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Killing of a cemetery

Councillor's anger over damage caused by cost-cutting weedkiller

by JOHN McCALLUM
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THE use of weedkiller around headstones at Kilkerran Cemetery in Campbeltown has been branded as 'disgusting' and 'insulting'.

It has burnt and scarred the grass of the usually immaculate cemetery and also killed flowers and plants left by families, claimed an angry Councillor Donald Kelly this week.

He told the Courier that Argyll and Bute Council had gone too far in an apparent attempt to re-

duce man-hours and cut costs.

'The council instructed its staff at the graveyard to keep headstones free of long grass with weedkiller rather than by strimming, impacting on the cemetery's usually meticulous appearance,' he said.

'The use of weedkiller at Kilkerran during the past few months has left brown scars on the grass. It looks dreadful.

'It has even killed

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Sister and brother Ava and Conor McLatchie were all smiles at the Kintyre Agricultural Show last Friday on a day of blazing sunshine. The pair from Moy Farm showed cattle during the morning, with Ava winning reserve champion with her Holstein calf from Kilkeddan Farm, Peninver. Conor was handling this calf from Drumalea Farm in the Holstein heifer calf section. More pictures on pages 14-15. 20_c32show03

Shock for electricity thieves

TWO tenants in Main Street, Campbeltown received a shock when police arrived following complaints about the noise they were making.

Police officers also noticed that their electricity meters were being bypassed. Both tenants were reported to the procurator fiscal.

A police spokesman said: 'As well as being a criminal offence, tampering with electricity supplies endangers those living in the property and in neighbouring properties.'

Russell hits out at council over jobless

MSP Michael Russell has criticised Argyll and Bute Council over the number of jobless men in the area.

Latest figures reveal that there were 755 men looking for work compared to 313 women.

The council has promised to establish where the skills gaps are and how they can be filled, but Mr Russell hit out: 'The council is always just about to do something, it's about time something was done.'

See page 4 more.



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Councillor's anger over damage caused by weedkiller

All of A83 now a trunk road



Donald Kelly beside a grave at Kilkerran Cemetery which has been damaged, like many around it, by the use of weedkiller.

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flowers and plants put there by families.'

The Courier understands that some families have asked council employees not to spray their relatives' graves - choosing to tend the graves themselves.

Councillor Kelly said: 'Historic Scotland has indicated that the weedkiller could even affect the stones. It is actually disgusting.'

'However, it is not the fault of the employees - they are being put under pressure to quicken practises in an attempt to cut working hours and costs.'

He said he feels let down by the council for not indicating to councillors about any intended change in practice.

He added: 'This policy has been slipped in by the council, having never mentioned the use of weedkiller in any proposed cuts.'

'It is insulting to the families of the deceased, and demoralising for staff who have worked tirelessly to keep the cemetery looking good.'

Councillor Kelly said the issue would be brought up at a meeting between local councillors and the amenities

department at the end of this month.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesman said: 'A savings plan for Argyll and Bute was implemented in April and will save around £400,000 in the financial year 2014/15.'

'This includes reducing grass cuts from 24 to 18, including cemeteries, chemical spraying and reducing rose and shrub beds to low maintenance.'

'Despite these savings, the council's amenity services team still delivers high quality burial services and maintenance of cemeteries.'

THE A83 is now a trunk road in its entirety.

This week the final 31-mile stretch between Kennacraig and Campbeltown was officially transferred from Argyll and Bute Council and became the responsibility of Transport Scotland, maintained on its behalf by BEAR Scotland.

BEAR Scotland has already committed £750,000 this financial year to the likes of resurfacing and road markings.

Argyll First councillors, Donald Kelly, Douglas Philand and John McAlpine, have campaigned for A83 improvement for the past three years.

Kintyre councillor Kelly said: 'We are delighted we have achieved this part of our campaign and would like to thank everyone who signed the petition and supported us.'

'The trunking of this section of road will mean significant capital spend on it during the next few years bringing it up to a more acceptable standard.'

'I am also pleased that Argyll and Bute's head of roads Jim Smith has agreed that as a result of the trunking there would be no reduction to council staff employed.'

Up to 2,500 vehicles use the Kennacraig to Campbeltown stretch daily.

Islay collision

EMERGENCY services were called to a two-car collision at Port Charlotte, Islay on Monday.

Both drivers were treated at the scene for minor injuries.

Dog bite

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A service of remembrance was held at Glenbarr Village Hall.

MEMBERS of Killean and Kilchenzie Parish on Sunday commemorated the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War.

Glenbarr War Memorial Trust, in association with the Church of Scotland, held a service at

Chleit Church, a service of remembrance at the Glenbarr War Memorial and a book presentation at Glenbarr Village Hall.

The first edition of the book was sponsored by Adam Bergius. The book, documented by

James Daniels and the late Duncan McIsaac, remembers the dead of the two World Wars who are named on the memorial and records the background to the building of the memorial and the setting up of the trust that now looks after it.

Both the service at the church and the memorial were well attended. Approximately 80 people attended Glenbarr village hall where a copy of the book was presented to a representative of each known family of the fallen.

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Alison Millar will be running, cycling and trekking across the Great Wall of China next year to raise money for Auchinlee, pictured behind her.

Alison's fundraising goes worldwide

Campbeltown girl will take on the Great Wall of China Triple Challenge

ALISON Millar is jetting off to China next year, in a bid to raise money for Campbeltown's Auchinlee Care Home.

She is taking part in the Great Wall Triple Challenge after her grandpa became a permanent resident at the CrossReach-run home, specialising in dementia care.

Alison said: 'Seeing the dedication of the staff at Auchinlee has made me determined to raise as much money as I can to ensure the fantastic services on offer there can continue.'

The Great Wall Triple Challenge will involve Alison travelling to China where she will run two half marathons, cycle 155 kilometres and trek 50 kilometres along the Great Wall - in just six days.

Alison knows the challenge will be extremely tough, but believes the prospect of helping fund care at Auchinlee will drive her on.

She said: 'I know this challenge will be very tough but I'm aware it won't compare to the physical and emotional battles that most dementia and Alzheimer's patients, their families and carers endure on a daily basis.'

To help her prepare, Alison aims to com-

plete the Great North Run half-marathon, the MOK Bike 70-mile ultimate cycle, the MOK Run half-marathon and the MOK Triathlon, alongside regular walks along the Kintyre Way.

To kick off her fundraising, Alison is going carry out a sponsored litter pick in and around the harbour wall.

'Lots of individuals in the town have made a great effort to clean the local beaches including

Dalintober, Machrihanish and Westport,' she said.

'It was this hard work that inspired me to continue the community spirit by clearing rubbish from the pontoon around to Dalintober Pier, towards Fort Argyll and also at the corner of the ferry terminal.'

'Many of the Auchinlee residents like to spend time out in the garden looking across the loch and many lo-

cals also like to be active along the esplanade too, and sadly the litter spoils the natural beauty.'

Alison is due to start her sponsored litter pick tomorrow (Saturday), August 9.

If you would like to sponsor Alison, or you simply want to support her Auchinlee fundraising target, you can donate to her JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/AliMMillar.

POLICE FILES:

Breach of the peace

A 19-YEAR-old man was arrested for a breach of the peace in Cross Street, Campbeltown in the early hours of last Friday morning.

He was issued with a fine and released.

to properties on Smith Drive, Campbeltown being evacuated in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The emergency services were called and no serious injuries were reported.

Man caught with knife

A CAMPBELTOWN man has admitted pos-

sessing a knife illegally.

Scott McKay, 32, pleaded guilty at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week to committing the offence in the town's Main Street on July 26 of this year.

Sentence was deferred until August 28 for a criminal justice social work report.

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Power bills boost welcomed by MP

ALAN Reid MP has welcomed two announcements which will make electricity cheaper for consumers in the Scottish Hydro Electric area.

Bills will be cut by £42 a year because the cost of taking power to Shetland will be spread across all UK consumers, rather than just those in the Scottish Hydro Electric area.

Compensation payments will also be increased in cases of loss of supply as a result of severe weather, and customers in the Highlands

and islands will be entitled to automatic compensation for the first time.

These changes increase the minimum financial payment from £27 to £70 if consumers are without power for at least 24 hours during a severe weather event, and the maximum payment will be increased from £216 to £700.

Mr Reid, Argyll and Bute MP, said: 'After the severe storms of 2012 and 2013, I chaired inquiries into the power companies' responses to the storms.

'The inquiry was horrified to find that consumers in the Highlands and islands, unlike those in the rest of the country, had no right whatsoever to compensation.

'We recommended that this injustice be removed, so I'm delighted that my constituents will now have the same rights to compensation as everybody else.

'The inquiry also found that levels of compensation were too low and recommended increases, so Ofgem have increased compensation levels.'

More free meals for youngsters

ALL primary one, two and three children in Argyll and Bute can look forward to enjoying the benefit of a free school meal each lunchtime from next January

Almost 2,500 youngsters will be eligible compared to 750 at present.

An Argyll and Bute spokeswoman said: 'Research shows children are more likely to concentrate in the classroom in the afternoon after eating healthy school lunches, with improvements to their health as well as

their understanding about making better food choices.

Pilot scheme

'In preparation for the new arrangements, introduced by the Scottish Government as part of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act, the council has agreed a pilot scheme which will run from October 2014.'

Parents will receive information about the scheme when schools return following the summer break, in mid-August.



Annie produced 15 lab pups, 12 black and three chocolate. 08_c28dog01

Is this a Scottish record for Annie?

DOGGONE it! It may well be a record.

Donald Kelly, of Drumlemble, recently helped his Labrador bitch, Annie, give birth to a re-

markable 15 pups - having been told to expect she may have just three.

This week, the Kintyre councillor told the Courier: 'I've

been doing a bit of research, and I can't get a definitive answer, but I think 15 births and them all surviving is a Scottish record for the breed.'

Russell criticises council over level of jobless men

WORK will be done this year to find out what skills Argyll employers are looking for as figures reveal twice as many men are out work than women in Argyll and Bute.

Statistics show that while unemployment fell by 369 in the year to June 2014, there remains a stark difference between the number of men seeking a job and women; in June there were 755 men looking for a job, compared to 313 women.

The figures are similar for the long-term unemployed - those out of work for more than six months, with 395 men and 135 women.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council, which delivers the Work Programme on behalf of the UK Government, said the type of work available in Argyll, seasonal jobs and

skills required by employers compared with skills that people have all contribute to unemployment in men.

She said: 'During 2014/15, the council in liaison with key partner organisations, will be conducting skills audits in each of the four administrative areas of Argyll and Bute.

'We aim to assess the skills gaps in each of the areas and for Argyll and Bute as a whole, with regard to employers' skills

needs, the ability to address these gaps through local education and training and solutions to ensure all employment opportunities at a local level are maximised.'

However, Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, said something needed to be done now, stating the issue could have been tackled at the council's delayed population summit.

He said: 'We need to look long and hard at figures like these and

how we can construct a plan for the next five to 10 years that will address issues that will increase opportunities because a lack of jobs is what leads to depopulation. If you can't get a job you leave.

'There needs to be a willingness to sit down with others to look at this. This is a community problem.

'The council is always just about to do something, it's about time something was done.'

Maureen's creative drive goes on show

AN art exhibition to celebrate the work of Campbeltown's Maureen Finn will begin at Glengyle Distillery in Campbeltown tomorrow (Saturday).

The theme will be the A83 road, and Maureen has created a variety of paintings which reflect the different moods a traveller can feel when arriving in, or leaving, Campbeltown.

Maureen Finn was born in the town and graduated from Glasgow School

of Art with an honours degree in painting.

The exhibition will be on display from 10am-4pm (except Sundays) until Saturday, August 23, and is being hosted at the distillery's filling store on Glengyle Road.

A percentage of all profits from the sales of paintings will be donated to Campbeltown Grammar School's art department.

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Drink driver banned for six years

A MAN caught driving over four times the legal alcohol limit has been banned for six years and fined £500.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week that James Kelly was wrestling with an alcohol problem and had no intention of driving again.

Kelly, 58, of Tigh Beeg Geol, Hutcheon Road, Campbeltown had pleaded guilty at an earlier court to drink driving in the town's Argyll Street on June 23 of this year.

The court was told that Kelly's wife and elderly mother-in-law - just released from Campbeltown Hospital - were in the car which was seen 'meandering' along Argyll Street. Police had been alerted by a member of the public concerned about the manner of Kelly's driving in the hospital car park.

Christian Kane, defence agent for Kelly, said his client was nearing the end of a detox programme and was 'earnest in his desire not to turn into a sad, lonely alcoholic'.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told Kelly: 'You drove at four times the legal alcohol limit. That makes you and your car a lethal weapon. You could have killed someone.'

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Health secretary adds to pressure for dialysis unit

HOPES have been raised for a dialysis unit in Campbeltown Hospital after the Scottish health secretary Alex Neill urged a health board to take action. Mr Neill spoke after hearing how two seriously-ill Campbeltown women travel almost 700 miles a week for months to access dialysis treatment.

The women, who both live in Campbeltown, have to travel to Vale of Leven Hospital in Alexandria as NHS Highland provides no dialysis machines in their home town. The pair say their human rights are being breached.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Kathleen Sharp, 64, and Mary MacKay, 73, make the six-hour, 230-mile return trip to hospital with up to five hours' dialysis treatment sandwiched in between.

A third dialysis patient from Gigha clocks up almost 600 miles a week and is collected in a separate car to tie in with ferry times.

Mrs Sharp said: 'We have no life because we are up early to leave at 8.30am. When we get there, we are four hours

on the machine and we don't get back until 8pm.'

'You are shattered after the journey, so you have to go to your bed. Then, on your days off from dialysis, you have to go to bed early at night because you have to get up early to go again the next day.'

She added: 'When you are on dialysis, you are only supposed to travel 40 minutes. I have been doing this a year and eight months.'

Bad weather

She said the route to the Vale of Leven, in cars funded by the NHS, is often hit by bad weather which delays their dialysis.

Mrs MacKay, who has been making the trip for five months, said: 'The first time I went, we had

to divert to Dalmally and the journey took us four hours.'

'It's hellish. I come home, get a cup of tea and then I have to go to my bed. The next day, you are recovering and then it's time to go back. It's horrendous.'

Health secretary Alex Neil said: 'I have already outlined my concern that patients from Argyll and Bute have to make extremely long journeys up to three times a week for dialysis treatment.'

'I have also sought assurances that the board will look again at the case for a low-maintenance dialysis unit in Argyll and Bute as quickly as possible.'

Councillor Donald Kelly, chairman of the newly formed Kidney



Dialysis patients Kathleen Sharp, left, and Mary MacKay say journeys to Vale of Leven Hospital are taking over their lives.

Dialysis Campaign in Campbeltown, which is spearheading the fight for change to the system, said: 'Our aim is to increase the pressure on NHS Highland to establish a facility at Campbeltown Hospital.'

Estimated costs

'Space is available and the £110,000 estimated costs of establishing and running a unit are already being spent tax-

ing people to and from the Vale of Leven.

'I am encouraged by the comments of the health secretary. He clearly recognises the problems faced by patients in Kintyre.'

A petition is underway in the town calling for a dedicated dialysis facility at Campbeltown Hospital, and a campaign meeting will be held in the Burnett building,

Campbeltown on Monday, August 11.

A NHS Highland spokesman said: 'We are going through a process of considering what alternatives are available and looking at the current and projected demand for a local dialysis service, as well as considering the cost and service implications that would arise if a unit was provided locally.'

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Cost-cutting measures have gone too far

COST-cutting measures are unavoidable sometimes. Argyll and Bute Council has had its share in recent times and it is almost inevitable that more will follow. It can be a tough call for department bosses, often facing difficult choices between services and jobs. However, on occasions the service cut or reduced may be a step too far. That appears to be the case with the use of weedkillers in cemeteries such as Kilkerran in Campbeltown where dedicated staff have long been praised for its condition.

Cemeteries, for obvious reasons, are hugely personal places. It is incredibly important to visitors that their relatives' graves are tidy, well-cared for - look just right. Remember also that many who visit will still be going through the grief process and be in a fragile state of mind. Things that may seem small and relatively trivial to others may not be to them.

The strength of feeling about what has happened to some graves with the use of weedkiller is reflected in the report of relatives stating they would prefer to tend the graves themselves.

What is also more than a little worrying is that the council response to the Courier this week failed to indicate that it would review the use of weedkiller in view of the disquiet expressed.

Councillor Donald Kelly is understandably unhappy that such a sensitive cost-cutting measure was undertaken without he or his fellow councillors being consulted. There is no doubt what he will have to say when he brings it up at a meeting with council officials later this month, that simply it was a step too far.

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Seeking crucial answers from MP

Sir,
I recently wrote to Alan Reid MP to clarify some matters in the referendum debate. I haven't received an answer as yet, and so would like to share my email with your readers.

Dear Alan Reid,
You are part of the Better Together campaign which keeps insisting that independence would make our family and friends in the rest of the UK foreigners. Although that may be true in the strict sense of the word, I can't for the life of me understand why that is a problem.

I am a French citizen, as are my children, but their dad is English, and lives in England. Does that mean he is a foreigner to us? This has never been a consideration for us, and I would like you to explain why it should be.

Could you also tell me if you, as my MP, consider me who has lived and worked in Scotland for more than 20 years as a foreigner? Does that affect the way you are representing me?

These questions are of great importance to me as, for all the years I have lived in Scotland, this has never been an issue, but lately I have noticed that people are asking where I am from and in the context of the referendum why I have a say.

It does worry me that people are starting to think in this way, and I can't help thinking this is linked to the rhetoric deployed by the Better Together campaign.

Also of great concern to me, as a European citizen, is the question of Europe. Can you

guarantee to me that in the event of a no vote, the UK will still be in the EU in five years time? And in the event of a vote for leaving the EU, what would happen to me and my children who are here on an EU passport?

Both my children were born in the UK, one in England and one in Scotland, they consider Scotland their country, so what guarantees are there they wouldn't be made to leave if we remained in the UK but were out of the EU?

Please do not reply by telling me that we would be out of the EU in an independent Scotland, that is a separate issue and I already have the answers I need on that one.

Catherine Wilson
112 Millknowe
Campbeltown.

No way to conduct such an important debate

Sir,
I was very disappointed by the letters from the Yes campaign last week. Calling me a 'nonentity' and cabinet ministers 'clowns' and accusing those of us who support the union of 'deceit and dishonesty' is no way to conduct such an important debate.

If the Yes campaign has to stoop to such levels, then clearly they've lost the argument.

The issue that caused Yes supporters to resort to abusive name calling was whether or not an independent Scotland could use the pound.

Of course an independent Scotland could use the pound if we wanted to, but this would be a strange decision. No other country in the world

with a sophisticated economy like Scotland's uses another country's currency. This is because using another country's currency means handing over control of our economy to that country.

I'm genuinely puzzled why the SNP wants to declare Scotland independent from the UK, then hand over complete control of our economy to the country we have just left. The SNP agrees that the pound is a strong currency. Surely the best way to continue use of the pound is to remain part of the UK and share in the decision-making about how our economy is run.

Under the present set up, Highland MP Danny Alexander plays a key role in economic decision making. Let's keep it that way.

Alan Reid
Argyll and Bute MP.

More scare stories coming our way

Sir,
Much as I enjoy taking apart Alastair Redman's nonsensical ramblings I shall leave that to others this week, not being able to match a corner-shop keeper in business expertise.

I turn, instead, to another source of fear-mongering.

People will shortly get through their letterboxes another leaflet from the UK Government, which, of course, they will have paid for, as taxpayers. It rehearses the same old scare stories - so here's my pre-emptive retaliation.

It claims the benefits of staying in the UK to be:

*Keeping the pound. Which, of course, we can, and will,

anyway.

*Higher public spending. Which we pay for with higher revenue, 9.5 percent in from 8.4 percent of the population.

*Jobs with UK companies. Which would be unaffected because EU law demands freedom of employment.

*Lower energy bills. This argument, based on the rump UK not buying Scottish energy, has been blown out of the water this week in an article in 'the Ecologist' by two respected academics from Robert Gordon University Aberdeen. The best of both worlds. Wars, austerity, Trident, bankers' bonuses, food banks, one in four children in poverty, HS2, Bullington boys etc, etc.

I rest my case.
Tony Williams
Muasdale.

Losing the argument

Sir
In his most recent contribution to the independence debate, Tony Williams has introduced an interesting new tactic - personal abuse. Among most reasonable people, it is generally accepted that if you have to resort to insulting the opposition, you have lost the argument.

Of course the people of an independent Scotland could use the UK pound as a trading currency. Equally they could choose to use the US dollar, the Japanese yen or the Indian rupee. Whichever is chosen, however, would be the currency of a foreign country, over which the government of an independent Scotland

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When the point is made that if you walk away from the United Kingdom you walk away from the pound, this is exactly what is meant. There must be many countries in the world where the pound is used as a means of exchange, but the Bank of England does not take the requirements of these countries into account when setting interest rates, exchange rates or monetary policy. This is the reality, like it or not, of leaving the United Kingdom.

Ron Knight
by email.

