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Campbeltown Pupils' striker John McCallum shows he is more than just a good footballer by storming to victory in the 100 yards at Southend Highland Games ahead of Tangy's Gary Turner last Saturday. John, who will be playing for the Pupils against Dumbarton FC at Kinloch Park tomorrow (Saturday), also won 220 yards race ahead of Gary who gained revenge in the 440 yards and also won the half mile and mile races. Games organisers were delighted by a record crowd. See page 26 for full story and pictures. 20_c30games01

They're driving away tourists

Town's visitors are being left exhausted by excessive car noise

by **GRAHAM CRAWFORD**
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PRESSURE is growing on police to tackle young drivers with noisy car exhausts over fears Campbeltown's fragile tourism trade is being damaged.

Disgruntled hotel guests have complained in writing to senior police officers in recent weeks.

Sleep-deprived visitors staying at the popular, refurbished Royal Hotel are among the worst affected by convoys of cars doing late evening circuits up and down Main Street.

Some have even gone on Trip Advisor and said 'Great hotel but...' before warning of the traffic noise.

Modified car exhausts, deliberately being revved, have also plagued the area's residents for years.

Legal exhausts

A senior police officer recently told Campbeltown Community Council that the exhausts were legal and little could be done about the problem.

However, Allan Reick, 68, newly retired to the town, disagrees.

He told the Courier this week: 'I believe police could take action.'

'What is going on is nothing short of anti-social behaviour. It is desperate the way the noise reverberates around my flat for hours on end.'

'I chose to retire here because I believed it was a quiet, attractive town.'

'My brother and his wife are coming to visit and I was going to book them into the Royal.'

'It's a lovely hotel, but they want to be sure of a decent night's sleep.'

'I know some hotel residents have written to the police, but others

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Kintyre Way to feature on BBC Radio Scotland

'Walk' with presenter Mark Stephen as he views Kilbrannan Sound and the hills of Arran

THE Kintyre Way will be featured on the top BBC Radio Scotland 'Out of Doors' show tomorrow (Saturday) morning at 6.30am. Show presenter Mark Stephen, accompanied

by some of the Kintyre Way team, walked the Cnoc nan Gabhar section above Carradale last Tuesday and recorded part of his show during the walk. Route manager Andy

Holtby said: 'Mark was keen to get a flavour of the peace and quiet which characterises the Kintyre Way and he loved the stunning views across the Kilbrannan Sound to Arran.

'He asked lots of questions about the wildlife and plans we have for the Way as we walked the route.'

Andy was also accompanied by Kintyre Way chairman Marcus Ad-

ams and marketing officer Anne Martin.

Mark also met Ian Henry and David Johnstone who have recently started as the Kintyre Way maintenance team and were cutting back

undergrowth on one of the paths at the start of the Carradale section.

The 'Out of Doors' programme is aired on a Saturday morning and is aimed at outdoor enthusiasts, walkers and

climbers and is an ideal platform to promote the Kintyre Way to potential walkers throughout Scotland.

The programme is at 92.8 FM on BBC Radio Scotland.

Serious assault

A MAN has been charged with assault after his alleged victim was found bleeding in Main Street, Campbeltown.

Police found the 30-year old victim in the early hours of Saturday morning, July 20. A 40-year-old man was arrested and held in custody until court on Monday.

Police seek car vandals

POLICE would like to hear from anyone with information after a vehicle's wing mirror was damaged on Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown.

A group of between 10 and 20 youths, aged around 16, are thought to be responsible for the damage, caused at 12.30am on Sunday.

Son of Scotland's solicitor general admits Islay dangerous driving charge

Rugby playing 26-year old was more than twice drink drive limit

THE SON of Scotland's solicitor general has been handed an 18-month driving ban and fined £1,100 after driving a car into a marquee on Islay while more than twice the legal alcohol limit.

Andrew Thomson of 4 Walmer Crescent, Glasgow, son of Lesley Thomson who is Deputy of the Lord Advocate, admitted dangerously driving, driving without insurance, mounting a grass verge and going through the side of a marquee.

He also pleaded guilty to driving with 83 microgrammes of alco-

hol in his breath, the legal limit is 35 microgrammes, on the A846 near Port Ellen on June 7 this year.

'Stupidity'

Thomson, aged 26, had travelled to Islay to take part in an island rugby tournament with Melrose Rugby Club but was arrested the night before the event.

Procurator fiscal John Service told Oban Sheriff Court on Wednesday that Thomson was seen driving north from Port Ellen in a car which was not his and after travelling a short distance he turned and went back.

He said: 'He started to

lose control of the car, as a result of which it mounted the kerb then the grass verge.

'The car went towards a marquee which had been erected at the side of the road and the accused drove the car through the side edge of it, collided with a barrel and some tables.'

The front and rear off-side tyres were damaged, but Thomson drove the car to a hotel in Port Ellen where he abandoned it and was later arrested by police.

He told police: 'I was only in charge of the car for 20 seconds. This was stupidity.'

Defence agent Brian Fitzpatrick said Thomson's decision to drive was 'impulsive and spontaneous' and the car was owned by someone involved with the marquee.

He said: 'He has compensated the person whose car it was.'

'The driving was very brief and he has already had some consequence from this piece of stupidity.'

Sheriff Douglas Small said: 'I can't ignore the fact that you were over two times the alcohol limit. You were clearly a danger to yourself and others around you.'



Islay drink driver is the son of Scotland's solicitor general Lesley Thomson, above.

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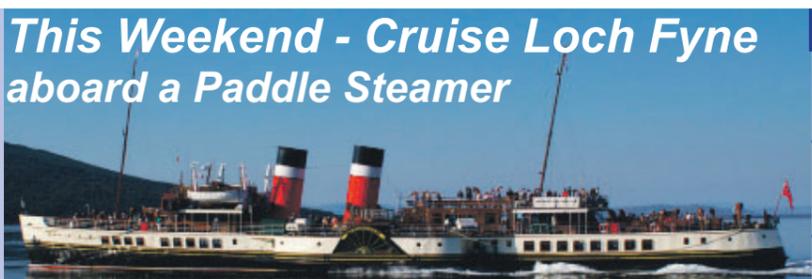
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Guests at the four-star Royal Hotel are affected by noisy cars driving repeatedly up and down Main Street. 08_c30royal01

Anti-social drivers are spoiling town

THE following is a letter sent recently to councillors, the manager at the Royal Hotel and police by a visitor to Campbeltown from the Glasgow area. She requested the paper withhold her name and address.

My husband and I regularly visit Campbeltown to enjoy a relaxing break, normally in the Royal Hotel which has been beautifully restored.

Campbeltown is undergoing some major improvements and we certainly notice this each time we visit and in particular on our last visit on July 5.

The improvements on the water front are quite dramatic.

It is most unfortunate,

therefore to write this letter to you to complain of anti social behaviour, which, sadly ruined our weekend. During our previous stays at the Royal Hotel, there was some noise from joy riders continually going up and down Main Street and along the front on Hall Street and Longrow. On the night of July 5 the joy riders started at 6pm and did not stop till 4am.

We, therefore, had hardly any sleep at all

and this caused great distress to us. I was so distressed that I phoned the police. I did observe the police patrolling the area at times but, sadly no action was taken by them.

Before we left Campbeltown, my husband and I did call into the police station to again pass over our concerns regarding this behaviour and pass on registration numbers of the vehicles involved.

The officer we spoke to was informative, advising us that unless the joy riders broke the Road Traffic Act, there was nothing the police could do.

I have since done a little research about 'anti social behaviour'. The definition of this is; behaviour that lacks consideration for others and that may cause damage to society, is deemed

contrary to prevailing norms of social conduct and members of society find objectionable, even if they are legal.

'It is behaviour likely to cause alarm, harassment or distress to the public not of the same household as the perpetrator.'

During my research, I found that the police have powers to retain and seize vehicles if the owner has been driving in such a manner to cause alarm, distress or annoyance to the public.

Do you think it would be possible to go down this avenue to try to solve this?

I think it is a shame that all the hard work which is being done in Campbeltown to improve the town is being ruined by a few people who have nothing better to do but cause this unacceptable behaviour.

Campbeltown's tourist trade is being damaged by young noisy drivers

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are simply going to decide not to return to the town.

'And they won't exactly be recommending it to others.'

'It is the last thing Campbeltown's fragile tourism industry needs.'

Marc Wexler, project executive with SouthworkDevelopmentLLC, owners of the Royal, said; 'We are very concerned about how these drivers destroy an otherwise pleasant environment in Campbeltown.'

'We have made a significant investment of money and effort to provide our guests with a four-star experience, and it is frustrating to see this undermined by the irresponsible actions of a few people who not only negatively impact our guests' experience, but also create a general nuisance that detracts from the many efforts that have been made to improve Campbeltown in recent years.'

Councillor Don-

ald Kelly said: 'A visitor from Helensburgh told me she had written complaining to the police after being kept awake earlier this month by cars until 4am while staying at the Royal.'

'I'm hearing complaints all the time.'

