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Anger vented at NHS meeting

Taking methadone long term is 'just like being on insulin'

- Cath Cakebread

MORE than 170 people vented their anger at plans for a methadone clinic in Campbeltown at a meeting with NHS representatives on Monday night.

Those attending also reacted with shock when Cath Cakebread, from the Argyll and Bute Joint Future Substance Misuse Group, suggested that taking methadone long term is 'just like being on insulin'.

The meeting, organised by Campbeltown Community Council,

covered both the reduction of continuing care beds at the hospital and the substitute prescription service.

After the meeting about Ms Cakebread's comments, Andrew Hemmings, community council chairman, said: 'It is not at all helpful to compare it to insulin. Insulin is a necessary hormone for the metabolism of sugar in the body and without insulin you would die.'

'I do not think a view of keeping people on meth-

adone for 20 years is responsible and it worries me that a senior manager within the NHS holds this view. These are the people setting up the service!'

In a heated meeting, several audience members argued people in Campbeltown had to travel for specialist cancer care several days a week, but heroin users could have methadone right on their doorstep.

Derek Leslie, director of operations for NHS

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Daniel Anderson was one of a number of youngsters from the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band leading Campbeltown's Armed Forces Day parade last Saturday. For more pictures of the parade see page 7. 20_c20frontpic01

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Anger at NHS meeting

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Argyll and Bute, said: 'Treatment of cancer and other things is a specialist service. Substitute prescribing is something that can be done locally.'

'They are travelling on the bus all day. We are not giving them a chance to get jobs.'

There were also concerns about where the service would be operating from.

Weekly basis

A spokesman for the NHS told the *Courier* that prescriptions would be provided by Southend and Muasdale GPs and be administered from a local pharmacy, while the NHS addiction team continues to operate from the old Campbeltown Day Hospital.

He said: 'They will come in on a weekly basis and get their prescription from the GP. They will go to the pharmacy and get each daily dose. They have to drink it on the premises.'

Suspected illegal immigrant

A SUSPECTED illegal immigrant was arrested in Hall Street, Campbeltown on Sunday afternoon under Section 28 of the Immigration Act.

Campbeltown Cadets welcome senior officer



Campbeltown, Oban and Lochaber Sea Cadets gather to present the cheque to Captain Mark Windsor (centre right), most senior uniformed officer of the organisation. 20_c20seacadets01

CAMPBELTOWN'S Sea Cadets were joined by units from Oban and Lochaber on Saturday to welcome the organisation's most senior uniformed officer.

Captain Mark Windsor, RN was joined by Captain Peter Adams, RN (Rtd) who is now area officer for the North of the UK.

As well as taking part in the Armed Forces Day parade, the units held their own service of commemoration of the Battle of the Atlantic, fought during the Second World War.

They were also due to have a series of boat races between the three units, but due to the direction of the wind these had to be cancelled.

The youngsters also presented a cheque to Captain Mark Windsor which gives £250 towards a new flagship for the organisation.

The flagship gives the cadets a chance to experience a number of the challenges of being out at sea. Cadets in Campbeltown raised the money by taking part in a row-a-thon, which they did on rowing machines at the gym.

The event on Saturday highlighted the many activities and qualifications young people can receive by taking part in the Sea Cadets, such as meteorology, power boating, navigation, catering and seamanship.

'Greed' at root of council woes

'GREEDY' councillors desperate for more money have been blamed for Monday's collapse of Argyll and Bute's SNP-led administration.

James Robb resigned as council leader on Monday after the local SNP members asked him to step aside.

Suspended

The move came after the SNP's National Executive Committee (NEC) suspended membership of its Argyll and Bute councillors until a 'secret' alliance with

the Liberal Democrats and Conservatives - announced last Thursday - was disbanded.

One SNP member swore at Mr Robb, shouting 'I need that money' after discovering the reshuffle to incorporate the Lib Dems and Tories would see them demoted from lead councillor to a deputy's role, reducing their pay by several thousand pounds.

Meanwhile, a New Way group is attempting to form a different

style of administration to run the council following a lengthy meeting on Tuesday. In a bid to eliminate money 'envy', such positions will be disbanded.

Instead, areas such as education and roads

could be overseen by small groups of councillors; meaning pay parity for those in the administration.

Mid Argyll councillor Sandy Taylor is acting as the new leader of the SNP group.

Any new administration will have to be ratified at next week's full council meeting.

At the fore of the New Way group is Oban independent councillor Iain MacDonald. He said: 'The feedback we're getting is the proposal has been very positively received.'

'The feeling is the information provided by council officers is too much for one councillor to process.'

Adding his belief that the previous administration collapsed because of 'greed', he said: 'People who I thought were pretty solid said to me if

they didn't get that extra money they'd be getting divorced. If that's the driver for them being involved with the council, it's the wrong driver.'

Argyll First councillor Donald Kelly said: 'We are doing the job for the people, not for ourselves. It can't be about money.'

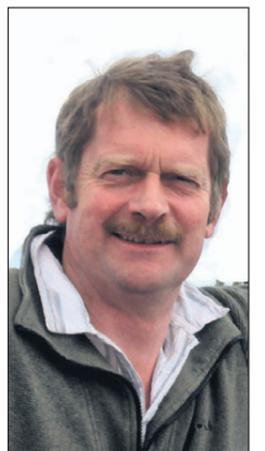
The day after his Monday resignation, Mr Robb - who remains an SNP councillor - said everything he did was with democratic approval from his local party colleagues.

Asked if he was undermined by infighting within the administration, he said: 'I had the support from within the group until yesterday.'

'Some people appear not to understand that the role of a councillor is not to serve the interests of the MSP or the branch.'



Councillor James Robb has resigned from the position of council leader.



Councillor Iain MacDonald leads a move for a new way to councillors to operate.

Michael Russell MSP would not comment on allegations he interfered with Mr Robb's leadership, but said: 'I look forward to working with the council for the benefit of the people of Argyll and Bute.'

Audit Scotland to investigate running of the council

AUDIT Scotland is investigating the running of Argyll and Bute Council over concerns about dealings with an 'external company' and relations between councillors and officers.

The watchdog has confirmed it is to investigate the authority's dealings with the company over the sale of the Castle Toward and Ardintinney properties, both Dunoon.

A spokesman for Audit Scotland added: 'We publish assurance and improvement plans (AIP) for all 32 councils based on risk assessments for the year ahead. The Argyll and Bute AIP identifies

planned work by auditors to review the relationships between councillors and officers. This work is at an early stage.'

Argyll and Bute Council said: 'The council believes that the sale of the properties has been handled correctly.'

'Councillors and officers work together on a whole range of issues and will be happy to co-operate fully with Audit Scotland on these and any other matters.'

The annual audit on the council is due to be published in October.

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Islay lay Baptist preacher jailed for 10 months

He had more than 200 indecent images of children on his computer

A LAY Baptist preacher on Islay who had more than 250 indecent images of children on his computer, including one of a baby, has been jailed for 10 months.

James Sutherland, 62, of 12 Mansefield Terrace, Port Ellen, admitted to creating or permitting to be taken the images at his home over a period of two years when he appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court in February.

His searches for the images were interspersed with searches for Baptist prayers and some of the 266 images found on his computer were among the most serious category of child pornography.

Sentencing of Sutherland was delayed a number of times as criminal justice social work reports carried out suggested he was 'categorically denying involvement' in the charges despite his guilty plea.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Friday, Sutherland's defence agent asked Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC to consider a retrial on the grounds that he was 'labouring under the mis-

apprehension of what he was admitting to'. She suggested it was more likely Sutherland had a change of heart.

She said: 'The report by social work caused serious concern. You have pled guilty to a serious crime and in my view custody is the appropriate disposal.'

Sutherland has also been placed on the sex offenders' register for 10 years from May 10.

Free health checks for residents

CAMPBELTOWN residents aged between 40 and 64 are being encouraged to take up a free health check. The checks are also being targeted to people of any age who fall into the following categories: South Asian, black and Afro-Caribbean, offenders, gypsy/travellers, carers, homeless or affected by substance misuse.

They are asked to contact Lhara Stevenson, Keep Well team secretary, on lharastevenson@nhs.net



Margaret Sinclair, treasurer of the Mairi Semple Fund, presents flowers to Margaret Semple, centre, who is retiring from the charity after being a founding member. Enid Williams, right, presents her with an engraved vase. 20_c20mairisemple01

Margaret decides to call it a day

AFTER 36 years, one of the founding members of Campbeltown's Mairi Semple Fund is retiring.

A special tea was held last Friday for Margaret Semple, who is secretary of the cancer relief and research fund, to celebrate her many years of service to the charity.

Despite her retirement, Mar-

garet still plans to say involved in the Mairi Semple Fund so it can continue to raise money for those affected by cancer.

Driving force

Current chairwoman of the fund, Enid Williams, said of Margaret: 'You have been the driving force behind this for many years. Congratulations.'

Since the fund began, after 20-

year-old Mairi Semple died of cancer in 1976, £153,131 has been raised.

This money goes towards helping those suffering cancer throughout Kintyre giving them the finances for travelling, nursing and equipment.

Money also goes to Friends of Beatson, Yorkhill, CHAS and Friends of Oban Hospice.

Bite dog could be destroyed

A JACK Russell faces being destroyed after it attacked a man and gave him several puncture marks on his leg.

Nadine Dandy, 33, appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Thursday and pled guilty to owning a dog which was

dangerously out of control and bit a man on his leg on January 9 at Hillside Road in Carradale.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty explained that the man had approached the dog, which was not on a lead, when he was out for a walk.

