2011 that takes place over the bank holiday weekend from Friday 27 May to Monday 30 May.

Investment managers Brewin Dolphin are Title Sponsors for the twelfth year with Clyde Cruising Club hosting the event since 1975.

It is Scotland's largest annual sailing regatta offering three race areas on Loch Fyne with IRC, One Design and CYCA classes both with and without spinnakers.

Nearby Portavadie Marina also offers berthing and a fast RIB ferry service to and from Tarbert throughout the series.

Adding a new element this year is the introduction of the Round the Island Race for CYCA handicap yachts on Sunday May 29 for those who cannot compete for the whole series to join in the fun over the holiday weekend.

Johnnie Readman, event organiser, said 'It's set to be a great event with a good number of yachts lined up already. What's more, being in Tarbert on Saturday and Sunday nights means everyone can take part in the shoreside festivities Tarbert is renowned for.'

Also new this year is the introduction of the Laird of the Loch competition. Previous class winners from 2010 are invited to compete in Sonars

supplied by Royal Northern and Clyde Yacht Club on Thursday 26 May, preceding the start of the event The winner will be crowned Scottish Series 'Laird of the Loch'.

Clyde Cruising Club has embraced the world of social media by widening the Scottish Series online communication channels to include Facebook and Twitter on the Facebook Group 'Brewin Dolphin Scottish Series' Follow the profile on Twitter@ScottishSeries. Meanwhile more info can be found on www.brewindolphinsscottishseries.com

With an abundance of activities on offer the weekend is set to be fun for all the family with an array of live music planned including the popular Mid Argyll Pipe Band. There will be face painting, magic shows and games and children can try dinghy sailing courtesy of Stramash.

After a day on the water everyone can relax and enjoy the best of local hospitality. Saturday night sees an impressive fireworks display from Bruce's Castle to celebrate the event and on Sunday there will be a spectacular aerial display over Tarbert. Don't miss this year's Scottish Series!



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Friday 27th May 2011

Music - The Vagabonds Tarbert Village Hall (TVH) 9.00pm to 1.00am

Saturday 28th May 2011

Stramash - kids sailing The Harbour 10.00am to 4.00pm
Funky Chicken - face painting The Fish Quay 12.00am to 4.00pm
Mid Argyll Pipe Band - pipes and drums The Front Street 4.00pm
Prize giving - CCC Tarbert Village Hall (TVH) 7.00pm to 8.00pm
Music - 50/50 Tarbert Village Hall (TVH) 9.00pm to 1.00am
Fireworks - TEC Bruce's Castle 10.00pm

Sunday 29th May 2011

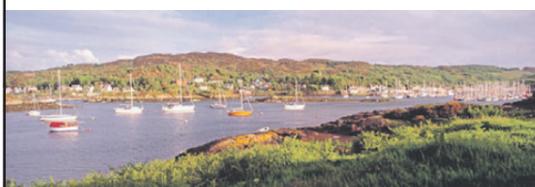
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Monday 30th May 2010

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ISLAY

Vacant medical practices

ISLAY GPs Jean Knowles and Grace Gibson have agreed to jointly run the vacant practices at Bowmore and on the Isle of Jura.

Drs Knowles and Gibson currently run Port Ellen and Port Charlotte practices, respectively, on General Medical Service contracts. Proposals for how the Jura surgery, which will continue to operate separately, will be run are taking shape before the start date of October 1.

The doctors have agreed to take on Bowmore only if certain issues, such as the leasing of the building, are ironed out. At present the surgery is owned by the previous GP.

Bowmore residents had the chance to air their concerns and find out about the future of health services in the village at a community council meeting in the Columba Centre when Drs Knowles and Gibson were present. The two doctors met members of the Jura community last week and community council vice chairman Donald Ewen Darroch said the discussion had been extremely positive.

Hamish Campbell, secretary of Islay Community Council, said: 'There has been an unsettled air on Islay with regards to health provision, so we need to know exactly what the future plans are.' The GPs' initial plan is to employ an NHS staff doctor for the island, with cover being provided from Islay to give the resident doctor time off. Jura surgery has not had a resident doctor since February this year. Bowmore has not had a permanent doctor since July 2010 and the Community Health Partnership had previously advertised the post on two occasions without success.

