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Chinook crash dead remembered

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New roles for Jane and Archie

Actress Jane Dunbar is in playful mode for this wedding day picture with new husband Archie MacMillan, well-known Carradale man and owner of Kintyre Smokehouse in Campbeltown. See page 4 for full story.

Rally safety VOW

Machrihanish spectators will be kept in designated area

by GRAHAM CRAWFORD
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ASSURANCES have been given over spectators' safety for the Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship at Machrihanish Air Base next month.

They follow last weekend's tragedy in the Borders when three spectators were killed on a closed-road course when a rally car lost control and ploughed into them. Five other rally fans

were injured, including two critically, in a separate accident at the Jim Clark Rally a few hours earlier.

David Hatrick, organiser of the inaugural Machrihanish event, said: 'Spectating will only be allowed from within a designated/controlled area.'

'This area will be clearly defined and under the close control of

marshals at all times.

'Signs will also identify the risks and dangers associated with the sport. Spectators will not be allowed to stray from their areas to other parts of the stage.

'Should any spectator do this, the stage will be stopped immediately and not re-started until everybody is back in the designated areas.

'Spectators will be allowed access to the service areas and must be aware cars will be mov-

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YOUTHS who threw stones at passing vehicles on Main Street, Campbeltown on Monday, and smashed a car window, will be spoken to by police in the presence of their families.

A police spokesman said: 'Such incidents are potentially dangerous for drivers, passengers and pedestrians.'

Speeding penalties issued

THREE drivers were each hit with three penalty points and £100 fines for speeding in the Witchburn area of Campbeltown during the past week.

Clarification

IN last week's Courier, we told of a new book about Glenbarr War Memorial and those from the area who died in two world wars; we have been asked to point out that it was in part collated by the late Duncan McIsaac.

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Two cancellations are ferry disappointing

'I was looking forward to relaxing after a long journey'

FERRY passengers were left disappointed as two sailings scheduled between Campbeltown and Ardrossan were cancelled last Friday because of shortages in Caledonian MacBrayne's fleet.

MV Isle of Arran, arriving two hours earlier last Thursday evening following a further reschedule, was due to leave Campbeltown at 7.35am the following day but was diverted to Kennacraig as cover for MV Hebridean Isles.

Repairs

The latter vessel was forced to go north and fulfil CalMac's service between Oban and Tiree, after the regular vessel on that route, MV Lord of the Isles, was sent to Liverpool

for repairs. One traveller, who did not want to be named, told the Courier: 'I was looking forward to relaxing on the ferry after a long journey from the south of England. Instead I had to hang around Glasgow for two hours for the next bus to Campbeltown. To say I was unhappy at the cancellation is an understatement.'

Councillor John Semple said: 'It was disappointing to see the Campbeltown to Ardrossan service cancelled last Friday, but it is the relief boat in the CalMac fleet, even though that won't be of any consolation to those who missed out on the service.'

'It is important people do not lose confidence

in an already limited service over a short time period, therefore I have written to the Caledonian MacBrayne chief executive to ask that the service be extended into October as a sort of recompense.'

Caledonian MacBrayne spokesman David Cannon said: 'This was a difficult decision but any other course of action would have left the Islay to Kennacraig ferry service with only one boat running on a very busy weekend on the island.'

'Fortunately the MV Isle of Arran resumed her Campbeltown to Ardrossan service on Saturday morning. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused to passengers.'



Hall Street is no longer available for parking on either side of the dual carriageway, with roadworks on one side and a contraflow on the other. 08_c23road01

Hole lot less parking in town

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An Argyll and Bute Council spokesman said: 'Our engineers are generally satisfied with the integrity of the remainder of the road.'

'It has been decided as a precaution to bring forward the excavation of this part of the road and keep the contraflow in place at the landward side. Should we encounter any further "soft spots" they will, of course, be addressed as part of the work.'

Unfortunate

'Given the situation we are unfortunately now unable to retain parking spaces on Hall Street during the works as was the intention.'

The spokesman confirmed the work would continue until the end of the month.



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Machrihanish rally spectators will be kept in designated area

Continued from Page 1 ing there and look all around for traffic which could appear from any direction, albeit within the service areas restricted speed limits.'

Mr Hatrick also stressed: 'We would also like to add that although this event has catering there are no licenced bars and we would insist that no alcohol is brought to this event for safety reasons.'

One witness where the Border rally fatali-

ties occurred near Coldstream said the spectators should not have been allowed where they were.

Taped off

Teacher Colin Gracey said in previous years the area had been taped off at least 30 metres into a field, but on this occasion the tape was nearer. The rally crew in both incidents were unhurt.

Superintendent Phil O'Kane, of Police Scotland, said: 'It's the nature of the event, a ral-

ly on open roads that the public have access to. Although safety barriers are put in place, there are not stewarding positions along the whole route.'

'It's a high-energy and a high-adrenaline sport and people want to take the best positions.'

Borders MSP John Lamont said: 'I know the rally organisers place considerable emphasis on the safety of the spectators and drivers but, with any event of

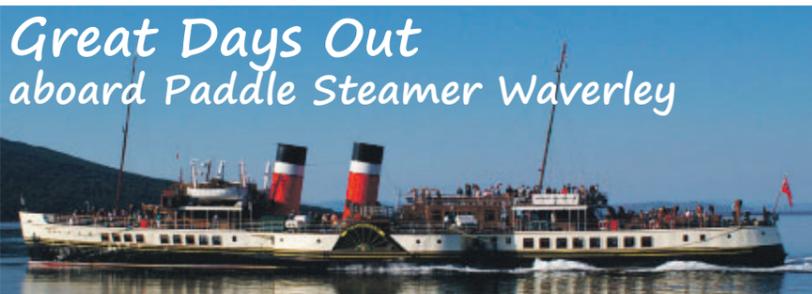
this nature, there will always be an element of risk.'

He said it was 'appropriate that questions are asked and investigations are carried out to ensure that in the future nothing like this happens again'.

Alan Johnstone, media manager for the Jim Clark Rally, said: 'This is the first fatality we have had. We try our best to get it as safe as possible. You'll never get it 100 percent by its very nature.'

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Audience galore for whisky show

THERE was an audience of more than 200 when Mull Theatre company visited the Picture House last Thursday evening to put on their stage performance of Sir Compton Mackenzie's 'Whisky Galore'.

Patrons were greeted in the foyer by Springbank Distillery staff dispensing wee drams just to get the audience in the mood.

After the show, described as 'a roaring hilarious success', a piper appeared to accompany patrons to the Ardshiel Hotel for an after-show supper of haggis balls with whisky cream, a dram and coffee.

Music was provided by Archie McAllister and Les Oman.

A Picture House spokesman said: 'The show's cast also attended for a nightcap and the general consensus was that it was a thoroughly good night with something different on offer for Campbeltown.'

Big thanks to beach volunteers

LAGGAN Community Council thanked the volunteers who helped out with its beach clean at Machrihanish on Sunday.

The cleaning effort comes as the beach won a Seaside Award from Keep Scotland Beautiful - for its water quality and beach cleanliness - for the 11th year in a row.

St Columba service

AN ECUMENICAL service to commemorate the arrival of St Columba at Southend will be held on Sunday, June 8. It will be held at St Columba's footprints, Keil, Southend at 7.30pm and in the church if wet at 7.30pm. Tea will follow at St Blaas's Hall.

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Sent off for having a pram

Young mum says all-weather pitch rule is 'nonsense'

A YOUNG mum was shown a red card on a football pitch - for having a pram.

The 25-year-old told the Courier of her anger and disbelief at being ordered off Campbeltown's all-weather pitch.

She was then shocked again to be told by Aqualibrium staff that prams were banned because they were classed as 'vehicles'.

'It is just ridiculous nonsense,' said the woman, who has a two-year-old son and did not want named. 'It's appalling really. I had been turning up regularly with the pram for two years to support my younger brother in his football games. Suddenly, it was a problem.'

'I was advised by a member of the Aqua-

librium staff that no wheels were allowed on the pitch and that information signs confirmed this. The signs prohibit wheels in the form of vehicles, bicycles, skateboards or rollerblades.

'I was then told that a pram is a vehicle, which is the first time I've heard it described as that.'

'Does that mean wheelchairs are also vehicles and banned?'

'Are wheelchair users also discriminated against, or is just mothers with prams?'

No sense

'It makes no sense - all the pitch's seven-a-side goalposts have wheels on them.'

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council which runs the all-weather pitch said: 'We want everyone to be able

to enjoy the facilities, whether they are playing or watching sport.'

'There are competing demands to balance - guidance from sports pitch suppliers advise that wheels should be kept off the pitch surface in order to keep it fit for playing sport.'

'While prams are not vehicles, their wheels can still affect the playing surface.'

'Access for people who use wheelchairs has not been an issue. We would be happy to discuss any concerns.'

'We are having a meeting with sports clubs so we can work together in agreeing an approach that will make the pitch as available to everyone as possible and ask people to work with us in using and preserving the pitch as a resource for



The sign at the gate to the all-weather pitch which says no vehicles, bicycles, skateboards or rollerblades. 08_c23sign01

everyone.'

The spokeswoman added that goalposts were 'moved on and off

the field appropriately by trained staff'.

The young mum responded: 'I'd like some-

one to explain to me quite how pram wheels could damage the pitch.'

Changes in store

A PLANNING application has been made by Tesco to make changes to the layout of its store at Lochend Street, Campbeltown, including an enclosed cash machine 'pod' and replacement trolley bays.

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It is all change for Jane - on and off stage

LIKE many actors, Jane Dunbar is constantly re-inventing herself. Lately the new roles have been coming fast and furious. Not least of all as the wife of Archie MacMillan, owner of the Kin-

tyre Smokehouse in Campbeltown. The couple married recently in Archie's home village of Carradale. Within days she was on the road with her new puppet show 'Mrs Lilly Learns to Swim'.

Written by Jane, with music by Julie Campbell of Glasgow, she performs it with fellow actor Wullie Brennan, of Coatbridge, whom she has worked with for the past 20 years. 'We did a lot togeth-



Jane Dunbar and Wullie Brennan with the youngsters at Campbeltown Nursery Centre. 08_c22puppet02



Jane Dunbar and Archie MacMillan with their wedding guests and marquee outside Carradale Village Hall.

er with Hopscotch Theatre Company, putting on plays for primary schools,' says Jane. 'However, we felt there was a lack of shows for nursery children, primary 1-4 and those with special needs and that is how Mrs Lilly evolved. 'I like making things, so I made the puppets and Wullie helped with the props - all with recycled materials. "Mrs Lilly Learns to Swim" is a feelgood story, full of interactive music and sing-along songs with plenty of actions.'

Jane is also well known around Argyll for her work with The Three Wee Crows Theatre Company involving fellow actresses Kathleen Campbell and Vivienne DeCaris and musician Ann Barlow. Their performances, steeped in history and legends, are often against dramatic backdrops such as Duart Castle on Mull (they are back there in June, July and August). Jane, who is relocating from Glasgow to Carradale, also has her own company, Mad Cow Productions. Where did that name come from? Well,

her initials are CJD. Her latest one-woman show is 'A Date With Barbara Cartland', a comedy which has her interacting with her audience. She will be performing that - between puppet show and Wee Three Crows engagements - at Glasgow's Hillhead Library on June 21-22. Meanwhile, of her new, real-life role as Mrs Archie MacMillan, she gives her new husband a rave review: 'He is an extraordinary man. He is always coming up with new ideas.'

Wullie is another performer familiar with frequent change. Speaking at Campbeltown Nursery Centre after the puppet show, he told the Courier: 'Here I am performing in front of 30 very young children. Less than a week ago, I was on the stage in front of 3,000 adults at Glasgow's SECC in 'Singing I'm No A Billy, I'm A Tim' about rival Old Firm fans locked in a cell together on the day of a big Celtic and Rangers match. 'You never quite know what you could be doing next, that's the joy of being an actor.'



Jane Dunbar performing her new puppet show 'Mrs Lilly Learns to Swim'. 08_c22puppet01

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Service remembers those who died in Chinook crash and their families

A SERVICE was held on Monday at the Mull of Kintyre memorial site of the RAF Chinook helicopter crash to mark its 20th anniversary.



The memorial cairn with a plaque bearing the names of the four crew members and 25 passengers who died. 08_c23cairn01

Four crew and 25 of the UK's most senior intelligence experts died.

The service on Monday was conducted by Rev Steve Fulcher of Southend Church who admitted surprise that as many as 70 people had made the difficult journey to the remote hillside where the helicopter and crew perished in thick mist.

Informal

He said: 'People said they wanted this service to be informal and low key, because it was time to move on after 20 years.'

'Those who could not be here said they were glad there would be a service.'

'This kind of loss never goes away, you just learn to live with it.'

'We are remembering those who died and the impact it had on their relatives. We are also remembering the profes-



Monday's memorial service began shrouded in mist. 08_c23service01

sionalism of the emergency services and also the impact this accident had on our community.'

Rev Fulcher read out the names of the 29 men who died.

The hillside, shrouded in mist as the service began in the late afternoon, seemed desolate and unforgiving.

However, the air began

to clear as Campbeltown British Legion piper John McGeachy played 'Flowers of the Forest' while the small congregation stood heads bowed in silence.

As he concluded the 30-minute service with 'The Ireland I Love', the sun had broken through to offer a view across the sea to the Antrim coast.

In contrast with earlier, the hillside appeared benign and beautiful.

Ploughed

The Chinook passengers had been travelling from Northern Ireland to a security conference at Inverness when the aircraft ploughed into the hillside in thick mist.

The four crew members were from the Spe-

cial Forces. The pilots, Flt Lt Richard Cook and Flt Lt Jonathan Tapper, were eventually exonerated of blame for the crash following a fresh review of the evidence in 2011. A MoD spokesman said: 'Our thoughts remain with the families of all those who died in the tragic Mull of Kintyre incident.'

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Safety first

IT WOULD only be natural for those who were considering going to the inaugural Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship at Machrihanish Air Base to have second thoughts in the light of the terrible rally accidents in the Borders at the weekend. Parents especially may feel less inclined to take their children along, fearing they may be exposing them to risks not worth taking. However, it should be noted that the Jim Clark Rally in the Borders and the air base event scheduled for July 5 and 6 are quite different.

Last weekend's rally was on a closed-road course, making it nigh impossible to completely control spectators' movements. The organisers are always aware of this and so are those attracted to go along to that type of rally. While it is hoped that warnings and directions will be heeded and common sense and caution will prevail, the very high-adrenaline nature of the sport in that type of situation almost tempts some people to get as close as they perceive is safely possible to these incredibly powerful machines which are invariably being driven at, or close to, their limits.

The Machrihanish type of event should allow the spectacle to be maximised while the risk is minimised. Its organisers have assured that spectating 'will only be allowed from within a designated/controlled area' and that racing will be stopped if that control is breached. It is also fair to say that last weekend's devastation will have further focused their minds on every aspect of safety. They will be desperately upset at what happened in the Borders but equally determined to protect the credibility and reputation of their sport.

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Time to make our own way

Sir,
Following the European elections the choice for Scots in September's independence referendum is becoming clearer.

Here in Argyll and Bute UKIP collected 10 per cent of the votes cast to come fourth just behind Labour. In Scotland as a whole UKIP fared no better. Looking at the UK results things were very different. UKIP topped the poll with 28 per cent of the votes cast and in some regions as high as 32 per cent. With talk now of a UKIP and Conservative alliance in the run-up to the next UK elections, we are starting to see what Westminster government after the referendum might look like.

British society is telling politicians the status quo is not an option. The most attractive option for the rest of the UK appears to be an inward looking, right-wing Westminster government, no longer in Europe - that is not the case in Scotland. It is my view that Scotland and the rest of the UK have been pulling in different directions for more than 30 years.

It is time now to make our own way.

Councillor John Semple
South Kintyre.

Double standards

Sir,
In his letter in last week's Courier, Tony Williams criticises the 'No Borders' campaign in support of the Union as somehow less legitimate for being backed by a millionaire

businessman. How, I wonder, does he feel about the 'Yes Scotland' pro-independence campaign, which is almost entirely funded by donations solicited from two millionaire lottery winners? Do I detect a whiff of double standards?

And isn't it ironic that his letter, which also complains that the No Borders campaign involves a PR company, is printed alongside the latest offering from Alex Orr, the Edinburgh PR consultant working for the Yes campaign.

And finally, if he thinks a four per cent swing will be enough for the Yes campaign to win the referendum, then good luck to him. Most independent polls suggest a margin of 20 per cent or more (see www.whatscotland-thinks.org).

Ron Knight
by email.

Successful Union

Sir,
I was happy to attend the recent Yes meeting here on Islay where the separatists gave public spending levels, green energy, Scotland's universities and our NHS as some of the reasons to break up our 300-year-old union. I, like the majority of Scots, feel that the above reasons are the exact reason why we should stay together and this is why.

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The UK isn't successful because it's old; it's old because it's successful.

Alastair Redman
Portnahaven
Islay.

We are Better Together

Sir,
I am a passionate Unionist. My Hexham constituency has a Northern border which is the Scottish border at Carter Bar.

At present, I am travelling every three weeks north of the Border to make the case to the Scots that I, as an English and British MP, am desperate for the Scots to stay as part of the United Kingdom.

I met and spoke to many people on Islay last week and was struck by the strength of feeling. Most of the people I

spoke to were in favour of the Union.

I also wanted to make it clear to the locals I met in Scotland that independence would definitely affect my constituents in Northumberland whether they are farmers or businessmen.

