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## Thousands of pounds worth of property stolen - page 2



Sammy MacSween, front, had his face painted by Allyson Draime at Campbeltown Rugby Club's Fun Day last Saturday. He was among plenty of youngsters who turned out to try their hand at the sport which is steadily growing in Kintyre. For more pictures and report, see page 12.

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# TV show will raise Kintyre's profile

## Businesses and tourism should receive a boost

by **GRAHAM CRAWFORD**  
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CAMPBELTOWN'S businesses and tourism are expected to receive a huge boost when BBC 2's Landward programme airs a half-hour special on Kintyre in October.

The programme's presenters were in the area for three days this week filming and highlighting many of the things it has to offer visitors.

The Landward show also offered a valuable

opportunity to promote the Explore Campbeltown campaign which will launch its new website at the end of this month.

### Promote

Most businesses in the town have got behind the marketing campaign to promote their products and services - and why it is a great place to take a break, for the likes of its whisky, golf, walking and unspoilt beaches.

A total of 150 traders are now pushing the www.explorecampbeltown.com website.

### Explained

Neil Clapperton, managing director of Springbank Distillery, one of the founding companies of Explore Campbeltown, explained its aims to Landward presenter Sarah Mack on Monday.

Ms Mack is also expected to reveal her long-standing love of Kintyre.

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# TV show will raise Kintyre's profile

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That interview can be seen on BBC2 on Friday, October 27 at 7pm.

Main presenter Dougie Vipond will be seen walking parts of the Kintyre Way and profiling the likes of the new Bikes and Buggy centre at Carradale.

It is hoped that the Landward programme, entirely dedicated to Kintyre, will also highlight the recent improvements to the seafront at Campbel-

town.

Mr Clapperton told the Courier this week: 'We are optimistic that the programme will put the area in a very positive light, and encourage more people to enjoy everything this beautiful part of the country has to offer.'

Landward is also expected to look at the benefits of the new ferry link from Ardrossan in bringing more people into the area.



Landward presenter Sarah Mack interviews Springbank Distillery's managing director Neil Clapperton about the aims of Explore Campbeltown. 08\_c33landward01



Glebe Street Scrapyard owner Ally Bone outside the cabin which thieves broke into. 08\_c33thef01

## Two major thefts in Kintyre last Sunday

### Thousands of pounds worth of property stolen in Campbeltown and Clachan

THIEVES hit Kintyre twice on Sunday night - stealing many thousands of pounds worth of property.

They first raided Glebe Street Scrapyard in Campbeltown and then struck again at premises in the Clachan area before escaping north on the A83.

At Glebe Street, a Stihl saw, grinders, batteries and brass and copper piping with a total value of around £1,500 were stolen after the thieves

forced open security gates and a locked cabin inside the yard.

On Wednesday, Ally Bone, owner of the scrapyard, said: 'I'll be upping my security after this - put in CCTV and security lights.'

'I had this place a few years now and never had any problem.'

Mr Bone added that CCTV from McFadyen Contractors across the road has captured the thieves breaking into the premises at around

10pm - increasing hopes of them being caught.

The raiders moved quickly onto the Clachan premises, stealing a white Iveco van, reg SF09 LFV, trailers, diesel and other equipment.

#### Estimated

The property stolen there is estimated to be worth well in excess of £10,000.

The owner there, who did not want identified, said that he, too, was looking to increase security around his yard.

A Police Scotland spokeswoman said the stolen Iveco van was spotted going through

Lochgilhead at 11.20pm. She said police were also carrying

out door-to-door inquiries and checking CCTV to try and identify those responsible.

Detective Sergeant Darren Munogee, of Campbeltown CID,

said: 'I'm asking anyone who saw the van or anyone with information about the thefts to contact Campbeltown CID on 01586 862 201.

Alternatively telephone the non emergency 101 number or Crimestoppers, where information can be passed anonymously, that number is 0800 555 111.'

### TANGY III WIND FARM PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS



SSE Renewables, the renewable energy development division of SSE, is in the early stages of exploring a potential redevelopment and extension of the existing wind farm at Tangy, Argyll and Bute on behalf of SSE Generation Limited.

The purpose of these public consultation exhibitions is to provide local communities and interested parties the opportunity to come along and meet with the project team, learn more about the proposals and raise any questions or concerns. The exhibitions will be held as follows:

VENUE	DATE	TIME
Machrihanish Village Hall	Tuesday, 27 August 2013	10.00am – 2.00pm
Campbeltown Town Hall	Tuesday, 27 August 2013	4.00pm – 8.00pm

Comment Forms will be made available at the exhibitions and can be completed and handed in on the day, posted at a later date or sent electronically to the Project Liaison Manager (contact details below).

Comments made to SSE Renewables are not representations to the consenting authority. Once any application is submitted, there will be an opportunity to make formal representations during the statutory consultation period.

Further information on the proposal can be obtained from our website or by contacting our Project Liaison Manager:-

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## Winnifred's wings remembered

A FLIGHT to Campbeltown from Glasgow in April 1933 was the first time in history a woman had piloted a commercial aircraft.

Scottish female pilot Winnifred Drinkwater, who is being celebrated in an exhibition at Prestwick Airport, was the first woman in the world to fly a commercial flight flying from Glasgow to Campbeltown in a de Havilland Fox Moth aircraft belonging to Midland and Scottish Air Ferries. To celebrate the centenary of

**Winnifred Drinkwater, who was the first female commercial pilot after flying from Glasgow to Campbeltown in April 1933.** c31drinkwater01no

Prestwick Airport, the World Festival of Flight has put together a Scottish Aviation Hall of Fame, of which Winnifred is one of the first inductees.

Winnifred Drinkwater got her pilot's licence aged 19 and became a pilot when John Sword, who set up Midland and Scottish Air Ferries in 1932, desperately needed pilots and she was hired.

With her flight to Campbeltown in 1933 she beat the first American female pilot, Helen Richie, by a year.

Her commercial career only lasted four years, as after setting up the London to Glasgow flight service and flying several other routes, she got engaged.

## Air rifle conviction quashed

Insufficient evidence for a conviction

A TEENAGER has had a conviction for firing an air rifle in a Southend caravan park quashed at the High Court in Edinburgh.

Frazer Sharp, of 17 Castlepark, Campbeltown was found guilty at a trial in December where he had denied discharging a firearm at Kilmashachan Caravan Park risking injury to others in the early hours of August 4 last year.

At the High Court last Thursday, the conviction against Sharp, who was represented by Rubens law firm in Lochgilphead, was thrown out due to a legal technicality, as there were no other witnesses to corroborate the complainant's version of events.

The complainant had said Sharp had fired the rifle at his caravan, whereas the 19 year old said he had been firing at a beer keg, away from the caravans and towards the sea.

The High Court ruled there was insufficient evidence for a conviction.

Sharp was fined £500 in January this year on a deferred sentence after Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC felt that despite the lack of corroboration, firing a firearm at that time of night in a caravan park was reckless.

## Fishermen 'need help'

by **GRAHAM CRAWFORD**  
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THE livelihoods of Kintyre's prawn fishermen remain on a 'knife edge', it was warned this week.

Tommy Finn, chairman of Campbeltown Fisheries Association, said Richard Lochhead, cabinet secretary for rural affairs and the environment, faced some tough questions when he arrives in the town on August 27.

Mr Lochhead will be among the Scottish government cabinet which is meeting in Campbeltown over two days.

He has also agreed to address and Yes for Independence meeting open to the public in the town's White Hart Hotel on Wednesday, August 28 at 6pm where he will also hold a question and answer session on the challenges and opportunities of

the rural economy.

Local farmers may have concerns they wish allayed, but the prawn fishermen from Campbeltown, Carradale and Tarbert will not be giving Mr Lochhead an easy evening.

They remain deeply unhappy about the impact of the Cod Recovery Plan, its constraints on days fishing at sea, and the wider implications of the EU's no-discards rule due to come into effect in January.

### Knife edge

Mr Finn told the Courier: 'The situation for West Coast fishermen remains on a knife edge and it is no secret that we are unhappy with Marine Scotland and the Scottish government.'

'Luckily, this year there has been few prawns in the North Sea this year and, with the east coast boats restrict-

ed from coming here because we kicked up a storm about it last year, that has helped increase the value of the west coast prawns.