Naming ceremony

A NAMING ceremony for the new Islay ferry, the *MV Finlaggan*, at Port Askaig on May 25 will welcome CalMac's newest ship to the island. The *MV Finlaggan*, which has a distinctive bulbous bow, was built in Gdansk, Poland, and has undergone extensive sea trials in both Poland and Scotland. A spokesman for CalMac Ferries Ltd said that there was no date set for the first sailing but added it would be 'as soon as possible' after the naming ceremony.

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KINTYRE



Teacher Peter Lewis and two S6 pupils from CGS, Rachel McGeachy and Alison Millar, presenting a cheque for £250 to the British Red Cross, accepted by Marion McMurchy and Marion Warnock.



Isobel Johnson and Anne Barnett were amongst the small army of helpers at the coffee mornings during Red Cross Week, held at the Red Cross Centre on Kirk Street, Campbeltown. 0_c19 red01

Kintyre digs deep for Red Cross

KINTYRE once again dug deep into its pockets to support good causes both at home and abroad during Red Cross week.

Five coffee mornings were held, with different villages around Kintyre taking turns to provide the home baking at each and a door-to-door collection was held.

The coffee mornings raised £2,740.50 and the final figure for the collection has yet to be announced.

Anne Cousin, centre organiser for the Red

Cross thanked everyone for their continued support: 'The fund raising committee is most grateful to the people of Kintyre for their generosity and support.'

'And also to the pupils of Campbeltown Grammar School, particularly Kilbranan House who chose to fund raise on our behalf.'

Kilbranan House has adopted British Red Cross as the house charity and has regular fund raising events.

One of the fundrais-

ers was a house bingo event run by the pupils of the house. Teacher Peter Lewis dyed his hair and raised £50 and the other register teachers or house tutors ran fund raising events with their classes.

The pupils of the entire school donated £134 to the Red Cross Tsunami Appeal at an impromptu collection at house assembly. The pupils of Kilbranan are very pleased to be associated with the Red Cross and have given generously on several occasions.

Schools' Tummy trouble trip

SIXTEEN primary school children from the Isle of Islay are recovering after falling

ill with a sickness and diarrhoea bug during a trip to Edinburgh. The pupils were among a group of 58 children and nine staff on the joint school trip. Argyll and Bute Council said 14 of the children had to be treated at Edinburgh

Royal Infirmary. None of the staff were ill. A spokeswoman said: 'Parents of the children who were ill were informed early on Thursday morning and staff at the schools involved were told as soon as the schools opened.' All but 12 of the chil-

dren returned home the following day and the remainder arrived back on the island last Saturday. The director of public health in Edinburgh has been informed. The spokeswoman added: 'The source of the illness is not thought to come from the island.'

JURA

Feis Isle

THE population of Jura will almost double on May 25 and 26 when more than 150 whisky fans are set to descend on the island for this year's Feis Isle.

The annual Feis Isle festival, which began on Islay in 1986, is run in conjunction with the distilleries of Islay and Jura and Port Ellen Maltings.

Each distillery has its own open day, putting on special events.

Over the course of the two-day festival on Jura, the distillery will be hosting three tasting sessions for fans of the island's single malt.

CAMPBELTOWN

New SWRI committee

CAMPBELTOWN SWRI members elected a new committee at their annual general meeting, held in the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown.

Helen Watson is still

president as she has another year of office to serve; Ailsa Scott is the new secretary.

The other new committee members are: Diane Monroe, treasurer; Christine Duncan, press secretary; Jenny Graham, competitions and Jane Miller and Morag Johnston, teas.

Agnes Nicol was named as winner of the President's Cup for the most points in competitions with Christine Duncan as runner-up, winning the Isabell Scally Cup.

Before the meeting was brought to a close a raffle was drawn.

MACHRIHANISH

Vandalism

POLICE in Campbeltown report this week that the bus shelter in Machrihanish has been vandalised.

