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Southend Highland Games cancelled

'It is a real shame as the games have been an annual fixture in Southend since 1952'

ORGANISERS of Southend Highland Games were forced to cancel this year's event after the village games field was turned into a construction site.

The hugely popular showcase of athletics, piping and Highland dancing from Kintyre and beyond, due to be held on Saturday, July 25 this year and stretching back to the 1930s, has been wiped from the Kintyre calendar. Huge tyre tracks have been left across the games field from construction lorries heading to and from the nearby Dunaverty Village Hall.

Neil John McCorkindale, Southend Highland Games committee chairman, said: 'It is obviously a huge disappointment to have to cancel the games. The problem arose some weeks ago and it looked likely that we would have to

call the event off. After a walk round the field as a committee it was decided a cancellation was the only option.

'There is no doubt the hall will be an asset to the village but with additional work to the hall planned which involves more digging, there is no way the field could be put in proper condition to host competitors and spectators safely.

'We are not blaming anyone for this situation, we simply wanted to let the public know as it is a popular, high-profile event on the local calendar and the only surviving Highland games in Kintyre.

'Also, regular competitors who travel to be here are being notified over the coming days so that they can make alternative arrangements for other Highland games around Scotland that weekend.'



Not this year: Southend Highland Games is a flurry of activity come late July - but has been cancelled this year due to damage to the games field.

Another committee member, who did not want named, said: 'It would be totally unsafe for runners to stride along certain parts of the field - they would end up with a bad injury.

'You have to count on a flat field for track events and that will not be possible.

'It is a real shame as the games have been an annual fixture in Southend since 1952, save for a year or two due to bad weather. Cancelling the event was the last thing we wanted to do

but it was our only option.

'In 2013 more than 1,000 people attended the games to compete and spectate, and we look forward to bringing those numbers back next year with the new hall set to make a huge improvement to the overall facilities.'

On the other hand, as far as Highland dancing is concerned the show must go on, with competitions planned at Campbeltown Grammar on Saturday, July 25 from 10am-4pm.

James McCorkindale, who has run the James McCorkindale School of Dancing in Campbeltown for the past 40 years, and who brings Highland dancers to the games every year, said: 'I felt it was important to keep the Highland dancing competitions going. Southend Highland Games offers some of the younger dancers, who do not yet travel to competitions elsewhere, a chance to compete.

'I did not want them to miss out completely - it would not be fair.

'We also welcome dancers from across Argyll and in Dunbartonshire annually so we are keen to keep them visiting every year as there are plenty other competitions they could start attending instead of our own.

'This is no wee event. The games tends to attract between 80-100 dancers from across the region and it is important to keep carving names into these historic trophies which hark back to before the Second World War.'

Stallholders - start your engines

MACHRIHANISH Air-base Community Company (MACC) is revving up the process for any businesses interested in a stall or catering unit at this year's MACH 1 Stages rally.

Organisations wishing to have a stall are asked to formally submit their interest by Friday, May 29.

The high-octane event takes place on Saturday, July 11 and Sunday, July 12.

Following last year's huge success, the company has secured more attractions to keep the whole family entertained, making this year's event a truly exciting day out and one not to be missed.

A spokeswoman for Explore Campbeltown, of which MACC is a member, said: 'In order to continue to grow the event, MACC hopes to gain support from local businesses and is keen to welcome along all those looking to showcase their business.

'If last year is anything to go by, the atmosphere on site will be electric and it will be a fantastic event to be a part of.' Charity stalls are free, while businesses pay £20 per table for the two days and catering units pay £150, also for both days.

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Wind farm causes Tarbert trouble

A RENEWABLE energy company has run into a storm of protest about its plans to transport turbine blades through Tarbert - as it means destroying part of the village's regeneration work.

Renewable company Infinis already has planning permission to construct a 43-megawatt windfarm at A'Chruach above Minard in Mid Argyll, and to complete the build it needs to transport 21 150-foot long turbine blades from Campbeltown harbour, three at a time, along the A83 through Tarbert.

To get the blades round a tight corner at the A83 junction in Harbour Street the company will

have to demolish a wall and picnic bench, built as part of Tarbert's town centre regeneration project.

It emerged on Wednesday that Infinis received planning permission from Argyll and Bute Council to carry out demolition after the issue was brought before councillors at a planning, protective services and licensing committee meeting in Kilmory.

Early morning

The company plans to transport the blades in early morning hours between July and September next year.

This plan has incensed Tarbert people who said during a community council meeting last

week that Infinis had not consulted them correctly and had been 'arrogant' in assuming Argyll and Bute's planning committee would pass the plan.

An Infinis spokesman said at the meeting: 'I think we have learned our lesson, that we did not consult with Tarbert first.'

'A'Chruach is a multi-million pound wind farm and lots of people will be employed in building it.'

Many people were also angry that the transportation period from July to September is the prime time for Tarbert tourism.

Kintyre and the Islands councillor Anne Horn said: 'The local development plan highlights the importance of tourism in the area and to allow this proposal to proceed will interfere with the tourist trade at the busiest time of year.'

'This will undoubtedly impact on the local economy.'

A number of Tarbert people have written formal objection letters to the local authority.



A traffic jam as several lorries tried to get through Tarbert at the same time, earlier this year.



An artist's impression of the area with the temporary bollards and wooden seating.

Angela Gray, who lives in Church Terrace, wrote: 'This area is used by both locals and tourists to the village and the wall offers a small bit of protection to children from traffic.'

'Towers already pass through the village with no need for the demolition of this area.'

Infinis has offered to replace the stone bench-

es and wall with bollards connected by chain and a wooden picnic bench.

This would be temporary during the time it takes for the transport to be completed.

Infinis claims it would replace the original wall and bench to a higher standard than at present, with its spokeswoman Alda Forbes distributing an artist's impression of

how the area would look during the transport period.

Jenny Carlile, a conservation and design professional, wrote a two-page submission to Argyll and Bute council.

One of her concerns was that the street furniture will eventually be rebuilt as before. She wrote: 'We can only assume that, if no other ar-

rangements are made, this wall, bench and planters will be demolished and rebuilt time and time again to accommodate wind farm developments.'

Ian Sanderson from north Kintyre asked in his objection whether other harbour facilities closer to Minard had been considered, such as Furnace or Ardrishaig.

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The contact numbers remain as before: **Inveraray 01499 302257** or **Furnace 01499 500207**. The switchboard is open from **8.00am to 6.00pm** Monday to Friday. Further information can also be found at: <http://www.lochgilpheadmedicalcentre.co.uk/>

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Wednesday	09.00 - 15.00	11.30 - 14.30	Wednesday	09.00 - 12.00 09.00 - 10.00
Thursday	09.00 - 15.00	11.00 - 12.00	Thursday	09.00 - 17.00 09.00 - 10.00
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News from the harbour

THIS week at Campbeltown harbour, 2,000 tons of sheet steel were discharged from the MV Marne vessel on Monday and Tuesday.

Cargo

The cargo was for Wind Towers Scotland

Ltd, for its plant at the Sound of Kintyre.

Today (Friday), 1,500 tonnes of timber will leave from Campbeltown on the Ayress vessel, after which it will discharge its cargo in Londonderry.



The Norwegian fish carrying vessel, the Gripfisk, which sails on Loch Fyne, is pictured in dock on Wednesday. 08_c21gripfisk01

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Pair arrested after bar brawl

TWO men were arrested after a fight broke out at a pub in Longrow, Campbeltown late last Saturday evening.

One man was arrested for suspected disorderly conduct and was treated for serious injuries.

The second man was arrested for a suspected serious assault. Both have been released and a report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

Police are not looking for anyone else in connection with the incident.

However, any eyewitnesses who have not yet spoken to police are asked to contact DC Bain at Campbeltown police office on 101.

Refusing to leave pub

A 26-YEAR old man was arrested after refusing to leave a pub in Burnside Square, Campbeltown, in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The man, a Latvian national, quarrelled with the pub's landlord and police and was held at Campbeltown police office until sober.

He was issued with a £40 fine.

Wedding ring returned

THERE was more drama in a Campbeltown pub last Saturday evening when a high-value wedding ring went missing.

However, the precious piece of jewellery has since been returned to its owner and police confirmed no further action will be taken as no crime could be established.

Tarbert arrest

A 36-YEAR-old man was arrested on a warrant in Tarbert last weekend after failing to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

The man appeared at court in Campbeltown on Monday.

No grounds for alarm as ferry hits sandbank near Port Ellen

'This was deliberate seamanship, not an accidental grounding. The vessel was inspected after the manoeuvre before progressing to its next destination' - CalMac

A CLAIM that a CalMac ferry grounded on a sandbank as it tried to berth at Port Ellen on Islay has been dismissed as skillful seamanship.

Eye witnesses reported on Tuesday, May 12, that the MV Hebridean Isles ferry, with passengers on board from Kennacraig, tried to berth at Port Ellen, but struggled because of strong winds and had to manoeuvre away from the pier.

It then appeared to get blown on to a sandbank.

One witness, who photographed the event, said: 'I could clearly see, and others with me,

it being grounded with the front of the ship being stuck in the sand.