Councillor Kelly said he had discussed the problem with Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie, area commander for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands, and intends involving Argyll and Bute Council's environmental health officers to monitor sound levels.

He added: 'A lot of people are fed up and it is not acceptable.'

'Positive things are happening to bring people to this town, but this does not help.'

Chief Inspector Baillie said: 'We have had noise complaints recently and will be issuing warnings to drivers about this type of behaviour and telling them about the effect it is having on residents and visitors.'

'We have the powers to seize the offender's motor vehicle if the driver is engaging in careless and inconsiderate driving and that is causing alarm, annoyance or upset.'

'Many of the vehicles complained about are fitted with exhaust systems that are legally compliant but emit enhanced levels of noise.'

'Simply by driving such vehicles continuously around a defined area is not automatically an offence.'

***What is your view?**

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Council planning department praised

THE planning department of Argyll and Bute Council has been praised by the Scottish Government for its levels of performance and contribution to economic growth.

In the Planning Performance Framework - the government's annual report on planning performance - the local authority was commended for its approval rate of 96 per cent, and for showing a desire to negotiate and improve applications where necessary.

Seventy-eight per cent of all applications were determined within two months - much better than the Scottish average timescale.

Councillor Sandy Taylor said: 'While we are very pleased with the positive feedback, our planning service is not complacent and appreciates that continuous improvement is vital.'

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Refurbished cottages costing £1m are re-opened

TENANTS are now in the newly-refurbished Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) owned homes at Dalaruan, Campbeltown.

Representatives of Argyll Community

Housing Association, councillors and tenants gathered for the official opening of the 19th century cottages in glorious weather last Friday.

The £1million project to refurbish the C-listed

derelict cottages has created 12 new fully modernised homes with new access.

The cottages, eight two-bedroom and four one-bedroom homes, were completed by Campbeltown building company McKinven and Colville. Councillor Dougie Philand carried out the official opening before handing keys to the tenants and cutting the ribbon.

He said: 'Everyone involved has done extremely well to bring these homes back into use and it is particularly encouraging that a local company has been able to carry out this work. This is a real

boost for Campbeltown and Kintyre.'



From left: vice chief executive of ACHA Mike Brown and councillor Dougie Philand with new tenants Jackie Graham and Ella McGeachy, Lauren Wilson and Rhuaridh Wilson, Brian Love and David Love, and chief executive of ACHA Alastair MacGregor. 20_c30house03

boost for Campbeltown and Kintyre.' Alastair MacGregor, chief executive of ACHA, said: 'We are delighted to get these homes back fully modernised to meet housing need in Campbeltown. They are part of our £9.3million investment programme in the town and we are really pleased that not only does this project produce new homes but has provided jobs for the local construction industry.'

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'It is good to see local contractors being employed on developments such as this. McKinven and Colville have made an excellent job of refurbishing these properties. It is vitally important that when contracts are being awarded, local businesses are given every opportunity to tender.'

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Councillor Dougie Philand, deputy provost of Argyll and Bute Council, left, hands keys over to new tenant Lauren Wilson and her son Rhuaridh Wilson. 20_c30house01



Councillor Dougie Philand, left, cuts the ribbon along with Jackie Graham who is moving into one of the refurbished homes. 20_c30house02

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Beinn an Tuirc windfarm public information days

THOSE wishing to learn more about initial plans for a third phase of Beinn an Tuirc windfarm can attend two public information days next week.

Scottish Power Renewables (SPR) are hosting the meetings, on Monday and Tuesday, to discuss the next stage of development. An area to the south of the windfarm has been identified for further extension.

The information days will provide members of the public with an opportunity to meet the project team, find out more about the work underway and ask questions.

Construction of phase two is underway with tower sections from Wind Towers due to be delivered over the next few months. The final turbines will be installed by the end of this year.

SPR has operated the original 30 megawatt Beinn an Tuirc windfarm near Carradale for more than a decade, contributing almost £600,000 in community benefit payments for a number of local projects.

John Alexander, project director at ScottishPower Renewables, said: 'We believe in open, early consultation and look forward to meeting members of the community to receive feedback on our initial proposals. Members of our construction team will also be available to discuss Beinn an Tuirc windfarm and opportunities for local businesses to provide services in the future.'

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Marina upgrade will benefit fishermen

FISHERMAN in Kintyre are set to benefit from upgrades to the marina in Campbeltown.

Argyll and Bute Council officers have been working with local fishermen to agree a design to upgrade the existing facilities which are located on the fish quay.

This will give them new showering, changing and toilet facilities.

A paper will come forward to the August Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands area committee for ratification.

Donald Kelly said: 'We are currently developing the marina project which will include new washing and toilet facilities for the visiting yachtsmen. I felt it was important that the council also took the opportunity to upgrade the existing facilities on the quay for our local and visiting fishermen.'

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Man trapped in car

A MAN was trapped in his car following a two-vehicle accident on the B842 Campbeltown to Carradale road last Friday afternoon.

After the collision involving an Audi TT and a Vauxhall Astra near the water works, the 65-year-old was freed by firemen before being taken to Campbeltown Hospital. His injuries are not thought to be life-threatening.

One man has been reported to the procurator fiscal for a road traffic offence.

Chief executive wanted for Gigha

GIGHA is advertising for a chief executive to take the development of the community-owned island to a new level.

Five business managers have come and gone on the island and overseen many positive changes since the community buyout in 2002.

'They brought a variety of skills that have been good for the island,' said Margaret McSporrán, acting chairwoman of Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust.

'We'd now like

someone who wants to be part of the community, be here for the long term and move Gigha from development mode to stability and growth mode.'

The trust has already had 'a number of interested applicants' for the chief executive post, paying up to £35,000 a year, and is expecting more before the closing date of July 31.

Since the buyout, the trust has overseen extensive building and upgrading of housing for its 156 resi-

dents and the establishing of three large wind turbines - named Faith, Hope and Charity - to generate revenue for the improvement programme.

The new chief executive will be expected to oversee the final, and possibly more financially challenging, housing improvement phase renovating nine large farmhouses.

He or she will also be tasked with managing the 3,500-acre estate, overseeing improvements to the marina, promoting communi-

ty events such as the Gigha Challenge and music festival, and beefing up the marketing of the island.

Meanwhile, Gigha's only shop and source of fuel, papers, bread, milk and fruit and veg, which has been closed for six months, is set to re-open before the end of the summer.

'Its tenancy was put out to market and we reviewed a number of business plans from interested parties before awarding it to one of the island's young couples, Joe Teale and



Gigha's Ardmish Village from the air.

Hannah Storie,' said Ms McSporrán.

'Its lack has meant a lot of to-ing and fro-ing to the mainland.

'The plus side has been a lot of "help thy

neighbour" but its lack has not been easy on elderly residents.

'It will be fantastic to get the heart back into the community.'

The island's 13-bed

hotel, being run by the community since the manager and his wife left earlier this year, will be another consideration for the new chief executive.

Attempting to pervert the course of justice

A MAN was detained by police at Campbeltown's esplanade on Saturday afternoon, on suspicion of giving false information to the police.

The 22-year-old was then arrested and charged with attempting to pervert the course of justice.

He was later released, pending a court appearance.

Faulty appliance causes fire at Glenbarr farm

A FIRE at a Glenbarr farm's milking shed is thought to have been caused by a faulty appliance.

No people or animals were injured in the incident at Killegruer Farm in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Police said there were no suspicious circumstances.

Breach of bail man arrested

A MAN was arrested at the Sound of Kintyre at 9am on Sunday after being found in breach of his bail conditions.

The 28-year-old was held in custody pending a court appearance the following morning.

Make your views known on school closure legislation

PARENTS and community groups are being urged to make their views known on proposed changes to the legislation on school closures.

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell, the education secretary, said: 'School closures are an emotive issue for all communities and it is important that they are dealt with in an open, effective and transparent manner.'

'Rural schools have particular importance to the local economy and the viability of rural communities. I want to ensure we have measures in place to protect and enhance that while still providing councils with the flexibility they need.'

Last week Mr Russell launched a consultation in response to the Report of the Commission of the Delivery of Rural Education.

The commission was set up by the Scottish Government and COSLA to examine the delivery of rural education and review the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

The consultation seeks views, by

September 2 on: the presumption against closure; providing financial information on closure proposals; clarifying and expanding Education Scotland's role; the basis for determining school closure proposals; establishing an independent referral mechanism; and views on a five-year moratorium between closure proposals for the same school.

Mr Russell added: 'I am committed to working closely with relevant stakeholders, parents and communities to tackle these difficult issues.'

Encourage

'The commission suggested a number of changes to the legislation on school closures. I encourage everyone with an interest in schools to consider this consultation and ensure their views are reflected in new legislation which delivers for education, economies and communities.'

The consultation document and details of how to respond can be found at: <http://www.scoland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/07/5984>

Soldiers suffer post traumatic stress

FOUR former soldiers from Argyll and Bute who served in Iraq and two who served in Afghanistan are receiving help for post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), it has been revealed.