The damage was discovered on Friday. Police inquiries are continuing and if anyone can help they should contact officers at Campbeltown.

STEWARTON

Grand concert

STEWARTON Village Hall committee hosts a grand concert at the hall next Saturday, May 21, to mark the fifth an-



Spring is in the air and it's time to kick up your heels! Heather Mayberry took these great photographs of Bob one of the Clydesdales at Skernish Farm, Glenbarr. Bob is just one-year-old and owned by Neil MacPhail, of ploughing match fame.

niversary of the hall's renovation.

Rodger and His Band lead a list of local artistes including pipers, singers and dancers.

The renovation work breathed new life into the hall. As well as hosting events like the luncheon club and carpet bowling the hall has become a popular venue for weddings and private parties.

TAYINLOAN

Pier tenders to be sent out in June

ARGYLL and Bute Council has said it expects to send out tenders for the work at Tayinloan Pier in June.

The seabed around the pier frequently silts up due to prevailing weather conditions, often leading to the pier having to close at certain times.

The council has now asked its consultant to prepare and issue tenders.

WHITEHOUSE

Theft from farm building

POLICE are on the look out for a dark blue or black van and its occupants after one was reported as being in Whitehouse when property was stolen from a farm building in the village on Friday.

The police inquiry is continuing and if anyone saw anything suspicious in the area they should contact Campbeltown Police station.



WHITEHOUSE

SHINING: Morvern and Rachele washed cars for longer than they'd planned, raising £50 for the Marine Conservation Society.

Charity car wash raises £50

TWO young girls from Whitehouse organised a charity car wash in the village at the weekend.

Morvern Paisley, aged seven, and Rachele Righetoo, 11, raised nearly £50 for the Marine Conservation Society which was due to run from 11am to 1pm but the girls ended up washing cars from 10am until 5pm as the demand was so high.

'The village is now full of very shiny cars,' Morvern's mum said. 'The girls did a great job. They worked really hard all day, washing and waxing lots of cars. I'm really proud of them.'

Thank

Morvern and Rachele would like to thank all the car owners for their generosity.

CARRADALE

Fishing family remembered

A HUNDRED years on, Carradale has remembered members of a fishing family from the village who perished at sea.

In March 1911 the Carradale skiff *Mhairi* CN130 was lost during a squall off Bunlarie, with four members of the McIntosh family on board; skipper and owner Walter, two of his sons Dugald and Walter



Members of the McIntosh family, including the six surviving grandchildren of Walter the skipper and owner of Mhairi. c20int01

and his nephew John.

Descendants of the men have erected a plaque on the harbour wall in their memory.

Matthew Ramsay of

the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen helped the family pay their respects in a brief ceremony at the harbour.

Camera club Print of the Year

CARRADALE Camera Club was very fortunate to have Meri Wrightson, an art teacher at Campbeltown Grammar School and a keen amateur photographer, judge its Print of the Year competition.

Club members enter up to four photographs in a bid to be awarded the Duncan Memorial Quaich. This trophy was donated by Christine in memory of her late father, a well known Carradale historian and keen photographer. This year's winning photograph, was taken by David Byford.

The Wallis Hunter Quaich, donated by Mike Hurst from Wallis Hunter Jewellers in Carradale is presented to the member with the best monochrome photograph, or this year, a



Meri Wrightson, Rachel Grant, Christine Ritchie and Steve Partridge.

limited palette of up to 3 colours.

This year the trophy was awarded to Rachel Grant with a photograph of the interior of a workshop. Steve Partridge was this year's runner-up and he was awarded the Carra cup

for his photograph of the seashore.

Carol Harrow kindly presented the trophies to each of the winners at the club's annual dinner. Unfortunately winner David Byford was not able to be present.

PENINVER

Village holds afternoon teas and open day

PENINVER Village Hall is holding its popular afternoon teas and garden open day on Sunday May 29.



The Russell family of An Ceardach throw their garden gates open for an entry fee, which goes to the village hall fund, and in the village hall the funds are further swelled by delicious afternoon teas.

Because of the location a free mini bus service shuttles between car park at the hall and the garden gate.