'The captain then tried to reverse but it actually took several minutes with the props in full reverse, and a push from the bow thruster, before she managed to free herself from her precarious position.'

Waiting

The ferry then left for Port Askaig, despite passengers and cars waiting to board at Port Ellen.

A CalMac spokesman said: 'While trying to berth at Port Ellen the vessel was caught in a strong, approx 35 knots-plus, westerly squall.

'In these circumstances,

one contingency is to allow the bow to lightly touch a sand bar adjacent to the berth on the southern side of the bay in order to prevent the vessel from being blown to leeward and into the shallower water in Loch Leodamais - this is what the Master opted to do.

'He then backed clear of the berth to allow adequate sea-room to swing the vessel and proceeded back to sea, diverting to Port Askaig.

'This was deliberate seamanship, not an accidental grounding. The vessel was inspected after the manoeuvre before progressing to its next destination.'



The MV Hebridean Isles was hit by a strong westerly squall near Port Ellen, Islay. Photo courtesy www.islayinfo.com

Highlands and Islands stuck in broadband 'dark age'

KINTYRE is being left behind in the rollout of mobile broadband coverage, according to one MSP.

Rhoda Grant, Highlands and Islands MSP, is urging the Scottish and UK governments to ensure up-to-date mobile broadband signal is delivered across the Highlands and islands region.

She said: 'The Highlands and islands is one of the areas with the poorest connectivity to mobile broadband in the UK and we are at risk of being left in the dark ages.'

'Although we are slowly starting to see the rollout of 3G to some of our most rural areas, it comes just as the rest of the UK moves toward 4G and 5G 'superfast' mobile broadband. It

is an essential service for businesses to trade and grow, to support the region's tourism industry, and to make the Highlands and islands an attractive place to live and work.

'Not spot'

'We cannot afford the Highlands and islands to be labelled as a mobile signal and internet 'not spot' any longer. Increasing 'hot spots' and coverage across the region is essential and should be a priority for both the Scottish and UK Governments.'

Campbeltown is in line for fibreoptic broadband connection to homes and businesses as early as this summer, with a rollout planned elsewhere in Kintyre by the end of 2016.

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Dish installation plan

A PLANNING application to install an antenna and two dishes on an existing telecommunications mast and erect a ground-based cabinet and ancillary works, at Claonaig RS telecommunications mast, Skipness has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

Window replacement plan

A PLANNING application to replace windows from white aluminium to white uPVC in Bowmore House, School Street, Bowmore, Islay has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

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Green light for Sunday flights



Campbeltown Airport will offer summer Sunday flights to Glasgow again this year. 08_c16flights01

‘The route will be served by one return flight on a Sunday, from June until the end of September’

AIR passengers in Kintyre can look forward to a Sunday link with Glasgow for the second summer running.

One return flight from Campbeltown Airport to Glasgow International Airport will operate every Sunday from mid-June until the end of September, in keeping with last year’s summer service.

It was hoped that Sunday return journeys could begin this

month but with a May commencement no longer on the agenda, flights will instead begin next month.

Loganair currently runs the service on behalf of British carrier Flybe, but a tender process got underway in April with a new contract due to begin in October.

Discussed plans

Michael Bratcher, Transport Scotland’s aviation policy officer, discussed plans for

the route in a meeting with Campbeltown Community Council earlier this year.

Tender

He said: ‘The route is currently out to tender for October onwards but we are ensuring the route will be served by one return flight on a Sunday, from June until the end of September.’

‘Campbeltown Community Council expressed its desire to see Monday-Friday morn-

ing flights moved earlier to enable a longer day in Glasgow, seen as particularly beneficial for medical appointments.

‘While we cannot set the timetable, we have drafted the tender document in such a way that this should be achieved.’

Price

‘Also, the price of a single ticket for the route must not exceed £52.50 for the coming

year, and must not increase by more than £1 in each year of the contract.’

A Campbeltown Community Council spokesman said: ‘We would support any improvement to the transport provision for Campbeltown and Kintyre. As has been said at previous meetings, improved transport links are essential to increase tourism and ensure a stronger economy in the peninsula.’

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New plane fleet arrives in style

TWO new aircraft linking Campbeltown with Glasgow this summer have arrived in Scotland.

A pair of 19-seat, Twin Otter DHC6-400 aircraft, built by Canadian firm Viking Air Limited, flew into Glasgow International airport last week after a mammoth journey from North America via Iceland.

The planes for Campbeltown, along with Hebridean islands Tiree and Barra, will begin their certification process before serving the route later this summer.

The Scottish Government announced two years ago that it planned to buy replacements for the existing Twin Otter aircraft - owned and operated by Loganair, whose contract to serve the lifeline route is currently up for renewal.

The contract is due to be awarded in July and

starts in October to coincide with the next winter timetable.

The tender also stipulated that any aircraft must be twin engine and able to land on Barra’s world-famous beach runway.

Inglis Lyon, managing

director of Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd (HIAL), said: ‘We are delighted that these new purpose-built aircraft are now ready to serve the communities of Campbeltown, Barra and Tiree.’

‘These new aircraft

represent a significant public investment in lifeline air routes and the communities they serve. We look forward to working with the new operator to ensure these routes continue to go from strength to strength.’



Inglis Lyon, HIAL managing director, left, and Derek Mackay, Scottish minister for transport and the islands, with one of the two new Twin Otter aircraft.

Story rings true for Alex McKinven as he sheds light on bell discovery

A CAMPBELTOWN historian has shed some light on the unexpected discovery of an 18th-century bell in Campbeltown Town Hall, after the story had a familiar 'ring' to it. As reported in last week's Courier, the bell

proved to be a huge surprise for workmen when it was discovered during the restoration of Campbeltown Hall. Amateur historian Alex McKinven, who runs tours for Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative, was

intrigued by the workmen's find, so decided to do some research, finding an article in the archives of the Campbeltown Courier from the 1960s, titled: 'The Bells of Old Campbeltown'.

The practise of sounding the curfew bell was normal throughout history, and was common in all Scottish burghs, historically sounded to signal to residents to leave the streets as all normal business had finished for the day.



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

'Curfew bell'

Alex, who was voted Campbeltown's citizen of the year last year, said: 'The workers have rediscovered the town 'curfew bell', although the bell would also have been used for ceremonial purposes etc.

'To my knowledge it was never connected to the clock, but was rung from inside the upper hall or ballroom via a long rope that led into the bell/clock tower.

'The rope hung in the vicinity of the small stage and was still there into modern times - I remember it very well.'

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

Alex added: 'Our bell obviously served this purpose from 1779, and could even have been rung during times of war to warn of attack from the enemy, in conflicts such as the French wars, the American War of Independence etc.

'Our bell fell silent at the beginning of the First World War in 1914, and was never heard again for the purpose of curfew.



Campbeltown historian Alex McKinven, who shed some light on the discovery of the bell in Campbeltown Hall. 20_c21alec01

'It would obviously still be used much later as a ceremonial instrument.

'The last man whose duty it was to ring the curfew bell was a Mr

Fullerton, the town officer, who performed the duty at 9.30pm every evening.'

Eric Spence, Campbeltown Town Hall project co-ordinator, described

the bell as a 'marvellous find', and said after cleaning and refurbishing it, the bell would be reinstalled for use during celebrations and ceremonies.

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Sad news

THIS year's Southend Highland Games have been cancelled, which is sad news for all concerned given its place as an eagerly-awaited event in the Kintyre calendar.

More than 1,000 people took to Southend on a perfect summer's evening in July 2013 to enjoy a feast of running, jumping, throwing, dancing and the rousing sound of pipe music.

Such was its effect, the several hundreds who took to the village for last year's event on yet another balmy evening seemed almost a modest crowd in comparison.

The games organisers, realising nothing can practically be done to rescue this year's showcase, have been conciliatory in their comments, a sensible approach given this is a situation none wanted.

In the longer term, the new Dunaverty Hall's modern, multi-purpose layout will boost the longevity of this proud, traditional games, with indoor facilities offering respite for both competitors and spectators.

Maybe it will not be long before summer football returns to Southend and like its excellent teams of the past - boosted by some of the village's 'diaspora' - the new generation can tread that same field.

It is a great venue so here's hoping.

Sunday flights

News that Sunday flights are to resume in June from Campbeltown Airport to Glasgow International represents another transport boost for Kintyre.

Even if not necessarily the staple method of travel between Kintyre and the Central Belt, the new aircraft serving Campbeltown, among three Highland destinations, are a welcome sign of a route with a future, and hopefully a recognition of the public's demand for more regular flights.

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'Accident waiting to happen'

Sir,
The 20mph advisory speed limit markings have disappeared on The Roothing in Campbeltown.

The speed of some drivers on that stretch of road is horrendous and with young children playing on daily basis around the entrance to Dalriada Court this situation is an accident waiting to happen.

The amount of traffic on this road is a big problem, with vehicles heading to and from the skips and refuse site, the nearby recycling, gas board and construction sites, as well as the local ambulance station.

Some of the vehicles from these premises have to go to the top of the Roothing or Dalriada to turn as there can be vans or cars parked on both sides of the road. At times it is difficult to see on-coming traffic.

