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He's best of British

Liam's flourish crowns him a national champ

CAMPBELTOWN drum major Liam Renton scooped his first major title of the year when he was crowned the new British champion.

The 22-year-old pulled off a somewhat miraculous triumph at the British Championships in Bathgate, last Saturday, after scraping through his heat earlier in the day.

The former Kintyre Schools Pipe Band member was battling both a heavy cold and biting winds in West Lothian but prevailed after a best-ever performance in the individual display involving a march to music with a mace, or 'flourish'.

Liam, who works for his family's firm Phoenix Motors in his home town, was representing Inveraray and District Pipe Band, and was among 22 adult-grade hopefuls vying for the title.

He said: 'It was a brilliant feeling to win, especially after a poor start. I only qualified in sixth place for the final.'

'The conditions were getting tougher as the high winds made big throws a challenge. It is either that or being blinded by the sun when

trying to keep your eye on the mace.

'When I reached the final, I knew I had to go for it after an unconvincing heat. In my routine I included a big throw and thankfully it came off.'

Liam achieved his best ever result, with scores combined across three



Liam Renton with the British Championship trophy after his win in Bathgate last Saturday c23liam01no

categories - dress, flourish, and marching and discipline - to seal a first-place finish in another major championship, after landing the European title in Forres last year.

His mum Mhairi and girlfriend Fiona Mitchell were there to cheer him on, as well as Liam's younger brother Kevan, a fellow drum

major with Johnstone Pipe Band, who finished in 11th spot.

Liam is also a keen footballer for Campbeltown Pupils AFC, but enjoys the change from team sport to something of an individual obsession.

He said: 'I have not stopped since last summer really - I normally have a break in the autumn and I feel well prepared for the rest of the majors. There are another four to compete for across the summer.'

'I practise for about 30 minutes most days because it does not just happen by itself. Drum majoring is technical and requires consistent hard work to have a chance of winning, but when it comes off it all feels well worth it.'

Liam has not long returned from a two-week spell in Connecticut, USA, where he gave lessons to young learners and attended drum major gatherings. He is now preparing for the UK Championships in Belfast next Saturday, June 13.

He added: 'The congratulations I got from people afterwards, through texts and social media, really means a lot.'



Campbeltown Cross ready to bloom again

A PARKS maintenance man lent a hand to clear the flower beds at Campbeltown Cross.

Replanting

Findlay Borthwick, 60, who has

worked on the Wee Toon's public gardens for 37 years, lifted the current set of bedding plants on Tuesday in preparation for replanting.

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Get a taste for a life of learning

AN ADULT learning 'taster week' is being held in Campbeltown this month to give potential learners a flavour of the wide range of courses on offer.

Classes will focus on three main themes: employability, health and well-being, and learner progression, and are being held between Monday-Friday, June 15-19.

Those who are interested in keeping up with new technology, taking their first steps into learning, enjoying community life more fully, progressing into further learning, or gaining skills to find work, are all invited to attend.

Diane McCaig, community learning and development worker at the centre, said: 'Community-based adult learning is an informal and friendly way of learning within your own community.'

'You do not need any formal education to take part.'

'Everybody is welcome and we are happy to discuss any questions. People want to learn something new or brush up their skills for lots of reasons, so feel free to come and talk to us.'

'We always welcome ideas for courses from the public.'

For the range of taster courses on offer, contact Diane or Gillian McMillan, adult learning assistant, at the community centre in Stewart Road, Campbeltown on 01586 552732 or go to www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

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Shipping news from the loch

HIGH winds which reached up to 60mph created havoc with ferry timetables.

On Monday the Cal-Edonian MacBrayne Brodick to Ardrossan ferry had to shelter in Campbeltown and remained in the harbour overnight before resuming its run on Tuesday.

Norwegian registered fish boat Gripfisk berthed in Campbeltown on Monday to dis-

charge its cargo of live salmon into road tankers to be taken for processing.

Timber

On Saturday the Ayress will be in port for loading with a cargo of timber bound for Londonderry.

Harbourmaster Stephen Scally said that the high winds were quite unusual for this time of year when calmer seas are expected.



Gripfisk at its berth in the harbour.

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The shelf for Campbeltown distillery Springbank's whiskies at the Ardshiel.

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Historic first for new MP

ARGYLL and Bute's MP created parliamentary history by being the first new member to make speeches on the first two days of a session.

Brendan O'Hara made his maiden speech at Westminster last Wednesday, the first formal sitting day of the new session, immediately after the Queen's speech opening the Parliament.

He was on his feet again the following day in his role as SNP front bench defence spokesperson, making a heavy-weight contribution to the SNP adjournment debate on the safety of the Trident weapons system at Faslane.



Brendan O'Hara.

According to the House of Commons this is the first time that a new member has made formal speeches on each of the first two days of a session.

Mr O'Hara did not realise what he had done until it was pointed out by Alex Salmond.

Mr O'Hara said: 'I have just spent the busiest week of my life and amidst all the work in preparing for these two speeches it never crossed my mind that what I was doing was unusual, not to say unique.'

'I am really pleased to have been able to speak up twice for the area I represent in as many days.'

'I hope I might have a quieter week now as I try to catch up with the flood of letters and email that is breaking over all the new SNP MPs.'

Whisky bar votes needed

SCOTLAND'S top whisky bar based in Campbeltown is just a dram away from a record-breaking third title.

The Ardshiel Hotel was voted Scottish Field Whisky Bar of the Year in 2013 and 2014 after a public vote.

Joint proprietors Flora Grant and Marion MacKinnon need people to vote by the closing date of September 21 to be in the running.

Flora and Marion took over the business eight years ago when the bar boasted 70 malts.

Neither had a background in whisky, having worked in financial services, but were determined to improve the hotel and soon recognised that the an-

swer lay in the golden spirit.

Flora said: 'I was born and bred in Campbeltown, educated at the grammar school before moving away to Inverness and the central belt.'

'The Ardshiel was always a special place but it had gone downhill.'

The hotel is now a place of pilgrimage for whisky lovers from across the world with 460 bottles to choose from at any one time and a further 1,400 in stock.

Flora said: 'We have big support locally but when a public vote is involved some of the competition in the big cities can muster many more voters.'

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Thieves target car repair garages

CROOKS described by one Campbeltown garage owner as 'hooded and masked' stole cash and a laptop in night time raids.

Bolgam Street was hit first in the early hours of Thursday May 28.

Proprietor John McGeachy said the thief or thieves broke in through a fire exit and

kicked in a door in the office before making off with a laptop.

He said: 'The laptop is about four years old. There's nothing too important on it but it is

the nuisance of the theft. 'Luckily no glass was broken and we have reinforced the entry point now.'

He said that it was some years since they had last suffered a break in.

On the same morning, just round the corner in Burnbank Street, a repairs known as The Garage was also raided.

Here a three figure sum of cash was taken from a cash box.

Owner John Giffen, who has run the business for six years, said: 'I think it is just desperate people who will go to any lengths.

'The police know fine well who is involved but they are hooded, masked and gloved. Without proof we cannot do anything.

'How do they know



The busy front of The Garage in Burnbank Place. 06_c23thegarage01



Kintyre Motors in Bolgam Street. 06_c23motors01

whether I have a camera? 'It has been four or five years since I have had a break in.

'Now I am taking the cash away every night.'

Appealing

Campbeltown police said: 'We are appealing for information.

'If anyone has heard anything or could assist with inquires could they please contact

Campbeltown police office on 101. It is likely the two crimes were linked, given their proximity and timing.

'There has not been a break in in the area for months, which also suggests they are connected.'

Choices to be made over council budget

THE next steps in Argyll and Bute council's service choices process will be workshops for all councillors, following the second meeting of the project board.

A budgetary outlook, which provided an update on the initial report tabled at the policy and resources committee on December 18, said there was a budget gap of between £21.7 million and £26 million.

Kintyre beach gets eco award

MACHRIHANISH beach is one of a select few in Scotland to receive a national award for its pristine condition.

Keep Scotland Beautiful, the charity monitoring cleanliness on Scotland's shorelines, named it among this year's winners at Tuesday's Scottish Seaside Awards.

Machrihanish is one of two Argyll sites to be recognised in this way, along with Ganavan Sands near Oban.

More to follow in next week's Courier.

The board considered the council's budget of circa £240 million and how that is broken down, including information about the council services and their associated costs.

Initial savings options including proposals from each service were also received by the project board. That information will be presented to the workshop for all elected members this week.

The board includes eight members of the council's administration and four from the opposition, alongside two trade union representatives. A programme of meetings over the coming months has been

agreed, including a series of workshops for all local councillors in June and August.

Argyll and Bute council leader Dick Walsh said: 'Like all Scottish local authorities we are faced with the challenge of investing in the future for our communities while achieving significant savings now.

'It is important to take time to do this and to ensure that any choices made are informed and effective.

'The project board is providing a clear starting point for discussion, opportunities to fully explore issues and to collate possible options which all members can look at more closely.

'Continual budgetary monitoring is being carried out to ensure that the council balances its budget, makes the right level of savings and puts the resources it has to the very best use.

'Detailed proposals go to the policy and resources committee in October. If they are approved they will then go to the full council later the same month.

'Throughout the whole process so far there have been regular updates for staff and, following the

initial consultation at the beginning of 2015, we will be seeking more views from local people and communities on the proposals.

'These are challenging times, but everyone who has Argyll and Bute's best interests at heart is focused on working together to find the best options for our communities and the future.'

