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£3million funding secures top quality viewing from the new 'love seats'

by **MARK DAVEY**
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ONE of Europe's oldest purpose-built cinemas is all set to rekindle movie magic in Campbeltown.

One of its special features could be new armless couches termed 'love seats', if these get the thumbs up from the town's passionate moviegoers.

It is proposed to let Campbeltown people have a say in the choice

of furniture, with the possibility of seats being available for people to try out.

With just £2,000 left to raise and more than £3million already in the kitty, a potential completion date has been set in February 2017, for the reopening of the Wee Toon's historic picture house.

When films finally roll, they will be projected by



An artist's impression of the seminar room and cinemagoers. Artist's impression by Burrell Foley Fischer Architects

the latest Sony digital 4k equipment which offers four times the resolution of home high definition. Long gone are the days

when reels of celluloid arrived by road. Films will be delivered by broadband or via satellite download.

Jane Mayo, chairwoman of Campbeltown Community Business Limited (CCB), which is behind the cinema project, said: 'With the final funding total of £3,028,269 in place, the Heritage Lottery Fund has given us the green light to go out to tender for building firms to make the architect's vision a reality.'

'We go out to tender for main constructors at the end of July, with a decision likely to be

made by September and construction on site to begin in November or December.'

It is expected to take just over a year to refurbish the existing screen and build the completely new second screen in a space behind the current cinema.

Unique elements

As well as a sympathetic refurbishment of the fabric of the 'A' listed building without losing any of its unique elements such as the little buildings at the side of the auditorium, work will be undertaken to match the original paint scheme.

The cinema had to close last year in August in preparation for the redevelopment.

Before its closure, CCB had teamed up with cinema industry specialist, Rob Arthur, who operates other small independent film houses in Scotland to undertake some pilot projects.

These included extended opening hours, a broader range of films and the introduction of satellite relayed opera and ballet which saw ticket sales jump 40 per cent.

These initiatives will be continued when the new facility opens.

Reid saves the day

A KEEN amateur goalie helped make some vital 'saves' last Tuesday - after his job landed him at the scene of a whale pod stranding.

Reid Anderson, a Marine Scotland fishery officer and goalkeeper for Campbeltown Pupils AFC, was on a routine inspection tour off northwest Scotland last week when a 21-whale stranding led him and his crew to Staffin, a tiny island just off Skye.

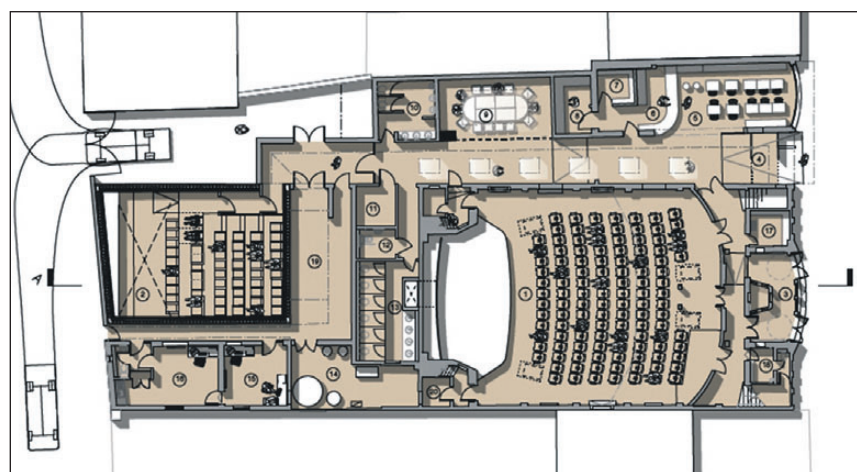
Reid said: 'We arrived at the scene early last Tuesday and there were 21 long-finned pilot whales stranded on the shore.'

'There was a huge rescue effort ongoing and we were asked to provide some help, with the RIB from our much larger boat, the Hirta, ferrying people from the Skye mainland to Staffin, and some of the crew joining in.'

'Unfortunately I could not get involved in the actual rescue as I did not have the proper protective gear. Frustratingly I had everything but the correct boots!'

'It was an amazing sight to see though - there were more than 50 people working round the clock to keep the whales from drying out, and gradually trying to

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A plan of the new building.

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Failure to keep lookout led to sinking of boat

A SKIPPER whose vessel ploughed into another fishing boat, causing it to sink, was fined more than £5,000 for not keeping a proper lookout.

The crew of the stricken vessel had to be pulled to safety from a life raft.

Malcolm Edmund, who is based in Northern Ireland, was the skipper of fishing boat 'Sapphire Stone' when it collided with the 'Karen' on January 22, 2014 as it set sail for Campbeltown.

The Karen was coming to the end of a four hour tow to the south east of Arran, when it was struck astern by Mr Edmund's boat.

Sapphire Stone had just brought its final haul for the day aboard and was bound for Campbeltown for the night.

Skipper of the Karen, John Muir said that

the boat went down so quickly that the crew did not have time to get their lifejackets from the cabin.

The crew managed to launch the life raft but in the choppy seas it overturned and all three found themselves in the water. Mr Muir managed to right the raft and they all got in.

Meanwhile, the Sapphire Stone had managed to get alongside the life raft and rescued all the men.

She then continued to Campbeltown where they were met by the emergency services.

During an investigation by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, it transpired that one of the crew employed onboard the Sapphire Stone had not completed the required safety training courses.

Mr Edmund had been

issued with an improvement notice the previous September for a similar offence. On Monday, at Newtownards Magistrates Court, Mr Edmund pleaded guilty to three charges - failing to keep a proper lookout, causing the loss of the fishing vessel Karen and breaching the Fishing Vessel Safety Training Regulations.

The judge, his worship Mr Mark Hamill, said that the case came down to Mr Edmund not looking where he was going.

He fined him a total of £5,500.

Captain Bill Bennett, surveyor in charge of the Belfast Marine Office said: 'This very serious accident caused the loss of a vessel. It could very easily have resulted in loss of life. Skippers are reminded of the need to keep a lookout at all times.'



A crane loads timber onto the Ayress. 06_c24ayress01

Shipping news from the loch

REGULAR Campbeltown visitor Ayress took on a timber cargo on Monday.

The Dominica flagged vessel was built in 1979 by German yard Luhning Werft which closed in 1988.

The ship is owned by Irish firm Coast Lines Shipping and takes timber between Ardrishaig and Campbeltown to Londonderry.

Campbeltown Courier reader Steve Byrne sent in a picture of the Waverley leaving port.

Eagle-eyed readers may spot the Barquentine Thalassa, a three masted tall ship in the background.

Thalassa was in the Wee Toon for the Campbeltown Malts Festival.

A CalMac ferry from the Stornoway to Ullapool route has been seen at some west coast ports on trials to check that ports are capable of taking the vessel.

MV Isle of Lewis plied the Minch crossing for twenty years before being replaced this spring

by MV Loch Seaforth.

MV Isle of Lewis is the only vessel apart from MV Loch Seaforth in the Calmac fleet over 100 metres long.

The ship has been visiting Campbeltown, Tarbert, Castlebay, Oban, Craignure, Troon, Ardrossan and Brodick.

On Tuesday evening a member of Campbeltown community council wondered if the sighting of the MV Isle of Lewis was the sign of things to come.



Waverley with Thalassa in the background.

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Police files:

Beware scam lotto letters

POLICE are warning of postal scams operating in Kintyre after a member of the public handed in a letter to Campbeltown police offering the person thousands of pounds in prize money.

Named Euromillions People's International Postcode Lottery, the letter claims the recipient has won a huge sum of money and that they should provide their bank details to receive the sum - a ploy to access bank details.

It is even responsible

for bankrupting a pensioner in the south of England last year.

A police spokesman said: 'We would like to make people aware that if they receive this type of letter it is certainly a scam. Do not take them up on it.'

Hunt for tyre slasher

A CAR had its tyres slashed in Meadows Avenue, Campbeltown, between last Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Police are appealing for anyone with information to contact them

Goalkeeper Reid saves the day

Continued from page 1 manoeuvre them back into the water.'

It was believed the pod became stranded after a pregnant female got into difficulty and beached, with others following. Females can grow to 5.8 metres in length and males can reach 7.5 metres.

At the end of the rescue operation 14 of the 21 whales had been re-floated, while the other seven had sadly perished.

Karl Hurd, Kintyre monitor for the British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR) who coordinated the rescue, said: 'This is a prime example of why our specialist training takes place. These incidents often occur during the night so it is important to be ready and act quickly to save animals' lives.'

Fuel cash boost for hard-up homes

SOME of Scotland's worst-off households are to receive a financial boost to keep their homes warm for less.

The Scottish Government's £5 million HEEPS: Cashback - Social Landlords Scheme, announced last week, offers funding to housing associations and local authority landlords towards energy-efficiency measures.

Part of a drive to alleviate fuel poverty, it means social landlords can apply for up to £250,000 in funding to help drive down the cost of tenants' fuel bills.

The cash will help meet the cost of installing measures such as solid wall insulation or hard-to-treat cavity wall insulation.

The scheme opened to applications on Monday (June 8).

Mike MacKenzie, Highlands and Islands MSP, said: 'This investment into energy efficiency will ensure better quality of life for families across the Highlands and Islands as well as reducing energy costs.'

Angus flies the flag for workers' rights

by **JOHN McCALLUM**
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A CAMPBELTOWN man with a passion for football went to Edinburgh last Friday to show his support for some of the sport's unseen victims.

Angus Nimmo, a lifelong Scotland fan who has journeyed across Europe to watch matches, had another deep-rooted passion in mind when heading to Easter Road, home of Hibernian FC, for Scotland's friendly match with Qatar - fighting for workers' rights in the Gulf state.

Angus said: 'Thousands of construction workers have died building infrastructure for the 2022 FIFA World Cup (to be hosted in Qatar). I wanted to raise awareness of those people's plight.'

'As a former member of Amnesty International I have long been a campaigner for human rights and the rights of

workers, so I wrote to them asking what slogans would be suitable for a poster and they came back to me with a few suggestions.

'Highlighting the suffering of migrant workers over in Qatar, at their host country's game against Scotland, felt the right thing to do.'

'Amnesty believes there are more than 1.5 million migrant workers in Qatar, most of them at the mercy of sponsors and employers.'

Angus described how the migrant workers, many of them arriving from the Indian sub-continent to work, had their passport taken away soon after arrival by their sponsor companies.

The 71-year old said: 'Taking away workers' identification means they cannot change jobs and free themselves from exploitative em-

ployers. If they go to the authorities without an ID they will be deported.

'Worse still, when they finish work, their camps are often crowded and filthy.'

'Amnesty describes the situation as nearing "a world cup built on abuse" and I wanted to remind people of a serious issue, not just go along and watch the football.'

Angus has travelled to support charity work too, heading with his wife Valerie to the Philippines in 1996 through Christian Aid to look at aid projects by Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) on banana plantations.