### Struggling

'However, all that could change very quickly and our boats are still struggling to meet fuel costs and other overheads. We need financial help to stop boats being tied up.'

'As for the new 'no discards' rule, I don't believe the consequenc-

es have been thought out properly.

'As things stand, it looks as if a French fisherman with a quota here for a small amount of ling he would not normally bother with could come here and catch a huge amount of our prawns and, under the new rule, be forced to keep and sell them.'

'It would just turn into a free for all and all the quotas would be caught in a month.'



### Alan Reid MP Constituency Tour Meet your local MP

Alan Reid MP will be in your area for his Constituency Tour on the following dates:-

**Tuesday 20 August 2013**

Ardrihaig - 5.00pm - 6.00pm (Ardrihaig Public Hall)

**Thursday 22 August 2013**

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Southend - 2.45pm - 3.15pm  
Machrihanish - 3.45pm - 4.15pm

Campbeltown - 5.00pm - 6.00pm (Council Chambers)

**Tuesday 27 August 2013**

Tayinloan - 10.00am - 10.30am  
Gigha - 12noon - 1.00pm (Gigha Hotel)  
Clachan - 3.15pm - 3.45pm  
Tarbert - 4.30pm - 5.30pm (Templars Hall)

For an appointment please call 01369 704840

## Extra police patrols after calls about youth disturbances

POLICE have said they will be putting on extra patrols in all areas of Campbeltown following several calls about youth disturbances during the past week.

Meanwhile, a 40-year-old man was arrested for breach of the peace in Mafeking Place, Campbeltown at 12.45am last Thursday.

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# £200 million energy boost for Kintyre

## Huge investment will help keep us warm and lit

A £200 million investment is set to make Kintyre less vulnerable to the power cuts which brought the area to a standstill in March.

Scottish Hydro Electric (SHE) Transmission plc plans to install a twin sub-sea cable link from a new substation at Crossaig, 10 miles north of Carradale, to Hunterston on the Ayrshire coast.

A new 13.5km section of tower line between the new station at Crossaig and the existing one at Carradale also forms part of the proposals.

Building the sub-sea link would connect Kin-

tyre to the wider electricity network via two branches rather than one, meaning sections of the network could be taken out for maintenance and customers would be less likely to be affected.

Morven Smith, spokeswoman for SHE, confirmed that the improvements would help prevent a repeat of the scenes in March, when parts of Kintyre were without power for up to six days following heavy snowfall.

She said: 'Normally there are two electricity supplies but in many rural areas, there is often only one.

'The new link would mainly be used to export energy but, if there was a repeat of the horrendous conditions we saw in March, it could also be used as a back-up to keep the area connected.'

Renewable projects will also benefit, with the upgrade releasing up to 150 mega watts of additional grid capacity.

This forms part of SHE's wider plans to invest up to £5 billion in its electricity network between 2013 and 2021, although no timetable has been set for the Kintyre work.



The group of players who were in the National Youth Brass Band of Scotland's reserve band and children's band in Perth last weekend. c33brass01no

## Campbeltown Brass perform with National Youth Band of Scotland

IT WAS the 'opportunity of a lifetime' for Campbeltown Brass Band last weekend when eight members took to the stage with the National Youth Brass Band of Scotland.

At Perth Concert Hall on Saturday August 10, they joined more than 130 enthusiastic young brass and percussion players from around the country in reaching new heights of performing excellence.

This was the first time all three tiers – senior, reserves and children's bands – had performed in one concert. It also saw the organisation, now under the stewardship of the Scottish Brass

Band Association, move away from its previous home of St Andrews, with the seniors spending the week in Perth while the reserves and children's band rehearsed in Stirling.

Under conductors Richard Evans, John Boax and Gordon Evans, each band practised intensively in a variety of full and sectional rehearsals. They also received lectures on historical brass instruments and took part in solo competitions, with flugel player Amy Paterson and baritone player Suen Yee Walker gaining second and third place respectively in the children's contest.

Former Campbeltown Brass

members also fared well, with Archie and Iona McVicar claiming second and third places in the reserve band event. Stephanie Mitchell served as principal cornet of the senior band while Jamie McVicar and Mark Good coached the youngsters in Stirling as members of the tutorial staff.

Bass trombone player, Owen Pickering, 14, said: 'I had a fantastic week at NYBBS. Practising the music is hard work but was worth it and I learned lots from the tutors and conductors. I also made new friends and can't wait to meet up with them all again soon.'

### GRADUATIONS



Alison Catherine McKerral graduated from the University of Glasgow, with a BEd (Hons) in Primary Education. Alison is the elder daughter of Ian and Norma and granddaughter of Roy and the late Renee Colville and the late John and Agnes McKerral. She has begun her probationary year at Mearns Primary School, East Renfrewshire.

### Police files:

A HALTI drill in a red/orange case and a heavy hammer with a yellow shaft were stolen from the workshop of Argyll and Bute Council's Employability team in Kintyre Road, Campbeltown last Wednesday, August 7.

Police are appealing for witnesses or any information about anyone selling similar items to contact them.

A small amount of money was stolen following a break-in at

Kintyre Motors in Bolgram Street, Campbeltown overnight between last Tuesday and Wednesday, August 6-7.

A 24-year-old man was arrested for possessing an offensive weapon in Main Street, Campbeltown, at 1.55am last Wednesday, August 7.

A 45-year-old man was arrested for domestic assault in Cross Street, Campbeltown on Monday afternoon.

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# Scottish Government cabinet to meet in Campbeltown

'This is a chance to buttonhole ministers on a range of issues.'

KINTYRE residents will have the chance to debate Scotland's future with Alex Salmond and other Government ministers when they visit Campbeltown later this month.

Locals will also be able to take ministers to task on what they think needs to be done for the area.

#### Country-wide tour

The First Minister has been taking the Scottish Government cabinet around the country this summer to meet people and find out more about what matters to them.

Ministers recently visited Shetland and Hawick, and on Wednesday, August 28 they will hold their public discussion in Campbeltown's Victoria Hall.

They will hear from members of the public and respond to their questions.

Mr Salmond told the Courier: 'This is our fifth annual summer cabinet tour, and I'm keen that all of us in the Scottish government can engage directly with people in their own communities – giving them opportunities to buttonhole minis-

ters on a range of issues. I visited Campbeltown in 2011 when we were working to support the Wind Towers joint-venture that secured the future of turbine manufacturing at Machrihanish.

'Scotland is now a world-leader in the development of green energy technologies and Machrihanish and Argyll are well-placed to seize the emerging opportunities of the global growth in renewables.

#### Investments

'Of course, a strong food and drink sector and recent investments in leisure and tourism underpin the area's diverse economy.

'We want to talk about, and hear the public's views on how the Scottish Government and our agencies can continue to work with public and private sector partners to improve health-care, education, transport and other services – to strengthen communities and support regeneration and economic development in this beautiful corner of Scotland.

'And, of course, we want to discuss our vi-

sion for Scotland, including people's views on the constitutional debate and next year's referendum.

'I'm determined that communities across Scotland are able to engage in a positive debate about the future of our country.

'Sustainable economic recovery and investment with jobs for our young people will remain a key priority.

'We want to hear what the people of Campbeltown and Kintyre have to say about what we should invest in.

'I hope Campbeltown Courier readers can join us for that discussion.'

The public discussion is on Wednesday, August 28 from 12.45pm to 2.30pm.

Ministers will chat informally to audience members over tea and coffee at the end of the event.

Attendance is free but spaces are limited, so the Scottish Government have asked those who wish to attend register by calling 0131 244 2262 or emailing [visitsandevents@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:visitsandevents@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)



Alex Salmond and his Scottish government ministers will be in Campbeltown on Wednesday, August 28 to listen to residents' views and answer their questions.

## The league tackling what really matters.



### Argyll & Bute's Midnight League improves local kids' lives and the community around them.

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Not only does the Midnight League help inspire confidence and personal development, but it also brings positive social change to communities across Scotland.

Discover more at [bankofscotland.co.uk/community](http://bankofscotland.co.uk/community)



### Assurance over post office closure

THE POST Office has allayed fears customers would have to use the tiny sheds serving Drumlemble or Southend while the Campbeltown facility is refurbished in October.