Reduce your carbon footprint

Sir,
Your carbon footprint is how much carbon dioxide you and your family members produce when you

turn on your home heating, drive your car, travel on holiday or even buy something. All these require energy and most of our energy is produced using fossil fuels such as oil, gas or coal. When these fuels are burnt they release carbon dioxide into the environment. Carbon dioxide is a powerful 'greenhouse' gas, it behaves like a greenhouse does, ie trapping heat. Scientists are worried that the earth is warming, which is already having serious consequences to our wildlife and people, with increased drought and failing crops. Also it is starting to cause sea level rise, increasing flooding.

Reducing your carbon footprint will save you money and cut your impact on the environment. The average household footprint is 10 tonnes per year. Power to the People is here to help you reduce your car-

bon footprint.

We are running a campaign in this newspaper.

Watch out for our carbon saving tips. These together could help you reduce your carbon footprint by two tonnes a year and save £300 on your energy bills.

When we've helped you work out your footprint you can join our Kintyre Carbon Citizens programme which means that you can claim a free LED energy saving lightbulb. Book your appointment to see us on 01583-550384 or just call by if passing. If you wish, just log onto our website (powertothepeoplekintyre.org), use the carbon calculator yourself and sign up.

As part of our initiative, people are getting together to support each other on their journey to a low carbon lifestyle. We will meet on the last Tuesday every month in the Burnside Bar

lounge, Burnside Square at 7pm, beginning on August 26. We hope anyone with ideas of how to make Kintyre more resilient to climate change will get involved. Switching to renewable forms of energy is another way of reducing our footprint, and ways of switching will form part of our carbon conversations.

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Games captured perfectly

Sir,
I would like to thank the Courier for the terrific feature, report and pictures of our event in last week's edition.

The spirit and 'feel' of the Highland games were captured perfectly. It was a difficult night for competitors,

committee, spectators and reporters but the weather relented just in time and we got there in the end...thanks to all who attended and we hope to see you all again next year.

John Galbraith
on behalf of the
Southend Highland
Games committee.

Scare stories debunked

Sir,
I'm writing in response to the Tory Westminster candidate's letter in last week's Campbeltown Courier, in which he misrepresents the Federation of Small Businesses' report.

He recycles scare stories that have been debunked months ago. There is nothing to stop an independent Scotland using the pound and that is the intention.

It is our pound as much

as it is the UK's - fact. The FSB report does not 'raise concerns over higher mortgage rates' as he states, it responds to the question posing the scenario 'if there is a different currency will I need to change my pricing structure?' As there will not be a different currency, his selective quote is intended to mislead.

Don't be feart of these bogeymen if you want Scotland to be a nation again. Be proud, vote yes, and lift your head high. We can and we will make this country the envy of the world.

John Semple,
Yes Kintyre.

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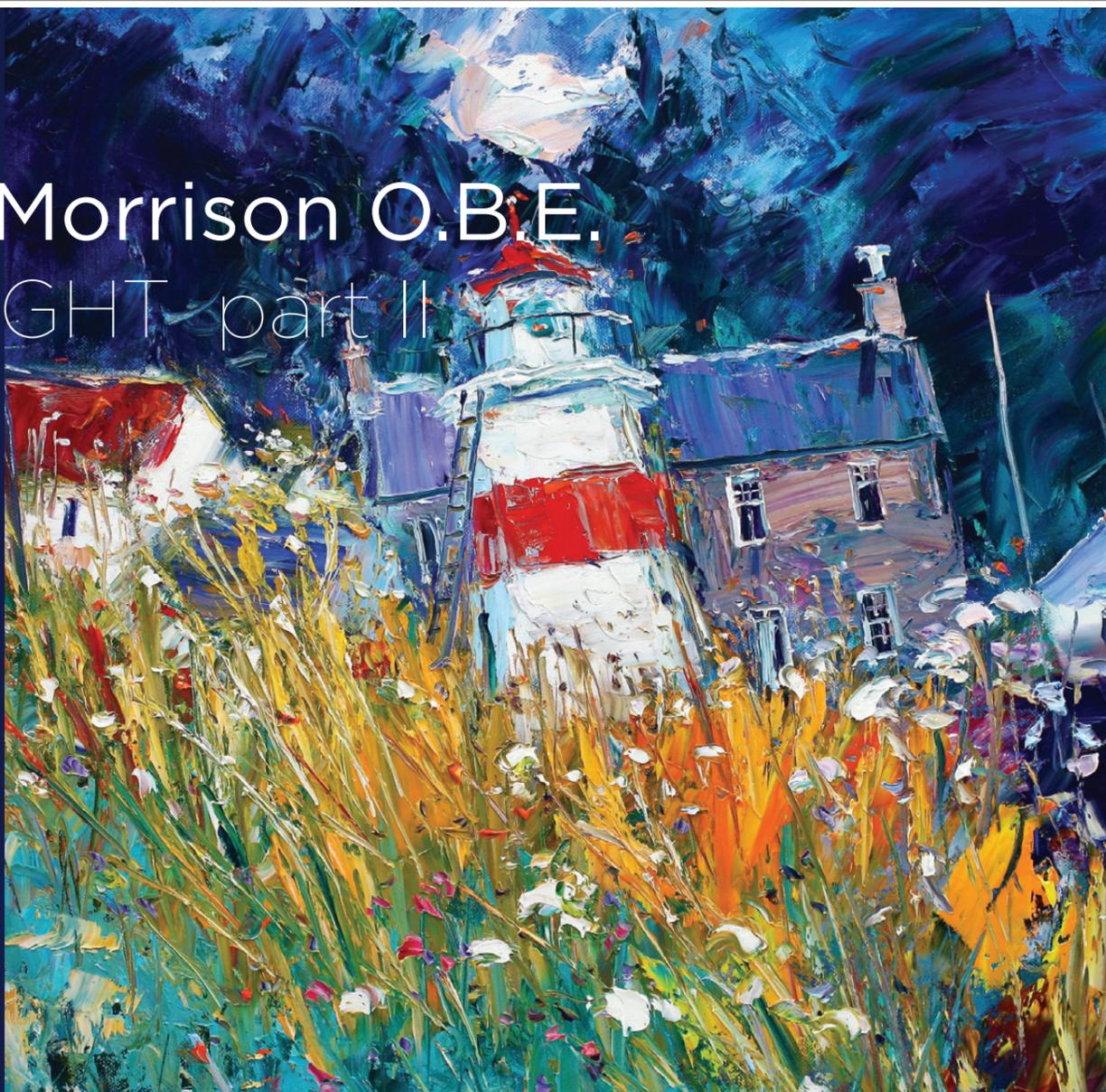
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Denzil's book in Kindle's top 50

AUTHOR Denzil Meyrick's second book *The Last Witness* is proving to be a hit with electronic readers as well as traditional bookworms.

The Campbeltown man's second crime thriller, set in the fictional rural town of Kinloch, made it to number 43 last week on internet store Amazon's list of the 100 top-selling books for its electronic reader the Kindle. Denzil said: 'I have had a lot of positive reviews on the Amazon website from Campbeltown people which I am delighted with.'

'Many of them recognise similarities between the book and Campbeltown places and people.'

The *Last Witness* was released recently in Campbeltown at a launch event in the Tasting Room, with signings at the Old Bookshelf, the library and a dinner at the Ardshiel Hotel.

He added: 'I met some old friends and even my primary two teacher. My agent from London was impressed by the uniquely warm welcome I received in Campbeltown. It is unbelievable how well it has done so quickly.'

Pirates happy to be landlocked for a day

RIDDLE: when is a harbour a village hall.

Answer: when it rains all morning and afternoon in Carradale.

Organisers of the much-anticipated Carradale Harbour Day changed tack and took shelter in the village hall on Saturday - and the fundraising event went rather well considering the dreadful weather and change of venue.

And a lot of pirates were quite happy to be landlubbers in the circumstances.

Rhona Elder of the organising committee told the Courier: 'It was a tremendous turnout despite the weather.'

'Moving to the hall was always our back-up

plan and it has worked well.'

Community crafters and other stalls indoors and a barbeque and refreshments under cover outside ensured there was plenty for villagers and holidaymakers to do.

Raise funds

It was the second year of the event - to raise funds to help develop the harbour area - and again pirate dress was encouraged.

Village doctor Malcolm Elder won the adults' fancy dress competition and Josh Lavery-Jones from Carradale won the children's contest.

Even some of the dog show participants were adorned in pirate attire.



Nick Gemmell with his two-and-a-half-year-old son, Sorley. Nick and wife, Lynne, from Glasgow have a holiday home in the village. 08_c32harbour02



Rhona and Malcolm Elder made a fine pair of pirates. 08_c32harbour03



Left: The harbour day was well supported despite the weather and a move to the village hall. 08_c32harbour01

Right: Young pirate Josh Lavery-Jones from Carradale won the children's fancy dress competition.



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Braebach will headline traditional concert

THIS year's Mull of Kintyre Music Festival's traditional concert in Campbeltown Heritage Centre on August 23 headlines with the award-winning Scots Trad Music Awards Folk Live Band of the Year 2013.

Braebach is one of the most celebrated and successful Scottish folk bands of recent times and commands the stage with flare, charisma and a sound that is as expansive as it is distinct.

Powered by double bagpipes, flute and fiddle, this uncompromising force is further fueled by the tight groove of double bass, guitar and step-dance.

Known for their exhilarating, fiery and disciplined playing, Braebach blend old and new with fiddle, bagpipes, flute, bouzouki, bass, and step dance, topped off with Gaelic and Scots vocals.



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and contemporary and underlines their commitment and passion for their musical heritage. Support band Marc Duff (co-founder of Capercaillie) and Hamish Napier (Back of The Moon, Man's Ruin) will put on a show of mighty Scottish traditional tunes as well as original compositions. Each whistler takes turns to accompany one another on either piano or bouzouki and as an added bonus Arthur Johnstone will MC and promises to introduce the concert with some of his trademark folk singing. Tickets for all festival concerts can be obtained from A.P. Taylors, Campbeltown and 08444 771 000 or www.ticketweb.co.uk and for more information on the festival go to www.mokfest.com

Scout group is growing

A SCOUT group which only re-started last year is going from strength to strength.

The 16th Argyll (Campbeltown) Scout Group re-started last November with the formation of a cub pack for boys and girls aged eight to 10-and-a-half years.

Since opening the cubs have been invested into the pack, earned two interest badges and have taken part in a very successful day camp with the Southend Scouts, among a range of other activities.

The group is now ready to expand and in September a new beaver scout colony will open for boys and girls aged six-eight years.

Their activities are based around making things, outdoor activities, singing, playing games, going out on visits, investigating nature, listening to stories, learning how to be safe and most importantly, making new friends.