New research has shown that Iraq and Afghanistan veteran are seeking help for PTSD and other mental illnesses far sooner than those of earlier wars.

The information was

revealed following a recent BBC Panorama special on military mental health.

Evaluation

In the first evaluation of former troops from those two conflicts being treated by veterans' mental health charity Combat Stress, the time lag between them leaving the armed forces and seeking help averaged two years.

This contrasts sharply

with the previous average time lag of 14 years for other conflicts.

Combat Stress is treating more than 5,200 veterans nationally who suffer from psychological injuries as a result of their military careers.

Robert Lappin, Combat Stress Scotland West regional welfare officer, said: 'Veterans need to feel able to tell their GP if they think they need mental health services.'



Beinn an Tuirc Windfarm Phase 3

Information Days

ScottishPower Renewables is proposing to develop a further extension to Beinn an Tuirc Windfarm, located north of Campbeltown on the Kintyre peninsula.

We are calling this project Beinn an Tuirc Windfarm Phase 3.

We invite you to attend our information days to introduce the project, currently in the early stages of development. Our staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

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Residents are fed up

IT cannot be easy being police officers these days. At all times they have to watch what they do and how they do it. Could it be misconstrued? Could they be criticised? Could they be sued? It does not matter if an incident is highly charged or totally unexpected. Officers, for example, can be dealing with an extremely belligerent, aggressive and physically strong drunk lashing out with boots and fists and have to take particular care in how they talk to him and handle him.

Time was it was enough for a police officer to have a stern word with someone. Now do that too often, or even once, and he or she is accused of harassment. All of which might go some way to explaining the limited action thus far over Campbeltown's young drivers with their noisy exhausts.

However, pressure is increasing on police for something tangible to be done. Why should these drivers be allowed to negate the good work being done in the town? Surely driving up and down a street for hours revving noisy exhausts constitutes anti-social behaviour? Why are offenders not given ASBOS? If someone stood outside these drivers' homes and simply clapped their hands repeatedly, a police officer would be there soon enough telling them they are creating a nuisance and risking arrest.

Residents are fed up and visitors are being put off returning. We must make being here a completely happy experience.

Kintyre needs tourism and at its best deserves it, but when there is no shortage of choice of places to go our guests cannot be taken for granted.

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Little difference between New Labour and the Conservatives

Sir,
I can assure Mr MacSporran (letters, July 19) that many share my opinion of there being little real difference between New Labour and the Conservative Party on the key political issues of our time. He may smirk about this being laughable, I regard it as rather serious. Any criticism of the Tories by Miliband and Balls is merely cosmetic, as one would expect from the official Opposition. Miliband's 'one nation' slogan is the blatant plagiarism of traditional Tory philosophy.

It is undeniable that Blair and his cohorts transformed the erstwhile People's Party into a right-wing political entity. This paid off handsomely for him though thousands of real Labour people ripped up their membership cards in despair. Clause Four was struck from the Constitution; the patronage of Rupert Murdoch was eagerly sought and obtained; the singing of 'The Red Flag' and 'Auld Lang Syne' at the close of conferences was discarded; no attempt was made to rescind the harsh trades union laws, and Keynesian policies were ignored to continue the pursuit of neoliberalism.

Little wonder that Mrs Thatcher, when asked what she regarded as her greatest legacy to Britain, without hesitation replied: 'New Labour'. Even less surprising was the fact that Blair, drawing on support from a grateful

middle-England, became the longest serving Labour Party prime minister of all time. In Labour's real stronghold, Scotland, however, the people rejected New Labour, by twice electing an SNP government, the second time with an astonishing overall majority, thus defying the fundamental design of the political system at Holyrood. Far from learning a lesson Johann Lamont has already suggested that she will implement policies at the next election which Ruth Davidson would find perfectly acceptable.

Alas, space limitations prevent me commenting on the independence referendum - perhaps another time.

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Campbeltown to Ardrossan timetable

Sir,
Regarding the comments in last week's Campbeltown Courier from Linda Mair on the timetable of the Campbeltown to Ardrossan ferry.

The first year of this service is intended to be a snagging year and it is vital that as much data is collected from people who would want to use the service but have not been able to and what improvements they would wish to see in the service as it develops over the years ahead.

Given that the timetable was only finalised a matter of weeks before the snagging period started there has been little opportunity for local businesses to market the service to their customers. Next year

should see much more marketing of the route.

The harbour master has a log in his office and I would ask that anyone who has suggestions which will assist in the improvement of the service make these known to him at his base at the rear of the ferry terminal building or directly to myself on 01586 553765.

A consultative group is being established with CalMac and local stakeholders to look at improvements to the service based on this feedback.

I would however point out for the benefit of those wishing to use the train connection that it is a one minute walk from the platform of Ardrossan Harbour station to the ferry terminal building and the train is scheduled to arrive 14 minutes before departure of the ferry.

John Semple,
Lead councillor
environment, development
and infrastructure
Argyll and Bute Council.

Failure to cut grass verges increases carnage to wildlife

Sir
For the first time ever, during the past week three birds have flown out of the grass road verge and died when they hit my car.

I can only assume that many more birds are feeding in the verges due to the council not cutting the grass verges. This allows the wild flowers to seed and provide good feeding for the birds.

In the past week I have also noticed the corpses of two sparrow hawks on the road between Clachan and Tayin-

loan. Presumably they have also been attracted towards the road verges to prey on the smaller birds feeding there.

I noted in a recent edition of the Courier that a councillor was quoted as saying that there would have to be further cuts to grass verge cutting.

As Argyll and Bute Council now only cut the verges once a year then this would suggest that many verges will not be cut at all next year.

The roads budget is already inadequate and the uncut verges are already proving a danger to motorists as the visibility at many accesses and bends has been dangerously obscured by the overgrown uncut verges.

I would suggest that if the council wants to make spending cuts that they do not make these in areas that put our lives and property at risk and that lead to the increased carnage to our wildlife.

Iain Logan,
Tayinloan

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Jamie is named among influential countryside figures

JAMIE Stewart 'never could have imagined' that his love of the outdoors - formed at an early age roaming the Campbeltown countryside and fishing with his father - would lead to him rubbing shoulders with Scotland's top politicians.

However, that is exactly what he does today as director of Scottish Countryside Alliance.

So important is his role that, despite taking up his post only last September, he has just been named number 46 of 'the most influential movers and shakers of 2013 in Scotland's countryside' by the upmarket Scottish Field magazine.

It describes him as 'a

famously pugnacious defender of field sports and an experienced game and deer manager'.

He told the Courier: 'I've had a fabulous career. I never could have imagined that I was going to have a direct impact on Scottish politics and the shape and future of the countryside.'

'It is a hugely interesting challenge to come back to Scotland on the cusp of a referendum and to get involved in the likes of land reform.'

Mr Stewart, 49, grew up in Campbeltown, and said that from an early age he was roaming the Kintyre forests, glens, rivers and estuaries.

He has also very fond memories of fishing the Backs Water near Machrihanish for salmon, sea trout and trout with his late father Jim, a former Clyde fisherman who became a shellfish importer and exporter.

Pursue

He left Campbeltown at the age of 18 to pursue a career in gamekeeping and wildlife management.

After working with deer herds in Skye and by Loch Ness, he went to the University of Southampton at the age of 34 to do a degree in wildlife biology. 'It was then I realised that all my working life had been about ecology and

biology.'

He furthered his studies through the Open University and in 2008 took a sabbatical from his job as director of the British Association for Shooting and Conservation to do a Winston Churchill Scholarship in Africa and America studying 'the social-economic relationship between charismatic birds of prey and impoverished communities'.

Now living in Duns, Berwickshire, he said he tries to get back to Campbeltown three or four times a year to visit his mum, Rachael, and his sister, Margaret, and her husband, Alistair, at their Fallside Farm, Stewarton.



As a youngster he roamed the forests, glens, rivers and estuaries, now Jamie Stewart is as likely to be found shaping land reform with leading Scottish politicians.

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band aims for success at Scottish Championships in Dumbarton

THE Scottish Championships are upon us, with Kintyre Schools Pipe Band aiming for success in Dumbarton tomorrow (Saturday).

Both Kintyre Schools Juvenile and Novice bands are being sponsored by Kintyre's leading civil engineering company, McFadyens Contractors (Campbeltown) Limited. The band is delighted that Billy and Pam McFadyen, representing the sponsors, will be there to support them at the championships. Their son Neil is in the Juvenile drumming corps and daughter Christina in the Novice pipe corps. While

Billy and Pam relax and enjoy the occasion, Neil and Christina along with both bands will be working hard, striving for two winning performances.

McFadyens Contractors have been in business for 100 years and is still very much a family business.

Main focus

The main focus of the business is now on civil engineering contracting, plant hire and quarrying. Despite expansion, McFadyens Contractors remain committed to Kintyre, being based entirely within the peninsula.