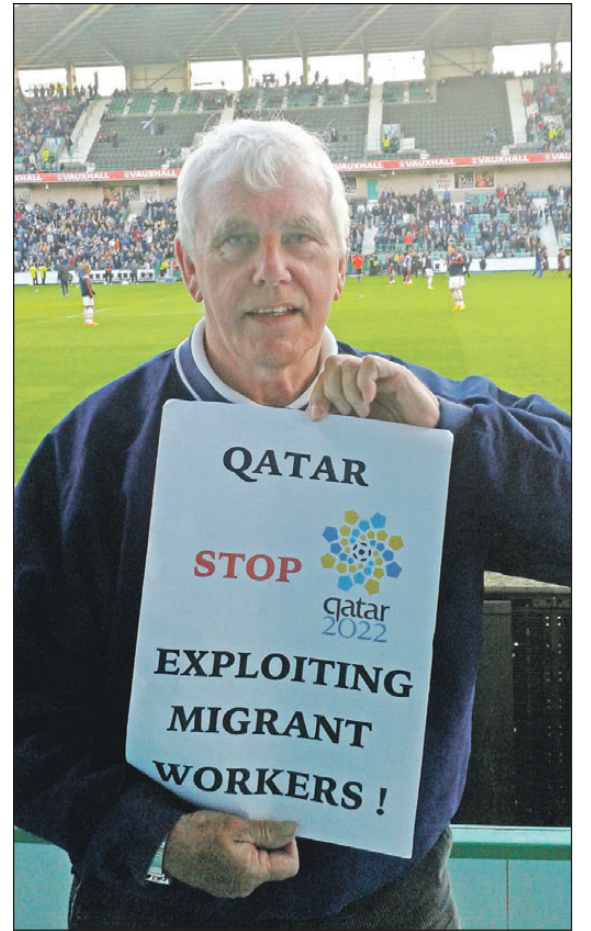
His niece Jan is also an ardent workers' rights campaigner, creating films on banana workers in Africa and Latin America as well as The Road to Drumlennan, a short film about South Kintyre's last coal miners.

Angus added: 'People

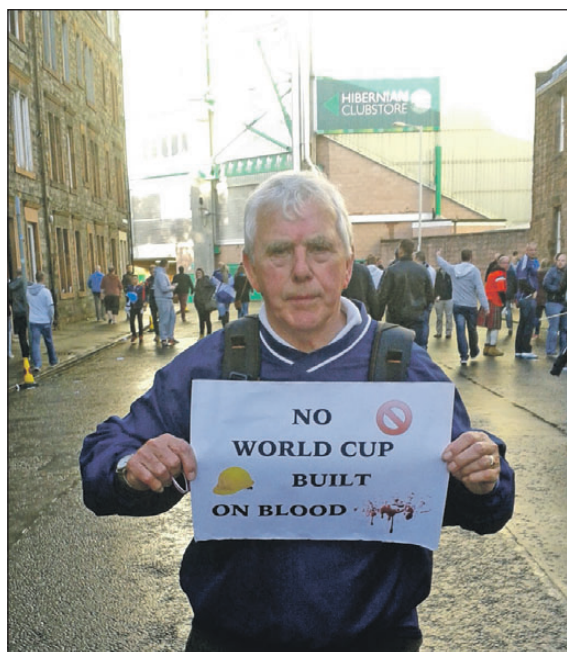
were living in absolute poverty in the Philippines too. It has always meant something to me to try and help people living on the edge of society.'

'I hope the posters will have helped, even in a small way, to raise awareness of the army of migrant workers suffering in Qatar right now.'

Scotland won the match 1-0 but many football fans and several MSPs questioned whether the fixture should have been played at all, given the mounting human rights concerns in the Gulf state.



Pitchside at Easter Road with another poster.



Angus Nimmo outside Easter Road with one of his posters.

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Willow Wind Farm

Community Liaison Group

7pm, Wednesday 24th June

Tayinloan Village Hall

Good Energy, an independent renewable electricity supplier, is exploring the potential for developing a wind farm on the Largie Estate, around 2km north east of Tayinloan. Proposals are at an early stage.

This is the first meeting of the Willow Wind Farm Community Liaison Group (CLG). The CLG will provide a regular forum for discussion between Good Energy and the local community about the project. Membership of the CLG will include local councillors and invited representatives from local business, education, environmental and community groups.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and ask questions during the allocated section of the meeting. Questions should be submitted in advance by calling 0131 550 3744 or by email to emmamegaughin@bellenden.co.uk

Blary Hill windfarm appeal

A WINDFARM firm denied planning permission for 14 turbines near Glenbarr is to appeal to the Scottish government.

Renewable energy developer, RES, has announced it has submitted an appeal for its Blary Hill project to the directorate for planning and environmental appeals.

The proposed farm is located east of the A83 at Glenbarr and south of Arncliffe in Kintyre.

RES submitted plans to Argyll and Bute Council for the 14 turbine project in August 2014.

Planning permission was refused by Argyll and Bute Council on Wednesday, April 22, on the grounds of localised visual and cumulative impact.

Neil Martin, RES development manager, said: 'RES has worked closely with communities, consultees and the council during the development process to sensitively design this site and offer solutions to any concerns raised.'



Maggie Allen receives the cheque from Kevin Stone.

Runner raises Marie Curie cash

A DISABLED Campbeltown athlete running his first ever race, raised £1,178 for Marie Curie nurses.

Kevin Stone, 51, who has learning difficulties, ran his Mull of Kintyre 10K race in memory of his brother John who died after suffering from cancer two years ago.

Kevin, who crossed the line in 1:01:11, was cheered on through the streets and helped with his fundraising by sister, Flora Brogan.

On Tuesday, Kevin presented a cheque to Maggie Allen from the recently reformed Marie Curie fundraising committee.

Mrs Allen said: 'This is the biggest donation the committee has received so far and the money will be used locally to pay for Marie Curie nurses.'

Kevin has vowed to run the 10K again next year and improve on his time.

Weatherman Sean saddles up for charity challenge

SCOTLAND'S favourite forecaster will crank out the miles when he pedals from Tarbert to Dunbar.

STV weatherman, Sean Batty, started a 168-mile, four-day west to east cycling challenge yesterday, (Thursday) from Kintyre to East Lothian, to help fight child poverty.

In each town he passes, Sean will meet with local fundraisers who are doing weird and wonderful things to raise money for children affected by poverty in Scotland. STV's camer-

as will be there to capture all the activity for an STV Children's Appeal programme later in the year.

Today, (Friday, June 12) he will cruise through Ardrrossan, Kilmarnock, Eaglesham, Strathaven and Lesmahagow. And tomorrow he will head to Edinburgh before his final stint in the saddle to Dunbar on Sunday.

Supporter

Sean has been a long-time supporter and fundraising hero for the STV Children's Appeal, taking part in mul-

tiple cycling challenges across the Western Isles and Northern Isles, competing in Highland games, sporting events, baking contests and climbing Ben Nevis.

Sean Batty said: 'This is the fifth year I've been involved in the STV Children's Appeal and I'm looking forward to getting back in the saddle for this great cause.'

'I will be taking on over 150 miles of cycling with this year's coast to coast challenge.'

'I'm looking forward to having a wee cuppa with the schools, or-

ganisations, businesses and individuals who are hosting their own fundraising events and getting behind the appeal this year.'

Ambassador

Elizabeth Partyka of the STV Children's Appeal said: 'Sean has been an incredible ambassador for the charity since its launch five years ago.'

To support Sean's fundraising challenge and make a donation visit Sean's JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/seanbatty2015/>



Sean Batty with his trusty steed.

Textile recycling restored

A TEXTILES recycling project has restarted monthly lorry collections in Campbeltown.

Every second Monday in the month a lorry from social enterprise company, Kintyre Recycling, will collect textiles and clothing for recycling from the Esplanade between 10am and 1pm.

Amanda Card of Kintyre Recycling said: 'We send everything collected to Nathan's Wastesavers in Denny, and many items will end up being sent to other parts of the world.'

'On Monday 25 people made donations which is a bit down on April.'



Amanda Card, business manager at Kintyre Recycling.

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Is the high street dead?

AN exhibition detailing the Scottish high street's evolution has finally made it to Campbeltown, three years after it was first shown.

Specially commissioned films gathered people's stories of the high street and documented a journey through 15 Scottish towns.

The exhibition suggests remedies to ensure our future high streets are sustainable and thriving places.

The show is on at Campbeltown library from June 12 - 20.

Brendan O'Hara tours the Wee Toon

KINTYRE welcomed its new member of parliament last Friday when Brendan O'Hara held his first surgery in Campbeltown.

The Argyll and Bute MP, who ousted the long-serving Alan Reid from the seat at last

month's general election, was delighted to make his first visit to the area after a whirlwind start at Westminster.

Mr O'Hara said: 'It is great to visit Campbeltown as MP. It is a unique place with a lot of potential. The surgery

was very well-attended and I heard about a wide range of issues.

'It was a crazy couple of weeks at Westminster but being thrown into the action was better than just breaking myself in gently.

'I was the first politician to make two speeches in my first two days in parliament and to be congratulated by a staunch conservative MP, Jacob Rees-Mogg, in front of my fellow SNP colleagues, reflects the contribution we have made in the House of Commons already.'

Mr O'Hara, along with Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, visited Campbeltown Creamery and Machrihanish Airbase, where he heard about Machrihanish Airbase Community Company's (MACC) bid to host the first UK spaceport from 2018.

Claire McFadzean, MACC marketing officer, said: 'Mr O'Hara's visit was very positive.

It was his first time at the site and he was very attentive in hearing our full update of the bid plans and the use of the site hangars.

'We had a number of questions for the department of transport relating to the spaceport bid and we have passed them to hopefully be raised at Westminster.'

Meanwhile, Mr O'Hara acknowledged that some on-going issues, such as lack of technology, need to be addressed in the region.

Very important

He said: 'It is going to be very important to hear people's concerns here in Campbeltown and across Argyll and Bute.'

'One of the biggest things for me is to address the trend of depopulation in Argyll and Bute, which would be helped by introducing modern communications such as 4G wireless internet and high-speed broadband



From left, Malcolm McMillan, MACC development business manager, Michael Russell MSP, Brendan O'Hara MP, Tom Millar, MACC Chairman, and Marie Claire Docherty, constituency manager for Michael Russell and Brendan O'Hara, at Machrihanish airbase

for homes and businesses. This is high priority for me and I will look to work constructively with the government on the issue.'

Mr O'Hara was also named the SNP's de-

fence spokesman at Westminster, and knows Faslane naval base at Gareloch will be high on his political agenda.

He added: 'The future of Faslane is a massive issue not just regionally

but nationally. As a party activist you obviously know about it, but my responsibility since becoming defence spokesman has been to build an in-depth knowledge of the site.'