With planning applications to build 20 new houses at Davaar View, immediately above Roothing - with two car spaces per house equalling, in theory, 40 cars - still to come onto this road and the extension of the ambulance station, I highlighted the additional parking and traffic problems this would cause at the entrance to Davaar Avenue from Roothing.

Elsewhere, I take it nothing is to be done about Campbeltown's dangerous crossings at the Royal Hotel and the top of Longrow? We are all scared and taking our lives into our own hands.

Come on councillors, both residents and visitors are calling out for safe crossings.

Lastly, it was lovely to read the town is to be brightened up with flowers this summer. Well done to the organisers. Perhaps the entrance to Campbeltown could be included?

Elizabeth Kelly
Roothing
Campbeltown

Poor education record

Sir,
The SNP has repeatedly failed youngsters from poorer backgrounds.

A series of statistics have revealed how those from deprived areas are finding it increasingly difficult to keep up with their counterparts from better off backgrounds.

Ruth Davidson, Scottish conservative leader, challenged first minister Nicola Sturgeon to act on the problem, after a letter from the SNP-dominated education committee raised concerns about the Scottish Government's record on attainment.

At first minister's questions, Ms Sturgeon denied there was any lack of action, and even had the SNP committee convene leap to her defence and backtrack desperately on the damning letter's contents.

Research has shown pupils from deprived areas are up to 20 times more likely to miss out on top grades than those from the wealthier zones.

Literacy rates in primary school fell between 2012 and 2014, it was reported earlier this year, while numeracy standards in schools are also declining.

In addition, the SNP has failed to improve the number of disadvantaged students applying for university.

And global measures have shown schools in Scotland being overtaken, not only by those in the rest of the UK, but across the world.

The Scottish government must explain to the people of Argyll and Bute and the rest of Scotland for that matter why Scotland's poorer children are getting a worse deal on education now than when Nicola Sturgeon and the SNP came to power.

Alastair Redman
Islay

Providing cancer support

Sir,
Marie Curie is here for people living with any terminal illness, and their families. We offer expert care, guidance and support to help people make the most of their time.

Marie Curie provides vital hands-on care and emotional support, so we are asking people to host or attend one of our Blooming Great Tea Party events between June 20-29, with a tea party (with a difference) being held in Campbeltown at a date still to be confirmed.

Last year the Blooming Great Tea Party for Marie Curie raised £667,000 across the UK, paying for 33,350 hours of vital nursing care.

With your support we can do more for more of the people who need us.

To get help from the Marie Curie Nursing Service, talk to your GP, district nurse or discharge nurse. Visit www.mariecurie.org.uk

For those in Kintyre who would like to fundraise, you can sign up to host a Blooming Great Tea Party at www.mariecurie.org.uk/teatime

and share your event details, photos or get involved on social media using the hashtag #BloomingGreat.

Amanda Hillhouse
Community
Fundraiser
Marie Curie

Remembering the men of the Quesada

Sir,
May 23, 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the Quesada disaster.

Eight Campbeltown men lost their lives, one of whom was my father Jack MacCallum.

To commemorate this anniversary I would like to erect a cairn or plaque in the town next year. I would be interested in hearing the thoughts of anyone directly affected by this tragedy.

I am also interested in hearing from the families of the survivors and the crew of the fishing boat Moira who were involved in the rescue.

My telephone number is 07425 080304 and my email is william_maccallum@sky.com or those who would prefer to write can do so.

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Hotel to reopen its doors for songwriters festival

NEWS that one of the venues for the Kintyre Songwriters Festival will open specially for the event, despite recently going out of business, is music to the ears of organisers.

Uncertainty

As reported in the Courier on May 1, the White Hart hotel in Castlehill closed its doors in the last week of April, causing uncertainty as to whether the venue would still be hosting bands for the festival, to be held between May 29 and 31.

However, lease holder of the hotel, David Ea-

ton, will open its doors, and with the alcohol licence still valid, revelers will be able to enjoy the eclectic mix of artists performing over the weekend.

Stephen Johnson, one of the organisers, who will also be playing with his band the Twisted Melons, said: 'We are very excited considering all the effort that goes into festival, and delighted the White Hart Hotel will be open as planned.'

'The festival line-up goes from strength to strength every year.'

The event has attract-

ed performers from as far afield as Barcelona, Berlin and Los Angeles, with previous guests including top Scottish acts like Owl John of Frightened Rabbit and Amber Wilson of Bombay Bicycle Club.

Honour

David at the White Hart said: 'The event was already booked and we always planned to honour our commitment to the festival.'

For more information about this year's event, visit: www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk



The Twisted Melons, Campbeltown brothers, from left, Mark, Paul and Steven Johnson, will be playing on the Saturday. 20_c21festival01



The White Hart Hotel, which will open next weekend specially for the Kintyre Songwriters Festival. 06_c21hart01

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Aimee McGougan and her friends held a Blooming Great Tea Party in aid of Marie Curie. 20_c21mariecurie01

Charity tea and cake is blooming great

FUNDRAISER Aimee McGougan had lots of help from her pals when holding a Blooming Great Tea Party in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

The 16-year-old, who along with her Mum Ruth McGougan is a member of the Kintyre branch committee, was keen to help out by organising an event of her own, held at the Red Cross Hall in Campbeltown.

Aimee said: 'I wanted to do something to raise awareness of the nurses and volunteers' work in the area and I was happy so many of my friends came along for it.'

Ruth, the group's secretary, said: 'It is really important to attract younger volunteers and we were delighted Aimee decided to invite her friends along and raise some money in the process.'

'We had a raffle for a mountain of Campbeltown Cakes, made by Louise Gillett, as well as a quiz for other prizes.'

'The money we raise in Kintyre at all our events stays in Kintyre, to support the work of the three specialised Marie Curie nurses in the Kintyre area.'

'We would like to make clear also that we aim to support people suffering from all terminal illnesses, not just cancer.'

Schools weekend goes swimmingly

PUPILS from across Kintyre took to the great outdoors last weekend on a pre-grammar school get-together.

Youngsters from Southend, Drumlemble, Carradale, Glenbarr, Castlehill and Dalintober primaries headed to Ardentinnny Outdoor Centre in Dunoon for an activity weekend as part of their transition to Campbeltown Grammar in the autumn.

The pupils took part in activities such as orienteering, climbing, abseiling, rock hopping (which turned into swimming in some cases) and team challenges.

The pupils all participated fully and had great fun whilst getting to know their future classmates, building confidence in themselves and their abilities.

Most of the activities included getting wet and muddy, with the pupils basking in the beautiful sunny day on Loch Long by swimming with their - sort of - waterproof gear on.

The Saturday evening activity, 'Find the Teacher' search and rescue, showed how well the pupils had gelled as teams after taking hardly any time to discover where the teachers



Some of the P7 pupils on the transition weekend at Ardentinnny before they head to Campbeltown Grammar in August.

had hidden, despite their best efforts.

At the end of the weekend, Imogen O' Hanlon from Glenbarr Primary thanked all the centre staff for providing such a fun-filled, educational weekend.

Aunice Murray, Jim Farren and the rest of the Campbeltown Grammar staff would like to thank all the pupils for their fantastic team work and excellent behaviour.

The trip was seen as very successful in helping pupils make new friends and meet new teachers before the new school session in August.



The youngsters showed teamwork to get through this 'spider's web'.

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Care home praises its nurses

KINTYRE Care Home celebrated International Nurses' Day last Tuesday with a host of activities involving residents and their care team.

International Nurses' Day recognises the invaluable contribution of millions of nurses across the world, and has been celebrated every year since 1965 as part of National Nurses' Week, which this year ran from May 6-12.

To mark his appreciation for the nurses' efforts, Dr Chai Patel, HC-One CEO, wrote to every company nurse to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

He also gave them a complimentary enamel pin badge made especially for International Nurses' Day.

Ideal winners

WINNERS of the Campbeltown Courier's recent Ideal Home Show Scotland competition are as follows: Anne Muir, Jean Miller and Richard McCallum, Campbeltown and Eila Durnan, Carradale.



Mairi Paterson of Explore Campbeltown, left, hands over a cheque for £781 to Catherine McGougan and Sheena Hume of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research's Campbeltown branch.

Charity gets cheque boost

EXPLORE Campbeltown proved charity begins at home when it donated almost £800 to a cancer research group in the town.

The Kintyre-wide business group donated £781 to Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research volunteers in Campbeltown from funds raised at its Wedding Fayre in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown last month - the first of its kind since

those organised by Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research several years ago. Catherine McGougan, the group's secretary, said: 'The wedding fayre was a lovely afternoon and we are truly

appreciative of this generous sum.

'This money will go to research into all blood cancers and to help sufferers in the area.'

Mairi Paterson of Explore Campbeltown

said: 'We sought to recognise the original wedding fayre organisers in Campbeltown by offering a donation, and to build on those previous successes by running a similar event.'

Morna brings floral skills to Wee Toon

CAMPBELTOWN Flower Club was treated to a demonstration from Ardrishaig-based florist Morna Shaw.

Morna, who runs shop Flowers by Morna in Ardrishaig, kindly agreed to show off her skills to the club and made a bridal hand tie and spray and a wedding arrangement, with her friend Rhona Thomson creating a wedding pedestal.