My constituents are overwhelmingly supportive of the Union and would be devastated if Scotland went independent. For me, it is a question of the heart as much as the head. I love Scotland, and believe that together as the United Kingdom we have beaten everyone from Napoleon to Hitler. We are Better Together.

Guy Opperman
Conservative MP
Hexham.

There is nothing to fear

Sir,
It is hard to understand how Arthur McFarlane envisages Scottish independence as a negative outcome for this country (see last week's Courier letters). His argument still comes across as being wholly based on fear. But fear of what exactly?

Sadly, I am old enough to have seen all the past scare stories about what dire consequences would befall an independent Scotland. We were warned about the impact on our industries, our economic future. So where are our steel and car industries and coal mining today? What has happened to our manufacturing base or our fishing and shipbuilding? They have either gone or suffered a severe decline - and without the help of an independent Scotland. The

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very Westminster-biased politicians who made the dire warnings, happily assisted by a Unionist-biased media, brought it about.

Please Mr McFarlane, would it really have been worse in an independent, oil and cash-rich Scotland?

What is it exactly you are hanging onto? The UK is a spent force. It has run out of money and ideas. It offers our young no hope. London is fiddling (literally) while the rest of the country burns. UKIP has only happened because English voters have lost faith in the mainstream Westminster parties. These parties, with their wealthy, detached-from-reality leaders, simply do not get it. Or maybe they do and are happy to allow their wealthy city pals to go on milking us dry while they can.

The downward spiral of the United Kingdom has been going on for decades and is getting worse. The reality for the Better Together campaign is that there is no 'better' future which it can offer.

Independence is a once in a lifetime opportunity for a fresh start. Many countries in the past century have gone down the same route. Few if any had the resources or talent of Scotland, yet not one of these countries has regretted going it alone.

There is nothing to fear - except the status quo.

G Wallace
Glasgow.

Impressed by students

Sir,
I would like to use your letter page to convey my thanks to Argyll College students.

Campbeltown Young Disabled Group would like to thank the HN students and tutors at Argyll College for choosing us to be the recipients of the £700 they raised running a

charity prize bingo.

The amount of research putting together a very informative leaflet about MS in the Kintyre area and the imaginative way they got people to complete the feedback form they had compiled was excellent. They had contacted various businesses in the area who generously donated prizes so a thank you to them also.

Our group will use the money to pay this year's room hire in Campbeltown Community Centre and for Red Cross Transport for the annual Christmas shopping trip to Glasgow.

J Grady
chairwoman
Campbeltown
Young Disabled
Group.

Angry at being sent off the pitch

Sir,
I am writing to express my fury and disgust towards Argyll and Bute Council following the discovery that prams are prohibited from entering the grounds of the all-weather pitch (AWP) in Campbeltown.

As a family with a young son we often spectate at football matches taking place on the AWP between local teams and others and have done since my son's birth more than two years ago. There was no problem with my son's pram being on the side-lines of the pitch during a match until Sunday, May 25, when I was approached by a member of staff from the Aqualibrium and advised that no wheels were allowed on the pitch and that the information signs attached to the gates around the perimeter confirmed this.

Yes the information signs do prohibit the entrance of wheels onto the pitch in the form of vehicles, bicycles, skateboards and rollerblades. When questioned I was advised by a fur-

ther member of Aqualibrium staff that a pram is a vehicle - does this also mean that wheelchairs are categorised as vehicles with wheels and, therefore, entry is prohibited for them thus discriminating against disabled people?

Further to this, if all wheels are prohibited from the grounds of the AWP then why do the goals have wheels attached to them to be moved?

In addition, if all rules and regulations detailed on the information signs on the gates of the AWP are to be followed including the wearing of appropriate footwear, then surely no spectators should be able to enter the grounds of the AWP as the required footwear would not be worn by anyone. This is seemingly being reviewed and an outcome is due soon.

It seems that Argyll and Bute Council does not wish events taking place on the AWP to be supported by locals.

Name and address
supplied and with
held on request.

Dangerous 'crossing'

Sir
I visited the town recently and enjoyed the golf, the whisky events and of course the company of some of my old school friends, however I am most concerned about what I consider a safety hazard at the Royal Hotel. A 'pedestrian crossing' has been laid with what looks like the non-skid material normally used on bad corners, however as there is no legal obligation for cars to stop at this crossing why is it there?

On Friday, May 23 I witnessed what could have been a fatal accident; two elderly people were standing at the 'crossing' and a kind gentleman stopped to allow them to cross and just as they were about to walk out past this car another car overtook

the stationary vehicle almost knocking them down. So what I would like to ask Argyll and Bute Council (whom I'm told thinks this is a perfectly safe situation) is why on earth does it not make this a proper crossing or take it away all together.

Another thing, though not so vital, is why no indication that this is a roundabout? Locals know it is but signs are for visitors.

If someone does get hurt or killed at this location I don't want to be writing again to say I told you so, so please see to this problem, or is the roads department going to do what happened with the Methadone clinic, which the townspeople did not want, and just ignore the public opinion?

On a happier subject I was pleased to see the great crowds which turned out to witness the half marathon and 10K run. In fact all the events that were on were great fun to watch.

Les McArthur
by email.

Dram good show

Sir,
May I express my thanks to the cast of Mull Theatre for its show Whisky Galore at Campbeltown Picture House. Also for the drams provided by Springbank.

What a good night. We need more live theatre in town.

Zandra Macdougall
Scalpay
Glenbarr.

Full address

IN a letter last week from James Reid seeking help with family research, his full address was omitted.

It is 38 Gaston Way, Shepperton, Middlesex TW17 8EX and the email is jock_38@hotmail.co.uk

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We would suffer with fewer embassies

Sir,

Sometimes the finer details reveal the flaws in the plan to separate Scotland from the rest of the UK. The SNP's White Paper states we would have 70 to 90 overseas embassies or missions. That would be up to 90 building projects following a vote for independence, all with the potential to go over budget. None of this would come cheap and Scots alone would pick up the tab.

Right now we have 270 embassies and consulates in virtually every country in the world - all bought and paid for. Most people I know would rather not pay again for something they have already bought.

More worryingly, the SNP's plans leave us unrepresented in more than half the world's na-

tions. If you or a family member got into difficulties in one of these places you would have no consular advice on hand to help.

The 270 existing UK embassies also constitute a global shop window promoting our high quality food and drink. Many Kintyre producers see their meat, fish and whisky output exported, so this access to the world is important to their success.

These might be minor arguments for staying in the UK but they are important because they demonstrate clearly how we are better together.

K McMillan
Argyll.

Learn from history

Sir,

On a rare journey north of the border, David Cameron pledged that if Scots vote 'No' to independence he will deliver more powers for Holy-

rood, should the Conservatives win the general election in 2015.

It should be noted, however, that no timescale is provided on this and Mr Cameron is more than a little vague as to what these powers actually would be.

In the run-up to the devolution referendum of 1979, many Scots will remember Mrs Thatcher urging Scots to reject the establishment of the assembly as they would get 'something better'.

'Something better' turned out to be 18 years of Thatcherism and Tory governments that we in Scotland did not vote for.

Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Even the Tories must realise we are not so stupid as to be fooled for a second time.

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Area's culture, heritage and arts have 'huge potential'

A MEETING in Dunoon will discuss how Argyll and Bute Council can build on the area's rich cultural, heritage, arts and Gaelic assets.

An action plan shows there are 844 people working in the arts and creative industries in Argyll and Bute, almost two percent of the economically active population. They in turn employ a further 924 people, and involve 2,741 volunteers.

The industries collectively have an annual turnover of in excess of £63 million.

Councillor Robin Currie, council policy lead for community and culture, said: 'Our culture, heritage, arts, and Gaelic language and music are an intrinsic part of what defines Argyll and Bute's identity, character and appeal. There is huge potential to develop these assets and their contribution to our cultural tourism and their support of our economy.'

The results will be discussed in Dunoon's Queen's Hall on Thursday, June 18, from 11am until 3pm.



Students raise £700 for MS charity

STUDENTS from Argyll College in Campbeltown handed over a cheque for £700 to the town's MS Young Disabled.

The four NC Administration students had to organise an event for a charity as part of their course

and held a charity prize bingo at Stronvaar Bowling Club in April.

Joan Grady, of the MS group, said: 'They put an enormous amount of hard work into the event. We are really grateful.'

Joan is pictured seated centre

with the group's Wilma Ellis, left, and Lorna McCallum. Behind are students Jeanette Watters, left, Roxanne Vause and Carly Duncan. Sharon Baikie was not available for the photograph.

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Shona names Kintyre's first ever car rally

PREPARATIONS are revving up for the Blue Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship event at Machrihanish Air Base on July 5 and 6 - and it has a new name.

Kintyre's first ever rally will be called Mach 1 Stages. The name, chosen by Campbeltown Grammar pupil Shona Basset, was picked from dozens submitted by pupils.

The Kintyre Rally - whose title sponsor is Blue Machinery (Scotland) Ltd - is organised by Dunfermline Car Club (DCC).

Event co-ordinator and committee member David Hatrick said: 'It really feels like we're getting closer to the big weekend now that one

of the most popular and prestigious events in the rally calendar has an official title.

'Congratulations to Shona and hopefully Mach 1 Stages soon become buzz words as the excitement grows towards the event.'

The first car is due on stage 1 at noon on Saturday, July 5 and at 8.30am the following day.

There will be car parking for the general public: £15 per car and £5 per motorbike per day.

Anyone wishing more information on the inaugural Kintyre rally, or wishing to keep up with events as the countdown to the big weekend of rallying begins can visit www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk

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Jack makes waves in his first half marathon race

Photographer John McFadyen captured this striking picture of MOK half marathon winner Jack Arnold as he made his way along the beach at Machrihanish during the recent race. It was the 23-year-old's first race over the distance.

Baking project bears fruit for Grammar pupils

S3 PUPILS at Campbeltown Grammar showed off their baking skills last Friday with an awards ceremony at the

school's assembly hall. For a month-long project covering several subject areas, the pupils were assigned teams and

asked to create a biscuit in home economics to accompany Mull of Kintyre cheese, as well as designing a website to market their products through the school's IT department, with the overall project being assessed by a five-strong panel including one of their teachers.

Alison Woodrow, principal teacher of home economics, commended the students on their hard work and also their adaptability, picking out winning bakers Bramble Blast, whose fruit-based biscuits had originally been flavoured with Springbank whis-

ky, which proved not to be 'cost-effective', as a great example.

That team, along with Holy Biscuit, whose

ring-shaped design and packaging proved a revelation with the judges, were firmly among the prizes.



Bramble Blast won the competition for best biscuit, with a team made up of Chloe MacMillan, Nicola McFadyen, Connor Ewart, Aimee McGougan and Kaitlin Coffey. 20_c23biscuit03



From left, runners-up Holy Biscuit, featuring Jordon McKenzie, Cameron Thom, Andrew Millar, Owen Pickering and Ryan Gilchrist. 20_c23biscuit01

Encouragement for runners



Pictured are some of the P2, 4 and 6 pupils who designed posters to encourage and inspire MOKRUN 10k runners as they passed by the school.

Dalintober supports National Onesie Day



Dalintober primary took in their PJs and onesies for the afternoon.

AFTER a long afternoon at their school sports day, pupils and staff at Dalintober Primary kicked back in their onesies, in aid of 'National Onesie Day'.

Despite it being one of

the sunniest days of the year, the pupils and their teachers braved the heat to wear their onesies for charity. The school was supporting a Sunday Mail/Daily Record charity campaign, where

everyone at the school was invited to wear their onesie, pyjamas or non-uniform for the day, for a £1 donation.

They raised an excellent total of £217 for the newspapers' campaign.

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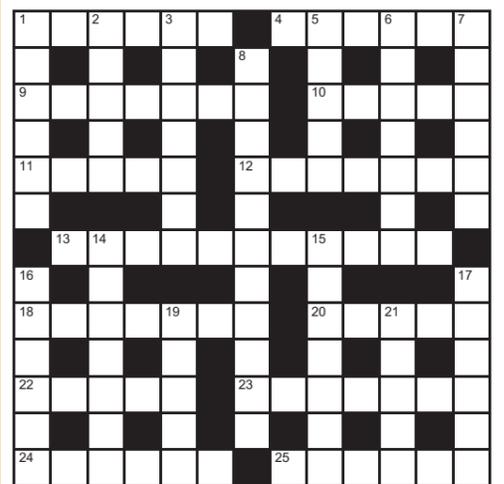
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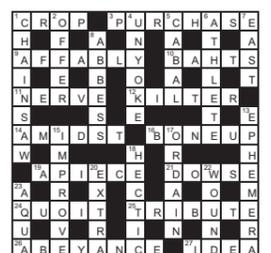
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- 25 Be a busybody (6)

Down

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- 3 Go away! (7)
- 5 Where to get better (5)
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- 7 Strongly advise (6)
- 8 Definitely (11)
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WHEN I was a wee girl, some time ago admittedly, we used to go 15 miles away for our holidays. My dad would drive 'the long way' we would stop for ice cream on the way and then we would arrive in the late afternoon, ready to start our holiday. These were some of the most joyful days of my life. We were a happy family, with days out on the beach, dipping our toes in the water and sharing life for a few weeks with strange and different neighbours. For many years, we enjoyed the whole experience - until there was a lure of foreign holidays. But there was nothing finer than those idyllic days of family life together. These days camping and caravanning isn't what it used to be. For one thing every modern convenience that you might ever desire is available to the camper and in our feature today there are lots of items that really matter to make your holiday just that little bit better. Here is a top ten list for camping and caravanning...

GAS SAFETY
 Never store a cylinder of gas on its side. There must be a gap between the LPG and the valve. If there isn't and liquid escapes it immediately expands to about 200 times its volume, e.g. 1cc of liquid becomes 200cc of vapour.

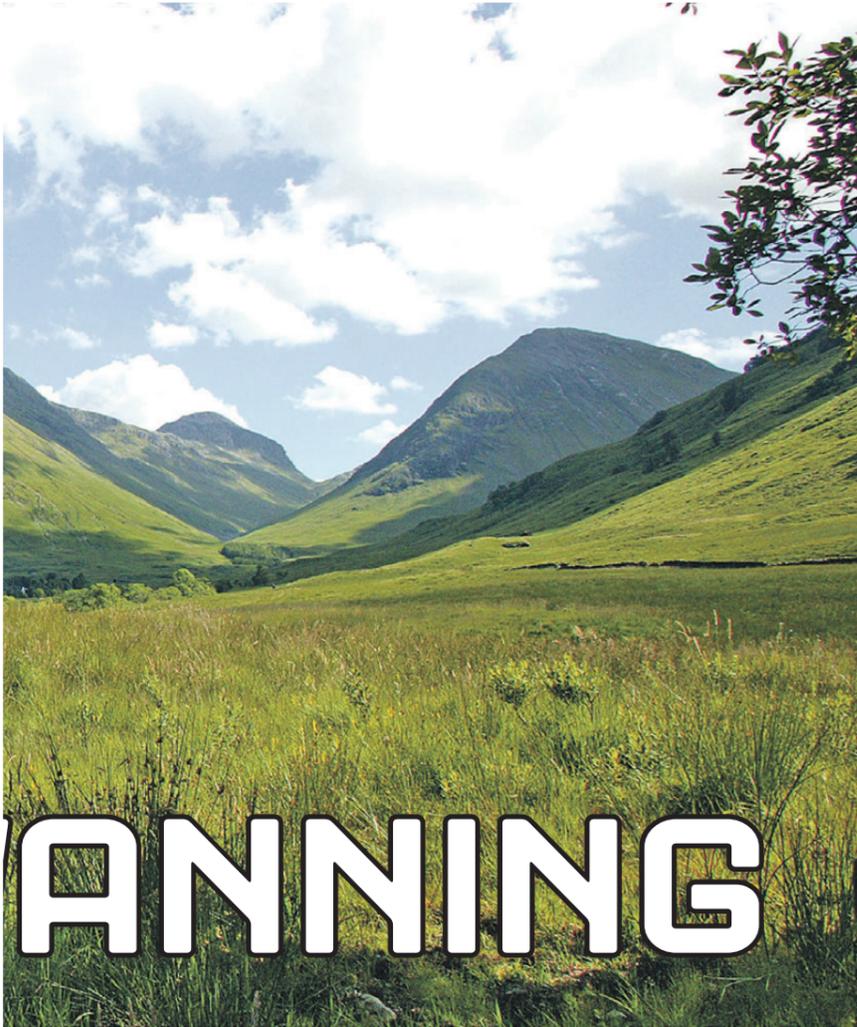
down (or loses a wheel, for example). Many will only recover a caravan as part of recovering a broken down car, and some may not recover a caravan at all. If you have any doubts, become a member of one of the two major clubs and join its dedicated recovery scheme.

SHAKE IT UP
 Fire extinguishers in caravans are almost always powder type. Therefore give it a good shake each week to prevent the powder becoming solid. Bear in mind that they only give a few seconds discharge, so it's wise to also have a fire blanket too.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR ADVICE
 Other caravanners and campers are full of advice and other people's experience is invaluable to helping you on your way.

ROAD TO RECOVERY
 If you belong to a car recovery scheme check that they will recover your caravan if it breaks

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 When travelling abroad, if you aren't confident speaking the native tongue, invest in an electronic language interpreter.



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MIRROR MANOEUVRES

If you have to correct the outfit when reversing, look in your towing mirrors and turn the wheel towards the one in which you can see the side of the caravan. This will correct the situation.

STRIKE CAMP EARLY

When using an awning, take it down the evening before you leave the site. Even on a summer's morning there is a risk of early morning damp, which can damage the awning fabric if it is packed away before it is thoroughly dry.