Sinking its teeth

He said: 'As he approached the dog it jumped on him, sinking its teeth into his left thigh.'

Dandy, of Pudrah, the Bans, Carradale, called the dog off him and offered him assistance. He eventually went to hos-

pital for treatment.

When police later called on Dandy, she denied the Jack Russell's bite had punctured the man's skin, saying it was 'only a nip' and then told police he had provoked the dog by 'hitting it with a stick.'

With no lawyer present, Dandy accepted the charges but denied there had been puncture wounds.

Sentencing was deferred until next month, but Sheriff Ruth Anderson, QC, said she would be considering getting the dog put down.

Woman who hit girlfriend with CD rack and candle given 150 hours unpaid work

A YOUNG Campbeltown woman who hit her girlfriend with a metal CD rack and a glass candle holder has been sentenced to 150 hours of unpaid work.

Vicky Gamble, 18, last month admitted to assaulting the other woman on February 13 this year at her home address.

She admitted pushing her and repeatedly punching her on her body, striking her on her body with a metal CD rack and striking her on her head with a glass candle holder to her injury. She also admitted to later assaulting a police custody and securi-

ty officer by kicking her on her body when she was taken to Campbeltown Police Office.

Gamble, of 2B Queen Street, was then taken to Campbeltown Hospital where she admitted assaulting, obstructing and hindering staff, while shouting, swearing and uttering racial remarks to a doctor.

At sentencing last Thursday, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'She is on the brink.'

She added Gamble would be subject to a review in three months and if she was not happy with the report she would revoke the order and send her to prison.

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Finn McCallum, four, was very surprised to see 30 flamingos in his grandparents' garden in Kintyre Gardens last Tuesday and very sad to see them go at the end of the day. Inset: Muneroy Stores in Southend got into the flamingo spirit when they made special meringues. c19flamingo02no

PINK flamingos have been spotted flocking in Kintyre, from Campbeltown to Southend, all for a worthy cause.

Pupils from Campbeltown Grammar School are organising an excursion to Gambia next February to work in schools in the country.

Charity

They will be working with Firstaid4Gambia, an Argyll-based charity, and will help children with hand washing, first aid and tooth brushing.

They will also paint and lay flooring in a school's

dining room, finishing building a shelter in the playground and organise a school sports day.

The flamingos, which have been spotted in Summerhill Crescent, Peninver, Machrihanish Holiday Park, Muneroy Stores in Southend, Tomaig Road and Kintyre Gardens, are part of the group's fundraising push, with pupils leaving the plastic birds in unsuspecting gardens.

To purchase anti flamingo insurance and help the cause, contact Agnes Stewart at agnes.stewart@argyll-bute.gov.uk.



Sammy the dog seems baffled by the strange birds in his garden.

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Skipper fined £850 for boat going aground

A SKIPPER of a fishing vessel which ran aground has been made to pay £925 and for failing to keep a proper lookout and leaving the wheelhouse unattended.

Ferguson Hughes, 58, pleaded guilty to committing the offence on June 7 of last year.

grounded

Elegant II had sailed from Campbeltown towards fishing grounds off the Kintyre Peninsula. At around 9.30am, the vessel grounded a mile south of Davaar Island.

Downpatrick Magistrates Court heard last week that Hughes had previously reported

problems with the automatic pilot and received spare parts in the form of bushes for the steering motor which he fitted while alongside in Campbeltown.

After sailing the problem recurred and Mr Hughes went to the engine room to adjust the new bushes and that was when the vessel grounded.

A mayday call was relayed and the fishing vessel Argent went to his assistance. The grounding occurred on a shallow shelving beach and as the tide was falling, the Argent also went aground.

The Argent came off

as the tide rose, however the Elegant II needed the assistance of a lifeboat to be pulled clear with the following tide.

Hughes was fined £850 plus £75 costs.

No excuse

Captain Bill Bennett, a MCA's area operations manager for Northern Ireland, said: 'There was no excuse for leaving the wheelhouse unattended while the vessel was underway.'

'He could have stopped the engines and anchored, or called one of the five crew members who were sleeping on board to come to the wheelhouse.'

A very dear bottle of vodka

TWO MEN who stole a £24 bottle of vodka from the Co-op in Campbeltown have been ordered to pay a £140 fine each.

James Kerr, 42, of 26, Flat 3 Main Street, Campbeltown, and Tomas Lukosius, 29, of Flat 4, 9 Main Street, Campbeltown, admitted Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Thursday to stealing the vodka.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty explained: 'James Kerr acted as a barrier between Tomas Lukosius and the CCTV camera.'

'He took a bottle of vodka and put it up his sleeve. Upon being searched by police, Lukosius produced the bottle, valued at £24.25, from his sleeve.'

At sentencing Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'The fine will be £140 each. You could have bought five or six bottles of vodka legitimately.'



Staff at Wind Towers (Scotland) Ltd have been praised by managing director Dennis Breugelmans.

Wind Towers takes on new staff

CAMPBELTOWN'S wind tower manufacturer is taking on new staff - with the strong hope of dozens more jobs to come.

Wind Towers (Scotland) Ltd - which is also investigating the setting up of a training academy - is signalling a brighter future at the previously troubled plant at the former RAF base at Machrihanish.

Following a manage-

ment shake up and radical changes to work processes in the past four months, efficiency has been improved, the order book is full for 2013 and the company is now hoping to expand into the offshore tower market.

Heaping praise on his 130-strong workforce for their 'skills and flexibility', new managing director Dennis Breugelmans also re-

vealed plans for a public open day next month.

'We want the community to understand what we do here,' said Mr Breugelmans.

'There have been changes of ownership and too many downs to go with the ups over the past 11 years, and so there is a lot of uncertainty in the community about this place.

'However, things are progressing really well

which is entirely down to the shopfloor staff.

'They have turned things around completely since I arrived four months ago, and for the first time the managers are local. That is making a difference.'

Wind Towers (Scotland) Ltd is now 80.1 per cent owned by SSE and 19.9 per cent by Highland and Islands Enterprise.

Mr Breugelmans said

there was 'so much outside demand' for the firm's towers that only 30 per cent were being made for SSE projects.

He added: 'We are now looking for a handful of production operatives in our fabrication department, but if our expansion plans go ahead we could create another 70 jobs within two years.'

'They will all be local and given training if necessary.

'We are also exploring setting up a training academy.'

Mr Breugelmans said Wind Towers' reputation for top quality turbines was growing fast. 'Potential customers are very impressed with what they see here,' he added.

The open day on Saturday, June 8 will see free return buses run every 30 minutes from Aqualibrium between 11.30am

£15,000 of red diesel stolen from the air base

AROUND £15,000 worth of red diesel has been stolen from a temporary power station at the former Machrihanish Air Base.

Police are appealing for information following the theft of the fuel from the Pan 4 area of the base where Scottish and Southern Energy and Aggreko Generators have set up a temporary power site while repairs continue following the weather damage to Kintyre power lines in March.

A Campbeltown Police spokeswoman said: 'We believe the fuel was taken some time between April 22 and May 3.'

'We would like to hear from anyone with information in relation to this or who may have seen suspicious behaviour.'

A tanker vehicle would have been required to remove the diesel.

Bruce Pool, managing director of Aggreko UK and Ireland, said: 'An incident has occurred at our temporary power generation facility located at Machrihanish relating to a quantity of missing diesel fuel.'

'As this matter is currently in the hands of the local authorities I am unable to make any further comment.'

Red Cross Week raises £2,680

RED Cross committee members and helpers from all over Kintyre spent last week offering home baking, coffee and plants to visitors to the Red Cross Hall.

The event was in conjunction with Red Cross week, which takes place during the first week of May.

The amount of money raised this

year, £2,680, exceeds last year's total.

Pleasing

Centre organiser Anne Cousin said: 'This is exceedingly pleasing considering the present climate.'

'The committee are indebted to the people of Kintyre for their generous support once again.'

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Methadone clinic and hospital beds debate rumbles on

THE DEBATE over methadone, as well as hospital bed reductions, continues to rumble on in Campbeltown and throughout Kintyre.

It was clear on Monday night that there is a real strength of feeling amongst a large proportion of Kintyre's community, however by the end of the meeting there was also a strong sense of defeat.

'Waste of time' were the words several shouted out as the meeting came to a close, as it appeared clear NHS Highland was intent on making these changes whether Campbeltown wants them or not.

And while it was fairly obvious the majority of those present were dead against the idea of a substitute prescription clinic, it was also good to see a former drug user stand up and speak for the other side.

While the NHS staff presented wildly varying statistics and quoted various health bodies, which meant very little, the woman who spoke of her own experiences probably did more for their cause than anything they had said.

However, there are still major fears Campbeltown could see more crime and a less safe environment if this service is introduced.

The NHS continued to say that a methadone service will not bring more drug addicts to the area, but what people need is proof.

There needs to be clear, independent statistics, stating how many people with heroin addiction are in the town, comparing this to Lochgilphead, and information on what happened in other towns where this service was introduced.

This is the only way to have a sensible debate with people in the town, to put the facts on the table, instead of refusing to answer questions and fobbing people off.

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Mobile unit for methadone clinic?

Sir,
Having attended the meeting in the Victoria Hall on Monday evening about the proposal to have a methadone clinic in Campbeltown, can I firstly say well done to the community of Kintyre for the massive turnout and 99.9 per cent of them made it very clear the reasons why we do not want this clinic in Campbeltown.