Billy McFadyen

said: 'Kintyre Schools Pipe Band is something we can all enjoy and be proud of. I'm delighted to have McFadyens Contractors associated with the success and commitment shown by Kintyre Schools. As a parent, I see the benefits at first hand, and I hope to be there to enjoy success at the Scottish Championships on July 27. We'll be cheering for Kintyre.'

Pipe Major Ian McKerral thanked Billy for his support and reiterated how much KSPB heavily rely upon and appreciate local companies for their continuing support.



Kintyre Schools Pipe Band pictured at the Lifeboat Gala Day with their sponsor, McFadyens Contractors (Campbeltown) Limited.

The bands will have an early start tomorrow for the coach journey to Dumbarton to compete at the Scot-

tish Pipe Band Championships. The Novice band are due to play at 10.03am in what will be their first major

competition of the season drawn two out of 21 bands, and the Juvenile band will play at 12.02pm drawn one

out of eight bands and looking to improve on their fifth place at the British and European championships.

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Campbeltown Young Firefighters put through their paces

MEMBERS of Campbeltown Young Firefighters were put through their paces during a parents' evening recently.

The unit which started in 2008 has 20 young people between the ages of 13-16 who learn about the role as a firefighter including ladder drills, hose drills, pump drills, safe working at heights, road traffic collisions, breathing apparatus and trauma management.

At the parents' evening, they performed a drill demonstration before the annual prizegiving.

Award winners were: Trauma Trophy - Clare Lister and Scott McKerral; Safe working at heights (SWAH) Shield - Camp-

bell O'May and Tayler Pater-son; Community Shield - Rachel MacPhail; Special Achievement - Lewis Blair; Young Firefighter's Young Firefighter of the year - Ciaran Norris; Best Watch - Black Watch; Most Improved Young firefighter - Ashleigh Conner; Young Firefighter of the year - Ciaran Norris; special recognition for trauma certificates - Maryann Wylie, Ciaran Norris, Kayleigh MacLean.

All young firefighters received first, second, third and fourth year certificates for completing the term, and 12-week trial certificates were issued to recent recruits.

Campbeltown Young Firefighters are now recruiting for the start of next term next month. Application forms for anyone interested between the ages of 13-16 are available on request from Kelly. mcsporran@strathclydefire.org

Raised £2,400

The young firefighters raised £2,400 from a sponsored swim at Aqualibrium, a race night held in the Kilbrannan Bar and a sponsored climb of Ben Nevis and donated £1,200 to Yorkhill Children's Hospital.

Kelly McSparran, unit leader, said: 'We are grateful to all local businesses for their continuous support.'



Young firefighters put on a demonstration during their recent parents' evening. 08_c29fire01



'AMAZING - until I fell off.' Those were the words of Bradley McMillan, one of nine BMX riders who recently travelled from Campbeltown to Evolution skate park in Saltcoats. The group made the trip last Friday, July 19, thanks to money from the NHS Health and Wellbeing fund. After going for a few rides, the youngsters chatted to the park's manager, who gave them ideas on how to improve their own skate park in Campbeltown.

Fire cadets take to the water in Tarbert

EIGHT young people from the Campbeltown Young Fire Cadets travelled to Tarbert on July 13 to showcase the skills they have learned as part of the organisation.

The young people, aged 13 to 18, demonstrated how firefighters cut people free from

cars after road accidents to hundreds of people who turned out for the village's annual raft race.

The teenagers used a variety of equipment to free the casualty before removing them from the car on a spinal board.

Also joining in the fun

the cadets, dubbed the space cadets for the day, took to the water in their own handmade raft.

Not quite so successful in the water, the cadets finished last in their semi-final heat but entertained onlookers as they attempted to complete a maritime obsta-

cle course erected in Tarbert Bay.

According to instructor Jenna Murray, the cadets had a great time in the raft, which was given to them by Tarbert Fire Station. Describing their technique she said: 'They were going in circles constantly!'



Michelle Paterson and Rachel MacPhail were all laughs as they aimed to navigate the 'space cadets' raft around Tarbert Harbour. 06_a29raft06



Campbeltown Young Fire Cadets Michelle Paterson, Lewis Blair, Campbell O'May and Ciaran Norris joined in the festivities at Tarbert Harbour on Saturday. 06_a29raft20

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Dream come true for Lorne

'Absolutely a dream come true' is how Carradale piping legend Lorne MacDougall has described his part in the Doctor Who Prom.

The piper went down to London on July 11 to play at the Royal Albert Hall, where incidental music from Doctor Who was performed.

Lorne explained: 'There were about 30 seconds set in Glasgow in the last series and they wanted to do it live. It's only 16 bars but it was an absolute dream come true.'

'It goes out on television sometime this autumn.'

Lorne will also be tak-

ing to the stage next month as part of Piping Live in Glasgow.

He will be performing on August 13 at the Street Cafe from noon, while on Friday August 16 he will be doing a workshop on how to write out bagpipe music on computer.

Great year

Speaking about last year's show he said: 'Last year was a great year because I got to put my band together. I chose musicians I like to listen to.'

The piper also continues to teach during the summer at the College of Piping and the Piping Centre which he says he

really enjoys, adding: 'It's good fun to meet new people and people who are passionate about playing.'

His next appearance in Kintyre will be at the MOK Festival at the end of August where he will be playing a different set of pipes at the Dalriada Connections Concert.

He explained: 'I'll be playing the uilleann, or Irish bagpipes, which are completely different to the Scottish pipes. I've got a bit of a head start because I play the whistle but it's still very difficult.'

'If it goes wrong, at least everyone will have a laugh!'



Fresh from performing in the Doctor Who prom at London's Royal Albert Hall, Lorne MacDougall, originally of Carradale, will play at the Piping Live festival next month.

Do you want a challenge? Then get on your bike!

THERE has never been a better time for cyclists in Kintyre to get back in the saddle, with entries now being taken for the 2013 Mull of Kintyre Bike Challenge.

With a selection of routes ranging from three to 103 miles, all abilities are catered for at the event on Sunday, October 13.

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The Mull of Kintyre Bike Challenge offers a range of routes.

any money raised going to Macmillan Cancer Support, everyone is encouraged to get involved.

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For more information, call organisers Russ and Ros Wilkes on 01586 552747, log on to the website: www.mokbike.com or find it on Facebook by searching Mokbike 2013.

Young Farmers hold dance

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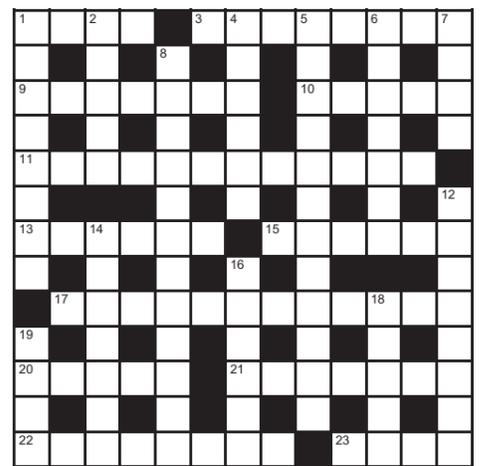
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PENINVER

Flamingos at Peninver

THESE young visitors to Peninver Caravan Park simply could not believe their eyes.

Sisters Emma, 2, and Ailidh Innis, 4, from Lochgilhead, and their cousin Keren Paterson, 5, from Dumbarton, woke last week to find themselves surrounded by flamingos.

'It was lovely to see the surprise and wonder in their faces,' said their gran, Margaret Innis, of Kintyre Gardens, Campbeltown.

'They thought the flamingos had come out of the water.'

The girls, whose families are regulars of the caravan site, were 'flocked' by a family member.

Organised by Campbeltown Grammar School's CGS 4 Gambia group, the plastic birds are a fundraising exercise. They are placed on people's lawns early in the morning, and £20 is collected when they are removed later in the day.

Fourteen S6 pupils will travel to the west African nation in February 2014 to help with painting and building work, and to teach the children there about basic first aid and hygiene.

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Sisters Emma and Ailidh Innis, and their cousin Keren Paterson, were delighted to see the flock of pink flamingos at Peninver Sands caravan park.

SOUTHEND

Cash being raised for Gambia trip

GARDENS across Kintyre are continuing to be 'flocked' by fundraisers for Campbeltown Grammar School's trip to Gambia.

Despite the summer holidays, fundraising is carrying on in earnest with lots of requests for flockings coming in and the CGS4Gambia stand popping up at events across the peninsula.

The group made their latest appearance at Southend Highland Games on Saturday as they raise donations towards a trip next February to volunteer in a community school in Kalagi.

Businesses throughout Kintyre have also got in

on the act, with Springbank Distillery auctioning off a special bottle of whisky drawn from their oldest cask, which is 24 years, three months and nine days old.

The auction runs from now until August 26 and those wishing to bid should send their offer, name, address and telephone number to auction@springbankwhisky.com.

The other bottle of the whisky is available by the dram at the Ardshiel Hotel.

To order some flamingos for a special event or just to help raise funds, contact Agnes Stewart at agnes.stewart@argyll-bute.gov.uk.



Iain and Tracey McEachran were on hand selling balloon shapes at the CGS4Gambia stand at Southend Highland Games on Saturday.