Rumours had been circulating that Campbeltown Post Office inside the Co-op on Longrow would be closing for 10 days in November and customers would have no alternative but to travel elsewhere.

A spokeswoman for the Post Office confirmed it would be closing for a number of days but a serving point would be put inside the store so customers could continue to use its services.

She said: 'Campbeltown Post Office is to be modernised from October 23 and reopened on November 1.

'To minimise inconvenience to customers, a Post Office serving point at the retail counter will be installed a week before the work starts.'

#### Unable to confirm

The Post Office was unable to confirm if all services would be available or the opening hours.

The spokeswoman added that things were 'still at a planning stage' but understood it will be normal post office hours with possibly a 'slightly reduced service'.

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### Keep it positive

MANY Kintyre residents may feel that for too long the area has been a forgotten, neglected corner of Scotland, that more could be done for it - particularly in terms of improving employment opportunities and transport links. Indeed, these two things are strongly connected as potential employers are often looking for easy and reliable access. So it is great to see the area about to receive more attention, with the two-day visit from the Scottish cabinet in less than a fortnight and a half-hour focus on Kintyre and its attractions going out on BBC 2's Landward programme in October.

The Scottish cabinet's arrival is a golden opportunity for Salmond and his ministers to see and hear about all the improvements going on in Campbeltown and be given a real sense that this is a place on the up and one which is determined to maintain that momentum.

For that reason the public question and answer session in the Victoria Hall on Wednesday, August 28 should not become a moan fest but instead seen as an opportunity to convey a welcoming, positive message that Kintyre not only needs but deserves further support and investment.

The politicians will arrive a few days after the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival, one of many fine examples of how well the people of this area do things. Let us keep a light song, and not a dirge, in the air for our political movers and shakers. Let us make this an enjoyable, memorable experience for them so they leave with the fondest regards for Kintyre. After all, we endeavour to do that for all our visitors.

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Sir,  
Through your pages may I take the opportunity to express thanks to the people of Campbeltown and district for their continued generous support to the local branch of the MS Society. Our recent coffee morning raised a total of £824.

Also a huge thanks to our local heroes from the fire service for their donation of £500, and to Machrihanish Golf Club ladies section for the £360.90 raised during their recent open championship.

The aim of the society in this our 60th year is to raise awareness of multiple sclerosis. Might I please encourage anyone with MS to register with the MS Society online. Any information given is completely confidential. The society can be accessed at [www.mssociety.org.uk](http://www.mssociety.org.uk)

The website has information for people with MS, carers, health professionals etc. Thank you once again.

**Elaine Glover**  
Chairwoman  
Campbeltown branch  
MS Society.

### Best wishes for festival

Sir,  
It is with a heavy heart we write to you. This year, the first year for ten years, my brother and I will not be with you all during the festival.

We have been keen supporters of the young folk night and we have watched Kevin and Liam Renton develop and become young men, growing each year in confi-

dence and stature.

Many of the young people we have followed with interest, including Bethany Kelly, Anastasia and Ammarylia Mollat, Frank Rochford and the James McCorkindale Highland Dance School.

The festival Sunday has also been noteworthy for the Scottish Episcopal Church Gaelic service.

My wheelchair will be absent this year, because on the Sunday afternoon of last year's festival I had a fall in Bolgam Street disabled toilet. My leg and kneecap were badly smashed.

After ten days in Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, I was transferred to Northampton General Hospital, where I stayed until just before Christmas, before moving to Redruth Nursing Home, pending completion of the home improvements required to enable me to cope with my injuries.

Clearly it is not possible for me to be with you this year, but we hope to return in 2014. Meanwhile, we send our best wishes to you for a successful festival. We shall be thinking of you.

**Owen and Frances Warr,**  
Abington,  
Northampton.

### Poor behaviour to witness

Sir,  
On Sunday, August 4, I was driving down the West Road and witnessed a locally-hired minibus stop in a layby just before the Tangy road turns off.

The occupants, about six to eight young men, then got out and, facing the two nearby

houses, proceeded to relieve themselves in full view of the traffic on the A83 and the two homes.

An 180 degree turn and 10 steps would have taken them onto a small beach with large rocks to screen them.

I'm so disappointed for the visitors driving at that time, as it will be one of their memories of Kintyre.

**Name and address withheld on request.**

### Thanks from Tayinloan

Sir,  
Tayinloan Villagers Association would like to thank everybody who came and made their fun day a success.

We would also like to thank Killean estate, Putechan Hotel and Big Jessie's tea room for the fantastic raffle prizes they donated and to everybody who also donated to the raffle, baking stall and bottle stall.

We are looking forward to next year, thank you all again.

**Tayinloan Villagers Association**

### Police should follow suit

Sir,  
It was heartening to read of conscientious Campbeltown citizens organising to rejuvenate the town beach at Dalintober.

How refreshingly welcome it would be if our police force would alleviate great distress by patrolling nightly on foot, on bicycle or in cars, thus emulating the commendable work ethic of the Dalintober committee.

**Name and address withheld on request.**

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### Facebook comments

We asked our Facebook readers what they would like to discuss with Scottish ministers when they come to Campbeltown at the end of this month.

**Patricia Johnstone:** The roads, but the ministers should also be made aware of how the town and surrounding villages feel about the proposed methadone clinic and how the NHS seem to be bulldozing ahead with the plan without taking account of public opinion.

**Heather Bellshaw:** Issues that affect young people in a rurally isolated area is something I'd like to highlight and would love to hear what young people think - in their own words.

**Charlie Mclean:** I would ask them why Campbeltown is being used as a dumping ground for undesirables from other areas. We have our own problems like everywhere else but we can deal with them. Oban is the biggest offender for dumping these people here, I have been told by many of them that they get off the train in Oban and are met by social services there. They are given a bus ticket and told there are more vacant houses in Campbeltown - this must stop now.

**David Rutherford:** The condition of the roads. Also the cost of the ferry for a car - £99 return and that's your only option. Rip off.

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# New assurances over rundown building

THE owner of the disused post office on Campbeltown's Main Street has again assured plans are in place for it to be repaired.

The disrepair of the C-Listed building has been a bugbear for the town's residents for years.

Elizabeth Kelly from the town's Heritage Centre said last week that if the owner, Chris Gabriel, was unwilling to do anything about it then Argyll and Bute Council needed to do step in.

She said: 'He has had long enough. He's done nothing about it.'

'It goes for all these empty houses going about in Campbeltown. Land owners are not taking responsibility for our town and they are destroying it. We are trying to improve our town and it's one step forward and two back.'

When the *Courier* contacted Mr Gabriel for comment this week he said he had asked a contractor to take the boards off the windows and was discussing the building's future with the council.

He said: 'We have done the external repairs and are now due to get it painted.'

#### Plans agreed

'We have been talking to the conservation officer about bits of the building and are hoping to get some plans agreed with the local authority.'

'We should see a difference this week.'

He added he would be chasing the contractor up to get the work done.

Mr Gabriel's pledge to repair the building comes more than a year after making a promise to clean the interior and make it available for community use.



The Old Post Office, which owner Chris Gabriel says will be repainted and have the boards over the windows this week. On Tuesday the boards were still on the windows.

He told the *Courier* in March last year he would take action within six weeks, but still no improvements were made.

At the end of last year talks stalled between Mr Gabriel and the Townscape Heritage Initiative leading to potential

funding for the building to be withdrawn.

Several organisations have approached Mr Gabriel over the years about the sale or lease of the building. A council spokeswoman said its planning team was monitoring the condition of the build-

ing, adding: 'This was a named target building for the Campbeltown THI but due to a lack of progress the council had to withdraw the funding. 'This happened after numerous letters were sent and meetings were held with the owner. 'We are still hopeful that

a solution can be found that would lead to extensive repairs being carried out and the building being brought back to a sustainable use. 'The owner has made it clear his intention is to bring the building back into full community use without THI funding.'

## Nick thanked for hall his hard work

MEMBERS of Machrihanish Village Hall committee presented a bottle of Springbank whisky to Nick Henley-Price, thanking him for his hard work and support during his time as treasurer for the hall.

Everyone on the committee all wished him good luck in his move and Judy Orr will be taking over the post of treasurer.