BE A BARROW BOY (OR GIRL)

Instead of lugging heavy objects around, take a small folding sack barrow and save your back.

USE YOUR HEAD

A head torch is useful if you need to change a wheel at night or refit a peg at night. The latest LED versions are cheap, incredibly bright and very efficient when it comes to batteries.

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Don't leave home without WD40, Milton fluid, a reliable torch, spare fuses, adjustable spanner and two screwdrivers.



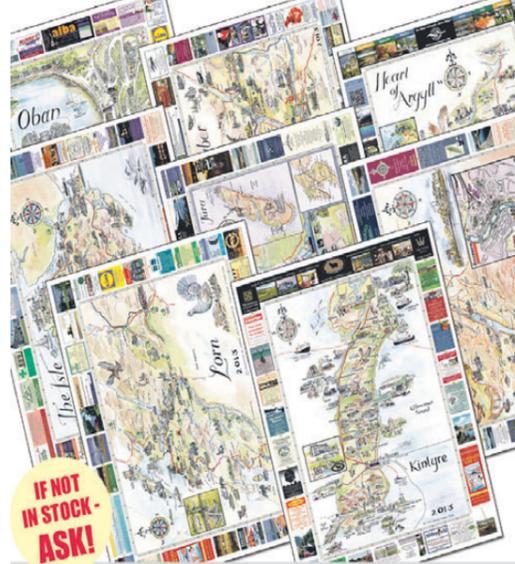
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CLACHAN

SWRI treasurer steps down

AFTER 21 years of service, Jenny Sinclair retired as Clachan SWRI treasurer, at the group's AGM last Wednesday.

She was warmly thanked for all her hard work over the years, and was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

She will be replaced by Pat Dean.

The results of the SWRI federation show entries were read out and

members were congratulated on their achievements.

The exhibits were displayed and it was clear the effort that had gone into making them.

Winner of the cup for the most points in competitions for the year was Lori Silvan, with Glynis Lewin in second place. Third place equal were Gill Francis and Louise Stanesby.



Exhibits for the federation show, 'Trip Around Scotland' and 'Summer Fete'.

ISLAY

Bid to save the 'charismatic' chough

ONE of Scotland's rarest birds - mostly found on Islay - is the subject of a national survey to see how the population is faring after years of decline.

In Scotland, a remarkable 90 percent of choughs make their home on Islay.

A member of the crow, or corvid, family, choughs feed on insects and larvae and in particular those that are found in the dung of cattle.

Surveyors are now charting the fortunes of the charismatic birds, known for their striking red bill and legs and flamboyant flying style.

The population on Islay has struggled in recent years. A drop in the survival of young birds led to the loss of 14 pairs - or 20 percent of the island's population - between 2002 and 2012.

It is thought that variations in weather and food abundance could be having an impact on the survival of these sub-adult choughs.

The health of the island's coastal dune systems is an important factor as foraging grounds for the birds.

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) research assistant Michal Sur walks up



The chough is a 'charismatic, extremely acrobatic bird'.

to 20km a day searching Islay for the birds.

He said: 'The core of the population breeds in old buildings or farm sheds inland but choughs have also tradi-

tionally nested in caves along the coast.

The 2014 survey on Islay is a joint initiative between RSPB, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Scottish Chough Study Group.

Davy McCracken, professor of agricultural ecology at Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), has worked with the study group for more than 20 years.

He said: 'The 2014 survey will help us assess the impacts of a supplementary feeding programme, targeted at first year birds. It would be very sad if they were to cease to be on Islay and Scotland was to lose this protected species.'

RHUNAHORINE

New bike shelter at Rhunahaorine



The Rhunahaorine nursery children pictured in their brand new bike shelter.

NURSERY children at Rhunahaorine Primary School have been showing off their new bike shelter which has been provided by Sustrans.

The school hopes to use the shelter for storing bicycles for cycling proficiency and for when the proposed cycle path from Tayinloan is completed.

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They looked for a two-bedroom cottage and ended up with a hotel

IAN and Ann Darby had their hearts set on a 'wee cottage' when they decided to buy a place in Argyll. So how did they end up in a Victorian pile with a dozen bedrooms, two kitchens and its own bar?

Balinakill sits on a hillside on the edge of the village of Clachan.

Its owners, the Darbys, both know Argyll well. Ann grew up there and Ian has been sailing in its waters since he was a child. But it took a visit to the Tarbert Music Festival a few years ago before they made their first acquaintance with their impressive Victorian country house.

'We used to go to the festival every September and one year we just couldn't face camping. Balinakill was the nearest hotel that had a room,' said Ann. 'Years

later, when we were looking to buy a place in Kintyre, some friends in Tarbert mentioned that Balinakill was for sale. As I recall, Ian said, "I love that place - cracking old building," and I

said, "Are you kidding me?"

'Anyway, I got the schedule for a wee two-bed cottage that was on the market and Ian got the particulars for Balinakill - I never had a

chance to view the cottage.'

The Darbys' subsequent renovation and furnishing of Balinakill is detailed in the July issue of Scottish Field, now on sale.



Ian and Ann Darby in the grounds of Balinakill in Clachan.

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Union urges members to send a clear message on transition

NFU Scotland is urging its members to send a clear message to the Scottish Government by demanding a managed transition when new CAP rules come into force next year.

With decisions on support scheme implementation imminent, the Union is adamant that for established businesses, a transition period for

the move from historic to area-based payments will offer the chance to adjust. By comparison, an overnight shift straight to area payments runs the risk of undermining Scotland's production base.

The union is calling on farmers to support this position by signing an online petition, available at www.surveymonkey.com/s/NFUSCAP-transition or <http://svy.mk/110Cb6g>.

While a managed transition would be welcomed by established businesses, the union has repeated its assertion that for those unfairly locked out of the previous regime - for example new entrants - the national reserve must deliver full area payments from year one.

Transition period
Scott Walker, NFU Scotland chief executive, said: 'We consider that a transition period to the new support regime is critical. 'We are calling on all Scottish farmers receiving direct support to sign the petition, support a managed transition and say no to a single step change in farm payments. 'We are well aware that the move from historic support to area-based support will see many existing farm businesses suffer big reductions in support. 'All sectors will be

affected but the beef, dairy and general cropping sectors are most at risk, yet it is these sectors that are the foundation of Scotland's food and drink sector. 'Even if established farm businesses survive, an overnight change in support would impact heavily on the wider rural economy, jobs and processing. 'A managed transition period is the best way to protect production, the economy and employment. We are calling on Scottish farmers to sign this petition and send a clear message to the Scottish Government that farmers need a period of transition and that the new support system must be brought in over a period of time. 'While a managed transition is best for established businesses, we have always maintained that for those unfairly locked out of the previous regime, the national reserve must deliver full area payments from year one.'



Scott Walker, NFU Scotland chief executive, is urging farmers to say no to a single step change in farm payments.



Farming Focus

with Lucy Sumsion, NFU Scotland regional manager covering Argyll and the Islands, including Arran

Progress on control of sheep scab

EARLY this week NFU Scotland held a meeting in Edinburgh with other partner organisations to discuss progress on the control of sheep scab.

Sheep scab has been identified as one of the five most important diseases for Scottish sheep farmers and costs UK sheep farmers in excess of £14M each year. The financial and welfare implications of sheep scab are all related to the intense irritation associated with the feeding of sheep scab mites on the skin surface, resulting in the sheep rubbing, kicking, scratching and nibbling the affected area. As the disease progresses, the mites move away from the drying scab, outwards across the body, spreading the lesion further. Scottish Government data suggests that around 15 per cent of sheep-keepers in Scotland will experience sheep scab in any given year.

Sheep scab was eradicated from the UK in 1952 but it reappeared in 1973 and spread rapidly, triggering the introduction of compulsory dipping. Since the removal of compulsory dipping in 1992 the incidence of sheep scab has again risen considerably.

New legislation to deal with the increasing incidence of sheep scab in Scotland was introduced in 2010 and this put a legal obligation on any person who suspects that sheep are infected by sheep scab to notify the divisional veterinary manager (DVM) as soon as possible. Movement restrictions then apply until the affected sheep are either treated, slaughtered or a negative veterinary diagnosis is obtained.

Based on the numbers of notifications since the introduction of the order, NFU Scotland, in collaboration with Scottish Govern-

ment and Moredun Scientists, have been able to identify areas where sheep scab is either absent or present at very low levels.

Within Argyll and Bute the data collected so far suggests that sheep scab is either absent from Mull or present at very low levels. Scientists from the Moredun Research Institute have developed a new diagnostic blood test and, in partnership with Mull vets, it is being used on an island-wide basis (Isles of Mull and Iona) to determine whether or not flocks have sheep-scab. NFU Scotland and the Scottish Government are funding the work and the results for sheep keepers on the island could save them money by targeting treatments and avoiding losses from the disease.

The testing started last summer and was recently completed with a total of 710 sheep tested over 57 premises across Mull and Iona.

No sheep scab mites or obvious lesions were identified in any of the animals tested. This represents the midway point in the study and so far it would appear that Mull and Iona are effectively free from sheep scab. I am sure farmers and crofters there would like to keep scab off the islands and the second phase of the study will follow up a subsample of the original flocks. Animals coming on and off the islands are potential indicators of the current disease status and will also be tested.

NFU Scotland would like to remind farmers and crofters that the Sheep Scab (Scotland) Order 2010 places a legal obligation on any person who has reason to believe that sheep in their possession or care have sheep scab to notify their local DVM as soon as possible.

MARKET REPORTS

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 259 live cattle at its weekly primestock sale last Thursday, comprising 118 bullocks and heifers, 45 young bulls, 4 OTM clean and 92 cast cows and bulls.

Fifty-eight bullocks averaged 192.5p per kilo and sold to 227.5p per kg 568kg British Blue, Brockwoodlees Farm, Canonbie or to £1,484 per head for 664kg Limousin from the same farm.

A total of 59 heifers averaged 204.5 per kilo and sold to 236.5p per kg 618kg Charolais, Luckenburn Farm, Sla-

mannan or to £1,504 per head for 682kg Limousin, Brockwoodlees Farm.

Butchers (27) cattle sold in excess of 220p per kg to average 226p per kg and sold to 235.5p per kg Brockwoodlees Farm, Canonbie.

Eight heavy Holstein bullocks sold to 172.5p Shields, 149.5p Kaemuir, 148.5p Midtown.

Young bulls (45) sold to 197.5p per kg Hilton of Beath and 192.5p Westwoodlane or to £1,525 per head for 874kg 22 month from Brisbane Glen Estate.

Also forward were 96 cast cows, bulls and

OTM cattle. BDA cow sold to 167p or to £1,695 from Forth View. Friesian cow sold to 119p or £1,025 from Carskerdo Farm, Cupar.

All classes of cows were dearer on the week.

Cows: Lim - 164p £1,105 Oatfield, 143p £1,215 South Quarter, 150p £1,175 Rathillet, 132p £1,145 Newmains; Sim - 139p £1,095 Dollarbank, 139p £1,225 Newmains; BDA - 167p £1,695 Forth View, 134p £1,015 Easterton; AA - 150p £1,035 Gillandersland, Sh - 144p £1,055 Easterton, Fr - 124p £985 Kaimhill, 124p £895 WrBalbeggie, 141p

£885 Graystale, 117p £895 Park, 119p £1025 Carskerdo.

Also forward were 27 calves and stirks.

Dairy calves: Fr - £140 Wester Lochdrum, £135 Barbeth, £135 Plean, £130 Barr Farms. Stirks: Lim- £435, £340 Auchtygemmell, Char - £400 Auchtygemmell, BB- £175 South Kirklane, Fr- £180 Graystale.

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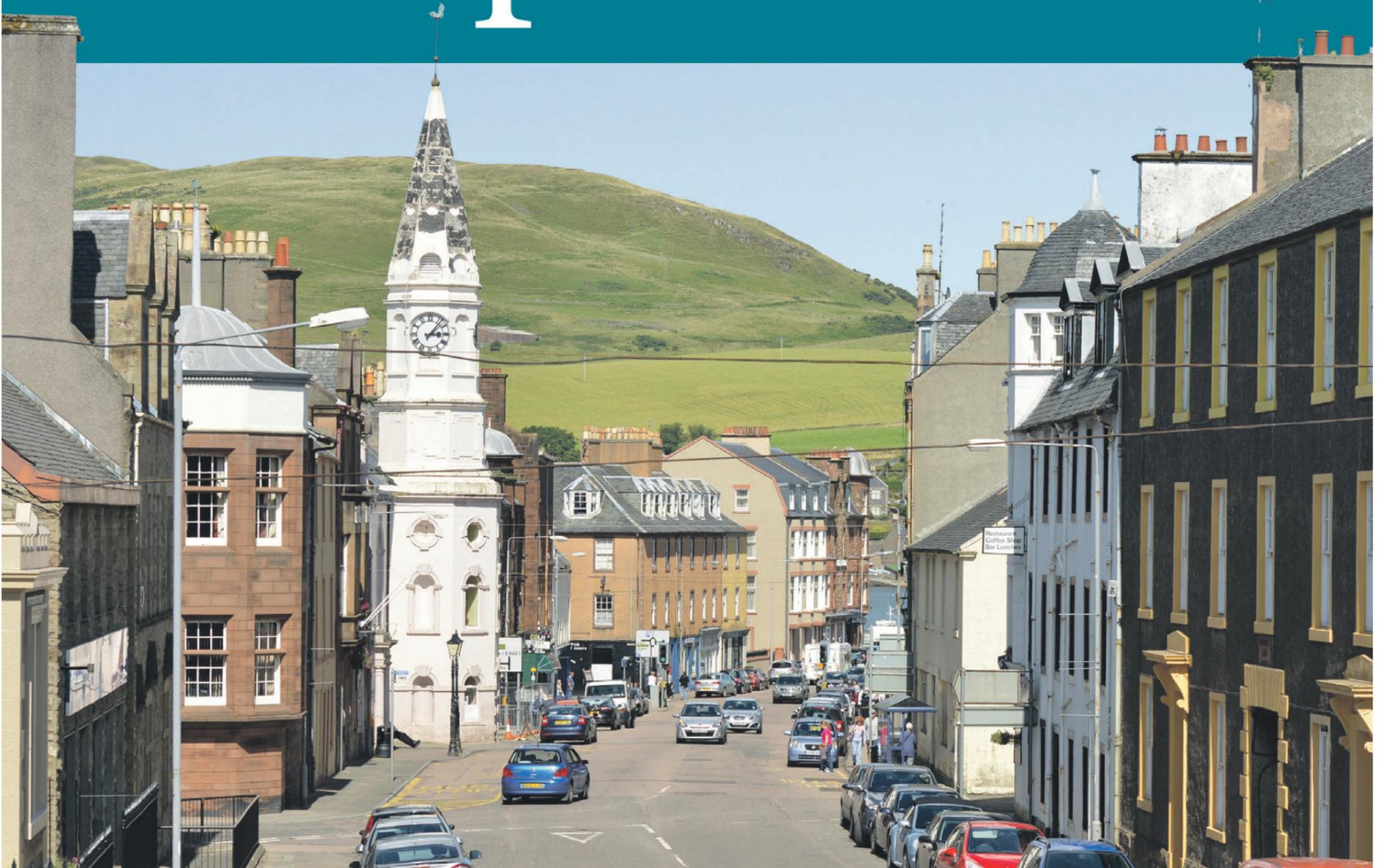
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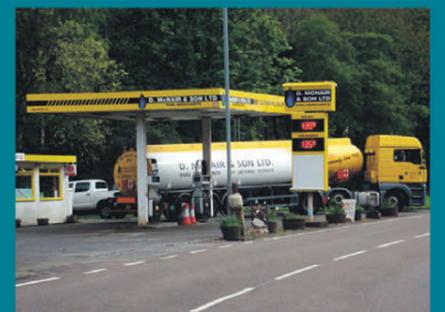
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I am delighted to introduce this unique supplement and the opportunity to present a select number of key businesses in Kintyre.

Life is local - most people live their lives locally with 89 per cent spending half or more than half of their time within 10 miles of their homes and also spend the vast majority of their money locally too.

Kintyre's geography means that buying local is the preferred option for many; respected local companies can deliver levels of service and accountability that reassures people to use them time and time again.

Local businesses play a crucial role in communities providing valued jobs and injecting income back into the region – something worth considering when making, purchasing and procuring products.

Many of the businesses featured also have strong and proud family traditions and connections to Kintyre and this in turn brings about sustainable growth, strengthened by each successive generation.

Core values and high standards of service, reliability and competitiveness are maintained ensuring continued success and appeal for the future.

All the companies featured in this supplement play vital roles in the economy of the area.

Their professionalism and unique local knowledge give them the edge required to succeed in a competitive environment.

The Campbeltown Courier and The Argyllshire Advertiser, your local newspapers, are immensely proud to support and highlight all the businesses in this supplement and look forward to working and developing a positive partnership with them for years to come.

Alister Bennett
Managing Director
Campbeltown Courier & Argyllshire Advertiser.

Seldom have I encountered such passion, energy, vision and commitment as was clearly evident among the businessmen and businesswomen of Campbeltown. The skill base and diversity of activity is highly impressive as you will see when you turn the pages of this supplement. This vibrant, vigorous sector is one of the main engines in the drive to transform the town for the better, and why the people of Campbeltown can look forward to the future with purpose, pride and confidence. The Campbeltown Courier is delighted to publish this good news - what a great story it makes.

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A business model for future success

Welcome to Campbeltown at work, our first industrial supplement for this area, and a celebration of the strengths and achievements of the town's business community.

At the start of this project, we set out to give local companies a forum to tell their own stories and share their goals and, as the local newspaper, to make our own contribution to promoting the town's snowballing industrial development.