One of the stunning features in the garden.

CLACHAN



Arthur Francis, centre, one of the chairmen of last week's meeting at Clachan Primary School, with Alan Reid MP, left and Mike Russell MSP. The meeting left all politicians who attended in no doubt that the village intended to fight to save its primary school. c21cla01

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PERSONALS

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 Would like to thank everyone who joined her in celebrating her 18th birthday on Saturday night, and for all the lovely cards and presents she received. She would also like to thank Jamie G for the fantastic music and the staff at the White Hart for keeping the drinks coming!
 Thanks for making it a night to remember!

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 Love, Mum, Dad, Isla & Kyle.

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Happy 21st on the 22nd May

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John Armour would like to thank everyone who came along to his 50th birthday celebrations and for your kind donations and gifts, over £1,200 was raised in aid of Argyll FM and Kintyre Stroke Club.
 A huge thanks to Carole for all her organisation and to all family and friends who helped provide food both on Saturday night and Sunday, to Katherine and Euan for playing a fantastic set of songs at such short notice and to Jennifer and the gang for decorating the hall.
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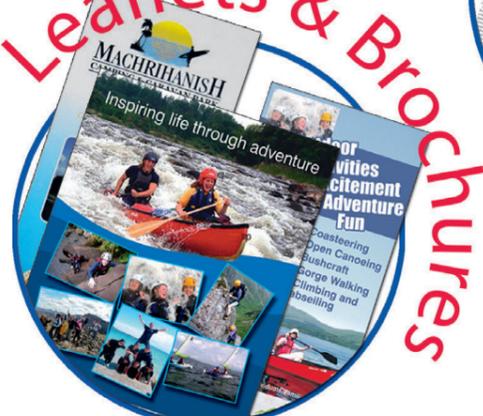
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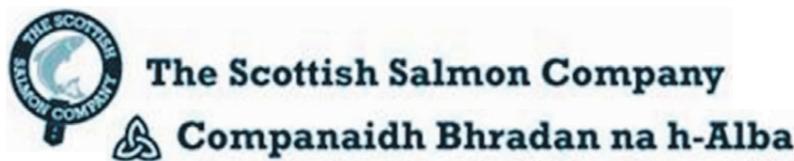
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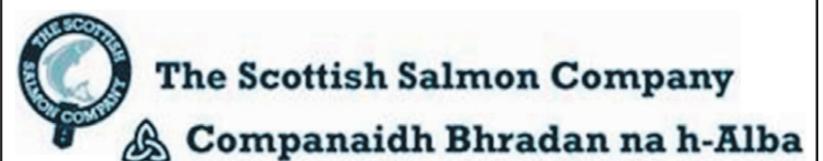
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'The Lord preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full' (Psalm 31:23).

BIRTHS

DAY - At Auckland City Hospital on March 31, 2011, to Matt and Kirsteen (née Henderson), twin boys, James Alexander and Christopher Stuart. First grandchildren for James and Jean, Carradale.

PRENTICE - James and Iona are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, born on May 11, 2011 at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Riain Alexandra (called in memory of her late seanoir Iain Alexander M Smith, West Loch, Tarbert, died April 5, 2011). A wee sister for Kadyn and Brooke. Special thanks to midwives at the Mid Argyll Hospital.

ENGAGEMENTS

WARD - BRIGGS - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement in Coolangatta, Queensland of Stella Catherine, daughter of Patricia and Peter Ward, Ardrishaig to Christopher George, son of Liz and Ray Briggs, Melbourne, Australia.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

ROBERTSON - MORRISON - On May 25, 1951 at Castlehill Manse by Rev John McCormack, David to Isobel, 2 Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

CAMERON - Suddenly at the Mid Argyll Hospital on Thursday, May 12, 2011, Eva Cameron of Peddie Bank, Lochgilphead, formerly of Goatfield, Furnace, much loved mother of Alasdair and Moira and dear mother in-law to Eid. Funeral service will be held in Cumlodden Parish Church, Furnace on Wednesday, May 25 at 11.00am, thereafter to Kileven Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research UK. Rest in peace.