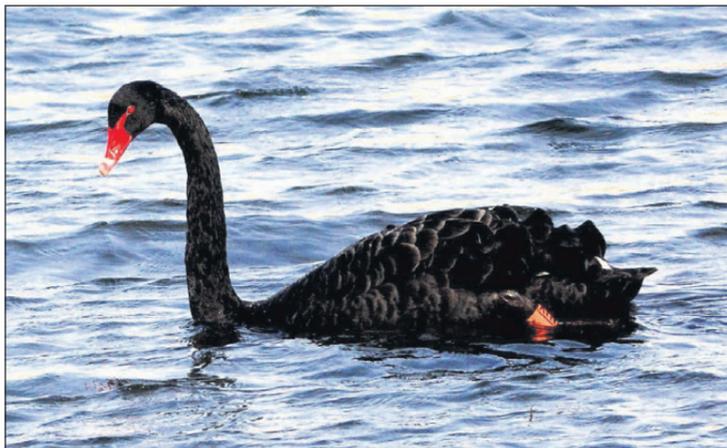
If any parent has a child who would like to join the new beaver colony or the existing cub pack please contact Lindsay Kenny on 01586 552675 or email campbeltowncubs@gmail.com

Black swan appears in Campbeltown Loch

THIS black swan appeared in Campbeltown Loch on Monday.

Eddie Maguire of Machrihanish Seabird and Wildlife Observatory told the Courier: 'This Australian species has obviously escaped from a wildlife collection somewhere. The ring on its left leg reads NIX.'

The black swan is of spiritual significance in the traditional histories of many Australian Aboriginal peoples and is the official state emblem of Western Australia.



GRADUATIONS



Ruairidh MacNab

(son of Bruce and Fiona MacNab) graduated on the 10th July from South Tyneside College with a Foundation Degree in Marine Engineering. Ruairidh is employed by Carnival the cruise ship company and is travelling to Amsterdam to do a course in Engine Room Management. He will then be assigned to a cruise ship. Ruairidh was educated at Ardrishaig Primary School and Lochgilphead High School.



Fraser Meechan

graduated from Stirling University with a BA (Hons) in Criminology and Sociology. Son of Billy and Rona Meechan, Lochgilphead. Fraser will leave next month to travel round the world.

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Daily: 14.10, 16.10, 18.20

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Daily: 20.30

How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG)

Fri - Sun Kid's Club: 12.00

Pudsey the Dog: The Movie (U)

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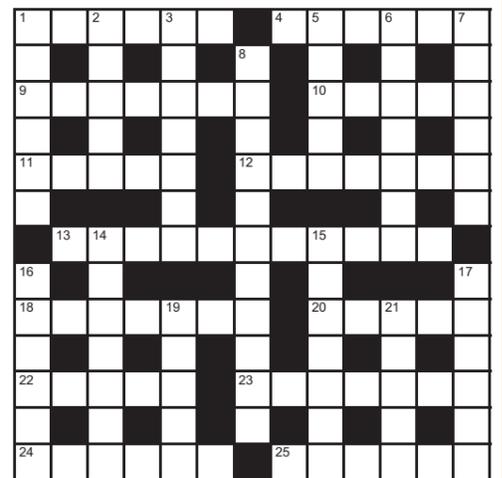
RSC: The Two Gentlemen of Verona : Live - Wednesday 3 September at 19.00

National Theatre Live: Medea (12A) - Thursday 4 September at 19.00 150mins

Madama Butterfly on Sydney Harbour - Thursday 18th September at 19.00

Billy Elliot The Musical Live - Sunday 28th September at 19.00

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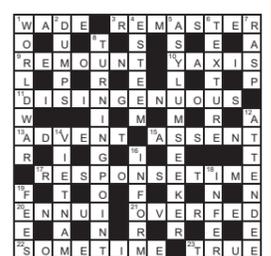
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- 1 Can't stand (6)
- 4 Imitative (6)
- 9 Small flute (7)
- 10 Substantial (5)
- 11 Rwandan people (5)
- 12 Expert in bridges? (7)
- 13 Restricted (11)
- 18 Figure (7)
- 20 Blow up (5)
- 22 Quartet member (5)
- 23 Brave (7)
- 24 Difficult (6)
- 25 Address (6)

Down

- 1 Number two (6)
- 2 Be silent, in music (5)
- 3 Celebrated in history (7)
- 5 Aromatic seeds used for cooking (5)
- 6 Egg-shaped instrument (7)
- 7 Prairie wolf (6)
- 8 Fridge (4,7)
- 14 Perform better (7)
- 15 Imbricate (7)
- 16 Large feline (3,3)
- 17 Tack (6)
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- 21 Customary manner (5)

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Free event on grassland nutrient management

FARMERS are being encouraged to attend a worthwhile event at Dunadd Farm in Lochgilphead next Thursday, August 14 when the focus will be on the nutrients essential for plant growth and how important it is to soil sample regularly so that applied inorganic fertilisers are not wasted.

Dr David Lawson, SRUC grassland agronomist, will demonstrate how compaction can restrict plant growth.

Helen Bibby Scottish Agricultural College's conservation consultant, will discuss the role of pollinators within a farming system.

J & S Montgomery Ltd will also be in attendance to demonstrate aeration equipment which can be used to reduce soil compaction. The event, funded by the Scottish Government, is free to farmers, land managers, and crofters. It runs from 11am to 3pm and a light lunch will be provided.

Attendance should be confirmed asap to SAC Consulting, Campbeltown 01586 552502 or email fbscampbeltown@sac.co.uk

Kintyre show declared a big success

JOHN Armour, Kintyre Agricultural Show secretary, said he and the organisers were delighted with how last Friday's show had turned out, as a combination of weather and high-quality competition brought spectators out in droves.

John said: 'We were very happy with how the show went, it was a very successful day. We were extremely pleased with the turnout and greatly appreciate the public's continued support.'

'Numbers through the gate were on a par with last year and the good weather might have played a part in that.'

'That said, the stock on show across the day was first-class.'

Kintyre Agricultural Show trophy winners 2014:

Coll Cup, best Ayrshire calf - Jack Ralston, East Drumlembie; Ayrshire Cattle Society Shield product class - J & M Barr, Clochkiel; Kintyre Farmers Cup, Ayrshire heifer - J & M Barr, Clochkiel; Merchants Cup, most points Ayrshire - J & M Barr, Clochkiel; Society Cup, best Ayrshire home bred - A & J Pirie, Machrihanish; Alf King Cup, best Ayrshire milk section - A & J Pirie, Machrihanish; Deosan Cup, best Ayrshire pair milk - Archie Millar, Ballygreggan; Thomas Miller Cup, Ayrshire young stock champion - Rhona Millar, Ballygreggan; Tom Douglas Cup, overall Ayr-

shire champion - A & J Pirie, Machrihanish; Volac Cup, best Holstein calf - Ava McLatchie, Kilkeddan; Holstein breeder ID Smith Cup, 8,000kg class - Peter Littleleson, Killegruer; Alistair Cameron Cup, Holstein milk records class - A & J Pirie, Machrihanish; John Cullen Salver, Holstein young stock champion - Jennifer Littleleson, Killegruer; Kintyre Holstein Breeders Cup, Holstein heifer - John Smith, Drumalea; Drumalea Cup, champion Holstein - Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan; Sandy Ross Cup, champion Jersey - Tommy Ralston, Dhurrie; Silver Vase, best exhibit 14-25 years old dairy - Jennifer Littleleson, Killegruer; Ian McDonald Rose Bowl, dairy interbreed pair - J & M Barr, Clochkiel; Parker Cup, reserve dairy champion - Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan; Creamery Cup, supreme dairy champion - A & J Pirie, Machrihanish; Kintara Cup, best calf led by juvenile - Taylor Purser, Kilwhipnash; Corson's Rose Bowl, best cross bred suckled calf - D W Semple, Dippen; McFadyen Cup, most points in beef section - D W Semple, Dippen; Daniel Riddell Cup, best opposite sex in beef classes - D W Semple, Dippen; Messrs Wallace Cup, champion beef animal - D W Semple, Dippen; Wm McLatchie Memorial Cup, best Clydesdale bred in Kintyre - David and Callum McPhail, Gargalfra; Society Cup, best Clydes-



There was keen competition for trophies at this year's Kintyre Agricultural Show. 20_c32show16

dale bred by exhibitor - David and Callum McPhail, Gargalfra; John McCallum Memorial Plate, best Clydesdale - David and Callum McPhail, Gargalfra; David MacPhail & Son Cup, best Clydesdale foal - Tom McMillan, Eskechrangan; David Smith Cup, champion Clydesdale - David and Callum McPhail, Gargalfra; Arnicle Cup, best Blackface milk and ewe lamb - Messrs McArthur, Arnicle; Duke's Cup, best group of three Blackface - Messrs McArthur,

Arnicle; John R Semple Cup, best Blackface lamb - Donald Shaw, Innisaig; Maxwell Cup, best Blackface male bred by exhibitor - Messrs McArthur, Arnicle; Argyll Herald Jubilee Cup, best home bred Blackface sheep - Messrs McArthur, Arnicle; Archie Black Memorial Cup, confined Blackface champion - Jake Ronald, Coulinlongart; James McPhee & Son Cup, most points in Blackface section - Messrs McArthur, Arnicle; Sanda Cup, champion Black-

face sheep - Messrs McArthur, Arnicle; Devonia Bowl, most points Ayrshire/Blackface sheep - Messrs McArthur, Arnicle; John D McConnachie Cup, champion Blue Leicester, J & M Turner, Killdallio; Jim Martin/Scotmin Cup, champion Suffolk - John Pirie, Machrihanish; Society Cup, champion mule/greyface - Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh; Thomas Brown Quaich, champion Texel - Iain McKendrick, High Dalrioch; McTaggart Cup, best border Leicester -

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See more pictures on pages 14-15.

Sanders' plough shines in the damp

THE annual Largieside ploughing match took place in damp conditions on Saturday, July 26 at Beachmenach Farm in Tayinloan by kind permission of the McDonald family.

The ploughing was

judged by Thomas Cameron and Jimmy Wallace and the horses by Malcolm McFadyen. The committee thanked everyone who helped to run the event.

The trophies were presented at a social evening



Connor Sanders, right, with Jock Severide who generously mentored Connor with Jock's tractor and plough.

at the Argyll Hotel, Bellochinty.

Prizes were presented on the field by Marion McDonald and the results were as follows:

12-inch and under - 1 Connor Sanders, 2 James P McIndoe, 3 Willie Reid, 4 James McIndoe, 5 Gordon Souter, 6 Gavin Reid, 7 Neil Littleleson, 8 Paul Newall, 9 Kenny Ronald.

12-inch special prizes: best break - Willie Reid; best first six furrows - Willie Reid, Best last six furrows, best outs and ins, straightest, best finish - all Connor Sanders.

Reversible - 1 Niall Bastow.

Reversible special prizes: best break, best first six furrows, best last six furrows, best outs and ins, straightest, best finish - Niall Bastow.

Horses - 1 Geordie Robertson, 2 Neil MacPhail.