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Campbeltown will commemorate the Battle of Loos

A CAMPBELTOWN parade this Autumn will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Loos.

It started as an offensive launched by the British and French armies on September 25, 1915 and was one of the hardest battles of the Somme, in which many Kintyre men were killed and wounded.

Campbeltown Brass and Kintyre Schools

Pipe Band will beat a retreat at New Quay Head on Wednesday September 23.

An exhibition about the battle will be held in Victoria Hall on Saturday September 26, 100 years and a day from the start of the battle.

Chairman of the world war one steering group Patrick Stewart MBE, Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute,

said: 'Campbeltown has been nominated to commemorate the Scottish Battle of Loos.

'A committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Alastair Cousin from Campbeltown.

'The committee, at its first meeting, decided to involve young people in telling the story, not only of the battle but the effect of the First World War on communities in Argyll and Bute and in particular.

'Important lessons are there to be learnt as to why the war - the war to end all wars - completely failed to achieve its objective.

'Its repercussions are still being felt today, particularly in the Middle East. A number of Kintyre schools, including the history department of Campbeltown Grammar School, have

already committed to participating.'

The Lord Lieutenant continued: 'Not associated with the battle, there is one recently discovered fact which is local and should fascinate.

'A pony requisitioned for the Highland Mountain Battery from Campbeltown in August 1914 was returned, apparently unscathed, to Campbeltown after numerous adventures, a year after the end of the war. Castlehill school in Campbeltown, will investigate the background and provide a display at the exhibition.'

Readers are asked to send in any memorabilia or memories relating to 1915 and the battle, which could be used in the exhibition and returned. Please contact Patrick Stewart on 01586 551717.



Maureen Johnson and Jenny Black selling quiz sheets. 06_c23accent01

Accent Players' quiz fund raiser

ALL THE world's a stage but for Campbeltown's Accent Players - it was a table on Main Street as they sold the annual fundraising quiz.

Maureen Johnson and quiz master Jenny Black set up shop on Wednesday morning and sold quiz sheets for £1 to passers by.

Jenny claimed it had taken less than an hour to compile and is the easiest one yet but anyone buying it has until July 24 to post it back.

Maureen said: 'Normally we sell about 300. It is all part of our fund-raising.

'Each year we need about £1,000 to pay for the hire of the hall, a van at competition times, scripts, costumes and scenery.'

This year Accent Players scored a double success with its play 'That Old Black Magic', winning first prize in the Kintyre and Mid Argyll drama festivals.

Rise in non-fire emergencies

THE risk of being in a house fire is declining but the possibility of a road crash injury is on the increase.

In a report to Argyll and Bute council, James Hymas, Argyll senior officer, said the overall performance of the fire service was a positive one.

In his report Mr Hymas said: 'It is pleasing to report that the overall trend is one of a reducing fire risk profile.'

Accidental house fires are on a three-year low with no recorded fire fatalities but there was a rise in the number of casualties from non-fire emergencies.

The average number of casualties is 69 in a year whereas last year to April 2015 there were 95. There were also 79 casualties from road traffic collisions.



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GRADUATION



Lorna Ronald graduated recently from Glasgow Caledonian University with a Bachelor of Paediatric Nursing degree. Lorna is the younger daughter of Sandy and Ailsa Ronald, Kimashenachan Farm, Southend. Lorna is now working as a staff nurse in Yorkhill Hospital, Glasgow

Red Cross raise five-star sum

KINTYRE'S Red Cross fundraisers were overjoyed this week after learning they had raised more than £5,000 for the charity.

The group's five days of coffee mornings held last month, as part of the national Red Cross Awareness Week, as well as door-to-door collections, helped raise £5,610.51 for the charity's work in the UK and abroad, including the Nepal earthquake aid effort.

£3,035.65 of that total was raised through door-to-door funding.

Anne Cousin, Kintyre centre organiser, said: 'The Red Cross always does well in this area with the support of Kintyre people. We are indebted to them for their continued help over the years.'

'Red Cross transport is available for both hospital and clinic appointments, which you can book by calling 01546 602386.'

Man on drink drive charge

A 67-YEAR-old man was arrested on Sunday afternoon on a drink driving charge.

The arrest took place on Longrow, Campbeltown, after an initial breathalyser test at the roadside and a follow-up test at Campbeltown police office.

The man was released without access to his vehicle and is due to appear at Campbeltown sheriff court at a later date.



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Laura wins top trades prize

A KEEN Campbeltown apprentice is celebrating after winning a prestigious trade award.

Laura Black, a trainee pipefitter from Campbeltown, picked up the Glasgow Trades House Apprentice of the Year prize at an awards ceremony in the city's Trades Hall.

The 20-year-old, in her third year as an apprentice with BAE Systems, beat off stiff competition from nine finalists to win this year's award, which harks back to mediaeval times as a recog-

nition of the crafts making up the organisation.

Laura, a former Campbeltown Grammar pupil now based in Clydebank, said: 'I was so surprised to win. It was so tense as they counted down the finalists.'

'I am really proud to receive this award and so are my family. It is great to know your hard work has paid off and someone recognises your achievements.'

'I enjoy working for BAE Systems. Everyone is so friendly, the

training is really good and they give you lots of opportunities, helping give me confidence and grow as a person.

'I always enjoyed technical subjects at school and my apprenticeship is a great way to learn more skills.'

Inscribed trophy

Laura received an inscribed trophy which will remain on display in the Trades Hall in Glassford Street, Glasgow, a replica to keep, £500 towards further studies and a certificate.

The prizes were presented by Bishop Idris Jones, deacon convener of the Trades of Glasgow.

Bishop Jones said: 'Our many congratulations go to Laura and all the candidates who made it through to the hotly-contested finals.'

Mick Ord, managing director of BAE systems naval ships, said: 'We are all very proud that



Laura Black with her trophy and certificate after being named Glasgow Trades House Apprentice of the Year.

Laura has been named Glasgow's modern apprentice of the year.

'It shows her calibre as an apprentice and is an achievement she should be rightly proud of.'

Laura and the other

finalists were joined by their employers, family and guests for the evening, which

took place as part of Skills Development Scotland's Scottish Apprenticeships Week.

Laura's award saw her make an appearance on STV Glasgow's Riverside Show last week,

and she was congratulated over Twitter by Nicola Sturgeon, Scottish first minister.

University to link with Oz

STUDENTS in Argyll will benefit when the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) pairs up with Australia's newest university.

Professor Clive Mulholland, UHI principal and vice chancellor, explained that the two regionally-based institutions have a lot in common.

Mr Mulholland said: 'Neither of us are traditional universities. We are both different and are locally-based, regional in structure but with national and international influence.'

Professor David Battersby, Federation University Australia vice chancellor, said: 'Both universities serve regional communities scattered across large distances where, in the past, people have found it very difficult to access training and education.'

Argyll College, which has a centre in Campbeltown, is one of UHI's 13 colleges across the region.



Nicola Sturgeon @NicolaSturgeon



Many congratulations to Laura Black, a pipe-fitter at @BAES_Maritime on winning Trades House Apprentice of the Year

Nicola Sturgeon, Scottish first minister, tweeted her congratulations to Laura.

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Fitting finale for top apprentice

MANY Campbeltown grammar school girls must dream of beating the boys.

How many though achieve that in such a male-dominated, traditional trade as pipe fitting?

The answer will be very few, but now 20-year-old Laura Black has proved it is possible to go against the grain.

In the tough world of a naval ship yard Laura has thrived and broken the mould to become the Glasgow Trades House Apprentice of the Year.

For the first time since the current competition started in 2007, a girl has beaten all-comers to win the top prize.

Her employers, BAE systems naval ships, must have spotted her talent at recruitment. Although top of the tree, Laura is not alone in the shortlist, for finalists BAE featured two other girls.

Within its corporate structure many of BAE's top engineers started on the shop floor as apprentices and it is seen as a natural progression in this specialised branch of ship building.

Pipe fitting with the largest naval shipbuilder in the UK has seen Laura working on the latest Queen Elizabeth-class aircraft carriers.

Laura fabricates and welds pipe work as well as installing. She is so dedicated to her career that she came to the awards straight after a higher national diploma exam, which is part of her training?

How appropriate it is that someone from the Wee Toon, where the sea defines life, has found such a rewarding career at the cutting edge of naval technology.

Since achieving the award, Laura has been feted by the media, appeared on television and has been congratulated by the first minister.

In these days when we hear much of vacuous celebrities who are famous for just existing, it is refreshing to find a talented young person developing a real skill.

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Sir,

I am very sad at the tragic early death of Charles Kennedy. I have lost a good friend.

Charles was exceptionally talented and devoted his whole adult life to public service. He had the ability to connect with people and brought a positive style of politics to Westminster.

Whether it was on behalf of his constituents or as party leader, Charles was always able to make a clear compelling case without resorting to attacks on political opponents.

He was a great help to me offering a lot of valuable advice and assistance. We worked together on many campaigns that affected both our constituencies.

No other politician in modern times has been as popular as Charles. On his many campaign visits to Argyll and Bute, members of the public were literally queuing up to congratulate him and shake his hand.

Charles will be very much missed by his family, particularly his son Donald, and his many friends.

Alan Reid
Former Lib Dem MP
Argyll and Bute.

'Wasted millions'

Sir,

In response to his letter last Friday, May 22, titled 'Fundraising gap problems', Mr Redman is correct to point out that there may be a shortfall in the funding of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Writing as an ex-fire fighter, this letter also appears to

be another attempt at Scottish government bashing.

