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Let this garden blossom

A MUCH-loved Campbeltown garden which is being locked up at peak tourist times is 'hard to understand'.

Nearby resident Steve Byrne, who feels the Linda McCartney Memorial Garden should be open to the public on weekends and public holidays.

The garden lies behind the Argyll and Bute Council-owned Burnet building, which is home to office space and a museum.

But, along with the rest of the building, the garden is locked after each working day.

Mr Byrne said: 'I live nearby and regularly pass by the garden.'

'It looks beautiful but often there are visitors standing outside peering in because it is locked.'

'When I see that I find it hard to understand why an important tourist attraction is closed at peak times.'

'Not long ago some visitors told me they were here for a long weekend, and one of their reasons for coming to Campbeltown was to visit the garden.'

'There must be a way of opening it at weekends without

EXCLUSIVE by JOHN McCALLUM
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Call for access to much-loved haven to be extended beyond office hours

compromising the security of the Burnet building.

'It is sorely undervalued as a tourist attraction, or even just as a place to sit and relax. When it is open it is popular.'

The memorial garden on Shore Street was opened by the Linda McCartney Kintyre Memorial Trust in 2002, in appreciation of her and her husband Sir Paul McCartney's links with the area, going back to the 1970s and their regular retreats to their High Park estate.

Their band Wings also released hit song 'Mull of Kintyre' in 1977 such was their affection for the area.

The garden features a bronze statue of Linda,

created by sculptor Jane Robbins, Sir Paul's cousin, as well as floral displays and a seating area.

Ms Robbins told the Courier she was surprised to hear the attraction was closed during peak visiting times.

She said: 'I have heard from friends and visitors that this is the situation.'

'As the sculptor, it is frustrating on a personal level as I would obviously like people to be able to see the statue of Linda when they visit.'

'I do not feel anyone is going to pick up and steal a half-ton bronze statue, so it would be great if it could be made accessible throughout the week.'

'After all, many

tourists travel long distances to enjoy Campbeltown, and the Linda McCartney garden and its statue are part of that enjoyment.'

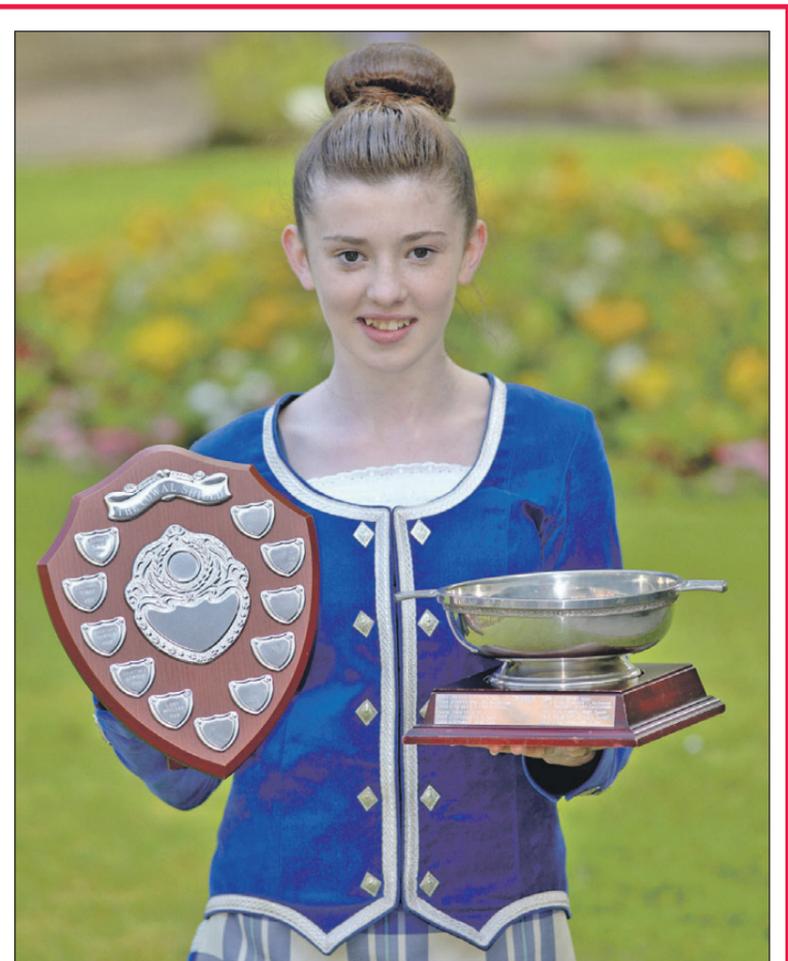
Rory Colville, South Kintyre councillor, speaking on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'I have often seen people enjoying the garden and with the statue, the flower beds and seating it is a very pleasant space.'

'It is good to know that people enjoy it.'

'As Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay (MAKI) area committee chairman I have been working closely with the Friends of Campbeltown Museum to improve the access to the museum and the garden.'

'Since then I have received a formal approach from a member of Campbeltown community council.'

'On that basis I have asked for a report to come to the next area committee meeting on Wednesday, June 3, for members to consider and discuss a way forward about access to the garden while the museum is closed, either by a fellow councillor or from the public.'



Champion Campbeltown dancer

Highland dancer Linzi Cameron holds the Cowal Shield for being the overall national Highland dance winner at the 32nd Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival in Oban. She is also holding the Betty Beaton Memorial Trophy for overall Highland champion. Turn to page nine to find out more. 06_c20linzi01

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Budding gardeners dig deep to help Campeltown flourish

A GARDENING project for adults learning new skills could have Campbeltown looking prettier than ever this summer.

Adults' green-fingered skills are currently being put to the test with gardening work, held at the Kintyre Community Education Centre and run by Argyll and Bute Council's adult learning.

However, they will soon be part of an initiative called Rejuvenate Our Town, being organised by South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) and partner organisations.

This will see them planting and maintaining floral displays and hanging baskets around Campbeltown town centre.

With volunteer training costs covered by the council, SKDT is looking to attract external funding to help them carry out

projects elsewhere in the town. An SKDT spokeswoman said: 'After being deemed eligible to apply for funding from the AVIVA community fund, every person who registers has 10 votes to cast before Saturday, May 30.'

'We would love it if the community used them to support SKDT. This is a project with Campbeltown at heart.'

Vision

Diane McCaig, adult learning co-ordinator at Kintyre Community Education Centre, said: 'We have a common vision to create a vibrant town centre and protect it for future generations.'

'Our volunteers value both their man-made and natural environments, and we all hope this project will have a positive effect on the area's economy, as well as creating a vibrant and sustainable future for everyone.'

As part of this



Gardeners at the community centre should soon be brightening up the town centre.

project, SKDT has registered for It's Your Neighbourhood, a Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) non-competitive scheme for volunteer-led community gardening groups.

Skills

The SKDT spokeswoman added: 'No specific skills are required -

we will need help with different tasks from fund raising to photography.'

'If you think you can spare some time to volunteer please get in touch through email at info@skdt.org

'Alternatively you can telephone 01586 552870, visit www.skdt.org or visit the

office at 3 Harvey's Lane, Burnside Square, Campbeltown.'

The volunteers suffered a minor setback last week when vandals knocked some plant pots over and the compost heap, but are determined to carry out their project.

Ms McCaig added: 'Everyone put in so

much work into the garden last week and we were shocked to

return over the weekend to see that work and donated items have been vandalised. However, we will not be put off and will carry on our work as the volunteers have really enjoyed creating the garden.'

Slow down, drivers warned

POLICE are asking drivers to take care when approaching the corner between The Roothing and Davaar Avenue in Campbeltown after complaints from nearby residents in recent weeks.

A police spokesman said: 'The area has an advisory 20mph speed limit and we would ask drivers to respect that.'

'It is a residential area with children often playing in the street, so drivers should watch their speed.'

'Furthermore, a wall on the corner between The Roothing and Davaar Avenue means drivers cannot see other traffic approaching.'

'We have had complaints of a number of near-collisions from two vehicles approaching the corner at the same time, therefore drivers should make sure their speed is reduced.'

Quadbike collides with car

A QUADBIKER was airlifted to hospital last Saturday afternoon after the vehicle he was driving collided with a car on the A83 road south of Clachan.

The man was taken to Campbeltown Hospital for examination and airlifted to the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow with leg injuries.

The car's driver and passenger were unharmed. The road was closed and reopened on Saturday evening.

Disturbance arrest

A 40-YEAR old woman was arrested after a disturbance in the New Parliament Place area of Campbeltown on Monday morning.

She was later released and issued with a £40 fine.

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Shipping news from the loch

WIND Towers Scotland at Machrihanish will ship 18 steel sections from Campbeltown to Scrabster, Thurso, this week.

Two dock cranes began loading Dutch vessel Abis Bergen on Monday. Harbourmaster Stephen Scally said: 'We had to stop the operation on Tuesday afternoon because the winds were too high for the crane to operate safely. This is the last of eight loads bound for Scrabster.'

Wood

Timber ship the Ayress is due in on Wednesday to load 1,500 tons of wood bound for Londonderry.

On Friday night 2,000 tons of sheet steel will arrive on MV Marne bound for the wind farm factory at Macrihanish.

As the Campbeltown Courier went to press that boat was in the Bay of Biscay travelling from Musel Arnao in Spain.



The Abis Bergen docked in the harbour. 06_c20ship01



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SNP sweeps into power

'We are in uncharted territory and it is such an exciting time to be involved in politics and I look to playing my part'

by **MARK DAVEY**
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AN ARMY of Argyll and Bute citizens under the cameras of the media counted 51,939 votes from across the constituency after Thursday's general election poll.

The SNP's Brendan O'Hara, with 22,959 votes, was declared the winner at 5.40am on Friday morning, taking the seat from Lib Dem Alan Reid who has served since 2001.

Mr O'Hara, an award winning television producer, joined 55 other SNP MPs elected across Scotland in an unprecedented landslide.

The Conservatives under David Cameron secured 331 seats, including one in Scotland, giving them a slender majority.

On Monday Mr O'Hara joined 17 other SNP MPs at Glasgow airport to travel to the UK's capital, although parliament's business does not officially start until next week with the election of the speaker.

This is followed, for up to three days, by the swearing in of all the MPs at the House of Commons.

Immediately after his

win, Mr O'Hara said: 'It is a great result and a vindication of the amount of work we have done. We have 2,500 members and every one of them played a part.'

'We are in uncharted territory and it is such an exciting time to be involved in politics and I look to playing my part.'

Speaking about his first days at Westminster, Mr O'Hara said: 'I visited the House of Commons in 1987 when I was 24 and my brother worked there as an assistant to Alex Salmond. That was half my lifetime ago.'

He added that this week they were taken on a tour and were shown the House of Commons post office. 'I was given my bag and already there were almost two dozen letters in it,' he added. 'That was quite surprising but they just said that people now know exactly where to find you.'

He said that Westminster is beautiful but the House of Commons is like a rabbit warren with so many passageways.

At first Mr O'Hara plans to spend four days a week in London and

one day on constituency work in Argyll and Bute. He said that he has been so busy the practicality of finding accommodation in London is far down his list of priorities.

He added: 'What I am hoping to do for the first months is spend Monday to Thursday in London and Friday in the constituency.'

Mr Reid, who polled 14,486, more votes than in the 2010 election, has held the seat since 2001 and said that it had been the privilege of his life to serve Argyll and Bute. 'I have made many friends throughout the whole area. I am committed to remaining in Argyll and Bute and making sure the SNP's election promises are kept.'