Horse special prizes: best break, best first six furrows, best last six furrows, best outs and ins, straightest, best

finish, tidiest turnout, best mare - all Geordie Robertson; best working pair, best gelding - both Neil MacPhail. General prizes: worst lot - Neil Littleleson; least assistance - James P McIndoe; best maintained outfit - Kenny Ronald; best working plough - Connor Sanders; hardest luck - Neil MacPhail; furthest travelled - Gordon Souter; first finished - Gavin Reid; first on field - Geordie Robertson; oldest ploughman - James McIndoe; youngest ploughman - Neil Littleleson; best looking ploughman - Connor Sanders; oldest tractor - Gordon Souter;

newest tractor - Neil Littleleson. Trophies: Mr and Mrs Holderson Shield for Best Overall - Connor Sanders; Largieside Challenge Cup (restricted to Largieside) - Connor Sanders; Tayinloan Cup (restricted to Largie, Killean and Glenbar) - Neil Littleleson; Glenside Trophy for best work by a K.V. plough - Willie Reid; Glenside Tractors Trophy for best reversible - Niall Bastow; George McFarlane Trophy for best in horse ploughing - Geordie Robertson; Alex McGill Cup for best working pair of horses - Neil MacPhail.



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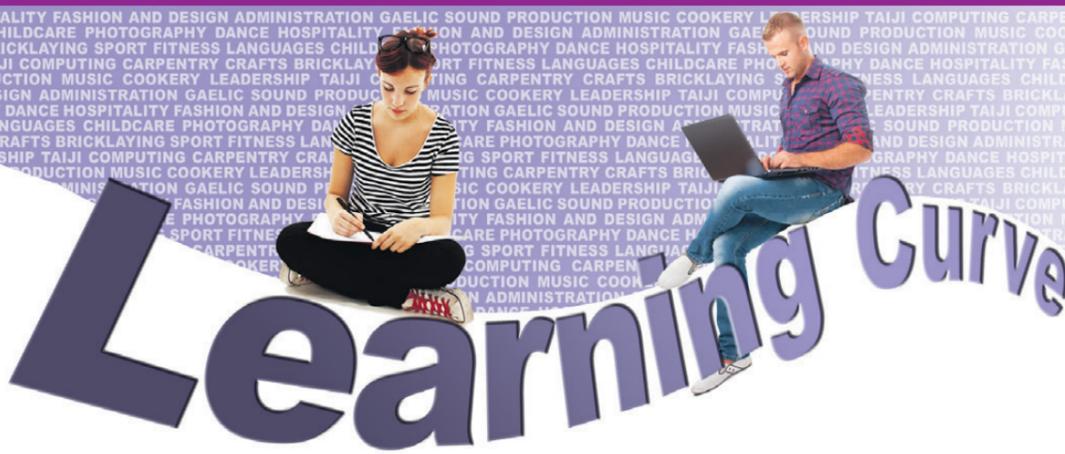
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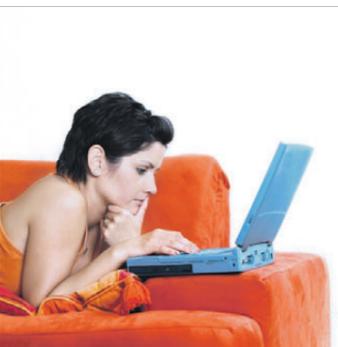
It's up to you to find a university that is prepared to accept you, and the best way to do this is to check their website or ring a university and tell them what you want to do.

Usually, if they have vacancies, they will take your details and either give you a decision straightaway or very soon afterwards.

Check the official Clearing listings in the national press, the UCAS website, or the websites of individual universities to find where there are vacancies in different subject.

Using the official listings will provide the most comprehensive and up-to-date information.

Think about alternative courses,



es, perhaps a joint course with another subject instead of a single subject course, to maximise the choice available.

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Yes shop volunteers will answer referendum questions

'We feel there is a real momentum to voting yes'

THE big push is on for Yes campaigners in Kintyre with the opening of a shop in Campbeltown. Next to the Whisky Shop, off Longrow, it will be manned by a team of volunteers in the run up to the referendum on September 18.

The Yes shop, the third in Argyll (the other two are in Oban and Dunoon), and being mirrored around the country, was officially opened last Friday by Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell.

He told the Courier: 'It was very generous of Springbank Distillery to allow this to happen, and there will be an enthusiastic team of volunteers answering questions. 'There will be no reason for anyone in Kintyre not having the information needed for them to make up their minds about the referendum.'

On Monday evening, former SNP leading light Jim Sillars will be the main speaker at

a public meeting in the Victoria Hall from 7pm. Also speaking will be Mr Russell, Campbeltown Grammar pupil Donald MacPherson, Michelle Thomson of Business for Scotland and Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh of Women for Independence.

Mr Russell added: 'We feel there is a real momentum to voting yes. I'm witnessing the first grassroots movement, touching ordinary folk in Scotland, in my time as a politician.'



Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell, centre, officially opens the Yes campaign shop in Campbeltown. 20_c32yes01

'Hopefully, people will want to come along to hear Jim Sillars speak. Around 400 turned out in Mull for a debate he had with Douglas Alexander MP.'

10k runner caught with cocaine

A CAMPBELTOWN man went off course when he drank 10 pints of beer after this year's Mull of Kintyre 10k.

Ryan Sharp was caught by police with a small amount of cocaine in his possession.

Defence agent Jim McKeown said the drug had simply been passed to his client as he celebrated his run earlier in the day.

Sharp, 26, a bricklayer, of 20 Park Terrace, pleaded guilty to possessing the illegal drug in an alleyway between the Royal Hotel and Victoria Hall on May 25 of this year.

Fining him £375, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told him: 'I have to send out a message that we don't want cocaine in Campbeltown.'

Remembering local servicemen

IN REMEMBRANCE of each of the Campbeltown servicemen who never returned from the two world wars, 523 crosses will be laid tomorrow (Saturday) by Kintyre Veterans Together, at the Campbeltown War Memorial. The ceremony will begin at noon.

Members of the public are invited to attend and for a £1 donation they

can place a cross.

A rededication of the cenotaph on the Esplanade will take place on Sunday at 1pm. Ministers from four Campbeltown churches will be present, and the ceremony will be introduced by Partick Stewart MBE, Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute.

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Josh Barbour from Dalrioch and his seven-month-old Holstein heifer. Josh won best handler in the under-14 section. 20_c32show04



Alan Timbrell with A and J Pirie of Machrihanish's champion cattle.



Jackie Morrison swapped bus driving for tractor driving as he finished second in the vintage tractor section with his B250 International. 20_c32show09



Showjumper Tabitha James from Skipness pictured before her run. 20_c32show06

Sun puts on agriculture's

THERE was a holiday feel in the air as the 147th Kintyre Agricultural Show got underway last Friday in a blaze of sunshine.

As temperatures rose throughout the day, the competition intensified too, with a variety of stock, me-

ticulously prepared by their owners, appearing before the judges and the watching crowds.

The pride of the entrants in their stock was evident as loose hairs were clipped, animals were washed and the entrants focused on im-



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Hannah Storie, left, from Gigha won reserve champion with her Rhodesian ridgeback Kofi, and Catherine Ralston from Campbeltown won overall dog show champion with her collie Bracken. 20_c32show13



Professional shearer Sandy F performing a shearing demonstration on a sheep.



Champion Ayrshire cow. 20_c32show11

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There was more entertainment in the afternoon as sheep shearing demonstrations took place several times, followed by a vintage tractor display which saw more than 20 classic vehicles, some of them al-

most 60 years old, parade around the main arena, before the finest animals on display took their lap of honour and the winners' trophies - a table of gleaming silver - were handed out to close a great afternoon.



Jean McLachlan of Kildalloig Farm, Campbeltown and her prize-winning Suffolk ewe. 20_c32show07



Michelle Mayberry of New Houses, Bellochan-tuy with her foal Dessa. 20_c32show05



David MacPhail, pictured here with Garcalfra Sweet Chloe, his champion Clydesdale. Missing from the picture is David's son Callum who also helped on the day. 20_c32show10



Thomas Cameron and Greg Gillespie with their bluefaced Leicester sheep. 20_c32show01



Lowan offered a sheep Friday afternoon. 20_c32show12



Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid, front, and Rory Colville with Rory's prize winning sheep.

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Lochgilphead woman deliberately drove into ditch

A WOMAN who admitted driving carelessly and intentionally putting her car into a ditch on the A83 close to Inverneil near Tarbert has been given six penalty points and fined £250.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week, Angela Brown, 49, of 17 Stag Park, Lochgilphead pleaded guilty to committing the offence on January 14 of this year.

Defence agent Jim McKeown said his client was in a highly emotional state at the time. 'She is now in good health and back working,' he added.

SOUTHEND



CAKE wizard Frances Hill of Muneroy Tearoom in Southend created this special cake to mark last week's Kintyre Agricultural Show.

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Frances Fleming, treasurer of the Marie Curie fundraising group, accepted the cheque totalling £843.39 on behalf of Marie Curie Cancer Care. 06_a30marie01

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Tarbert nurse remembered at tea party

THE memory of a Tarbert nurse was honoured recently as friends and colleagues turned out to raise cash for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Staff at Tarbert Health Centre hosted a Blooming Great Tea Party in memory of district nurse Diane Gaskell who died of cancer last year.

Raised

More than £800 was raised at the event and will be used to fund

Marie Curie Nurses who provide end of life care for people with cancer and other illnesses.

Senior nurse

Cathanna Smith, a senior nurse at Tarbert Health Centre, said Diane had worked at the centre for 11 years until her death in June 2013.

She said: 'Diane was a district nurse here and she took part in the Marie Curie fundraising in previous years. She was well

known and well liked in the community.'

The Blooming Great Tea Party was held in June for the fourth year running and was supported by Tarbert businesses who offered prizes for the raffle.

Cathanna added: 'The public were great, very involved and generous. The school was even involved and fifth and sixth-year pupils served tea and coffee at the tables.'

MUASDALE

'Famous' flower festival raises £1,400

A' CHLEIT Church hosted the Mairi Semple Flower Festival last weekend with 24 very different arrangements

on show depicting famous Scots. Arrangers from all over Kintyre contributed and helped to raise a great total of



Ann Clark's tribute to Scots missionary David Livingstone.



Margaret Taylor's famous Scot was Old Tom Morris, the renowned golf-course designer.



Marion Warnock's arrangement in honour of Jimmy Reid, Clydeside union leader.

£1,400, which will go directly to people in the area suffering from cancer.

The committee is

very grateful for all the help received which made the event so enjoyable and successful.

SADDELL

Stall raises almost £200

THE Saddell and Parish Church Guild held a baking stall with tea and coffee at the harbour day held in the village hall last Saturday and raised £193.31.