Perhaps Mr Redman, or more importantly the general public, is not aware of the Westminster government's wasted millions on the Fire-Control project in England?

It was supposed to do away with local fire brigade control rooms and centralise them into two for the whole of England and Wales.

Against better advice, Mr Redman's party went ahead with what turned out to be an unmitigated disaster - to put it politely.

As we are 'all in it together', the public are left to pay the rent on two empty buildings under the Tories' Private Finance Initiative programme. As a partial result, fire and rescue services all over Britain are suffering cuts, yet Mr Redman's party will still press ahead with renewing weapons of mass destruction.

I believe the answer to these problems lies with Westminster.

T H Brown
Sound of Kintyre.

Did you live in Wales in the 1980s?

Sir,

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Pete Vance,
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Strong island voice is vital

Sir,

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon told the Convention of the Highlands and Islands (COHI) - which met in Kirkwall on Monday June 1 - that a consultation with islanders will help provide a plan for more power for the islands.

This will help make island communities stronger - and it shows that this Scottish government understands the great importance Scotland's islands. Devolving more autonomy to our islands and enabling decision making to the people who live and work in these parts of Scotland will strengthen the communities.

With the SNP in government and giving Scotland a strong voice at Westminster, real powers will be delivered. Island communities need autonomy at home and a strong voice and trustworthy representation at Westminster and at Holyrood.

Mike MacKenzie
SNP MSP for the
Highlands and Islands.

Foster care fortnight

Sir,

I want to express my sincere thanks to all of the foster carers and families across Scotland as we mark The Fostering Network's Foster Care Fortnight, June 1-14.

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The Scottish government is proud to continue to support Foster Care Fortnight.

We always need more foster carers and there are events taking place across Scotland where families can find out more.

Fiona McLeod,
Acting Minister for
Children and
Young People.



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Villagers bid farewell to Jackie



Jackie Grant cuts her farewell chocolate cake

Petrol pumps fuel emotional handover

AN era ended, another began and it fuelled villagers with emotion when the proprietors left Clachan filling station.

First the village waved goodbye to Jackie Grant who packed her bags for a new life on Orkney.

Jackie first worked at Clachan filling station 13 years ago when a buyout saved the station as a resource for the community.

Jackie and the station were then taken over by Cathy and Calum MacLean, who ran it as a community enterprise, before purchasing the business as a commercial concern.

In turn, they sold the filling station to Rhian

and Blakey Thomas who also inherited Jackie.

Rhian and Blakey are now returning to their



Rhian and Blakey Thomas cut their cake

native Wales and a new era has begun with long established Campbeltown fuel distributors D. McNair & Son, under Alan Shaw, making

their first foray into the retail business.

The community gathered on the forecourt for a second grand farewell and cake cutting to say goodbye to Rhian and Blakey.

Clachan resident Pauline Simson said: 'Rhian and Blakey will be fondly remembered for their hard work and humour, and for all the practical help that they have given to folk in times of crisis.'

Mrs Simson added that villagers are pleased that D. McNair & Son have purchased the filling station, which will remain as a meeting place and have pledged to keep the post office open.

Taxi firm's wheely good move

CAMPBELTOWN has its first taxi adapted for wheelchairs, thanks to a former London bus driver. Robert Graham, 58, who runs Roy's Taxis, has invested in a Peugeot people carrier, called a Euro Taxi, which also sports a manual ramp, sliding rear seats and supports to enable wheelchair users easy access to the cab.

On Tuesday morning, Mairi MacIntyre and her support worker Jayne Gillies, 28, gave the vehicle the thumbs up when they tested the ramp.

Miss Gillies said: 'I think it is a brilliant ad-

dition and will open up a lot of opportunities for wheelchair users to access the town more easily.'

Mr Graham moved back to Campbeltown

after many years of driving traditional red London buses from Potter's Bar in Hertfordshire down to Marble Arch and, latterly, black taxis on the same route.



Mairi MacIntyre and her support worker Jayne Gillies are welcomed on board by Robert Graham 06_c23taxi01

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Festival celebrates young musicians

A SIX-day music extravaganza gets underway on Monday with the return of Kintyre Music Festival.

Three hundred school-age musicians from across Kintyre and Mid Argyll will compete for 26 trophies from Monday to Saturday, June 8 to 13, with competitions starting at 9am each day.

The competition venues are Campbeltown's Kirk Street Hall, Lorne and Lowland Church

Halls, the Victoria Hall and the Argyll Hotel, with the grand concert being held in Lorne and Lowland Church on the Saturday evening.

Competitions

The music includes choral, vocal as well as instrumental, woodwind, brass, strings, keyboard, piping and drumming. Kirk Street Hall sees for the first time electric and bass guitar competitions on Tuesday June 9.

Adjudicators this year are two Campbeltown musicians, with Julie Blue judging piping and Mark Leishman overseeing the drumming, along with guest judges Keith Hamilton and Rosalind Macgowan.

Mr Hamilton (Dip Mus Ed) has had a long and distinguished career in teaching music. Educated at Hutchesons Boys Grammar School in Glasgow, Keith then studied at the Roy-

al Scottish Academy of Music and Drama and Dundee College of Education, where he received merit in teaching. He is now retired from full-time teaching.

Ms Macgowan, a retired principal teacher of Music in St Modan's High School in Stirling, lives in the village of Killearn And is a graduate of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Jordanhill College of Education.



Competition winners Eilidh Johnston and Louise Brown with Rhona Millar of the NFU.

S3 pupils' cheesy creations

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar pupils paid homage to 'fromage' from Kintyre by creating the perfect biscuits for cheese.

Some of the school's S3 students spent 10 hours designing and developing biscuits to complement Mull of Kintyre cheddar.

While two pupils from each five-pupil team developed recipes, the rest of the group worked on packaging and creating a website for the product.

Working in teams across three departments, the pupils learned very quick-

ly about the importance of good communication skills, as well as enjoying the regular biscuit tastings when new recipes were developed.

Winning range

Winning duo Eilidh Johnston and Louise Brown wooed the panel of judges with a winning range of biscuits including rosemary, cheese and chilli and cranberry options.

Nicole Thomson won best website and Caylin McTaggart and Lucy Kerr designed the best packaging, while best teamwork went to team nine, comprising Tabitha Broach, Samantha

Paterson, Rachel Adie, Gemma Wilkes and Nicola Wareham.

A Campbeltown Grammar spokeswoman said: 'We would like to thank judges Linda McLean, Kilmaho Farm, Pat and Sandy McPherson of Kintyre Preserves, Archie Macmillan of The Old Smokehouse, Rhona Millar, NFU representative, and Elizabeth McCallum of Campbeltown grammar school for giving up their time to support us. Thanks also to Campbeltown Creamery for its generous cheese donation which formed part of the prizes on the day.'

Pre-fives get set for primary one

DALINTOBER primary school in Campbeltown held a transition week for pre-five children ready to make the



P1 pupils giving their 'what you need for school' talk.

move to primary one in August.

Activities held across the week included P1s talking about healthy snacks for break times, pre-five children going out to the 'big playground' during break time with a P1 'buddy', joint gym sessions with the primary one teacher, and joint dance sessions with Morgan Irwin.

Pre-five parents enjoyed a school dinner with their child, giving parents the opportunity to see how the can-

teen works and the meal choices for the children.

At the end of the week the current P1s presented a 'What you need for school' session for parents which was well at-



Dalintober pre-fives get used to the 'big playground'.

tended. A parent/child evaluation at the end of the week proved it had been a great success and the children are now all well prepared for the move to P1 in August.

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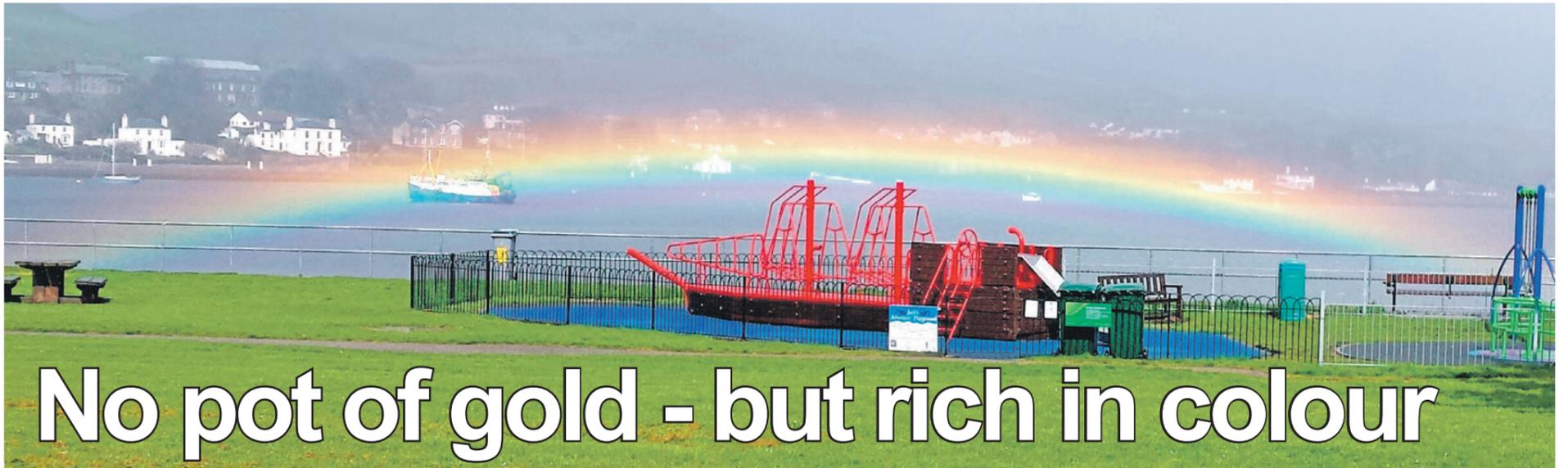
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School moulds young leaders



Primary two's football club with P7 leaders Alan McMurchy, Ethan Armour and Jack Rennie.