Michael Russell MSP, left, and Brendan O'Hara MP, pose by an aptly-lettered car at Campbeltown Creamery. 20_c24brendan01

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Video killed the radio star but not the allure of the cinema

SINCE the advent of television many people have predicted the demise of cinema.

Against all the odds, including the rise of the videotape, digital video disc, bluray and now internet streaming, cinema has survived.

Campbeltown Picture House came into operation before the First World War, when movies were silent and film competed against live theatre.

Cinema audience numbers fluctuated and when films hit a low spot in the late 1960s, bingo was seen as a saviour for many bigger screens. The Picture House flirted with bingo too, but eventually the lights faded on that particular venture.

In two years' time, thanks to a huge investment, the cinema will reopen with state-of-the-art projection equipment, and the building almost brought back to its original design. But this will not necessarily be enough to guarantee its survival.

To survive, cinema must offer the latest releases as soon as they are available. Otherwise people will download them watch it at home.

Although it has just one large screen and another much smaller one, with modern delivery systems it will be possible to screen more than two films a week just by having different projection times.

Campbeltown's big advantage is the total lack of competition: unlike small independent cinemas in big cities, there will not be another around the corner showing the latest blockbuster. However much film buffs might pretend otherwise, it is the big productions which bring in the crowds and sustain the cinema.

There is also a place for the events like opera and ballet streamed from other parts of the UK and available on the big screen - just not on Friday and Saturday night.

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Backroom deals shrouded in secrecy have no place in a modern, transparent democracy. One of the main reasons the crony corporations have been forced to show their hand is because of the work of the American whistleblower, Michael Snowden.

But do not just take my word for it - do your own research.

TTIP is all about reducing the regulatory barriers to trade for big business. Things like food safety law, environmental legislation, banking regulations and even the powers of sovereign states are all under threat.

Please contact your MEP to lodge your objection to TTIP in the strongest terms and tell them to vote against it on June 10.

Caradoc Mac Ille Dhuinn
Oban

Failing hard-working parents

Sir,

Access to free childcare is still failing hard-working parents in Scotland.

In many state-funded council nurseries the Scottish government has not been able to provide parents with sufficient flexibility when it comes to nursery place provision.

In contrast, the UK govern-

ment is to begin trials to double the hours of free childcare.

From September next year, working parents in some areas of England will be entitled to double the 570 hours of free childcare they receive per year.

Now, the Scottish Conservatives are calling for the Scottish government to look into nursery provision for parents of three and four-year-olds north of the border.

Evidence from parents' groups in Scotland suggests that many children are not receiving the funding they are entitled to.

Furthermore, statistics from Fair Funding for our Kids reveals 29 out of 32 local authorities had registrations of three-year-olds of more than 100 percent.

The Scottish government is also facing criticism from councils as they do not have enough money for additional staff and infrastructure.

The system is failing children and parents in Argyll and Bute and the rest of Scotland - it is high time it was changed.

Alastair Redman
Islay

Small price to pay

Sir,

I too have trouble with crows and gulls.

We have a crow's nest in the trees at our house and we are often visited by the gulls, and our solution is a bucket of hot water and a sponge.

Those in favour of the solution of trapping and killing birds should reflect on Robert Burns' words, which I have changed a little to suit the oc-

casion: 'A poo or two is little price to pay thee to must live poor birdies'.

A Mathieson
Woodbank
Southend Road

Footpath blocked

Sir,

I have been walking my dogs for sometime along the footpath alongside the cemetery in Kilkerran Road in Campbeltown and have noticed that the gate at the entrance to the Beinn Ghuileainn walk has been tied. Also, the gap adjacent to the gate has a post there, stopping any walkers from going through.

This is a public footpath and should not be obstructed so can anyone tell me why this has been put in place?

Greer Abendroth
Campbeltown

Why is old post office being left to go to ruin?

Sir,

When, oh when is some action going to be taken over the state of the Old Post Office building in our town's main street?

This building has lain unoccupied for so long that many people in Campbeltown can not even remember when it was last in use.

It has deteriorated to such an extent that it is causing very serious concern to adjoining property owners, and, even more worryingly, is encouraging a variety of vermin to thrive close to surrounding residential properties.

The building sits in one of the most prominent locations

of our town centre and for too long has been an embarrassment to our community.

I am also pretty sure that visitors to Campbeltown will be less than impressed with this eyesore.

We have heard before of possible actions to be taken against the current owners but it would seem that the process is no further forward.

Why is this matter not being dealt with more urgently?

In my view this is a serious indictment on our local authority who have legal powers to pursue this more vigorously but for whatever reason choose not to invoke these powers to a conclusion.

Could we please finally have some positive action on this saga by whoever is involved: it is no less than shocking that this situation has been allowed to continue for so long.

J Newlands,
Loch View Avenue,
Campbeltown.

Tracing grandparents' haunts

Sir,

My grandparents, Gordon Button and Evelyn Bartlett were married on Thursday, December 20 1945 in St Kieran's Episcopal church.

We have recently been in Campbeltown tracing all their old haunts and if anyone remembers them or the wedding we would be interested.

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Volunteer driver in top gear

A CAMPBELTOWN man who 'would give you the shirt off his back if he thought it would help' was honoured at the Argyll Volunteer of the Year awards.

Iain Campbell, a driver for Happy Bus among other volunteer roles, won the Timebank Hero award.

The Happy Bus is a lifeline of social support and company for older people, picking up people from some of the most remote parts of Kintyre and bringing them together to enjoy a regular day out.

He is described as a 'joker' and someone who makes everyone smile.

There were several nominations for Iain all mentioning different volunteering roles - he regularly turns his hand to shed mending, painting, taking people to appointments - in fact anything which helps.

One recipient of his time is quoted as saying 'he would give you the shirt off his back if he thought it would help'.

More than 100 people from across Argyll gathered in the Kilmory council chambers last Wednesday for the prestigious awards.

The awards ceremony, an annual event held during National Volunteer Week, celebrates the achievements and contributions made over the past year by volunteers throughout Argyll and Bute, many of

whom have had to overcome their own difficulties and challenges in the course of their work.

Keynote speaker at this year's event was Marco Biagi MSP, the Scottish government minister for local government and community empowerment.

Mr Biagi said: 'Across Argyll and Bute, volunteers are giving up their time to make a difference and strengthen their communities.'

'It has been a pleasure to celebrate and recognise the achievements of volunteers as they are making valuable contributions to their area and are helping those less fortunate than themselves.'

'The awards ceremony is an opportunity to highlight the vital role they are playing in their area and also shows others the benefits of volunteering, as it's a way to make new friends, learn new skills and get a sense of community spirit.'

The Argyll Volunteer of the Year Awards are organised by Argyll Voluntary Action (AVA) and supported by NHS Highland and Argyll and Bute Council.

AVA's chief executive, Glenn Heritage said: 'It is impossible to underestimate the contribution made to community life and to the lives of individuals by the work of volunteers throughout Argyll and Bute.'



Iain Campbell is presented with his Timebank Hero award by councillor Aileen Morton.

Photo by Kevin McGlynn



The pupils with their certificates from the Kintyre writers circle. 20_c24writers01

Gifted poetry pupils pen rhyming book

TALENTED young poets and writers from across Kintyre saw their creativity rewarded last Thursday with a series of awards.

Organised by the Kintyre writers circle, the nine-month primary writing project gave pupils the chance to feature in a book of poems and short stories, put together from among their fellow students.

Forty five entrants from six schools - Castlehill, Dalintober, Southend, Carradale, Drumlemble and Glenbarr primaries - were chosen from an original 200

submissions, with certificates and medals for first and second-place prizewinners.

Elizabeth McTaggart, Kintyre writers circle secretary, said: 'The competition started back in September, with entries based on the pupils' school curriculum.'

'That provided a wide range of entries to choose from, such as the Vikings, aliens, poems about magic, animals, battles and hauntings.'

'The imagination and invention shown by the pupils was exceptional. Their families and teachers will be proud.'

Campbeltown author and historian Angus Martin presented the certificates and prizes at the awards ceremony in the Seafield Hotel.

Elizabeth added: 'We thoroughly enjoyed

reading through the entries and Meg Gannon did a fantastic job typing out so many hand-written ones.'

'Thanks also to the teachers who were very helpful along the way.'

The book, Writings From South Kintyre Schools 2015, is available at George McMillan's newsagents in Main Street, Campbeltown for £4.



Douglas Kenny, a Dalintober P4 pupil, reads his poem in front of classmates and teachers. 20_c24writers02

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Wining team Mach 3, from left, David Bassett, Susan Paterson, Peter McShannon and Catherine McAdam. c24quiznight01no

You just needed to know about Bikini Bottom...

KNOWING that Bikini Bottom was the underwater city in TV's Spongebob Squarepants was a crucial piece of knowledge at a Southend family quiz night.

Held at St Blaas's Hall, the Dunaverly Hall Committee quiz last Saturday evening featured a maximum of four in each team, pitted against ten rounds of ten questions, two of which were picture rounds.

Several questions were aimed at younger quizzers, with one round on Children's Books, TV and films.

Many of the slightly older team members were stumped when asked the name of children's programme Spongebob Squarepants' underwater city, the answer being Bikini Bottom.

Outlines of countries of the world and still photos of well known, and not so well known films were mixed with rounds of gardening, food and transport.

With jokers to play to double one round's scores, it was a big decision on which round the team thought they had the greatest knowledge.

Very close

Scores throughout were very close and eventually there was a tie for second place, with two teams fielding youngsters - The Smarties, and Buttercup and Charlotte - both scoring 85 points.

The winners on this occasion were Mach 3 with 86 and a half points. Well done to everyone who took part.

Youngsters have a whale of a time

JOLLY Rogers blew in the breeze as six Boys Brigade members voyaged to central Scotland for a pirate themed weekend.

The lads from the 1st Campbeltown Company Boys' Brigade (BB) took part in an events programme last Saturday organised by the group's World Mission.

Held at Carronvale House, the Brigade's Scottish Training Centre in Larbert, the local group were among around 150 boys from BB Companies throughout Scotland attending.

The World Mission Fund is raising money through various events to help schools in Trinidad and Tobago produce a resource on anti-bullying called Speak Out.

The boys had an early 7am start and travelled by minibus, arriving in plenty of time to take part in all the activities.

These had a pirate-themed theme and they including arts and crafts - where one of the items made by each boy was an octopus made



Boys' Brigade Campbeltown members from left, Nathan Armstrong, Scott Graham, Kyle Paterson, Drew Cunningham, Ben Cunningham and Ross Gorman.

from a balloon and straws.

There was also a treasure hunt, with a trip into the woods to look for skittles.

Storytelling featured the well-known tale of Jonah and the whale, before a game of rounders and numerous other activities.

Although the weather was not great, the boys did enjoy outside activities as well as those in the recreational centre.