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CARRADALE

Baking stall raises £181

CARRADALE Guild organised a very successful baking stall at the

village's recent harbour day, raising £181.55.

Yesterday evening, the group's summer fayre took place in Carradale village hall. It featured the usual stalls, with teas, coffees and refreshments.

Guild summer fayre raises more than £900

SADDELL and Carradale Guild raised an impressive £913.85 at their recent annual summer fayre in Carradale Village Hall.

The event, which took place last Thursday, was opened by reverend Chris Fulcher, wife of the minister of Carradale and Southend.

She was presented with a basket of flowers by Zoe Gosling, who is in the Sunday school, while locals and visitors alike supported the fayre, helping them to raise the impressive total.

CLACHAN

Fun and frolics in the sun at Clachan

RYAN McGlynn provided the music for the evening when Clachan Village Hall held its annual ceilidh on Friday, July 12.

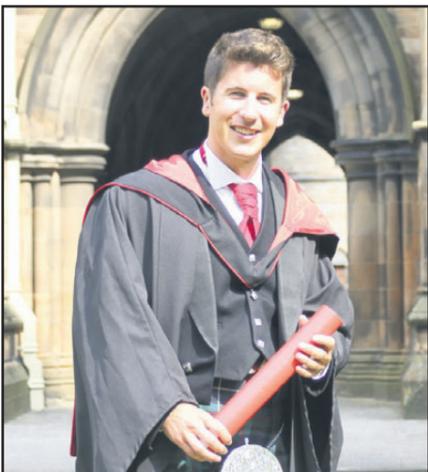
The fun continued into Saturday when the hall grounds filled with stalls, BBQ and games run by Clachan Youth Club.

The 'Garden on a Plate' competition was impressive with plenty of skill and imagination on display.



One of the entries for the garden on a plate competition.

GRADUATIONS



Dr Michael Peter MacPherson graduated MBChB with Distinction and BsC (Hons) Sports Medicine from Glasgow University. Michael is the son of Sara and John MacPherson, Oban and the grandson of Dorothea and Peter Robertson, Tarbert, Norma Tedeschi, Viareggio and the late Robert MacPherson, Paisley.



Natalie Roberta Smith graduated on June 28, 2013 from Strathclyde University with a 2:1 Honours degree in Law with Sociology. Natalie is the elder daughter of Stephen and Nicola Smith of Lochgilhead and granddaughter of Jan and the late John Sinclair, Lochgilhead and the late Malcolm Smith and Nina Smeaton of Tarbert.

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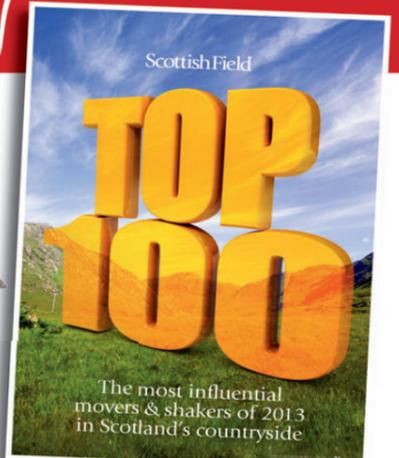


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Clochkeil lifts main prizes at Ayrshire herds competition

FRESH from its latest success at this year's Royal Highland Show, Clochkeil Farm lifted the main prizes last week at Kintyre and District Ayrshire Breeders Club's herds competition.

Held last Wednesday in splendid weather, seven herds were presented for the event's judge, James McAlister, of Bruchag Farm, Bute, before dinner in the Royal Hotel, Campbeltown.

Results: herds: 1 J and M Barr Clochkeil, 2 A Millar Ballyreggan, 3

J Barbour and Co Machribeg, 4 TM Ralston and sons East Drumlembie.

Individual cow: 1 J and M Barr with Calderglen Raffia (dairy interbreed champion, Royal Highland Show 2010), 2 TM Ralston and Sons, 3 J Barbour and co, 4 A Millar.

Large herd

Carrs cup for best large herd: J and M Barr; George M Reid Memorial cup for best small herd: A Millar.

SAI cup for best overall herd: J and M Barr; Volac cup for best individual cow: J and M Barr.



Judge James McAlister, left, with John Ferguson of Killervan Farm near Southend.

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Primestock breeders hold stock-judging

KINTYRE Primestock Breeders Association members held their stock-judging event on a lovely, midge-free summer night at Dippen Farm, by kind permission of the Semple family.

Matthew Ralston, chairman, welcomed the 105 competitors then introduced master judge for the evening, Katreen Millar, of Lochend Farm, who had the arduous task of judging seven classes of Charolais

cattle. After the presentation of prizes, Angus Gillies, vice chairman, thanked the Semple family for providing excellent facilities and a tremendous show of Charolais cattle, the girls for scoring, committee for providing raffle prizes and sandwiches, and lastly Katreen Millar for giving her time to travel to Kintyre and judge the cattle.

Winners: gents - 1 Andrew Hamilton, 2 Dun-

can McKinnon, 3 Johnny Cameron.

Ladies - 1 Mary Colville, 2 Helen Glenn, 3 Ruby Currie.

Young farmers aged 14-26 - 1 Katie Smith, 2 Graeme MacMillan, 3 Alistair McCallum.

Juveniles - 1 Ruth

Turner, 2 Skye Sinclair, 3 Linzi Cameron.

Ballywilline Cup - Ruth Turner; young farmers' cup - Katie Smith; Jackson cup for most points overall - Andrew Hamilton; novelty prize, guess a cow's birthday - Sandy Pirie.

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Marine tourism attracts visitors to the Kintyre peninsula

Kintyre was recently described by the Scottish Parliament as a 'model for regeneration through marine tourism'. Courier reporter Pamela Paterson had a great time when she tried two water-based activities in Kintyre which do not require owning a boat and are already attracting visitors.

WATER - it is everywhere if you live in Kintyre.

It surrounds the peninsula, with barely a mile of land at Tarbert denying Kintyre island status.

The area has a rich maritime history. The past century saw steamers crossing over from Glasgow as well as many hundreds of fishing boats. Today, the nautical pursuits have

largely changed and are more tourism based.

One 'must-do' is Mull of Kintyre Sea Tours - a chance to get out to the likes of Sanda and Ailsa Craig and soak up the sealife.

Fast and furious

With lifejackets provided and reassuring safety talks given at the Campbeltown dock, a typical fast and furious trip on the rigid inflatable boat to Ailsa Craig takes only 40 minutes - and offers the chance to see seals, porpoises, puffins and gannets amongst other wildlife.

If a passenger spots a creature of interest the boat is stopped and everyone has a look around until it is spotted again.



Mike Taylor points out landmarks to passengers as his boat leaves Campbeltown Loch.

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The boat bumps across the waves, splashes spray in the air and is a bit of a thrill ride.

Ailsa Craig, a towering rock which appears to be the meeting spot for every sea bird in Scotland, is one of Seatours most popular destinations.

Popular

Michael Taylor, director of Seatours, explained: 'Our trips are particularly popular in the summer holidays, with 7,000 passengers to date.

'Favourite trips are to Sanda to see seals and puffins in season and to Ailsa Craig for its 70,000 gannets and other seabirds.

'Arran Distillery at Lochranza is also popular, and during the school holidays our half-hour fast blasts are a favourite with all ages.

'We also do charters to Northern Ireland and the Ayrshire coast, and recently we've seen a growth in work with film crews.

'Other requests have included scattering ashes at sea and doing tidal energy surveys. Since 2005 we have also been under contract to the Royal Navy as part of its counter-terrorism training.'

Fast boats aside, there is another option for

Breaks Surf Shop at the Putechan Hotel is the place to go for those wanting to try and rule the waves from a board.

Peter Ellerton, a man who clearly loves his job, offers excellent tuition for all abilities, including complete beginners.

Before anyone with designs to become a pro surfer can even think about standing up, first you must learn to catch a wave.

After mastering being swept back to shore, preferably in a straight line, and being splashed in the face by salty Atlantic waves, it is time to try standing.

For this reporter, getting to my knees was as good as it got, especially after wearing out muscles I did not even know I had.

Best places

Peter maintains that Kintyre is one of the best places for surfing simply because it is so quiet - and maybe that is a good thing when you are constantly falling off your board.

Looking to the future, it is hoped that an upgraded Campbeltown marina will allow other water sports to be developed alongside sailing. These include diving, canoeing and water skiing.



A striking sight close up, Ailsa Craig has a huge gannet population as well as swarms of other sea birds.

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those wanting to dip a toe in Kintyre's waters - surfing.

Forget Cornwall, Hawaii or Bondi Beach, Kintyre is a hot spot for catching a wave, using some surfing slang and risking a wipe out.

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Seals lounging about at Ailsa Craig, one of the most popular destinations for Seatours.

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Surfing is even harder than it looks, but Peter Ellerton, left, is there to help beginners make the giant leap into the waves.



Courier reporter Pamela Paterson tries out surfing on a cold June day at Machrihanish Beach.