DALINTOBER P7 pupils have taken on the roles of Young Leaders to develop and lead lunchtime clubs for all other classes in the school.

have been on offer, with time spent learning football skills, dance, space activities, chess, and cartoon drawings, as well as an art club getting underway.

Caroline Armour, Dalintober head teacher, said: 'All the younger pupils are really enjoying taking part and I would like to say a big thank you to the senior pupils for volunteering their time.'



Dalintober's P6 chess club with P7 leaders Andrew McMillan, Cameron Noble and Richard Semple.

Churchman scepticism about genetics talk

KINTYRE Christian Fellowship hosts a renowned evangelical authority next week when Dr Robert Beckett from Answers in Genetics addresses the group.

His talk, Answering the Sceptics, takes place next Friday, June 12 in Springbank Evangelical Church at 7.30pm.

A fellowship spokeswoman said: 'Answers in Genetics is a world-famous group against the theory-based

ideologies of Darwinism and evolution.

Illustrate
'Dr Beckett has a PhD in animal genetics and will illustrate clearly from his message why the Bible is still the clear word of truth.'

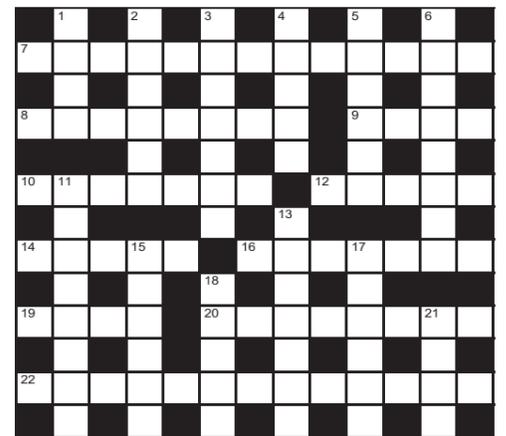
'Through the ages there have been numerous attempts to discredit scripture. Evolution is now taught in schools as fact when it is only another such theory.'

'There will also be

time for questions and open discussion during the evening.

available and anyone who is interested should come along and grasp this opportunity.'

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Across

- 7 Sensors of all one's movements (7,6)
- 8 Rotational engine part (8)
- 9 Black (4)
- 10 Laurel part (3,4)
- 12 Digress (5)
- 14 Normal (5)
- 16 State of decline (7)
- 19 Polluted air (4)
- 20 Gun (3,5)
- 22 One's kin (5,3,5)

Down

- 1 Stick down (4)
- 2 Frank acknowledgment (6)
- 3 I, for one (7)
- 4 Church song (5)
- 5 Casual top (1-5)
- 6 Helps on board (8)
- 11 Gathering (8)
- 13 Impose upon (7)
- 15 Grand season! (6)
- 17 Knickknack (6)
- 18 Fundamental (5)
- 21 King of beasts (4)

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Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Campbeltown in association with local businesses.

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TUESDAY 9 JUNE

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ELECTRIC / BASS GUITAR KIRK STREET HALL 6.30 pm
VOCAL (SECONDARY 4, 5, 6) KIRK STREET HALL 7.45 pm

WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE

TOWN CHOIR KIRK STREET HALL 10.00 am
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FOLK (SECONDARY) KIRK STREET HALL 6.30 pm
FOLK (PRIMARY) KIRK STREET HALL 6.45 pm
VOCAL (SECONDARY 1, 2, 3) KIRK STREET HALL 7.30 pm

THURSDAY 11 JUNE

ACTION SONGS (SCHOOLS) VICTORIA HALL 9.30 am
ACTION SONGS (PLAYGROUPS) VICTORIA HALL 11.00 am
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STRINGS KIRK STREET HALL 6.30 pm
BRASS (SECONDARY) LORNE & LOWLAND HALL 9.30 am
BRASS (PRIMARY) LORNE & LOWLAND HALL 10.30 am
CLASSROOM RECORDER LORNE & LOWLAND HALL 2.00 pm
KEYBOARD LORNE & LOWLAND HALL 6.30 pm

FRIDAY 12 JUNE

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VOCAL (P 6 AND 7) LORNE & LOWLAND HALL 9.30 am
VOCAL (P 6 AND 7) LORNE & LOWLAND HALL 2.00 pm
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SATURDAY 13 JUNE

ENSEMBLE (PRIMARY) LORNE & LOWLAND NEW HALL 9.30 am
ENSEMBLE (SECONDARY) LORNE & LOWLAND HALL 10.40 am
BANDS LORNE & LOWLAND HALL 11.30 am

Parents and friends are welcome at competitions. Entrance fee £2 per day. Programmes (£2) are available at the door and at George McMillan's Newspaper Shop. THE CUP WINNERS' CONCERT will be held in THE LORNE & LOWLAND CHURCH on Saturday 13 June at 7.30 p.m. Admission by donation at the door.

Last week's solution



CLACHAN

Pyjama day pupils raise cash for Nepal

CLACHAN and Skipness primary pupils were so moved by the recent earthquake in Nepal that they raised a combined £237 towards

the aid effort there.

The youngsters asked to hold a pyjama and onesie day in exchange for bringing in a donation.

As part of this day, the children wanted to find out more about what had happened in the Himalayan country, so they asked the local commu-

nities to help them raise funds for the stricken region.

The pupils created leaflets and posters which are to be sent out to residents in both areas.

Skipness Primary raised £170 and Clachan Primary £67. The children would like to thank everyone who contributed to this.

TAYINLOAN

Tourism talk open to all

THOSE interested in Kintyre and Gigha tourism have a chance to raise their voice later this month through an open meeting in Tayinloan Village Hall.

Explore Kintyre and Gigha, launched in March 2013, has organised the meeting and is a member of Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC).

As well as discussing future activities for the organisation, the meeting will hear from Caron Tobin, AITC's development manager, who will outline AITC's work in the area and across Scotland, before discussing how Kintyre and Gigha contributes and benefits from membership of the tourism co-operative.

West Kintyre businessman and AITC director, Niall Macalister-Hall said: 'Tourism is everyone's business, we all have a role to play in making our area one of Scotland's top visitor destinations.'

'Visitors no longer want to 'come and see', they want to 'come and do', so we want as many businesses, groups and individuals to come along and get involved and make their voice heard.'

'Whether you are already a member, want to become a member, or are interested in finding out more then we would urge you to come along on June 17.'

Niall will be joined by Iain Johnston, local development agent, who will outline the support which can be provided with an update on his role with AITC.



Clachan and Skipness primary pupils wore pyjamas and onesies to raise funds for Nepal earthquake victims.

ISLAY, GIGHA AND JURA

'Ferry' nice treat for Islay-bound passengers

FINE Gigha fish was on the menu for ferrygoers between Kintyre and Islay, after they were treated to samples of smoked Gigha Halibut during their journey.

To coincide with Visit Scotland's Year of Food and Drink, operator Caledonian MacBrayne has put together a programme of surprise ferry tastings, inviting Gigha Halibut to take part on the route between Kennacraig and Islay.

Popular

The tasty smoked halibut morsels proved extremely popular with passengers, who also enjoyed hearing about this unique company on the Gigha.

Amanda Anderson of Gigha Halibut said: 'We have never done this before on the ferries and people seemed to enjoy it, as well as learning more about our halibut.'

'Everyone seemed to like the fish, which was great to hear, and staff were really helpful too. We would definitely give it another go in future.'

Gigha Halibut's development began some 20 years ago and the fish is



Amanda Anderson from Gigha Halibut, left, with MV Finlaggan's chief officer Iain MacNeil.

now much-sought after by top chefs including Raymond Blanc, Geoffrey Smeddle and Ollie Dabbous.

This year, nine out of 10 of Caledonian MacBrayne's major vessels became the first ferries to win Visit Scotland's Taste Our Best accreditation.

CalMac's onboard development manager, Anne Mitchell, said: 'It

is really important for us to serve and promote good home-grown food when we can, and we are proud that our menu is reflecting this more and more.'

Already on the programme is Arran Ales, based on the MV Isle of Arran's route from Ardrossan to Brodick, with more delicacies to be announced across the summer season.

Island group's royal honour

ISLAY and Jura Community Enterprises is to be recognised for its hard work when it is presented with an award from the Queen.

The group will receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service - the

highest accolade a UK voluntary group can receive - for the Argyll and Bute region.

Trading as the Mactaggart Community Leisure Centre, the group provides a wide range of sporting, leisure, educa-

tional and social activities for both islands.

It has won national awards for business development, people development, energy and architecture.

Representatives from Islay and Jura Community Enterprises travelled to a garden party last month at Buckingham Palace, along with other winners of this year's award, which was attended by the Queen herself.

Islay and Jura Community Enterprises is one of 187 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award this year.

The group will receive the award from Patrick Stewart, lord lieutenant for Argyll and Bute, later this summer.