The pair used a beautiful selection of the freshest flowers and the arrangements were raffled at the end.

Morna and Rhona were thanked for their work, and judged the Camp-

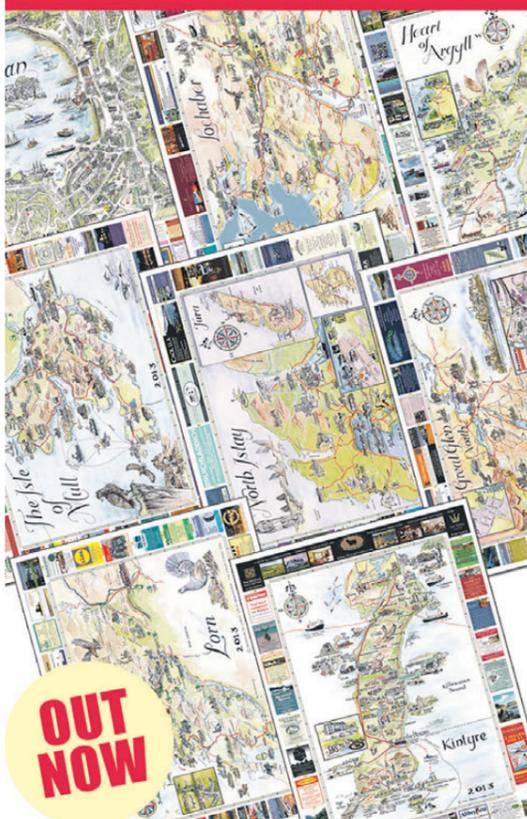
beltown club's competition called Arrangement for a Christening, before a good supper was then enjoyed.

Results are as follows: 1 Barbara Rubin, 2 Liz Young, 3 Jean Miller.



A bridal hand tie made by Morna Shaw from Flowers by Morna in Ardrishaig.

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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

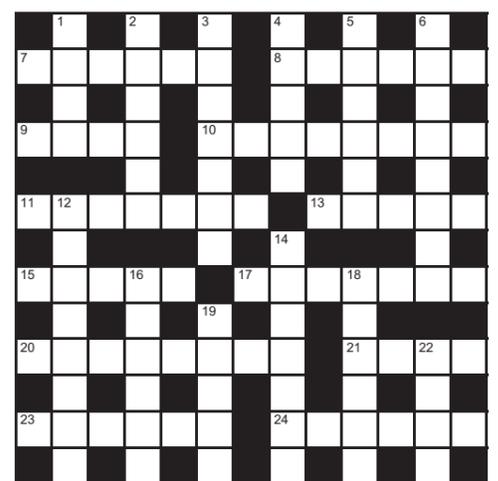
For your chance to win a family ticket to the Funbox show at the Victoria Hall in Campbeltown on Friday, May 29, simply answer this easy question, complete the coupon and post it to The Oban Times, FUNBOX Competition, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB. Entries must be submitted by Monday 25 May 2015.

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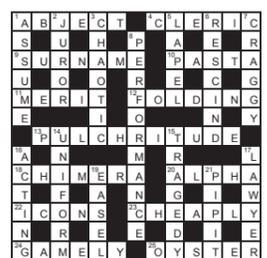
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- Across**
- 7 Dancing jacket? (6)
 - 8 Leave en masse (6)
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 - 10 The turfing out (8)
 - 11 Connoisseur (7)
 - 13 Give the third degree or heat at a higher degree of heat (5)
 - 15 Pompous walk (5)
 - 17 Viceroy of Egypt (7)
 - 20 Move it to position (8)
 - 21 Blur (4)
 - 23 Type of humour (6)
 - 24 New book... (6)
- Down**
- 1 ...large one (4)
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 - 5 Encourage (6)
 - 6 Former countryman from the western Balkans (8)
 - 12 In the fresh air (8)
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 - 18 Misshape (6)
 - 19 Abandon (5)
 - 22 Enthusiasm (4)

Last week's solution



SKIPNESS

Pop up for a unique Skipness sermon

THE Scottish Episcopal Church is holding a 'pop up' church service in Skipness on Wednesday, May 27.

There will be a Eucharist in Skipness Parish Church at midday, followed by a lunch at the Seafood Cabin at Skipness Castle.

The episcopal church on Arran has been popping up in pubs around the island on Wednesday lunchtimes.

In order that the charges of Lochgilphead, Mid Argyll and Arran can meet together, Arran-based worshippers will head over on the ferry to Skipness for the day.

Everyone is welcome to join for either or both the service and lunch.

CARRADALE, DRUMLEMBLE, GIGHA AND GLENBARR

Kintyre primary pupils take a trip to Glasgow

PUPILS from Carradale, Drumlemble, Gigha and Glenbarr primary schools took part in their rural school trip to Glasgow last week, organised every two years.

The day started with a visit to Kelvingrove Art Gallery, where the children enjoyed the dinosaur exhibition, and then to the IMAX theatre at the Glasgow Science centre. The trip was rounded off with a visit to the King's Theatre to see Shrek the Musical.

The children are pictured outside Kelvingrove.



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Crime thriller writer tracked down in Tarbert



Denzil Meyrick.

THE creator of a fictional Kintyre cop, detective chief inspector Daley, will sign copies of his latest novel in Tarbert.

Denzil Meyrick's book 'Dark Suits and Sad Songs' is the third book in a series about the CID policeman who is relocated from Glasgow.

Mr Meyrick grew up in Campbeltown before studying politics and becoming a policeman with Strathclyde police.

Following injury he left the service

and after a number of business ventures became a writer. He said that he was inspired by his grandmother who used to read him lots of stories.

DCI Daley works in a fictional town called Kinloch a thinly disguised copy of Campbeltown.

Mr Meyrick will be at Loch Fyne Gallery, Harbour Street from 11am until 12.30pm on Saturday, May 30.

For further information call 01880820390 or email info@lochfynegallery.com

MID ARGYLL

If you go down to the woods today ...

FAMILIES heading to the Ardinglas woodland garden should beware of a big surprise, as Scotland's first Gruffalo trail has opened.

Just five minutes' walk from the attraction's Cairndow car park, a metalwork sculpture of the mouse greets visitors at the trail's start.

At the end of the path, near the lochan where water lilies flower in the summer, the Gruffalo sculpture is hidden, waiting to surprise exploring children.

Selected pages from the Scots version of the famous book are displayed at intervals along the way.

Gruffalo shares his home with the 209ft 'mightiest' co-nifer in Europe.



The Gruffalo, who has now set up residence in Ardinglass woodland garden.

Ardinglas estate owner David Sumsion said: 'Having young children, the much-loved Gruffalo story has been read over and over again.'

'Last year I realised that this corner of the woodland garden could provide the perfect setting for the book's characters.'

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Feast of prizes at Ayrshire dinner

KINTYRE Ayrshire Breeders' Club held its annual herds competition last Friday, with seven herds presented for inspection by judge for the day Brian Moorhouse from West Yorkshire.

Brian has fairly recently retired from dairy farming in Derbyshire but still enjoys being involved in this capacity.

Heavy rain

A good turnout of interested spectators followed the day's events,

luckily without anyone getting too wet as a result of the heavy afternoon rain.

Following dinner at the Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy, Thomas Cameron jnr, club chairman, announced the prizes before Malcolm Ronald, vice chairman, concluded the day by thanking all concerned for ensuring a successful event.

Results are as follows: Herds - SAI cup for best overall herd and the Carrs Cup for best large

herd: 1 J and M Barr, Clochkeil; 2 (and the George M Reid cup for best small herd): Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh; 3 A C Millar, Ballygreggan; 4 Thos M Ralston and Sons, East Drumlemble.

Best cow

Volac Cup for the best individual cow: Thos M Ralston and Sons, East Drumlemble; 2 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh; 3 James Barbour, Machribeg; 4 J and M Barr, Clochkeil.



Prize winners, from left, are Willie Ralston, Thomas Cameron, Robin Barr, James Barbour, Archie Millar and judge for the day Brian Moorhouse.



Gigha-bound milk tankers could receive a reduced fare in an attempt to reduce pressure on the island's dairy farmers.

Milk tanker subsidy meeting

AIDING beleaguered milk farmers on Gigha was at the forefront of discussions on Monday when a Scottish cabinet minister met with dairy farmers to talk about subsidised ferries for milk tankers.

Derek Mackay MSP, minister for transport and islands, lent his support in principle for Holyrood to cover half the ferry costs for milk tankers this summer, after a further milk price cut was announced this month.

Andrew McCornick, NFU Scotland vice president, speaking from Rothesay in Bute, said: 'Dairy farmers welcomed the opportunity to meet with Derek Mackay in order to discuss the increasingly difficult situation for dairy producers in

Gigha, and Bute, and the significant difference subsidised ferry transport for milk tankers could make to the future of the dairy industry on these islands.

Support

'We welcome Mr Mackay's support in

principle for putting temporary measures in place to provide half of the cost of ferry fares for First Milk tankers until the planned review period in September.

'However, the stumbling block will be finding the required funding

to bridge a gap believed to be around £35,000.