THE Kintyre Show



IT is a strong fixture in the Kintyre calendar, and this year it promises to be as good as ever.

Kintyre Agricultural Show on Friday, August 2 will possibly attract a crowd of up to 2,000 to its usual venue at Anderston Park, Campbeltown. John Armour, show secretary, was delighted to reveal that entries are up again and close to an all-time high.

'We have more than 170 entries in the dairy section, more than 40 in the beef section, more than 200 in the sheep section and 20 in the Clydesdales which is particular good to see, being four up on last year,' said John.

'The show offers the chance to see some of the best stock in the country including Kintyre's three winners at this year's Royal Highland Show - Robin Barr of Clochkeil with Ayrshire cattle champion Calderglen Silverbell 7, Mary Turner of Kildalloig with her Bluefaced Leicester sheep champion, and David McPhail, of Moy, who had the best Clydesdale foal.

'Visitors who come from far away say the stock on display at the show is among the best seen in the country.'

As always there will be no shortage of stalls, including

representation from Tithebarn Mineral Company, appearing at the show for the first time and whose new rep, local man Kenny Ronald, has put up £100 sponsorship for the show.

The fair on site will provide plenty of entertainment for youngsters, and as well as a refreshments tent and catering tent there will be food available from stalls throughout the field.

Judging will start at 9am for the horse and pony sections, at 10.30am for dairy, sheep and beef, 11am for the Clydesdales and 11.30am for the old tractors. The dog show starts at 1pm with entries taken on the day up until 12.30pm.

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band will be performing during the day, and the main parade and prize giving is scheduled for 3.15pm.

Young farmers events will be on throughout the day, and the tug-of-war is expected to start at around 2pm. Those interested in putting a team together are welcome on the day.

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Bluefaced Leicester sheep champion at Royal Highland Show to appear at Kintyre Show



John McLachlan shows his delight on having the Bluefaced Leicester sheep champion at this year's Royal Highland Agricultural Show. Also in the picture is judge Dennis Lumley and Rosie Cannon, granddaughter of Mary and Joe Turner. c30bluesheep02no

AFTER having the Blue Leicester reserve champion in 2011, Kildalloig Farm, near Campbeltown went one better at this year's Royal Highland Show by producing the champion.

The powerful three-crop ewe by a Clennell sire, which was also champion at last year's Mid Argyll Show, will be at next week's Kintyre Show.

The 3,500 acre Kildalloig Farm, overlooking Davaar Island, is owned by Joe and Mary Turner, but Mary is quick to credit her farm manager John McLachlan, 41, for the Royal Highland Show success.

'The main part of our business is our large Blackface flock and 120 Aberdeen Angus cattle,' she told the Courier.

'We have kept some Blue Leicester for 15 years and greatly improved the flock thanks to John's great enthusiasm for the breed.

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Clydesdale breeders put up new cup for Kintyre Show after Royal Highland Show success

FRESH from their latest Royal Highland Show success, Clydesdale breeders David McPhail and son, also David, have put up a new cup for this year's Kintyre Show. It will go to the best Clydesdale foal of the show, and will be open to all comers.

'We have talked about doing this for some years. It will be nice for the winners to take away a cup for a year,' said David junior, 47, of Moy, Campbeltown, who is delighted at winning best Clydesdale foal at the Royal Highland Show recently with 14-week-old Garcal-fra Sweet Christine.

She followed that up two weekends ago by winning best filly foal and overall champion foal at the heavy horse show at Kittochside, East Kilbride. 'It is a clean sweep so far.'

It was David's second success at the Royal Highland Show - Garcal-fra Sweet Christine's mother, Oswald Highland Nancy, won the brood mare class in 2009 - and follows in the footsteps of his father who won reserve male champion with a yearling colt.

David senior, 76, who is retired but still keeps horses, began his involvement with Clydesdales around 50 years ago helping the late Archie McFadyen of Campbeltown show horses.

David junior, a self employed gardener and grass cutter, followed his father's interest. 'It is a great love for both of us,' he said. 'It is a hobby that gets into the blood and takes over everything you do.'

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Above: David McPhail junior with Garcal-fra Sweet Christine at this year's Royal Highland Show. c29clyde01no



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13/01587/PP	Installation of biomass container heating unit and siting of modular building with link corridor to factory	Midton Acrylics Site 11A Kilmory Industrial Estate Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RR	Ardrishaig Area Office

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Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/01487/PP	Alterations to internal layout, amend 3 window openings to 2 window openings and change external timber cladding from vertical to horizontal. (amendment to planning permission 11/00665/PP)	5 Main Street West Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8TU	Sub Post Office Inveraray
13/01488/LIB	Alterations to internal layout, amend 3 window openings to 2 window openings and change external timber cladding from vertical to horizontal. (amendment to planning permission 11/00708/LIB)	5 Main Street West Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8TU	Sub Post Office Inveraray

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011 NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 18

Planning Application Reference Number: 12/02150/PP
 Proposed development at Land East Of Loch Freasdale And North Of Loch Cruinn Whitehouse
 By Tarbert
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Notice is hereby given that additional information in relation to an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by RES UK And Ireland Ltd relating to the planning application in respect of Proposed windfarm comprising 11 No. wind turbines (100 metres to blade tip), temporary and permanent anemometer masts, substation building, access tracks, construction compounds and ancillary development, notified to Argyll and Bute Council.

The information comprises a Peat Management Plan, additional ornithology data, entrance detail from A83 and additional viewpoint photomontage.

A copy of the additional information together with the environmental statement and the associated planning application may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, at Whitegates Office, Whitegates Road, Lochgilphead, PA31 8SY; and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and going through the 'Online planning and Building Standards Application Information' system during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from RES UK And Ireland Ltd.

Any person who wishes to make representations to Argyll and Bute Council about the environmental statement and the additional information should make them in writing within the period to Mr R. Kerr, Principal Planning Officer, Whitegates Office, Whitegates Road, Lochgilphead, PA31 8SY

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011 NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 18

Planning Application Reference Number: 13/01427/PP
 Proposed development at Land At Cruach A' Phubuill (Adjacent To Allt Dearg Windfarm)

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Notice is hereby given that an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by Srondoire Wind Farmers LLP relating to the planning application in respect of Erection of 3 wind turbines (maximum blade tip height above ground level of 110m turbines 1 and 2 and 100m turbine 3) together with a control building, ancillary infrastructure including crane hardstandings and access track and temporary ground works, notified to Argyll and Bute Council.

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Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from Lomond Energy, East Cambusmoon Farm, Duncryne Road, Gartocharn, West Dumbartonshire, G83 8RZ at a cost of £25.00 (cd) and £250.00 (paper including postage & packaging).

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Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

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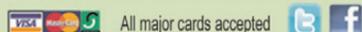
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT has dominated our conversation for weeks and the whole country is enchanted with it.

The weather has been truly amazing.

Day after day the sun has shone and we have revelled in it.

From dawn till dusk we have enjoyed unbroken sunshine and blue skies.

Holidaymakers think they have landed in paradise and Argyll could become a top holiday destination if this weather continues.

One of the many things we have enjoyed has been drifting out in the bay in our wee rowing boat.

We donned our life jackets, pushed the boat into the water and rowed out from Cleit beach on a flat calm sea.

It is amazing to think that we were floating on the Atlantic with the next land being America, thousands of miles away.

We smiled when we dropped anchor and realised that we were actually only at a depth of about three feet.

However even at this short distance from the shore things looked different.

It was wonderful to see the familiar landmarks from a different perspective and to share it with some inquisitive seals.

We tend to become accustomed to looking at things the same way and sometimes it takes someone, or something, to make us see things differently.

Sometimes someone comes into our life and encourages us to look at things in a different way.

I'm sure we can all think of people who have influenced our thinking, and have challenged us to see a new horizon.

It can be good to look at things differently and touch other shores of thought.

There is a wonderful American Indian proverb which says, 'Great Spirit, do not let me criticise my neighbour until I have walked a mile in his moccasins'.

Some people may march to the tune of a different drum but we can still listen to the beat.

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Primary children moving on to secondary school



Carradale Primary seven pupils Harry Gemmill and Niamh Baxter are looking forward to starting at Campbeltown Grammar School.



This year's P7 class at Dalintober Primary School are ready to leave primary behind and take on secondary at Campbeltown Grammar School.



P7 pupils from Tarbert, Achahoish, Gigha and Clachan primaries are pictured at Tarbert Academy for induction days before starting there next month. c25tarbert01



Cameron Campbell, the only p7 pupil at Glenbarr Primary, is looking forward to bigger classrooms when he goes to Campbeltown Grammar next month. c24glenbarr01



P7 pupils James Ives and Chloe Twynham will shortly be starting at Campbeltown Grammar.



Holly Morkel, left, Shona Bassett, Conner Brown and Toby Welch are pictured on one of their final days at Drumlembie Primary before starting at Campbeltown Grammar in August. 08_c26drumlembie01

TEXT FOR THE WEEK
 'If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask of God ...'
 (James 1:5).