From left: Donald Jackson, Islay and Jura Community Enterprises chairman, and Gary Scott, the group's CEO and head of fundraising, at Buckingham Palace last month.

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Kintyre just 'magnifique' for Etienne

Etienne on the shores of Campbeltown Loch, just after marshalling the MOK half-marathon and halfway through his tour. 20_c22etienne02

'The people have been very friendly'

A GREEN-thinking cyclist enjoyed a few days in Kintyre last week - after a 1,000-mile journey all the way from Belgium.

Etienne Doyen, 29, left his hometown of Tournai in the French-speaking region of Wallonia on April 5 to embark on a Happy Learn Tour, a three-month adventure around Britain.

After a winding route, taking in south-of-England seaside towns and across to Cornwall, through the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake

District, Etienne, who works in Brussels as a traffic management and mobility consultant, finally arrived in Kintyre via Arran.

He said: 'It is great to arrive here and have a rest. It has been a wonderful experience seeing all kinds of diverse terrain.'

'Belgium is one of the Low Countries and very flat so there have been a lot of tough hills in Britain compared with back home.'

Etienne has been impressed by the scen-

ery around Kintyre, enjoying an Atlantic view from his lodging with a family in Muasdale, which he found through World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF), where volunteers can source work on farms for a place to stay in return.

Some nights of his epic journey have even been spent wild camping.

He said: 'Parts of the country such as the Dorset coast were amazing but Kintyre is special from what I have seen. It is also the most

remote part I have visited so far.'

Etienne even helped at last Sunday's Mull of Kintyre half-marathon by marshalling on the route.

He said: 'One of the best aspects of travelling is that you find things you do not expect to. For example, I had no idea there would be running races when I arrived.'

'I do long runs back home, not only cycling, so I enjoy these events and was happy to help out.'

Etienne has been warmly welcomed in Kintyre but is looking forward to setting foot on home soil again.

He added: 'The people have been very friendly and welcoming, here in Kintyre and throughout my travels, but it has been quite a long time on the road by myself - almost two months so far - so I will be ready to go back to Belgium.'

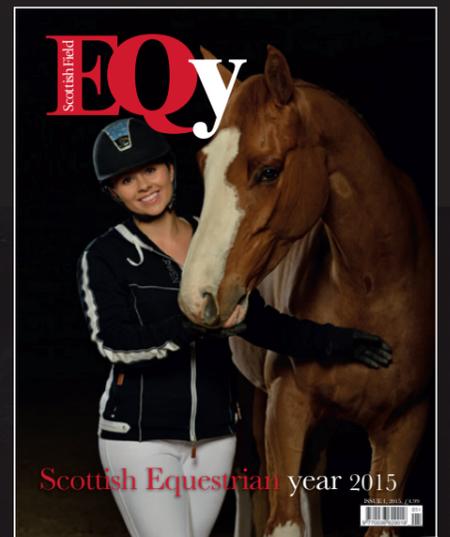
Etienne was due to leave this week for the Cowal peninsula and across to Falkirk and Edinburgh, before boarding a ferry at Newcastle bound for Amsterdam, completing a journey lasting more than 80 days.



Etienne Doyen pictured with his bicycle in Bournemouth.

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THE NATIONAL Farmers Union of Scotland, in conjunction with the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency and Police Scotland, will hold a half day Vehicle and Transportation Workshop encouraging farmers and crofters to get up to speed on legislation. The workshop will be held on Thursday, June 11 at Bruce Dixon's Killinochonoch Farm, Kilmichael Glassary, by Lochgilphead, and will cover a range of issues related to farm vehicles.

'Following the success of previous workshops organised by the Union in other regions of Scotland, we are pleased to be hosting one in Argyll to give members, and non-members, a chance to ask questions and be brought up to speed on important transportation and vehicle legislation that may be of relevance to them and their employees,' said NFUS regional manager Lucy Sumsion. 'Vehicle legislation is complex topic and can cause confusion amongst farmers and those that use



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agricultural vehicles," she said. "Not everyone always complies with the law, some unknowingly, and these workshops will give them the skills and knowledge to comply." There will be a session in the morning and the afternoon with lunch provided in between. Attendees can choose which session to come along to. The workshop will be undercover, but warm, outdoor cloth-

ing is recommended. 'We continuously work with the DVSA and Police Scotland, and it is great that once again we have both organisations on board,' Sumsion continued. Space will be limited. The event is free to NFUS members, but there is a charge of £50 to non-members. Booking is essential so call 0131 472 4000 to register.

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Kintyre hens are top of the pecking order

WHEN a pair of Kintyre farmers shelled out for 2,500 hens little did they realise that five years later their products would be quite so 'egg-cellent'.

Kintyre Eggs were judged 'outstanding' at the Scottish Quality Egg Awards 2015.

It was the first time farmers Hannah and Will Jones from High Bellochantuy had entered their popular eggs in a competition.

Egg producers from across Scotland gathered at the Murrayshall House Hotel, Perth, in early June, for the champagne reception and awards ceremony.

Every entrant had to send 60 eggs to the Scottish Rural College (SRUC).

Scientists from the Avian Science Research Centre then judged the competition.

The eggs are marked on shell strength, shell colour, albumen [the

clear sack inside the egg shell which indicates firmness] and yolk colour.

Not every producer receives an award but those with the highest overall scores receive 'commended', 'highly commended' or 'outstanding' certificates for egg quality.

Kintyre Eggs hens produce up to 2,500 eggs a day, all laid on the cliff-top farm at Bellochantuy.

They are distinctly packaged in blue boxes with photos of the couple's children on the labels.

Dougal, eight, Penny, five, and Fred, seven are all featured on different sizes of eggs.

Hannah, joint owner of Kintyre Eggs, said: 'Kintyre Eggs are officially 'outstanding'.

We achieved the fantastic award so a big cheer for the hens.

'Most of all we would like to thank the people



From left: Penny, five and Charlie, four, with some of the Kintyre flock and the certificate.

of Kintyre who have a large appetite for our eggs.'

The eggs are sold

throughout the west coast of Scotland from Glasgow to Fort William. With many cus-

tomers from Argyll choosing to eat the locally produced eggs.

The hens are kept in

small flocks and roam freely in fields overlooking the Atlantic.

Hannah said: 'Foxes

are not a problem. 'We try to control mink with a low electric fence round the area.'

Fresh warning on shellfish toxins

A WARNING has been issued by Argyll and Bute council over raised toxin levels in Kintyre waters.

Officers from the environmental health team found raised levels of naturally-occurring algal toxins following routine monitoring work.

The areas closed for harvesting

are the Kilbrannan Sound including Campbeltown Loch, Kildalloig Bay, Carradale and Saddell bays.

A council spokeswoman said: 'These naturally occurring toxins build up in shellfish such as cockles, mussels, oysters or razor clams.'

'When levels reach certain lim-

its, harvesting the affected species is prohibited, as consumption can pose a health risk.

'Warning notices have been posted at various locations on the shore.

'Commercial shellfish harvesters in the affected areas have been contacted and steps taken to postpone harvesting.'



Campbeltown Loch is one of the affected areas. 06_a23campbeltownloch01

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Roy, the sheepdog rover, wins the cup for handler Jessie

by LOUISE GLEN
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AN 'OLD' Kintyre dog showed that he still had some tricks up his sleeve when he won the Great Glen sheep dog trial. Jessie Main's working border collie, nine-year-old Roy - from Tayinloan - waited for almost 12 hours on a cold, wet Saturday, at Achindual Farm, by Spean Bridge to show off his talents.

But when the sheep dog finally appeared on the field it was to an almost faultless performance with the pack of three black-faced sheep and his handler Jessie.

Jessie was 'chuffed to bits' to win the competition judged by Hugh Munro of Inverness.

She said: 'It was one of the longest trials I've

been to as there were 68 dogs running before us in the competition.'

As it is quite unusual for an older dog or a woman to win sheep dog trial competitions - Jessie was an outsider from the start.

Jessie explained the best had been saved until last: 'The first sheep dog trial had taken place at 7.30am so it had been a long day for everyone. But it was a case of 'one woman and her dog.'

Jessie said: 'I have looked back on all the names on the cup and I can't find another woman's name on it.'

The competition saw blackface sheep run in packs of three hoggs

with the last sheep to be singled off.

Jessie continued: 'Aye it was fantastic to win in a highly competitive field. There were five Scottish international competitors who were on the prize list, and me. 'They have all represented Scotland at some point or another so I felt quite chuffed to be in the competition.'

Never won

'Roy and I have been running in the competition for a good few years - but we have never won.'

'Last year, I narrowly missed out in being part of the Scottish team with Roy by only a few points.'

'He is now almost nine-years-old, so I wonder how many new things I can teach him.'

Asked if anyone can

teach an old dog new tricks, Jessie said: 'You can show an old dog new tricks and he will do them if he wants to do them.'

But only if he is quite happy to put up with the hardship.'

Great Glen Sheep Dog Trials organiser Mike MacNally said: 'It was a very good competition. Any day where all of the top eight people have scores in the 90s shows just how tough the competition was.'

'There was both a locals and an open competition. Jessie and Roy won the open competition. It makes all the difference to be allowed to run the sheep for a few days before the event.'

'I think all the competitors agreed that the sheep were very good to work with.'

Jessie Main, her dog Roy and the Great Glen trophy 06_c23sheepdog01

Argyll and Bute housing payments revealed

ALMOST £800,000 has been given to tenants in Argyll and Bute in the last year to help with housing costs.