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PLANNING

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk. Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

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14/01728/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse and garage, installation of septic tank and formation of new vehicular access.	Plot F Ardpatrik Estate Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
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A copy of the Order as made and the relevant plans may be inspected, free of charge until 12 September 2014 during normal business hours at the offices of Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF; the offices of Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RT; and Campbeltown Town Hall, 54 Main Street PA28 6AB.

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Independent report calls on Scottish Government to prioritise long-term housing needs in Scotland

An independent Scottish Housing Commission led by RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors) has published its recommendations to help improve Scotland's housing market across all tenures.

The Commission is made up of cross-sector experts within the housing industry and, through written and oral evidence provided by industry representatives, developed recommendations to help Scottish Government and cross-sector policy makers remove barriers in the Scottish housing market.

According to the report, measures including the expansion of the current Scottish Government Housing Policy Advisory Group, the creation of a more robust private rented sector and a renewed emphasis on establishing a sufficient quantity and quality of land for housing, including the creation of new communities across Scotland, are all required to address potential crises in Scotland's housing market.

Tom Barclay FRICS, Scottish Housing Commission Chairman said: 'The imbalance that exists between supply and demand for housing remains an on-going problem in today's, and potentially tomorrow's, Scottish housing market. 'At the heart of our 15 Recommendations the commission identified three key issues for Scotland's housing future, namely, housing land supply, new housing growth and the emerging importance of the private rented sector. 'A substantial increase in land supply for housing would assist development partners in their business preparation, reduce land costs and impact positively on the affordability of housing. 'In addition, scaling up production of new house building across all tenures is in our view an essential aspect in a sustainable housing solution for Scotland. 'By promoting the creation of up to eight major new communities, either as new towns, regeneration of existing communities or as expansion of existing plans, we could make major in-roads in addressing Scotland's acute housing need in the decade that lies ahead. 'At the same time this would give a continued shot in the arm to the Scottish economy, by creating new jobs and supporting existing economies.'

The report also suggests that a greater level of attention toward the private rented sector could help alleviate pressure on the market. According to the latest RICS Residential Market Survey, a net balance of 25 per cent of chartered surveyors reported a rise in tenant demand within the private rented sector, with respondents reporting growth in demand through 2014.

Tom Barclay FRICS added: 'An effective, regulated private rental market is vital for future housing in Scotland. 'Significant investment in a private rented growth plan for Scotland is required to provide security for the growing number of families and individuals depend on privately rented properties.'

The report further recommends that the Scottish Government put in place a Change Fund to support

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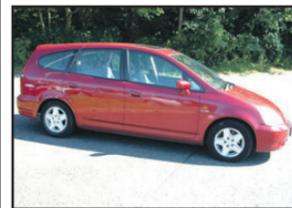


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Drivers urged: Don't treat country roads like racetracks this summer, as one in three admit to driving too fast

Drivers are being urged to slow down on country roads this summer to enable families, walkers, cyclists and horse riders to enjoy great British countryside, as a survey reveals that a huge proportion treat them like racetracks. Results out today from road safety charity Brake and solicitors, Digby Brown reveal one in three drivers (33 per cent) admit driving too fast for safety on country roads, by speeding, taking bends too fast or overtaking. Four in 10 (37 per cent) have had a near-miss on country roads, while driving, walking or cycling.

Since there is less traffic on country roads, some drivers feel a false sense of security [1] and are prone to take risks like speeding, overtaking, and not slowing down for brows and bends. In fact, per mile travelled, country roads are the most dangerous for all types of road user, with car occupants almost twice as likely to be killed on a country road than an urban road, motorcyclists more than twice as likely, and cyclists more than three times as likely [2]. In 2013, 895 people were killed on non built-up roads, up 1 per cent on 2012, and 6,554 seriously injured [3].

Brake and Digby Brown's survey of 1,000 UK drivers also found:

- One in five (19 per cent) admit breaking speed limits on country roads in the past year
- Three in 20 (15 per cent) admit taking corners or brows too fast
- One in 20 (5 per cent) admit overtaking when it isn't safe
- Three in 10 (28 per cent) have been a passenger with a driver who broke the limit, one in five (19 per cent) with a driver who took corners or brows too fast, and one in 12 (8 per cent) with a driver who overtook when it wasn't safe.
- Four in five (80 per cent) think traffic is too fast for safety on some or most rural roads.

Fast traffic on country roads not only puts lives at risk, it can also harm people's quality of life by preventing them from enjoying the countryside on foot or bike for fear of being hurt. Three quarters of those surveyed (76 per cent) think country roads need to be safer for cyclists, walkers and horse-riders, and two in five say they would start cycling or cycle more (37 per cent), or start walking or walk more (43 per cent), if these roads were safer [4].

To cut crashes and empower people to enjoy the countryside, Brake is calling on government to lower limits on rural roads to a maximum of 50mph, and require authorities to implement lower limits where there are particular risks. The survey found widespread support for lower limits, with seven in 10 (72 per cent) in favour of more 50, 40 and 30mph limits on country roads, and two thirds (65 per cent) in favour of a 40mph default in national parks.

Brake is urging all drivers to stay well under current limits - bearing in mind 60mph is generally far too fast for safety on these roads - and slow right down for villages, bends, brows and bad weather, and avoid overtaking. Drivers should always assume that someone, or something, could be around any corner.

Fraser Simpson, Digby Brown partner and Brake spokesperson in Scotland, commented: 'Careless and reckless driving wrecks lives. At Digby Brown we work with families affected by road traffic crashes and see first-hand their devastating human consequences. Driving on rural roads or in countryside areas has its own challenges and all of us should bear that in mind when we get behind the wheel. We can all do our bit to stop the carnage we see far



The consequences of driving too fast are all too clear

too often on our roads. Whether it is checking and obeying the speed limit on an unfamiliar road, taking a bit more time to get round a corner or thinking twice about overtaking, care and attention saves lives. This is a really important message and Digby Brown are fully supportive of Brake's campaign and work in this area.'

[1] Direct Line report on safe driving 2009-2011, part 3 - speed, Brake and Direct Line, 2010

[2] Reported road casualties Great Britain: 2012, Department for Transport, 2013 - table RAS20005, p94 https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/269601/rrcgb-2012-complete.pdf

[3] Reported road casualties Great Britain: main results 2013, Department for Transport, 2014 https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/324580/rrcgb-main-results-2013.pdf. Non-built up roads refers to those with speed limits over 40mph.

[4] Survey of 1,000 drivers and riders conducted for Brake and Digby Brown by Surveygoo, released 24 July 2014

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE lighting was subdued and the music was spine tingling and evocative.

My eyes took time to adjust to the gentle lighting and at first I couldn't make out much at all.

I had been waiting over a year to visit it, and then I saw it in all its glory – St Oran's Cross, magnificently restored and in Iona Abbey Museum.

This is the world's first Celtic high cross.

It was chiselled out of schist blocks on the Ross of Mull by craftsmen at the behest of a King of the Picts in the 8th century.

It weights more than a tonne and stands four and a half metres high.

It is magnificent.

St Oran was a follower of St Columba and a chapel beside the abbey is dedicated to him.

His cross had lain, broken in five pieces, on the floor of the abbey museum for many years.

It was a wonderful project to restore it and then to have it standing proudly in the museum alongside the original crosses of St John and St Matthew.

St Oran's cross depicts familiar biblical stories and the engraving is a masterpiece in itself.

The Celtic crosses were thought of by our ancestors as 'touching places' between ourselves and God.

There is a sacred mystery about them, and a story within the stories which are engraved forever upon them.

This cross has survived for almost 1,300 years and still has a message for us today.

I wonder what stories we will leave engraved for future generations.

Will emails, tweets and twitters tell our story over the next 13 centuries?

What mark will we leave and what faith will we proclaim?

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Games for a laugh

Ashleigh Conner takes an early lead on the way to winning the sack race. 08_c32games03

THERE was plenty of laughter and good-hearted competition when members of Campbeltown Running Club held their own mini Highland games at the Meadows last week.

Rapid-fire

As well as rapid-fire running races, which

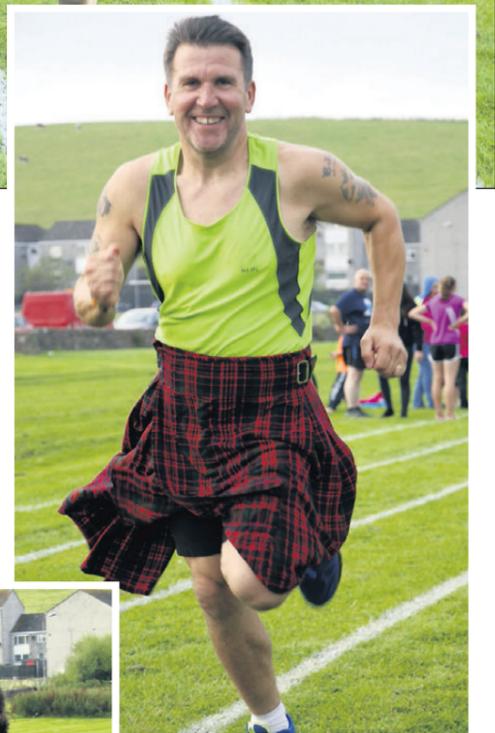
left little time for recovery, there were also sack and three-legged races as well as 'throwing the broom'.

Ralphy Hill entered into the spirit of the occasion by turning up in a kilt, and 15-year-old Ashleigh Conner was easily the most success-

ful athlete of the evening winning the ladies 100m and 400m, the sack race, and the three-legged race with best friend Maryann Wylie.

First

Stuart McGeachy was second in the men's 400m and first in the half mile and mile.



Above: Ralphy Hill looks the part in the kilt.



James Murdoch, left, passes Stuart McGeachy close to the finish in the 400 metres. 08_c32games05



Left: Best pals Ashleigh Conner and Maryann Wylie, both 15, are so close it could be said they are almost joined at the hip, so it was no surprise that they found an easy rhythm together to be winners of their three-legged race. 08_c32games01



The start of a half-mile race for ladies and youngsters. 08_c32games04

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Praise the Lord, O my soul: all my inmost being, praise his holy name' (Psalm 103:1).

BIRTHS



WALKER

Kevin and Christine are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Andrew Thomas, on July 21, 2014 at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. A lovely wee brother for Eilidh and new grandson for Elizabeth and Raymond McCallum, Campbeltown, and Tom and Liz Glover, Helensburgh.

MARRIAGES

GALBRAITH - KELLY - Both families are delighted to announce the marriage of Craig Rankin to Amanda-Dawn, at St Margaret's Episcopal Church, Renfrew by the Rev Pat Smith, on July 20, 2014.

MCNAIR - BARAN - At Strathaven Hotel, on July 5, 2014 by the Rev Gary McIntyre, Robert, son of John and Norma, High Smerby, to Stefanie Margaret, elder daughter of Frank and Anne-Marie, Cambuslang.