Conservative candidate Alastair Redman polled 7,733, Labour's Mary Galbraith 5,294 and UKIP's Caroline Santos 1,311.



Brendan O'Hara's wife Catherine joined him moments after he was declared winner.



Brendan O'Hara, front right, with SNP MPs on the way to Westminster.

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Neil Ronald, left, Margaret Penman, Jane McCorkindale and Bill Penman helped out last Friday at one of the Red Cross coffee mornings.

Red Cross fundraisers

THE Kintyre branch of the British Red Cross helped those in need last week by running five days of coffee mornings.

Drawing volunteers from Campbeltown and surrounding villages including Carradale, Machrihanish, Southend and Largside, between last Tuesday and last Saturday, their combined effort raised £2,238 for the charity and £320 for its Nepal earthquake appeal.

Anne Cousin, Red Cross Kintyre centre organiser, said: 'The British Red Cross helps people in crisis, re-

sponding to natural disasters, conflict, or as a result of individual emergencies. Last week the British Red Cross sent aid workers and equipment to help the people of Nepal. This funding will play a small part in helping that humanitarian effort.

'We would like to thank those who came out to support our coffee morning across the week and the volunteers who gave up their time to help raise funds.'

The group also ran a door-to-door collection and the final total will be known in the coming weeks.

Treacherous team headline MOK Fest

MULL of Kintyre Music Festival (MOK Fest) returns this August and music lovers can look forward to a fresh and diverse festival line-up.

With organisers striving year-on-year to reinvent the festival's format, it is hoped the line up for August's event, running over five days from Wednesday August 19 to Sunday August 23, offers audiences more variety than ever.

The Treacherous Orchestra, an 11-piece high-energy folk band from Scotland, is set to headline the festival, with Ska band Esperanza lined up to support, ensuring an upbeat programme of music.

Opening the Saturday night concert are Harry and the Hendersons, which were plucked from the Caledonian MacBrayne culture competition for its high-quality Americana, folk and blues.

Argyll ceilidh favourite Fergie MacDon-



The Treacherous Orchestra, an 11-piece Scottish folk band, will headline this year's Mull of Kintyre Music Festival.

ald returns to Campbeltown's Friday night festival ceilidh along with his four-piece band.

Iain Johnston, event manager with J.I.G. Events, said: 'We are really excited about this year's event. Finding a line-up for this long-standing festival gets more challenging every year, but we real-

ly think we have put together another top-class event.'

Even more talent from the west of Scotland will feature in the form of Gaelic supergroup Daimh, which is set to headline the traditional concert in Campbeltown heritage centre on Saturday August 22.

Showcasing

Sunday's Dalriada Connections concert reaches out across borders again, showcasing two vocal and instrumental duos, Tom Callister and Adam Rhodes from the Isle of Man, and The Carrivick Sisters from Cornwall.

The festival committee is keen to keep the event, arguably the biggest in the Kintyre calendar and now in its

23rd year, fresh and innovative while embracing its musical roots.

The Wee Toon Tellers return to Survivors Night for the first time since 2010 and in supporting the Slainte Davaar Allstars they will provide a fitting finale to the weekend.

Firm festival favourite the Young Folk Night returns on Thursday August 20 and last year's newly-introduced Gaelic concert opens the event on Wednesday August 19.

The festival will release further updates on the rest of the bands over the coming weeks.

For more information go to www.mokfest.com, www.facebook.com/mokfest or email mokfest@hotmail.co.uk



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For your chance to win one of ten pairs of tickets, simply answer this easy question, complete the coupon and post it to The Oban Times, Gardening Scotland Comp, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB. Entries must be submitted by Thursday 21 May 2015.

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Does this discovery ring a bell?



'During the renovation we found a magnificent old brass bell'

by **JOHN McCALLUM**
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

AN 18th-century bell proved a huge surprise for workmen during the restoration of Campbeltown Town Hall.

Eric Spence, Campbeltown Town Hall project coordinator, said: 'During the renovation of the spire, we found a magnificent old brass bell, turned green with verdigris caused by exposure to air.'

'We assume this steeple bell would have been attached to the old town hall clock, with the newer electric clock having been installed in 1958.'

'The bell bears the inscription "THE TOWN OF CAMPBELTOWN: A C PROVOST: D B & R O BAILIES: 1779".'

'It is a marvellous find. We aim to clean, refurbish and reinstall the bell for use during future celebrations and ceremonies.'

Meanwhile, work continues on the town centre building, and construction is on track for an end-of-year completion date.

Condition
Mr Spence added: 'Work so far has mostly involved internal surveys and removing walls, floors and ceilings to find out the exact condition of various parts of the building's infrastructure.'

'We also re-laid the downstairs floor to prepare for a disabled ramp and lift shaft being installed.'

'Work is around one-third complete and we expect the project to be

concluded and the town hall reopened by the end of this year.'



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The Campbeltown Town Hall project logo.

Do any readers know anything about this bell, or have any recollection of the last time the bell was rung and whether it was indeed fitted to the clock? If anyone has any information about

the bell, please contact Eric Spence on 01586 552870 or the Campbeltown Courier at editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

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Site manager Graham Sopp under the bell found during renovation of the spire at Campbeltown Town Hall. 06_c20bell01

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MANY modern music tourists make pilgrimages to Campbeltown to see the Linda McCartney Memorial Garden and its beautiful bronze sculpture.

Some cross continents with perhaps only a day or two to see the sights and appreciate Kintyre's marvellous beauty which we take for granted.

It is believed Linda spent many happy hours at the couple's retreat and at least one anthem was inspired by the place.

What would Linda think if she was looking down and saw people turned away from a simple place of peace just because it is a weekend?

For the economic benefit that these visitors bring to Campbeltown surely a gate keeper's post could be created or perhaps even a guide installed in a booth at the garden?

IF CAMPBELTOWN'S town hall brass bell struck out a memory each time it tolled, imagine the tales.

It is thought to have been cast in Bristol, then the slavery capital of Britain. It too would most likely have travelled by sea.

Once installed it would have rung out on fair days, for weddings, seen men off to war and once connected to the clock on the spire kept the Wee Toon on time.

Perhaps it rang out to summon volunteers in 1779 when Paul Jones and six vessels of war threatened Ireland and the fear was that Campbeltown could be next.

It may have warned of rough weather approaching, and in the days before engines destroyed the peace its chimes would be heard across the town.

Once restored perhaps it will be connected to a clock and once again mark the changes.

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Reid says thank you

Sir,

It has been a privilege to represent Argyll and Bute in parliament for 14 years and I would like to thank the people of this constituency for electing me on three occasions.

I have very much enjoyed the challenge of representing this wonderful constituency with its many communities and a unique set of issues.

People in Argyll and Bute are very community spirited, and I found great satisfaction working with many community groups to help them achieve their objectives. I have made many friends throughout the constituency.

I thank everybody who voted for me at the recent election, and although more people voted for me than in 2010, I am disappointed that this was not enough to retain the seat.

I also thank the many people who gave me valuable support and advice over the past 14 years.

I congratulate Brendan O'Hara on his election and wish him all the best in his new job representing Argyll and Bute in the House of Commons.

Alan Reid

My thanks to Argyll and Bute

Sir,

It has been a fantastic experience to run in this general election and meet so many people in Argyll and Bute.

I would like to thank everyone who gave me their support in this election, many of whom voted for the Conservatives for the first time.

A huge thanks goes to all of the volunteers, many of whom were not previously affiliated with the Conservative and Unionist Party, but all of whom pulled out all of the stops in this election.

I would like to thank Alan Reid for his many years of service to Argyll and Bute, to congratulate Brendan O'Hara on his election and give him my best wishes for the future, and to thank the other candidates for a well-fought election.

Although we did not win in Argyll and Bute, the Scottish Conservative and Unionist party managed to increase our vote across Scotland by more than 21,000 and we have for the first time since 1992 won a majority in this UK election.

The SNP promised to lock the Tories out of 10 Downing Street and I am happy to report that they have failed.

I look forward to fighting for my party in whatever way our local party association see fit during the Scottish elections next year.

Alastair Redman
Islay

Tory EU reform unlikely

Sir,

As the dust begins to settle after the general election it is the issue of Europe, as was the case for John Major's Conservative administration between 1992 and 1997, that will dominate the early years of Mr Cameron's second term.

Like Mr Major, Mr Cameron enjoys a wafer-thin majority. In the case of the former this was 21 and for the latter a mere, if unexpected, 12 MPs.

It is against this background that Mr Cameron has pledged 'fundamental' reform of the European Union, putting this deal or EU withdrawal to the electorate in a referendum in the next two years, an issue that will prove deeply divisive.

It is highly unlikely that Mr Cameron will be able to achieve the level of reforms expected by his backbench MPs. There is, for example, no desire from the French and Germans to open up the treaties and embark on the major reform of key issues such as immigration, with a key principle of EU membership being free movement.

It was 200 years ago this year that the course of Europe's history changed with the Battle of Waterloo, located in what is now Belgium. Mr Cameron will need to keep his wits about him to ensure that he does not meet his Waterloo when he returns from the Brussels negotiations, ending up facing a similar fate to that endured by John Major, who when faced with backbench rebellions over the Maastricht Treaty ended up being turfed out of office in a crushing electoral defeat.

Alex Orr
Edinburgh

£2.5 million of funding available

Sir,

The Royal Bank of Scotland has created a new fund for charities, social enterprises, community groups, state-funded schools and colleges across the UK and Ireland, to enable them to support disadvantaged communities, helping people to

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The Skills and Opportunities fund launched on Monday and representatives of qualifying organisations can apply for funding of up to £35,000 for their projects via a new website at <http://skill-sandopportunitiesfund.rbs.com>

£2.5m of funding is available for 2015, which will be distributed across seven regions in the UK and Ireland, recognising that local priorities differ.

Applications for funding will close on Friday, May 22 at noon.

Each application will be assessed and a shortlist produced prior to being put forward for a public vote. Members of the public will be able to cast one vote in each region.

Each region has a judging panel that will review all short listed applications, and together with the results of the public vote, which will count as one judge, will decide which projects receive funding.

The first successful applicants will receive funding in July this year.

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'Unsightly' rubbish bins not moving



A BED and breakfast owner has renewed calls to have a big row of recycling bins removed from outside the Co-op in Longrow, Campbeltown.

'It is not much of a view for my guests or other visitors to the town,' said Angela Cassidy, of Feorlin B&B.

Angela Cassidy feels these recycling bins could be placed elsewhere to improve her guests' view.

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'It is even more unsightly when bags of rubbish burst and there is litter everywhere.

'This has been a real bugbear for me for the past eight years. It started off with a few bins but it has just grown and grown.'

Mrs Cassidy said that when the bins were full, people just dumped their rubbish at the side. Birds are not slow in bursting such bags.

She has brought up the matter repeatedly with

Campbeltown Community Council and Argyll and Bute Council.

'I use the recycling bins myself - I just cannot understand why they have to be in such a public place.

'It is an eyesore for the tourists Kintyre is trying to attract.'

A Campbeltown Community Council spokesman said: 'If Argyll and Bute is not going to move the bins, then they should at least be screened with a wall or fence.'

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'The council has considered an alternative location for this recycling point.

'However, after consultation with local councillors and the community council it was felt that this is the optimum location.