LLOYD - Peacefully at Ward 1, Larkfield Unit, Inverclyde Royal Hospital, Greenock on Saturday, May 14, 2011, Flora (Flo), beloved wife of the late Raymond Lloyd, loving mother of Margaret, grandmother of Paul and Sara, great grandmother of Ella, Zoe and Kian and special friend of Helen. Funeral service at Greenock Crematorium on Monday, May 23 at 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

MORAN - Suddenly, but peacefully, with her family by her side on Thursday, May 12, 2011, Maureen Moran, aged 60

years of 18 Letterdail, Cairnbaan passed away at the Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban. Beloved wife of Joe, devoted mother of Yvonne, Ryan and Beverley, loving granma to Chloe, Zak and Phoebe, a dear family member, good friend and work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Wednesday, May 18, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Our Mo Mo will be sadly missed.

STEWART - On May 16, 2011, peacefully at the Beatson Unit, Gartnavel Hospital, Glasgow, Robert Morrison Stewart, of Inveraray, in his 64th year, beloved husband of the late Helen Blyth, much loved father of Andrew, dearly loved stepfather of Laura, Karen and David, dear brother of Hamish and Catherine and a loved papa of Eilidh, Emma and Archie. Funeral service at Inveraray Parish Church on Friday, May 20 at 12 noon, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers or collection, if desired, for Beatson Institute for Cancer Research.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCWHIRTER - The families of the late Denis McWhirter would like to thank relatives, choir members and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, letters, cards and Mass cards and for their attendance at the church service and the graveside at Southend. Special thanks to Father Azad for his services and to Catherine Walker for playing the organ and reading in the church. Thanks also to doctors and nurses at the Campbeltown Hospital for their care and attention, to Alasdair Blair for his professional services at church and graveside and to Frances and the girls for catering at Muneroy, Southend.

IN MEMORIAM

KENNEDY - Memory of May, loving mother and granny, who died May 18, 2008.

Our family chain is broken Nothing is the same But as God calls us one by one The chain will link again.

- John, Catherine, John, Niall and Michael.

PEARSON - Treasured memories of Karen, (née MacLean), much loved daughter, sister, wife and mum, died May 18, 2009. Miss you so much.

- Love from all the family.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of my sister, Marina, who passed away May 25, 2010.

Sadly missed. - Johnnie and Marianne.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

THE PARISH CHURCHES OF ARDRISHAIG (SC010713) AND SOUTH KNAPDALE (SC010782) 'Let everything that breath praise the Lord!' Services in Achahoish at 9:45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am Registered Scottish Charities SC010713 and SC010782

CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR (Church of Scotland) Scottish Charity Number SC016097 Sunday 22nd May 2011 MONTHLY UNITED SERVICE Lochgair Church 10.30 am Conducted by Mr. James McLellan (Reader) Tea to follow Ceud mile fàille ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH Sunday 22nd May 2011 Ford 11.30am Rev Cliff Acklam All welcome Saturday 28th May 2011 Kilmartin Gala Day Church Members to man the Tea Tent Offers to help 01546 510274 SC002121

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH All Welcome Pastor Rev Derek Gibson Sunday 22nd May 2011 11.00am Morning Service Speaker Sam Kyremeh with communion Jumpstart Group Friday 10.00 - 11.30am Scottish Charity SC015187

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH SUNDAY 22nd MAY 2011 11.00 am Worship Service Rev. Hilda Smith All Welcome Further information (01546) 606218 www.lpchurch.co.uk Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN Sunday 22 May 2011 11.00am Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch Speaker: Graham McLean 'Choose you this day whom you will serve' Thursday 26 May 2011 7.30pm Praise, prayer & sharing All welcome

Church of Scotland NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH Sunday 22nd May 2011 Inverlussa Church 10am All welcome MINISTER: Rev. Cliff Acklam SC001002 01546 606926 www.argyllcommunities.org/NKNAPDALECOFS