A Boys' Brigade Campbeltown spokesman said: 'The event allowed the boys to mix with those from other companies and they all thoroughly enjoyed



Ross Gorman, left, dressed as the king in the story of Jonah and the whale.

themselves. This month they will be presenting a number of activities they enjoyed in the Boys' Brigade as part of their Annual Display, which takes place on Friday, June 19, at 7.30pm in Lorne and

Lowland old church hall. Everyone is invited and we would ask parents who have sons in P2-7 to take them along to find out the variety of activities they can enjoy by being a member of the Boys' Brigade.'

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Fantastic line-up for MOK Fest 2015

THIS year's Mull of Kintyre Music Festival or MOK Fest celebrates its 23rd edition with an exciting change to look forward to.

The five-day festival, to be held between Wednesday-Sunday, August 19-23, has secured top-class national and international acts for its main concerts.

Saturday, August 22's night-time concert in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown, includes The Treacherous Orchestra, who will headline the evening's entertainment. The eleven-piece band features some of the top musicians in the Scottish folk scene who meet up to raise the roof at festivals across the country.

They are supported by Ska sensations, Esperanza, and CalMac Culture Music competition winners, Harry and the Hendersons, who will open an upbeat concert sure to get everyone dancing.

The new format also includes partial seating - but arrive at the hall early if you want a seat.

Headlining the Traditional concert in Campbeltown Heritage Centre, also on Saturday night, is Gaelic supergroup, Daimh, champions of Highland music and seductive Gaelic songs. This will be their last concert in Scotland before heading to the USA for a month of sell-out shows and festival dates.

They are supported by Scooter Muse and

Jil Chambless from Alabama, USA, to be accompanied on stage by various musical friends including Kintyre artists, Lorne MacDougall and Frank Rochford. Arthur Johnstone MCs the concert.

The Festival Ceilidh Night on Friday, August 21 sees the return of Fergie MacDonald and his four-piece ceilidh band, with the main support band, duo Laura-Beth Salter and Jenn Butterworth, playing tunes and songs with a bluegrass slant.

Difference

This year the concert starts with a difference, with the Dalriada Connections Band featuring many artists who will be appearing in concerts across the weekend.

Kay Johnston will MC the night starting with a performance by the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band.

Following last year's successful inaugural concert, the Gaelic Concert returns to Ceol Campbeltown, at Seafiel, on Wednesday, August 19, with a Grand Ceilidh featuring great tunes, stories, songs and chorus singing.

The Dalriada Connections Concert in the Campbeltown Heritage Centre on Sunday, August 23, sponsored by Mitchell's Glengyle Distillery, reaches out across borders again to showcase two vocal and instrumental duos, with Tom Callister and Adam Rhodes from the Isle of Man and The Carrivick Sisters from Cornwall

joined by Ciaran Mulholland from Northern Ireland as well as the usual mixture of local and visiting musicians at an event which has become one of the festival's hidden gems.

The legendary Survivors Night later on headlines with Campbeltown supergroup, Slainte Davaar Allstars.

This year also sees the return of the Wee Toon Tellers, performing for the first time since 2010, and Deep Joy making their debut appearance.

Further acts are The Gilchristians, Il Brasso and Session A83, with

more to be confirmed.

Firm festival favourite The Young Folk Night starts the events in the Heritage Centre on Thursday, August 20, featuring some of Kintyre's finest young musical talent.

Tickets for all concerts are available from AP Taylor, Main Street, Campbeltown and online from Ticketweb at www.ticketweb.co.uk

Or, telephone 08444 771 000 on Thursday, June 18 from 10am.

For more updates go to www.mokfest.com or email mokfest@hotmail.co.uk



11-piece band The Treacherous Orchestra will headline MOK Fest's Saturday night concert. c24mokfest01 no



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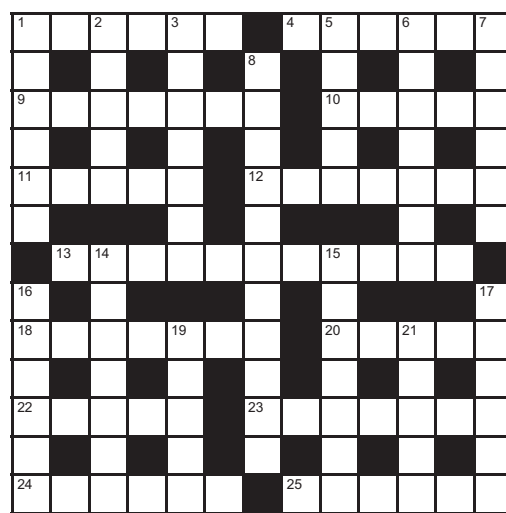
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TARBERT

Wise move to install barn owl nest box at castle



In the photo with the Saltire flying again are volunteers, Jonathan Arnot, Neil MaCallum and Robert McPhail installing the nesting box.

VOLUNTEERS at Tarbert castle abandoned Saturday's work party due to poor weather but reconvened on Sunday morning.

Usual spring maintenance work was carried out including hoisting a new Saltire on the flagstaff.

The woodland area is providing a perfect natural habitat with tadpoles, newts together with larvae of damsel fly and dragonfly in the pond.

The bluebells are magnificent this year and a visitor on Sunday morning reported an adder sunbathing on the path by the pool.

Crows are nesting in the Tower House recesses and barn owls have been seen around at dusk.

Volunteers installed an RSPB-designed barn owl nesting box on a high window ledge of the tower to encourage them to stay with us.

GLENDARUEL AND COLINTRAIVE



In the photo from left to right: Paul Chalmers, Gordon Griffiths, Andy Heatherington, Derek Street, John Gilchrist and Angus MacDonald.

Campbeltown shooter collects cup

AN eagle-eyed Campbeltown clay pigeon expert beat the best in Glendaruel and Colintrave.

John Gilchrist was top gun at the Glendaruel and Colintrave Gun Club's open shoot last Saturday.

His score of 147 ex 150, was described as 'exceptional shooting' in the blustery conditions.

Glendaruel and Colintrave has a new shooting ground and a lot of fine tuning has taken place over the winter and spring period.

The ground is well facilitated and offers good targets which are appreciated by the members, and those who travel to the open shoots.

For the second year running, the weather for this fixture was cold, wet and blustery, which had an impact on the scores.

The field of 21 seniors and three juniors competed for the four trophies.

The flight of the clay targets is much affected by wind which can make sudden changes in their height and direction.

John's score implies that he missed only one of his 50 clay targets. In second place with 140 points and taking the T & W Mills Trophy, was Andrew Heatherington, Lochgilphead.

The Colintrave Trophy went to Angus MacDonald, Duror,

with 139 points. Gordon Griffiths, Garelochhead, 138 and Paul Chalmers, Cairndow, 137 took the last two places. The Local Challenge Cup went to Derek Street and the top junior was Archie McBride.

The club thanks those who provided the excellent home baking and dispensed tea and coffee to all present.

The Glendaruel and Colintrave Gun Club is very friendly and welcomes new members.

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Summer fun to be had in Southend

DUNAVERTY Hall Committee's family games evening is no yolk and includes a 'throwing the egg' competition!

The evening dubbed 'Fun in the Field' will be held at Southend's playing field, on Saturday, July 25. It will feature children's races, a village versus caravan site football match, live music, and a barbecue selling hot food and soft drinks. There will also be games such as 'beat the goalie', a golf chipping competition and a tug-o-war.

A hall committee spokeswoman said: 'There will be lots of different activities for all ages. It will also be good to see plenty of interest in the 'village versus caravan site' foot-

ball match, which used to take place regularly.

'We hope everyone can get together as we look forward to the completion of the new hall as it will be a huge asset to the village.'

Any stallholders wishing to set up at Fun in the Field can contact Susan Paterson on 01586 830335.

The spokeswoman added: 'There have already been two weddings booked for next year and it will host the Southend school reunion planned for next summer. There is also interest from the local police in holding their badminton league here.'

'It should be a great evening with lots to do and we hope the community will come along and enjoy themselves.'

GIGHA

School pupils raise money for Nepal

COFFEE drinkers at Gigha primary raised £276 to be split between the 'Nepal Earthquake Appeal' and the school fund for trips and travel.

Lots of delicious home baking helped boost the coffers and it was also a chance for the community to meet the new headteacher, Mrs McIntosh, who also has

Clachan and Skipness under her shared headship.

The primary children also sold Gigha primary hessian bags, Charles Rennie Mackintosh inspired candle holders and window hangings as well as super strength organic liquid fertiliser from the school's wormery.



Gigha primary pupils at the coffee afternoon.

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Sharp rise predicted in Scottish farm and tenancy sales

A range of factors from volatile commodity markets and continuing low interest rates, to political uncertainty, could be behind a rise in farms changing hands in Scotland over the next 12 months.

John O'Meara from the Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (AMC) says increased numbers of enquiries about loans for farm or tenancy purchase seem to have been triggered by a 'perfect storm' of factors.

Mr O'Meara said: 'Early indications sug-

gest we could be looking at a significant increase in transactions of tenanted land over the next 12 months, especially as movement of farms over the past two years has been fairly quiet.

'In some cases, it is the landlord buying the tenancy; in others, it is the tenant hoping to buy the freehold.

'Either way, the current combination of market forces, and what has been an almost unprecedented period of low interest rates, seem to be encouraging an en-

vironment for change in how farms are owned and managed.'

Mr O'Meara added that in the case of tenants wishing to buy their landlord's interest, discounted values associated with sitting tenant purchases could allow them to buy the farm at a significant discount to vacant possession value.

He said: 'Tenant farmers can sometimes find it difficult to borrow money without security.

'Buying the farm creates an asset against which they can borrow

and in turn helps them invest in the future of their business.'

Sian Robinson of Savills, believes that the future for farming is bright – but she said that unseasonal weather, prolonged periods of reduced commodity prices and decreasing subsidies are prompting tenants and landlords to reconsider their options.

Miss Robinson said: 'People do have reservations about the mismatch that has developed between farm rental prices and the



Movement of farms over the last two years has been fairly quiet

capital value of the land. 'They are also worried about CAP reform and the raft of political changes we are in the midst of at the moment.

'On one hand we are seeing a situation where tenants might be looking to get out of farming; this offers landlords

the chance to buy the tenancy and take up the land themselves, or relet it on a modern tenancy without right-to-buy concerns.

'Conversely, landlords may wish to sell the farm voluntarily to the tenant, providing the tenant with an asset to

borrow against and security for the future.'

More information about borrowing to buy farms and tenancies will be available from John O'Meara and his AMC colleagues Dugald Hamilton and Nigel Parmenter at the Royal Highland Show on June 18 to 21.

MARKET REPORT

United Auctions Dalmally

UNITED Auctions held its annual June sale of all classes of cattle and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart.

With an increased entry on the year in all sections, a very sound trade prevailed last Saturday, with all classes of stock selling to a large ring-side of buyers.

107 store cattle, 55 breeding cattle, 528 ewes with lambs and 341 grazing hogs and feeding ewes were catalogued.