Firstly the numbers that were given at the meeting on how many local heroin users in Campbeltown was very vague to say the least! Between 30 and 50, this differs greatly from the local knowledge of the community that put this number between four and eight.

The worries the local community has about this clinic is also due to the housing situation in Campbeltown. These vacant flats will be filled with addicts from the city and this would only have one effect on Campbeltown: crime will go through the roof.

We have had drug users from the city break into local houses during the night, stealing goods and a car to feed a drug habit.

We also have property landlords renting flats to the users thus having parts of the town that are no go areas (closes in Burnside and Main Street).

It was also made clear at the meeting that ordinary hard working locals and pensioners have to make their way to Glasgow for appointments, sometimes a 10 hour journey for a 10 minute consultation.

So why on earth are we so worried about a few self-

inflicted addicts having to travel to Dumbarton for consultation, at least they have the choice!

Also when the speaker was asked how long an addict would be prescribed methadone he replied, well we prescribe insulin to diabetics, some for over 50 years. I ask myself what kind of answer was this from a man in his position? Diabetes is a life and death illness not a self inflicted habit.

It was also noted that the police back the community saying there is not a major issue or number of local heroin users, and also the local doctors do not want anything to do with the methadone clinic (it would be the private doctors from Southend and Muasdale who would consult in the clinic) and I am sure when word gets around the community this will be the only work they have!

Anyway the spokesman seemed to think he had a done deal before the meeting but with the high turnout and the overall reception they got he is now saying he will go back to his superiors with these concerns of the community,

So come on Campbeltown, let's get a campaign started. I am sure they are other ways we can look after our local heroin users - has a mobile unit for Argyll been looked at?

**Barry Allibone
Campbeltown
NHS patronising the local community**

Sir,
After Monday's acrimonious meeting, our councillors have

a job on their hands. Hospital bed cuts were presented as a natural consequence of reduced occupancy, failing to account for instances of patients, some with acute problems, being denied admission because of lack of resources. Empty beds are not necessarily redundant.

The methadone clinic case was based on Campbeltown postcodes submitted as ID by anonymous clients of the Glasgow Needle Exchange. Despite last week's horrific assault there was no analysis of community risks, nor any mention of controls that might successfully balance treatment and containment.

However both projects will go ahead, at least in the minds of NHS management. Whatever benefits might arise were lost in their patronising approach to deeply felt local concerns.

Local councillors present unanimously condemned a lack of consultation on this seeming *fait accompli*. If due process has not been followed they should act now to call a halt and ensure rigorous examination of the issues. In any event the strength of local feeling demands that they lobby regional and national politicians before the donkey's tail is blindly pinned on Campbeltown.

**Campbell Fox
Campbeltown**

Join forum to have say on NHS moves

Sir,
I attended the Community Council meeting in the Victoria Hall but did not have a chance to put any points forward so would like to do so

now. With regard to the reduction in the continuing care beds, we were told about how changes not just in government policy but in medical thinking and that people themselves do not want to spend time in hospital.

But many of those present would like to see staff looking after empty beds, i.e. keep beds in case they might be needed rather than have staff using their skills to look after the patients where they want to be - in their own home.

On the issue of patients being discharged from Glasgow straight to their own home rather than spend further time in the local hospital.

If you lived in Glasgow, Hamilton or any other place you would not expect to move from one hospital to another, unless there was a strong medical need. Why, then, should it happen here?

With regard to the substitute prescribing clinic, various points were made that it would encourage heroin addicts and other drug users to the town.

But much of the fears people were speaking about was that they are already here; when evidence from elsewhere has shown that there is no reason that such a clinic would attract more. Without a managed good clinical system it will only get worse.

What would I like? If people really want to be involved in what happens and why in the NHS, either in general or locally, they can join the Public Partnership Forum.

**Susan Paterson
Southend**

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Soldiers, members of the Royal British Legion Scotland (RBLs) and RBLs Riders Branch line up before the start of the parade. 20_c20armedforces01

Armed Forces Day in Campbeltown

CAMPBELTOWN was awash with military colours on Saturday as the town celebrated its Armed Forces Day.

Various servicemen, past, present and future, came to the town to take part in the weekend, which started with members of the Riders Branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland arriving at Machrihanish Air Base - their accommodation for the duration of the event.

On Saturday at 1pm, locals and visitors to Campbeltown lined the streets to watch the parade which started from Kinloch Green and was led by Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, followed by the Royal British Legion and members of the armed forces.

Took part

The Sea Cadets from Campbeltown, Oban and Lochaber also took part, as well as the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Bat-

talion Army Cadet Force, the Girl Guides and Brownies.

Bringing up the rear was the Riders Branch, who joined the parade at the Old Quay.

That evening, there was a dance at the Machrihanish Air Base Sergeant's Mess, with a barbeque and music by Big Black Taxi.

The whole event was organised by the Campbeltown Branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland.



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The event was organised by the Royal British Legion Scotland Campbeltown branch, with some of the members of the RBLs taking part in the parade.

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The Riders Branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland brought up the rear of the parade. 20_c20armedforces04



Kintyre Schools Pipe Band led the way as the parade set off from Kinloch Green.

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Members of the Campbeltown, Oban and Lochaber Sea Cadets attended the parade.

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'Bad dream' man has his sentence deferred

A MAN who had a 'bad dream' and broke down his neighbour's door thinking she was being attacked has had his sentence deferred until next month.

Malcolm McGougan, of 5 Mill Road Campbeltown, admitted to behaving in a threatening or abusive manner by shouting and repeatedly banging on the door of 49 Longrow Campbeltown on February 6 this year.

At Campbeltown Sher-

iff Court last Thursday, procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty explained the woman living in the flat heard loud banging and shouting at her front door.

Door frame

He said: 'As she made her way to the hall the door made way, taking the door frame with it.'

The woman shouted at McGougan, 43, to get out, and he apologised and left. Later when he was interviewed by police, he said: 'I woke

up from a bad dream and thought she was being attacked. I was only doing it to protect my neighbour.'

His defence agent Christian Kane said it was 'a peculiar case' and that McGougan had been having trouble sleeping and was taking medication for this.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC deferred sentence until next month in order to find out a value for the damage to the door.

Drink driver was double the limit

A FARM worker who was caught driving at double the legal alcohol limit has been banned for three years and four months.

James Stringer, 25, originally from Colonsay but working in Skipness, pleaded guilty to the charge at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Thursday.

Stringer, of 1 Turamin Flat, Colonsay House, Colonsay had his breath tested by police and gave a reading of 71mg of alcohol in 100ml of breath.

Stringer was also given a £400 fine.

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Carradale Nou Fest voted a great success

LAST Friday evening saw the first Nou Fest - a celebration of writer Naomi Mitchison - kick off in Carradale Village Hall.

The evening started with drinks and canapes, along with speeches from Neil Mitchison, grandson of Naomi Mitchison, Alan Walker from Network Carradale, who was part of the organising committee, and MSP Mike Russell, who is a big fan of the author's work.

Neil Mitchison also unveiled a special plaque which commemorates Naomi and her husband's contribution to the building of the hall.

Revealed

Meanwhile, the great-granddaughter of the author, also called Naomi, revealed panels which are part of the exhibition about the author's life.

These will stay in Carradale until tomorrow before touring the rest of Argyll and Scotland. Over the weekend there

was a concert with local bands The Twisted Melons and Wild Sarachs playing, as well as Lorne MacDougall on the pipes.

There was also a storytelling session with Donald Smith, director of The Storytelling centre, performing a specially created piece about Naomi's book, *The Bull Calves*.

A number of talks also took place, discussing some of the author's work.



Carradale's Jane Dunbar and Shelagh Cameron perform a playlet of Naomi's poem *The Alban Goes Out* to kick off Nou Fest on Friday evening. 20_c20noufest01



MODEL enthusiasts young and old attended Campbeltown's diecast model show on Sunday at the Masonic Hall. The event, which was rescheduled due to the power cuts in March, saw a plethora of model vehicles, such as train sets, lorries, cranes and Thomas the Tank Engine. There was even a set of classic football game Subbuteo on display. The £898 raised through entry and home baking sales is going towards leukaemia research in Campbeltown. Gareth Stuart Harvey shows off his own lorry collection which he put on display at the show. 20_c20modelshow01