The hall is having a makeover and is available for hire for various events.

## Southend wind turbine bid

PLANNING permission has been sought to erect two 36.1 metre tall wind turbines, and associated meter house, near Southend.

The plan, which is still under consideration, would see the structures placed on land north east of Feochaig Farm.

A hard standing area and access track would also be formed.

# Schools band to compete in World Championships

SPONSORED by Campbeltown Motor Company, Kintyre Schools Pipe Band will travel to Glasgow tomorrow to compete on Sunday at the famous World Pipe Band Championships at Glasgow Green.

Last month Campbeltown Motor Company celebrated its 40th anniversary with Peugeot by holding a motor show at its purpose built premises at Snipefield Industrial Estate.

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Roy McMurchy said: 'The dedication and commitment shown by band members and tutors is to be commended and we at Campbeltown Motor Company are proud to have been given the opportunity to sponsor the bands at this year's World Championships.'

'The bands do a fantastic job representing Kintyre and we wish them the very best of luck for the Worlds.'

Pipe major Peter Ferguson thanked Roy for his kind words, adding: 'Kintyre Schools Pipe Band are so grateful



Kintyre Schools Pipe Band with sponsors the Campbeltown Motor Company.

to Campbeltown Motor Company for supporting our trip to the Worlds and hopefully we can do them proud by coming back with some silverware.'

The championships

take place on Glasgow Green tomorrow (Saturday) and Sunday.

Locals are encouraged to go along to support Kintyre Schools Pipe Band this coming Sunday at Glasgow

Green.

The juvenile band will play their set second out of nine bands at 10.08am in the grade one arena. There are 29 bands competing in novice juvenile and the

novice band will take to arena two at noon to compete in their heat.

The top 12 bands will then compete in the novice juvenile final at 3.15pm.

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**Wonderful day amid wildlife**

GIGHA'S Achamore Gardens held a very successful Wonderful Wildlife Day recently. Pond dipping, wildlife crafts and moth identification were just some of the activities available while children enjoyed making bird feeders, bug hotels, creating wildflower seed packets and decorating scallop shells and clay pots.

Visitors to the event came from as far afield as Skipness and Campbeltown to take part as well as learn about conservation and the value of garden species.

It was also discovered that the gardens play host to more than 100 species of moths, which were all found during the course of one night.

It is believed the increase in species is due in part to the new grass management regime that is designed to aid conservation of native species and save energy.

**Willie wins Gold Axe at Lochaber**

WILLIAM MacCallum, formerly of Campbeltown and now a piping instructor and bagpipes designer in Glasgow, claimed the premier prize, the An Tuagh Òir (Gold Axe) in the 'A' grade piobearachd at the Lochaber Gathering Festival of Piping in Fort William on Saturday.

Adjudicator Iain MacFadyen from Kyle said: 'The standard has been excellent. It was the equal of anything you would hear anywhere.'



Campbeltown Grammar School teachers were ready to set off on the Three Peaks Challenge last Friday for CGS4Gambia. 20\_c33flamingo04

# Grammar school teachers in peak form

TEACHERS from Campbeltown Grammar School got kitted out with hiking boots and walking poles as they set out on the Three Peaks Challenge last Friday.

The group gathered at the school ready to set off on the challenge which saw them climb Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Mount Snowden in just over 24 hours.

Nine of the teachers made the climb, while two drove the min-

ibus which Kintyre Sports Council have let them hire for free.

**Preparations**

As the team got ready to depart, there was no shortage of pillows, while preparations included walking up Bengullion, chopping wood and simply climbing the stairs.

The group was raising funds for CGS4Gambia, which will see pupils from the school visit Gambia

to volunteer in a primary school.

Several flamingo flockings have taken place in recent weeks as they continue to raise the money to make the trip.

Carradale hosted the pink plastic birds as part of Elizabeth and Archie MacBrayne's silver wedding anniversary, while other recent flockings have included a wedding, a garden and Machrihanish Holiday Park.



Tess, left, and Kathryn Callaghan wore flamingo t-shirts to get into the spirit as they found a flock of flamingos in their grandfather, John Kerr's, garden.



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### Trouble with painting....

AN ARTIST from Lismore, near Oban is the latest painter to display their work in an exhibition at the Gigha Gallery.

Last Saturday saw the opening of Gill Bridle's exhibition of artwork, which features a variety of different compositions.

'From one island to another' features paintings and collages of subjects such as ravens, trees and a dog called Trouble as well as scenes of Lismore and Gigha.

This exhibition is Gill's first and is influenced by her surroundings, the hum drum of island life and long walks with her dog.

The exhibition can be seen at the gallery between 10am and 4pm daily and runs until September 20.

### Sporting heroes sought

THE HUNT is on to find unsung sporting heroes in Argyll for the sportscotland awards 2013.

Awards will be presented in nine categories: young coach, community coach, development coach, performance coach, young person's coach, disability coach, technical official, young volunteer, and volunteer.

Winners of the awards, are then put forward for the UK Coaching awards held in December.

The closing date for nominations is October 11.



Pupils from Dalintober Primary School show off their certificates after completing the awards.

## Pupils put through their paces

PUPILS from Kintyre's primary schools have been put through their paces recently by completing the Health and Sports Awards. Six of the schools completed the awards during the past academic year, which consist of practical and theoretical components.

This encourages pupils to push themselves in com-

pleting various tasks including timed running, star jumps, skipping and burpees while learning about the importance of health and well-being.

#### Congratulations

Lindsay Ramsay, active schools co-ordinator, said: 'Congratulations to all the pupils who have completed levels from bronze to platinum.'



Glenbarr Primary School was one of the six local schools who completed the Health and Sports Awards.



Members of Dalintober and Millknowe Seniors Monday Social Club are pictured during a visit to Glen Scotia Distillery in Campbeltown's High Street. Club chairwoman Cathie Duncan said: 'We were given a fascinating tour of the distillery.'

## Ladies who lunch raise £125

LADIES from the university of the third age (U3A) in Campbeltown recently enjoyed a special lunch while raising £125 for charity in the process.

One of the members hosted the lunch for the U3A social outing group at Westport house.

#### Donated

There were 15 ladies at the lunch in total, who raised £110 through their meal for Friends of the Beatson and then each donated something to a raffle which raised £15.

This money will go to Campbeltown Shopper Aid.

Sheena MacAlister, who organised the lunch, said: 'We enjoyed a lovely day at Westport house with a beautiful garden.'

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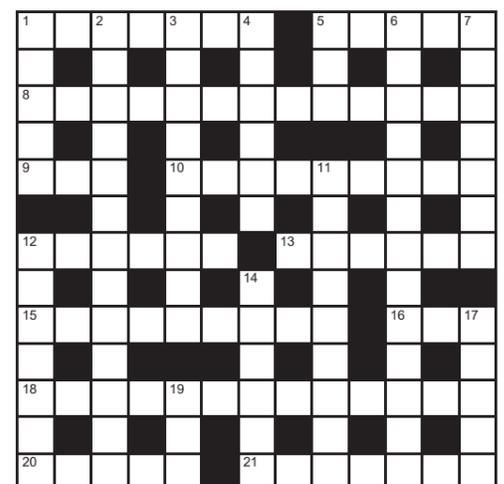
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- 11 Reunite (9)
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- 14 Small can be a gem (6)
- 17 Fawned (5)
- 19 Creeper (3)

## Last week's solution



CARRADALE

Nature and landscapes at Carradale Camera Club's annual exhibition

NATURE and landscapes were the recurring themes at Carradale Camera Club's annual exhibition at the weekend. The exhibition, held at the village hall, was a chance for mem-

bers of the club to show off their photography to a wider audience.

Steve Partridge, who has been a member for four years, said: 'We usually get about 150 people visiting over the

weekend including a lot of holiday makers.'

The exhibition was also a chance to see the camera club's print of the year, which was won by Steve for his Machrihanish Moorings photo.

He also won mono print of the year. Colour print of the year, meanwhile, was won by Alasdair Bennett for his photo entitled Fireworks at Daybreak, featuring a sunrise.