'Discussions will continue in the hope of securing this vital funding to part-remedy the increasingly desperate situation for dairy producers in both Gigha and Bute.'

Apply for payments now, farmers are urged

FARMERS and crofters are being urged to beat the last-minute rush and apply for farm payments using the Single Application Form (SAF).

The appeal comes as the Scottish Government announces improvements to its Rural Payments and Services website.

The new Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) has resulted in implementation challenges across the UK and Europe, therefore Scottish authorities have extended the deadline for farmers and crofters to submit their forms until Monday, June 15.

Mike MacKenzie, Highlands and Islands MSP, urged farmers to apply before it is

too late. Mr MacKenzie said: 'Local farmers have just under a month left to complete their SAF forms.'

'This task has been made more difficult by the complexity of the new policy, so people should not leave it until the last minute to apply.'

'It is good news that the Scottish Government has taken action so that the performance of the Rural Payments and Services system has improved, particularly its delivery speed.'

Richard Lochhead, Scottish rural affairs secretary, said: 'This is the first year of the new payment system for the more complex Common Agricultural Policy and, although delivery has

been challenging, we are now seeing real improvements to the system's operation.'

'While the new system is different from the previous one, it offers significant benefits to farmers, ensuring they get paid what they are due through a process designed to minimise errors and penalties.'

'We are aware that some farmers and agents have experienced issues and we have a dedicated team working to ensure all problems are sorted as quickly as possible.'

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Spirits are high at Glen Scotia Distillery

‘The number of employees has gone up from three to seven and although still a small team it has a lot of expertise’

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

A CAMPBELTOWN distillery is aiming to put itself back on the world whisky map - and the man in charge cannot wait to see it unfold.

Iain McAlister, manager at Glen Scotia for the past eight years, believes the distillery has a bright future under the Loch Lomond Group, which took over the brand in March last year.

Mr McAlister said: ‘There has been a lot of big thinking during the past year. The number of employees has gone up from three to seven and although it is still a small team it has a lot of expertise.’

‘The production team is doing a fantastic job making Campbeltown-style whisky, with an oily, salty character

typical of this region.

‘We put a huge emphasis on spirit quality and we do not chill filter or caramel colour, which means the final product retains its true quality.’

‘We are also upping the quantity of spirit we produce, from 350,000 litres a year to 500,000 litres.’

‘Our shop layout has also been greatly improved, and visitors to the distillery can enjoy a dram after tours, and we have a local employee as our new shop manager, so there are a lot of positives to talk about.’

Located in High Street, Campbeltown, the distillery has perhaps been overshadowed by neighbours Springbank and Glengyle in recent years, despite a long history of spirit production

beginning in 1832 and spanning Campbeltown whisky’s Victorian heyday, as well as surviving the region’s sharp decline as a whisky powerhouse during the 1920s.

Mr McAlister, who previously worked as an engineer in Kintyre with Scottish Water, said: ‘Perhaps Glen Scotia suffered from a lack of forward thinking in the past, but the new ownership has provided a fresh impetus and new strategies are in place to market Glen Scotia better both in the UK and abroad.’

‘I feel with our hard-working group we have always had the potential for growth, but now we have the resources to go forward.’

‘Glen Scotia is a survivor and we would obviously like to become stronger and play our own part in Campbeltown’s status as a



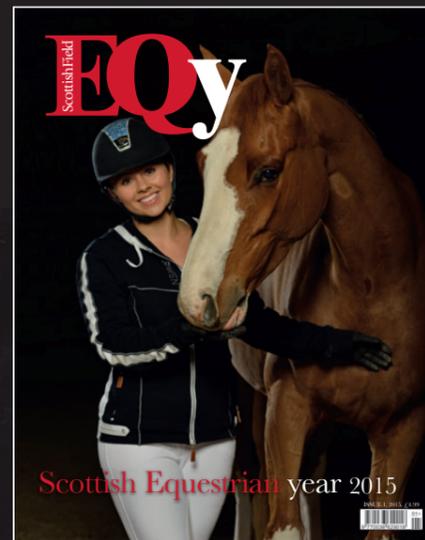
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Antony Gormley's sculpture on Saddell Beach.



An aerial picture of the 'Golden Moment' from the air with the mass choir. Photo: [unclear]

Sun shines on La 'Golden Weeken

SUNNY conditions at the weekend helped make the Landmark Trust's 50th anniversary celebration in Kintyre a huge success.

Held at Saddell Castle and Saddell House, the event was part of a UK-wide anniversary celebration for the building restoration charity's 'Golden Weekend' with 24 other events held in Scotland, England and Wales.

One of the star attractions was a cast iron sculpture by Turner Prize-winning artist Antony Gormley, situated on Saddell Beach.

Mr Gormley's most famous work is the contemporary sculpture, the Angel of the North, in Gateshead.

The celebrations cen-

tred round the 'Golden Moment' at 3pm on Saturday when three choirs - the Kintyre Chorale, Singing Sensations and Fair Fa - all conducted by Paula Mclean, performed a specially-commissioned piece composed by Kerrie Andrew.

Delight

The mass choir then followed this up with a variety of songs to the delight of the visitors who had come from far and wide to attend the event.

The Kintyre Schools Pipe Band started at 2pm with a rousing performance.

This was followed by the first set by the Wild Sarachs, who played a selection of local and well-known songs, until



Folk band the Wild Sarachs, who played local and wel

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The Kintyre Schools Pipe Band. Photo: Raymond Hosie



The mass choir, consisting of Kintyre Chorale, Singing Sensations and Fair Fa

Landmark Trust's 'd' at Saddell



I-known songs. Photo: Raymond Hosie

the 'Golden Moment', which was introduced by Alastair Dick-Clelland, conservation manager for the Landmark Trust.

The Wild Sarachs then came back on stage for their second set which brought the celebrations to a close.

Taste

Throughout the event, members of the public got a chance to view the properties and taste local produce from Ifferdale Farm and Kintyre Smokehouse in the stunning setting of Saddell Bay.

Kintyre Cultural forum project worker, Iain Johnston, of JIG Events said: 'I would like to thank everyone who helped to pull the whole event together.'

'We have been planning this event for the past year and the support we received from Argyll and Bute council to help fund the Saturday afternoon activities helped to ensure we put on something a bit special.'

'We had almost 90 performers who put on a show that was appreciated by the visitors and guests who attended the afternoon activities.'

'The Antony Gormley sculpture will stay in place till May next year and will continue to attract visitors to Saddell and the local area. The Landmark Trust is delighted with what it has achieved over the Golden Weekend and have asked me to thank everyone who helped.'

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Clean up sees town 'spring' into life

'We are delighted to have been able to make a real difference to the local area'

A group of volunteers swept through Campbeltown on Sunday ahead of a bustling week for the town.

Fifteen hardy volunteers took part, collecting eight bags of rubbish, numerous sandbags, traffic cones and even a fridge in a bid to

clean up the town just days before the Campbeltown Malts Festival and a week before the 10th annual Mull of Kintyre Run,

South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT), Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service (KYES) and volunteers were part of

the Clean Up Scotland campaign run by the independent environmental charity Keep Scotland Beautiful.

Zena Coffield, SKDT Trust manager, said: 'Well done to all our volunteers who turned out in great numbers despite the poor weather.'

'We are delighted to have been able to make a real difference to the local area. Not only did it leave us with a great deal of satisfaction that we were able to help our community, it was great fun and I would recommend it to anyone.'

'What we would like to see from this is Campbeltown town centre staying in the cleaner condition in which we left it.'

'We were motivated to do this because litter blights the landscape.'

'Not only does it have



Some of the volunteers taking shelter during their clean-up.

a visual impact but it reduces pride in our area and studies have shown that messy places can increase fear of crime and affect public health.

'We are fortunate in this area that the Streetscene service maintains the environment for

communities and visitors alike.

'We hope our event will complement the excellent service they already provide.'

'We would also like to thank Tesco Campbeltown store which provided drinks and treats

for everyone involved.'

Derek Robertson, chief executive of Keep Scotland Beautiful, said: 'SKDT and the volunteers are to be commended for the difference they have made to Campbeltown. They clearly take great pride

in their surroundings.'

'At Keep Scotland Beautiful we want to make Scotland clean, green and more sustainable and the Campbeltown volunteers are doing a fantastic job to help us achieve this goal.'



Brothers Iain and Alan Semple helped out at the spring clean in Campbeltown on Sunday.

School's £2,000 Gambia 'war' chest

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar pupils were in for a penny, in for a pound when it came to raising cash for charity CGS4Gambia, collecting £2,000 through a school-wide game.

The latest gesture, which raised £2,001.17, was a result of work by the school's learning centre pupils. One of the group's tasks in their New Horizons qualification was to organise a fundraising event, and with a little help from supporting staff, they chose Penny Wars.

Each CGS class was given a jar to collect as many copper coins as possible over the course of a week, but pupils could 'sabotage' other class jars by adding silver coins which acted as a minus to the coppers.

A daily running total was given which led to even more sabotage of the leading classes.

Agnes Stewart, of CGS4Gambia and a

staff member at Campbeltown Grammar, said: 'It was hoped that if the fundraiser worked, the students could raise around £500 for the charity.'