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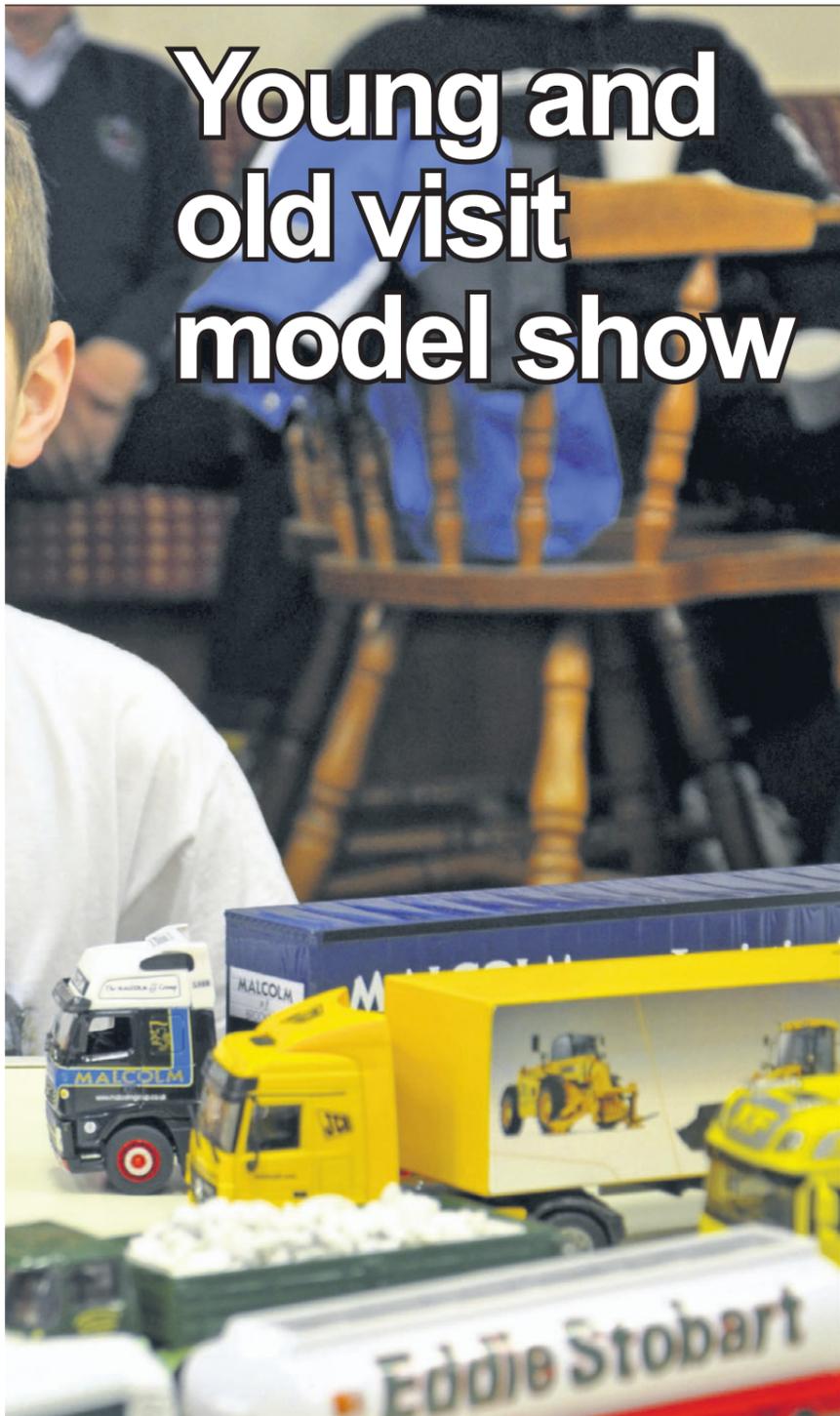
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Young and old visit model show

Castlehill win Rotary Primary Schools' Quiz

THE Rotary Primary Schools' Quiz 2013 took place on May 2 at Dalintober Primary, with five teams of bright and enthusiastic P5-7 youngsters competing for the trophy and the honour of their school. Question master Clive Good challenged them with 100 questions on a wide range of subjects and expressed his surprise as to just how knowledgeable they all proved to be.

Dalintober School had entered two teams and Castlehill, Drumlemble and Southend were also represented.

The lead changed several times during the

contest, and in the end only seven points separated first and last teams.

Castlehill eventually triumphed, with Drumlemble a close second. Castlehill's captain collected the trophy from visiting Norwegian Rotarian Kristbjorg Bjornedal, past president of the Rotary Club of Stranda in west Norway.

Referee Laurens Denson said 'We were all most impressed with the excellent behaviour of the pupils.'

'We wish Castlehill well for the West of Scotland contest in Glasgow on May 20.'

Art workshops in the Scottish Series marquee

A VARIETY of art workshops are set to take place at Tarbert's Scottish Series marquee on May 25.

There will be art activities for the young and old, including dot painting, charcoal drawing, glass etching, repeat pattern making, soft limestone carving and lantern making.

The workshops are part of the innovative heART of ARGYLL festivals programme 2012-2013 which received investment from Creative Scotland.

Andrew Wilson, chairman of the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance, said: 'Many people descend on Tarbert for the Scottish Series every year but most of the activity is out on Loch Fyne during the day.'

'This Maritime Art-Time activity will offer something fun and creative on the shore and hopefully boost the appeal of the event to non-sailors of all ages.'

John Hardie of Tarbert Enterprise Company said: 'The addition of Art Map is a perfect fit for the event as it is attractive to all visitors with varied works of art to appreciate and workshops for the family.'

Bid for one of three superb paintings and support The Picture House

ENTHUSIASTS of both art and Campbeltown's cinema are being invited to bid on three special paintings for auction to boost the cinema's funds.

Inspired

The three paintings are by a mixture of locals and non local artists. The first, is an oil painting by well renowned local artist Ronald Togneri, the second

is a watercolour by the late Fen Sutherland who is arguably one of the finest artists Campbeltown has ever produced, while the third is an oil painting by an American who visited the town some years ago and was inspired to produce a painting of it.

All the paintings show some aspect of The Picture House and the auction is an opportunity

to both acquire some very special works of art and support the cinema as part of its centenary project.

Auction

The paintings are for sale by auction to the public and sealed bids for contact details for lots A, B, or C should be either handed in to The Picture House on any evening until May 25 or emailed

to info@weepictures.co.uk

The closing date for bids is May 25 at 8pm and a live auction will take place in the Seafiel Hotel on May 26 prior to the centenary performance in the Picture House.

The paintings will be on show in the Rosslyn Oman Studio in Main Street until the closing date.



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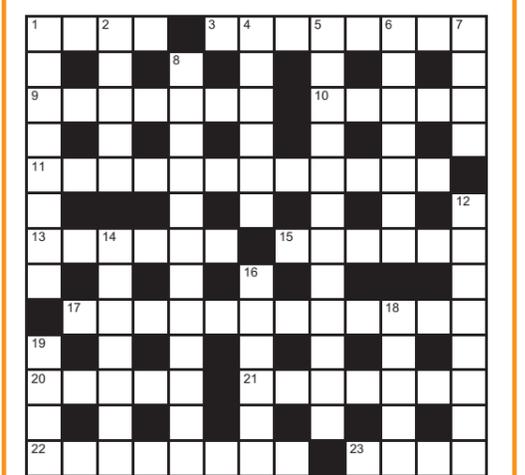
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UP to 800 runners will hit the road next Sunday, May 26 for the Mull of Kintyre Half Marathon and 10k races.

While a remarkable 240 will come from Campbeltown alone, the MOK run is quite unique for a small town for the variety of runners attracted from throughout the UK and abroad.

It follows MOK's growing reputation as a 'must do' event, with the half marathon voted the top in the UK by Runners World magazine in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

The weekend-long festival will see pipe bands, brass bands and other musical entertainment as well as the ever-popular Funky Chicken for children.

There will also be stalls and refreshments for spectators and runners at the finish

area at Kinloch Park. 'It is a great, fun weekend for everyone, competitors and spectators alike,' said race director Elaine McGeachy.

Collect

The Race Expo is on the Saturday, May 25 from 1pm-5pm at the Aqualibrium where runners can collect race numbers, timing chips and tickets. The Pasta Party is in The Mussel Ebb on Saturday from 6pm - 8pm, where runners can stock up on carbs before race day.

The Expo will have a variety of health and fitness stalls, displays and free talk, from 5 - 6pm in the library, by chi running expert Nick Constantine and Triathlon Scotland, as well as a pasta party in the evening.

300 bottles of water RUNNERS at this year's MOK Run will not be going thirsty, after Co-operative Membership's Western Scotland Area Committee donated 300 bottles of water.

Event organisers collected the bottles of The Co-

operative's own-brand Fairbourne Springs water last Thursday from the Campbeltown branch.

The Co-op is also donating cereal bars, fruit juice, energy drinks and bananas for the runners.

The donation is from The Co-operative's Western Scotland committee, one of nine area committees in Scotland whose members have a say in how the business supports local communities.

Tommy Millar, who is a member of the committee, said: 'The Co-operative has an important role in the heart of the community in Campbeltown, never more so than during the recent severe weather. We are pleased to do our bit to keep the competitors refreshed on the big day, and by doing so help make this year's half marathon a success.'

This year's Mull of Kintyre half marathon and 10k are on May 26.

Younger runners

MOK organisers have made an extra effort to attract

younger runners this year. Junior races have always been held alongside the half marathon and 10k on the Sunday.

However, now they will take centre stage all on their own on the Saturday.

'We have made a big push for the junior races,' said race director Elaine McGeachy. 'We are making a big fuss

about them on the Saturday, and the three age groups have been sponsored by D. McNair and Son Ltd.'

There is a 1km race for 6-8 year olds, a 2km race for 9-11 year olds and a 3k race for 12-14 year olds.

The races start at 2pm at Kinloch Green. with prizes for the first three boys and girls in each category.



Campbeltown Running Club wishes its members and all participants **Good Luck in the Magnificent 8th MOKRUN.**

Congratulations to the MOK Committee on a great event.