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH Sunday 22nd May 2011 Kilberry Church 10am Tarbert Church 11.30am Sunday School 11.20am Rev Tommy Bryson Board and Session Meeting Thursday 26th May 2011 7.30pm Church Hall For all church inquiries and pastoral care Telephone 01499 500633 Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH Scottish Charity Number SC011686 Saturday, 21st May Christian Aid Cream Teas - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (in New Hall) COSY Coffee Café - 7:00 p.m. [For S3 to S6 students] Sunday, 22nd May Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. Rev. Philip Burroughs Tuesday, 24th May Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m. Friday, 27th May Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH 75 Longrow, Campbeltown Sunday 10.00 a.m. Breaking of Bread 10.50 a.m. Coffee 11.15 a.m. Family Service For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary 01586 551237 www.springbankchurch.co.uk For Furniture Recycling Project call 01586 551547 SC014646

Highland Parish Church SC002493 Friday 20th May 2011 7.00pm 'The Big Count' for Christian Aid - Kirk St Hall Sunday 22nd May 11.15am Morning Service Creche 0-3yrs: Church FunDay Club: 3yrs - P5 - Kirk St Hall JaM: P6+ - Church 12.10 Prayer time Wednesday 25th May 7.15pm Bible Study Fellowship - Manse Rev Michael J Lind Everyone always welcome

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown Saturday 10.00am - 12 noon Coffee Morning Sunday Services 10.30am Morning Worship 5.45pm Prayer Meeting 6.30pm Evening Worship Tuesday 12.15pm Over 60's Luncheon Club 1.30pm Adult Home League Wednesday 7.00pm House Group Thursday 11.30am Meet 'n' Eat Café New to you Stall 7.00pm Bible Study Major Dolores Thomson

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church Argyll Street, Campbeltown St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown Scottish Charity No SC023277 Sunday 22nd May Fifth Sunday of Easter 10.45am Family Communion Details of services are on the church door Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141 The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

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The Gaffers are coming!

CAMPBELTOWN is about to be invaded from the sea by the 'Old Gaffers'.

These ships, about a dozen or so, are from a bygone era and have been lovingly looked after by their owners. They have been coming to Campbeltown for a few years now and really enjoy the hospitality of the town.

Campbeltown Sailing Club plays host to the historic old boats and their crews.

The events include a boat jumble tonight (Friday), a race on Saturday at 2.30pm, and a social evening on Saturday with music a quiz and prize giving at the club house.

Scottish Series

WITH just over a week to go until the Brewin Dolphin Scottish Series sets sail, Commodore John Watson of Clyde Cruising Club, is calling on sailors from across the UK, and further a field, to sign up to this year's event.

This year's series sees various new elements making the weekend more exciting than ever.

High hopes for cricket season

CARRADALE Cricket Club begins the 2011 season with higher expectations than ever before.

After the success that they achieved last season, the club hopes to go one better and secure their first league title.

With A McMillan as new captain this year and players returning to play after being unable to last year, this season's squad looks to be the strongest to date.

A couple of new players add an element of freshness to the experienced team.

The 2010 season was very much one of learning and progression, and that again will be the main ambition of the side which made winning a habit during the second half of the season, something the club would like to continue next week in its first league game of the season.



Machrihanish charity open a success

THE MACHRIHANISH Golf Club charity open on Saturday attracted more than 150 competitors from all over Argyll, Scotland the UK and even America and Sweden.

At the end of the day's play at the prize giving ceremony club captain Frank McHardy presented two charities with a cheque for £550 each.

Ailsa Colville, left, accepted a cheque on behalf of Children First and Sheena Ramsay for Macmillan Cancer Support. 12_c20mac01



WARMING UP: Katie Macpherson begins her warm up with Rhuaridh Milloy. 21_c20kar02

New belt success for karate club members

FOUR people who take part in karate every week at Machrihanish Airbase have achieved new belts.

Steven Coffield and Jackie McAllister achieved their sixth kyu belts and Darren Muller and

Brandon Taylor achieved their seventh kyu belts in the adult classes.

Club

The children's karate club has now moved to a Monday night



Steven Coffield and Jackie McAllister achieved their sixth kyu. 21_c20kar01

from 6.15pm to 7.15pm instead of Saturday lunchtime.