'Instead it raised an incredible four times this amount which is a brilliant effort.'

'Staff took the game just as seriously as the students and tactical talks were even held in some registration classes at the start of each day.'

Catriona Hood, head teacher at Campbeltown Grammar, said: 'Like the organisers, I anticipated this initiative raising a few hundred pounds so I am delighted we raised more than £2,000.'

'This event

genuinely engaged staff and pupils in friendly and fun-filled competition, making it a success in so many ways.'

Beach clean

Some of the same students along with others who are part of the Support for Learning Out-

door Education group also recently completed a beach clean at The Gauldons as part of The John Muir Award.

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The CGS learning centre pupils took their charity haul to Kate McKinlay at the Clydesdale bank in Campbeltown.

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15/01163/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle 12/01062/PPP - Site for the erection of dwelling house, formation of new vehicular accesses and installation of septic tank (As amended by plan received 12.06.12)	Land South West Of Killmaluag Glenbarr Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
15/01199/PP	Installation of antenna and 2 dishes on existing telecommunications mast, erection of ground based cabinet and ancillary works	Claonaig RS Telecommunications Mast Skipness Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
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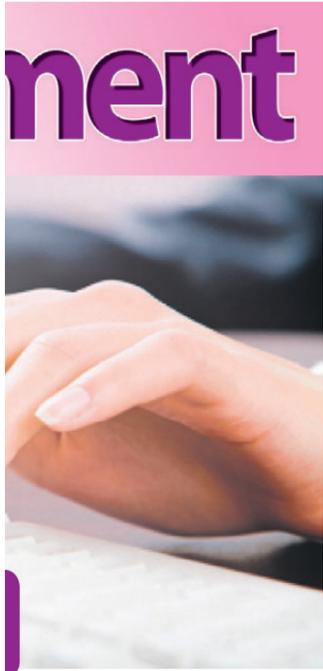
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WE have squatters! Under the eaves of the house we have two house martin nests which have been repossessed by sparrows.

It is so lovely to see these plucky wee birds busy building their unruly nests.

They are so untidy in their home-making and the nest is overhanging with straggly bits of straw. However none of that matters as we are so pleased to have them.

It is hard to believe that the 'ubiquitous speug', as it was referred to in Glasgow, is now an endangered species.

The sparrow has declined by more than 90 percent and these cheeky wee birds are no longer as prolific as they once were.

I wondered what the house martins would think if they decided to return to their nests.

I smiled at the thought of them reporting squatters to the bird hierarchy.

This is the time of a flurry of frenzied feathered activity on our coastline. We have seen the first oystercatcher nests scraped out on the shore, sheltering several vulnerable eggs.

And we've watched the ringed plover as she tries to distract us from her carefully placed offspring.

Dog walking has now also become a bird-watching activity, as we try to ensure that we do not disturb that next generation of our sea birds.

The swallows have returned to the outhouses and enchant us once again with their antics.

We have also heard the cuckoo call, which I believe is most desirable.

It is a wonderful time of rebirth, and how privileged we are to be so close to it all.

In Scripture it says that there is a time for everything under heaven.

How ordered and regular our universe is and how wonderful the created world is around us.

I am so looking forward to the sound of chicks chirping soon, but might have to consider putting out a sign which says, 'Sorry - house let this season'.

Capital gains for tourism leaders

FOUR Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) directors hit the books to boost tourism in the region with a six-month university course.

Gavin Dick, the group's chairman, Calum Ross, vice chairman, Niall Macalister-Hall and David Currie, both directors, and Carron Tobin, development manager, have successfully completed the Edinburgh Napier University's Business School Executive Certificate programme for destination leaders.

The six-month course, which was completed in the group's own time, ran between October and April, with subjects including marketing and promotion; the customer journey; sustainability; influencing policy agendas and the digital economy.

The group drew upon high-profile expertise including the head of tourism for the Austrian capital Vienna, the chief executive of Destination Melbourne and the associate dean of Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

The course fee was funded through additional support from Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), AITC itself and individual grants from Skills Development Scotland, as well as individual input from each member of the group.

One of the key elements of the course was the completion of a group project.

Relating

The Argyll and the Isles team formed two teams and developed two associated projects, with one relating to developing tourism at a host community level and the other enhancing business cooperation in a rural area.

Both projects have now been presented to HIE and potential for development is being considered.

Gavin Dick, AITC chairman, said: 'I congratulate my colleagues on their success and also thank them for all their hard work over the past six months.'

'Tourism is everyone's business as it is vital to Argyll and the Isles' economy.'



A new access road could be created with any community takeover of Beinn Ghuilean.

Timber! Woodland group's road plan

BEINN Ghuilean Community Woodland group laid out a management plan for the South Kintyre peak this week - including new road access to allow timber extraction.

Formed to purchase the 352-metre climb from the Forestry Commission as a community resource, woodland group members, fresh from creating a new steering group fronted informally by Ed Tyler, who initiated the project, and Jimi McCallum, will submit suggestions and comments on the plan when they meet again next month.

Part of the road plan includes creating access at the front of the hill to allow greater levels of timber extraction.

Plans will be laid before the public at

an open day when at a more advanced stage, with a date still to be arranged.

It is hoped a Beinn Ghuilean information display will be set up at several premises around Campbeltown, where the public can find out more about the project.

Steering group

A woodland group spokesman said: 'A 20-strong steering group was formed which is an encouraging level of interest, something we had very much hoped for before the meeting.'

The next meeting will be held in the Argyll Arms Hotel on Monday, June 8 at 8pm. Anyone interested in helping in the effort to bring Beinn Ghuilean into community ownership will be most welcome.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

God said of the Lord Jesus, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased' (Matthew 3:17).

BIRTHS

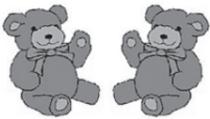


CASEY

Alastair and Kirsteen (née Howell) are delighted to announce the arrival of their son, Finlay Donald, on May 1, 2015 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. First grandchild for both families.

JASKOT

Daniel and Karen (McDonald) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Conall Jozef, born on February 2, 2015. A long awaited son, grandchild and nephew, but most importantly, a brother for two special little boys, Cailean and Lewis. Somewhere over the rainbow dreams really do come true.



STEWART

Lorne and Leanne (née Robertson) are delighted to announce the early, but safe, arrival of Alyssa Jane and Callum John, on March 25, 2015. A granddaughter and grandson for Alan and Joan and first grandchildren for Neil and Janice. A little sister and brother for Courtney, Glen and Zoe.

ENGAGEMENTS



MALCOLM - HARDIE

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Elaine, daughter of John and Catherine Malcolm, Erskine, to Andrew, younger son of David and Mary Hardie, Bridge of Weir.



SIMPSON - HASSON

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, while on holiday in Mexico, of Sarah Simpson, daughter of Mags and Joe McCallion, and Chris, son of Lorna and the late Albert Hasson. Congratulations.

MARRIAGES



HOUSTON - MACDOUGALL

At Lodge on Loch Lomond, on May 16, 2015, Susan Elizabeth, only daughter of Archie and Audrey, Campbeltown, to Stuart, eldest son of James and June, Cardross. A fantastic day!

SILVER WEDDINGS

CAMPBELL - Ian and Sharon, née Durance, married on May 25, 1990 by the Rev R McNidder, in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

BORTHWICK - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on May 16, 2015, Sarah Wilson Duncan, in her 82nd year, 53 Burnside Cottages, Stewarton, dearly beloved wife of the late William Colville Borthwick, much loved mother of Findlay, Catherine, Sarah, Allison and William and a loving grannie of Elaine and Kirsty.

KERR - Suddenly, after a short illness, on May 19, 2015, Elizabeth (Liz) Kerr, in her 72nd year, of 10 Barr Mor View, Kilmartin, beloved wife of Tom, and much loved mum of Tom and Mark. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Lorne Street Funeral Parlour, Lochgilphead, on Monday, May 25 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please.

MORRISON - Peacefully at his home, Kerosa, Bank House, Poltalloch Street, Lochgilphead, on May 14, 2015, with his family by his side, Roderick (Roddy) Campbell Morrison, in his 58th year, (former Manager of Bank of Scotland) much loved and loving husband of Sandra, devoted dad of Kevin and Andrew and papa of Harris. Dear brother of Mary, Annie, Alma, John, Angus Alex, and the late Finlay and Alistair. A much respected brother-in-law, adored uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, former work colleague and a great friend to many, and a highly respected member of the local community. Sadly missed by all.

WESTWATER - Peacefully, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on May 7, 2015, George Penman Westwater, in his 88th year, Sandlea, Machrihanish, dearly beloved husband of the late Maureen, a much loved brother and loving uncle of Grace and Kate. Service will take place in St Kieran's Episcopal Church, on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and

invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the RNLI.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GEMMILL - John and Helen Gemmill would like to express their grateful thanks to everyone who has supported them with visits, cards, letters and flowers following the recent tragic loss of their daughter, Moira. Thanks to all who attended the funeral service in Carradale, where £1,275 was collected for church funds.