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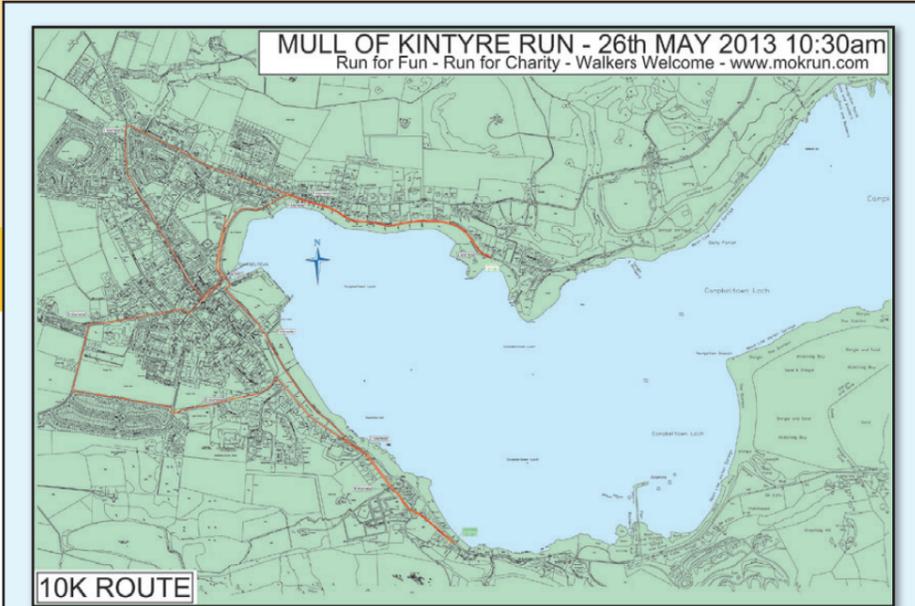
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- Back along Low Askomil and turn left down North Shore Street onto esplanade
- Along esplanade turn left towards roundabout and along Hall Street past cinema
- Straight along Lochside walkway past putting green and up onto Kilkerran Road towards jetty to checkpoint and turn
- Return along Kilkerran Road and turn left up the cutting and along Limecraigs Road
- Across Meadows Avenue, turn right onto Tomaig Road and right onto Witchburn Road
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HALF MARATHON ROUTE

Half marathon - starts 10.30am

- Start Royal Hotel
- Run up Main Street then turn right along Longrow to Millknowe
- Continue straight up West Road to the Craigs
- Turn left out past Rhoin, Sound of Kintyre and Clochkeil and follow track onto beach
- Run north along beach towards Westport to point and turn
- Back along beach and exit back up track to Clochkeil
- Past Sound of Kintyre and turn right into Moss Road
- Round Moss Road and turn left at end towards Campbeltown
- Down the Big Kiln, turn left down Main Street
- Round the roundabout for finish on the esplanade

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Members of the MOK Run committee collect the water from the Co-op last week. From left: Leona McArthur, Margaret Shaw and Courtney Lang, who all work at the Co-op, Sid Gallacher, Elaine McGeachy and Neil John MacPhail from the MOK Run committee, Shannon McCallum and Stephen Brown who also work at the Co-op and Tommy Millar from the Co-op's Western Scotland committee. 20_c20mokwater01

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Willie McSporrان, chairman of Gigha Green Power Limited, is ploughing behind Tommy and Poacher.

Heavy horses make an appearance on the Isle of Gigha

HEAVY horses were back on Gigha last Friday, working the land as in years past, and taking 81-year-old John McNeill on a trip down memory lane.

He was the last man to work the plough on the island - at the shore field at Tarbert Farm in 1953.

Re-insatament work

However, he discovered he had not lost his touch behind the plough when Neil McPhail and Michael Mayberry of Skernish brought their horses to the site of Gigha's new turbine, to help carry out re-insatament works on three kilometres of underground power lines laid in January.

While the bulk of the work was carried out by tractor, the final stages were left in the capable hands of Tommy and Poacher - the award-winning Skernish Clydesdales.

Gigha Green Power Limited (GGPL) is a community-owned company which is installing a fourth turbine on Gigha providing more income to the island for all its projects, including housing improvements.

Neil and Michael also brought a display of agricultural equipment - some originally from Gigha - they had restored.

They gave displays of harrow-

ing and ploughing and many folk on Gigha had a go under the guidance of the experts.

One of the organisers, Andy Oliver, said: 'John McNeill, the last man to use the heavy horses on Gigha, was keen to get behind the plough again and it was clear that he had not forgotten a thing after 60 years.'

Buffet

Andy added: 'A buffet was provided in the Gigha hotel by Good Energy and Nsure Insurance - companies who have had a long standing relationship with Gigha. Thanks also to Calmac for providing ferry tickets.'

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Market Reports

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 256 live cattle at its weekly primestock sale last Thursday, comprising 137 bullocks and heifers, 20 young bulls, 9 OTM clean and 90 cast cows and bulls.

The 65 bullocks averaged 234p per kg with 72 heifers at 240.5p per kg.

The sale included the annual Limousin show and sale sponsored by Wishaw Abattoir and the Scottish Limousin Club.

43 Limousin crosses were entered for the judging and they sold at an average of 259p per kg for 588kgs or £1,523 per head selling to £1,913 per head for 740kgs.

Championship to Mains of Cultmalundie Farm, Perth with a 640kg heifer fetching 265p per kg to Woodhead Brothers, Turriff.

Reserve, 685kg bullock, Woodhead of Mailer Farm, Perth selling for 261p per kg also to Woodhead Brothers.

1st junior bullock - Classlochie, Kinross,

565kg at 262p per kg.

1st senior bullock - reserve champion

1st junior heifer - Classlochie, Kinross, 565kg at 271.5p per kg.

1st senior heifer - champion

Champion young Bull per kg, Bolfornought Farm, Stirling, 645kg at 245.5p per kg.

Champion young bull per head, Mains of Burnbank, Blairdrummond, 725kg making £1,780 per head.

Of the 90 cast cows and bull sold, 20 were entered for showing.

Champion cast bull - Blairhall Farm, Oakley, 955kg at £1,940.

Reserve champion cast bull - Knochose Farm, Dunfermline, 935kg at £1,635.

Champion cast cow - Mains of Burnbank, Blairdrummond, 815kg at £1,700.

Reserve champion cast cow - Mains of Throsk, Stirling, 855kg at £1,725.

Also forward were 99 cast cows, bulls and OTM clean.

Champion Lim cow from D and L Graham,

Mains of Burnbank, Blairdrummond sold to 209p per kg or £1,700.

Cast bulls to a centre record of 203p per kg or £1,940 from J W Geyer, Blairhall, Culross.

Frie cow sold to £1,045 from J and I Wilson, Carskerdo, Fife.

Leading prices: cows per head: Lim - £1,725 Mains of Throsk, £1,700 Mains of Burnbank, £1,655 Westwoodlane; Char - £1,395 Part Airth Mains, £1,365 Wallaceton; Sim - £1,215 East Coates, £1,135 Westwoodlane; Frie - £1,045, £1,015 Carskerdo; Hol - £945

Crookedstone; BB - £1,125 Todhall; shorthorn - £1,085 Templehall, £1,045 Ormsary.

Cows per kilo: Lim - 209p Mains of Burnbank, 202p Mains of Throsk, 197p Carriston; Char - 163p Part Airth Mains, 161p Wallaceton; Sim - 171p Templehall, 171p Westwoodlane; Frie - 143p Hayston, 137p Carskerdo; Hol - 140p Crookedstone; BB - 173p Todhall; Shorthorn - 162p Templehall, 157p Ormsary; AA - 163p Sauchenford:

Cast Bulls: Lim - 203p £1940 Blairhall, 175p £1,635 Knockhouse:

OTM Clean: Selling to 224.5p per kg from J Maxwell, Halket Leathes, Castle Douglas.

Frie - 191p £1,315 Kaemuir, 223p Priestside.

Young Kintyre bulls sell to £1,200 at Stirling

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 797 store cattle and 23 young bulls at Stirling on Monday.

Bulls averaged 199p and sold to 237p per kg two 295kg Limousins from Macrindlston Farm, Girvan and to £1,200 for two 550kg Limousins from No.8 Killeonan, Campbeltown.

Bullocks averaged 223p (+5p) and sold to 272p per kg for a 335kg British Blue from Shutterflat, Beith and to £1,260 for a 595 kg Aberdeen Angus from Addiewell, West Calder.

Heifers averaged 209p per kg (-3p) and sold to 286p per kg for a 245kg British Blue from Taylorton, Stirling and to £1,090 for two 520kg Aberdeen Angus from West Kirkland, Newton Stewart.

Shorthorn bullocks sold to 220p per kg from West-er Pirleyhill, Falkirk.

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SWRI hold Bring and Buy sale in Glenbarr Village Hall

BELLOCHANTUY SWRI held a very successful bring and buy sale as part of their annual general meeting last week in Glenbarr Village Hall.

Prizes for the year were presented by Patricia Fair and afterwards members enjoyed sandwiches and cakes provided by the committee.

Arrangements were also made for the summer outing to Inveraray.

Prize winners: Most points overall, Margaret Deans Shield: 1 Susan Turner, 2 Libby Kerr, 3 Nettie Semple;

Most points in mini-rally: Elizabeth Young; Bulb Show: Most points in bulb show: Margaret Deans Quach:

1 Libby Kerr, 2 Alice McLean, 3 Margaret Campbell; Best exhibit: Lois Fell; Best Plant: Nettie Semple; Monthly Competitions: Most Points in Housewives: Margaret Deans Tray, 1 Elizabeth Young, 2 Margaret McKinnon, 3 Margaret McLean; Most Points in Handicrafts, Barbara Black Trophy: 1 Tricia Fair, 2 Libby Kerr, 3 Susan Turner; Most Points In Fun: Susan Turner.