'This is one of three recycling points in Campbeltown, with the others being located at The Meadows and at Tesco in Lochend Street.'

Wedding Fayre gives trading lift

BRIDES boosted businesses that set out their wares at April's Explore Campbeltown Wedding Fayre.

Many firms and sole traders, who supported the first wedding event for five years in the Wee Toon, have reported increased sales as a result.

Bookings

Mairi Paterson of Explore Campbeltown said: 'We have had lots of emails back saying

that the fayre has given a lift in bookings.

'Even if people do not need services immediately it has helped to make them aware of what is available in Campbeltown.'

Beautiful clothing from Jean Farmer was one of the hits of the show, together with Numero Dix Hair Salon's styling and Eye Adore U Makeup Artist's work.

The three brides, two bridesmaids and one

flower girl helped to display the talent available.

Other individuals and firms who deserve a mention for their help on the day are: Will Anderson and Martine Craig for designing posters and tickets, Krisp Print for printing them, Jenna McIntosh and Julie Jordan for tirelessly selling raffle tickets, music and lighting controller Catriona Lang, master of cere-

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Bridal model Becky Anderson is escorted down the red carpet.

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Golden Moment arrives in Saddell

TOMORROW (Saturday) and Sunday sees the Landmark Trust mark its 50th anniversary celebration with a golden weekend at Saddell Castle.

The historic castle and nearby Saddell House will be open to the public from 10am-4pm on both Saturday and Sunday, and there will be an afternoon of music held in front of the house from 2pm-5pm tomorrow (Saturday) only.

A cast-iron sculpture by Turner Prize-winning artist Antony Gormley is already in place, and is one of five life-size casts which form his LAND project.

Saturday's celebrations centre around the 'Golden Moment' at 3pm, when three choirs, Kintyre Chorale, Singing Sensations and Fair Fa, all conducted by Paula Mclean,

will perform a specially-commissioned piece composed by Kerrie Andrew.

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band and the Wild Sarachs will also perform between 2pm and 5pm.

Iain Johnston, project worker for Kintyre Cultural and JIG Events, said: 'Saddell is the only site in Scotland which will host a 'Golden Moment' and the Landmark Trust is delighted to have such a large choir performing.

'The afternoon will also be a celebration of some of the music of Kintyre, performed by Kintyre musicians.'

Food from Kintyre will also be supplied by caterers Kintyre Smoke House and Ifferdale Foods.

Mr Johnston added: 'Can I also ask all drivers to take care when approaching Saddell in case of slow traffic at the entrance to the event car park.'

Parking for visitors will be signposted just off the main road.

For more information on the Saturday afternoon event email ji-gevents@hotmail.co.uk

Community church singalong is a sell-out

LOTS of toddlers and parents are heading to Campbeltown Community Church on Thursdays, with the start of a new music and play group.

The Mainly Music group sees youngsters and their parents get moving at the guide hall, as part of a new outreach project run by the church.

Popular

It has proved so popular that all spaces are now closed.

A spokeswoman for Campbeltown Community Church said: 'The musical part of the morning is educational as well as fun, and we are sure that pre-schoolers, toddlers and babies will love coming along.'

'We decided this was the new direction for our existing toddler group and it has been well supported since its start, to the extent that we have had to turn people away due to having no more spaces.'

Christian songs

Music starts at 10am - with families arriv-



Parents and toddlers have been having great fun at Mainly Music.

ing 10 minutes before the music starts - featuring a mixture of action songs, counting rhymes, songs using scarves and shakers, tickle rhymes and, as the group is run by the church, there are

some Christian songs too.

Snacks and refreshments are available and afterwards toys are brought out, with the session wrapping up at 11.30.

The spokeswoman added: 'The hall now looks quite different from its usual Thursdays.'

Quality time

'It is a great opportunity for parents and car-

givers to spend quality time with their children.'

'The reaction so far has been very positive and we hope to have more spaces opened up in August with the start of the new nursery year.'

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'Never Forget' dancers commemorate VE day.

Perfect points win top prize

A CAMPBELTOWN dancer made all the right steps to be crowned Highland winner at the 32nd Highlands & Islands Music & Dance Festival (HIMDF) in Oban.

Linzi Cameron, 14, stole the show in the Highland dancing section at the festival, winning first place in five of the individual competitions.

Linzi was awarded the Betty Beaton Memorial Trophy as overall Highland winner and the Cowal Shield as overall national winner.

Dancing is not Linzi's only passion; she is also a winger in Campbeltown grammar school's girls rugby team.

Linzi said: 'I really felt I had achieved something with the Cowal trophy win.'

'I was up against lots of other good dancers. I train three nights a week

with the dance school and most Saturdays.'

Dance teacher James McCorkindale said: 'Highland dancing today requires an amazing amount of stamina and is quite athletic compared to about a decade ago.'

HIMDF is an Oban tradition and brings together hundreds of singers, dancers and musicians from across Scotland.

Amazing standard

Festival treasurer Margaret Farmer said: 'There was an amazing standard of performers and it just seems to get better and better in the 32 years I have been involved with the festival.'

'Personally the highlight for me was the choreography at the Highland dancing contests which was just amazing.'

Campbeltown's James McCorkindale school of dancing also recorded good results.

The school's 'Never Forget', a dance choreographed to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe day, placed second in the open age group section.

'World Pipe Band Championships' was the title of the school's adult entry which was also placed second in the competition.



Kintyre care home residents and staff marked VE day last Friday.

Residents remember fallen heroes

KINTYRE care home residents had a day of celebration last Friday to mark 70 years since Victory in Europe (VE) Day.

Silence

Staff at the care home organised the event for residents and visitors, which saw a two-minute silence observed at 3pm in respect of those who gave their lives during the Second World War.

Kintyre care home would also like to thank all

those businesses and individuals who donated raffle prizes. A fantastic £319 was raised at the event and will be put into the residents' fund.

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When the owners of The Singing Kettle decided to shut up shop, the stars; Anya, Kevin and Gary, were having too much fun to let it end there and decided to start their own show together - Funbox. Anya, Kevin and Gary aren't the only familiar faces, their furry pal Bonzo the dog joins them. He's as naughty as ever, but he does behave for his best friend Anya. Funbox's 'Fancy Dress Fun' is coming to Argyll and Bute from the 28th - 31st of May. Audience participation is still the name of the game, and everyone is invited to come in fancy dress and/or wear a silly hat. 'Fancy Dress Fun' will be touring all over Scotland and comes to Campbeltown on Friday 29th May at 5.00pm. Tickets available at Aqualibrium, 01586 551 212, full details at www.funbox.co.uk

For your chance to win a family ticket to the Funbox show at the Victoria Hall in Campbeltown on Friday, May 29, simply answer this easy question, complete the coupon and post it to The Oban Times, FUNBOX Competition, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB. Entries must be submitted by Monday 25 May 2015.

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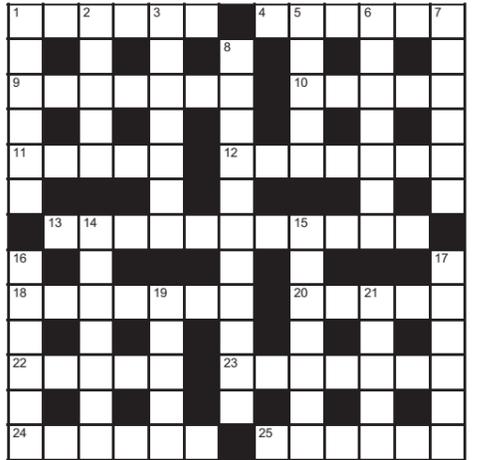
'World Pipe Band' dancers.

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Running a MOK has never been so popular

A THOUSAND lucky runners will race through Kintyre a week on Sunday. That is the number of athletes, 100 up on 2014, who set the

internet ablaze when entries opened for this year's Mull of Kintyre half marathon and 10k races.

Six hours later the 10th running, on May 24, of the most popular event of its type in the United Kingdom (UK) was sold out.

One of those in the fray for a place was cabinet secretary for finance MSP John Swinney.

Last year it took six times longer to sell out but even 36 hours was unprecedented since the race started.

More than 70 Campbeltown Running Club members succeeded in securing a place as well as 20 Jog Scotland members, many of whom will be running their first race.

Athletes have named it in influential magazine Runners World polls as the UK's top race for the past four years.

Campbeltown Courier reporter John McCallum, 24, first ran the 10k race aged 16 in 2007 and

has run it four times since, up to 2012.

He said: 'It is a great day to be part of the action and has real atmosphere.'

'When you are not doing it you kind of wish that you were.'

'The Campbeltown Pottery medals for all who take part, the

A 1,000-strong field of runners will take part in this year's Mull of Kintyre 10K and half-marathon. 08_c20mokrunk01