Stock was forward from the Islands of Mull, Tiree, Coll, Colonsay, North and South Uist and Barra as well as all the regular mainland consignors.

Bullocks sold to a top of £1,090 per head for Limousin crosses from Barbreck Farm, Lochgilthead and 324 pence per kilo, also Limousin crosses from Garraron and Melfort Farms.

Limousin heifers from Barbreck Farm sold to

£940 per head while Garraron and Melfort farms led the kilo prices in this section with Limousin crosses selling to 290 pence per kilo.

Heifers with calf at foot from Barguillean Farm led the breeding section at £1,950. Ewes with lamb at foot from Dunans sold to £170.

Rams from 6 Milton, South Uist sold to £128.

Principal lots & prices

Top prices per head

Bullocks: AAx: £990 & £870(6) – Ardnacross, Mull. CHARx: £935(5) – Auchlyne Farm. LIMx: £1090, £1030(2), £940, £930(2) – Barbreck Farm, Lochgilthead.

Luing £820 – Kiloran Farmers, Colonsay.

Heifers: AAx: £765 – Ardnacross, Mull. CHARx: £790(2) – Auchlyne Farm.

LIMx: £940(2) – Barbreck Farm, Lochgilthead: £885 – Feringa Farming, Coll: £810 – Garraron & Melfort Farms: £790 – Achnacree-more.

Breeding cattle

Heifers with heifer calf: £1950 and £1920 – Barguillean Farm: £1380 and £1320(2) – Laggan Farms.

Cows with heifer calf: £1340 – Barguillean Farm and Drimore Farm, Uist:

£1080 – Drimore Farm, Uist. Heifers with bull calf: £1700 – Barguillean Farm. Cows with bull calf: £1320 – Barguillean Farm: £1120 – Drimore Farm, Uist: £1100 & £1080 – Knockderry.

Incalf cows: £1120 – Curacao: £1020 – 5 Kilvarree: £1000 – Curacao.

Top prices per kilo:

Bullocks: AAx: 271p, 267p(6) and 248p – Ardnacross. CHARx: 247p(5) – Auchlyne.

LIMx: 324p(8) and 294p(2) – Garraron and Melfort Farms: 283p – Feringa Farming, Coll: 278p(5) – Barbreck Farm, Lochgilthead: 275p – Tullochcan: 274p – Barbreck Farm, Lochgilthead: 272p – Tullochcan: 270p and 267p – Garraron and Melfort Farms.

LUING: 269p(3) – Middle Lee Croft, Mull: 268p – Kiloran Farmers. SALx: 264p – Balantyre Farm. SIMx: 260p – Ellary Farms.

Heifers: AAx: 242p – Kiloran Farmers, Colonsay. LIMx: 290p(6) and 272p – Garraron and Melfort Farms: 271p – Tullochcan: 267p & 263p – Garraron & Melfort Farm: 252p(2) – Ellary Farms: 251p & 250p – Feringa Farming. SHx: 241p(8) – Ellary Farms.

Ewes with lambs at foot: Cross ewes and twins: £170 – Dunans: £152 – Clachan,

Tiree: £145 – Dunans: £138 – Ellary Farms: £125 – Drimore Farm, Uist: £120 – 83 Borve, Barra: £120 – Bagh Na Croabh, North Uist: £112 – Strathorchy: £110 – 6 Leanish, Barra: £107 – 75 Borve, Barra: £102 – 83 Borve, Barra and 15 Cleat, Barra.

Cross ewes and singles: £118 – Dunans: £110 – Maam Farm: £108 – Clachan, Tiree: £105 – Ellary Farms: £97 – 6 Milton, S Uist.

BF ewes and twins: £118 – Ellary Farms: £105 – Bagh Na Croabh, N Uist: £93 – Drimore Farm, S Uist.

BF ewes and singles: £92.00 – Maam Farm: £90 – Ellary Farms: £88 – Duncroisk Farm: £78 – Maam Farm and Bagh Na Croabh: £75 – Gallanachmore.

Yeld ewes cross: £80 – 83 Borve and Bagh Na Croabh, N Uist: £76 – 15 Cleat, Barra: £71 – 9 Milton, S Uist: £70 – Kiloran Farmers, Colonsay: £69 – Barguillean Farm: £67 – 75 Borve, Barra: £63 – Craig Farm: £60 – 7 White Gates and Maam Farm.

BF £60 – Ichrachan Farm and Ardachuple Farm: £59 – Clachan, Tiree: £58 – Dris-saig Farm: £56 – Maam Farm.

Hoggs cross: £60 – 15 Ard-mhor, Barra: £58 – 9 Milton, S Uist.

Children's rural disconnect

HEARING a real cow moo or a sheep baa for the first time is a special moment.

A new survey of primary school children has revealed that this experience is becoming increasingly rare.

The results show that more than one in three children have never heard a sheep baa, 37 per cent, or a cow moo 34 per cent, up close, with thousands only experiencing it through their TV or computer screens.

The survey revealed the disconnect many children have with farming and where their food comes from.

One in four children surveyed did not know a baby cow was called a calf, with similar numbers unaware a young

sheep was a lamb, or the meaning of a chick and a piglet. Four in 10 children did not know that herd is the name for a group of cows and half do not know that flock is the collective noun for sheep.

The survey also showed that many school children did not know how many of our staple foods were produced or how fruit and vegetables were grown.

One in three children did not know that pork comes from pigs, and one in five did not know that they are also the source of bacon.

Meanwhile, one in 20 children think that strawberries grow in the fridge, while six per cent think they grow on trees.

Three in ten children

did not know carrots grow underground, with one in 10 children believing they grow on a bush.

Six in ten children did not know lettuce grew on the ground, while nearly eight in ten did not know broccoli grew on a plant.

Even their parents couldn't help; a third of mums and dads, surveyed at the same time, didn't know that herd was the name for a group of cows.

The survey was commissioned by Linking Environment And Farming (LEAF).

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Barbara Halliday, Business Gateway advisor.

Business guru Barbara offers networking tips

TRADE shows and exhibitions are important for different types of businesses but making the decision which to attend can be tricky if there are several to choose from.

Barbara Halliday, a business advisor for Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway, offered some tips on how to choose the right one and how to make the most of your attendance.

She said: 'It is important to choose wisely as paying for a stand at an exhibition or tradeshow can be costly and you need to make sure you will get the most out of it.'

Barbara also offered some advice on planning and attending trade events and exhibitions:

She added: 'Research

a variety of shows and find out which ones your competitors are attending. If there is particular business you want to secure, find out which events those customers are most likely to attend.

'Secondly, what are you hoping to achieve? If you want to raise awareness, attend the most respected event within your industry; aim for the show that gets your name out there the most.

'Thirdly, when talking to organisers, remember they are selling to you, so make sure you are clear about what you can get for your money.

'Most events will be advertised so find out exactly what they will be doing to promote the event. Is there any promotion that your business can get free of

charge? Ensure you have plenty of marketing materials to take with you.

'Also let people know that you are attending an event via your website and/or social media and engage with other businesses who are attending prior to the event. It can be useful to make connections before you are even there.

Importance

'During the event, dress the way you would like to be perceived and if bringing staff make sure they understand the importance of the event and your key messages. Offer training prior to the event - do not assume they know what you want them to achieve.

'Then, take time to wander round. Often there is time during set

up for you to go round and talk to other companies - possibly exchange business cards - and talk to competitors. If possible, create links with them, even a mutual agreement.

'Let the most confident speaker take the reins. Confidence sells and prior training allows you and your staff to have confidence in answering questions and providing information.

'Use social media to give updates when you are at the show and let people know where your stand is. Sometimes directions are needed in a large exhibition with so many businesses present.

'Afterwards, follow up on leads. Maintaining working relationships with contacts is one of the hardest but most re-

warding things you can do.

Then, keep notes on business cards you received and personalise replies.

'When using social media, engage in posts that are relevant to keep the interest going, by connecting with companies and customers prior to the event, speaking to them at the event and following conversations up.

'The Ask the Advisor lead and engagement on social media can help develop a relationship and keep you in their mind rather than forgotten about.'

To find out more about how Business Gateway can help you set up and develop your own business call 01546 808 363 or visit www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute

Last call for Best of the West competition entries

SIX ARGYLL companies have the chance to win a free trade stand for the day at this year's Best of the West Festival in Inveraray.

With more than 5,000 visitors expected at the festival over the weekend, Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway is encouraging craft businesses based in Argyll and Bute to submit their entry before the extended closing date of Tuesday June 30.

To enter, describe in no more than 250 words why your business and the products you sell represent the best in the west, either by email to business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by

post to The Enterprise Centre, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8SH.

Competition terms and conditions are available at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/business-and-trade/business-gateway-service

Business Gateway is sponsoring the craft tent at the two-day event, to be held in Inveraray on Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13.

Last year's winners were Calgary Crafts, elwoodturner.co.uk, The Little Stitch Company, Heartfelt by Liz, Bonnie Bling and Crùbag.

One of last year's winners, Innovative textile company Crùbag, is run by marine science graduate and textile designer

Jessica Giannotti. She said: 'The festival was a wonderful experience and we gained a lot of opportunities from it. It was a very productive experience and it was a fantastic weekend.'

Jessica created Crùbag with a dream to bring together her love for the oceans, marine science and the arts.

The business is based in the old teaching lab at the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS).

Jessica, who lives in Lochawe, is launching a display unit at the ocean explorer centre at SAMS as part of the ongoing Festival of the Sea.

The collections, in-

cluding scarves, cushions and fabrics inspired by the ocean, was developed using natural fabrics, selected manufacturers with the environment in mind and skillful craftsmanship.

Jessica said: 'Business Gateway has helped me through the development of my business. My adviser has been fantastic in providing assistance, information and support while giving me the opportunity to attend courses in topics such as business planning, book-keeping and a specialist event designed for the textile industry.'

'I am continuously getting invaluable and encouraging advice

from Business Gateway which has been extremely helpful in sourcing information on funding and help with the applications.

'Angela Vernel, Business Gateway advisor, said: 'We have been working with Jessica as she establishes Crùbag, with its high quality and innovative products. She is wholly committed to ensuring the success of Crùbag and we will continue to support her as the business develops.'

To find out more about how Business Gateway can help you set up and develop your own business call 01546 604555 or visit www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute



Jessica Giannotti found help to start her dream company by Business Gateway.

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Summer is almost here, and that means it's time to give the home and garden a makeover. A bit of maintenance will get the house sparkling and the garden ready for a party anytime and our checklist will help organise priorities. With the support of our advertisers, those chores will get done in no time and the family can relax and enjoy the season in bright surroundings.