We found that the people and businesses of Campbeltown not only embraced our vision, they took it further, and what we anticipated would be a collection of individual contributions has become a reflection of the passion of a business community united in its determination to grow - in parallel with the town it holds dear.

This publication features articles from business experts as well as business owners, and the



“Production of some of the finest food and drinks in the world has expanded and become internationally recognised.”

The Duchess of Argyll

third generation at the helm, and they have not survived without adapting to changing circumstances and enduring some challenging times. Their directors share an appreciation for the opportunities they inherited, and a desire to create equivalent opportunities for the future, a commitment that is apparent in initiatives from work experience and apprentice schemes, to generous sponsorship of community groups and events.

Whether you are a local, a visitor, an employee, a manager, an entrepreneur or a tycoon, we hope you will enjoy reading about our local businesses and their work, and that you will come to share at least part of our enthusiasm for this remarkable, flourishing corner of Kintyre.

These are exciting times for Campbeltown. We are looking forward to being part of what happens next.

“Kintyre is fully open for business and is well positioned for future success.”

Mike Russell

evidence they present mirrors the story that we have heard on the ground – thanks to energy, investment and imagination, Campbeltown is a place on the up.

While it is without a doubt focused on its future, this is also a place

in touch with its roots, and the majority of our business contributors have chosen to share in these pages at least a part of the story of how they got to where they are today.

Many of our biggest local employers are family-run operations, with the second or even



On the road with McKerral's



Its roots and its heart remain in Kintyre, but as its growing fleet of steel blue lorries motor their way across Lorn, Cowal, and the Hebrides, the formidable moving power of Peter McKerral and Co Ltd has become a force to be reckoned with across Argyll and further afield.

As much a family company today as when it began in the Sixties, McKerral's started out as a small farming business with a delivery lorry, run by husband and wife Donnie and Kate McKerral, who remain partners.

Their son Peter joined the company after he gained his HGV licence around two decades later, followed by his brother Bobby, an

HGV mechanic. As the brothers put their skills to use, the company focus shifted from running their Southend farm to delivering livestock and equipment for other farmers, and two more brothers, Donnie and Colin, joined the increasingly busy team.

Today, McKerral's employs 60 people across its three yards in Campbeltown, Lochgilphead and Strachur, and has over 50 HGV lorries on the road.

Timber is the most visible cargo, and an important specialism, with several employees trained to operate timber cranes, but McKerral's haul a wide variety of products, from livestock and feed to fertilisers and

equipment - and if you're eating Scottish salmon there's a good chance it was delivered by McKerral's fish tankers at some stage on its journey.

Director Peter McKerral says that the efforts and loyalty of the company's employees, some of whom have been with them since the early days, have been critical to the company's success. "They're a great team, and we're indebted to them for years of hard work," he says.

Building on what has been achieved is the priority now, and a quiet confidence about the future can be seen in McKerral's smart new office located within their yard in Darlochan. After decades working out of a

cabin, the premises are a welcome change for the administration team. "It's a totally different working environment," says Peter.

Looking forward is also important with regard to the workforce, and the team are keen to encourage young people who have an interest to learn more: "We think this is a good line of work to be in, and we want young people to find out about what's involved, and potentially to come on board," says Peter. "If anyone out there is interested in a career in haulage, we would encourage them to get in touch."

The demands and rewards of life in the haulage industry continue to hold an attraction for the McKerral family itself, with four of the founders' grandchildren now employed in the business, and bringing their fresh contributions to areas such as social media.

"I'm quite proud that we are able to create employment for the younger generation," says Peter, who recognises that he is able to do so thanks to the support of his customers. "I would also like to thank all our customers from all industries that have supported us over the years and hope we can keep a good working

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relationship with them for many years to come."

A fourth generation may be a few years away yet, but as the company continues to demonstrate its ability to grow and

diversify in changing times, it seems more than likely that one day there will be opportunities for a whole new cohort to join the family team.

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Making the world



“I started at the Ugadale, so to go back there and see what has been done is magic.”

John Beveridge

An international hotelier with a formidable reputation, John Beveridge is area director for the Grand Hyatt hotel chain in Dubai. He has repeatedly been honoured for his service and leadership,

receiving titles from both the Sultan of Brunei and the Sultan of Pahang – and he began his career in a

Campbeltown kitchen. The well-travelled local, who keeps a base in Kintyre, reflects on recent changes in his hometown.

How did you get where you are today?

I started my career as a chef at the Ugadale Arms Hotel and have worked in eight countries to date before coming back to Dubai. I joined Hyatt Hotels, who I am with now, 32 years ago in Dubai, still a chef at that time, and after a series of moves within the company, I am today the General Manager of Grand Hyatt Dubai and Area Director for Dubai where we have four operating hotels and a number of new properties to open over the next four years.

Which local businesses do you remember most clearly from your childhood?

Growing up in Campbeltown there were a number of businesses which were part of one's daily life. Shopping at McIlchere and Kerrs the butcher, and stopping at the Locarno or Mayfair Café for an ice cream float was a special treat, or picking sweets from the one penny tray at Bothwicks shop.

What lessons did you learn in Campbeltown that have helped your international success?

I grew up on Ralston Road with the last few years being spent in Peninver and Limecraigs. Community was, and is, such an important part of growing up. Everyone knew each other and there

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Business Gateway offers free, impartial business advice to anyone wanting to start up or develop a business. Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway team is on hand to help local entrepreneurs and is urging anyone looking for support to get in touch.

Business Gateway combines the national resources of a comprehensive website www.bgateway.com and telephone enquiry centre, complemented by local offices providing business adviser support and a range of workshops to boost business skills.

“Whether you are looking for someone to discuss ideas with before you start, would like support with developing a new business, or have growth ambitions and could benefit from referrals to specialist organisations, Business Gateway can help.”

explains Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, Argyll and Bute Council's Policy Lead for Sustainable Economic Growth.

“All the services are free of charge and many local entrepreneurs have already taken advantage of the help at hand”.

Adviser support

The local Business Gateway advisers are all experienced business mentors. Donald Melville covers the Kintyre area and is available to meet business owners and those thinking of self-employment looking for support.

Workshops

Business Gateway hosts free workshops to help entrepreneurs boost their business skills, covering a wide range of topics from business planning to website building and book-keeping. Last year more than 500 people

attended the workshops offered, with very positive feedback. A similar programme is in place this year and anyone planning to attend a workshop should book now to secure their place. Details can be found at www.bgateway.com or call 01546 604 555.

Business Gateway Kintyre statistics 2013-14

- Start-up businesses supported: **16**
- Existing businesses supported with meeting or workshop: **55**
- Adviser start-up meetings: **65**
- Adviser existing business meetings: **38**
- Start-up enquiries: **78**
- Existing business enquiries: **48**

welcome

John Beveridge, area director for the Grand Hyatt hotel chain in Dubai, retraces his career roots from Campbeltown

was a sense of support and care. Hotels are like micro communities. The wellbeing of associates, a care and interest in their professional situation as well as their wellbeing goes a long way to being part of a motivated and engaged team.

With a constant flow of guests and new colleagues through the hotel, the Campbeltown trait of taking an interest in visitors helped prepare me for working in this type of environment. When I have visitors staying with me when home in Tayinloan, they always remark on how they strike up a conversation wherever they are in the town, getting asked a string of questions and feeling a genuine concern from

people who want to help them. A Campbeltown tradition which is alive and well!

What are the main challenges and priorities for the hospitality industry today?

With the rapid growth of the industry it is important that we do not lose the personal aspects of engaging with customers. It needs to be more than a process. That takes a certain type of commitment from those working in the industry. Of course it is a business, but one cannot take just a business approach.

The industry has increasingly become focused on measuring customer satisfaction using effective

data management, which tracks guest satisfaction, allowing positive practices to be re-enforced while addressing negative customer experiences.

Do the same principles for success apply in Argyll as in the United Arab Emirates?

Yes, there are parallels which apply to both. The obvious being the viability of supply and demand - the amount of hotel rooms vs the amount of people who want to come and stay.

Another key factor is the people who service the industry. If they are not engaged then it does not work, wherever you are. Guests know when there is a genuine concern for

their comfort and wellbeing. They are the best marketers you can have. They will spread the word (both good and bad). With social media as it is and the power of the internet, word travels fast. Take Trip Advisor for example. It works the same for Kintyre as for Dubai.

Have you been to Campbeltown recently? What did you think?

My family and I are back regularly in Kintyre. It is still very much home. We now have our house near Tayinloan, but are in the town regularly. In fact I was back the week of the Mull of Kintyre Run, though I was too slow off the mark to get a slot for the run itself (maybe just as well

as I might have caused extra work for the support services).

Campbeltown is a place to be proud of. With the challenges of the closing of many major industries, it is inspiring to see how the town responds. Its resilience to dust itself off and get on with the realities of change is a constant reminder of the strength of the "wee toon".

I get great satisfaction out of reading the Courier every Friday (online) and keeping up with the news. The achievements of the pipe bands and brass band are fantastic.

Being in the hotel industry it has been a delight to see the rebirth of some of the iconic hotels in the area. As mentioned, I started at the Ugadale,

so to go back there and see what has been done is magic.

The "supply" of rooms on the peninsula has increased and this is positive in that there is a critical mass which will allow for more visitors to come and experience what the district has to offer and allow for activities which require increased accommodation options - like the MOK Run.

I have people talking to me in Dubai who have either visited or have plans to visit Kintyre. Those going have been online, chosen their accommodation and are fired up. And, they are not that bothered about what the weather is going to do!

Tyres for Kintyre

Whether it's salvaging a car that has slipped off a pier, changing batteries and tyres, or giving a family run-around a full service and a new lease of life, the work of a motor mechanic provides plenty of challenges to keep business partners Ronnie Dickson and Hamish Armour busy.

The pair, who run M & R Motors in Tomaig, have a strong track record for keeping the people of Campbeltown on the

road, from diagnostics and servicing for light commercial and private vehicles, to tyre and part replacements, and local breakdown recovery in their distinctive beavertail lorry. They've even been known to drive a float at the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival Parade.

With more than two decades in business, they have seen huge changes in the industry and the vehicles they encounter, with the

transformation from mechanical to electronic engines one of the most significant.

Recent changes in legislation have led the team to end their 24-hour breakdown and recovery partnerships with RAC, Green Flag and police accident recovery in order to focus on building other areas of the business.

Spectacular views make Kintyre a breath-taking place to drive, but it can also be hard on tyres, with plenty of tracks and pot holes to cause damage and wear down treads (and cause drivers to take a deep breath for another reason entirely).

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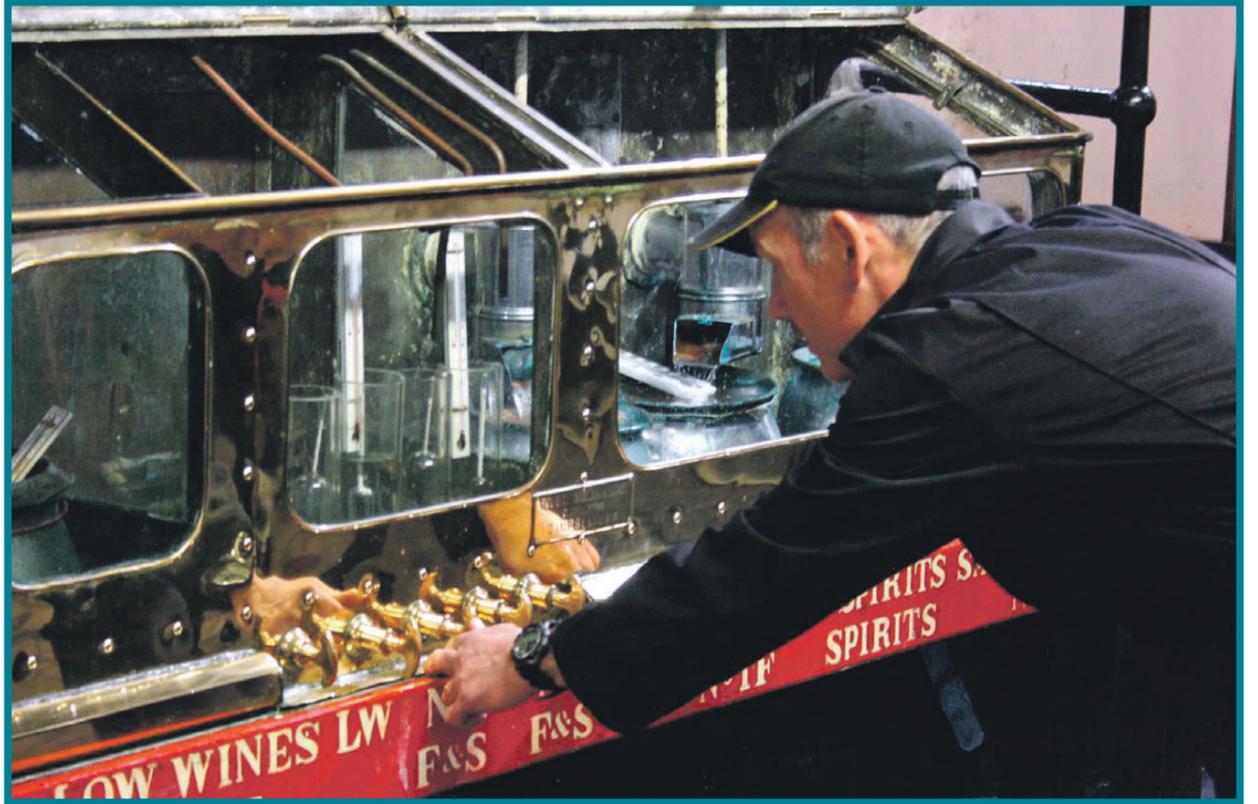
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At Springbank, one of Scotland's last remaining family-owned distilleries, the approach to making whisky is different.

In production terms at least, Springbank is firmly rooted in the past, preferring to employ people to make and bottle their whisky rather than buying machinery to do the job instead.

Despite being a relatively small player in

the whisky industry, and being from a small town on the west coast of Scotland, Springbank is a whisky with a truly global reputation and is seen as one of the most iconic distilleries in the world.

The distillery and its sister, Mitchell's Glengyle Distillery, are owned by Hedley G Wright, great-great grandson of Springbank's founder, John Mitchell, who began legal distillation back in 1828.

Tradition

The distillery has been in the control of John Mitchell's direct descendants since that day, with Mr Wright the latest custodian of the J&A Mitchell & Co Ltd group of companies.

That sense of tradition, and the family feel, are the keys to the distillery's operation today and there

are a number of things that make Springbank - that word again - unique.

Unusually, Springbank produces three different single malts, where most distilleries will produce one style or, at the most, perhaps two.

Elegant

Springbank itself is described as a lightly peated, complex malt, while Longrow is more peaty, smokey and medicinal. Hazelburn, in production since 1997, is triple distilled, contains no smokey flavour and is a very elegant dram.

Springbank is the only distillery in Scotland to carry out 100% of production on one site. Every grain of barley used in the production process is malted at the distillery, rather than bought in ready-malted from large malting companies.

While a handful of distilleries continue to malt a proportion of their barley on-site, Springbank is the only one which continues to do it all.

It isn't the most economic or efficient way to malt barley but it's the Springbank way. People over technology, quality over quantity - the number of staff employed at Springbank is heavily disproportionate to

the volume of whisky produced there.

Similarly, once the other key stages in whisky production are complete - kilning, milling, mashing, fermentation and distillation - every barrel of spirit filled is then stored at the distillery to allow the maturation process to run its course before the whisky is deemed ready for bottling by Distillery Manager Gavin McLachlan and his team.

fanatics in every country which has been exposed to Scotch whisky.

Global appeal

If proof were needed, a quick glance at the visitors' book in the company's Tasting Room reveals signatures from Sweden, Holland, Belgium, China, Australia and Canada - and that is just some of the people who have been to visit so far in 2014.

Despite its traditional values, J&A Mitchell & Co Ltd remains a forward-thinking operation.

In 2004, the company rebuilt and reopened one of the original Campbeltown distilleries, the Glengyle Distillery. Originally owned by Hedley Wright's great-uncle William Mitchell, Glengyle ran from 1872 until 1925, when it was closed.

J&A Mitchell purchased the buildings of the original distillery and spent four years building a brand new distillery within the walls of the old one.

Under the guidance of then Director of Production Frank McHardy, the new Glengyle Distillery

soon began to flourish and the Kilkerran Single Malt produced there is already building a reputation as a must-try whisky amongst the connoisseurs.

The reopening of Glengyle reflects not only the company's commitment to the whisky business, but also its commitment to Campbeltown.

Proud

The owner, directors and staff are extremely proud that their whiskies help to represent the town on the global stage and they are fiercely protective of Campbeltown's status as one of Scotland's defined whisky producing regions.

After a long campaign led by J&A Mitchell, that status was officially recognised by the European Union in the Scotch Whisky Regulations 2010, which named Campbeltown as one of the whisky regions of Scotland, alongside the Highlands, Speyside, the Lowlands and Islay.

Fitting recognition for the efforts of the people at Springbank. As the company states on its marketing materials: "Proud to present Campbeltown malts, made by Campbeltown people."

"There's nothing stopping Campbeltown from succeeding, but we have to take responsibility for growth ourselves."

Ranald Watson, Springbank Distillery.

In keeping with the idea of doing everything in-house, the whisky is then bottled at the distillery before being shipped to 45 countries around the world.

At the moment, the main markets for Springbank include the UK, USA, Germany, France, Taiwan and Japan, though there are hardcore Springbank

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The numbers speak for themselves where Kintyre Recycling is concerned.