All classes take place in building 81 at Machrihanish Airbase. For more information contact Alan Reed on 01586 820474.

John Letters Trophy

IN THE John Letters Trophy at Islay Golf Club, the results were:

- 1 Robert Quail, 86 less 13 net 73;
- 2 Charles Ho-lyoake, 81 less 5 net 76;
- 3 Keith MacDonald, 82 less 6 net 76. Css 74.

Campbeltown bowling green holds up well for visitors

ON SATURDAY and Sunday, Campbeltown Bowling Club played host to two large parties of bowlers with the visits of Glasgow West in the Scottish Counties Championship for their match with Argyll and Bute and Pathhead BC, Midlothian, for their national Top Ten match with Stronvaar.

The majority of the visitors were paying their first visits to the town and many have promised to return in the hope that the impressive scenery that they enjoyed can be improved

with some sunshine. It really was a dreich weekend of weather but the Stronvaar green, as always, performed well and was praised by both sets of visitors and spectators who were greatly impressed by the surroundings and hospitality of the club.

The county match on Saturday saw a Cowal-centric team with only seven west Argyll players lose a turgid, four hour marathon by one shot, almost on the last bowl.

The Top Ten match on Sunday was a much

more interesting affair supported by a large crowd, mostly sheltered within the clubhouse, who saw the home club win by 10 shots thanks to excellent performances from Archie Johnston who won by six shots in the singles and Jimmy Anderson and John McLean who destroyed their feted Pathhead opponents with a 15 shot win.

The club now plays host to Paisley Victoria this Sunday in the second round, hopefully in more pleasant conditions for players and spectators.



Nice green, shame about the weather: The idyllic setting of Campbeltown Bowling Club on 'a dreich weekend'.

Final half marathon countdown

RACE packs have been sent out for this month's Mull of Kintyre half marathon and 10k events.

This is the last week of training for the event on May 29.

The half marathon schedule is suitable for a beginner who aims to run a half marathon in just under 2 hours 30 minutes.

As a guide, 11 minutes 20 seconds per mile

pace will result in a 2 hours 28 minutes half marathon.

The beginner's training schedule is aimed at beginners who wish to complete the 10k event comfortably.

Pace

All running should be at a steady, even pace, and you should consult your GP before embarking on any training schedule.

For more information or for those interested

in helping out on the day contact events@mokrun.com.

The event takes place on May 29 and will see more than 600 runners setting off from the centre of Campbeltown after a lively warm-up on Kinloch Green.

There will be a variety of events over the weekend for adults and children including a pasta party and to round off.

10K schedule Weeks to go: one from Monday May 23

Mon	30 minutes
Tue	15 minutes
Wed	REST
Thu	25 minutes
Fri	10 minutes
Sat	REST
Sun	RACE DAY

Half marathon training schedule: Start date: Tuesday May 24, 2011

Weeks to go: one

Day	Session	Distance	Pace min/mile	Time
Tue 24/5	Slow run/walk	3Miles	12:00	approx 36 mins
Thu 26/5	Faster run/walk	3Miles	11:30	approx 35 mins
Sun 29/5	1/2M Race	(plus one mile warm up/ one mile cool down)	11:20	target: 2:2:30 (plus 25 minutes jog)
Total		21Miles		4 hrs 5mins

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Reserve team plans abandoned

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils AFC has been forced to abandon plans of maintaining a reserve team in the SAFL.

Hopes were high at the beginning of the season that the club's ambitious plans to run two sides in the national league could be achieved; but, as the season progressed, the situation gradually became unworkable.

The decision to withdraw was not taken lightly, as people responsible for the second team had invested a lot of time and effort in trying to make it work; however, fielding two separate squads every week from a submitted list of registered players would prove unworkable.

The Pupils are not alone in this respect, as a number of teams from the league's non-premier

section have found similar difficulties and, have also indicated their intentions to return to a single squad system.

As a result, the SAFL will reduce its non-premier section from three divisions to a maximum of two for season 2011/2012.

Both of the Pupils squads will be retained and registered with the SAFL for the new season, the younger members introduced at a local level and, through a series of friendlies, against other Argyll and SAFL clubs with similar ambitions.