Summer is window cleaning time. This isn't everyone's favourite job, but long sunny days will show every smear and handprint, so get it done early and enjoy the clear view. Window washing services can tackle the outside- especially helpful for multi-story homes. For the inside, divide and conquer. Assign each family member a set of windows and provide plenty of glass spray and wipes. And here are two professional secret weapons of choice - use wadded up newspaper or a squeegee instead of paper or cloth towels to wipe down glass. They won't leave lint and they will plough through dust and stuck on dirt.

Change the bedding. Swap winter linens for lighter fabrics and brighter colours for summer. After removing them from storage, run them through a short wash cycle to freshen them.

Ditto for table linens. Bright, floral patterned napkins, table runners and placemats will give the kitchen and dining area a quick yet inexpensive makeover. Add a vase of fresh flowers for a summery atmosphere.

Check the garden hose for leaks. Frost and snow can make it disintegrate over the winter and form cracks, leading to an unpleasant damp surprise the first time the flowers need watering.

Plan summer projects. Walk around the garden and make a note of any repairs that need taken care of and lawn furniture that needs a coat of paint. Prioritise the list, and note what chores can be taken care of by a professional. Lawn maintenance, painters, roofers, fence builders and other home improvement services get busy in the summer, so identify what needs doing early and contact them soon so you can start getting your dream space ready for the season.

Give the lawn some TLC. Give it some love and it will be green and lush. Rake away old thatch, and while the rake or garden fork is out, use it to prick shallow holes throughout the lawn - this is called scarifying and it encourages healthy growth. If the grass is patchy, scatter some grass seed after punching the holes, then water in. Don't fertilise now, wait until autumn, and be sure to raise the lawn mower blade to at least 5cm. Any shorter may scalp the grass or make it dry out, leaving it unhealthy.

Divide flowers. Spring flowering bulbs should be divided every three to five years to prevent them from crowding each other out. After irises, day lilies and daffodils have flowered and died out, gently dig out the 'babies' of the original planting and either replant them somewhere else in the garden or pot them up and share with friends.

Plant summer annuals. Petunias, marigolds, begonias, sweet peas and geranium all pack a colourful and fragrant punch with minimum fuss. Whether in hanging baskets, terracotta pots, window boxes or in a bed, fast growing annuals will fill in those empty garden spaces after the perennials fade away.



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Painters from left, Mary Kenny, Jenny Carlile and Molly Smith. 06_a24art06



Wilma Mackenzie with an art installation. 05_a24art03



Spinner Judy Martin. 06_a24art01



John MacKinnon and his robotic guitar. 06_a24art04

It's art for art's sake at exhibition

A CAMPBELTOWN spinner has weaved her way into a Tarbert art exhibition.

Judy Martin joined painters, sculptors and computer artists who showed off their skills at a Templars Arts and Leisure centre exhibition last Saturday.

The building's three floors were filled with innovative ideas from a wide range of artists who attend weekly groups and classes at the centre.

The ground floor was dedicated to textiles and at least three spinners worked at wheels giving demonstrations during the show.

Examples of fabrics dyed with home grown dyes were on display.

Judy said: 'I am a beginner at spinning and have been coming once a month since last September.'

'The spinning group has been meeting once a month for the past five years.'

There was a also a chance to sample the artists' home baking with teas, coffees and cakes available in the ground floor café.

The middle floor was reserved for the avant garde and cutting edge technology of Creative Digital Media.

Classes at the centre are run by Germans, Stefan Baumberger and, Nicole Heidtke, using Apple computers, an A2 inkjet printer and a laser cutting machine which arrived last Friday.

Their work included the highly experimental, such as an installation of a robotic electronic guitar designed by John MacKinnon.

Another exhibit here was a series of flowers in glass bottles connected to a computer which played a different note when touched.

The digital work is also used for more every day purposes.

Hilary Sinclair was very pleased with her great grandmother's antique chair which had been re-upholstered by John MacKinnon.

He used cloth printed digitally with the motifs which were originally scrolled into the seat's wood.

Mrs Sinclair who is in her 80s said: 'The chair was originally made in

Glasgow and had been reupholstered in Rexine in the war years, before that it was tapestry.

'John is a real perfectionist and has made a great job of it.'

'I am absolutely fascinated by the computer art and come on Tuesdays for two hours.'

'I am also working on a book of my husband's life, during the sessions, for my grandchildren,' she added.

Miss Heidtke said: 'We want to offer modern skills that the artists can combine with their own work such as embroidery.'

'The computer is just another tool.'

The painting exhibition was on the top floor where Jenny Carlile and Molly Smith, who organised the show, were helping to run a stall selling greetings cards of artworks.

They said that two art groups a week work in the centre, on Wednesdays and Friday with about 10 people attending.

People bring their own materials and work in a wide range of media with many coming for the support and to share ideas.



Hilary Sinclair with her reupholstered chair. 06_a24art02

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The Bob Ross Appreciation Society.

Lyrical lines at Kintyre's song fest

Report and photos
Pete Cockburn

SOME of the country's top emerging and established talent belted out their best at the eighth Kintyre Songwriters Festival.

The recently closed White Hart Hotel reopened its doors for the weekend event at the end of last month.

The Friday night saw 11 acts crammed into Whisky Macs to play original material with Iain McIntyre making his solo debut and 'The Shift' putting on a great show despite losing their drummer earlier in the week.

Popular local act, 'Violent Echo', was joined by new talent, 'Cuckoo's Nest', who impressed the crowd with an energetic set.

On Saturday, 'Be Charlotte' brought something new to the festival with a set that combined beat boxing and rapping with acoustic ballads and home-made instruments.

It was her first performance since being announced as one of the acts at this year's T In The Park.

She was joined on



Gullion whose set included a musical brain experiment.

the bill by two artists from the Isle of Lewis, Colin MacLeod and Miss Irenie Rose, who brought a more folksy flavour to the evening.

New local performers including Gareth Croll, 'Parallel Proof' and 14-year-old Rachel Adie, made their festival debuts and cult local band, 'The Bob Ross Appreciation Society', put in an impressive performance.

The festival ended on Sunday night with two piano-playing guest artists with very different styles.

Kathryn Joseph performed haunting tracks from her debut album



Rachel Adie.

which has just been shortlisted for Scottish Album of the Year.

Angus Munro put in an incredible vocal performance backed by his impressive backing band.

Local group 'Gullion' attempted a world first with a set that included a musical brain experiment and drew one of the largest crowds of the weekend.

Newcomers, Matt McAllister and Thomas Jordan, both impressed, demonstrating

the wealth of local talent in Kintyre that the festival can call upon.

A spokesman said, 'We've had another great festival and it's only possible thanks to the year-round support from the musical community in Kintyre. 'Special thanks to our sponsors, the White Hart for opening up especially for us and to the festival audience who are becoming widely known as the best crowd in the country.'



Parallel Proof.



Be Charlotte who will appear at T in the Park.



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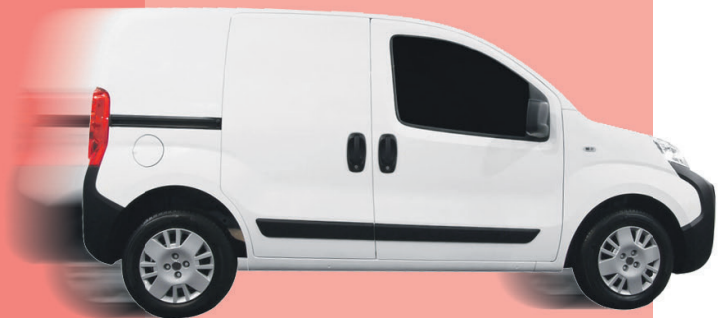
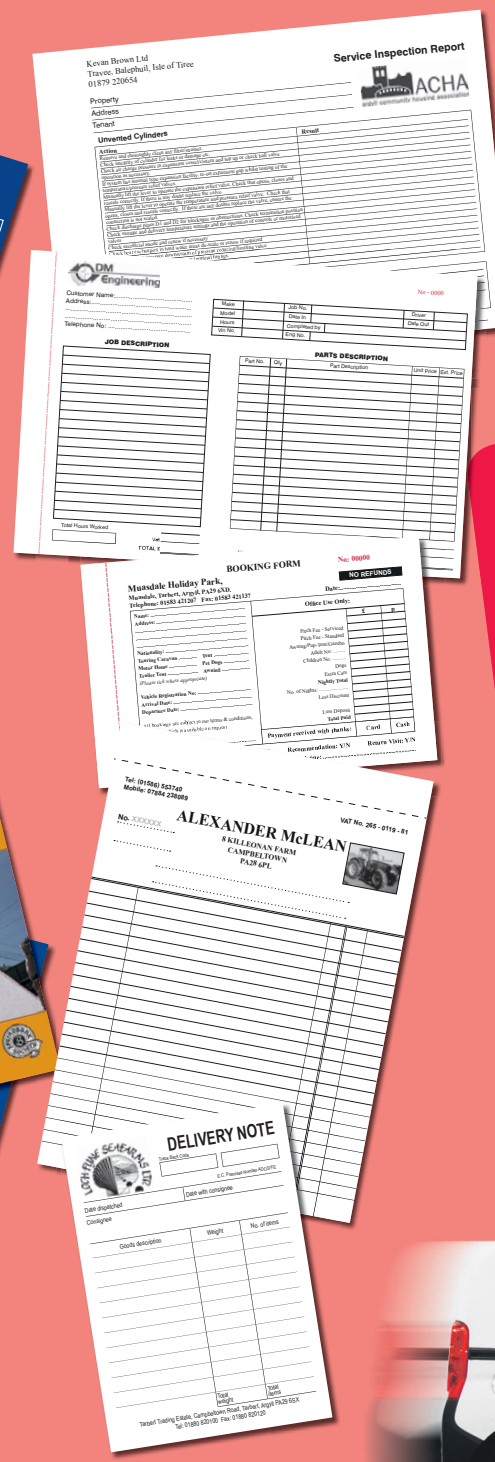
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Home-owner house purchase lending up 15 per cent in Scotland in first quarter



New Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML) data shows the characteristics of lending in Scotland in the first quarter of 2015, including first-time buyer, home mover and remortgage lending.

In the first quarter of 2015:

First-time buyers took out 5,400 loans in Scotland, worth £580m. This was down compared to the fourth quarter 23 per cent by volume and 24 per cent by value. Compared to the first quarter of 2014, the number of loans decreased by seven per cent but the amount borrowed increased by two per cent.

There were 6,700 loans to home movers, valued at £1.1bn. This was down 17 per cent in volume and down six per cent in value compared to the fourth quarter 2014. Compared to the first quarter of 2014, there was an increase of five per cent in volume and an increase of 24 per cent by value. The total number of remortgage loans totalled 5,900 loans (£660m), which was up four per cent in volume and two per cent by value on the fourth quarter 2014. Compared to the first quarter of 2014, activity was down three per cent by volume and one per cent by value.

Lending for home-owner house purchase

Home-owner house purchase in Scotland decreased in the first quarter of 2015 to 12,100 loans, down 20 per cent on the fourth quarter and one per cent year-on-year compared to quarter one 2014. These loans reflected lending of £1.7bn, down 13 per cent compared to the previous quarter but up 15 per cent on the first quarter 2014.