This energetic social enterprise has contributed £300,000 to the Kintyre economy. It provides employment for 22 people and diverts 750 tonnes of waste each year, saving residents and the council money – and that's just the start.

If you are a Kintyre resident, the chances are you will have encountered Kintyre Recycling's work, whether you have filled your clear bags with recycling, ready for kerbside collection, used the bright pink can and plastic bank at Campbeltown skate park, or polished your car with one of their recycled rag wipes.

Opportunity is at the heart of the company's ethos - 11 of its posts are

supported employment positions, providing work for people who have special needs or who face other challenges, and helping them to gain new skills and qualifications.



Now Kintyre Recycling's profile is about to get even higher. "Thanks to council support and finance from the Scottish Land Fund, we are in the process of buying land where we can develop a purpose-built recycling facility," explains Business Manager

Amanda Card. "This will enable us to extend our kerbside recycling services and will be home to a furniture retail unit and the base for our new bicycle reuse scheme."

The bike reuse scheme is good news for Kintyre cyclists of all ages and abilities. The project, which is just about to launch, will operate a kerbside collection service, providing repairs and collecting, refurbishing and selling unwanted old bikes.

If you have a bike that's rusting in the garage, why not give it a new lease of life? Get it repaired, get back in the saddle and enjoy exploring our beautiful countryside, or donate it and give someone else that opportunity.

Details will be available shortly at www.kintyrerecycling.com.

Business people



Exciting time for Kintyre business

The vision of local people makes a real difference, writes Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute.

Last summer the Scottish Cabinet came to Kintyre and it was great for me, as the local MSP, to welcome my colleagues in Government to my own constituency and to a part of it that has, over the past few years, come on leaps and bounds.

Nobody would deny that Campbeltown and other parts of Kintyre have gone through tough times. But the vision of local people, the determination of local businesses, and the efforts of both the public and private sector have combined to make a real difference and to position Kintyre well for the future.

The First Minister told the public reception on the night of the Cabinet that he had spent some childhood holidays in Marchrihanish, and he expressed his great fondness for the place. He then turned up late for the Cabinet dinner because he had gone off to drop in on people he had known from that time!

He also undertook a wide range of engagements, as did Nicola Sturgeon, the Deputy First Minister, John Swinney, the Finance Secretary, and a range of others who all called on key local businesses and met with a wide range of local individuals. Every one of them was impressed by what they heard and saw, as I was sure they would be.

I am regularly in Kintyre, of course, so I know about, for example, the work of the community in Carradale to encourage tourism by increasing mooring and other facilities and now building a new slipway. I have met with some of the new companies

now installed in the business units in Campbeltown and I was privileged to be part of the launch of Explore Campbeltown.

I have sponsored one of the way markers on the Kintyre Way, supported local contractors as they bid for contracts, made contacts for transport providers, encouraged public bodies to offer better services, discussed promotions and training with hotel and tourist employers, and offered backing to a range of companies and bodies that have been seeking financial support from government and other investors.

Whisky - and food and drink more widely - tourism, farming, manufacturing and energy are all important to the area. Sustaining existing activity through support like the small business bonus and other schemes has been helpful. Start up advice and resources have been accessed by others just getting going and where special assistance has been required - as with the MACC buy out and the development of Wind Towers - that has been forthcoming after negotiation.

I think Kintyre is fully open for business and is well positioned for future success. I believe independence can only enhance those prospects and, as the local MSP, I am keen to help in any way I can.

(Michael Russell can be contacted by email at Michael.Russell.msp@scottish.parliament.uk and his Constituency Manager Marie Claire Docherty is available by phone at his constituency office in Dunoon on 01369 702011)

First job: I worked as a student in a variety of places including for the National Trust for Scotland as a seasonal ranger in Culzean Country Park. My first job after university was making audio visual programmes for the Church of Scotland.

Best business experience: Starting my own company - Eala Bhan Ltd - when I set up on my own as an independent TV producer.

Worst business experience: Pitching for commissions as a producer / director was always hard work and just missing out on a big programme was always a disappointment. But then winning those commissions was always a thrill and the experiences balanced each other out.

What's the secret of business success? Persistence, imagination, flexibility, optimism - they are all essential. And never giving up.



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Generations in agriculture

Andrew Smith & Son is a name with a history going back several generations on the agricultural scene in Kintyre, from the old days at Drumore to the site at Snipefield where the business is based today.

Those years of experience, running a large family farm and doing all their own fabrication and repairs, make a solid basis for a growing business servicing the industry in the area, across Kintyre and Islay which benefits from the depth of expertise that Andrew Smith, Hamish Smart and the team can offer.

As Andrew explains: "We know what it means to be running a busy operation and need support with equipment or some unexpected problem. You need to be able to call on someone to get things back on track with the least fuss. When I had to give up our own



farm for health reasons, I wanted to establish a new business where we could do exactly that, and our customers know we'll bend over backwards to help, whether it's just a small spare part from our extensive stocks or a major repair, and we've proved it time and time again – the customer comes first as far as we're concerned."

The team has expanded

again recently, and other new resources added, to ensure that all needs can be covered.

As Andrew continues: "Hamish is an Agricultural Engineer of wide renown, so I'm delighted that his son Gavin has joined us here at Snipefield. Alistair Wilson made a great success of setting up the stores and shop last year, and recently we have out-fitted the workshop with

tyre fitting and balancing equipment to widen the scope of repairs which can be done promptly on the premises. The machine hire side of the business has proved popular too since the move from Glebe Street in March last year, and I know our customers appreciate being able just to phone for a vital bit of kit at short notice and get the job done, whether they run it themselves or want us to provide the operator. The number of repeat hires proves just how handy and economical the service is."

Fabrication is a popular part of Andrew's business too, with Gus Morrans in charge, and he is kept busy with large and small projects. Often during the day a customer appears with a broken component or a part needing modified or constructed, and Gus is well up to the challenge, from a small weld up to

We know what it means to be running a busy operation and need support with equipment or some unexpected problem. You need to be able to call on someone to get things back on track with the least fuss.

farm machinery, boat repairs, structural components or major items for handling wind turbine sections.

An interesting project for Andrew has been the restoration of the former Hazelburn Distillery, converted to the Business Park a number of years ago, but which he took on in 2011 in need of much repair and investment. As he explains: "It's been a bit of a labour of love, and it's taken a lot of money to get the building looking more like it should, but as many people do locally, I hate seeing our heritage fall into disrepair, and I wanted to

put something back into a community that means so much to me. The manager at Hazelburn, Clive Good, has been involved for many years now, and has a keen interest in making the Business Park a pleasant working environment and a successful base for lots of organisations.

"As to the future, we will add another engineer when we can find the right person, and I want to see opportunities for youngsters, by taking on apprentices. More businesses should be doing that, and Andrew Smith & Son will be doing its full share."

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The business also has many sales and service customers from outwith Argyll who regularly holiday in Kintyre. In July 2013 the business celebrated its 40-year anniversary and association with Peugeot, a

proud milestone and one that would not have been possible without the loyal support of its customers over the last 40 years.

The business has evolved over the years to meet the needs of its customers and in 1998 the purpose built garage at Snipefield became the new home of Campbeltown Motor Company. This enabled the business to operate the sales, service and car hire functions under one roof.

Campbeltown Motor Company is a family run business and since

it started 40 years ago it has provided local employment and career opportunities, something that the partners of the business feel is important in a rural community.

The business is a partner in the Peugeot Apprenticeship Programme which gives apprentices the opportunity to achieve an NVQ by combining on-the-job training with time at the Peugeot Training Academy.

Graeme McMurchy says: "Like a lot of other businesses in the town it's been a challenging few years for us and we genuinely appreciate the loyal support of our

"We genuinely appreciate the loyal support of our customers. Campbeltown is a great community to be part of and it's encouraging to see the town getting back on its feet"

Graeme McMurchy, Campbeltown Motor Company.

customers. Campbeltown is a great community to be part of and it's encouraging to see the town getting back on its feet and benefiting from public and private investment".

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The new generation of Peugeot diesel engines offer extremely low CO2 emissions together with outstanding fuel economy and as a result of this many makes and models now have zero road tax. The Sales Department can also offer a range of other makes and models of used cars.

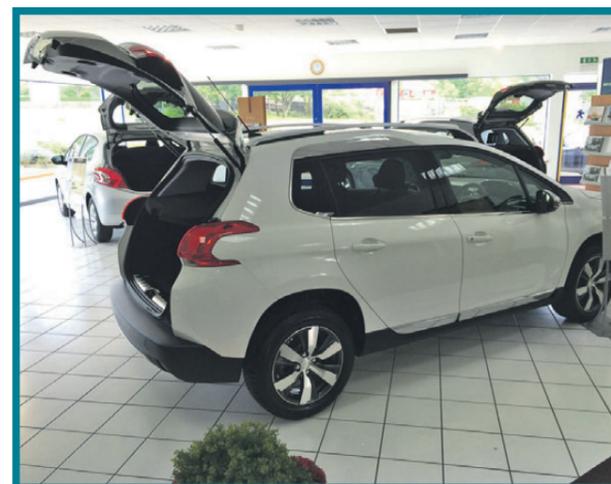
Making it as easy as possible for Motability customers to buy their new cars is something the company is committed to and as part of this, the company has made many makes and models available with low or no advance payments.

Business users can

benefit from competitive funding options for cars and vans, which include contract hire and leasing together with repair and maintenance packages.

The Service Department and workshop is equipped to offer the vast range of services that customers expect including servicing, MOTs, warranty work, repairs, tyres, aircon servicing and much more. The fact that the business is located at the end of a peninsula is no barrier as there is a parts delivery 5 days a week...parts can be ordered one day and arrive the next.

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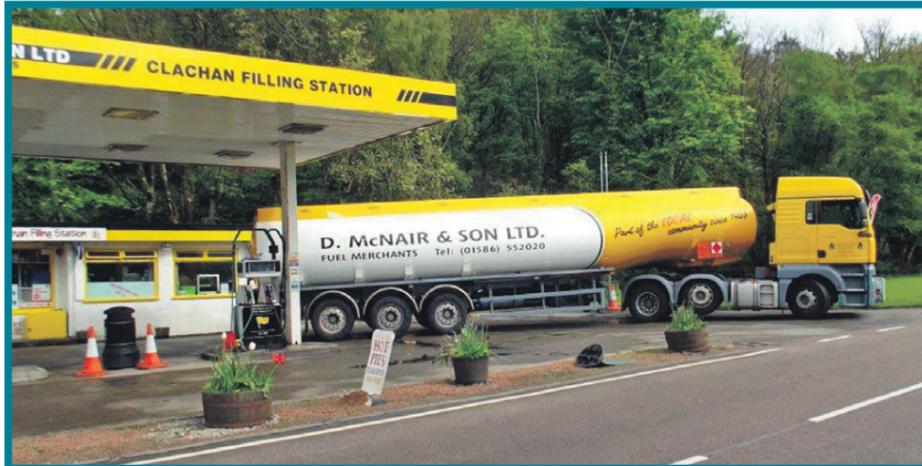
These values of fairness, service, reliability and accountability were as important then as they are today. The adherence of these values has undoubtedly aided the longevity of the business, coupled with the recognition that the business has had to constantly change to adapt to the needs and expectations of the customer and client.

Initially the main core business activity was retailing coal, paraffin and farm drainage tiles. The

office was located within Main Street, Campbeltown. Today you can see the original company name and hours of business, faintly, on the stone work, outside the building that was recently 'water jetted', which latterly belonged to 'Main Video'.

Although the business trading name has always remained, the ownership changed in 1967 from the McNair family to the Shaw family.

Donald Shaw, who had been working within the firm from an early age; service broken only by his duty to his country, during the Second World War, took ownership in 1967. At this time the business diversified into other business lines namely, ship agency,



stevedoring, house factoring and fish buying.

Upon his death in 1985, his son Alan took over the stewardship of the business, and to this day, the business ownership remains within the Shaw family.

Although the core business activity has remained fairly constant over the years, the business, in recent years, has moved more towards the distribution of bulk oil. In addition,

the geographical area the organisation covers nowadays is much more extensive than ever.

From Campbeltown in the South, to Oban in the North, Gigha to the West and Grangemouth to the East; gone are the days when the area served was exclusively South Kintyre.

The business is always looking to develop, and is keen to engage with likeminded organisations; where the progress of

recognises this value, and appreciates the commitment and willingness of his fellow work colleagues.

As the business develops, the management are always keen to recognise that without the customer, the business is nothing. The owners identify their close links with the customer, and never lose sight of the principal customer base that has helped sustain the business over the years, namely local farmers, fishermen, house owners and businesses.

D. McNair & Son Ltd. is truly a local business; owned and operated by local people and, more importantly, supported by local people.

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Business people



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While the past few years have been tough for every sector, there are several reasons for optimism – and Argyll is leading the way.

Tourism has become a key feature of our amazing county, but it is by no means the sole driving force that keeps this vibrant area thriving.

Fishing, farming, construction, haulage and transport are well represented and have grown and diversified. While the more traditional fishing and farming communities have changed over the years, Argyll has moved with the times. For example, the production of some of the finest food and drinks in the world has expanded and become world-recognised, our cheese, seafoods and meats are widely acclaimed, not to mention the 20 or so whisky distilleries we have sitting on our doorstep.

Our location is perceived as a chal-

lenge – the perception that Argyll is miles from anywhere has been a huge hindrance, but the ‘nearer than you think’ campaign has proved to be highly successful – as well as the massive improvements to our transport links.

To arrive in the most beautiful place on earth – by road, sea, rail or air – including new ferry services, a rib from Northern Ireland or by air into Campbeltown, Oban, or an island airport, is fantastic and an amazing asset to both the local residents and the tourists from further afield.

There is a lot to celebrate in Argyll, and by doing so we can continue to prove this is an unbeatable area, not just to live, but to work as well. It is worth adding that the quality of life is unsurpassable and something we all should take pride in.

First job: Book Publishing. I worked for a company called Midas

Best business experience: When something really comes together after months of work. Last year's Best of the West festival in Inveraray was great. Over 5,000 people, happy visitors, great music - it was amazing and this year should be (hopefully) even better. (www.bowfest.co.uk)

Worst business experience: I once worked on a project promoting a new, not very interesting shampoo. I'm afraid I just couldn't get excited about it. And the journalists found it as boring as I did!

What's the secret of business success? Having a great work team, energy and imagination!

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Machrihanish Airbase

Celebrating two years of successful trading, the community company behind the buyout of the former RAF airbase looks ahead to an exciting year of growth and development.

It has been a long journey for the directors of Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC).

Established in 2008 by a group of people who shared the same passion and determination to see the airbase facilities used for the benefit of the Kintyre community, they embarked on one of the largest and most complicated buyouts ever to be seen. After four years of hard work (and sleepless nights), MACC finally purchased the estate on May 11, 2012 from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for £1.

Reflecting on the years leading up to the successful bid, chairman of MACC

Charity Board, Ian Wardrop said: 'We never thought we would get to where we are today. Because of the scale of the base and the value of the assets, the buyout was completely unique. There had been nothing like it before and this made it quite daunting.

'However, here we are today, we have had two years of very successful trading, we are completely self sustaining and we are ahead of what we set out to do in our three-year business plan.'

Machrihanish Airbase boasts a 10,000-foot runway, around 200 buildings and 1,050 acres of land assets. Over the

last two years, MACC has been focused on upgrading the infrastructure on site. Working with the Scottish Government, MoD, Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and Scottish Water, they provided a new public water supply for 137 residential properties at the sound of Kintyre as well as commercial properties. Access roads have been improved along with the sewage infrastructure and the High Voltage (HV) electricity grid upgraded.

MACC Development Ltd, which is the trading arm of the company, are now keen to fully realise the potential of the assets and attract more tenants. Recruiting

a new business development manager and also a marketing officer in recent months, they now feel they are equipped with the right resources to promote the airbase further afield for the benefit of the whole community.

Business Development Manager of MACC Development Ltd, Malcolm McMillan, who joined the company in September, 2013 said: 'I see MACC as a facilitator of economic growth for Kintyre. There is a lot of untapped potential here. The property and land assets have flexible use so the opportunities really are endless.

'We continue to have a great deal of interest in the site. This is a very exciting time for us.'

MACC are eager to seize every opportunity for renewable energy development, supporting the Argyll and Bute Renewables Alliance (ABRA). This has included attendance at a trade fair, providing marketing materials and hosting a number of visits by offshore renewables companies. MACC is very much on the political radar too, with visits from Nicola Sturgeon, the Deputy First Minister,



Business Development Manager of MACC Development Ltd, Malcom McMillan

as part of the opening of Campbeltown Harbour and the development of the Kintyre Renewables Hub, and the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Development, John Swinney during the Scottish Government Cabinet Meeting held in Campbeltown in September.

Another exciting development at Machrihanish Airbase is the reopening of Building 175A – formerly part of the US Navy SEALs Complex. The building is now the home of Kintyre's only indoor shooting range,

operated by Landrail Firearms Ltd which is part of The Owston Grange Group. The building and the 25m Hutton Range were officially reopened at the end of May and the range now hosts regular club nights as well as being open to the public on Wednesdays and weekends.

Peter Davie, who founded The Owston Grange Group along with his wife, Paula, said: 'Paula and I have lived and breathed Building 175A for over a year during the extensive refurbishment project. When I was first shown the abandoned building it was freezing cold, dark and quite disorientating; however we could see the potential there to restore it to its former glory. The Hutton Range is now an integral part of our business and we aim to make the facility as accessible as possible to everyone in Kintyre.