Discretionary housing payments are paid by the Scottish government to people receiving housing benefit who require additional help to meet rental costs.

In total, £785,418 was distributed in Argyll and Bute between April 2014 and March this year.

Literally on top of the world

KINTYRE writers with a taste for the high life should enter a mountain literary competition.

The Mountaineering Council of Scotland's (MCoFS) long-running writing competition is now in its 28th year.

It seeks the best in mountain writing, whether fact or fiction, prose or poetry.

With more and more people taking part in outdoor activities, climbers and walkers come from all parts of the country.

This competition calls on them to put their ex-

periences into words and share what makes mountains, or the act of walking or climbing so special.

There is a cash prize and the chance for winners to be recognised by their peers and published in the quarterly MCoFS magazine, Scottish Mountaineer, which goes out to its more than 12,000 members.

The first placed winners in prose and poetry categories will also receive a free weekend pass, worth £100 to the 2016 Edinburgh Mountain Film Festival.

Entries should have some connection with mountaineering, rock or ice climbing, walking or ski-mountaineering.

Prose entries should be a maximum of 2,000 words long while poetry entries can be any length. The deadline for this year's competition is August.

Entries should be sent to the MWC Coordinator, Mike Merchant, preferably by email to article@mcofs.org.uk or by hard copy to MCoFS, 'MWC2014', The Old Granary, West Mill Street, Perth PH1 5QP.

Energy price trend 'concerning'

ARGYLL residents are paying almost £300 more in energy bills compared with those in the central belt, according to an energy consumer group.

A survey collected from more than 13,000 members of One Big Switch, the campaign behind the findings, paints a grim picture of energy affordability in rural areas.

It showed Argyll and Bute en-

ergy customers are paying the highest average annual electricity bills at £1,327 per year, followed by East Dunbartonshire and Highland regions.

These figures compare with an Scottish average yearly electricity bill of £1,161 for consumers who have joined the campaign.

Households in Edinburgh are paying the least with an average of £1,065 in annual energy costs.

Michael Stewart, campaign director of One Big Switch, said: 'What the findings show is that rural areas in Scotland have the highest bills in the country and are no doubt feeling the effects of this massive cost.'

'The fact that rural regions including Argyll and Bute are paying more for their electricity than their central belt counterparts is concerning.'

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Viking vessels heralded by banners

IN less than a month rampaging Vikings will invade north Kintyre.

Painted banners complete with runic symbols will flutter from Tarbert lamp standards as the Viking invasion fleet, led by the village's longship Freydir, make land.

The banners are the brainchild of Tarbert Academy art teacher Alison MacAlpine and her S1 pupils.

Research

Mrs MacAlpine said: 'The pupils, in small groups, did research into

different Viking artefacts and traditions such as runic writing to help design their banners.

'Last year we created banners for the first Viking Festival, so there was a reference point for inspiration.

'The banners are made from calico and designs are done in acrylic paint to make sure they are waterproof.'

The Loch Fyne Viking festival and Tarbert traditional boat festival starts at Inveraray on Thursday, June 25, con-

tinues to Ardrishaig on Friday, June 26 and will stage a raid on Lochgilhead's front green. It enters Tarbert on Saturday, June 27 and ends at Portavadie on Sunday, June 28.

Infamous raids

In 2014 the Vikings re-enacted their infamous raids down the length of Loch Fyne using Tarbert's Freydir boat.

Magnus Barefoot's 1093 longship portage from Tarbert's west to east lochs will be re-en-

acted on Saturday, June 27 and is sure to be a good chance to experience history and gain

insights into the problems faced by the Norse raiders.

Last year's festival

featured in BBC programme 'On the Road' and included interviews with Phil Robertson, the main builder of the Freydir which was christened on Main Street.



Pupils from the S1 Tarbert Academy art class are, from back left: Tristan Holmes, Finn Beagan, Owen Irvine, Cerys Baird, Caitlin Taylor, Jack Heggerty, Peter McAllister, middle, from left: James Campbell, Ryan Frew, Daniel Sloss and Kayleigh McNeill and front from left: Bryce Harvey, Mia Hutton, Keira Guy, Nadine Hamlin and James Prentice. 06_c23viking02



From left: Cerys Baird and Caitlin Taylor painting words on their banner. 06_c23viking04



Owen Irvine works on his design. 06_c23viking03



A banner from last year's festival. 06_c23viking01

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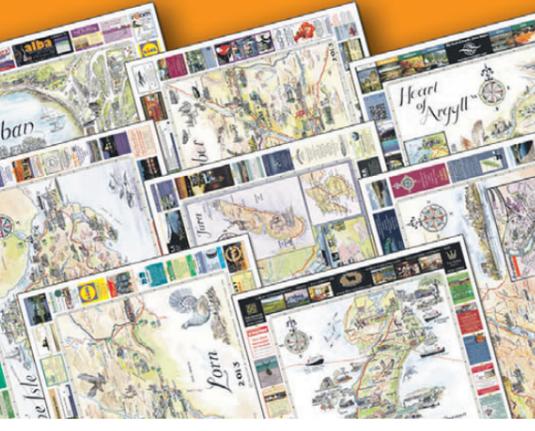
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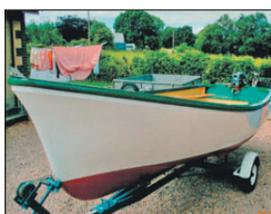
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Cathie Duncan would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers, phone calls, visits and offered support at the sad time of her sister Sarah's passing. It was very kind of you all and I appreciated it very much.
With love xxx.

THANK YOU

Nancy Macpherson would like to thank family, friends and relatives for the cards, gifts and flowers she received on the occasion of her 90th birthday. All very much appreciated. Thanks to Catherine for arranging the lunch and to the two Julies for bringing Ellie, Eva and Jay to surprise Granny Ann and Great Granny, they were both absolutely thrilled.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone that voted for me in the recent Co-operative Elections. I will do my very best to serve the interests of the Scottish Membership during my 3 year Term of Office.
Tommy Millar.



Happy 60th Super Granny

Lots of love,
Shannon, Erin,
Cara and Lucy
xxxx

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



DESPITE atrocious weather, we were blessed with several visitors in our wee church on Sunday.

We had folk from Belgium, Oxford, America, Lancaster and Dublin.

The young man from Belgium had cycled all the way to Kintyre, except across the sea of course, and was due to cycle back again on Tuesday.

However, it was the lady from Dublin who brought back so many memories for me.

As I listened to her soft Irish lilt I remembered a wonderful weekend we enjoyed in her lovely home town.

Dublin is a city filled with the sound of music and where a warm welcome awaits.

Memories flooded my mind; I was there in my mind's eye and could hear the music and see the dancers.

We took the open top bus tour through the city and although we were frozen, as it was a cold February day, the laughter warmed our hearts.

Sadly since that weekend my mother and our dear friend who was with us have passed away, but the memory of them dancing is still alive.

Words, sounds, smells and voices can take us on a mind journey to relive happy times and special moments.

We can be somewhere else in our day dreams and revisit the times and places of our choice.

Stores of memories are contained in faded photograph albums and bring joy with each page.

There is always that 'Do you remember when?' moment when tears of laughter, or sadness, can prevail.

These photographs can also fill in gaps in the lives of friends whose past we do not know and that can complete a picture.

A friend we have not known long, but who is very special, had come across such faded photographs recently and shared them with us.

The photographs gave birth to stories and the friendship deepened. How blessed we are when we can share who we are.

Cup final feel for young footballers

MORE than 400 young footballers flocked to the Wee Toon last Saturday to take part in the Campbeltown Football Festival.

While the drama of Scottish Cup final day played out in Glasgow, all that mattered to these youngsters was scoring goals at the Meadows.

A grey day could not extinguish the happy mood as the players took on their age-group counterparts in small-sided games, watched by volunteer coaches from across the country.

Campbeltown Pupils youth featured teams from several age groups, and squads arrived from

as far as Oban, Govan and Crieff for a feast of football.

The players each received a commemorative Pottery-crafted medal, presented by Jim Gallagher, Dumbarton Football Club's goal-keeping coach.

Tremendous

David Paterson of Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA), who organised the festival, said: 'It was another tremendous day of football. To have more than 400 kids taking part here is fantastic.'

'Thanks to all the coaches, referees and



Campbeltown Pupils 2007s with their volunteer coaches. 20_c23football02

every other volunteer who took part in making the festival another success, both for football development and the local community.'

Karen Stewart, travelling from Perth with Fair City Juniors, wrote on Campbeltown Football's Facebook page: 'Fantastic day out. The

football was played in good spirit and the scenery on the drive down was magnificent. Well done to everyone involved.'



These youngsters from Lochgilhead Red Star can't get the better of Campbeltown Pupils Ladies' Christina McFadyen. 20_c23football01



Ethan Parker of the Pupils' 2005s attempts to beat Lochgilhead Red Star's young keeper. 20_c23football07

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS



LAFFERTY

James and Eilidh (Harrison) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful baby girl, Lola Andie Lafferty, on Thursday, May 21, 2015. Granddaughter for Andrew and Helen, James and Beth, and great granddaughter for Andy and Sandra. Little sister for Ethan.