MACDONALD - The family and friends of the late Rhona MacDonald would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received on the sad passing of Rhona. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital and Tarbert District Nurses for the kind care and attention received. Special thanks also to Rev Thomas Bryson for his visits and comforting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for most professional services, to Tarbert Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The sum of £400 was collected, to be shared by the Macmillan Suite at Mid Argyll Hospital and SSPCA.

MCSPORRAN - Hazel, Colin, Scott and Cara would like to thank all family, friends, work colleagues and neighbours for all messages, cards and flowers received following the sudden loss of their much loved mum and granny, Sadie. Thanks to Royal Alexandra Hospital, Ward 18, Dr Norrie and staff at the Campbeltown Hospital for the care and kindness shown to Mum. Thanks to Rev Wallace for the comforting service and the Ardshiel Hotel for excellent catering. Thanks to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional and dignified service. A heartfelt thanks to all who attended the church and graveside to say goodbye. The retiral collection in aid of the Sunshine Room raised £848.13. Thank you all.

IN MEMORIAMs

GILCHRIST - In loving memory of a dear husband, dad and granda, Malcolm (Shorty), who died May 20, 2012.

You are always on our minds.

- Jean and family.
JASKOT - A butterfly lights beside us like a sunbeam and for a brief moment its 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.

MACLACHLAN - In memory of our beloved mum, mother-in-law and granny, Kathy, who died May 20, 2014.

A year today you went away, In the early morn, at the break of day. No fuss, no tears, no sad goodbyes, You just lay down and closed your eyes. You're in our hearts, you're in our minds, You're here beside us all the time. We miss you more each passing day, We miss you more than words can say.

- Love, Marina, Niall, Kenny, Ann, Richard and Scott.

MACLEAN - In loving memory of our mum and wife, Irene.

Gone are the days we used to share, But in our hearts you're always there. Sorely missed.

- Alasdair, Niall and Stuart.
MCDUGALL - In loving memory of our beloved mother and granny, Mary McDougall, who passed away May 27, 2010.

Always in our thoughts.

- Donald, Sandra, Joe, Jem, Katie and Alisdair.
MCLELLAN - In loving memory of my father and mother, Donald and Clara (née Douglas), brothers, Archie, Donny and Jack and sister, Donas. Sadly missed and never forgotten.

- William and family in Peterborough.

ROBERTSON - In memory of my beloved husband, Davie, died May 26, 2013. Loving dad, papa and grand papa.

Loved and missed every day. - Isobel and family, home and away xx.

CHURCH NOTICES

Highland Parish Church



SCO02493

Sunday 24th May 2015
The service will be conducted by Rev Catriona Hood and will be held in the Church at 11.15am
Please come along - all are welcome.
Wednesday 27th May
Selection Committee Meeting 7pm in the hall
Session Meeting 7.30pm

Campbeltown Corps Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC099399
Burnside Street, Campbeltown 01586 552046

Saturday 23rd May
Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12.00 noon

Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz 6.30pm Evening Worship

Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League

Wednesday
7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob

Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Lt. Mark Scoulding



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 24th May 2015
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE
Bring and Share Lunch following the service
Dr John L. Morrison OBE

Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers

Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
All Welcome

More info. at
www.lpchurch.co.uk
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 24 May
Inverlussa Church 10 am
Morning Worship

Tayvallich Church 6 pm
Informal Worship
Rev. C. Acklam

Thursday 28 May
Tayvallich Hall
Messy Church 4 - 6 pm

All welcome
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Ladies Bible Study 2pm (fortnightly)

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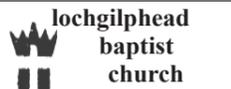
All welcome.



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 24th May
Morning Worship
Kilmartin 11.45 am
Rev. Cliff Acklam

All welcome
SC0 02121



lochgilphead baptist church

All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

Sunday 24th May 2015
11.00am with communion

mainly music
Tuesday at 10am

Jumpstart
Friday from 10am

Scottish Charity SC015187

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 24 May 2015
11.00am

Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch

Speaker: Graham McLean

"Pentecost - The Baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire"

Thursday 28 May 2015
10.00am

Praise, prayer & sharing

All Welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"It is good to sing praises to our God"

Services in Achahoish at 9:45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am

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Everyone Welcome

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Bishopston Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)

Sundays
11.00 am Eucharist service
4th Sunday of the month 10am

Mattins & 11am Eucharist Service
Coffee & Cake follows the service

St Columba's, Poltalloch, nr Kilmartin
(SC031391)

1st Sunday of the month
9am Eucharist service

3rd Sunday of the month
6.00pm Evensong

Scottish Prayer Book

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Services 24th May 2015
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Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service
in Cumloddan Church at 10 am

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Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

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Sunday 24th May 2015
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Kilberry Service 2pm
Reader, Mr David Logue

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Scottish Charity Number
SC011686

Sunday 24th May
Service 11.15am

Creche
Rev P Wallace

Tuesday 26th May
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am

BBs Church Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm

Junior Section 7.15pm

All Welcome



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 24th May
Pentecost

Holy Communion 10.45am

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George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 24th May
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Finlay Mackenzie

11.15am Sunday School

Wednesday 27th May
12.30pm

Bible Study and Prayer

2.00pm - 4.00pm
Water of Life Cafe

All Welcome

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75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 24th May
11.15am Joining with
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Thursday 28th May
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Alan in his element with stableford win

DUNAVERTY golf club players must be wondering if they are ever going to have a calm day for their competitions, after last week's stableford event was played in gale-force winds and a few icy showers made scoring difficult.

Andrew Robertson, fresh from his win two weeks ago, led the morning starters with a very creditable 36 points.

The ever-improving Alan Duncan overtook Robertson in the afternoon slot with an excellent 37, including 22 points on the inward half, and relegated his playing partner John McDowall, also on three, to runner-up.

Results were as follows: 1 Alan Duncan, 37 points (bih); 2 John McDowall 37; 3 Andrew Robertson 36; 4 Campbell McCallum 35 (bih), 5 Neil Brodie 35; 6 Bill Brannigan 34.

CSS for the day was 66.

Tomorrow (Saturday) is the Centenary Trophy and the second qualifying round for the Lephensrath Trophy.

Islay golf results

ISLAY Golf Club results are as follows: Summer League, Wednesday May 6: 1 W Ramsay 36 pts; 2 J Ferguson 34; 3 S Currie 33. CSS 71.

The Laddie, Sunday May 10: 1 R Quail 36 pts; 2 R MacIntyre 33; J Rozga 32. CSS 73

Letters Prize, Sunday May 17: 1 K MacDonald 77-7 = 70; 2 Colin Stroud 83-9=74; 3 N Carmichael 78-4=74 CSS 73.

Athletes up for the Challenge on Gigha

EASTERLY winds could not deter the runners, walkers and cyclist who travelled to the idyllic island of Gigha for this year's Gigha Challenge.

With a high turn-out on show, many having journeyed from the mainland especially for the races, the entrants were gifted with fluorescent woolly running hats after the races - although most competitors would have used them beforehand.

A Gigha Challenge spokeswoman said: 'We would like to extend a big thank you from the challenge organisers for everyone's effort and donations of delicious home baking post-race.'

'Well done to all the Gigha residents who came out in support to walk, cycle and run.'

'A special congratulations must go to our own Cara Gorman who finished first in the 5K race and went on to win

the Inveraray Jail Break the next day.

'We would also like to say a special mention to the Robertson family from Mid Argyll, in particular Ossian, who walked with his family in the 5K event and raised £600 in sponsor money for the children of Nepal whose lives have been devastated in the recent earthquakes.'

'The money raised will go towards teddies and blankets for the youngsters so very well done to the Robertsons.'

Results were as follows: 11.2 mile run - 1 Tommy Morran 1.13:52; 2 Allan Reid 1.16:42; 3 Dougie Ferguson 1.18:23.

Ladies' 11.2 mile run - 1 Katie Ferguson 1.26; 2 Moira McLennan 1.29; 3 Loraine Macdonald 1.33:49.

Mens' 5K - 1 Cameron Campbell; 2 Gregor Campbell; 3 Euan Charlwood.

Ladies' 5K - 1 Cara Gorman; 2 Jacky Preece; 3 Laura MacGregor

11.2m walk - 1 Rhod Nicol; 2 John Jamieson with 'Bruce'.

5k walk - 1 Erin Smith; 2 Amanda Clements; 3 Nell McFarlane.

11.2m cycle - 1 Paul Hart; 2 James Clark; 3 Emma Scott.

5k Cycle - 1 Marjorie Leyton; 2 Ben Davidson; 3 Jack McNab.



Gigha Challenge mens' 11.2 mile winner Tommy Morran, centre, third-placed Dougie Ferguson, left, and runner-up Allan Reid.



Campbeltown's Archie Johnston in action against Dalgety Bay last Saturday.

County bowlers into second round

CAMPBELTOWN bowling club hosted West Fife team Dalgety Bay on Sunday in the first round of the Scottish inter county top ten championship.

A large crowd around the Stronvaar green witnessed a hard-fought home win by six points to two.

Archie Johnston set the ball rolling in the singles with a 21-14 win, followed by the four of Steven Dickson, Robert Hendrie, Dugald Graham and Neil McCormick who had a comfortable 24-9 victory.

Almost an hour later, the triple of Gavin McLachlan, John McLean and

David Brown finished the contest with a narrow 13-11 win over a good Dalgety Bay threesome.