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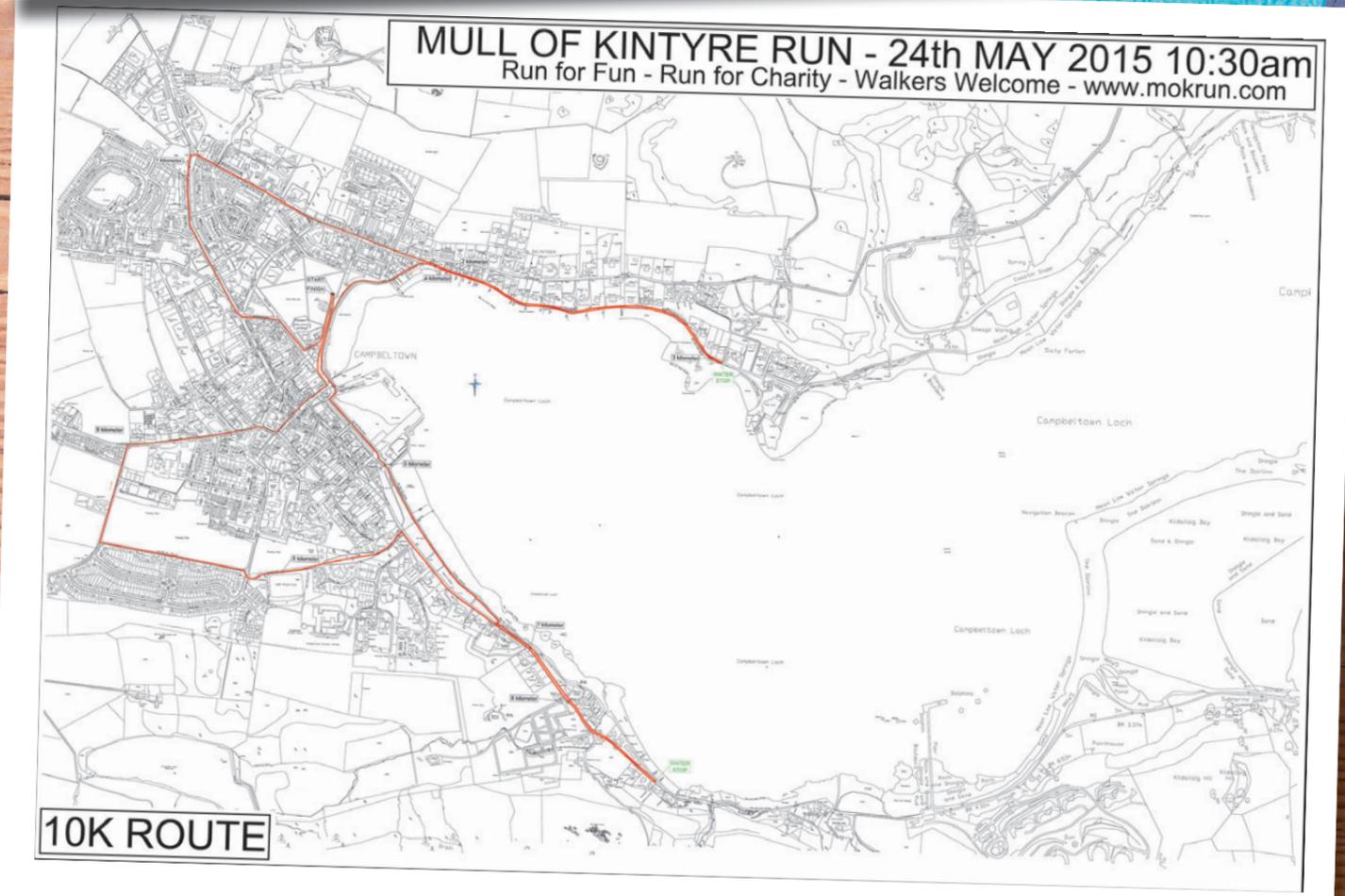
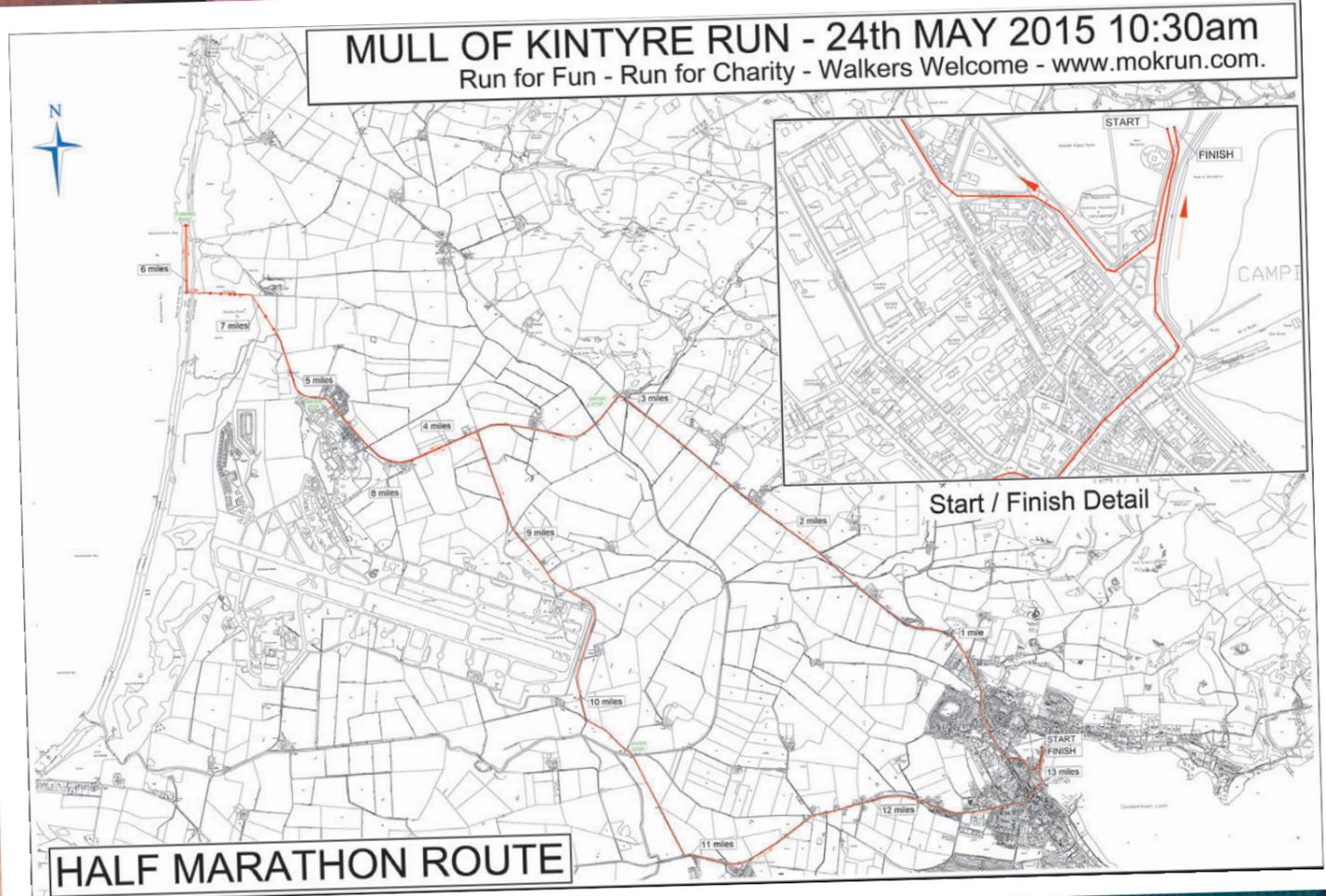
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goody bag and tee shirt are the nice touches in the event. 'It is so good that 32 runners have been ever present in the races since they started a decade ago.'

Race organiser Elaine McGeachy has worked on the event since its inception and



The MOKrun is the home event for Campbeltown Running Club members. 08_c20mokrun03



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Tangy middle-distance specialist Matthew Turner won over 10K in last year's event - setting a new course record of 33 minutes, 35 seconds. 08_c20mokrun02

has run the 10k herself a few times, duties permitting. This year Elaine hopes to run the half marathon. Elaine said that there's a race for entries because of the Danish pastries at the finish and the marvellous welcome from Campbeltown people who line the route cheering all athletes from the first to last. Asked for a tip about the runners, Elaine said: 'One local to look out for in the women's half marathon is Jennifer Reid from Campbeltown Running Club who smashed

12 minutes off her marathon time in London finishing in 03:19.' Campbeltown and Kintyre has a rich seam of its own athletes in the running club who have pushed visitors to their limits in the peninsula's achingly beautiful scenery. The trio of Kenny Campbell, Matthew Turner and Stuart McGeachy will compete in the 10k run although Campbell is a past half marathon winner. Turner's younger brother Gary a previous junior winner and top three finisher could be another

contender. From further afield returning half marathon record holder Paul Acari (01:10:58 in 2009) will be pitted against last year's winner Jack Arnold (01:20:30) in the battle for glory. The race weekend is not just about the adult's running events. The day before, Saturday, May 23 junior races take place on Kinloch Green adjacent to the Aqualibrium centre. There are three race categories: 500m for ages six to eight spon-

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From left: Campbeltown Running Club's Darren Renton, Alisdair O' May and Ryan Sharp in last year's Mull of Kintyre 10K race.

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sored by Kintyre Athletics Club, 1km for ages 9 to 11 sponsored by Jog Scotland, Campbeltown and 2km for ages 12 to 14 sponsored by Campbeltown Running Club. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed runners in each age category. For non-runners there is a craft fair,

from 10am to 4pm with a free exhibition, at Campbeltown Heritage Centre on the day before the main events. This year's pre-race pasta party the evening before racing is in The Harbourview Grille at the Royal Hotel from 6pm to 8pm. The après run ceilidh hosted by

South Kintyre Sports Council is in the Victoria Hall from 7.30pm on the evening of race day with local band Ceol-On_Aire, Jamie G Discos and a pipe band. Under 18s are allowed as long as they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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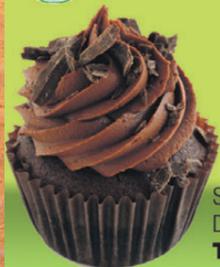
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WHISKY connoisseurs will find plenty to tempt their taste buds at Campbeltown's Malts Festival next week.

Tastings and tours celebrating malts and the art of distilling begin with Glen Scotia's first open day on Wednesday, May 20 and finish on Friday, May 22.

For the second year Campbeltown's three distilleries will work together to celebrate the malts produced at each.

The break down of events are as follows:

On Wednesday, May 20 at Glen Scotia tours of 15 people will run at 10am, 12pm and 3pm.

There will be two tasting sessions one at 11.15am with manager Shannon Brodie in the newly refurbished shop, this is limited to 10 people. The second is at 2.30pm in the warehouse with distillery manager Iain McAlister, this is limited to 20 people.

Glen Scotia's Distillery Edition will have

its first release at the festival but is only available at the shop and not online.

There will be samples of local food available throughout the day as well as cooping demonstrations.

Also on Wednesday there is a Springbank Society tasting and a warehouse dinner at Springbank but both those events are fully booked.

Distillery lore

Teams of six, who pride themselves on their distillery lore, should head to Whisky Macs' Bar and Grill for a free-to-enter whisky quiz at 9.30pm.

There are special whisky dinners in the Ardshiel Hotel, Craigard House Hotel and the Harbourview Grille at The Royal Hotel, booking is essential. Thursday, May 21 will be the annual Springbank Open Day.

Events kick off in the distillery yard at 11am and there will be various

activities taking place throughout the day and evening.

The distillery hopes that many Campbeltown residents will go along.

From 11am to 5pm there will be a range of masterclasses and warehouse tastings as follows:

12pm: A Kilkerran masterclass with Jenny Karlsson.

1.30pm: A Springbank masterclass with Ranald and guests.

3pm: A Cadenhead masterclass with Mark Watt and Martin McCullum.

Three masterclasses at 12.30pm, 2.30pm and 4.30pm with the Springbank distillery manager are already fully booked.

There will also be free distillery tours throughout the day and two special Springbank open day bottlings.

Stalls from 20 local businesses will be set up as well as a warehouse

whisky bar, Fyne Ales, hot food and cakes and



During a whisky tasting.

music by Kintyre musicians.

From 6pm to 9.30pm there will be live music from Kintyre Schools Pipe Band and popular local band The Wee Toon Tellers.

The 'Spooks Tour' around the distillery warehouses returns by popular request.

On Friday there will be two walking tours of

Campbeltown and two Cadenhead Warehouse Tastings.

The architecture tour with David McEwan is at 11am followed by a Cadenhead warehouse tasting with Mark Watt.

At 2pm there is a heritage tour with Alex McKinven and another Cadenhead Warehouse Tasting with Mark Watt at 3pm.

The tours of Campbeltown give an insight into the town's historic past, its rich heritage, its people and its stories as well as the finest buildings.

The trail was set up in 2010 and is made up of local volunteers who give the tours free of charge for the public.

The tours last approximately one hour and

booking in advance is essential.

Afterwards tours return to Cadenhead's whisky shop for a couple of drams.

For more information or to book any of the events listed above, please email mairi@springbankwhisky.com.

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£3,500-plus raised at Sale of the Century

ROTARY auctioneers hammered out 250 lots at the end of last month to raise more than £3,500 charity cash at their sale of the century.

So far the Rotary Club of Campbeltown has used some of the money to make a substantial donation to Shelterbox.

It is a charity providing temporary shelters for victims of the earthquake in Nepal.

The charity weekend started the day before when the public were let into Victoria Hall and sales were brisk on the bric-a-brac stall.

Earlier in the day the auction lots were set up when the hall was clear.

The hall was busy again from 9am on the Saturday, with bric-a-

brac once more selling well. The auction started at 10am and attention focused on the auctioneers, who did their usual job, and kept up a steady stream of chat as the cash rolled in, as well as selling around 250 lots in good time.