DEATHS

CAMERON - Peacefully, at the Beatson Unit, Gartnavel Hospital, Glasgow on May 28, 2015, Susan Cameron, aged 68 years, of North Park Cottage, Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig, beloved wife of Sandy Cameron, loving mother of Charles and Duncan and much loved granny of Colin, Cara and Lilly. Dear mother-in-law of Catherine and Katie, sister of the late Donnie and Russell and dear aunt to all the family. A dear neighbour and good friend to many, and a much admired volunteer in the local community. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

MCKINLAY - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on May 31, 2015, Catherine Anne Smith, in her 78th year, 6 Ciaran Court, St John Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Alistair McKinlay, much loved mother of Alistair, mother-in-law of Sandra and a loving grandmother and great grandmother.

MCPHEE - Peacefully at home, 40 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, on June 3, 2015, Mary Ferguson Ralston (Mamie), in her 88th year, dearly beloved wife of the late John McPhee, much loved mother of Catherine and mother-in-law of Alex. Service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, June 8, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Leukaemia Research, Kintyre Locality.

STEWART - Peacefully, at Knapdale Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, with her granddaughter at her side, on June 1, 2015, Doreen Carson Stewart, aged 88 years, formerly of 5 Dewar Avenue, Lochgilphead, wife of the late Jimmy Stewart, loving mother of Vivien, cherished Ga of Nicola, Lynne and Claire and adored great grandmother. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Thursday, June 4, followed by interment, today Friday, June 5, 2015, at Kildress Cemetery, Cookstown, Northern Ireland.

CLARK - Treasured memories of Colin, a loving dad and papa, passed away June 9, 2014. We wish that we could see you, For just a little while, We wish that we could hug you, And see your lovely smile. But wishing gets us nowhere, And longing is in vain. So we will hold you in our hearts, Until we meet again. Forever in our thoughts. - Flora, Isla, Calum and families.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BORTHWICK - The family of the late Sarah Borthwick would like to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy received on the sad loss of Mum. Also thank you to Rev Philip Wallace, to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for the funeral arrangements and to the Argyll Hotel for the catering. Thank you to all staff at Campbeltown Hospital, also Maggie and Kitty for the excellent care given to Mum. Thank you to all who attended the funeral.

MORRISON - Sandra, Kevin and Andrew would like to express their gratitude to all family, friends, work colleagues and neighbours for messages, cards, flowers and practical help received following their sad loss of Roddy. Special thanks to Dr Phillips, Collette, Jackie and Lorraine and all staff at the Mid Argyll Hospital, including paramedics, for the care shown to Roddy over the last few years. Special thanks also to Rev Hilda Smith for comforting service, both at Lochgilphead and at the graveside in Harris, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for professional services, to Morna for the flowers and all those who helped with catering in the Church Hall following the service. Heartfelt thanks to Iain and Lesley who have supported us with much friendship and kindness in recent weeks and over the years. Thank you, finally, to everyone who came to pay their respects at the church and graveside. Donations amounting to £1,500 were gratefully received and will be forwarded to the Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

IN MEMORIAMS

BINNIE - Precious memories of Mary, sadly left us on June 11, 2014. Loved and remembered every day. - Auntie Jenny.

CLARK - Precious memories of Colin, my dear husband, died June 9, 2014. The gate of memory will never close We miss you more than anyone knows With tender love and deep regret We who love you will never forget. - Tottie.

CLARK - Treasured memories of Colin, a loving dad and papa, passed away June 9, 2014. We wish that we could see you, For just a little while, We wish that we could hug you, And see your lovely smile. But wishing gets us nowhere, And longing is in vain. So we will hold you in our hearts, Until we meet again. Forever in our thoughts. - Flora, Isla, Calum and families.

CLARK - Colin. Loving memories of our dear dad and papa, who passed away on June 9, 2014. Those we love don't go away They walk beside us every day. - Love Colin, Margaret, Jacquelyn and Emma xx.

CLARK - In memory of our dad and papa, Colin, who left us on June 9, 2014. Remembering you is easy, we do it every day And missing you is something that will never go away. - Catherine, Roddy, Christopher and Jamie.

LANG - In loving memory of my husband, Campbell, died June 4, 2004. So very missed. - Helen.

MACCALLUM - In loving memory of Ronny, who died June 8, 1998. Quietly today your memory we treasure Loving you always, forgetting you never. - Love Christine, Carolyn, Audrey, Jim, Craig and grandchildren.

MCCALLUM - In loving memory of our brother, Donald, who died June 2, 2007 in Maryland. - Barbara, Angus, Carol and families.

MORRANS - In loving memory of my mum and nana (Nan). Life will never be the same for us without you, Mum. You will be loved forever. - Vivian and your wee family xx.

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Sunday 7th June 2015
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All are welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SCO11686

Sunday 7th June
Service 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Next Generation Dr J Morrison

Tuesday 9th June
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
BBs Church Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm

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Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009399

Burnside Street, Campbeltown 01586 552046

Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz
7.30pm St Columba's Convention at the Footprints or in St Blaans Church if it's wet

Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League

Wednesday
7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob

Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Lt. Mark Scouling

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 7th June 2015
11.00am Family Communion Service
Mr Ian Clark

Thursday 11th June
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
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SCO14646

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Morning Worship
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George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 7th June
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Finlay Mackenzie

Wednesday 10th June
12.30pm
Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm - 4.00pm
Water of Life Café
All Welcome
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CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 7th June
Church Anniversary and Communion Service
11.00am with Visiting Speaker
Deans Buchanan
Sunday School
Refreshments after the service

Mainly Music
10.00 - 11.30 am
every Thursday
Admission: registered participants only.
Visit our Facebook page to find out when spaces are available
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
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KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

meeting to be held on Friday 12th June at 7.30pm in Springbank Evangelical Church, Campbeltown.

Guest Speaker: Dr Robert Beckett from "Answers in Genesis" (written questions can be submitted at the door)
Tea/coffee served after the meeting

Literature available
Everyone most welcome.

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Sunday 7th June
Morning Worship
Glassary 11.45 am
Rev. Cliff Acklam
All welcome

Kirk Session -
Tuesday 9th June
7.30pm
All welcome
SC0 02121

lochgilphead baptist church

All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 7th June 2015
11.00am
mainly music
Tuesday at 10am
Wednesday 10th June
Messy Church
5pm
Jumpstart
Friday from 10am
Scottish Charity SC015187

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 7th June
Services in Achahoish at 9:45am (including the Lord's Supper) and Ardrishaig at 11:00am

Scottish Episcopal Churches Everyone Welcome

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Sundays
11.00 am Eucharist service
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Scottish Prayer Book

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Saturday 6th June 2015
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Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale

SUNDAY 7th JUNE 2015
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

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

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Sunday 7 June 2015
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"Psalm 91"

Thursday 11 June 2015
10.00am
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

TARBERT LOCHFYNIE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 7th June 2015
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Reader: Mr Tom McKay

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WEST LOCHFYNIE SERVICES 7th JUNE 2015 - all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfynieside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am

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Dunaverly Heidbangers on Gigha, with trophy-winning debutant Stewart McGougan snr, fourth left.

McGougan is the top 'heidbanger'

DUNAVERTY Golf Club's Heidbangers were blessed with great weather last Tuesday for their annual outing to Gigha's nine-hole course.

Playing 18 holes in the morn-

ing and nine in the afternoon, John Dickenson and Stewart McGougan snr were tied on 21 points after the first nine, with Robin Finlay on 20.

In a very tight second nine McGougan snr's got the better of

Dickenson, returning 21 to the latter's 20, impressive given this was McGougan's first outing with the Heidbangers and also his first time playing on Gigha.

The party retired to the Gigha

Hotel for an excellent meal before tackling the final nine-hole competition, a secret pairs tournament.

Results are as follows: 1 Stewart McGougan snr 42 points; 2 John Dickenson 41; 3 Robin Finlay 39;

4 Bill Brannigan 38; 5 Alan Duncan 33.

Secret pairs winner was duo Sandy Watson and Bill Brannigan, 31.

Hector and Jane in mixed doubles win



Tennis for Tots and Families

MIXED doubles tennis pairing Hector McMurchy and Jane Gallagher beat Angus Brodie and Anne Ogilvie last weekend in a hotly-contested HMS Platypus Cup mixed doubles final. The com-

Jane Gallagher, left, and Hector McMurchy won Campbeltown Lawn Tennis club's mixed doubles title.

petition was Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club's season opener.

On Sunday mornings, starting this Sunday, June 7 at 10am, the club is running Tennis for Tots and Families (3-11-year olds) for four weeks.

The first session is free to all, then the remaining sessions are free for family members.

Equipment is available and for more information please telephone 553342.

Acclaimed golf writer to play Mach Dunes

AN acclaimed writer with a passion for golf is set to tee off in South Kintyre.

Tom Coyne, the Philadelphia-based author of the highly-rated novel *A Gentleman's Game*, will be at Machrihanish Dunes next Friday, June 12 - Sunday, June 14, as part of a mission to play every links course in Scotland.

His latest book, *A Course Called the Kingdom: In Search of Scotland, a Secret, and a Jug*, tracks Tom's quest to play every links course in the country and is scheduled for release next year.

Coyne shot to fame with *A Gentleman's Game*, a book named one of the best 25 sports works of all time by *The Philadelphia Daily News*, which has also been adapted for the big screen, in a film starring Hollywood actor Gary Sinise among others.

Running club results from the MOK Run 10K and half marathon

CAMPBELTOWN Running Club's Kenya Campbell and Alex Soudan - along with their female counterparts Fiona Graham and

Jennifer Reid - led their Campbeltown Running Club (CRC) teammates home in their respective MOK Run 10k and half-marathon races last Sunday.