The three winning photos which were displayed at the exhibition. 20\_c33camera02



Iain Neil MacDougall (Neenie), left, and Steve Partridge view some of the photos on display. 20\_c33camera01

SOUTHEND



PC Ian Hutchison and PC Nicola Paterson received their awards from Assistant Chief Constable Wayne Mawson, left, Chief Superintendent Barry McEwan, right, and councillor Donnie McMillan. 06\_a33police02

Two Islay police officers receive endeavour award

TWO POLICE officers who successfully rescued an elderly man who had gone missing on Islay and become stranded on the coast have received an award.

Ian Hutchison and Nicola Paterson, who is from Islay but works in Campbeltown, successfully co-ordinated the rescue of the pensioner who got lost in the Port Ellen area in May this year.

Calling in the Coastguard and Royal Navy

for help in their search, the duo had the gentleman winched to safety by the navy helicopter just four hours after he was reported missing. He spent a night warming up in hospital before being returned home safe and sound.

Police constables Hutchison and Paterson attended a special reception in Lochgilphead Police Station last week when they were presented with an endeavour award for their role in

the rescue.

Commenting on the award, which was presented by assistant chief constable Wayne Mawson, PC Hutchison said: 'It is good to be recognised for what we do on a daily basis, but the best thing for me is when the family say thank you.'

'This family gave us their heartfelt thanks and we appreciate that.'

Nicola added: 'That is what we joined the police for, to help people.'

Nicola, 27, and Ian, 48, were amongst a number of police officers and staff from Argyll to receive a recognition award, which aims to highlight staff who have made a significant contribution to community policing.

TARBERT

After school care club awarded funding

TARBERT After School Care has been awarded funding from Argyll and Bute Council for indoor activity equipment.

At the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands meeting on Wednesday, it was agreed that £229 would go towards the organisation which will be used for equipment to encourage children to keep fit.

This means they will be able to take part in indoor activity sessions using movable equip-

ment.

Campbeltown's Springbank Evangelical Church had also applied for a third sector grant for their furniture recycling project, but as the project has come to an end, money allocated to it will now be spread between Tarbert After School Care and four other organisations, giving each of them an even bigger funding boost.

CROSSAIG

Plans lodged

PLANNING permission has been lodged to change the layout of the substation which will be built at Crossaig as part of the Kintyre to Hunterston cable project.

GRADUATIONS



Gemma Reppke recently graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with 1st Class BA (Honours) in Risk Management. Gemma is the daughter of Charles and Janeann Reppke, Tarbert and the granddaughter of Archie and Mary MacKinnon, Tarbert and Catherine and the late Charles Reppke, Campbeltown. She is a former pupil of Tarbert Academy and is now working in Hewlett Packard, Bishopton.



Hazel Rhona McDonald recently graduated from Stirling University with a BA (Hons) in Professional Education (Primary) with a specialism in Modern Languages. Hazel is the younger daughter of Malcolm and Marion McDonald and granddaughter of Mary and the late Malcolm McDonald, Beachmenach. She is a former pupil of Glenbarr Primary and Campbeltown Grammar School. She begins her probationary year at Newton Primary School, Dunblane in August.



Corinna Campbell recently graduated from Strathclyde University with a Bachelors of Education in Primary Teaching with 2nd Class Honours. Corinna is the daughter of Dugald and Christine Campbell, Carradale. She is a former pupil of Carradale Primary and Campbeltown Grammar School. She will soon begin her probationary year at Twechar Primary School in East Dunbartonshire.

Youth action group awarded £640

ISLAY and Jura Youth Action has been awarded £640 from the Scottish Government's Cash-Back for Communities Youth Work Fund.

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## Highland mare overall champion at Islay Show

THE HIGH quality of Highland ponies from the Isle of Islay came to the fore at the island's annual show when a Highland mare took the overall show championship.

The island had success with Angela MacLeod, Portnahaven, and the Bonar family in Highland Pony classes at the Royal Highland Show this year.

And last Thursday Morven Laurie, Ardtalla, secured her first horse and pony championship, before winning the overall show champion title at Bridgend Showfield with her seven-year-old mare Ellister Islay Sea Holly.

### Quality

Praising the overall quality of the island's Highland ponies, Morven and horse and pony judge, Heather Turnbull, Kinross, could not hide their delight after the Highland Pony was chosen as show champion.

The pony was chosen by head judge John Semple, Ellary Estate,

Achahoish after it had tied on points in the overall championship with a Texel sheep and Charolais heifer.

Overall reserve to the pony was a Texel suckled gimmer, owned by 10-year-old Jack McDonald, Bunnahabhain, which was sired by Cairnton the Cracker.

The Texel had earlier seen off competition

from a home-bred Suffied folk ewe shown by show debutant Isobel MacMillan, Eorrabus, and the Blackface champion from Duncan Currie, Ballaclaven, called Ally. Duncan's Dalhirla-bred shearling is by a £30,000 Aitkenhead and was bought for £2,500 at Stirling last year.

Eoin Brown led out the overall cattle champion

from RSPB Aoradh, a 14-month-old Charolais cross heifer named Second Chance, which is by Allanfauld Amazon.

It beat nine-year-old Galloway Burnhide Lana, from G and M Porter, and a three-year-old Highland in-calf heifer from Dunlossit, the home-bred Brenda Ruadh of Ceannachrioch.

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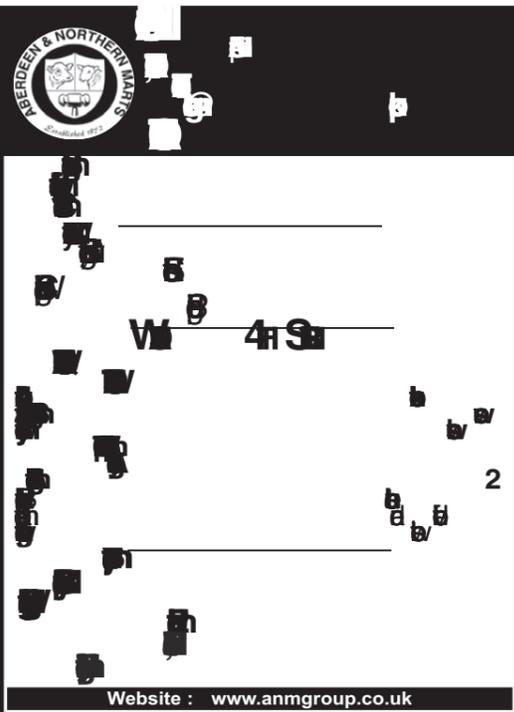
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Helen Bibby SRUC Conservation Consultant

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This very worthwhile event will focus on forage utilisation, extending the grazing season in an organic environment and setting benchmarking targets to maximise output. The role of pollinators within a diverse farming system will also feature and challenges facing organic and conventional farming businesses will be outlined by the hosts. The event, which is funded by the Scottish Government, is free to farmers, land managers and crofters.

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# Rugby club hold fun day at the Meadows

FUN was the aim of the game at last Saturday's Kintyre rugby day at the Meadows which was sponsored by Royal Bank of Scotland.

The event was a Scotland wide initiative with the aim of promoting rugby to all ages and abilities.

### Fun activities

There were fun activities, both with a rugby theme and without, including splat the rat, guess the square, guess the balloons, face painting, a bouncy castle, teas

and tombola. A cross section of the community also took part in various rugby exercises which showed how enjoyable the sport can be.

### Thank you

John Forster, one of the organisers, said: 'A big thank you to all who supported the rugby club and the members who helped. As always, we are looking for new players from age six upwards.'

Training for all the players, junior and senior, begins on August 20 and 24 at the Meadows.

John added: 'This season the U-16 and U-18 will be participating in the Dolphin Cup and it is hoped they can improve on last year's results and be rewarded by their efforts. This will require commitment by everyone, especially at training.'

### Confirmed fixtures

The newly formed senior side also intend to host a few games at the Meadows and across the water in Arran and Islay, with all results and confirmed fixtures appearing in the *Courier*.