About £400 was also raised in the raffle for the benefit of the Rotary charity, Water Aid.

Inner Wheel Club women provided a variety of refreshments throughout the day.

The Inner Wheel Club also helps a number of local charities, and it is glad of the money it raised. Rotarians are also grateful for the help given by non-Rotarians, without whom it would be impossible to contin-

ue to provide the service of delivering goods at the end of the sale.

The Rotary Club thanked local contractors who helped get the goods to the Victoria Hall on the Friday, and who also helped with deliveries after the sale on the Saturday.

Rotarian Agnes Stewart said: 'The club is extremely grateful for the continued generous support of the public of Campbeltown and Kintyre, as this helps Rotary to help others, locally, nationally and internationally. Notice of the next sale will appear in the local press, and we look forward to seeing those who so generously support these sales.'

A ton of reasons to recycle

KINTYRE recycling would like to thank everyone who donated clothing to its lorry collections in April and May.

The group received around 200 bags of clothes, amounting to at least one ton of textiles.

Building on this success, another lorry will be stationed at the Esplanade in Campbeltown on the second Monday of each month for the rest of the year, from 10am-1pm.

The next pick-ups will be on Monday, June 8, followed by July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14.

A Kintyre Recycling spokeswoman said: 'People can also show their support by becoming members of Kintyre Recycling.'

'Membership forms can be obtained from our office in Glebe Street, Campbeltown and from our lorry on Monday, May 11.'

For further details contact Amanda on 01586 553858.

Competition for Argyll craft businesses to feature at BOWFest

CRAFT businesses in Argyll and Bute could win a competition to showcase their work at this year's Best of the West Festival (BOWFest).

Last year the inaugural competition proved so successful that Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway service is sponsoring the craft tent at the two-day event, which will be held at Inveraray Castle in September.

The opportunity for up to six Argyll-based companies to exhibit their products is once again up for grabs, helping to raise their profiles and generate sales.

More than 5,000 visitors to the festival are expected over the weekend. There were six winners last year who all beat off stiff competition to secure their places, with their crafts proving a huge hit with festival goers. One win-

ner, Eric Large, of elwoodturner.co.uk, said: 'It was a superb day and it was great to have the opportunity to display our products at such a well organised and attended event. We had lots of sales and a list of prospective customers that were interested in specific items so we're thrilled at the response we received.'

Another winner was Liz Gaffney from Heartfelt by Liz. She said: 'It was a fantastic day and it was great to see the Argyllshire craft community display their unique and interesting products. The feedback from everyone who visited the tent was great and in just one day I expanded my customer base.'

Festival host, the Duchess of Argyll, Eleanor Campbell, said: 'After the success of last year we are pleased that Business Gateway



Eric and wife Rona Large, of E L Wood Turner, at BOWFest14.

is again sponsoring the craft tent. The Best of the West festival is one of the highlights in the region's calendar and the craft tent has become one of the most popular areas throughout the weekend. This competition is the perfect way to help demon-

strate the range of creative and inspirational businesses in the area.'

Fergus Murray, Argyll and Bute Council's Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation said: 'The standard of last year's applicants was extremely high and we

hope for the same quality again. The winners presented very professional trade stands on the day and the fantastic feedback they got from event goers proved they were all worthy winners. We're delighted the businesses were given such a boost during the weekend.'

Anyone wishing to enter should describe in no more than 250 words why their business and the products they sell represent the best in the west, either by email to business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by post to The Enterprise Centre, Kilmory, Loch-

gilphead PA31 8SH.

The closing date is 5pm June 15 2015. Competition terms and conditions are available at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/business-and-trade/business-gateway-service

BOWFest 2015 will see more than 120 musicians performing over two days, Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13. Skerryvore, Skipinnish and the Peatbog Faeries are already confirmed to headline. The festival will have a strong food and drink theme with fresh, local produce available. See visit www.bowfest.co.uk

Ardrishaig Cafe caters for expansion

A CAFÉ in Ardrishaig that opened five years ago has now expanded to offer outside catering which has boosted the business even further.

Anne Moore, 53, opened The Rumblin Tum Café in 2010 and since then has had to move into bigger premises to cope with demand.

The café, which received support from Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway service, is a hit with locals all year round and tourists during the high season.

Offering a range of food from specials like chilli to favourites in-

cluding soups and sandwiches, Anne is now getting more and more catering deals for parties, business events and weddings.

Anne said: 'When the opportunity arose five years ago I knew I had to grab the chance. I felt Ardrishaig was missing a café that sold more than just coffee and cake.'

'The last five years has been great and the support we've had locally has been fantastic. Two years ago we had to move into a neighbouring bigger unit so we could increase our seating and have more storage space.

'There are a lot of businesses in the area that rely heavily on tourists and visitors passing through during the summer but we've been extremely lucky as our local customers mean we are busy all year round.'

The Rumblin Tum on Chalmers Street currently employs 10 part-time workers and has recently begun a catering service which is already proving popular.

Anne added: 'Our catering service is growing steadily and we are now taking orders for weddings which is really exciting. I'm delighted with the business and how far we've come in

five years. The funding we received from Business Gateway at the beginning was a great help and the support and feedback we've had since from local people proves we're doing something right.'

Barbara Halliday, the Business Gateway adviser who worked with Anne, said: 'The Rumblin Tum Café was well received in Ardrishaig and is going from strength to strength. We supported Anne when she moved into her first premises and helped her secure a grant which was used towards her signage and helped her get things moving.'

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With 5,000 visitors expected over the weekend this is a great opportunity for local businesses to reach a wider customer base.

To enter please tell us in no more than 250 words why your business, and the products you sell, represent the best of the west.

Entries should be submitted either by email to: business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by post to: Business Gateway, The Enterprise Centre, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8SH.

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It's Show Time

2015 shaping up year for agricult

AS spring advances into summer and the days grow longer, so thoughts on the farm turn to the annual agricultural shows across the country.

As well as being a chance to socialise with like-minded folk, exchange views and news and maybe partake of a dram or two, these shows have a serious side to them. They are an opportunity to showcase stock, add to their value if rosettes

judges but neighbouring farmers and shepherds.

Other shows are known for their cattle, like Dalnally, where Highland cattle from folds all over the country are brought for judging in the hopes of taking away the supreme champion title or Kintyre where dairy farming is so important to the community.

Other shows are smaller but no less important to their communities, affording a way to gather, showcase crafts, home produce, baking and let off steam after a long winter.

move in 2012 from Dunstaffnage back to Tralee beach, where common grazing land is used to host the show looking over the magnificent Tralee Bay. This is a popular show with both the farming community and the surrounding villages and the entries into everything from the horsemanship competitions to the dog show reflect that.

The morning is give over to the serious business of stock-judging and the afternoon sees everyone let their hair down a little, with stalls, light-hearted competitions and a pipe band providing entertainment.

TIREE AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Tiree is well known for the quality of its cattle and sheep and there is much anticipation for the agricultural show.

Of course, the whole island is involved in some way or another, from riding competitions, to a dog show, farming youngsters showing their stock-handling skills to children's handicrafts and amazing home products including everything from knitting to jams. This year's main attraction is The Clan stunt bike team.

LORN AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The Lorn Show is going from strength to strength following a

KINTYRE AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Kintyre Agricultural Society runs the annual Kintyre Agricultural Show which has been held for more than 100 years.

Being a strong dairy farming community in Kintyre, this is one of the few shows in the area to have a strong dairy cattle competition.

Held at Anderston Park in Campbeltown, the day includes a pipe band, sheep, cattle and rare breeds judging, tug-o-war and dog show.

BUNESSAN SHOW

The Bunessan Agricultural Show on the Ross of Mull is one of two agricultural shows

come their way and assess the competition. Some shows are known for their sheep stockjudging, where the sheep are brought off the hills, cleaned up and inspected, talked over and examined with great detail. Fleeces are brushed and fluffed, horns are polished and hooves cleaned before they are turned into the ring where they are scrutinised by not just the



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to be fantastic rural shows

on Mull and while it may be smaller scale than some of the mainland shows, it is no less busy or entertaining with a wide range of competitions to cover all interests.

As well as the stock judging, there is a full competition list for those with other interests, including home-baking, handicrafts, gardening, preserves and a children's section.

SUNART AND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Loch Sunart provides the lovely backdrop for Sunart's annual show, where stockjudging of cattle, sheep and poultry takes place alongside crafts and home produce.

The show starts with a pipe band parade, while around the show ring girls and boys will take to the boards for the Highland dancing competitions.

A special feature of this year's show will be the James Dylan Stuntworld motorcycle stunt team, which will provide an exciting and lively element to the day.

Always a family friendly and fun show, it is the highlight of the local social calendar and a must-see for visitors to the area.

SALEN AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The Salen show is Mull's second agricul-

tural show of the year, this time at Salen showground at Aros and is one of the highlights of the farming year.

Alongside the stockjudging, horse show, food and craft stalls and dog show is the popular terrier racing and horticultural and produce tent showcasing the island's talent.

ISLAY, JURA AND COLONSAY AGRICULTURAL SHOW

As the name suggest, this show draws competitors and visitors from the three islands to Bridgend on Islay.

Alongside the stockjudging of sheep, pigs, cattle and horses, there is also a gymkhana, side stalls of food, crafts and other goods, a pipe band, dog show and plenty to keep the children occupied. A ceilidh dance in the evening is always a popular way to wind down after the day's events and usually goes on into the small hours.

APPIN AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The setting for Appin Agricultural Show has to be near the top of the list of the most picturesque, looking out as it does over Loch Linnhe to Castle Stalker.

This small but perfectly formed show is renowned for its after show dance in the village hall but during the day it is a focal point for the community, with a

good show of stock, including from the island of Lismore, and a variety of entertainment, from children's sports and dancing to young farmers testing their strength.

LOCHABER AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The Lochaber show is held with the spectacular backdrop of Ben Nevis at Inverlochy Castle Farm, Happy Valley.

Upwards of 1,500 people attend this large show which draws farmers from across Lochaber and has entertainment including Lochaber Schools Pipe Band, tug o' war contests, horse and pony fancy dress, a sheep dog display, pet parade, terrier racing and more.

DALMALLY AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The final agricultural show in the West Highlands calendar, Dalmally show at the village's mart is known for its Highland cattle competitions, with entries from all over Scotland.