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which currently include Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd (HIAL) and Wind Towers Scotland. Nine additional tenants have come forward in the recent months and there is space for many more.

As it stands, the former airbase's tenants employ over 160 people while the assets on the site provide a platform to attract inward investment with the potential of creating more jobs. 'We hope this number will be able to grow in the near future' says Malcolm, 'There are a number of things in the pipeline which could potentially lead to better job opportunities in the area. This would be fantastic as MACC are committed to helping sustain the population of Kintyre and attracting people here.'

A strong remit of MACC's is to continue to allow the use of the site for charitable activity. In the past they

have facilitated events for the Kintyre Model Aero Club, the Young Farmers, Campbeltown Running Club and the Kintyre Youth Motocross Club is currently located on site.

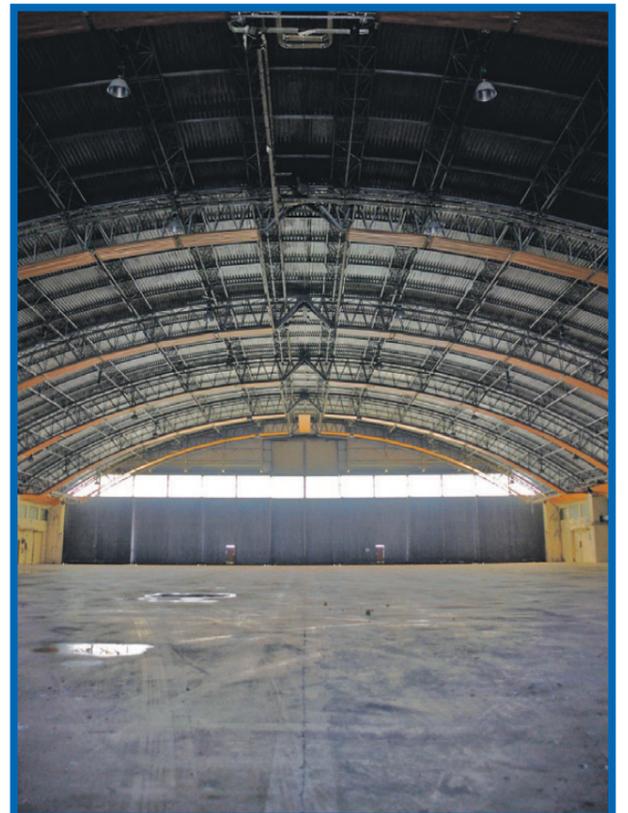
There is a busy summer ahead as MACC are set to host the first Mach 1 Stages Rally in July as part of Dunfermline Car Club's Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship. The event will be held over two days (July 5 and 6) and will be open to spectators. MACC directors are hoping that the event will be a great family outing. The following weekend, as part of Homecoming Scotland 2014, former staff and pupils of Drumlembie Primary School will be hosting a celebration ceilidh in the Officers Mess to commemorate 100 years of the school.

MACC are keen to reinforce the message that they were set up with a

view to always be there for the people of Kintyre. Ian Wardrop states: 'We want our work to have benefits for the whole area. Other businesses, local entrepreneurs, future generations, any investment we draw in will have a knock-on effect

for the wider community. 'We will continue to work with our partners - HIE, Argyll and Bute Council and the Scottish Government - in building our future as their support has been invaluable to us over the years.'

MACC will be hosting an open day on Saturday June 7 from 1pm – 4pm where you will have a chance to hear the plans for the future of the site.



To make an enquiry about any of MACC's properties and land assets, please contact **Malcolm McMillan, Business Manager** on 01586 551555 e: manager@maccdl.co.uk

sible without the help and guidance from everyone at Machrihanish Airbase who have always been supportive in accommodating our requests and offering advice. We are proud to be one of the first new long term tenants of MACC Developments Ltd and we hope the opening of 175A reflects the amazing progress being made at the airbase and inspires other local entrepreneurs to pursue a project of their own with MACC.'

MACC also continues to build strong relationships with their existing tenants,



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Old lessons and new opportunities

Can the experiences of the past help shape a vibrant future?

In the early decades of the twentieth century, Campbeltown would have been quite a place to do business.

The harbour was teeming with fishing vessels, visitors streamed off steamships and onto the light railway and horse-drawn coaches, and the air would have had the distinct tang of malt from many thriving whisky distilleries – an aroma only matched by the tantalising whiff of opportunity.

Where the core industries brought people and finance to Kintyre, so they provided work for residents and possibilities for entrepreneurs. Tourists needed accommodation, food and entertainment, fishermen needed the services of boat builders and hauliers, and the distilleries needed grain, staff, storage, and more.

A century on, and Campbeltown has reached another pivotal point in its industrial development, with rich opportunities; in the leisure industry, in transport, energy, and the services that supply those sectors - and there is a sense that now is the time to transform those opportunities into success.

"There's a real positivity about the region," says Donald Melville, Regional Adviser for Business Gateway. "I think the recent investment in the area has helped people to feel that this is a place where they can do business."

That positivity is reflected in the numbers considering entering business. Business Gateway, which supports new and existing businesses, is receiving increased enquiries from potential start-ups - there were 78 in the year 2013/2014.

"We've worked



with companies from renewables specialists to a cleaning business and to a computer games start-up. With technology like Skype, isolation is becoming less of a problem, as many of the problems of the distance can be overcome," says Donald.

Upgrading

Government and corporate backing of infrastructure and regeneration in the area is further evidence that this is seen as a place worth investing in, from the upgrading of the waterfront and the new Ardrossan ferry link, to housing developments such as Park Terrace, First Milk's investment in a new creamery, and Southworth Europe's commitment to the Machrihanish Dunes resort and hotels (projects also supported by Highlands and Islands Enterprise).

Potential is being recognised at the highest level of Government, as First Minister Alex Salmond confirmed with his visit to open the Mull of Kintyre Industrial Estate last summer. "The level of demand for the new

business units is very encouraging and a sure sign that Campbeltown is on the up," he said.

While outside input is vital, the impetus for Campbeltown's new momentum has come from within, and it is captured in the presence of Explore Campbeltown, a collective of local businesses committed to raising the profile of the town.

"Visitors would come to the distillery to do tastings and then go, and we wanted to encourage them to see more of Campbeltown," explains Ranald Watson, Sales and Marketing Manager at Springbank Distillery, one of the founding members of the group.

"Our aim is to give the potential visitor a real feel for what they can do when they get here, and that might include finding out that there is a shoe shop, or planning a self-catering holiday in the knowledge that there is a butchers and supermarket close by."

Explore Campbeltown launched last Autumn, and the initiative has already

community activities and motor sports events, and is poised to do much more, aiming to return the facility to its one-time place as a key industrial player.

For tourism in particular, stories of boom times past are intrinsically linked with modern-day success.

Visitors on the whisky trail are almost as captivated by tales of illicit stills and excise men as by the prospect of sampling that special single malt, and the lives of early guests

and expectations of the customer and client."

A readiness to adapt has also been key for McFadyens Contractors. Established by Archie McFadyen in 1901, when he had a team of horses collecting sand from the shore, it remains in the family today.

Growth

Director Billy McFadyen believes that they continue to grow partly because of a willingness to get involved in new areas of work. "If you're based in large population areas, it makes sense to be specialist, but in a rural area like this, there aren't always enough opportunities in one specialism to keep a business going, so you have to build the skills base to be able to take on a variety of jobs," he says.

In the century from 1914 to 2014, much has changed for Campbeltown, and the region has seen more than its share of economic highs and lows. Despite these, or perhaps because of them, the principles on which the town first grew then remain relevant now.

In early 1914 Campbeltown was still one of the richest towns in Scotland, but the business folk of the time could not have foreseen that war was about to break out, stalling the whisky trade, but bringing with it new people and possibilities – from greater demand for food production, to the inception of the influential facility that was to become RAF Machrihanish.

The people and businesses of Campbeltown adapted their ideas, products and services to changing circumstances then, and that resilience remains their strength today.

"Next generation broadband will be a game changer, with the potential to be genuinely transformational for our businesses and communities."

Douglas Cowan

had an impact, with its logo appearing widely online, in outlets and on key exports from the town, from smoked fish to bottles of whisky. "The goal is to try to fire people up a bit," says Ranald. "There's nothing stopping Campbeltown from succeeding, but we have to take responsibility for growth ourselves."

Renewable energy

The connection between past and future economies is particularly strong in Campbeltown. For over five centuries, the town produced energy in the form of coal, and today it has become a leader in renewable energy provision and services, with around 130 people employed at the Wind Towers Scotland site at Machrihanish.

The rest of that historic air base site has also seen transformation. Now under the ownership of Machrihanish Airbase Community Company, it has a range of assets for lease, hosts an indoor shooting range,

are a sure source of fascination for residents at historic hotels such as the Royal, which opened in 1909.

Several family businesses which would have been familiar to Georgian Campbeltownians remain part of the fabric of the town today. Among them is D. McNair & Son Ltd., the fuel merchant and shipping agent, which was established in 1903 as a retailer of coal, paraffin and farm drainage tiles.

Owner Alan Shaw attributes their longevity to a variety of factors: "Fairness, service, reliability, accountability and a loyal customer base have all contributed," he says, "coupled with the recognition that the business has had to constantly change to adapt to the needs

Adapting to a changing landscape

Dunardry Forest, near Cairnbaan, is a beautiful place to explore. With views of the Crinan Canal, and a deep gorge that carves a dramatic slice through the woodland, it is a popular walking and picnic destination. Visit today, and you can stand on a newly built Dunardry Bridge and safely enjoy the spectacle of the water rushing, or babbling, beneath you.

You can cross the 12m ravine thanks to the achievement of Campbeltown civil engineering company McFadyens Contractors, who completed work on the bridge last October. They were responsible for the project, from the excavations to create foundations and construction of the in situ reinforced concrete deck with steel beams to form the 18.6m clear span bridge itself, to the installation of the handrails.

Working closely with their clients at the Forestry Commission, McFadyens used their experience and technical skills to build on the initial plans and successfully pilot a new design technique, which is now being used as an example



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“A key priority for us is developing and consolidating on a professional level, so that we can take on an ever more challenging range of projects.”

**Managing Director
Billy McFadyen**

for other projects.

Building bridges may seem a change of tack to those who associate McFadyens with mainstream road and construction projects, but it is a specialism that the company has invested time and effort to master, and represents just one of the diverse areas in which they operate.

“A key priority for

us is developing and consolidating on a professional level, so that we can take on an ever more challenging range of projects,” explains Managing Director Billy McFadyen. “With over a century in business, we have experience behind us, and we’re focused on building our skills and expertise for the future.”

Its commitment to

expanding the already considerable skills base, and to being in the running for an ever broader range of projects, is reflected in the creation of two new positions at the company, a graduate civil engineer (who McFadyens sponsored through his last year at university) and a trainee quantity surveyor. As the knowledge required to win engineering contracts becomes ever more specialised, it is likely that their expertise will prove critical.

McFadyens is experiencing a physical growth at

the moment as well, with an extension to its Glebe Street office completed in time to accommodate the new members of staff, and a new 45T Mobile crane added to the list of plant available for hire, which already includes excavators, loaders, telescopic handlers, dumpers and tipplers.

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Business people



A more vibrant and confident Campbeltown

Opportunities for growth abound, writes Douglas Cowan, Area Manager – Argyll and the Islands, Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE).

There is a sense of renewed optimism and opportunity around Campbeltown following some challenging years.

Census data from March 2011 showed a 4.9 % decline in the town's population, but since then Machrihanish Airbase Community Company have acquired the base, the Royal and Ugadale Hotels have reopened and Wind Towers (Scotland) Ltd have taken over the former Skykon plant.

The situation has improved in the past 2 or 3 years and there is a case for continued optimism, with opportunities for growth based on existing assets such as our strong food and drink products, on serviced land and energy-related potential at Machrihanish, and in tourism, in particular given the international profile of Scotland this year.

The Scottish Cabinet saw a more vibrant and confident Campbeltown last August when they visited projects including the first phase of the Mull of Kintyre Industrial Estate. This development by Macleod Construction, supported by HIE, comprises 6 small business units which are fully let, and it is hoped that construction of Phase 2 will be underway later this year.

The tourism product has seen significant improvement. In 2011, HIE invested £2.2m, including £848,000 from the European Regional Development Fund, in the restoration of the Ugadale Hotel at Machrihanish and The Royal Hotel in Campbeltown by the Kintyre Development Company. Both hotels are now attracting increased visitors to the area to make the most of local attractions and experiences such

as golf, including the award winning Machrihanish Dunes golf course.

The profile of tourism is also being raised by the Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative. Supported by HIE, it is providing a focus for increased collaboration and is acting as an umbrella for promoting Argyll. In addition to sport and leisure activities, local strengths include food and drink, and the town's historic cinema, a successful social enterprise with plans to develop into a 21st century arts facility.

Kintyre is well positioned in respect of other sectoral growth opportunities, particularly life sciences, with the Marine Environmental Research Laboratory (MERL) at Machrihanish undertaking groundbreaking research on site. Links with aquaculture are strong and in addition to more traditional fish farming, there is interest from potential inward investors in closed containment aquaculture.

HIE has also worked closely with and supported the Machrihanish Airbase Community Company to acquire the former RAF base and develop it as a sustainable community asset.

The HIE-led project to roll out next generation broadband will reach around 84% of homes and businesses across the region by the end of 2016. It will allow small businesses to trade internationally, and enable people to work locally and share information worldwide. It is important that we all recognise the scale of the opportunity and are able to use the technology to its full potential to realise our growth ambitions.

First job: I was a Chartered Surveyor and worked in Glasgow and Hong Kong before returning to Argyll.

Best business experience: I lead a talented and motivated team in a wonderful part of the world. It is very rewarding to work with and help a small business to realise its ambitions, or to see a small family business grow into a significant regional player providing well paid jobs in a fragile area.

Worst business experience: Given the nature of our role, not everything we do always works out as planned. The worst experience is when, despite best efforts, a business that you have worked closely with fails, and you see the impact on individuals, families and communities.

What's the secret of business success? Having the vision and ambition to succeed and not being afraid to give it a go.

Building for tomorrow's Campbeltown

McKinven & Colville Ltd have been in business since 1962 carrying out joinery and building works. Based at various locations in Campbeltown town centre, the business has become one of the major building contractors in the Argyll area. In the early 1990s the sons of the founding partners became involved in the day to day running of the business, becoming partners in 1994.

Since 1998 building and plumbing capabilities have been added to the joinery focused workforce to enhance customer satisfaction by providing in-house controls over existing outsource works. In 2009 & 2011 the company purchased then sub-contractors McEachran and Robertson (slater, roughcasters and plasterers) and Archibald Smith Electrical Service (Electrical

Contractor). These acquisitions and added tradesmen have strengthened still the company's position as a major building contractor in the Argyll area.

From 1976 until early 2002, McKinven & Colville operated from Argyll Street in Campbeltown centre. In December 2001 the partners invested in new premises at Snipefield Industrial Estate. These premises meet the strict criteria required in the business sector today and project a professional image to clients.

With the continuing demand for quality, the partners rely upon their experienced and highly skilled staff to train apprentices, who are recruited on a bi-annual basis, maintaining high standards and sharing the values that the company was founded on. Work

experience placements are offered to local potential school-leavers, giving them valuable experience of the building trade. It is one route used by the company in the recruitment of apprentices.

Over the years the company has undertaken various projects as main contractor and sub contractor with a range of clients including Argyll & Bute Council, Argyll & Clyde Health Board, Fyne Homes Housing Association and Argyll Community Housing Association.

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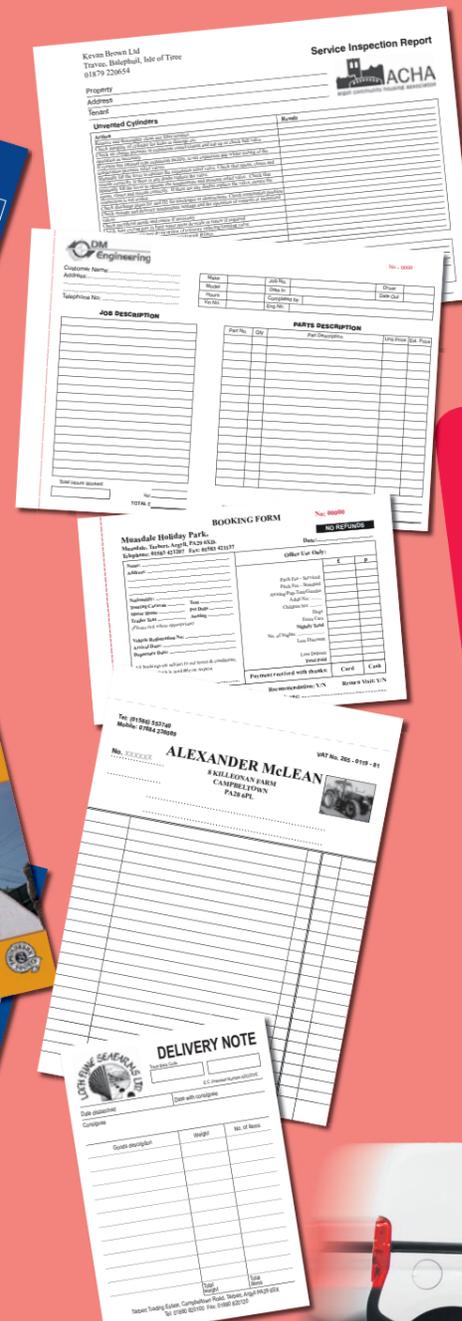
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New marina to be 'bigger and better'

'After a public consultation, the angle of the breakwater will be altered'

CAMPBELTOWN is hoping to welcome even more visitors next summer to the town as its pontoon undergoes a re-vamp.