O'MAY - CRAWFORD

Both families are delighted to announce the marriage of Jamie, only son of Jamie and Anne, Ardrishaig, to Amanda, only daughter of Sandy and Fiona, Lochgilphead, by the Rev Hilda Smith, at Lochgilphead Parish Church, on July 19, 2014. A special day!

SILVER WEDDINGS



CROSSAN - MCSPORRAN

On August 5, 1989 by Rev Roddy McNidder, at St Blaas's Church, Southend, Arthur to Anne.

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DEATHS

GRAHAM - Peacefully at her daughter's house, 22 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, on August 4, 2014, Patricia Stewart (Pat), in her 72nd year, 33 Smith Drive, formerly of Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Angus Graham, much loved mother of Angus, Donna, Stewart, Allister and Adam, a loving and much loved granny, and great granny of Ella, Hollie and Dylan.

HENDERSON - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on August 5, 2014, Michael Henderson (Mick), in his 87th year, 26c Barochan Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Maureen Sinclair, much loved father of Lorna, father-in-law of Campbell and a loving grampa of Lorne and Greg. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the District Nurses and the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

MACBRAYNE - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on Sunday, August 3, 2014, Lydia Lithgow MacBrayne, aged 71 years, of 15 Colchester Square, Lochgilphead, beloved daughter of the late Dugald and Margaret MacBrayne and much loved sister of Anne. A dear aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Donald MacDonald's Funeral Parlour, Lorne Street, Lochgilphead, on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 11.30am, thereafter to Achabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Mid Argyll Volunteer Drivers.

MACDONALD - Peacefully, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on August 5, 2014, Annabel MacDonald, née MacKechnie, aged 91 years, of 3 Ardrpatrick Place, Lochgilphead and formerly of 62 Highbank Park, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of the late Donnie MacDonald, much loved and loving mum, gran, great gran, mother-in-law, sister and aunt. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 11.00am, thereafter to Achabreac Cemetery. Ga h-ionndrain gu mor.

MACDOUGALL - On August 2, 2014, peacefully at home, with her boys by her side, Sheila MacDougall, née Munro, beloved wife of the late Jack MacDougall, much loved mother of Iain and Grant and dear sister of the late George. Funeral service at Ardrishaig Parish Church, (today) Friday, August 8 at 11.00am, thereafter to Clydebank Crematorium at 2.30pm, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers, or collection if desired for Marie Curie Cancer Care. No black ties please.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CLERK - Colin and family would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to the home care team, Dianne, Florence, Eleanor and Jill and district nurse Anne Templeton for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Dr Roddy MacLeod for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, George Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Macmillan Cancer Care raised £355.

LEISHMAN - Allison, Brian and family would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards and phone calls received following the sad loss of their mum, Jessie. A special thanks to Aunt Janette for all her support while Mum was in hospital, to the nursing staff and Dr Birschel in Ward 56 of the Stroke Unit, Southern General Hospital and all the nursing staff at the Campbeltown Hospital, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair Funeral Directors for their excellent service, Agnes Stewart for the lovely church service, the Ardshiel Hotel for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiral collection raised £291 for the Sunshine Room at Campbeltown Hospital.

MCLATCHIE - Peggy and her cousin, Bobby Harvey, would like to express their thanks to all friends and neighbours for their kindness following the sad loss of Lily. Thanks to the Rev Anne McIvor for her comforting service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional services and the Argyll Hotel for the funeral tea.

MCWHINNEY - The family of the late Annie wishes to thank everyone who attended the funeral. Also, thanks to the Rev R MacLeod for the lovely services, Eadar Glinn Nursing Home for the loving care and attention given and John H Glen & Son for excellent funeral arrangements.

NICOLSON - Sheena and family of the late Alastair Nicolson wish to sincerely thank all relatives, friends

and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy extended to them following their sad loss. Thanks to the staff at Mid Argyll Hospital, Dr Helliwell, nurse Joanna Steel and carers for Alastair's special care at home. Extended thanks to Arran and Lochgilphead Masonic order. Finally, thanks to Rev Roddy MacLeod for his warm service and spiritual help, also Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their compassionate care. A generous donation of £245 was raised on behalf of Lodge Loch Fyne Benevolent Fund.

IN MEMORIAM

ALLAN - Sweet and happy memories of my darling youngest son, Iain Kelly, died July 30, 2006. Also my beloved husband, Robert Galbraith (Big Bert), died August 13, 2006. Love and miss you both so much. Till we meet again. - Always and ever, Jean xx.

GRAHAM - Loving memories of Archie, a dear husband and father, and Nettie Gillies, a dear mother and granny. - Love Ann, Mandy and Pauline x.

JOHNSTONE - In loving memory of my husband, Donnie, who died August 8, 2003. We think about you every day. We talk about you too. We have precious memories. But we wish we still had you.

- From your loving wife Morag and family xxx.
MACKINNON - In loving memory of Hector, who died August 9, 2005. - Love from Lucy and family.

MACLENNAN - Treasured memories of our mum, Elizabeth, died August 12, 1985. We can't have old days back. When we were all together. But secret tears and loving thoughts. Will be with us forever. Loved and missed always.

- Lorne, Leone, Darren, Laurene and Murray x.
MARTIN - In loving memory of my dear wife, our mum and grandma, Catherine (Kate), who died August 3, 2008. Those we love don't go away.

They walk beside us every day. - All our love, Iain, Paul, Yvonne, and families.
MCKELLAR - In loving memory of our wee granny, sorely missed. - Love Kenny, Angela and Kerr x.

MCKENZIE - Remembering Sandy, today and always, died August 11, 2005. In our hearts forever. - Jane and girls x.
MIKA - In loving memory of Molly, who died August 9, 2000. - From all the family.

SHAW - Precious memories of a dear dad (Alan), who passed away on August 13, 2010. Always in my thoughts. - John.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 10th August
Ford Church - 10am
Rev. W. Ritchie
All welcome
SCO 02121

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome
(SCO002876)

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT:
TARBERT 10.00am, located on School Road.
Lochgilphead 11.30am, located on Lochnell Street/Manse Brae
All welcome.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
"It is good to sing praises to our God"
10th August
Legion (Mark 5) Services in Achahoisht at 9:45am Ardrishaig at 11:00am

Scottish Episcopal Churches Everyone Welcome
Christ Church Bishopnot Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Sundays 11.00 am Eucharist service
4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins & 11am Eucharist Service
Coffee & Cake follows the service
St Columba's, Pottalloch, nr Kilmartin (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month 9.00am Eucharist Service
3rd Sunday of the month 6.00pm Evensong
Scottish Prayer Book
All Saints, Inveraray (SC025646)
Thursdays 6.30pm Eucharist Service
Father Simon Mackenzie
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran
01546 602315

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services 10th August 2014 - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
Seirbheis Ghàidhlig (Gaelic Service) in Lochgair Church at 3 pm
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

For Funeral Directors Blair, MacDonald and Lupton please turn to page 22.

free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 10th August
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Finlay Mackenzie
Thursday 14th August
12 noon Bible Study and Prayer
Saturday 16th August
10.30am - 4pm
Church Open Day
All Welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 10th August 2014
11.15am Family Communion Service
Mr Gordon Cosgrove
Coffee from 10.45am
Wednesday 13th August 2014
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
Toddler Group closed during summer
For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson
01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SCO14646

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 10th August
Informal service in Church Hall 10.00am
Traditional Service 11.15am
Creche
Rev P Wallace

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 10 August
Tayvallich Church 11:30 am
Morning Worship
Rev. W. Ritchie
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
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TARBERT LOCHFYN AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 10th August 2014
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Kilberry Service 10am
Rev Tommy Bryson
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome
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LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday, 10th August
11 a.m. Morning Worship
J L Morrison
Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
All Welcome
Rev. Hilda Smith
www.lpchurch.co.uk
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

The Salvation Army Campbeltown Corps
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046
Saturday 9th August
Eden Gardening Club from 10am
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz
6.30pm Evening Worship
Lt. Mark Scouling

Highland Parish Church
SCO02493
Sunday 10th August
11.15am Rev C Hood
Service in the church
Everyone very welcome

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 10th August 2014
11.00am Service
Speaker - Heather Allan
Messy Church
Wednesday 13th August
Fit for a King (Part 2)
Scottish Charity SC015187

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church
Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 10th August
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
10.45am Holy Communion
All Welcome
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
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CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service
11.00 am
with Sunday school
Refreshments after the service
Baby & Toddler Group
10.00 - 11.45 am
Every Thursday (term time only)
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
baptist union of scotland
Campbeltown Community Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Scotland
SC043322

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 10 August 2014
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"Divine Appointments"
Thursday 14 August 2014
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

Cooper was swinging in the rain

DUNAVERTY golfers seem fated to play club competitions in heavy rain and the Charles Hunter bogey competition last Saturday was no exception for the morning players.

Rain began as the first ones teed off at 8am and continued to such an extent that there were no competitors in the afternoon ballot.

John Marrison was the best of the early players and despite taking 13 strokes on the last two holes he returned a respectable +2 to lead the field. The weather was kinder to the evening players who completed their round in benign conditions.

Club steward Jim Cooper had his best round of the season and took top spot with +3.

Results: 1 Jim Cooper +3, 2 John Marrison +2(bih), 3 James Williamson +2, 4 Darren Kelly +1(bih), 5 Hamish Taylor +1, 6 Christian Ivan 0.

Entries open for MOKBike

ENTRIES are now being accepted for the MOKBike 2014 on October 12 which again will be in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

The Ardshiel Hotel and Carradale Cycle and Buggies will again be kindly supporting the event along with Machrihanish Caravan and Camping Park.

MOKBike has routes suitable for all ages and abilities.

Entry forms are available from the Aqualibrium, Wee Toon Sports and the Ardshiel Hotel.

For more information on the event please contact the organisers Russ and Ros Wilkes on russandros@googlemail.com or call 07957117277.

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Carradale ladies' boost for Argyll and Bute charity

A CHARITY was a big winner at Carradale Golf Club's ladies captain's prize day last Thursday with members and invited guests playing an 18-hole Stableford competition and a nine-hole competition for non-handicap players.

The early players completed their game in dry conditions, however the later players had to endure driving rain, gusts of wind and eventually a spot of sunshine.

Despite the weather, everyone enjoyed their visit to Carradale.

The captain's charity for this year is SSAFA Argyll and Bute (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association).

This very worthwhile charity has helped a number of veterans and their families around Argyll and particularly in Kintyre.

With the support and generosity of the com-

petitors, members and friends of the club, a huge amount was raised from a superb raffle, supported by a number of local businesses, as well as individual donations on the day, entry fees and money raised at the Ladies Open.

A cheque for £575 was presented to Mike Richardson, secretary of SSAFA, Argyll and Bute by his wife and lady captain, Margaret Richardson.