The show missed a year in 2014 but is planning to be back this year with its celebration of rural life, alongside the judging of Highland cattle and commercial beef cattle and Blackface sheep in the mart. This show is also known for its poultry as well as the usual handicrafts, horticulture, shinty matches and terrier racing.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2015 SHOWS

TIREE SHOW

Friday, July 24

LORN SHOW

Saturday, August 1

KINTYRE SHOW

Friday, August 7

BUNESSAN SHOW

Friday, August 7

SUNART SHOW

Saturday, August 8

SALEN SHOW

Thursday, August 13

ISLAY, JURA & COLONSAY SHOW

Thursday, August 13

APPIN SHOW

Saturday, August 15

LOCHABER SHOW

Saturday, August 22

DALMALLY SHOW

Saturday, September 5

Tiree Show 

FRIDAY 24TH JULY 2015
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Kintyre Agricultural Show

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Anderston Park,
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Gates Open 8am

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Entry: Adults £6.00, Children £3,
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Sunart & District Agricultural Society Show & Family Fun Day Out

Saturday 8th August 2015
Strontian Showfield
Judging Commences 9.30am



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Bridgend, Islay
Judging starts 10am

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Quack Commandos, Woodcarver, Islay Youth Pipers, Highland
Dancers, Caricature Artist, Dog Display, Heavy Events,
Shearing, Vintage Vehicles, Stalls & Games, Pet Corner

Adults £6, OAP & Children under 16 £3
Under 5's free, Family Tickets £15

Lorn Agricultural Show
Saturday 1st August 2015

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Family £12.00

BUNESSAN SHOW

Friday 7th August 2015
Bunessan School Ground
Gates open 9.30am

Traditional Highland and Island Agricultural Show
Entry: Adult £4.00, Conc £2.00, Car Parking £2.00

Licensed Dance to follow in Village Hall
Skipinnish Ceilidh Band 9pm
Admission £8.00

SALEN SHOW 

THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST 2015
SHOWFIELD AT GLENAROS
GATES OPEN 10AM

ENTRY ADULT £5, CONC £3,
FAMILY £14
DANCE TO FOLLOW

Appin Agricultural Show

Saturday 15th August 2015
Stalker Croft, Appin
Judging Starts 10am

Sheep, Cattle, Highland Cattle, Dog show
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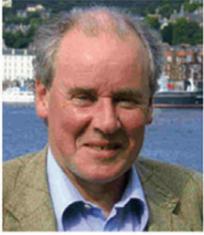
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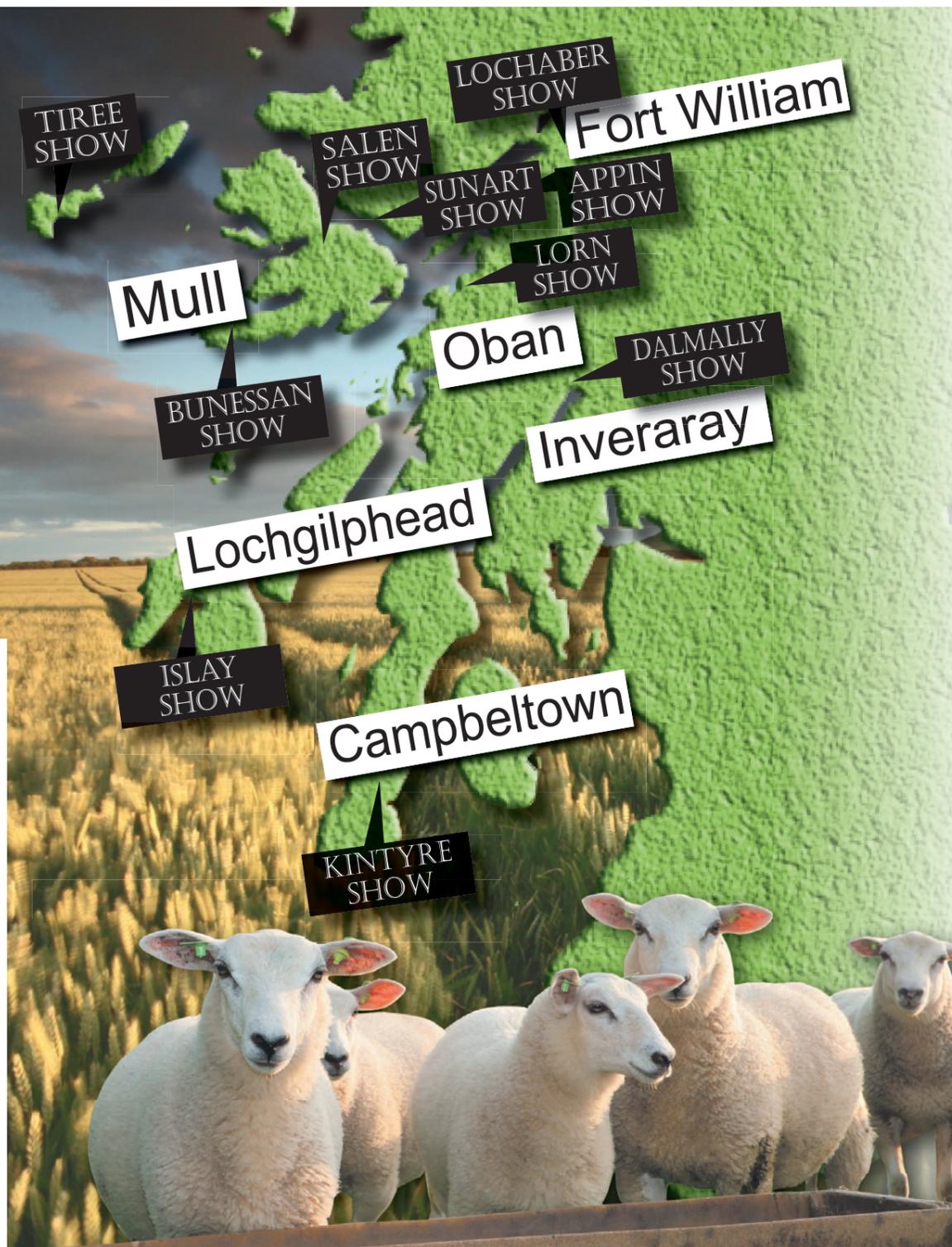
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Farming

Dairy bosses called on to explain further milk price cut



CUT: Kintyre dairy farmers have been affected by the fall in milk prices but Bute has been worst hit this time round

OUTRAGE across the dairy industry at First Milk's plans to further reduce the price of milk it will pay producers has led to politicians calling for its bosses to account for their actions.

The rural affairs, climate change and environment committee at the Scottish Parliament last week wrote to First Milk's new chief executive officer Mike Gallacher and chairman Jim Paice asking them to appear yesterday (Wednesday) to answer questions about the farmer-owned company's turnaround plan, including its further cuts in payments to dairy farmers.

The cut of a further 0.2p per litre from June

covers the majority of Scottish suppliers while those on Bute will see prices cut by 1.2p per litre.

In Campbeltown and on Arran the price will drop to 20.67ppl but on Bute it falls to 19.3ppl, which, after capital contributions to First Milk, equates to around 16ppl.

Chairman of the parliamentary committee Rob Gibson MSP wrote to First Milk after Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell brought the matter to the attention of fellow committee members.

Mr Russell said: 'There is huge anger on Bute at the decision of their own co-operative to penalise the dairy farmers of that island

with an additional one penny per litre price cut over and above the 0.2p cut being imposed across Scotland, but not in some other areas of the UK.

'Members of the rural affairs committee were unanimous in their view that this new development necessitated a recall of First Milk, which gave evidence to the committee's dairy inquiry on January 28, given that the price being paid before this latest cut was still well below the cost of production.

'In addition the committee has previously called for assistance with transportation costs for Bute dairy farmers and the 'turnaround' plan seems to

cynically take advantage of any concession that might still be made.

'I believe the chairman and CEO of First Milk have a great deal of explaining to do and the Scottish Parliament Rural Affairs Committee is keen to hear from them as soon as possible.

'Such a public session will also allow the Bute dairy farmers themselves to hear at first hand why the company has behaved in this destructive and damaging way.'

Mr Gibson said in his letter to First Milk: 'The committee is extremely concerned by these developments and the potential impact these may have on

those farming in many of our most fragile communities, and that these may threaten the sustainability and recovery of the dairy industry in Scotland.'

The Scottish government published a dairy action plan on March 31, which included support for First Milk's capital investment plans for Campbeltown Creamery; reviewing freight fares to take account of the impact on dairy transport costs; including First Milk products in the development of a Scottish dairy brand; and working together with First Milk to ensure streamlined and effective public sector support for the company's plans to transform its business.

System ready for SAF applications, says NFUS

REASSURANCES have been sought that the online single applications forms system for farm payments will be able to cope as the deadline approaches for farmers.

Following a meeting with Scottish government officials last week the National Farm-

ers Union Scotland (NFUS) said it recognised that some improvements in speed had been made.

Allan Bowie, NFUS president, said: 'Farmers and farm advisers have repeatedly complained about how slow the system operates and that it is diffi-

cult to use.

'The majority of SAF applications will be completed by farm advisers and they have been struggling to get through their workload because of the speed of the system.

'These speed improvements need to stick, especially as we

expect an increase in the volume of SAF claims submitted in the coming weeks, if online SAF applications are to be submitted in enough numbers between now and June 15.'

He added that the NFUS would press for contingency arrange-

ments to remain in place should they be required.

'We urge those farmers not yet registered on the new Rural Payments and Services system to do so now and encourage farmers not to put off completing their SAF but to start it now.'

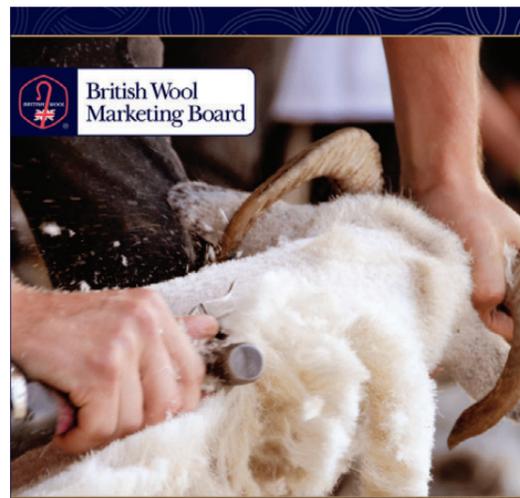
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BELLOCHANTUY SWI members expressed their sadness after the passing of long-serving member Edna Mckellar.

Elaine Hemmings of Bellochintuy SWI and Kintyre group chairwoman said: 'Edna was a most friendly and active member of the group and had an interest in many subjects.'

'She was very artistic, winning numerous prizes with her paintings and other exhibits.'

'She will be sadly missed.'

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ISLAY AND JURA

Transport minister talks to islanders

THE ISLAY and Jura ferry group complained of economic disruption during a video conference with the Scottish transport minister last week.

Derek MacKay, cabinet minister for transport and the islands, heard that the islands' recent ferry troubles could be improved if Caledonian MacBrayne's MV Finlaggan, or a ship of equal capacity, was guaranteed on the Islay route.

The minister said that Islay and Jura will not be left behind in the provision of new vessels and that the recent cancellations were not acceptable.

David MacBrayne also joined the conference and spoke of the sce-

nario when three ferries broke down at the same time as exceptional.

However, he refused to guarantee the MV Finlaggan serving the Islay to Kennacraig route.

BOWMORE

Jump 'On the Wagon' in Bowmore

TWO MEMBERS of ceilidh outfit On The Wagon Band are to perform a concert in Gortanvogie Home, Bowmore, later this month, through initiative Music In Hospitals Scotland.

Aimed at delivering live music to those in hospitals, care homes, day centres and special needs schools, band members Davy McMartin and Derek Richardson will perform from 2.30pm on Tuesday May 26.

For more information visit www.musicinhospitalsscotland.org.uk

CARRADALE



Carradale will host a new 5K and 10K race event this summer, the Great Carradale Canter.

Great Carradale Canter will take place this summer

THE FIRST distance runs of their kind in Carradale are now open to entrants.

The inaugural Great Carradale Canter 5K and 10K events, organised by Carradale Harbour Enterprises Ltd, will take place on Sunday July 12.

The route promises stunning views for runners and spectators, with the majority of the route

on the flat and taking in Carradale Bay, forestry tracks, the village's Shore Road and Carradale Harbour.