Conversely, David McAllister, who managed the Campbeltown Loch Berthing Company until 2009, is unhappy about Argyll and Bute Council's plans to modify the existing pontoon in the first place.

Mr McAllister said: 'The berthing company was set up to facilitate the berthing of visiting yachts for the benefit of Campbeltown, but this proposal is inadequate, compromising safety and reducing the capacity of the marina.'

He also believes visiting yacht numbers will diminish as a result.

He said: 'On the busiest night of the 2008

season we had 28 visiting yachts, of which 14 were of the medium to large class.

'This plan allows for only five or six of this size, an obvious reduction in capacity.'

The breakwater initially proposed at the end of the marina was also identified as a problem issue.

135 degrees

He added: 'The breakwater will mean some vessels having to turn 135 degrees just to obtain a space, potentially in bad weather.'

'Yachts are not the most manoeuvrable vessels when berthing.'

Mr McAllister, who has 30 years' experience in maritime surveying and naval architecture, described the council venture as 'a pointless waste of money'.

Addressing the change in the pontoon layout, Councillor Rory Colville said: 'After a public consultation, the angle of the breakwater will be altered.'

Problem

'Industry experts have looked at the problem and we hope that the changes will have seen everyone's views taken into consideration.'

Argyll and Bute Council also moved to defend plans for the new marina.

A council spokeswoman said: 'The redeveloped facility will offer a variety of berthing options, from small RIBs to very large yachts over 100 feet in length.'

'The bespoke floating breakwater, will also offer wind protection from the loch and create a lagoon environment asso-



The marina's current layout 20_c20marina01

ciated with modern marinas.'

She added that the council had received no formal objections to the plan.

Kintyre debate will involve young people's views on independence

CAMPBELTOWN is to host a Scottish independence debate aimed at involving young people in the referendum issues.

Three pupils from Campbeltown Grammar are expected to take part in the event on Friday afternoon, June 20 in the Victoria Hall which will also involve Kintyre councillors Rory Colville and John Semple.

Retired minister Rev Ann McIvor will chair the debate which has

been organised by Argyll Voluntary Action (AVA) and is expected to attract members of the public as well as more than 100 senior grammar school pupils.

Senga Cakebread, development worker with AVA, told the Courier: 'We are holding debates and consultations on various issues to involve young people with older generations. It is part of a project aimed at supporting young people to engage with and assist older people while

building their skills, knowledge and respect as valued members of their communities. It also facilitates them to become active citizens.'

'One of the anticipated outcomes is that generations will work together and have a voice influencing decision making, community planning, services and delivery.'

The debates are one of a number of vehicles being used to increase interaction between young and older generations.

Ms Cakebread said

she would like the public to provide a selection of questions to be asked at the independence debate, so the young people involved will have a chance to consider their responses.

Questions can be sent to senga@argyllvoluntaryaction.org.uk or dropped into the Argyll Voluntary Action office at 21 Longrow South, Campbeltown, ideally before June 10.

The debate on Friday, June 20 is expected to begin at 1.30pm.

Carers' facility under consideration

INTEREST in a centre in Campbeltown for carers and the people they look after to get together will be gauged at a meeting.

Carers in Kintyre are invited to attend the meeting, to be held at Campbeltown's day hospital, on Wednesday, June 11 at 7pm.

The Dochas Centre, a meeting place for carers in Mid-Argyll, has organised the event to see if Campbeltown and the surrounding area would benefit from such a facility being available locally.

Catherine Paterson of the Do-

chas Centre said: 'People may become carers at some point in their lives and we would like to give existing carers a place to go, not just to find support and information, but to socialise.'

'Having seen the great benefit it has had in Lochgilphead, Campbeltown may well need a facility like that given its larger population.'

'We encourage any carers in the area to come along.'

The meeting is being held as part of National Carers Week

which aims to put the spotlight on the enormous challenges carers often face.

Outreach

Councillors Rory Colville and John Semple said: 'We are delighted to offer our support for a carers' centre in Campbeltown.'

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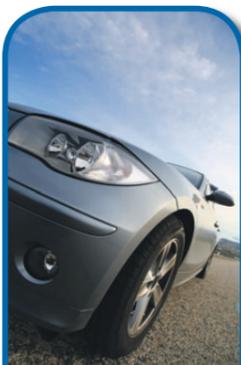
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Q1 Which of the following most closely describes the extent to which you are involved in the grocery shopping in your household?
 I do all or most of the shopping I have little or no involvement
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Q2 In which of the following supermarkets do you a) do your MAIN grocery shopping, and b) any top up shopping during the week? (please tick all that apply)

	MAIN grocery shopping	Top Up Shopping
Aldi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asda	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budgens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Co-Operative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Costcutter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farmfoods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Iceland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Tesco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waitrose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q3 Please indicate which other shop (s) you use for your MAIN grocery shopping?

Q4 And which other shop(s) do you use for your top up shopping?

Q5 If you were to choose just ONE supermarket, which would you say is your favourite?

<input type="checkbox"/> Aldi	<input type="checkbox"/> Costcutter	<input type="checkbox"/> Marks & Spencer	<input type="checkbox"/> Tesco
<input type="checkbox"/> Asda	<input type="checkbox"/> Farmfoods	<input type="checkbox"/> Morrisons	<input type="checkbox"/> Waitrose
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<input type="checkbox"/> Lidl	<input type="checkbox"/> Spar		

Other (please state) _____

Q6 Which of the following factors are most likely to influence your choice of supermarket? (please tick all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Advertising	<input type="checkbox"/> Location	<input type="checkbox"/> Car Parking	<input type="checkbox"/> Quality of products
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmentally friendly	<input type="checkbox"/> Loyalty scheme	<input type="checkbox"/> Past Experience	<input type="checkbox"/> Range of products
<input type="checkbox"/> Fresh food counters	<input type="checkbox"/> Online delivery service	<input type="checkbox"/> Habit	<input type="checkbox"/> Other local shops nearby
<input type="checkbox"/> Helpfulness of staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Opening Hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Low prices	

Other (please specify) _____

Q7 And which ONE of the following factors would you say is THE most important in deciding which supermarket to shop at? (please tick ONE only)

<input type="checkbox"/> Advertising	<input type="checkbox"/> Past Experience
<input type="checkbox"/> Stock ethically sourced products	<input type="checkbox"/> Habit
<input type="checkbox"/> Fresh food counters	<input type="checkbox"/> Low prices
<input type="checkbox"/> Helpfulness of staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Quality of products
<input type="checkbox"/> Location	<input type="checkbox"/> Locally sourced products
<input type="checkbox"/> Loyalty scheme	<input type="checkbox"/> Range of products
<input type="checkbox"/> Online delivery service	<input type="checkbox"/> Ability to use money off coupons
<input type="checkbox"/> Opening Hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Other local shops nearby
<input type="checkbox"/> Car Parking	

Other (please specify) _____

Q8 In addition to your main grocery shopping, which of the following do you also shop at?

<input type="checkbox"/> A local independent grocer	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishmonger	<input type="checkbox"/> Butcher
<input type="checkbox"/> Farmers Market	<input type="checkbox"/> Greengrocer	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Market
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I trust what I read in my local newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I know that if something is advertised in my local newspaper, then it will be available in my area	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I enjoy shopping for groceries	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Online shopping makes my life easier	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Supermarket's own brands are as good as major brands	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Q11 Which of the following have you personally done (when shopping for groceries) as a result of seeing something advertised in your local newspaper? (tick all that apply)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Made a note of a special offer or promotion	<input type="checkbox"/> Talked about something you have seen with friends and family

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Q12 Are you
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Q13 And which of the following age groups do you fall into?

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14/01000/PP	Alterations to car parking and store including ATM pod, erection of cage marshalling enclosure and replacement trolley bays	Tesco Lochend Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6DL	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/01047/MFF	Alterations to existing marine fish farm by enlargement of mooring grid to increase cage spacing, without extension of mooring area or changes in number or size of cages	Eilean Grianain (Carradale) Salmon Farm 2km North of Carradale Kibrannan Sound Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale
14/01099/PP	Formation of new access to serve CAT 1A forest road.	Farm Track at High Ranachan Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6NX	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/01191/PP	Erection of substation comprising HV compound with HV room and control room, statcom area with 3 statcom units and transformer/capacitor bank, connection to overhead electricity line, temporary construction compound and ancillary infrastructure and formation of vehicular access	Land at A'Cuach Kilmichael Forest West of Minard Argyll	1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead

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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/01300/PP	Change of use from workshop to workshop/retail	Store Harbour Street Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert
14/01304/PP	Renewal of planning permission reference 11/01994/PP (Renewal of planning permission reference 06/01728/DET (erection of dwellinghouse))	Land North of Victoria Hotel Barmore Road Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street Tarbert

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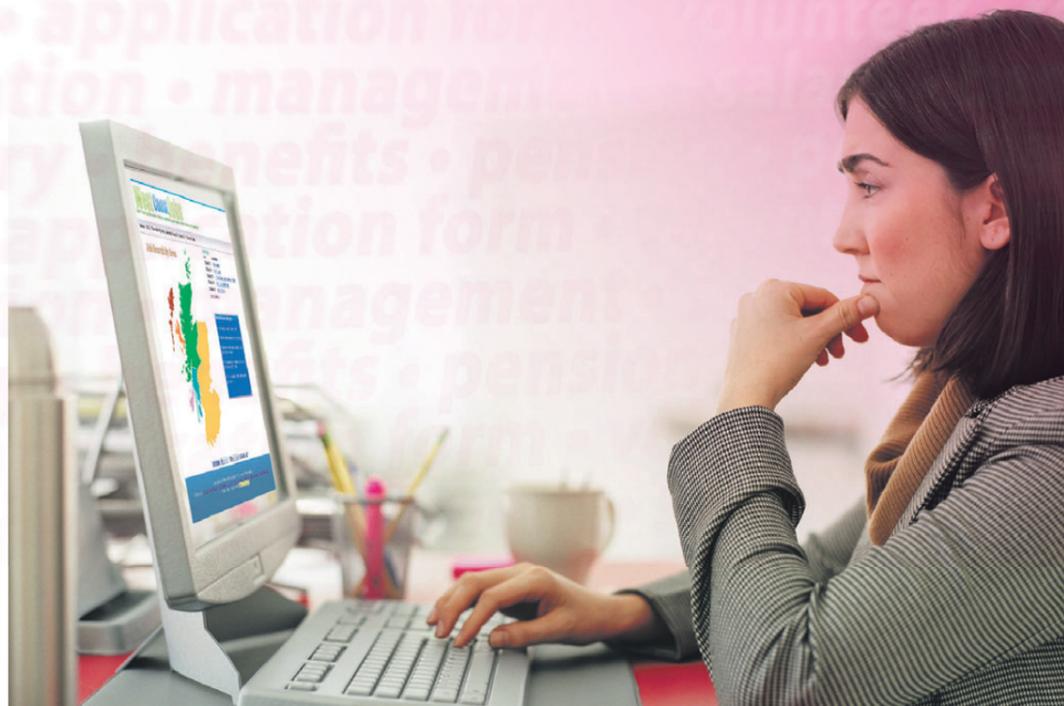
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I MET Meg on the slipway at Claonaig while waiting for the Arran ferry.

She was a very friendly wee collie and was wearing a very bright orange harness.

As is usual, I started talking to Meg's owners who said she was a rather special dog, and invited me to look at the disc on her collar.

Meg waited patiently as I got hold of the disc which was red with a white cross on it. On turning it over, I saw the words 'Mountain Rescue Dog'.

Meg had saved many lives on the hills and was still 'in employment', but having a holiday on Arran.

As I looked at the towering hills ahead, I remarked to her owners that Meg may well be called out on duty even on her holiday.

We drove onto the ferry and I began to think of the wonderful work these dogs perform.

How many people literally owe their lives to the intelligence and dedication of our canine friends.

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I thought again of Meg's disc.

Without it I would never have known she had been set apart for a special purpose.

Jesus called his disciples to be set apart.

They would be known, not by any identification tag, but by a sign – the sign of love.



The juvenile band preparing to be led on the field by Pipe Major Julie Blue.

'Solid start' for Kintyre schools juvenile band

KINTYRE Schools Pipe Band continued its prize-winning success with the juvenile band gaining sixth place at the British Pipe Band Championships in Bathgate last Saturday.

Good start

Pipe Major Julie Blue, who led the juvenile band for the day, said: 'We had a good

strong performance against stiff competition. A top six finish is a good solid start to the season.'

The novice band was up against 25 other bands and it also had a fantastic run in its qualifier securing a place in the final. Pipe Major Peter Ferguson said: 'In the final we were

up against much more experienced bands and yet again played extremely well. The kids should all be very proud of themselves.

Missing

'We never managed on to the prize list this time just missing it by one point, gaining seventh place.'

The next outing for Kintyre Schools Juvenile Pipe Band is the newly formed UK Pipe Band Championships at Stormont Estate, Belfast on Saturday, June 14. The band will travel by coach to Belfast next Friday via the Campbeltown to Ardrossan and Cairnryan to Belfast ferries.

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The baby blue tits can be watched on screen in the birdhouse at Campbeltown Community Orchard and Garden.

Welcome arrivals at orchard garden

THE WILDLIFE hide and bird house at Campbeltown Community Orchard and Garden (behind Auchinlee Eventide Home) is host to some very new arrivals.

Spring watch

Visitors are invited to experience their own Campbeltown Spring-watch, as newly-hatched baby blue tits are filmed

in their bird house and shown on screen in the bird house.

Splendour

A garden spokeswoman said: 'It is a fantastic way to get up close and personal with nature, without intruding into their space with the added bonus of seeing the community garden in all its spring splen-

dour as the garden starts to bloom.'

For more information contact Willie on 07825613683 or email tracyccog@gmail.com

Staff and volunteers would also like to thank everyone who attended the open day last Saturday. The next open day is Saturday, June 14, and everyone is welcome.

Population decline challenged at Holyrood

HIGHLANDS and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor spoke at the Scottish Parliament this week and demanded to know what action the Scottish Government is taking on the issue of population decline in Argyll and Bute.

His concerns come as a planned population summit in May was postponed for the second time, and findings by the National Records of Scotland projected a 13.5 per cent decline in the area population by 2037.

Mr McGrigor said: 'Many people are concerned in Argyll and

Bute about the effect of population decline on important public services.

'In many parts, including South Kintyre, there is inadequate broadband provision and too many road closures, deterring potential business and tourism.'

In response, John Swinney, cabinet secretary for finance, acknowledged that improving internet-based services among other issues was vital for Argyll and Bute, and said that these issues would be discussed at the rescheduled population summit later in the year.

It pays to advertise in the Campbeltown Courier

TEXT FOR THE WEEK
 Jesus said, 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God' (Matthew 5:8).

BIRTHS
COFFIELD - Craig and Fiona (née Littleson) are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Alec Neil, on May 26, 2014, at the Southern General Hospital. Sincere thanks to all staff at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and at SGH.

DEATHS
COX - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on June 1, 2014, Martha Weir, in her 84th year, formerly of Dell Road, Campbeltown, beloved wife of the late Hugh Cox, much loved mother of John and dear sister of Lilian, Anna and Sylvia.

GRAHAM - Peacefully, on May 25, 2014, in Hertfordshire, Aileen Pamela Graham, in her 77th year, beloved wife, mum, nana and sister. Greatly missed by us all. Funeral service will be held at 12.00 noon, on June 11, 2014 at St Mary's Church, Baldock, Herts. Flowers, or donations to Cancer Research UK, via www.justgiving.com/clare-mansfield1. All enquiries to E H Crouch Funeral Directors, on 01462 893191.

JENKINS(néeMcAllister) - On June 1, 2014, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Williamena (Ena), in her 90th year, after a short illness, dearly beloved wife of Jim, much loved mother of Olive, Yvonne, Ronald and the late James, adored grandmother and great grandmother and a dear sister and mother-in-law. Funeral service was held on Thursday, June 5 at Ardrishaig Parish Church, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery.

JOHNSTON - Suddenly at home, 26 Meadowburn Place, Campbeltown, on June 3, 2014, Duncan McVicar Johnston, in his 67th year, dearly beloved husband of Mary McKinlay, much loved dad of Amanda, loving papa of Bethany and Tristan and a much loved brother and uncle. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 12 noon. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.



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MCKINVEN - Peacefully, at the Inverclyde Hospital, Greenock, on June 1, 2014, James Sharp McKinven (Hamish), in his 78th year, formerly of Parliament Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Donald and Barbara McKinven, much loved brother of Nancy and Barbara and the late Mary, Jean and Cathy, and a dear uncle. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Friday, June 6, 2014 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retail collection will be held in aid of Sir Gabriel Wood's, Mariners Home, Greenock.

RITCHIE - On May 28, 2014, peacefully at Ardfenaig Care Home, Ardrishaig, Flora (Fiona) Ritchie, nee Oman, in her 83rd year, beloved wife of the late Sandy Ritchie and much loved mother of Dugald, Leslie and Isobel, a dearly loved gran and aunt. Funeral service was held at Saddell and Carradale Parish Church on June 4, 2014, interment thereafter at Brackley Cemetery. Special thanks to Doctors and nursing staff at Carradale Surgery, Abbeyfield, Kintyre Nursing Home and Ardfenaig Care Home, for all the kind care and attention received, thanks also to Rev. Steve Fulcher for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Glen Restaurant for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Ardfenaig Care Home raised £200.