Commended

Despite losing their pairs contest, father and son team Jimmy and Gary Anderson were commended for their fighting spirit, surging back from 14-1 down to tie the match in the sixteenth end, before finally succumbing by two shots.

The Stronvaar side will now play Tarves, of Kincardine and Aberdeen county, in the second round on Sunday, with a roll-up time still to be arranged.

Swinging into action for charities

MACHRIHANISH golf club hosted its charity open on Saturday in aid of the local branches of Macmillan Cancer Support and Children 1st.

On an extremely windy day, the 110 players were presented with tough scoring conditions. Despite this, some great scores were returned.

David Rankin, who has only recently finished his year as captain of the golf club, came out on top in the gents' handicap section with a brilliant 76.

Having reached the turn in par, with nine straight pars, David dropped shots on the more testing inward half, his worst hole being the 12th with a double-bogey seven. However, he held on to shoot a net 68 to win by three shots from playing partner, Stuart Campbell. Stuart, a former club champion, had the winning scratch score with a most impressive 71

which included two birdies and three bogeys.

At the evening prize-giving, club captain Graham Anderson presented Ailsa Colville of Children 1st and Lorna Millar of Macmillan Cancer Support with cheques of £500 each from the proceeds on the day.

Results: Gents: Handicap - 1 David Rankin, 76-8 = 68; 2 Craig Stevenson (Visitor), 85-13 = 72 (BIH); 3 Norman Gwynne 89-15=74 (BIH); 4 Alan Glendinning 92-18 = 74 (BIH).

Scratch - 1 Stuart Campbell, 71; 2 Bobby Willan senior, 77 (BIH); 3 George MacMillan, 77; 4 Revie Thomson, 79 (BIH).

Senior - T J McAdam 94-23 = 71.

Ladies: Handicap - 1 Elizabeth Morrison, 98-12 = 86.

Scratch - 1 Ann Gallacher, 96. Nearest the pin was Hector Thomson of Machrihanish and the longest drive was Andrew Wallace.



Scratch winner Stuart Campbell with captain's wife Denise Anderson who presented the prizes.

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Cheque out this generous gift

South Kintyre Sports Council (SKSC) gave Kintyre's young runners a boost last week with a cheque for £200 towards the Mull of Kintyre Run (MOKRun) junior races, being held on Sunday as part of the event. The donation has funded special medals for the junior event to mark the race's 10th year. From left are Gail Williams, MOKRun secretary, Fiona Irwin, MOKRun junior event co-ordinator, Linda Robertson, SKSC chairwoman and Alison McGeachy, SKSC treasurer.

Tough home match for young Pupils

Campbeltown Pupils	1
Milngavie BC	2
DFDL - 2002s League	

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils youth lost out last weekend at home to Milngavie Youths.

The two teams met earlier in the season with the Campbeltown side running out comfortable 4-0 winners on that occasion.

Both teams have been on good form since the start of the year and it was an important game, with both sides vying to finish the season with a late surge.

Advantage

The game started off with the away side having the advantage of the strong wind, and they took the lead when a good strike from outside the box on the left flank beat the onrushing Pu-

pils keeper to give Milngavie the lead.

The Pupils had handled playing against the wind well and equalised when Elliott Gemmell's shot low from 20 yards out made the game all-square at half time.

With the wind advantage in the second half the Pupils failed to capitalise, and after missing some good chances the visitors took the lead with 15 minutes to

go after some slack play on the Pupils' part.

The young Campbeltown team tried to get back into the game with some good pressure on the Milngavie goal but could not turn the chances they made into goals and the game ended 2-1 to the visitors.

Despite the strong wind and heavy rain at times both sides played some great passing football and gave the spectators a great game to watch and deserve credit for the good play and sporting manner in which the match was played.



The young Pupils' Elliott Gemmell makes it 1-1 with a great strike in the first half.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £3600

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:
A Gillies
Bridgend
Lochgilhead
B Goodwin
Albyn Avenue
Campbeltown

All you have to do

We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright.

To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

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

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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Tough home match for young Pupils

Machrihanish trophy trio win

THREE trophies were up for grabs during the past month at Machrihanish Golf Club.

First, the Centenary Trophy was won by a five-shot margin when Neil McCallum scored a round of 79, after a superb back nine of one over par 36 - kick-started by an eagle three at the 10th despite windy conditions.

The emphatic victory sees Neil head to the Lombard national Pro-Am qualifiers later this summer with Machrihanish's pro, Ken Campbell.

The following day, Neil McCallum and David Campbell teamed up in the Shield Fourball competition, with the formidable duo successfully defending the trophy.

Full results as follows:
Centenary trophy (April 25, CSS 74, reductions only, played 44): 1 Neil McCallum 79-10=69; 2 Graham Anderson 82-8=74 (BIH); 3 David Campbell 78-4=74; Senior - Billy Ritchie 90-12=78; Lowest Gross - Stuart Campbell 75. Shield Fourball (April 26) handicap - 1 David Campbell and Neil McCallum 67; 2 Stuart Campbell and Stephen Kelly 68; 3 Owen Morgan and Keith Johnson 70; scratch - David Wallace and Andrew Wallace 75. Coronation Cup (May 2, CSS 73, played 34, bogey competition): 1 Alan Thomson Level; 2 Archie Johnstone, two down (BIH); 3 Keith Johnson, two down.

Scottish AFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - Alba Thistle 2, Oban Saints 1; Premier Division Two - Motherwell Thistle 6, Lochgilphead Red Star 0; Division 1B - Bridgewater 8, Tarbert 0.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Oban Saints v Finnart; Campbeltown Pupils no game; Premier Division 2 - Ferguslie Star v Lochgilphead Red Star; Division 1B - Rossvale v Tarbert.

Six of the best as 'Dale lift league cup

Carradale	6
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WoS AFL Thomson Trophy Final	

CARRADALE are on the treble hunt after a storming league cup victory over rivals Inchinnan Valley.

The East Kintyre side travelled to Shettleston FC's ground in the east of Glasgow knowing they had already secured a trophy after finishing top of their league split.

Carradale thought they had taken the lead within four minutes when Gregor Croll tapped the ball home, but despite Ryan McConnachie's cutback appearing to move away from the direction of goal the linesman flagged for offside.

Inchinnan Valley responded from this shock to the system by taking the lead only minutes later.

A move down the right flank saw their centre-forward run clear, and, despite his poor control, the ball was released by the advancing Neil McMillan in the Carradale goal, and the Inchinnan player picked up the scraps to score the opener.

This lifted the Renfrewshire side and Carradale had to weather some pressure, seeing

much less of the ball.

However, the tide turned again in the 22nd minute when Cammy Maguire's shot through a ruck of bodies landed at the feet of Gregor Croll after the keeper could only parry, and the striker tucked away a much-needed equaliser.

Nonnie Macalister, Carradale's manager, described the next goal as 'an absolute peach'.

Cammy Maguire took a free-kick from 25 yards out and chipped it with great accuracy into the very top right-hand corner of the net to give Carradale the lead.

Demoralised

Inchinnan were soon a demoralised lot as the Kilbrannan-sponsored 'Dale went 3-1 up on the counter-attack.

A corner was cleared by David Johnstone, who set McConnachie clear on goal after beating the offside trap.

The 19-year-old showed pace and skill to advance on goal and lob the bouncing ball over the keeper and into the net.

All momentum towards half-time was



Carradale's players celebrate winning the Thomson Trophy - the second of a possible treble this season.

now with Carradale, and before half-time a fourth was added, when Maguire released McConnachie and he lashed the ball home for his brace.

After the interval Carradale were guilty of complacency, allowing Inchinnan a second goal and a possible way back into the contest.

A clearance from Inchinnan's right-back position caught Carradale

off-guard and an attacker managed to squeeze a shot home to reduce the gap.

Carradale would not be denied their victory, though, and Gregor Croll, proving such a valuable asset for Carradale since his move from Campbeltown Pupils, won a free kick on the edge of the box.

Maguire's shot was only pushed out into a maelstrom of players where Johnstone delicately chipped the ball beyond the diving keeper's grasp to make it 5-2.

The scoring was completed when left-back Kenny Kerr overlapped superbly and was brought down out wide.

Maguire curled the free-kick to the back post and provided his fourth assist of the afternoon - a contribution that would see

him named the tournament sponsor's man of the match - with Ewan McIlroy the scorer, cushioning a volley beyond the keeper to finish the game in style.

The McFadyens-sponsored side were presented with the trophy, dating back to 1946, and young star Ryan McConnachie also received an accolade when he was named best player by the match officials on the day.

Nonnie Macalister, the winning manager, said: 'Well done to the players on a marvellous performance.'

'The game was played in a sporting manner and was entertaining, with lots of goals, which was good for those who came along to support us.'

'The players will have a week's break and will get back to training next week. Oban Athletic won this competition last year so it is great to keep it in Argyll.'

Carradale have a free week tomorrow (Saturday) and have a Challenge Shield semi-final against Cardross to look forward to, with a date and venue yet to be confirmed.



Cammy Maguire scores a delightful free kick to make it 2-1 to Carradale.

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