A spokeswoman for Carradale Harbour Enterprises said: 'We would like to invite to runners of all abilities, from serious club runners to weekend joggers.'

'Each runner will receive a medal on com-

pletion and there will be prizes for first male and female as well as junior and senior categories.'

As well as offering a health and fitness opportunity, the races will at the same time help raise funds towards Carradale Harbour regeneration.

It is hoped the Great Carradale Canter will become an annual event on the village calendar and in future years may

be incorporated into the village's harbour day.

For this first year entries will be limited, therefore runners are encouraged to enter early.

The spokeswoman added: 'The sun has also been booked so it should be a glorious day!'

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SOUTHEND

Hall good fun at Southend quiz

DUNAVERTY hall committee held a successful family quiz night in St Blaas's hall last Sunday.

Teams with a maximum of four people competed over ten rounds of 10 questions each round.

Rounds were on various topics, from Scotland through to music and flags of the world, to sport and recreation.

Jokers were available to double the score on one round, and it was interesting to see where the teams thought their 'best bet' lay.

Several teams relied on youngsters with their knowledge of the Mr

Men, as a picture round consisted of naming ten of the characters.

The standings were very close and the final result was just half

a point difference between The Dolly Mixtures in second place and winners J+M Squared.

The evening, enjoyed

in shelter from the pouring rain, proved entertaining and also helped raise more towards the new Dunaverty hall build.



Dunaverty hall quiz winners J+M squared featuring, from left, John and Margaret Bakes and Margaret and John McDowall.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE saying goes that you can't make an omelette without cracking eggs.

Well going by this maxim our back garden is going to be the mother of all omelettes.

It looks like a crater on the moon at present, but it is a work in progress I am assured.

I am also assured that it will be just fine in time and that the bushes which have been razed to the ground will grow again.

I only hope that this happens in my lifetime.

Basically we needed a new fence as the previous one had been attacked by the winter gales and so we decided to reshape the garden at the same time.

It is a mess and I'm not good at coping with mess and disorder.

However, I will try to remain positive and believe that one day it might just resemble a garden once again.

I thought of what a mess the world must have been at the beginning of time.

I thought of the chaos and noise as rocks and debris hurtled over the earth.

I thought of the order then that came from that chaos and it made our garden small fry indeed.

I thought of the amazing beauty and the wonderful diversity of life that has evolved on this small planet and it made me stop and wonder at the touch of a great Creator in it all.

We are tucked away in the darkness of space, a jewel in the cosmos.

We are the planet which God himself has visited, the world into which he sent his Son to tell us in person of his love for us.

That is an amazing love story.

God himself tended and nurtured his world, so let us tread softly and keep our planet as God intended it to be.

Leading cultural role for MSP

ARGYLL and Bute MSP Michael Russell has taken on the role of professor of Scottish culture and governance at Glasgow university.

Mr Russell, the former cabinet secretary for education and lifelong learning, was appointed to the post on Monday.

Mr Russell will be engaged in a range of activities, including teaching and research and will also deliver an annual public lecture on aspects of Scottish culture and society.

A graduate of the University of Edinburgh, Michael Russell was chief executive of the SNP before serving as an MSP from 1999 to

2003 and again from 2007.

He was minister for the environment from 2007 to 2009.

The principal and vice chancellor of the University of Glasgow, Professor Anton Muscatelli, said: 'I am delighted that Michael is joining the university of Glasgow.'

'His knowledge and insights will be of benefit to our students and staff and we are looking forward to working with him.'

Mr Russell said: 'I am delighted to be joining the University of Glasgow and am grateful for this new and exciting opportunity. Glasgow is



Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell.

one of the top 100 universities in the world and under Anton's leadership it is contributing greatly to the excellence of Scottish Higher Education and Research.

'I am looking forward to working on issues that are close to my heart, to sharing some of my experience of Government and Scottish culture with students.'

Eco-friendly award up for grabs

GREEN-thinking businesses in Kintyre and Islay have the chance to win an environmental award this summer.

VIBES, Scotland's leading green awards scheme, recognises and rewards businesses taking big steps to reduce their environmental impact.

A partnership between the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), the Scottish Government, Zero Waste Scotland and other bodies, VIBES wants businesses to apply before 5pm on Monday, July 13.

The initiative is keen for a strong show of Kintyre and Islay candidates.

For more information, or to obtain an application from, visit www.vibes.org.uk

Health grant applications needed from Kintyre groups

THE Kintyre Health and Well-being network is inviting applications from Kintyre groups for up to £1,000 of support.

Promote

The network is one of eight funded by NHS Highland's Argyll and Bute community health partnership to promote and improve healthy lifestyles.

It has £6,506 to award in local

health grants this year.

Applications can be for a one-off event or for a new initiative which will sustain itself after the initial funding.

Ongoing funding will be considered in exceptional circumstances if evidence of long term sustainability can be provided.

To be eligible for funding,

projects should address one or more of the following priorities: alcohol and drug abuse; early years education, for those aged up to five years old, health inequalities, healthy weight, mental well-being, older people, teenage transition and tobacco use.

Applications can be made twice a year and the next dead-

line is May 22 followed by September 4.

Application

To download an application pack go to www.healthylargyllandbute.co.uk

For more information contact Eleanor Sloan the co-ordinator by email at kphn@homestart-majik.eclipse.co.uk or call on 07917 285 154

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BIRTHS

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MARTIN - BRODRICK

John and Kelly are delighted to announce the arrival of their beautiful baby boy, Harry John Martin, born on March 28, 2015. A little brother for James.

MICALINDEN - To Paul and Lindsay (née Glendinning), the gift of a beautiful son, Finlay James, on April 17, 2015. First grandchild for Sandy and Elise, and William and Marie, Glasgow. First great grandchild for Neil and Betty.



MILTON

Graham and Laura are pleased to announce the arrival of their son, Jackson Ronald, on April 19, 2015, weighing 9lbs 1.5oz. Sophie is delighted with her baby brother.

MARRIAGE



PATERSON - HAIG

At Western House Hotel, Ayr Racecourse, on May 1, 2015, Lynsey, daughter of Tommy and Jessie, Drumlembie, to Gordon, son of Mary and the late Ian, Rothesay. A perfect day.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

MCCALLUM - Iain and Catherine, née Fergusson, married at Tarbert Free Church, on May 19, 1965 by the Rev D Fergusson.

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DEATHS

MACDONALD - On May 11, 2015, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Rhona, aged 48 years, beloved daughter of the late Iain and Margaret MacDonald, dear sister of Ian and the late Richard and Donald, and a dear niece, cousin and aunt of the family. Funeral service will be held at Tarbert Parish Church, on Saturday, May 16 at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired for Macmillan Suite at Mid Argyll Hospital and SSPCA.

MCCUE - Peacefully, surrounded by his family, at Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital, Grimsby, on May 5, 2015, Joseph McCue, in his 69th year, beloved husband of Grace, much loved father of Tracey, Amanda, Joseph, Reggie and Helen. Grandad and father-in-law.

MILLAR - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on May 10, 2015, Elizabeth Agnes Cameron (Betty), in her 94th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Robert Millar, Auchaleek Farm, much loved mother of Margaret, Florence and Robert and a loving and much loved granny and great granny.

WATSON - Peacefully at his home, 1 Mathieson Place, Lochgilphead, on May 8, 2015, with his family by his side, Norman John Watson, in his 60th year, beloved son of the late John and Marion Watson, late of Brackley Villa, Ardrishaig, much loved brother of James and Hazel, and twin brother of the late Hugh. A dear uncle to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in the Lorne Street Funeral Parlour, Lochgilphead, followed by a service of committal. Sadly missed.

IN MEMORIAM

JASKOT - A butterfly lights beside us like a sunbeam, and for a brief moment it's glory and beauty belong to our world. But then it flies on again, and although we wish it could have stayed, we feel lucky to have seen it at all. Special memories of Lewis Stefan, who gained his angel wings on May 18, 2013 (aged 8 days) and twin brother, Cailean William, who joined him in heaven, on May 24, 2013 (aged 14 days). Living on forevermore in the hearts of all those who love them, in particular wee brother, Conall.

KENNEDY - In memory of a loving mother and granny, May (Gillespie), died May 18, 2008.

Forever in our hearts, Forever on our minds. - Love, John, Catherine, John, Niall and Michael.

SLOSS - In memory of Christopher, who passed away May 16, 2010.

Your touch, your smile Was always so tender Today, tomorrow We will always remember.

- Mum, Pamela and Daniel.

SLOSS - In memory of Christopher, who died May 16, 2010.

Think of him as living In the hearts of those he touched

For nothing loved is ever lost

And he was loved so much. - Gran and Granda.

SLOSS - Treasured memories of Christopher, who passed away on May 16, 2010.

Your light shines on in all our hearts.

- Love, Auntie Caroline, Uncle Tam and family.

CHURCH NOTICES

Highland Parish Church



SCO02493

Sunday 17th May

The service will be conducted by Rev Catriona Hood and will be held in the Church at 11.15am

Thank you to everybody who made our Flower Festival a success

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Last week and time to ease back on training

IT is the last week of the beginners' preparation for the MOK 10K on May 23 and it brings a dramatic change, so we are easing back a bit.

Session 1, after a 10-minute warm-up, picking up your pace for three minutes before taking a 90-second recovery and repeating that two more times.

Session 2 is an easy 40-minute run, the last outing before the race.

For the half marathon, have a 10-minute warm-up in the first session of the week before a fairly brisk two-mile run, followed by a 10-minute jog.

Session 2 is a steady four-mile run, the last outing before the race.

Tip of the week: you are not going to gain fitness on the last week, so err on the side of caution. You want to get to that start line feeling fresh and raring to go.

Golf teams scramble for the win

DUNAVERTY Golf Club held its annual Texas Scramble last Saturday, with the last three teams playing out a closely-fought contest.

The trio of Robert Allan jnr, Alan Duncan and John McDowall played in the afternoon, returning a fine net score of 52.7.

The team of Campbell McCallum, Duncan Watson III and Donald Brown took advantage of benign weather conditions in the evening slot, returning a card that featured 12 threes and two twos to finish on a net 51.8.

Results: 1 Campbell McCallum, Duncan Watson III and Donald Brown 56-4.2=51.8; 2 Robert Allan jnr, Alan Duncan and John McDowall 59-6.3=52.7; 3 Christian Ivan, Terry Smith and Jim Cooper 61-7.8=53.2.

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Determined Dookers stay top

FC Argyll	3
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TARBERT made it nine league wins in a row last Saturday after beating FC Argyll in Alexandria.

The Dookers travelled with a strong squad, despite having three important players on the sidelines, as the North Kintyre side's promotion push gathers some serious momentum.

FC Argyll took the lead after a cross was headed off the striker by Dookers' skipper Fraser Talbot and looped over keeper John Martin.

The Dookers should have had the chance to equalise moments later when Johnson was fouled in the box, however, the referee somehow failed to spot the foul and waved play on.

Things went from bad to worse soon after when FC Argyll attacked down the left, with their striker squeezing a low shot past the keeper to double their advantage.

The away side did not let their heads go down despite the scoreline and were determined to get back into the match, but another chance went begging when defenders Talbot and Iain Johnson hesitated in the box with only the keeper to beat, allowing the home defence to clear.

Eventually the Tarbert side got the goal their play deserved, when

some hard work from Prentice on the right allowed him to deliver into the box.