Helen Boittier and Tim Cooke, who are running the newly-opened Network Centre in Carradale. 20_c19carradaletea01

New tearoom opens at Carradale Network Centre

THEMED nights and fish and chip Fridays could soon be on the menu in Carradale at the newly-opened tearoom in the village's Network Centre.

Tim Cooke and Helen Boittier have taken over the tearoom, now called Nellie B's, as part of the Network Centre's renovation and launch of their bikes and buggies centre.

They are leasing the cafe and have big plans for it.

Tim explained: 'It's early days, but we're planning to do a fish and chip night on Fridays and theme nights like rock and roll.'

They are also happy to host dinner parties and lease the space out for children's parties and other events, while they have also been in touch with the local minister about using the cafe for coffee bar evenings for youngsters in the village.

The pair have lived in Campbeltown for six years, after living in Somerset

previously. Both have previous experience of working with food, as Helen explained: 'I have had some experience with catering. I catered for large groups.'

Tim, meanwhile, has worked in restaurants before as well as running a crepe stall at various agricultural shows and similar events across the country.

Since starting at Nellie B's, they have expanded the menu, made fresh home baking and now serve fresh coffee, from bean to cup.

They aim to make it a place where people from Carradale can go, as well as those from further afield, including people walking the Kintyre Way as it sits on the route.

Tim said: 'We want it to be a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. People love the coffee and home baking - we're selling out all the time.'

'We've not had any complaints yet!'

ISLAY

Islay Triathlon

THIS year's Islay Triathlon is set to take place on June 22, with the school event happening the next day on June 23.

Those wishing to take part are being encouraged to start training as soon as possible in order to be at their best for the running, cycling and swimming event.

For those in Bowmore, the location of the triathlon, training sessions are

available on Mondays from May 20 between 6pm and 7.30pm.

These sessions are for both seasoned triathlon competitors and complete beginners.

TARBERT

Art exhibition for Stuart

TARBERT based artist Stuart Herd is having his work showcased in an exhibition in the Torrance Gallery, Edinburgh.

The exhibition, which is a joint exhibition of his work and fellow Scottish artist Linda Clark, started on Saturday and runs for another week until May 25.

Stuart's work is mostly landscapes of areas around Scotland, including Islay, Barra and Loch Lomond.

The gallery is open 11am until 6pm Monday to Friday and 10.30am until 4pm on Saturday.

MACHRIHANISH

Valdemar wins at Melrose

EIGHT-year old Valdemar Hundeboll from Machrihanish continued his early success in the golfing world by winning the U-10 Stephen Gallacher Foundation event at Melrose on Sunday.

The competition was played as a flag match, a stroke play gross competition, where every player has their individual flag to put in the ground when they have used up the amount of strokes equivalent to the par for the course.

Valdemar's gross 33 over nine holes was comfortably the best in his age group and was only beaten by one boy in the U-12 section.

The win qualifies him for the final of the Stephen Gallacher event in Edinburgh in October.

CLACHAN / SKIPNESS



PUPILS from Clachan and Skipness Primary Schools spent some time learning about life as a vet last week when they visited Westwards Veterinary Practice. The pupils asked the vets questions as they were keen to find out about the work of a vet. They would all like to thank Ryan who answered their questions and showed them some of the equipment he uses, as well as all the other staff at Westwards Vets.

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SCOTTISH SERIES TARBERT LOCH FYNE



With only a week to go, the village of Tarbert on Loch Fyne is all set to welcome this year's Scottish Series that takes place from May 24th to 27th 2013.

Olympic Ambassador

One famous face on the water will be Luke Patience, 2012 Olympic medalist and the ambassador for this year's Scottish Series. He competes on a Bavaria B/one sports boat, supplied by DDZ Marine. Luke is enthusiastic about his involvement: 'The Scottish Series is such an important and fantastic event. It brings together hard racing in a challenging and scenic venue and the chance to meet up with the some old friends for a wee dram after a long day. I hope I can inspire youngsters to take part in sailing and this event.'

Scottish Series Chairman, Stephen Bennie said: 'Luke's recent success at the Olympics is a great encouragement to young sailors of the future. It will be great to have Luke out on the water as well as being around to meet people and lend support off the water.'

Tunnock's is once again on board as a sponsor along with Bowmore Islay Single Malt Whisky, Tarbert Enterprise Company and Tarbert Harbour Authority. Argyll and Bute Council, Hyde Sails, the Crown Estate and Highland Spring are also supporting the event along with Malin Waters. Luke's involvement is supported by EventScotland through the 'Year of Natural Scotland in 2013.'

Something for all ages and interests

In addition to the action on the water, a variety of activities in the village of Tarbert will be a huge draw for families and visitors to the area with something for all ages and interests. Tarbert Enterprise Company has arranged live bands playing in the marquee on Saturday and Sunday evening, with Stramash kids' sailing in the harbour during the day, a Highland Dancing competition, Pipe Bands, Water Waltzers, an Art

Organised by the Clyde Cruising Club, this will be the 39th running of this prestigious racing event that attracts competitors from all over the world including a strong Irish contingent.

Sailing the challenging waters of Loch Fyne against a backdrop of stunning scenery, the Scottish Series offers a blend of the best of racing in UK waters alongside a varied and hectic social programme ashore - the perfect stage for a fun filled event and spectacular for both competitors and spectators alike. Nearby Portavadie Marina also plays host to some of the fleet.

The event format with a mix of coastal races and windward/leeward or triangle races is designed to attract a wide range of entries from high-tech IRC yachts to CYCA handicap cruiser/racers and one designs, including Sigma 33s and Sonatas. The 'Round Inch' Race on Sunday May 26 for the CYCA classes is also open to yachts wishing to race this day alone. A special trophy is awarded to recognise the winner's outstanding achievement.

Many of the renowned names in yacht racing return this year with a splash of newcomers, attracted by the reputation of this famous event with great sailing and close competition.

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John Hardie of TEC said: 'We are hugely excited at the prospect of this year's event. We have fantastic locations for all our activities both onshore and on the water for excellent racing.'

The Scottish Series attracts around 100 visiting yachts with around 750 crew and guests bringing the normally quiet village of Tarbert and nearby Portavadie Marina to life over the racing weekend. With hoteliers seeing one of their busiest times of the year, the event is of major economic importance to the area. Further details are available from the Clyde Cruising Club website: www.clyde.org

'Local' Runners and riders

Pitting their sailing skills against seasoned campaigners at the Scottish Series, James Hardie of Oban Sailing Club competes in his Grand Soleil Taz in CYCA Class 5 and will race against regular SS competitor Brian Robertson of Mid Argyll with his X332 Celtic Spirit.

In CYCA 6 Joey Gough's Tangle o'the Isles, a former SS class winner, will be raced by Twig Olsen of Oban. Owner Joey, fresh from a stunning OSAKA double-handed race win in Japan, may also join as 'guest' crew.

Afloat or ashore, Tarbert is certainly the place to be to enjoy this year's Scottish Series.

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Highland Dancing Competition 10.00am to 4.00pm in the Village Hall.
Water Walkerz by the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool 11.30am to 3.30pm
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13/00900/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse (with attached garage), log store and shed, installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access	Land South of Muir of Leckan Furnace Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8XN	Sub Post Office Inveraray
13/00961/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 10/00488/PPP (Site for the erection of a dwelling house and formation of new access)	Land West of Rhuval Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tarbert

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

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Whitegates Office Whitegates Road Lochgilphead PA31 8SY.

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Councillor Sandy Taylor (Ward 3 Mid Argyll)
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 Councillor Taylor can be contacted by email - sandy.taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by telephone 01546 604184

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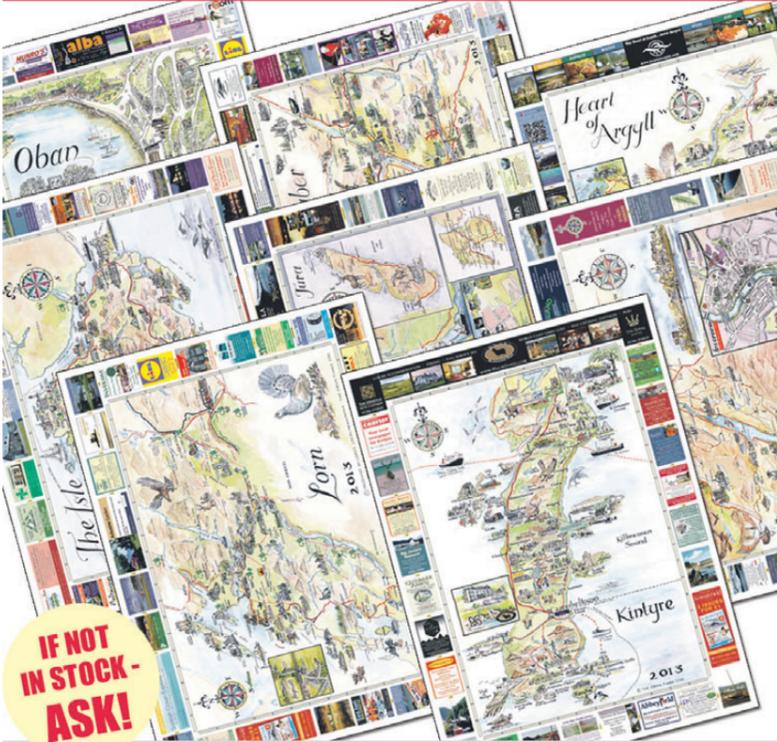
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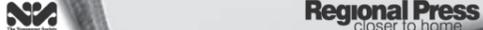
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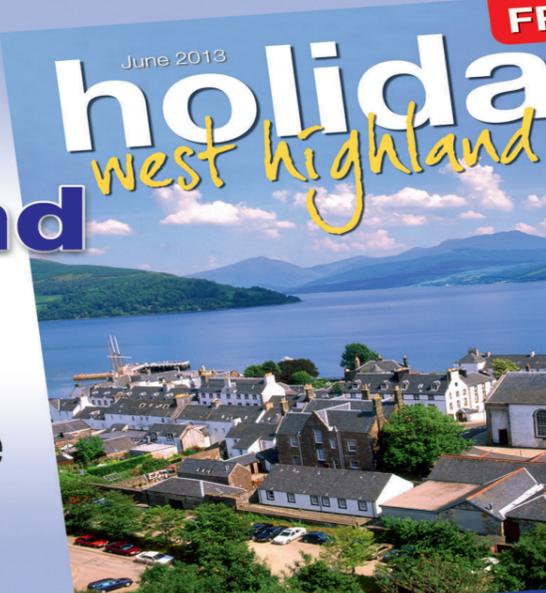
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



WE rushed into the church to escape the relentless rain and wind.