Lending to first-time buyers

First-time buyer affordability changed slightly in Scotland quarter-on-quarter with first-time buyers typically borrowing 2.86 times their gross income, less than the 2.90 income multiple in the fourth quarter 2014 and less than the UK average of 3.37.

The typical loan size for first-time buyers was £94,795 in the first quarter, down from £97,200 in the previous quarter. The typical gross income of a first-time buyer household was £33,499 compared to £33,965 in the previous period.

First-time buyers' payment burden changed slightly in the first quarter at 17.2 per cent of gross income being spent to cover capital and interest payments, higher

than the fourth quarter's 16.8 per cent but lower than the 19 per cent UK average.

Lending to home movers

Home movers typically borrowed 2.64 times their gross income which was unchanged from the previous quarter.

The typical loan size for home movers was £138,395 in first quarter, up from £128,142 in the previous quarter. The typical gross household income of a home mover was £53,924 in first quarter compared to £50,766 in the fourth quarter 2014.

Home movers' payment burden remained relatively low in Scotland at 16.8 per cent of gross income being spent to cover monthly capital and interest payments, unchanged from the previous quarter but considerably less than the 18.5 per cent UK average.

Lending to home owners for remortgage

The total number of remortgage loans in Scotland in the first quarter totalled 5,900 loans (£660m), which was up four per cent in volume and two per cent by value on the fourth quarter 2014. Compared to the first quarter of 2014, activity was down three per cent by volume and one per cent by value.

Linda Docherty, chairwoman of CML Scotland, commented: 'Seasonal factors play a part in the lull commonly seen in lending activity during in the beginning of the year, as seen across the UK this period. What is encouraging is that home movers have been increasing year-on-year and first-time buyer and remortgage levels are relatively consistent with last year.'

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Sally Loudon, Chief Executive

11 June 2015

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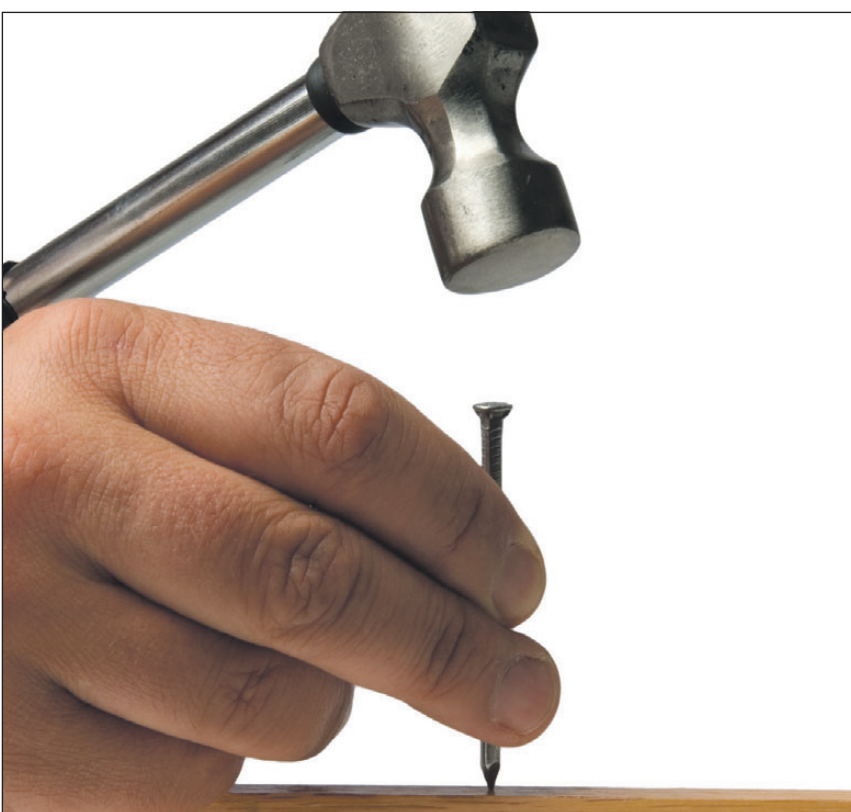
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



RHUNAHAORINE school pupils put their best feet forward this week.

They took off their socks and shoes on the beach on a sunny, but chilly, June day to help other people. They were taking part in a sponsored 'Feet First' initiative being organised by the Leprosy Mission.

Thankfully leprosy is now uncommon in most parts of the world, but this awful disease still affects many people in several countries, including Mozambique.

Foot care is especially important as open wounds and ulcers can become infected and lead to permanent disability.

By providing foot care advice, the aim of Feet First is to stop people affected by leprosy from becoming disabled and having to beg for a living.

Most of these suffering from leprosy are poor and cannot afford appropriate foot wear.

For just £10, special sandals can be provided which give protection and comfort.

The young people of Rhunahaorine rose to the challenge, leapt in feet first, and have raised almost £150.

As Feet First is UK aid match funded, this will provide 30 pairs of sandals.

Leprosy was prevalent at the time of Jesus and those suffering from this disease were cast out and excluded from human contact.

Many of us are familiar with the story of the time when ten men with leprosy approached Jesus and asked for healing.

Jesus took pity on their woeful state and healed them. We are also told that only one came back to thank him.

The people in Mozambique are grateful and give thanks for all the support they are receiving through the Feet First project.

The young folk on the beach have done a great job and it was great to see them waving their feet in the air in celebration of doing something good for others.

Thank you children for stepping up to help.

Campbeltown's St Columba conference

KINTYRE is where St Columba, or Calum Cille, first set foot in what is now Scotland.

On Saturday June 27 and Sunday June 28, a special two-day conference will explore the heritage of the saint in Kintyre and Argyll.

It will also discuss how best to develop the St Columba Trail to encourage heritage and cultural tourism in Argyllshire and to promote stronger links between communities in the west of Ireland and Scotland.

The conference will take place in the Ardshiel Hotel, Campbeltown.

It has been organised by the Islands Book Trust, along with Colm-cille, a partnership programme between Foras na Gaeilge in Ireland and Bòrd na Gàidhlig in Scotland.

Those attending will be coming together to listen to St Columba experts from both sides of the Irish Sea.

This is an inclusive event open to everyone, whatever their backgrounds. It will be a great opportunity to learn about the huge influence Columba had

over the region and the enduring cultural and linguistic links between Scotland and Ireland.

Speakers will include Brian Morton, writer and journalist; Rachel Butter and Alasdair Whyte from the University of Glasgow and Colm O Cuaig of NUI Galway.

Some talks will be in Gaelic or Irish, with simultaneous translation into English. There will also be a ceilidh, a book launch and visits to local sites associated with Columba.

People can attend for the whole event, half days or individual sessions and prices have been kept low to encourage as many as possible to come along, including people from the local community.

Conference organisers are particularly keen to encourage engagement from both Ireland and Scotland and as such have organised a special sailing of the Kintyre Express from Ballycastle to Campbeltown on the morning of Saturday June 27, returning that evening at no extra cost to delegates.

In addition to this, a limited number of scholarships are available to cover the costs of travel for delegates from Ireland and Scotland, outside of mainland Argyll.

Those interested, should email either Daibhidh Boag at Bòrd na Gàidhlig Daibhidh@gaidhlig.org.uk, if ap-

plying from Scotland, or Maolcholaim Scott of Foras na Gaeilge mscott@forasnagaeilge.ie if applying from Ireland.

For more information or to book please contact Mairi at The Islands Book Trust on 01851 830316 or email mairi@theislandsbooktrust.com.

Renowned theologian speaking at Free Church

A MAN who was part of a national newspaper panel on morals will speak at Campbeltown's Free Church.

Professor Donald MacLeod with philosopher Mary Warnock, writer Barbara Gunnell, politician Diane Abbott and physician Karol Sikora wrestled with moral questions set by the Observer newspaper each week.

On Sunday June 21 Professor MacLeod will preach at the Free Church service at 11.15am and will also speak at a special meeting at 4pm.

These meetings at the Free Church in George

Street are open to everyone.

Professor MacLeod is the retired principal of the Free Church college.

Before that he was minister of Kilmallie Free Church and then Partick Highland Free Church. Professor MacLeod is widely regarded as one of Scotland's greatest theologians over the last century.



Professor MacLeod.

Prizes and puddings at Southend

ONE OF Scotland's best bakers made sure Southend Women's Rural Institute's annual general meeting was one to remember.

Members met in Muneroy Tearooms where chef Frances Hill cooked an excellent meal including a selection of puddings.

President Mrs Jen Ronald welcomed members before the secretary and treasurer's reports. She thanked all the committee members for their help and support during the year and said it was very pleasing to see how many people were entering competitions.

The Mrs M Smith trophy for members with the most individual competition points during the year was awarded to Mrs Ronald, 65 points; 2 Fiona Rowland, 52 points and 3 Margaret Penman, 35 points. Retiring committee members were Jen Ronald, Inez Ronald and Elizabeth Semple.

Newly-elected committee members were Mairi McBrayne, Mary Cameron and Christine Jardine. Vice president Kathleen Martin proposed a vote of thanks to Frances, Ian and their staff for a lovely meal.

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From left, president Dugald Graham presents the Campbeltown bowling club open pairs trophy to Alan Sinclair and John McLachlan, with sponsor Donald McLean, and runners-up Jimmy and Gary Anderson.

Argyll bowls pair win in the wind

WEATHER conditions played a huge part in last Saturday's Campbeltown bowling club open pairs.

But one duo from across town defied the gales to take the prize.

Sponsored by Donald McLean Contract-

tors, the tournament was played on the worst day of the season so far, with players forced to contend with torrential showers and a constant strong wind affecting the weight of the bowls.

With the green set across the clubhouse

this meant that deliveries in one direction would generally fall short, while in the other direction they were difficult to stop.

However, good players will always overcome these handicaps and so it proved as father and son

duo Jimmy and Gary Anderson and Alan Sinclair and John McLachlan from Argyll Bowling Club emerged from the round-robin sections to contest the final.

Jimmy and Gary opened with consecutive singles in the first

two ends before Alan and John countered with a trail to the ditch for three in the third.

They immediately followed this with a two and a four to leave them with a 9-2 advantage into the final end, where Jimmy 'burned' the jack

to leave the Argyll pair with a well-deserved win.

The pair got their hands on the coveted Aquila Trophy, presented to the club by honorary members Cecil and Shirley Finn in 1983.

The following day

(Sunday) Archie Johnston won his District 11 semi-final at Colgrain BC by 21-10 to take a step closer to the national finals at Northfield, but Alan McCormick in the junior singles went down by 21-19 in his semi final tie.