Lady captain Margaret Richardson with the prizewinners.



Mike Richardson, secretary of SSAFA Argyll and Bute, receiving a cheque for £575 from his wife and lady captain, Margaret Richardson.

As usual, the course was in excellent condition, due to greenkeeper Robert Strang and his assistant Gareth Strang's hard work and attention to detail.

The results were:
Handicap - Margaret Campbell 40 points, runner-up Marlene Walker 38.

Visitor winner - Hilary Oman (Machrihanish)

35 points, runner-up Lesley Armour (Machrihanish) 30.

Nine-hole winner - Gillian Kitson 19 points, runner-up Lorna Campbell 17.

Longest drive 9th/18th (silver) - Anne Gallagher (Machrihanish).

Longest drive 4th/13th (bronze) - Laura Finlayson.

Nearest the Pin 8th/

17th - Marlene Walker.

Special thanks to the sponsors of the holes, Isobel Williamson and Roy McMurchy and to the businesses who donated raffle prizes: Carradale Gold Foundry; The Glen Restaurant, Carradale; Carradale Hotel; The Cadenthead Whisky Shop; The Blacksmith Shop; The Treehouse; Zena's.

Carradale cricketers continue great form

CARRADALE delivered an impeccable exhibition of limited overs cricket to see off Innellan Cricket Club in a clinical and beguiling manner.

Even the slightest of weaknesses in Carradale's form had been worked on and wholly excised to produce a scoreline of 219 runs to D.L 160.

Having won the toss and electing to bat first, Carradale produced a first innings score of 117 from 20 overs, well exceeding the agreed par score of 90 on the weather affected, long and slow outfield.

The innings were anchored by the precise technique of James Lait who scored 27 including two characteristic cover drive boundaries, and highlighted by the

power players of Aiden Keogh and C.S Johnny who scored 42 and 27 respectively.

This strong start was continued with the ball; accurate and testing bowling from Jonathan and Calum Hooper was complemented by heroic efforts in the field.

James Cairns, fielding at short leg, prevented two certain boundaries early on with reflex stops.

The highlight of Innellan's first innings came from young William Goan, scoring an elegant 25 before being run out by keeper Alan Robertson after a lack of communication by the batsmen.

Having restricted the away side to just 84 runs, Carradale began their second innings 33 runs ahead, a lead which

proved to offer freedom to the batsmen and allowed their exuberant shot making to dictate play.

Closing their second innings with a cumulative total of 219 from 40 overs, Carradale had posted their highest total of the season, a score which seemed futile for the Innellan batsmen to chase. Their challenge increased in difficulty when both opening batsmen were dismissed for nought.

Despite the fine efforts of their top batsman Chris Marriot, Innellan fell well below the required rate. It was another win for Carradale which now enjoy a six-match unbeaten run.

Practises take place on Fridays at 6pm at the pitch in Carradale. New players are welcome.



Paul 'pools' off memorial competition result

PAUL Burke won the annual Neil Ronald memorial pool competition after defeating Cameron MacLean in the final. The event was held at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend.

Pupils clinch pre-season trophy at Rhu

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils continued their impressive pre-season form by winning the Rhu Tournament for the first time in nine attempts.

In a new guise of 11-a-side after the sevens version of previous years, the Pupils' first match of a four team round-robin last Saturday was against Argyll of Alexandria.

Gary Grumoli opened the scoring with a well-timed flick, before Lewis McFadyen weaved through to make it 2-0 at half time.

Grumoli added his second before Fraser Wylie, returning to the Pupils after a year in the Ayrshire league, made it 4-0.

Complacency then crept in and the Pupils conceded two goals in as many minutes but won 4-2.

The second of three 45-

minute matches saw the McFadyens and Feathers-sponsored Pupils take on Erskine of the Greater Glasgow AFL's top-tier.

A step up in class produced arguably the highest quality match of the afternoon, with end to end action throughout.

The Pupils went behind in the early stages after an Erskine forward scored at the second attempt despite the best efforts of keeper Craig Lamont.

Dinked

Their lead did not last long though, as Liam Renton, looking sharp despite an injury-laden spell, dinked the ball over to John McCallum who beat the keeper at his near post to equalise.

With Pupils pushing hard for a winner, they were hit on the counter-attack by a sweeping Erskine move which saw

their striker tuck the ball home at the far post.

The Pupils continued to push for the point their efforts deserved, and with seconds remaining John McCallum picked up Craig Lang's cutback to hit a low shot into the corner of the net.

With the final game against hosts Rhu Amateurs of the Caledonian AFL, a winner takes all situation, the Pupils took a vital first-half lead as Gary Grumoli lashed a left-foot shot into the roof of the net from the edge of the box.

Having been in a winning position in the final last year, the Pupils knew discipline would have to be shown in order to see out the match and a powerful performance saw them go on to dominate.

Gary Grumoli showed composure to receive a cut back and instantly move the ball on to



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Gregor McFadyen, who slotted the ball beyond the Rhu keeper.

With the Pupils firing at will, Gary Grumoli's shot was parried and Stuart Crossan pounced on the rebound to divert home a left-foot shot.

A fourth goal arrived

through Gary Grumoli to mark the Pupils maiden Rhu Tournament win in emphatic style.

Lifted

After so many trips in vain, captain Paul Grumoli finally lifted the winners' shield, and there was further good

news as 19-year-old midfielder Stuart Crossan was named player of the tournament.

Tomorrow (Saturday) the Pupils host Du-noon Amateurs in a return friendly. The match will be played at Kintyre Park at 2pm.

Plenty of fun for youngsters

A FUN day is being held at the Meadows tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon when there will be plenty of activities for youngsters to get involved in, including tag rugby, a bouncy castle, face painting and tom-bola.

The fire brigade will also be in attendance. Campbeltown Junior Running Club will also host a variety of races for youngsters. Donald Campbell will take entries on the day.

The event runs from 12.30pm to 4pm. Campbeltown Rugby Club begins again for the new season on Saturday, August 16.

Islay Golf Club

ISLAY Golf Club, Lifeboat Spoon played Sunday, July 27, CSS 72 - 1 R. Shaw 79 -9=70, 2 R. MacIntyre 75-4=71, 3 G. Hamilton 85-12=73.

Opening fixture

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils will play St Joseph's FP at home on Saturday, August 16 in the open game of the Scottish Amateur League season.

Referee in charge is Jimmy Litster.



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Carradale lose in nine-goal thriller

Pre-season friendly
Dunoon Athletic 5
Carradale 4

CARRADALE travelled to Dunoon to take on SAFL Premier Two side Dunoon Athletic on Sunday, going down 5-4 after a thrilling, end-to-end match.

With a number of first team regulars missing, Carradale found themselves behind as a misjudgement in goal saw a Dunoon cross turned into the net.

Carradale equalised soon after, before taking the lead through Ryan McConnachie's brilliant 20-yard volley.

The home side equalised with a well-timed chip after some defensive hesitation, but Carradale's lead was restored as Cammy Maguire turned inside his man to curl a right-footed shot into the far corner of the net.

Maguire had the chance to double the 'Dale's lead, but his tame penalty was saved easily.

Carradale then contrived to lose three set-piece goals, the first a cross that evaded defenders and keeper, before a 22-yard free kick made it 4-3 to Dunoon. Midfield maestro David Johnstone then weaved through the Athletic defence before being upended in the box. Johnstone took the penalty, and despite the home keeper saving it he lashed in the rebound.

The final blow was inflicted as Dunoon Athletic scored from a quick free kick.

Carradale manager Nonnie Macallister said: 'Despite the defeat, I am pleased with the team's performance.'

'It was a weakened squad but the boys kept pushing hard for more goals, and would have won but for missing two penalties during the game.'



The twins seen competing against each other in a competition in 2013. 20_c32twins02

We were winners being in Glasgow

CAMPBELTOWN twins Donna and Fiona Robertson are seasoned athletes, having medalled in two previous Commonwealth Games.

However, the sheer magic of Glasgow left them as awestruck as anyone as they met global athletics stars and were treated like heroes.

'Glasgow has been amazing, it has been a surreal week,' said Donna, 45, who along with her sister competed in the 48kg freestyle wrestling for Scotland last Tuesday at the Emirates Arena.

Overwhelmed

Despite both being eliminated at the quarter-final stage by eventual silver and bronze medallists, the pair were overwhelmed by their

Commonwealth experience.

They said: 'We knew the fights would be tough, but we prepared as well as we could.'

The twins were supported on competition day by a large group of their Campbeltown family members.

Donna said: 'It was a huge boost to have our family there. I saw them in the crowd after I noticed a man putting a Saltire flag up on the railings and realised it was my brother. Hopefully we made them proud.'

'We were disappointed to go out when we did, but the day after the competition we were given a huge welcome at Glasgow Green, going up on stage at an event,

signing autographs and posing for photographs with fans.

'It was an incredible experience, right up there with the London Olympics for atmosphere. That shows how much it meant to Glasgow.'

Mingle

Donna and Fiona even managed to mingle with stars on trips from the athletes' village.

Donna said: 'We were sitting across from Lynsey Sharp on the bus to Hampden - she was just about to do her 800 metres final but no one realised she had been ill the night before.'

'Usain Bolt was on the same bus. He was the star of the games and brought a lot of excitement. We also met some

of our Olympic heroes like Daley Thompson and Sebastian Coe. It was an incredible experience from start to finish.

'We were at the closing ceremony and were paraded around Celtic Park like heroes. Regardless of nationality everyone was given a proper welcome.'

Now the pair are looking forward to a few days' relaxing in Campbeltown.

Fiona said: 'We are in a transition time now. We have been training full-time for the past six months and now need to consider our options.'

'Coaching could be an avenue we go down but we will wait and see before we make any decisions.'

Jimmy Kerr Open

MACHRIHANISH Golf Club's Jimmy Kerr Open, Saturday, August 2 (CSS home 71, visitors 73, played 120).

Gents handicap - 1 Mike Holder 72-6=66 (BIH), 2 Alan Anderson 75-9=66, 3 Jim Innis 80-13=67, 4 Graham Husband 86-17=69, 5 Graham McMillan 88-18=70.

Scratch - 1 Steven Gilmour 70, 2 George MacMillan 71, 3 Ian McGougan 73, 4 Matthew MacAulay 74, 5 Derek Stirrat 77 (BIH).

Senior - Frank Blake 86-18=68. Junior - Mitch Graham 82-11=71.

Ladies handicap - 1 Ann Gallacher 79-8=71. Scratch - 1 Margaret Campbell 105.

£500 to be won

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

Numbers picked were 4, 10 and 12.

There will be a £500 jackpot in the next draw on Monday, August 11.

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Donna and Fiona Robertson were both representing Scotland in the Commonwealth Games wrestling.

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