STEWART - David. The family would like to announce that David Stewart of Mull & Ardrishaig, died suddenly but peacefully in the Royal Alexandra, Paisley, on June 2, 2104. Funeral arrangements to follow.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS
CRAWFORD - The family of the late Don Crawford would like to thank everyone for the many cards and support following the sad loss of Don. Thanks to the many friends and neighbours for their home baking, comforting words and much appreciated support. A very special thanks to all of the carers, district nurses, doctors and nursing staff at the Glenaray Ward, and staff at Carr Gomm, for looking after Don. Thanks to Rev David Carruthers for his comforting service and to the Grey Gull for the fine catering. Sincere thanks to all at Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their professional and caring service. Finally, thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside.

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NICOLL - The family of the late John Nicoll would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received after their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the staff at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown and also to Dr. I. Norrie. Thanks to the Rev. Alex Mitchell for a lovely service. Sincere thanks to Kenneth Blair for his efficient, caring and professional funeral arrangements. Finally thank you to all who came to Falkirk Crematorium to pay their respects, it was very much appreciated.

IN MEMORIAMS
LANG - In loving memory of my husband Campbell, died June 4, 2004. You were very special, what more can I say, I wish with all my heart you were here today. Helen
LANG - In loving memory of Campbell, died June 4, 2004. Remembered always, Jamie, Catherine and Craig.
MACCALLUM - Ronny, 16 years since you passed away, loved and remembered every single day, Christine.
MACCALLUM - Ronny, Quietly today your memory we treasure, loving you always, forgetting you never. Carolyn, Jim and family.
MACCALLUM - In loving memory of Ronny - June 8, 1998, Loved and remembered every day, Audrey, Craig, Ross and Lauren.
MORRANS - In loving memory of my mum, Nan, left us on June 6, 2011. Loved Forever. Vivian and all your wee family. A special love and hugs from Ariana xx.

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services 8th June 2014 - all welcome!
 Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
 Charity No. SC016097
 Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
 Glenaray and Inveraray
 Charity No. SC016665
 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
 Monthly Gaelic Service in Lochgair Church at 3pm

free church of scotland
 George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 8th June
 11.15am Worship Service
 Rev Finlay Mackenzie
 The Sunday School will meet in the Hall during the Service
Thursday 12th June
 12 noon Prayer and Bible Study
 All Welcome
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 Praise & Prayer: 9.00am
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 11.00am
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Friday 13th June
 Lunch Club 12.00 noon

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 75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 8th June 2014
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 Pastor Ross Ferguson
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Wednesday 11th June 2014
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Thursday 12th June 2014
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 7.30pm Men being Men - Badminton evening
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 www.springbankchurch.co.uk
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 Bellanoch Church 11:30 am
 Morning Worship
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 All welcome
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 www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday 8th June, 11.00 am
 Visiting speaker
 Doug Inglis
 President of the Scottish Baptist Lay Preachers' Association with Sunday school and refreshments after the service
 Baby & Toddler Group
 10.00 - 11.45 am
 Every Thursday
 We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
 www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

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Four Pupils in select squad

THE annual Joe Paterson Trophy match will take place in Lochgilphead this year as the Argyll select take on the Scottish Amateur Football League (SAFL) select at Ropework Park this Sunday.

The county team is made up of players from Campbeltown Pupils, Tarbert, Lochgilphead Red Star and Oban Saints.

Brothers Paul and Gary Grumoli, Keith Mitchell and John McCallum will represent the Pupils.

Last year it was Argyll who came out on top after a penalty shootout in Tarbert.

The match kicks off at 2pm.

Campbeltown players in league cup win

CAMPBELTOWN footballers Scott Souden and Ryan Blackstock have a longer journey to matches than the rest of their teammates, but it was all worth it as they came home with winners medals.

The pair, who play for Lochgilphead Red Star's under-15s side, won their league cup competition after a 1-0 win over Antonine of Alexandria.

Oban Saints do the double

OBAN Saints completed a very successful season last Saturday when they defeated Haldane United 2-1 at Glencruitten to win the Scottish Amateur League Premier Division title.

The previous Wednesday the Oban side won the Jimmy Marshall Trophy in Glasgow, beating Inverclyde 2-0.

Winning start as new boy collects trophy

THE George Durnan Trophy was played over two days at Machrihanish Golf Club with the overall 36 holes combined winner being new member James McAdam.

He pipped country member David Gilmour, by one shot to claim the trophy at the first time of asking.

In the scratch competition, current form specialist Oliver Armour had yet another victory, outscoring George MacMillan by three strokes.

The senior handicap winner was Keith Abendroth, while Ann Gallacher claimed all the ladies' prizes.

George Durnan 1st round - Wednesday, May 21 (CSS 71, played 65), gents handicap - 1 Iain Reid 81-17=64, 2 Robert McDonald 88-22=66. Senior - Keith

Abendroth 98-23=75. Scratch - 1 Oliver Armour 71, 2 George MacMillan 73 (BIH). Ladies handicap - Ann Gallacher 93-9=84. George Durnan 2nd round - Thursday, May 22 (CSS 71, played 62), gents handicap - 1 James McAdam 75-8=67, 2 David Gilmour 74-6=68. Senior - Keith Abendroth 101-23=78. Scratch - 1 Oliver Armour 71, 2 George MacMillan 72. Ladies handicap - Ann Gallacher 89-9=80. Combined 36 holes totals, gents handicap - 1 James McAdam 68+67=135, 2 David Gilmour 68+68=136. Senior - Keith Abendroth 75+78=153. Scratch - 1 Oliver Armour 71+71=142, 2 George MacMillan 73+72=145. Ladies handicap - Ann Gallacher 84+80=164.

The Texas Scramble on May 23 was competed for by 24 teams, with each team consisting of four players. Scoring was low with the top two teams being separated by only 0.4 of a stroke. The winners were the Robertson brothers, Ross and Lorne, accompanied by

James McKinven and Craig Barr. Runners up were another pair of brothers, Derek and Nigel Stewart, aided by Robert McDonald and David Wallace.

Nigel Stewart, home from Brighton for the golf week, showed that he has not lost his delicate touch by holing back-to-back chip-ins at the 16th and 17th.

Results: 1 James McKinven, Craig Barr, Lorne Robertson, Ross Robertson, nett 55.2, 2 Robert McDonald, Nigel Stewart, Derek Stewart, David Wallace Nett 55.6, 3 Ian McGougan, Soren Hundeboll, Willie Ross, Finlay Wylie Nett 56.1. J W Logan Memorial Trophy and May Medal, played May 31 (CSS 71, played 68), trophy: 1 Mike McIntyre 77=11=66 (BIH), 2 Steven Gilmour 68-2=66, 3 Eric Capocci 71-4=67. Senior - Calum McLean 78-8=70. Scratch - Oliver Armour 68. Medal: 1st class - S Gilmour, 2nd class - M McIntyre, 3rd class - Hector McMurphy 94-22=72 (BIH).



Alison McGeachy, Michael McGeachy and Nancy Stewart, members of JogScotland Campbeltown, are pictured after finishing this year's MOK10K.

MOKRUN prizewinners

A TOTAL of 64 Campbeltown Running Club members took part in this year's MOK 10k and half marathon races.

They finished as follows: 10k - 5th Stuart McGeachy 36.40, 6 James Murdoch 36.57, 10 Tommy Moran 38.10, 17 David Sinclair 40.38, 18 Douglas Ferguson 41.13, 22 Darren Renton 42.03, 21 Alisdair O' May 42.02, 21 Ryan Sharp 42.02, 26 Fiona Graham 42.34, 28 Johnny Girvan 42.40, 34 Stuart Graham 43.20, 36 Johnny McCormick 43.52, 37 Thomas Ralston 43.57, 40 Charles Anderson 44.05, 44 Carly Ferguson 44.38, 48 Jennifer Martin 45.00, 51 Emma Moran 45.30, 56 Lyle Gillespie 45.45, 57 Sarah McFadzean 45.49, 62 Susan Turner 45.58, 60 Malcolm McMillan 45.55, 71 Elaine McGeachy 47.00, 79 Al McPhee 47.38, 82 Robert McDonald 47.54, 85 Maryann Wylie 48.06, 86 David Adams 48.15, 88 Archie Mitchell 48.38, 98 Kerri-Ann Murray 49.44, 99 Catriona McLean 49.27, 109 Ashleigh Conner 50.30, 105 Katie Ferguson 50.04, 119 Jodie Hannah 51.09, 121 David Paterson 51.24, 131 Dougie Wylie 52.29, 136 Kerry O' May 52.54, 138 Janette Hannah 53.03, 152 Trudy Kennedy 53.52, 152 Alastair Brown 53.52, 160 Russell McLafferty 54.15, 169 Mairi McKillop 55.03, 170 Iona McIntosh 55.08, 173 Liz Richardson 55.37, 175 Campbell Read 55.45, 182 Jamie Girvan 56.15, 195 Alison Millar 57.01, 193 Lorraine O'May 56.54, 217 Joanne Tiffin 58.21, 227 Laura-Jane Mc-

Callum 58.57, 251 Isla Binnie 1.00.41, 263 Lindsay Colville 1.01.45, 275 Lynn Galbraith 1.02.32, 288 Fiona Mitchell 1.03.05, 324 Alix Geyer 1.06.15, 403 John McGeachy 1.18.47.

Half Marathon - 17 Charlie Dott 1.35.00, 22 Jennifer Reid 1.37.57, 27 Hector McMurphy 1.40.08, 29 Ralphy Hill 1.41.13, 44 Stephen Blackstock 1.45.44, 48 David Croft 1.47.39, 54 Elaine Fraser 1.49.09, 55 Fiona Groves 1.49.24, 56 Sid Gallagher 1.49.31, 57 Jocelyn Richard 1.49.41, 65 Claire Reid 1.52.09, 67 Kerry Hastie 1.52.20, 81 Robert Semple 1.54.41, 113 Jackie Fulton 2.01.24, 120 Margaret Sinclair 2.02.56, 158 John Burridge 2.11.15.

JogScotland Campbeltown 10k participants: 84 Moira McLennan 48.02, 173 Liz Richardson 55.37, 195 Alison Millar 57.01, 244 Monica Gemmill 59.54, 255 Heather McFadyen 1.01.10, 281 Elizabeth Graham 1.02.50, 295 Elizabeth Marrison 1.04.02, 325 Nancy Stewart 1.06.26, 334 Alison McGeachy 01.07.11, 339 Michael McGeachy 1.07.50, 342 Diane McCaig 1.07.57, 351 Jackie Graham 1.08.56, 349 Fiona Irwin 1.08.47, 349 Elizabeth Young 1.08.47, 360 Liz McKillop 1.10.04, 363 Joan Bisset 1.11.06, 368 Jill Slater 1.11.58, 371 Ruth Smith 1.12.47, 378 Karen Cox 1.13.34, 381 Rachel McGeachy 1.14.08, 390 Anne-Marie Blackstock 1.16.00, 393 Margaret-Anne Green 1.17.02, 412 Christine Mitchell 1.21.36, 414 Ann-Marie Laurensen 1.22.37, 430 Gail Williams 1.27.35, 436 Eilidh Anderson 1.28.55, 437 Kitty Millar 1.29.03, 454 Mhairi Craig 01.35.27, Donna MacEachan 1.39.00.

Tarbert finish season with impressive away win

SAFL Division 1A Millbeg Villa 1 Tarbert AFC 4

TARBERT AFC travelled to Easterhouse on Saturday to finish a long and difficult league campaign in great fashion with a convincing win over Millbeg Villa.

Fourth place
The Tarbert hotel spon-

sored side were without top scorer Prentice and McCormick who missed out through injury, but still managed to put four past their opponents and secure fourth place in the Division 1A league table.

Tarbert's goals came from a MacDougall hat-trick and Krawczyk.

Youngsters Campbell, Manao and MacArthur all came on to gain some valuable first-team experience.

Delighted
Manager Prentice said he was delighted with the team's response after a difficult spell around the beginning of the year.

Hendrie and Maguire win Stronvaar Pairs



From left, club president Jimmy Anderson, pairs runners-up Archie Johnston and Gary Anderson, winners Robert Hendrie and Neil Maguire and club president Shona Anderson.

CAMPBELTOWN Bowling Club held its pairs competition last Sunday.

The competition, sponsored by McFadyens Contractors for the first time, saw players appreciate the fast pace of the Stronvaar green that rewarded well-drawn bowls and this did not change despite some heavy rain.

Final
The final was contested by Robert Hendrie and Neil Maguire who had earlier beaten Shirley Bannatyne and

Catherine McEachran in the semi-final, and Archie Johnston and Gary Anderson, who had seen off the challenge of Dugald Graham and Hugh Newlands.

Knee injury
During his semi-final Robert sustained a knee injury but, despite severe pain, this did not curtail his bowling arm as he and Neil dominated the match to run out as comfortable winners.

Presidents Jimmy and Shona Anderson presented the prizes to the players.

Results from Islay Golf club

ISLAY Golf Club, The Guy Quaich played Friday, May 30 and Sunday, June 1: 1 C. Stroud 72+69=141, 2 N. MacDonald 66+75=141, 3 J. Rozga 73+69=142.

No winners

THERE were no winners of the Machrihanish Golf Club lotto draw on Monday.

The winning numbers were 8,17,20.

The jackpot of the next draw on Monday is £200.

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Tarbert
Sunday 8th June 2014
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£60, £40, £30, £20
Tee off times:
8am-9am
11am - 12noon
2pm - 3pm
Entry Fee £10 (includes meal)
To book tee off time:
Tel 01880 820565

Moira and Malcolm make a fine pair

MOIRA MacDougall and Malcolm Maguire won Argyll Bowling Club's Holiday Pairs Competition.

With the green in excellent condition, it turned into a great day of bowling for the six teams entered.

Great opportunity

Played as a round robin, this was a great opportunity for new members to play under competition conditions, while gaining the chance to play, and learn from, some of the more experienced members.

Some of the games were very close indeed,

many going into the last end all even.

The team of Moira MacDougall, lead, and Malcolm Maguire, skip, never lost a game all day, winning four out of five and drawing the remaining game.

When the scores were added together two teams were on six points having won three out of five games and nothing separated them on shot difference. An extra end was played with Liz McCrimmon and Bill Branigan just missing out to Donny McCrimmon and Gavin McLachlan for second place.



Pictured from left are: Archie Clark, Gavin McLachlan, Moira MacDougall, Malcolm Maguire, Donny McCrimmon and Linda Branigan.



Prizewinners from left are: Lindsay Ramsay, Fiona Rattray, Laura Finlayson, Margaret Richardson. Missing from the photograph are Sheena Murchie (Lamlash) and Sheena Ferguson (Tarbert).

Fiona and Laura are victorious

FIONA Rattray and Laura Finlayson were the winners at the Carradale Ladies Golf Open which attracted 36 entrants on Sunday.

Despite mixed weather conditions, some of the ladies achieved excellent scores.

The course was in tiptop condition, thanks to greenkeeper Robert Strang his assistant Gareth. Fiona Rattray won the scratch salver while

Laura Finlayson defended her win from last year to lift the handicap trophy.

Scratch: 1 Fiona Rattray (Douglas Park) 72, 2 Lindsay Ramsay (Machrihanish) 83 BIH, 3 Sheena Murchie (Lamlash) 83.

Handicap: 1 Laura Finlayson (Mortonhall) nett 52, 2 Sheena Ferguson (Tarbert) nett 64, 3 Margaret Richardson (Carradale) nett 67.

Magnificent seven for Pupils

DFDL Under 13s Campbeltown Pupils 7 Dumbarton Riverside 1 CAMPBELTOWN Pupils 2001s were convincing winners when they hosted Dumbarton Riverside at Campbeltown's all-weather pitch last Sunday.

The Pupils got the first of their goals when Ross Souden sent a well placed ball from defence through for Elliott Gemmell who struck the ball into the left-hand side of the goal.

The Pupils added to their lead when Miller Irwin assisted Gemmell for his second goal before scoring himself.

Irwin added another goal with a well taken penalty when Cameron Reid was pulled down in the box.

The Pupils made it 5-0 early in the second half when an Irwin shot broke for Reid to score with a cleanly-hit shot.

Captain Ross Souden made it 6-0 before Dumbarton pulled one back. Ryan McGrory completed the scoring.

The Pupils are to host an 11-a-side football festival at Meadows on Saturday, June 14, at 1pm, with Islay and Stonelaw the visiting teams.



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Fun in the sun as 420 flock to football festival

Day praised by participants

A TOTAL of 420 youngsters flocked to Campbeltown for a festival of football last Saturday.

The World Cup may be a couple of weeks away but for these young players it was only the Meadows that mattered.

Accompanied by coaches and parents, they came from as far afield as Islay, Oban, Tarbert, Lochgilphead and Glasgow, with the organisers being warmly praised by the visiting teams.

Steven Dott, of Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association, said: 'It's a brilliant sight to see so many

kids playing football in Campbeltown, and just as importantly, enjoying themselves.

'A lot of hard work went in to today and the help from across the community has been amazing – it certainly helps when everyone works together.'

There were messages of thanks from visiting clubs by email, text, Facebook and Twitter with Adam Lawson of Giffnock Soccer Centre saying: 'Thanks for having Giffnock Soccer Centre. We had a blast, loved every minute, thanks from everyone.'



Elliot Gemmell of Campbeltown Pupils 2003s hits a shot towards goal. 20_c23youthfoot08

High fives and smiles as Campbeltown Pupils chairman Alex McKiven gives the club's 2008s their medals. 20_c23youthfoot11



Campbeltown Pupils 2003s played entertaining football in front of the home support. 20_c23youthfoot12



Club coaches, first team and youth players were part of a big volunteer effort on the day. 20_c23youthfoot13

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