Round-up from Machrihanish Golf Club

COMPETITIONS have been arriving thick and fast at Machrihanish during the past few weeks. Here is a round-up of the action:

J W Logan Memorial Trophy and May Medal (May 30, CSS 71, Played 49): 1 Derek Stewart 79-12=67, 2 Mark Tulloch 81-12=69 (BIH), 3 Ian McGougan 71-2=69 (BIH), 4 Donald McNeill 74-5=69 (BIH), 5 Finlay Wylie 78-9=69. Senior - Roy McMurchy 87-14=73, scratch - Stuart Campbell 71.

May Medal: 1st class Ian McGougan, 2nd class Derek Stewart, 3rd class Cameron McGeachy 89-19=70. Senior - Roy McMurchy.

it was almost a case of déjà vu in this year's Texas Scramble, played Friday, May 22 (10% of combined handicap) in which 21 teams played.

Last year's winners had to settle for runners-up this year, with the 2014 runners up finishing third this time around.

Both teams, with brothers in their ranks, were beaten by a phenomenal gross score of 56 recorded by Ian McGougan, David Campbell, Fergus Walker and Andrew Wallace.

The foundation for the winning team to build on was nine straight birdies in an outward half of 26, followed by an eagle at the tenth.

Full results: 1 Ian McGougan, David Campbell, Fergus Walker, Andrew Wallace 56-1.6=54.4; 2 Ross Robertson, Lorne Robertson, Craig Barr, James McKinven 60-3.7=56.3; 3 Nigel Stewart, Derek Stewart, Robert McDonald, David Wallace 62-4.6=57.4.

George Durnan Trophy first round, May 20: Scott Armstrong eclipsed the field in this trophy, played over two rounds, with an impressive nett score of 133.

Armstrong returned consistent gross scores of 90 and 89 which proved too strong for the rest. James McAdam was the runner-up, a further seven shots behind.

Good run of form

In the scratch section, Bobby Willan, winner of this year's spring meeting, continued his good run of form, winning by three shots from current club champion George MacMillan.

Full list of results: (CSS 72, Played 60) Gents' handicap - 1 Scott Armstrong 90-23=67; 2 Brian Cook 86-18=68. Senior - Hector Thomson 97-18=79. Junior - Cam-

eron Wylie 96-23=73. Scratch - 1st Bobby Willan 72; 2 George MacMillan 74.

Ladies - Handicap: 1 N Niermann 97-22=75. Scratch - 1 Ann Gallacher 88.

George Durnan Trophy, 2nd round, May 21 (CSS 71, Played 47): Gents' handicap - 1 Scott Armstrong 89-23=66; 2 Charlie Robertson 78-11=67 (BIH). Junior - Cameron Wylie 95-23=72. Scratch - 1 Bobby Willan 72; 2 George MacMillan 73 (BIH).

Ladies' handicap - 1 N Niermann 98-22=76. Scratch - 1 Ann Gallacher 100. Combined 36 holes totals: Gents' handicap - 1 Scott Armstrong 133; 2 James McAdam 140. Junior - Cameron Wylie 145.

Scratch - 1 Bobby Willan 144; 2 George MacMillan 147.

Ladies' handicap - 1 N Niermann 151. Scratch - 1 Ann Gallacher 188.

Winter leagues play-off, May 9 (bogey competition, four teams played): 1 Ross Robertson and James McKinven, 6-up (Sunday League, cup winners); 2 Jim McCallum and Iain Reid 4up (Saturday League, cup winners - Calum MacMillan (substitute) for Jim McCallum); 3 David Wallace and Andrew Wallace 1up (Saturday League, league winners), 4 David Campbell and Finlay Wylie level (Sunday League, league winners).

Western Dental Stableford, May 10. Medal tees, CSS 74, reductions only, played 41): 1 Ross Robertson 34 points; 2 Thomas Martin 31 (BIH); 3 Robert Coffield 31 (BIH); 4 Fergus Walker 31 (BIH); 5 Bobby Willan Jnr 31.

Dunaverty May and June medals

A SURPRISING struggle took place at Dunaverty golf club's May medal last month, with the 25 players involved toiling to post decent scores.

Donald Taylor was the only player to break 70 and Bobby Millar came good on the day, after a mediocre start to the season, to win with a net 61, one stroke ahead of club captain Ken MacMillan.

Donald Taylor's 69 was the best scratch score and the CSS was 65. Results: 1 Bobby Millar 74-13-61; 2 Ken MacMillan 76-14-62; 3 Donald Taylor 69-5-64(bih); 4 Andrew Robertson 75-11=64; 5 Harry MacLean 75-9-66(bih); 6 Kenny Cameron 74-8-66.

In contrast to the previous week's play, last Saturday's June medal was beset with gale-force winds and showers which discouraged most members from playing.

This was to be the last qualifier for the Muneroy cup and with two places to fill, a few hardy souls took to the course. Donald Taylor lead the way with a nett 68 in the morning, overtaken by Neil Brodie in the afternoon who carded a nett 67, meaning those two qualified. CSS for the day was 66.

Results: 1 Neil Brodie 79-12-67; 2 Donald Taylor 73-5-68; 3 John McDowall 84-15-69; 4 Bill Brannigan 82-11-71; 5 Robert Irvine 85-7-78.

'Dale golf ladies' open day

CARRADALE golf club held its ladies open day on Sunday, attracting 34 entrants from Kintyre golf clubs and several from further afield.

Fairly breezy weather conditions and patchy rain showers proved tricky for some but, despite the testing conditions, it was a most enjoyable day.

The greens were in excellent condition thanks to hard work by greenkeeper Robert Strang and assistant, Gareth Strang.

Results: Handicap - 1 Fiona Rattray (Douglas Park) nett 65; 2 Lynsay McGeachy (Carradale) nett 68 (BIH); 3 Maggie McArthur (Dunaverty) nett 68 (BIH).

Scratch - 1 Laura McGeachy (Hags Castle) 78; 2 Ann Gallagher (Machrihanish) 84; 3 Jo Hastings (Lamlash) 88.

Nearest the pin at the 8th/17th (all) - Laura McGeachy. Nearest the pin in 2 6th/15th (Silver) - Fiona Rattray. Bronze - longest drive at 4th/13th - Lynsay McGeachy. Silver - longest drive at 9th/18th - Susan Butchard (Whiting Bay). Magic 2 - Kate McAdam (Lamlash).



Fiona Rattray, left, winner of the handicap trophy and Laura McGeachy, winner of the scratch trophy.

Grand lotto win

CONGRATULATIONS to Mairi Duncan who won £1,000 in Dunaverty golf club's three-number lottery on Sunday.

The winning numbers were 10, 15 and 20. The jackpot for the draw was sitting at the £1,000 maximum.

The next draw will take place on Sunday June 21 with a jackpot of £100.

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

Results from Islay golf club

SUMMER league, played Wednesday June 3: 1 B O'Neil 47 pts; 2 K MacDonald 37 pts D Holyoake 36 pts C ss 70.

June Medal played Sunday June 7: 1 C Stroud 80-8=72; 2 A Woodman 81-8=73; 3 R Shaw 83-9=74.

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**Donald
signs for
the Sons**



Donald McCallum is all smiles after signing a one-year deal with Dumbarton FC.

CAMPBELTOWN footballer Donald McCallum took another big step in his football career when he signed professional terms with Dumbarton football club.

The 18-year old, who now lives and works in Glasgow, signed a one-year deal last Thursday at the SPFL Championship club's Bet Butler Stadium.

He said: 'I am so happy to have signed.'

'I loved the first-team experience I had last season and am really looking forward to starting pre-season and hope to push on even further this year.'

'Thank you to everyone who has helped me get to this stage.'

As an under-20 player, McCallum will still be able to play in the SPFL development league as well as aiming for more first-team experience, after two championship goals in less than 40 minutes of game time last season.

Richie Salveta, Dumbarton's head of youth, said: 'Donald deserves the opportunity and it is another piece of good news for our academy, as well as a real boost for the players and coaches.'

Carradale win Carran Cup

**Carradale CC 128 all out
Sannox CC 96 all out**

CARRADALE cricket club rekindled last season's winning form with a Carran Cup win over rivals Sannox.

Having been put in to bat on a significantly wet outfield with further showers looming, opens James Cairns and Aiden Keogh got Carradale off to a fast-scoring start.

With Cairns calmly scoring singles and rotating the strike in his usual steady manner, Keogh opened his account with three straight boundaries before losing his wicket prematurely, offering Chris Marriot a high catching chance which he keenly took.

Calum Hooper, Carradale's newly-promoted number three, came to the crease with the score at 20-1, and with the middle-order batsmen in questionable form, a

strong partnership was required to steady the innings.

After slow initial scores, Cairns and Hooper proved a stable combination, achieving a 50-run stand and contributing 30 and 25 respectively, the highest scores of the match.

Unfortunate

It was only misjudgement by Carradale that marked the end of Hooper's innings, with an unfortunate run out ending an otherwise excellent performance that could have continued hurting the Sannox bowlers.

The following overs began an all too familiar display by the home team.

Middle-order wickets fell fast, with four home batsmen failing to trouble the scoreboard after falling victim to the bowling of McCartney, who finished with an impressive three wickets for 30 runs.

Having been bowled



Carradale's squad after their Carran Cup win on Sunday.

out for 128, a score the home side knew was slightly under par, fielding would have to be tight to subdue Sannox's big hitters.

Keogh and Alastair McMillan immediately swung both the ball and the game in Carradale's favour with their

consistent line and length quickly toppling the visitors' top order.

After a strong start, some sloppy fielding offered Sannox a chance to regain control. A total of five dropped catches deeply hurt Carradale while batsmen Keyworth and Marriot

began to dictate play.

The in-form Hooper then prevented the visitors from scoring the 32 runs needed to win, forcing careless shots from the well-set batsmen.

Victory was sealed by a redemptive catch by Cairns, who featured

in two dropped efforts earlier in the innings, marking the home side's third consecutive cup win.

As always, practices take place on Fridays at 6.30pm at the pitch in Carradale. New players are welcome to come along.

Kintyre pair can hold heads high



TWO YOUNG golfers from Kintyre did themselves proud on Sunday despite tough conditions at the Scottish Golf Union's area team championships.

Andrew Wallace from Campbeltown and Bobby Willan from Carradale, both representing Machrihanish golf club, along with Chris Richmond from Cowal golf club and Scott McAlister from Rothesay golf

club, were representing Argyll and Bute at the competition in Tulliallan.

The boys performed well in very difficult conditions on a course in excellent condition, finishing a creditable 13th in front of teams from some much larger areas.

Best performer in the afternoon singles was Bobby Willan with a gross score of 78.

From left, Andrew Wallace and Bobby Willan from Machrihanish golf club, with teammates Chris Richmond, Cowal golf club and Scott McAlister, Rothesay golf club.

Club championship concludes

MACHRIHANISH golf club's championship's final two rounds resume tomorrow (Saturday) and Sunday, with the first two rounds having been played last weekend.

A full report on the club championship will follow in next week's Courier.

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