When they weren't playing rugby, the younger boys had a go on the bouncy castle. 20\_c33rugby04



Player Martin McLean got into the fun spirit by dressing up. 20\_c33rugby02



Right: Coach Anthony Bennett mans the splat the rat game, which was popular among children and adults alike. 20\_c33rugby01



The senior team showed off a variety of skills and let visitors try out throwing the ball through the tyre. 20\_c33rugby06



FOUR-year-old Callum Christian shows that you are never too young to start rugby. 20\_c33frontpic01



Some of the younger players took part in a quick game. 20\_c33rugby08

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# 'Retired' - but Frank's whisky skills are still in big demand

## Springbank's former director of production will be kept busy.

CHEERS! Here's to a well-earned retirement.

Frank McHardy, the newly-retired director of production at Campbeltown's Springbank and Glengyle Distilleries, could be saying that. Especially after 50 years in the business.

Only, it would not quite be true.

For while he intends giving more time to his passion for sailing, and may even see more of Machrihanish golf course, whisky is clearly not finished with him yet.

It seems his skills and knowledge will continue to mature for some time yet.

Frank, now 68, remains very much in demand at Springbank and further afield.

It has already been decided he will conduct regular special tours for a minimum of four people to join him for four hours.

'My guests will be given a tour of Springbank, Glengyle and Glen Scotia and other related sites in Campbeltown,' he explained.

'They will also enjoy a whisky tasting and buffet.'

Starting next May, Frank will also be involved in the running of the Springbank Whisky School which offers 'hands-on' experience of how whisky is made.

His knowledge and obvious passion and enthusiasm for creating the amber nectar are also to be exported.

He has a trip planned to Australia to advise on

plans to establish a new malt distillery in Perth, and another to discuss the opening of a small, single malt distillery in Israel.

In short, he is becoming 'a consultant' in whisky-related matters and probably much sought after too.

Frank has come a long way from his modest beginning in the industry - as an 18-year-old sweeping the yard and carrying out other manual jobs at Invergordon Distillery where his father was personnel manager.

'Nepotism,' he laughed, but it was just a start and the rest was up to him.

### Apprenticeship

The real apprenticeship in the secrets of good whisky making began when he was promoted to the production team at Invergordon, ending up as a stillman.

An in-house advert for a mashman and stillman at Tannavulin Distillery in Glenlivet took him to Tomintoul, where he met his future wife, Lindsay.

It was at Tannavulin where Frank gained a lot of the 'hands-on' experience in the production of single malt whisky.

Eventually, from there it was on to Bruichladdich Distillery in Islay as a working brewer, essentially working with and ensuring staff followed the distillery manager's instructions.

In 1977 came his first spell with Springbank as assistant distillery manager and, with manager

Roy Allan retiring within a year, quick promotion to distillery manager followed.

Frank's love affair with Springbank continued until 1986 when 'itchy feet' took him to the famous Bushmills Distillery in County Antrim as distillery manager of 120 staff.

Ten years later, and aiming to be closer to the grandchildren in Scotland, Frank and Lindsay were set to buy a B&B in Perthshire.

However, destiny had other ideas. Hedley Wright, the chairman of J & A Mitchell, owner of Springbank, contacted Frank to ask if he knew of anyone interested in taking over the role of distillery manager at Springbank.

'When I told him I was planning to leave the industry and open a B&B, he persuaded me to return to Campbeltown where I assumed the role of Springbank distillery manager,' explained Frank. In 2007 he was made Springbank's director of production.

One of his other achievements was to oversee the refurbishment of one of Campbeltown's closed distilleries.

The buildings which originally housed Glengyle Distillery were bought by J & A Mitchell in 2000 and over the next four years Frank designed and oversaw the installation of equipment which resulted in Glengyle, producer of Kilkerran Single Malt, to begin production in



Frank McHardy raises a glass of Springbank whisky to a future which is certain to keep him busy for a while yet. 08\_c33whisky01

2004.

'One of Hedley Wright's dreams was to give Campbeltown back its status as a whisky producing region,' explained Frank. 'As there are now three distilleries in the town this dream has been realised.'

Pressed on his favourite distillery, he added: 'I've enjoyed my experiences elsewhere for different reasons, but it has given me enormous satisfaction to be involved with Springbank as it is the only distillery in Scotland to carry out 100 per cent of the process of creating malt whisky from malting of the barley right through to bottling of the final product.'

'I have been with Springbank Distillery for 26 years and it has been a great privilege for me to have been involved with a totally independent, family-owned company founded in Campbeltown in 1828.'

\*A 'retirement party' is being held for Frank this evening (Friday) at the Ardshiel Hotel.

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# MULL OF Kintyre MUSIC FESTIVAL

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THE 21st anniversary of the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival promises another great line up, headed by Scottish indie rock kings The Fratellis.

This four-day event offers concerts from August 22 to 25 that brings international and local acts together to perform at indoor and outdoor venues in Campbeltown.

The two Saturday night concerts cater for varied audiences with The Fratellis, supported by local rock band Violent Echo, headlining in the sold-out concert in the Victoria Hall next Saturday, August 24.

Rura, featuring three 'BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year' finalists and an All Ireland Bodhran champion, will headline the seated concert in the Heritage Centre on the same night.

The other headline acts this year are Skipinnish, Barrule, Joy Dunlop and Slainte Davaar Allstars over a music-filled weekend.

Rura's powerful sound, rooted in tradition, yet refreshingly contemporary comes from a punch-packing line-up of highland pipes, whistle, flute, fiddle, bodhran and guitar, instrumentals to match singer/songwriter Adam Holmes' haunting song craft.

Fiona Hunter who will play support at this concert is one of Scotland's foremost traditional singers and has been singing as part of renowned folk song group Malinky for the best part of a decade.

MC Arthur Johnstone will also perform songs from his days with the Laggan, and he will be joined by Ross Kennedy, Scooter Muse and local fiddle player Frank Rochford.

Festival Ceilidh Night on the Friday will feature Oban-based Skipinnish performing a concert set as well as the full blown ceilidh with their new line up of Angus MacPhail on accordion, Andrew Stevenson on pipes and whistle, Robert Robertson on vocals and guitar, Ali Murray on drums and pipes and Finlay Wells on base and guitar.

Christie Connor Vernal who opens the concert is a Glasgow based singer-songwriter who in the past two years has progressed significantly within the Scottish music scene.

The Kintyre Schools Pipe Band start the night at 8pm in the Victoria Hall in rousing style and Kay Johnston will MC this hugely popular family event.

The Dalriada Connections Concert in the Campbeltown Heritage Centre on Sunday, August 25 will again be sponsored by Mitchell's Glengyle Distillery.

This year it headlines with Barrule from the Isle of Man and Joy Dunlop from North Argyll in a concert will have the usual mixture of local and visiting musicians.

Firm favourite, the Young Folk Night, will open the festival next Thursday and Survivors' Night finishes the festival off with Slainte Davaar Allstars featuring nine bands and many musicians who have appeared at the night over the years.

The Grand Parade, Doon the Green, the Festival Club, music workshops, sessions, Campbeltown Brass Band, The Kintyre Schools and Sound of Kintyre Pipe Band performances, children's entertainer The Funky Chicken and the Urban Circus will contribute to make it a weekend of music and fun for all the family.

All tickets are on sale from TicketWeb and A.P. Taylors, Main Street Campbeltown. For more updates go to the website at [www.mokfest.com](http://www.mokfest.com)



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**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**  
 Festival Ceilidh Night  
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 Tickets £15.00 & £8.00 at A.P. Taylors  
 Skipinnish  
 Christie Connor Vernal  
 Kay Johnston  
 Kintyre Schools Pipe Band

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August**  
 Rura in Concert  
 Heritage Centre, Campbeltown Doors 7.00pm  
 Tickets £16 at A.P. Taylors  
 Rura, Fiona Hunter + Arthur Johnstone with Ross Kennedy, Scooter Muse & Frank Rochford  
 12.30pm Grand Parade  
 1.00pm "Doon the Green", Kinloch Green  
 1.00pm Festival Sessions, White Hart Hotel



Rura will headline the seated concert in the Heritage Centre on Saturday.



Slainte Davaar Allstars will be at the Survivors' Night.



Violent Echo will support The Fratellis next Saturday.



The Fratellis are headlining the sold-out concert in the Victoria Hall next Saturday.



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**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August,**  
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## Get involved - why not join your area's community council

PEOPLE across Argyll and Bute will have the chance to really get involved in their own communities when Argyll and Bute Council holds community council elections later this year.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman said: 'Community councils are voluntary organisations which have the right to be consulted about certain local government decisions which affect their areas. Members are elected by their communities and councils hold regular public meetings.'