BIRTHS

MELLON - Kevin and Elizabeth (née Reid) are delighted to announce the birth of a beautiful baby boy, James Layton, born in Derby Hospital on July 1, 2013. First grandchild for Della and Vince, Tarbert and fourth for Robert and Celia, Derby.



MICHIE - BARLOW
 Iain and Liz are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Alice Eve, on July 21, 2013, a granddaughter for Pepe and the late Ian, Lynda and David.

ENGAGEMENTS

BARR - MCFARLANE - Both families have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of Rhona, eldest daughter of Robin and Iona, to Blair Crawford Lamont, only son of Eric and Catriona.



CONLEY - CAMPBELL
 Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Louise, daughter of Julia and Alan, to Daniel, son of Rhonda and Tam, on July 12, 2013 at Lanzarote.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS



JOHNSTONE - WALKER
 At Craigiebank Church, Dundee, on July 31, 1963, by the Rev A L Walker, Ewan to Hope. Present address, Auchencorvie Farm, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

CORCORAN - Thomas Philip (Phil), in his 94th year, on July 19, 2013, at Dail Farm, Cairnbaan, Lochgilphead with his family. Beloved husband of Margaret Fletcher, much loved father of Malcolm, Fiona and Andrew, dear grandfather to Alexandra, James, Iain, Declan and Emma. Funeral on Friday, July 26 at 12.30pm, at St Margaret's RC Church, Lochgilphead, interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative.

MACALPINE - On July 21, 2013, peacefully at Ardfenaig Care Home, Ardrishaig, Isabella (Bella) Maclean, in her 95th year, beloved wife of the late Duncan MacAlpine, much loved mother of Archie and Malcolm and a dearly loved gran. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, (today) Friday, July 26, at 12 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers, or collection if desired for Ardfenaig Care Home and Tarbert Parish Church.

MACVICAR - Suddenly at his home, Gartnagrenach, Achnamara on July 15, 2013, Archie John, in his 58th year, beloved son of the late Archie MacVicar and Cathie Blair, dearly loved brother of Sheena and brother-in-law of Alasdair. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Monday, July 29, 2013 at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie.

MCKERRAL - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on July 18, 2013, Mary Graham McSporrin, in her 81st year, 75 Millknowe, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Neil Stalker McKerral, much loved mother of Michael and Martin and loving granny of Neil, Callum and Luke. Funeral private.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

KELLY - The family of the late John Kelly would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss. Much appreciation and many thanks to friends, especially Maggie for all the food and baking provided. Grateful thanks to Margaret Sinclair for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient services and to the Stag Hotel for a fine purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects, especially those who travelled a distance. The retiral collection for Marie Curie raised £160.

IN MEMORIAM

DICKSON - Precious memories of our darling daughter, sister, mummy and friend, Carole, who fell asleep July 30, 2010. She touched the hearts of many
 Like only an angel can do
 We would've held her every minute
 If the end we only knew
 So send this special message
 To heaven up above
 Please take care of our angel, God
 And send her all our love x
 Love you always
 - Mum, Dad, Alex, William, Keith and Heather.
 Mummy, somewhere over the rainbow
 Love and miss you forever.
 - Love Thomas xx.

JOHNSTON - In memory of our brother, Ian (Chic), who died July 25, 2008. Not forgotten.
 - Hamish and Kenneth.

LIPPE - Precious memories of Louise Iona, died July 28, 1994, aged 2 years.
 The years are slowly passing,
 But in our hearts you stay,
 Along with all the memories
 Time cannot take away.
 - Granny, Grampa, Uncle John, Auntie Iona, Uncle Paul, and Feuna.
 Love always, sister.
 - Peter John xx.

MCINNES - Precious memories of my husband Archie (Ginty), passed away July 31, 2008. A smile for all, a heart of gold
 Among the best this world could hold
 Silent thoughts of times together
 Hold memories that will last forever.
 Love and miss you.
 - Cathie and family x.

MCMILLAN - Remembering Norman, whose birthday falls on July 31.
 And how goes the great party beyond? All happy and content?
 What of Madam Ruth? Still 'mixing it in the sink?'
 Some potion!
 Such days, such times...
 Va pensiero.

PATERSON - Treasured memories of our much loved sister, Jean Buchanan, died July 29, 2011. Thank you, Jean, for the years we shared,
 The love you gave, the way you cared.
 Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,
 Too dearly loved to ever forget.
 Till we meet again.
 - Maisie and Dodie.

TONER - In loving memory of May Toner, who died July 31, 2012. Our dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Memories are precious possessions
 That time can never destroy
 For it is in happy remembrance
 That the heart finds its greatest joy.
 - Margaret, Marie, Jim, Joseph and all of the family, at home and abroad.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services 28 July - all welcome!

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

Glenaray and Inveraray
 Charity No. SC016665
 Morning Service Inveraray at 11.30am

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Family Service
 11:00 am
 with Tea & coffee after the service
 Baby & Toddler Group
 Sunday School
 will resume after the summer holidays
 Pastor Chris Holden
 Member of the Baptist Union of Scotland
 We meet in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
 For more information please visit our website
 www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
 SC043322

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 28th July
 12.45pm Worship Service
Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August
 11am to 1pm
 Children's Holiday Club for 5-11 year olds
 Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

Highland Parish Church

 SCO02493
Sunday 28th July
 11.15am Rev C Hood
 Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
 Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday, 28th July
 Early Morning
 Informal Worship - 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche)
 Rev P Burroughs
Thursday, 1st August
 Prayer Meeting - 4:00 p.m.

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
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 Mr Kelvin Moller, Clachan
 4.00pm Service in Lorne Campbell Court
Wednesday 31st July 2013
 No toddler group this week
 7.30pm Bible Study
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Sunday 28th July 2013
 11.00am Morning Service
 Scottish Charity SC015187

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Sunday 28th July, 2013
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 Rev Tommy Bryson
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 Fr. David Connor
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 11.00am
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 Speaker: Graham McLean
 "God's favourite House"
Thursday 1 August 2013
 7.30pm
 Praise, prayer & sharing
 All Welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday, 28th July 2013
 Ford 11.30a.m.
 Rev. Cliff Acklam
 All welcome
 SC01212

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Saturday 27th July
 10.00am - 12.00 noon
 Coffee Morning
Sunday Services
 10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz)
 6.30pm Evening Worship

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Sunday July 28
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 Open Air Worship 10 am
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Record crowd at Southend Games

THE organisers of Southend Highland Games last Saturday evening declared it 'spectacularly successful'.

'It could not have gone any better,' said John Galbraith, the games secretary and treasurer. 'We are delighted.'

'We reckon it was a record crowd of more than 1,000 who not only enjoyed perfect summer weather but an evening without midges.'

'The gate was way up on last year and we also sold out the beer - that's the first time that has happened.'

'It was also great to see so many happy kids enjoying the youngsters' races as well as the various attractions around the field.'

Visitors enjoyed track and field, dance and piping competitions, and John said the highlight of the running was the battle between Campbeltown's Gary Turner, 20, and Southend fisherman Kenny

Campbell, 36 in the men's mile in which the former prevailed at the end.

'Gary is very good at the shorter distances and Kenny won the MOK half marathon this year, so they were both out of their comfort zones,' said John.

Numerous

It was the end of a long, arduous week's racing for Gary who had competed successfully in numerous events at Balloch, Rosneath, Inveraray and Mull in the week leading up to Southend where he also won the half mile and 440 yards.

Another star turn was Campbeltown Pupils striker John McCallum who showed why he can outpace defenders so well by winning the 100 yards and 200 yards races.

As well as the standard track and field events, unusual contests in the line up included ladies broom throwing, a mother and

toddler piggyback race and tossing the tyre.

Children also got in on the sporting action with running races, sack races and a hugely popular three-legged race.

Games results: 100 yards - 1 John McCallum, 2 Gary Turner, 3 Wallace McGowan; 220 yards - 1 John McCallum, 2 Gary Turner, 3 Wallace McGowan; 440 yards - 1 Gary Turner, 2 John McCallum, 3 Wallace McGowan half mile - 1 Gary Turner, 2 Andy Campbell, 3 Kenny Campbell; mile - 1 Gary Turner, 2 Kenny Campbell, 3 Andy Campbell; ladies' 220 yards - 1 Gillian Docherty, 2 Jennifer Martin, 3 Susan Turner; ladies' mile - 1 Jennifer Martin, 2 Susan Turner, 3 Jennifer Reid; mother and toddler, piggy back - 1 Fiona and Grazia Graham, 2 Gail and Sam Grogan, 3 Tracey Thomson and Logan Bruce. Throwing the hammer - 1 Craig Nicholson, 2 Scott Clark, 3 Ernie Weir; 56lb weight over bar - 1 Peter McKerral, 2 Rob Jones, 3 Craig McKerral; 28lb weight for distance - 1 Scott Clark, 2 Craig Nicholson, 3 Ernie Weir, 4 Scott McKinlay; shot putt - 1 Scott Clark, 2 Craig Nicholson, 3 Ernie Weir; high jump - 1 John McCallum, 2 Christian Ivan, 3 Eudes Juvet; ladies broom throwing - 1 Inez Ronald, 2 Amy Gray, 3 Ruth Semple. Carskies Cup - Kenny Campbell; Open Cup - Scott Clark.