The full list of club participants is as follows: 10k - 3 Kenneth Campbell 34:23; 5 Stuart McGeachy 36:01; 13 Tommy Morran 39:02; 14 James Murdoch 39:16; 16 Keith Mitchell 40:27; 17 Allan Reid 41:02; 21 John

McCormick 42:15; 24 Campbell O' May 42:42; 29 Fiona Graham 43:20; 32 Johnny Girvan 43:43; 37 Hector McMurchy 44:08; 38 Ryan Sharp 44:11; 41 Charles Anderson 44:55; 45 Iain Cameron 45:13; 52 James McEachran 45:42; 54 Katie Ferguson 45:51; 55 Elaine Jennifer Fraser 45:56; 63 Elaine Mcgeachy 46:48; 64 Emma Morran 47:00; 65 David Adams 47:01;

70 Susan Turner 47:37; 81 Archie Mitchell 48:12; 100 Kerry Hastie 49:01; 104 Alisdair O' May 49:24; 112 Jackie Fulton 50:49; 128 Patrick Galbraith 52:07; 138 Maryann Wylie 52:57; 142 Janette Hannah 52:53; 150 Dougie Wylie 53:20; 153 Carly Ferguson 53:52; 183 Stewart Blue 55:31; 190 Alastair Brown 54:54; 197 Eilidh Cook 55:43; 218 Lorraine O' May

56:10; 224 Emma Dudley 56:51; 240 Lorna MacCallum 57:38; 244 Jamie Girvan 57:51; 256 Mairi McKillop 58:29; 286 Jane Hill 1:00:13; 299 Alix Geyer 01:01:23; 323 Stuart Graham 01:02:14; 454 Ashleigh Conner 01:16:11; 500 Tom Millar 01:29:18; 501 Alison Millar 01:28:39
Half marathon - 13 Alex Souden 01:27:19; 18 Darren Renton 01:31:04; 31 Jen-

nifer Reid 01:36:22; 36 Robert McDonald 01:37:46; 39 Charlie Dott 01:38:39; 41 Ralphy Hill 01:38:44; 49 Jennifer Martin 01:41:14; 104 Robert Semple 01:51:36; 108 Jocelyn Richard 01:52:06; 161 Iona McIntosh 02:03:16; 163 Margaret Sinclair 02:03:17; 186 Liz Richardson 02:07:38; 190 John Burrige 02:07:22; 244 Joanne Tiffin 02:25:41.

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Race directors go out on a high

TWO Mull of Kintyre Run (MOK Run) race directors have been thanked for their nine years' service after stepping down from the role.

Elaine McGeachy and Hendrie Barbour, part of the original organising committee since the race's inception in 2006, have been described as 'instrumental' in growing the area's marquee running event, featuring 10k and half-marathon races, from a day catering for 200 people to Sunday's turnout of 1,000 runners.

Robert McDonald, a Campbeltown Running Club member and ever-present MOK Run competitor, said: 'I can remember viewing the very first post on the Kintyre Forum online that talked organising a local race and asking whether people would be interested in taking part.'

'The first race back in 2006 catered for 200 runners and through sheer hard work from

the committee, great recommendations and the fact that it is one of the most scenic half-marathons around, that field has grown to 1,000.

Good

'The amount of good this event has brought to Campbeltown cannot be measured.'

'For this both Hendrie and Elaine deserve a huge pat on the back for their instrumental ef-

forts and I wish them all the best for their future endeavours. I hope they will continue to make contributions to sport.'

'You just have to look at how busy the town gets over race weekend, with the number of visitors to the area, each of them singing the praises of the town, its people and this great event.'

'I am convinced that Campbeltown Running

Club (CRC) would not have been formed without the MOK Run. It got people out running, jogging and walking and it was through the sheer number of people training for this event that CRC was formed.'

'The rest of the committee have two very tough acts to replace but I am confident the races will go from strength to strength.'

Pupils lose out in Argyll derby

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils were narrowly beaten in the SAFL Premier's Argyll derby last Saturday after a 2-1 defeat to Oban Saints.

Penalty

Paul Grumoli put the Pupils 1-0 up from the penalty spot before two goals

from Allan MacKay consigned the Pupils to a loss in their final fixture of the season - six long weeks after their previous game against Eaglesham.

Pictured from left are Saints' Donnie Campbell and Pupils' left-back Keith Mitchell.

Bowlers miss out on semi final

ONE win from four ties was just not enough last weekend as Campbeltown Bowling Club lost their Scottish Inter County Top Ten quarter final against Bellsburn from Linlithgow. It was always felt it would be a tough match, even at home on the Stronvaar green, and so it proved despite the heroics of Archie Johnston.

Johnston, so often the club's talisman, gave the

team a solid start, registering a 21-10 win in the singles to put two early points on the board.

However, the rest of the team were unable to capitalise on this advantage as the pair, triple and four all lost to a very good Bellsburn squad.

Some of the players have the consolation of contesting the Bowls Scotland district semi-finals at Colgrain BC on Sunday.

Saints manager calls it a day

OBAN Saints manager Iain Jackson has decided to call it a day after 20 years in charge of the playing side at the club.

Iain said: 'I'm very sad to be leaving but the time is right. I will miss the camaraderie and banter. I have a lot of other things that I can now spend some time doing.'

Campbeltown Pupils presented Iain with a bottle of Sprinbank whisky before last Saturday's match.

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Fab four's early score seals Am-Am victory

FORTY teams teed off in search of glory last Saturday in Machrihanish Golf Club's Am-Am - but it was clear rather quickly that an early round would seal the prize.

Team of four David Allen, Liam Finn, Donald Laing and Mike Hall emerged the victors with 56 after a count-back gave them the trophy from three other teams on the same score.

High standard

Co-sponsored by Drumore Pine, The Ardshiel Hotel and Springbank, the club's showpiece all-amateur competition saw a high standard of competition across the day.

However, it was the early-morning starters who took advantage of the benign and warm conditions with the first two teams posting 14 under par, better ball scores of 56.

As the day went on the leading score was matched by another two teams, therefore the count-back rule was em-

ployed for the best inward half, separating the four teams on 56 - the first two being divided by their score over the final six holes.

Unfortunately for the later starters they were faced with a stiffening breeze and noticeably more testing conditions, and the four's early 56 proved too tough to beat.

David Wallace, Machrihanish Golf Club chairman, said: 'The golf club would like to thank the main sponsors and all other sponsors for their support.'

Machrihanish Am-Am results: 1 Mike Hall, David Allen, Liam Finn, Donald Laing 56 (bl6); 2 Donald MacKinnon, Charles McIntyre, John Lamont, Fergus Walker 56 (BIH); 3 Robert McDonald, Terry Mundie, David Wallace, Nigel Stewart 56 (BIH); 4 Jim Innis, Archie Johnstone, Eddie Fletcher, Ian McLennan 56; 5 James Robertson, Ryan Gilchrist, Dean Clelland, Greg Gillespie 58.



From left: the winning Machrihanish Am-Am team of David Allen, Liam Finn, Donald Laing and Mike Hall.

Carradale's Challenge Shield heartache

CARRADALE lost out in a nine-goal thriller last Saturday in their Challenge Shield semi final against Argyll rivals Cardross.

The East Kintyre side's 100-mile journey to neutral venue Rosneath showed after the team shipped four goals in the opening 45 minutes, the first arriving from the penalty spot after one of the referee's assistants made a much-disputed handball call.

It was almost 5-0 just after half-time, with keeper Neil McMillan forced to pull off a save

Cardross	5
Carradale	4
Challenge Shield - semi final	

from another Cardross penalty.

In a crazy few seconds, Carradale counter-attacked and won a penalty of their own.

However, Cammy Maguire saw his strike saved.

Soon after the Carradale fightback began, when Adam Graham converted a lovely move down the left flank involving several 'Dale players.

The deficit was then reduced to two when Ewan McIlroy scored from close range.

Disappointingly for the Kilbrannan-sponsored Carradale, their opponents made it 5-2 when their number nine was left to apply a deft header past McMillan.

The attempted comeback continued when young midfielder Ryan McConnachie scored with a low shot to make

it 5-3. There was panic in the Cardross ranks when Maguire atoned for his penalty miss to curl a free kick round the wall and low beyond the keeper's grasp.

Last-minute drama ensued when Graham hit the bar with a header in injury time, but the McFadyens-sponsored Dale could not find a winner.

Ryan McConnachie was named man of the match in what is Carradale's last fixture of the season.

Carradale manager Nonnie Macalister said:

'We simply left ourselves with too much to do after going in 4-0 down at half time.

'On the other hand I must credit the boys for mounting a comeback. We just ran out of time.

The team has played 32 games this season, won two trophies (a mini-league and league cup) and won nine from 11 games so we have finished the season very strongly.

'Next season the aim is to maintain our obvious threat going forward and work on conceding less cheap goals.'

Mach lotto's £200 jackpot

THERE was no winner in Machrihanish Golf Club's three-number lottery held on Monday, meaning the jackpot rises to £200.

The numbers drawn were 10, 12 and 17.

The next draw will be made on Monday, June 8.

Islay golf results

ISLAY Golf Club results are as follows: May Medal played Saturday, May 30 - 1 W Ramsay, 77-10=67; 2 C Stroud, 79-9=70; 3 C Holyoake, 79-6=73 (CSS 72)

Guy Quaich, played Friday-Sunday, May 29-31 - 1 C Holyoake 73+79 =152; 2 R Quail 77+76 =153; 3 D Livingstone, 75+83=158

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