'The purpose of a community council is to understand and recognise the views of people living in its area and actively represent local issues, needs and wishes to Argyll and Bute Council.'

'Many groups also carry out other activities such as fundraising, community events, environmental or education projects and more.'

cil has confirmed that this year's community council elections across the area will be on Thursday, October 31.

The nomination period for the 2013 elections starts on September 12, closing at 4pm on Friday, September 27.

Louise Glen-Lee, Argyll and Bute Council's lead councillor for support and customer services, said: 'I would encourage anyone who is interested in getting involved to consider standing for election as a community councillor. It is interesting and challenging and can really make a difference, not only to life in your own community but to Argyll and Bute as a whole.'

Find out more about community councils in your area, including boundary maps, information about this year's elections and frequently asked questions, at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/community-councils](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/community-councils)



### About Campbeltown

City

Campbeltown is a town and former royal burgh in Argyll and Bute, Scotland. It lies by Campbeltown Loch on the Kintyre peninsula. Originally known as Kinlochkilkeran (an anglicization of the Gaelic, which means "head of the loch by the kirk of Ciarán"), it was renamed in the 17th century as Campbell's Town after Archibald Campbell (Earl of Argyll) was granted the site in 1667. Campbeltown became an important centre for shipbuilding and Scotch whisky, and a busy fishing port.

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# Facebook location is back where it should be

CAMPBELTOWN'S Facebook location is back where it should be - in Scotland and not in Northern Ireland - after the Courier contacted the social media giant.

Last month marketing group Explore Campbeltown launched a campaign on their own Facebook page, calling on the social media site to change the mistaken description of Campbeltown's location being in

Northern Ireland. The group asked the town's users to contact Facebook and report the error, but this proved fruitless.

Speaking just after the campaign was launched, Mairi Paterson from Explore Campbeltown, said: 'The wrongly stated location has been an issue for quite a while now and many of the businesses involved with Explore Campbel-

town have experienced some confusion on their Facebook pages as it states that Campbeltown is in Northern Ireland for some strange reason.

'I know personally that we have had some fans on the Springbank Distillers Facebook page getting very confused as to where we are actually based as it says we are in Northern Ireland thus meaning we are not Scottish whisky!'

Last week the Courier contacted Facebook's press office to ask about the error and a few days later received a reply to say the page information had been changed and Campbeltown is now officially back in Scotland again.

Explore Campbeltown has expressed delight at the news, as Mairi added: 'As a group that was formed to help promote Campbeltown to a world

wide market and with Facebook being a vital source of advertising for us, we are delighted to hear that Facebook have finally taken notice and rectified the problem.'

'With more and more people from all over the globe logging onto Facebook, we felt it was extremely important that Campbeltown was listed as being in Scotland rather than Northern Ireland.'

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TENANTS of Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) will be offered money and welfare rights advice after the association received almost £300,000 from the Big Lottery Fund.

ACHA received £296,994 from the Support and Connect Hardship Awards category which will go towards a range of services including benefit checks and advice, supporting tenants at appeals and tribu-

nals and assistance with income maximisation.

Alastair MacGregor, ACHA's chief executive, said: 'We are delighted at securing this substantial resource which will assist us in helping our poorest and most vulnerable tenants. With the introduction of the bedroom tax, and universal credit implementation on the horizon, this resource will allow us to do all we can to help those in greatest need.'

### GRADUATIONS



Aileen Semple graduated from the University of Glasgow with an M.A. (Hons) in Economic and Social History. Aileen is the elder daughter of John and Mary Semple, Lochend and granddaughter of Isobel and the late John MacKay, Campbeltown and Richard and Elizabeth Semple, Southend. Aileen is a former pupil of Achahoish Primary and Lochgilhead High.



Christopher Thornton graduated with a BSc Honours in Computer Science from St. Andrews University. Son of John and Elizabeth Thornton, Kilmartin and grandson of Llana and Gibby MacCuaig, Ford and the late Catherine and Brian Thornton, Kilmartin.

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#### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

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13/01554/PP	Formation of forestry road and bellmouth access.	Forestry Access Off Corranbuie Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tarbert
13/01643/PP	Erection of a 80 metre high wind measurement mast for a temporary period of 5 years	Land Approximately 1250 metres South West of Barmulloch Mhor Kilmichael Glen Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Ardrishaig Area Office
13/01657/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage and formation of vehicular access (amended plot boundaries, house design and plot layout to that approved under reference 10/01143/PP).	Land Between Collaig and Soroba Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Ardfern

#### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

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13/01685/PP	Alterations to shopfront (retrospective).	34 Union Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6HY	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
13/01689/LIB	Alterations to shopfront and display of four non-illuminated fascia sign boards and one non-illuminated window graphic (retrospective)	34 Union Street Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6HY	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Whitegates Office Whitegates Road Lochgilphead PA31 8SY.

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.

Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

### COUNCILLORS SURGERIES

Councillor John Semple (Ward 1 South Kintyre) will NOT be holding surgeries during the month of AUGUST but can be contacted by email - [john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone on 01586 553765.

Councillor Sandy Taylor (Ward 3 Mid Argyll) will be holding surgeries during AUGUST as follows:

Date	Venue	Time
Monday 19th August	Community Hall, Ormsary	5.00pm - 6.30pm
Monday 26th August	Community Centre, Lochgilphead	4.30pm - 6.00pm

He can also be contacted by e mail - [sandy.taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:sandy.taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone - 01546 604184

Councillor Donald Kelly (Ward 1 South Kintyre) Councillor Kelly can be contacted on Tel: 01586 810193/07977327751 or by email [donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk) Councillor Kelly will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

Councillor Rory Colville (Ward 1 South Kintyre) Councillor Colville can be contacted on Tel: 01586 820209 or by e mail - [rory.colville@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:rory.colville@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

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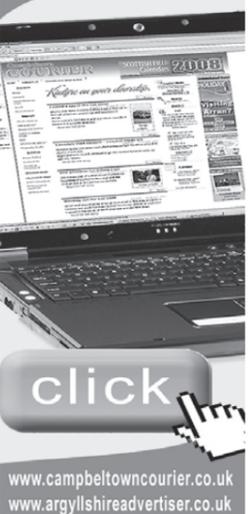
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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



A FLAT calm provided the perfect conditions for a sail to the lovely island of Gigha.

The island was aglow with colour and the peace was palpable.

We headed for the north of the island and to the beautiful beaches of Eilean Garbh.

The conditions were perfect as the sea shimmered in shades of blue and green, turquoise and ultramarine.

The sand was white and a few children splashed happily in the relatively warm waters, their laughter infectious and welcome.

Our pups scampered happily along the shoreline and dug great holes in the sand as we settled to have our picnic.

It was absolute paradise.

Paddling along the shore, however, there was a threat to this perfection.

Huge red jelly fish lurked beneath the surface of the water, their tentacles poisonous and harmful.

We warned a little girl to keep clear as she skipped happily in the waves, unaware that anything could spoil her enjoyment.

Thankfully these marine marauders were soon washed out to deeper waters, leaving us to bathe in safety once again.

Sometimes amidst the good times in life we are unaware of the dangers lurking just beneath the surface of our happiness and the sting can take us completely by surprise.

But often there is someone to help us, someone to call out to us and stand beside us in the trouble.

On our common human journey, there are so many folk who are willing to help us.

When the seas get rough, we find people who throw us a lifebelt of friendship and hope.

And when we really feel we are sinking, we can hold to the words of Jesus who said that he would be with us in even the wildest of storms.

And in the final analysis, the good news is that in God's love, even death has lost its sting.

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# Heritage Tours take off in Campbeltown



Campbeltown's Heritage Tours have become increasingly popular, with 25 people turning up for a tour last Wednesday afternoon.

## Visitor numbers have increased this year

CAMPBELTOWN'S Heritage Tours have proven to be popular once again after 25 visitors turned up for one of the tours last Wednesday.

The tours, which have run each summer for a number of years, allow visitors and locals alike to learn about the town's history and heritage and leave the Aqualibrium at 2pm every Wednesday.