One competitor in the weight over the bar event threw the weight a little too hard. 20_c30games12



There were several competitions in the heavy events, including throwing the 28lb weight. 20_c30games07



It was a close finish in the men's half mile race with Tangy's Gary Turner's holding off Andy Campbell. 20_c30games03



Dancers Sophie Baker, of Islay, Emily McLean of Campbeltown, and Eleanor Burns from Dumfries. 20_c30games16



The mother and toddler piggyback race attracted enthusiastic entrants. 20_c30games10



These boys showed real determination to win their race. 20_c30games23



A record crowd turned out to enjoy the good weather and events on show. 20_c30games09



Campbeltown's Jennifer Martin winning the ladies' mile. 20_c30games22



Tossing the caber was one of the final competitions in the heavy events. 20_c30games19



Jamie Baxter, left, and Donnie McKerral both picked up trophies in the piping competitions. 20_c30games08

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Valdemar Hundebøll, 9, receiving his bronze medal from Stephen Gallacher.

Young golfer on course for success

FORGET Phil Mickelson, Tiger Woods and Ernie Els - Machrihanish's own young golfing star has been wowing crowds all over the country this summer.

Valdemar Hundebøll, 9, claimed second place at a tournament in Aberdeen last Sunday, July 21, with a score of 34 gross from nine holes.

The following day, Valdemar carded a 39 gross score to finish third in a tournament run by the Stephen Gallacher Foundation. Valdemar had already been promoted to the under-14 age group of the Edinburgh event after winning the under-10 contest in May.



From left: David Brown and Alistair Munro, Janet Blair, Janie Hall, Alasdair Blair, Andy Gilchrist, Archie Johnston, Andy Gilchrist, Brian Leishman, Angus Brodie and Alex Black.

Bowling club's big bar opening

CAMPBELTOWN Bowling Club celebrated the opening of its refurbished bar with a special ceremony at Stronvaar.

A large crowd of around 300 turned out to toast the new bar as well as watch the final of the Alasdair Blair sponsored Doon the Water Pairs.

Largest crowd

This was the club's largest crowd since its centenary year in 2006 when Archie Johnston played Scottish bowling icon Willie Wood MBE

as part of the celebrations.

Archie showed he was a fan of playing in front of large crowds as he once again featured with partner Janie Hall in the final against David Brown and Alistair Munro.

He took a five-shot lead in the opening end to effectively seal a well deserved and popular win in the eighth end.

Sponsors Alasdair and Janet Blair presented finalists and losing semi finalists Brian Leishman

and Angus Brodie and Alex Black and Andy Gilchrist with their prizes in a packed clubhouse.



Ladies president Jean Miller, who cut the ribbon to open the refurbished bar, with club president Robert MacCallum. 20_c30bowling02

Machrihanish hosts 'great treat'

'A GREAT treat and a real thrill.' Those were the words of Alisoun Fairbairn, captain of Dunbartonshire and Argyll Ladies County Golf Association, ahead of a double header of competitions at Dunaverty and Machrihanish earlier this week.

The events, on Monday and Tuesday July 22 and 23, saw around 90 la-

dies taking part.

Boasting more than 200 female members, D&ALCGA hold 12 competitions a year, most of which are held in and around Glasgow, making the visit to Kintyre extra special.

Formed in 1909, Dunbartonshire and Argyllshire were separate associations until they merged in 1956.

Watson on form at Dunaverty

LAST Saturday's participants in Dunaverty's RNLI club stableford competition were greeted by another day of sunshine and breezes.

John Ronald led the morning players with 43 points and was closely followed by Alex Arkle and Raymond Harvey, both on 42.

Young Thomas Jordan, in the evening starters, recorded 25 points on the outward half but a lost ball at the 13th saw him finish on 41.

John McDowall, also playing in the evening, continued his good form with an excellent 44 points only to be beaten by Sandy Watson, also on 44, but one point better on the inward half.

Best of the ladies was Margaret MacFarlane on 39 points, two clear of Kate McKerral.

Results: 1 Sandy Watson 44 points (bih), 2 John McDowall 44, 3 John Ronald 43, 4 Raymond Harvey 42 (bih), 5 Alex Arkle 42, 6 Thomas Jordan 41.

Islay golf

ISLAY Golf Club 19th Challenge, July 21: 1 Alexander MacLean 36 pts, 2 Scott Currie 33 pts, 3 David Livingstone 31 pts. CSS 74.



WIN

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A hole lot of luck needed!

Golf club offers visitors chance to win \$1 million

IT would be the ultimate lucky shot. A hole in one with a million dollar payout - and it is up for grabs at Machrihanish Dunes Golf Club. Four visitors to the course between now and



The 14th hole at Machrihanish Dunes where one lucky golfer could win a million dollars.



'Old Tom Morris' and David McLay Kidd, the course architect at the 14th hole.

October 15 are guaranteed to have the chance to stand on the 14th tee and shoot for the 'Mach Dunes Million'.

Just 167 yards will separate them from a life-changing fortune.

Amateur golfers, aged 18 and over, who register and play an 18-hole round of golf at the course until October 15, will have their names put in a random draw to take part in a hole-in-one shoot out.

The fortunate four will

each have just one shot to make a verified hole in one.

However, the odds of succeeding are not in their favour at an estimated 12,500 to one.

Tough

For a pro golfer the odds shrink to 2,500 to one, however it still shows what a tough challenge this is.

'Scotland has been the focus for professional golfers in recent weeks with the Scottish Open at Castle Stuart and the

Open Championship at Muirfield, and we wanted to add some excitement for the leisure and amateur golfer,' said David Southworth, president and chief executive of Southworth Development, owner of Machrihanish Dunes.

'With Scotland having such a rich history in the sport, it will be fun to offer a potentially richer future for some lucky golfers.'

A small tournament was held on July 6,

where 20 random players at Machrihanish Dunes Golf Club were approached by an 'Old Tom Morris' impersonator, who presented them with the immediate opportunity to swing for \$1,000,000.

Players then teed off in an attempt to ace the 167-yard, par-3, 14th hole.

A short video with footage of the hole-in-one attempts can be viewed at www.machdunesmillion.com.

Currie far too hot for the opposition at Tarbert

THE final two rounds of the Tarbert Club Championship were complete at a sun-kissed Glenralloch last weekend.

Greenkeeper Steven Barclay had the course in great condition and had some interesting pin positions on several of the greens.

Ross Currie led by five strokes going into the third round where a 69 saw him edge seven strokes ahead of Colin Cameron on 71, both players having seven birdies between them. John MacNab also finished on 71.

Best net scores of the day went to Keith

McTaggart on 61 followed by Jo-Jo Scott and Ally Brown on 63.

In the final round on Sunday, Ross showed his class with rounds of 34+30, a two under par round of 64.

His round included an eagle 2 at the second - driving the green and holing a 12-footer.

The final three ball of Ross, Colin and Iain Macalister actually came to the aid of a stricken motorist who had slid into the ditch behind the first green. After getting the car back on dry land the trio returned to the green and all sunk birdie putts.

Along with Ross's 64 other notable scores on the day came from Bruce and John MacNab with 67 and 69 respectively.

At the presentation of prizes, club vice president Iain MacArthur warmly congratulated Ross on a great winning score of 267, only three over par.

Bruce MacNab took the net trophy with a score of 258, edging out Jo-Jo Scott by one shot and John MacNab retained the senior trophy, played over the last 36 holes, with a score of 140.

Final scores: Club champion - Ross Currie 267, 2 Bruce Mac-

Nab 286, 3 John MacNab 289, Colin Cameron 289. Net Trophy - 1 Bruce MacNab 258, 2 Jonathan Scott 259, Colin Cameron 260. Senior champion - 1 John MacNab 140, 2 Duncan Johnstone 145, 3 Archie Black 158.



Ross Currie. 06_a30golfo1

Pupils take on Dumbarton

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils are looking forward to hosting Dumbarton in a pre-season friendly match tomorrow (Saturday) - and it could see a small bit of history being made.

The Dumbarton side will be mainly be made up by their under-19 squad who are in effect the back-up squad to the first team. Local player Donald McCallum will be in the Dumbarton squad having progressed from the under-17 side.

Set to be part of the Dumbarton first team squad for a Stirlingshire

Cup match on Wednesday, he will be the first Campbeltonian signed by a senior club to play against his home club if he lines up tomorrow.

Professional

Another Argyll player Ally McKerracher from Oban is also set to play. Ally has signed professional terms and has al-

ready played for the first team, scoring in a 1-1 draw against Hibs in a pre-season friendly.

Stewart Alexander and Connor Howe from Oban along with David Beaton from Taynuilt are also likely to feature for The Sons.

The game will kick off at Kintyre Park at 2pm.

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