The church was warm and cosy and the candles flickered a welcome to cheer our spirits.

The regular worshippers at St Kieran's Episcopal Church soon made us feel at home as we shared worship together on our common Christian journey.

The liturgy flowed with familiar words and phrases and the church was imbued with a sense of peace.

Shortly after the service started, the priest began his sermon, and during the opening words we heard the sounds of church bells ringing.

The Highland church was calling her folks to worship God, and I thought how wonderful to know that folks throughout the land gather to praise the God who calls us to be one.

Christians of all denominations would be meeting in the town, along the Kintyre peninsula, round the coastline, across to the islands, throughout Argyll and beyond these shores.

Our approach to God may differ, our traditions may vary, but we worship the same God and bring with us the threads that can be woven into one cloth.

I also thought of our brothers and sisters of different faiths and of how much we can learn from each other when we are willing to listen.

The bells ceased their call and I settled to listen to the sermon.

There was much to absorb and consider as the words of scripture came alive in the telling.

Invited to share communion we went forward to receive the elements. As the familiar words washed over us once again, we were reminded that the love of Christ is for us all.

As the sea is drawn to the shore and the mist is drawn to the hills, so too our souls are drawn to something beyond ourselves.

Whatever your faith, whoever your God, may that God go with you.



The Wallace brothers of Kilkerran Road have donated this photo of old Drumlemble, showing the village before any houses were built. It also includes the old school and school house before the classroom extension was added.

Drumlemble Primary homecoming

FORMER Drumlemble Primary School pupils living as far afield as Australia and Canada have expressed an interest in the school's homecoming event.

The organisers have already received an overwhelming response from ex pupils to the event which takes place next July at the school.

John Armour, chairman of the committee, said: 'Within a week of setting up a Facebook page we have received 135 hits from ex pupils wishing

to be part of this event. While the majority of hits, at present, are from locals, interest has also come from as far away as Australia, USA and Canada.

'We have received some very interesting artefacts and photos. John Maclean from Campbeltown has offered the Kintyre Club Prize which was won by his mother, Lizzie Kelly, in 1910. The Kintyre Club Prize was presented to the best pupil at the qualifying stage. After she left school Lizzie went on

to sell milk, butter and cheese from a pony and cart around Drumlemble village.'

Anyone with old photo or mementos which they would be prepared to lend for this display, please contact Angus Nimmo at 01586 551162 or gusnimmo@hotmail.co.uk.

Former pupils wishing to attend the ceilidh should register interest by contacting Angus or John at 01586 5542404 or dhomecoming2014@hotmail.com.

That sinking feeling

A QUANTITY of sinks and toilets were stolen from the site of the former St Kieran's Primary School in Campbeltown last weekend.

Campbeltown Police, tel 862201, would like to hear from anyone who saw anything suspicious.

In possession of controlled drug

A MAN has been reported to the procurator fiscal for possession of a controlled drug after a vehicle was stopped by police and searched in Hall Street, Campbeltown last Wednesday evening, May 8.

Smoke inhalation

TWO residents were taken to Campbeltown Hospital as a precaution for smoke inhalation following a small fire at a flat in 12 Main Street, Campbeltown at 12.30pm on Sunday.

Breach

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Weather takes its toll on Kintyre Way runners



Libby Paterson and Eileen Hamill, both from Glasgow, were tired but happy after completing the 67-mile ultra run from Tarbert to Campbeltown, at around 9pm.

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RUNNING conditions for last Saturday's Kintyre Way Ultra and Relay races were so harsh that only five of 26 starters completed the 67-mile solo run.

However, it did not prevent Paul Giblin from Paisley from smashing the course record.

He defied relentless rain, strong winds and sodden underfoot conditions to complete the Tarbert to Campbeltown route in 10 hours 38 minutes - taking 23 minutes off the course record set in 2008.

Second was Peter Harper from Killearn in 12hrs 28mins and third was Andrew Brown from Berwick in 12hrs 38mins.

The 35-mile solo run from Tayinloan to Campbeltown was won by John McLaughlin of Garscube Harriers in 5hrs 36mins ahead of Jon Williams from Arbroath in 5hrs 59mins

and Oliver Lever from Orkney in 6hrs 19mins. Sixteen runners completed this course.

In the relay event from Tarbert to Campbeltown, the winning team of six was Bellahouston Harriers in 8hrs 33mins, followed by Lastminute.com from Oban in 9hrs 34mins.

Appreciation

Race organiser Rob Reid said: 'The most frequent comment from runners was in appreciation of the friendly welcome and hospitality at all the checkpoints along the way - Clachan Village Hall, Tayinloan Village Hall, Carradale Network Centre, Ifferdale Farmhouse, and the Youth Café in Campbeltown.

'In spite of the reduced visibility in the rain, several runners also commented on the wonderful scenery.

'Furthest travelled competitors were Peter

Haglund from Sweden and Hugh Welchman from Poland.

Among three ultra-runners from the Republic of Ireland was the youngest competitor, Caroline McLoughlin, who celebrated her 23rd birthday.'



Record breaker and winner of the 67-mile ultra Paul Giblin runs past Ronachan.

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

BIRTHS
DAY - Matt and Kirsteen (née Henderson) are delighted to announce the birth, at Auckland City Hospital, of Andrew Edwin, on March 3, 2013. A brother for James and Christopher. Grandson for Brian and Joyce, Cheshire and James and Jean, Carradale.


MCCULLOUGH
 Kieran and Linda (née McWhirter) are delighted to announce the arrival of Blair Francis, on April 12, 2013. A wee brother for Lewis. A grandson for Agnes, Clachan, Graham, Colonsay and Peggy and Frankie, County Down.


MCPHERSON - MCGLYNN
 Lorne and Shona are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Euan Findlay McPherson, born Friday, April 19, 2013. Many thanks for all of the congratulations and kind gifts.


JOHNSTONE - MILLER
 Billy and Penny are very happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Katy, and Jamie Miller, on May 3, 2013.

DEATHS
BAIN - Peacefully at Eader Glim, Oban, on May 12, 2013, Jessie beloved wife of (the late) Nicol, dearest mum of Donald and Ann, son-in-law Colin, granny to Kathleen and Kenneth, and great-gran to Ewen and Jamie. Loving memories.

MACLEAN - Peacefully, in the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on May 14, 2013, Jean Lumsden Farmer, in her 88th year, formerly of 7 Drumore Gardens, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Neil Maclean, much loved mother of Stuart and Elizabeth and a loving granny of Katrina, Rebecca, Claire, Nicky, David and Lizzie. Service in Cardross Crematorium, on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 1.15pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

IN MEMORIAM
GILCHRIST - In loving memory of Malcolm (Shorty), died May 20, 2012, much loved husband, dad and granda. You are always on our minds.
 - Jean and family x.
JOHNSON - In loving memory of Dan, died May 20, 2012. Loving husband of Margaret, father, grandpa, great grandpa and stepfather. Treasured memories.
 - All the family at home and in Belgium.

KENNEDY - In loving memory of May, died May 18, 2008, loving mum and granny. When nights are cold and stars are few, I close my eyes and think of you, A silent hope, a silent tear, A silent wish that you were here.
 - John, Catherine, John, Niall and Michael.
MCLELLAN - In loving memory of my father and mother, Donald and Clara (née Douglas), brothers, Archie, Donny and Jack and sister, Donas. Sadly missed and never forgotten.
 - William and family in Peterborough.

SLOSS - Treasured memories of our grandson, Christopher, who passed away May 16, 2010. Always in our thoughts.
 - Gran and Granda.
SLOSS - In memory of our brother, Christopher, who died May 16, 2010. Sleep in peace.
 - Big sister, Pamela and wee brother, Daniel.
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Baby & Toddler Group 10:00 - 11:45 am every Thursday
 We meet in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
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Sunday 19th May
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 Rev. Philip Burroughs
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Sunday 19 May 2013
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Many of the members of Campbeltown Running Club at Aqualibrium where they meet at 6.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays for training sessions. 20_c20mok01

Preparing for the 2013 MOK Run

AN incredible total of 240 Campbeltown men and women have entered next week-end's MOK half marathon and 10k races.