Many of the younger members will make the breakthrough to SAFL team sooner rather than later, so if you are interested and, can give the level of commitment required, the club is certainly interested in



Action from Pupils' home game against Duncanrig FP on Saturday.

Relegation fight goes to last game of the season

Campbeltown Pupils AFC 2 Duncanrig FP 2

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils' fight to avoid relegation to the second division of the SAFL Premier Division will go to the final game of the season after the local side could only gain one point from their final home game of the season.

The heavy rain just at the start of the game didn't deter a healthy crowd from turning up to cheer on their local

favourites. Gregor Croll gave the home side a slender lead at half time after the Pupils enjoyed the lions share of possession.

Despite the Pupils dominating for lengthy spells in the second half it was the visitors from East Kilbride who were to score and indeed take

the lead shortly after. With 20 minutes of the second half Duncanrig stunned the local side and support with a sucker punch on the counter attack to make it 1-1 and shortly after made it 2-1.

All credit to the Pupils, however, as they pressed for the equaliser and with

five minutes remaining found it from a cracking left foot drive from top scorer Gary Grumoli. A late rally was to prove fruitless and the Pupils will travel to Paisly next Saturday to play old rivals Carlton YM.

A win will guarantee first division status, a draw could be enough, but depends on the other relegation contender's game finishing in a draw or worse.

Amateur league kicks off

THE FIRST games of the new season for the Campbeltown and District Amateur Football League (CDAFL) take place this weekend.

Nine teams from across Kintyre and Mid Argyll are competing this year.

This weekend's fixtures: Southend v Kintyre Athletic; Wee Toon v Carradale; Ardrishaig v Tarbert Boys; Kintyre Select v Meadows; Lochgilphead free weekend.

Last year's winners were Carradale and in all five seasons the league has been running there have been five different winners.

Dunaverty ladies in golf May Medal

THE 13 brave ladies who played the May Medal at Dunaverty on Saturday had very mixed fortunes.

More than half the field returned scores in the net 80s and higher but Ailie MacBrayne had the measure of the strong winds and sudden showers to card a net 67 recording a couple of birdies along the way.

Jana MacPherson and Margaret MacFarlane put in decent rounds to finish 4 and 5 shots respectively behind Ailie.

Result: Ailie MacBrayne, 76 - 9 = 67. SSS 65; CSS 67.



Castlehill are champs

This year's Baldy Cup was won by Castlehill A team which beat Drumlemble in the final 7-0 at the Meadows Playing Fields.

Golf title up for grabs

THE 2011 Scottish Ladies Championship is taking place this week, from Tuesday to tomorrow (Saturday) at Machrihanish Golf Club.

Kelsey MacDonald of Nairn Dunbar is bidding to retain the title.

Tarbert Gun Club hosts charity shoot

SHOOTERS across Argyll descended on Barmore on Sunday as Tarbert Gun Club hosted its annual charity shoot.

The last competition of the season attracted a large turnout, with competitors showing their support for the club's chosen charity the Mid Argyll Community Hospital chemotherapy unit.

In a match that saw odd targets lost and second barrels being used, maximum scores were hard to get, with Bob McColl the only

one achieving this in the sporting section.

In the DTL competition Iver Ferguson won first place just ahead of Duncan Murray and John Sweeney.

Tarbert man Bob McColl won the overall shoot. With the highest aggregate score in the competition he fought off close competition from Paul Chalmers, Ally McDonnell and Iver Ferguson.

Results: High Gun: Bob McColl. Runner Up: Paul Chalmers Ladies Champion:



Kintyre's Stewart MacAllister, Kevin and Robet Borthwick and Brian Thomson travelled to Tarbert to take part in the annual charity shoot on Sunday. 12_c20gun02

1. Lynn MacDonald,
2. Kate Bain-Beith, 3. Justine Armstrong
- Juniors: 1. Niall Wilson, 2. Scott McNeil,
3. Ross MacDonald
- Pool Trap: 1. Campbell Hearton-Whithorn, 2. Pierre Godts

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