The home side's keeper looked to have the ball under control, however, it dropped at the feet of Ronald who tapped in from a yard.

The equaliser arrived soon after with an impressive Tarbert attack.

Johnson and striker James Prentice played a one-two before releasing Nikki MacDougall down the left.

MacDougall played in Ronald who rifled a left-foot shot past the keeper to seal his brace.

The Dookers were now dominating the match and completed an outstanding comeback with five minutes left in the first half. Another right-flank move, with Prentice again the architect, saw him play in Andrew Guy who took one touch before drilling a low left-foot shot past the keeper and in off the post.

The second half began with FC Argyll playing with the wind, and they continued to press for an equaliser, but Martin in the Tarbert goal dealt with the home side's long-range efforts comfortably.

Tarbert further increased their lead midway through the half when Allan Blair's free



Campbeltown Pupils 2004/05s 'did fantastically well' at the Crieff youth festival.

Young Pupils get their kicks in Crieff

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils' stars of the future travelled to Perthshire on Saturday, May 2 to play in the Crieff Juniors Football Festival.

Steven Dott, who coaches the 2004/05 age-group side along with Iain Reid, said: 'The young Pupils did fantastically well, taking on sides from Mos-

send, Crieff, Arbroath, Rosyth, Burntisland and Letham.

'The players and the coaches had a great day out in what was a well-run festival.'

kick was met perfectly by Prentice, who powered a header into the roof of the net. The visitors then played on the counter-attack as they

defended their lead, and could have added more goals on the break, however, Johnson was thwarted late on by the home keeper.

FC Argyll did net a consolation in the closing minutes after a defensive mix-up, however, the Dookers held on for three vital points.

This weekend Tarbert face their biggest test yet of the season as they travel to play Bridgewater AFC in a crucial league match.



Pictured from left are pairs runner-up Dugald Graham, winners Christine McGeachy and Kieran McGeachy and fellow runner-up John Johnston.

McGeachy duo victorious in pairs competition played in poor weather conditions

TWENTY pairs signed up for Campbeltown Bowling Club's pairs competition held last Saturday.

Sponsored by McFadyens Contractors, bowlers had to contend with poor weather conditions once again with the semi-finals and final contested in high winds and heavy rain.

Kieran and Christine McGeachy, and Dugald Graham and John Johnston contested the final, after semi-final wins over pairs Steven Dickson and John McCormick, and John McLean and John McMillan.

An absorbing final saw the teams tied on two shots apiece in the pen-

ultimate end, where Kieran managed to conjure up a three-shot lead with a fortuitous rub on the jack that delivered a McGeachy victory.

This Sunday, May 18 the Stronvaar club plays host to West Fife champions Dalgety Bay in the Inter County Top Ten Championship as holders of the Argyll and Bute championship.

The Fifers have won the past two titles in their area and their team has five county players in their line up. The match rolls off at 1pm and it is hoped that a large home support will back the club in their quest for another national trophy.

Smoking guns raise funds for charity

A CHARITY clay pigeon shoot hosted by Tarbert gun club saw visitors fire 5,000 cartridges and raise £1,200 on Sunday.

More than 35 people from Argyll clubs and towns put their barrels together to tackle a variety of clay pigeon targets to raise funds for Lochgilhead Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Centre.

It is the tenth consecutive year that the event at Barmore shooting ground has raised cash for the MS Centre.

Leeane Currie, 43, wife of club member Archie Currie, 45, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis a decade ago.

Archie, who has been a member of Tarbert gun club for 15 years explained that his wife attends the MS centre every week and now supports the cause.

He said: 'The MS centre looks for funding and I suggested to the club that we support it. We came up with this charity day.'

'It has snowballed from there and gone on every year. It has gone from strength to strength, it is a good local cause. The centre helps people with other long-term conditions as well.'

On Sunday, MS centre assistant manag-



Members of Tarbert gun club who took part in the shoot with MS centre staff and Leane Currie, wearing red hat. 06_a20gunclub02

er Dianne Frame went to the shoot to sell raffle tickets, supported by outreach worker Claire Cameron and Leane.

Leeane said: 'It is fantastic support for the MS centre and to promote our charity every year is lovely.'

The traps for each individual shoot on the day were laid out by club members Roy Laird and Billy Bergeant.

Roy said: 'We try to make it so that when the clay comes out it deceives the eye.'

'We aim to make it so that an average shot can get at least 50 per cent but a good shot cannot get 100 per cent.'

'We are both game shooters so we know how birds behave.'

Civil engineer Ally McDonnell, 39, has been shooting since he was 13 and for the past two years has shot for Scotland in the down the line discipline.

Ally said: 'Today's charity shoot raises the profile of the sport and the club and also rais-

es funds for a charity which is completely reliant on donations.'

Club president Brian Baird said: 'The club is one of the most active in the west of Scotland.'

'We have two qualified instructors and we are actively trying to get young people involved in the sport.'

The top prize for the down the line competition was a day of deer stalking, donated by a local estate. It was won by Brain Baird. In the sporting shoots, Paul

Chalmers won two competitions, Ally McDonnell and John Weir won the duck and the fox respectively.

In the pool traps competition, Stephen Wilson, from Oban, won the down the line; Ian Winnard won the over-head; Bob McColl won the settler and Billy Bergeant won the fox and the duck.

A number of Mid Argyll businesses supported the shoot with special prizes for the competitions.

Smashing win for badminton squad

A CAMPBELTOWN grammar school (CGS) team travelled to Lochgilhead for the MAKI badminton competition - and returned with three trophies.

The third round of the MAKI sports league, played at the Lochgilhead Joint Campus, saw Campbeltown's S1-S3s see off fierce competition from Lochgilhead and Tarbert before taking home the S2 and S3 trophies, as well as the overall school trophy.

Sharon Gillies-McCallum, Active Schools coordinator for South Kintyre, said: 'It was a very well deserved win for all the CGS pupils.'

SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - Haldane United 1, Oban Saints 3; Campbeltown Pupils no game; Division 1B - FC Argyll 3, Tarbert 4.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Alba Thistle v Oban Saints; Premier Division Two - Motherwell Thistle v Lochgilhead Red Star; Division 1B - Bridgewater v Tarbert.



Tarbert gun club president Brian Baird during the shoot. 06_a20gunclub01

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Cup final for Carradale

CARRADALE travel to Shettleston FC's ground in the east end of Glasgow tomorrow (Saturday) to play Inchinnan Valley in the Thomson Trophy final.

One of the West of Scotland AFL's league cup competitions, the east Kintyre side go into the match as slight favourites after wins over Inchinnan in the league, but manager Nonnie Macalister is taking nothing for granted.

He said: 'This is another big match for the club and we are all looking forward to it. Even if we are top of our league section it means nothing in cup games. Both teams deserve to be in the final and are there to win.'

'We must be focused and take nothing for granted. If we keep making chances like we did last Saturday against Point Media and take more of them then we can win the game.'

For Carradale fans making the trip to the game, the ground is at 401 Old Shettleston Road, Glasgow, G32 7JN.

Lotto prize is £900

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty golf club's three-number lottery held on Sunday, meaning the jackpot rises to £900.

The winning numbers were 2, 4 and 13 and the next draw will take place on Sunday May 24.

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

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Runners cheered on in epic Kintyre trek

KINTYRE Way ultra runners smashed course records last weekend.

The 170 marathon men and women ate up the ground along roads and remote paths, spurred on by huge support from the Kintyre public.

Now in its ninth year, the annual long-distance race using the Kintyre Way brought swathes of runners to the area along with their families and friends, all looked after by more than 80 Kintyre residents working as stewards, marshals, time-keepers and team-makers.

Kirsten Sweeney, community relations manager for renewables company RES, which sponsored the event, said: 'As ongoing supporters of the Kintyre Way, we were delighted to have the chance to be part of this important event in the

trail's calendar.

'The volunteers were a great help throughout the day, transporting food, helping runners get to start and end points and - just as importantly - cheering people along the home stretch.

'Our RES relay team which competed were in awe of the athleticism on display and we would like to congratulate everyone who took part.

Impressed

'They were also impressed with the diverse terrain. Everyone agreed the trail was in excellent condition.

'It was a great event and extremely well organised. A huge well done to the Kintyre Way team.

'We cannot wait for next year's race. Idyllic running conditions led to record-



From left: Marcus Adams from Carradale, Kintyre Way chairman, and sponsor RES's ultra relay team.

breaking times, with Ian Docwra of Helensburgh AC the winner of the 67-mile Kintyre Way Ultra in 10 hours, 27 minutes, breaking the course record by 11 minutes.

Runner up Stephen Bell, also from the Helensburgh club, has competed in the race five times, winning it twice.

Stan Topalian from

Arrochar was the 35-mile winner with a time of 4 hours, 50 minutes, setting a new course record by 29 minutes.

Sophie Mullins from St Andrews, running for

Fife AC, won the female ultra-35 category after smashing the female 35-course record by an amazing 42 minutes.

Course record

The 67-mile relay was won by Stonehaven Top Dogs in 8 hours, 31 minutes, which was also a new course record taking into account the slightly increased distance in section three.

35-mile relay winners Forest Fairies Fae Gourock romped home in a time of 6 hours, 5 minutes.

Rob Reid, race organiser and Kintyre Way board member, said: 'Conditions on the course were excellent, with new course records being set and enjoying the race experience.'

'I would like to thank everyone who helped make the ninth annual Kintyre Way Ultra such a success.'

First-half blitz puts 'Dale in semis

CARRADALE'S stunning first-half performance was enough to see them through to the last four of the Challenge Shield last Saturday.

Four goals in 33 minutes proved vital as the visitors survived a second-half scare to progress.

Carradale started brightly and as has so often been the case this season they took an early lead. Good work from Willie Dott and Gregor Croll, the latter prodding the ball between the onrushing keeper and a defender, gave Ryan McConnachie an easy finish.

Their lead was doubled in the 17th minute when McConnachie turned provider for cap-

Point Media	3
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tain Ewan McIlroy to bullet home a header.

The Kilbrannan-sponsored visitors went three goals to the good just before the half-hour mark, striker Gregor Croll's persistence rewarded with a goal after striking the ball low beyond the keeper.

Carradale took an emphatic four-goal lead on 33 minutes when Kenny Kerr was fouled in the box, and McConnachie stepped up to slot the ball home hard and low.

The second half offered chances for both sides, but it was the hosts Point Media who took them. The introduction

of three substitutes from the home side gave them the much-needed impetus to mount an unlikely comeback.

That comeback looked on when on 49 minutes the hosts scored, and while Carradale continued to miss, hitting the woodwork four times during the match, Point Media took advantage again on 70 minutes to make for a nervy final 20 minutes.

Inexplicably, Carradale could not find the net despite an abundance of chances, and they were given a real fright with only 90 seconds remaining when

the hosts' striker sent an excellent low shot past McMillan in goal.

However, Carradale managed to hold on for the win and book their semi-final spot where they will play Antonine.

David Johnstone was Carradale's man of the match.

Carradale manager Nonnie Macalister said: 'It is great to get through to another semi-final, but we should have scored more. Well done to the boys for a great effort, we made lots of chances.'

Tomorrow Carradale travel to Shettleston FC in Glasgow for the Thomson Trophy final against Inchinnan Valley in another league cup competition. See sidebar for full story.



Willie Dott pushes forward for Carradale in their win over Point Media last Saturday.

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