That will mean an awful lot of collective footsteps and miles clocked up around the streets of the town and beyond in preparation

for the events. Millions of footsteps and hundreds of thousands of miles, actually.

A further 30 competitors are set to travel from Tarbert for what really has become an annual must-do event for so many Kintyre people. Dozens of those preparing for the

races are members of Campbeltown Running Club. For many of them Sunday, May 26 will be their competitive highlight of the year.

Improve

Most, keen to improve on previous years' times or finishing places, have found it a

great help to train with others of similar ability in the club for Tuesday and Thursday evening sessions, meeting at Aqualibrium.

The *Campbeltown Courier* caught up with two members, both MOK regulars, who detailed their training and goals.

Stuart hopes for personal best

ONE OF the most improved runners in Campbeltown has run in the MOK races every year.

Stuart McGeachy, whose wife Elaine organises the MOK event, took part in the 10k



Stuart McGeachy is hopeful of a good run in next Sunday's 10k. 20_c20MOK04

every time, except last year when he was the first local man in the half marathon.

'That was not really an enjoyable experience,' he told the *Courier*. 'I had not fully recovered from the London Marathon the previous month.'

IT worker Stuart has a 10k personal best of 38mins 14secs, and if the wind does not blow too hard on Sunday, May 26 - and that is a big if in Campbeltown - he looks set to smash that time.

He was very pleased with his performance when he finished fifth in the recent eight and half mile Puffer road race at Crinan, and his time points to him being able to run around 37 minutes for the 10k.

His running has continued to improve since he began training properly in 2009 and in particular over the past few years.

He pinpoints his progress as being down to more specific sessions and training regularly in the company of other members of Campbeltown Running Club.

His medium-term targets are running 35 minutes for 10k and under 80 minutes for the half marathon - his best at that distance is 83 minutes.

His best marathon is 3hrs 17mins, recorded at Munich in 2011.

Jennifer's journey of discovery

JENNIFER Martin admits running has been a journey of discovery for her.

The Campbeltown 25-year-old remembers when, on leaving school, she could barely jog for a few minutes on a gym treadmill.

It was all about getting toned and a just little bit fitter in those days, and she was eventually able to stay on the treadmill a lot longer.

'However, when I saw the first MOK run seven years ago, I thought 'I wish I could do that' but I was not sure I could,' she told the *Courier*.

Six years ago, in her first MOK 10k, she ran a very respectable 50mins 27secs - and she has seen steady improvement since.

Her 10k personal best set four years ago is 47mins. Today's training runs suggests 42mins is possible.

Last year, she was first local woman in the MOK half marathon - a distance she will return to on May 26 hopeful of beating her 1hr 37min pb set in far from ideal conditions last month.

'I have seen the most improvement since joining Campbeltown Running Club three years ago,' she said. 'I now run five days a week, totalling 40-45 miles, and also do a cycle on a Sunday and couple of exercise

classes on other days. I like doing good hard sessions, and I feel I can still improve. I realise now that a lot of it is an attitude of mind.'



Jennifer Martin, first local woman in the MOK half marathon, will revisit the distance next Sunday. 20_c20MOK02

Stronvaar green stands up to the deluge at inaugural pairs

CAMPBELTOWN Bowling Club held their inaugural club pairs sponsored by Wallace's Express in torrential rain on Saturday.

Fortunately, the Stronvaar green stood up well to the deluge and the players responded to produce an excellent competition that saw the pairs of John McCormick and Gary Anderson, Archie Johnston and Andy Gilchrist, Jimmy Anderson and Malcolm Bannatyne and Kieran McGeachy and Joe Brown emerge from the qualifying sections to contest the semi-finals.

Jimmy and Malcolm and Kieran and Joe won through to the final.

The result was in doubt until the last throw by Jimmy that not only attacked the jack but saw it bounce vertically off the head and land for a match-winning lie for Kieran and Joe.

The prizes were presented by presidents Robert MacCallum and Jean Miller.



Photo from left: J Anderson, K McGeachy, J Brown, J Miller, M Bannatyne, R MacCallum.



President Bill Brannigan, right, congratulates winners Janette Thomson and Matt McPhee for their Holiday Pairs success.

Holiday Pairs at Argyll BC

JANETTE Thomson and Matt McPhee showed excellent form throughout to win the Holiday Pairs competition at Argyll Bowling Club.

Played on a round robin basis with games being contested over eight ends, it attracted five teams to the first competitive game of the season. In cold conditions, most games were very close with shot difference being only one or two.

However Janette Thomson and Matt

McPhee won every game they played and went through to the final in a strong position.

The other place in the final was closely fought with two teams finishing on four points, however Hugh McNair and Neil McCallum just got it from Ricki Cameron and Bill Brannigan on shot difference.

Janette and Matt continued their winning ways to take the final over nine ends.

President Bill Brannigan congratulated all

who played and especially the winners for such a strong performance all day.

Meanwhile, two 16-year-olds from Argyll Bowling Club, Lee Allen and Gavin McLachlan, played as part of the Argyll and Bute County team against Ayrshire last Saturday and Gavin found himself playing Paul Foster, a previous world indoor champion.

'Gavin didn't win but what an opportunity for him,' said club secretary Linda Brannigan.

Conditions prove to be difficult at Machrihanish

THE Spring Meeting and Captain's Prize at Machrihanish Golf Club was played on the Pans course in very windy and difficult conditions and saw the 2013 lady captain, Mrs Lesley Armour, put up a valiant effort finishing only three shots behind the eventual winner, Mrs S. Martin.

The winning score of 98-27=71 was by the narrowest of margins, pipping Nicola Macneil on the inward half count back.

Nicola, however, was not too disappointed with her efforts as she

won the lowest gross score shooting an 83.

Margaret Robertson was a close third with 98-25=73. Ann Gallacher was runner-up in the scratch section with an 86.

The testing conditions resulted in the competition being a reductions only, non counter with the CSS 71. A total of 23 ladies played.

Handicap: 1 S Martin 98-27=71 (BIH), 2 N Macneil 83-12=71, 3 M Robertson 98-25=73, 4 L Armour 99-25=74 (BIH), 5 M Smith 95-21=74.

Scratch: 1 N Macneil 83, 2 A Gallacher 86.



Lady captain Lesley Armour, left, presents scratch prize winner Nicola Macneil with a jumper.

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Campbeltown Pupils celebrate as club captain Paul Grumoli lifts the Scottish Amateur Football League Premier Division Two trophy.

Carradale FC monthly prize draw winners

THE WINNERS of Carradale AFC's monthly prize draw have been announced.

In February John Livings and Leslie Gorten were the winners, while David Johnstone and Robert McGarrie were chosen in March.

Last month, it was Bobby Ferguson and Darren Anderson who won the draw.

Dunavery Golf Club lottery

THERE were no winners in Dunaverly Golf Club's three number lottery last week. The numbers were 6, 9 and 11.

The jackpot for the next draw on Sunday, May 26 will be £600. Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Commercial Inn and Muneroy Stores.

Pupils crowned Scottish Amateur Football League Division Two champions

SAFL Premier Division Two

**Centre East Kilbride 1
Campbeltown Pupils 3**
JUST champion! Campbeltown Pupils AFC lifted the Scottish Amateur Football League Premier Division Two title in style last Saturday when they completed their 17th league match undefeated.

They won 3-1 away to Centre East Kilbride, emphasising their domination of the opposition home and away.

An amazing league campaign has seen the Kintyre side score 66 times, while conceding just 14 goals.

A huge pitch was perfect for a young side full of running, and Martin McCallum and Paul Grumoli gave the home defence little rest as they hounded down every 50-50 situation.

There was an air of determination about the Pupil's play, and the McFadyen sponsored visitors grabbed the lead in the 16th minute when Martin McCallum 'dummied' his marker to see a strike rebound from the ranks of the packed home defence.

The ball fell kindly for the young striker, and his second attempt on goal took a wicked deflection

to deceive the flatfooted goalkeeper and end in the back of net.

Centre had chances to pull level before the Pupils extended their lead in the 25th minute.

Vicious

From a free kick 25 yards out, Martin McCallum sent a vicious dipping strike into the bottom corner of the net. It was a contender for goal of the season.

Teamwork was the overriding ethic of a strong second half performance by the Pupils.

They appeared to have scored a lovely third goal when Paul Grumoli showed awareness to

step over the ball for the incoming Gary Grumoli and the midfielder swept the ball home in style. However, the referee adjudged it to be offside.

With seven minutes remaining Centre grabbed a lifeline with a headed goal. However, Fraser Wylie went on another mazy run before cutting inside to unleash a shot which the keeper could only parry. The ball spilled into the path of the incoming John McCallum, and he scored from close range.

It was the signal for an outpouring of joy from the visitors' bench – the championship was on its

way to Kintyre.

Campbeltown Pupils would like to thank SAFL vice-president Colin Thomson for presenting the trophy, and the Feathers Inn for its kind hospitality on the team's return.

Tomorrow (Saturday), the Pupils' last match is against Paisley at Kintyre Park, 2pm kick off.

Riding club news

ARGYLL Riding Club's annual show, which was due to take place at Lunga Riding Stables, Ardfern, has been postponed and is changing venue.

Wet weather has forced the show to move to Long Walk in Kilmartin on June 29.

Islay Golf Club

ISLAY Golf Club Mrs McIntyre Trophy, May 10, CSS 70: 1 Norman MacDonald 1up, 2 Nigel Carmichael 1up, 3 Alistair Livingstone 1up.

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