There have also been special architectural tours this year, in-

cluding a Dalintober tour last Wednesday evening which attracted 23 people. Another architectural tour will take place next Friday, while the last two historic walking tours will be the next two Wednesdays, August 21 and 28.

### Fund

So far 89 people have been on the Historic Heritage Tours, which are hosted by a sub group of the Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative

who fund the costs of leaflets and advertising for the tours.

John Bakes, one of the tour guides, explained there has been a noticeable increase in people taking part which he believes could in part be down to the good weather. He said: 'Numbers taking part in the tours have increased this year, with a large number of those taking part being visitors to the area.'

'The idea of the tours was in-

itially to give visitors a better understanding of Campbeltown's historic past, as well as highlighting the improvements to the town which should help increase tourism.

'The tours last less than an hour and the feedback from visitors has been very positive. In previous years, quite a number of local residents who were interested to learn more of Campbeltown's historic past joined the tours.'



Some children play with a parachute as part of the Free Church's summer camp held last week.

## Free Church hold holiday club

SEVERAL Campbeltown children took part in a Space Academy Holiday Club held by the town's Free Church last week.

Up to 30 youngsters enjoyed a mixture of games, crafts, challenges, songs, stories, drama and quizzes. Local helpers were joined

by a team mainly from churches in Glasgow to run the programme.

The church will be restarting their Sunday School on August 25

at 11.30am. All children over five are welcome and for more details contact Calum and Liz Ferguson at 01586 551589.

## Irish clergy get on their bikes for charity

A GROUP of clergy from Northern Ireland will be passing through Campbeltown at the end of August as part of a charity cycle.

In all, eight clergymen from Derry's four main churches will be swapping their collars for lycra on a cycling challenge to Iona, where the city's patron saint, Saint Columba, was exiled.

The group will arrive in Campbeltown on August 29 after taking the ferry from Ballycastle. They will then cycle up to Tarbert. On day two they will cycle from Tarbert to Oban then take the ferry to Mull and then to Iona on day three. They plan to hand over a replica of the Columba Heritage Trail sculpture of the saint to the Iona Community on behalf of the Churches Trust and the city.

**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

"When I said, "My foot is slipping", your love, O Lord, supported me." (Psalm 94:18).

**BIRTHS**



**MOSS**

Laura and Phil are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Harriet Maia, on July 31, 2013. First grandchild for Fred and Isabell Hodgson and fifth great grandchild for Duncan MacKinnon, Low Tiferagus.

**ENGAGEMENTS**



**STANKEY - GALLOWAY**

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Calum, son of Alastair and Sally, Lochgilphead, to Alison, daughter of Jim and Elaine, Dumbarton.

**MARRIAGES**

**MCMILLAN - DUNCAN** - Bobby and Anne are delighted to announce that they were married on August 10, 2013. With sincere thanks to the Rev Catriona Hood and everyone who helped make it such a happy day.

**WRIGHT - WATT** - Kate, daughter of Keith and Gill Wright, Campbeltown, and Mark, son of Thelma and the late Bert Watt of Macallan, were married at Springbank Distillery on Saturday, August 3, 2013. A truly wonderful day, greatly enjoyed by all.

**COURIER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DEATHS**

**LAMONT** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on August 11, 2013, Florence Lamont, in her 76th year, Joyfield, Stewarton, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Bobby Lamont, much loved mother of Robert and his partner, Bella and dearly beloved sister of Margaret and the late Charles, John and Dan.

**LANGAN** - Peacefully, at Wishaw General Hospital, after a long illness, on Thursday, August 8, 2013, Margaret (Pearl) Langan RGN, RM, RFN, beloved wife of Joseph, dearly loved mother of Karenann, Mona and Justin and a loving gran. Will be sadly missed by all family and friends. Service at St Francis Xavier Church, Carfin on Friday, August 16 at 10.00am, funeral thereafter at Holytown Crematorium.

**MCDONELL** - On August 11, 2013, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Angus (Gus) McDonell, formerly of the Tight Line, Lochawe and Scottish Hydro Electric, in his 74th year, beloved husband of the late Lillian and much loved father of Alasdair and Iain. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, on Friday, August 16, at 12 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers or collection if desired, for Tarbert Nursing Aid.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BUTLER** - Walter, Robert and Barbara wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for kind expressions of sympathy and cards following their recent sad loss. A special thanks to Rev David Mitchell for conducting a comforting and uplifting service. Grateful thanks to Arthur and Joanna of Caladh Funeral Services, Dunoon for sensitive and efficient arrangements.

**MACKELLAR** - The family of the late Sarah MacKellar wish to thank all who attended the service and graveside, Dr Ward, district nurses, Margaret Blair's caring staff (The Best in the West); Roddy MacDonald undertakers and Rev David Carruthers. Also thank you for the lovely cards and flowers, to the Grey Gull Inn for the lovely purvey and last but not least, the wardens at Caledonia Court, Belle, Violet and Sharon. Thank you all. The retiral collection at church raised £175 for Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital.

**IN MEMORIAMs**

**CLARK** - Rosemary, August 15, 1993.

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- Your loving daughter, Laura, Glasgow and brothers, Duncan, Gary and Donald, Inverness, Alloa and Tarbert.

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They say in time you do forget

To some that may be true No morning dawns, no night returns

Without a thought of you. Loved and remembered every day

Missed more than words can say.

- Evelyn and Hamish, Elaine, Robert, Grant and Stephanie.

**MUIR** - In loving memory of our dear brother, Jim, died August 20, 2011.

Silent thoughts, memories dear

As time unfolds another year.

- Jean, Jessie and family x.

**SCOTT** - In loving memory of Donald, a loving son, brother, uncle and father, who passed away August 15, 2011. Always in our thoughts.

- Mum, Archie, Fiona, Calum and families.

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**Sunday 18 August 2013**  
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**Thursday 22 August 2013**  
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All Welcome

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All Welcome

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**Sunday 18th August 2013**  
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**Wednesday 21st August 2013**  
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## Football training sessions return

CAMPBELTOWN and District Juvenile Football Association football sessions return on Monday for eight weeks.

P2-P4 play from 6pm until 7.15pm, P5-S1 from 6pm to 7.30pm. S2-S3 (2000-1999s) and S4-S5 (1997-98s) are from 6.30pm to 8pm.

Friday night football returns next Friday for a seven-week block – P2-P4 from 6pm until 7.15pm, P5-S1 from 6pm to 7.30pm. £15 for one night, £25 for both sessions.

There will be an introductory six-week block for the P1s starting on Friday, August 30 for six weeks, 6pm to 7pm.

All sessions are held at the Meadows Millennium Playing Fields.

Details of a new mini kickers session will be confirmed in the next week for children of pre-school age.

A new structure of Under 13s, 15s and 17s has been introduced to youth football in Campbeltown.

CDJFA are interested in anyone who can help out with the Under 15s and 17s in particular, so please get in touch.

Youths from the 1995-96s age groups are now encouraged to attend Campbeltown Pupils AFC training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in a bid to play at Under 19s level.

## Carradale ready for new season

CARRADALE AFC are set to bounce back from a cancelled friendly with their first competitive match tomorrow.

The team were supposed to play Muirend in a friendly last Saturday but the Glasgow side pulled out. Carradale tried contacting Tarbert instead but they were unable to get a team together.

Tomorrow's (Saturday) match will be a league cup game away to Point Media AFC in the Bellahouston area.

Carradale's first league game takes place next Wednesday when they travel away to play Loch Fyne AFC at Furnace.

# Youth team's huge breakthrough

CAMPBELTOWN Youths Under 13s football team are celebrating a huge milestone after being accepted into the Dumbarton Football Development League.

They will become the first team from Campbeltown to play in a SYFA-registered national league after Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA) had their application accepted.

David Paterson, chairman of CDJFA, said: 'We're so thrilled by the acceptance.'

'We decided at the end of the last football sessions to introduce a

structure of under 13s, 15s and 17s to football in Campbeltown which we can work on.

'It was only at a meeting four weeks ago that a couple of coaches suggested we apply, so full credit to Iain Reid and Stanley Irwin for taking this forward – especially Iain who attended the meeting this week in Dumbarton to support our application.'

Iain Reid, CDJFA coach, said parental support had played a huge part and he hoped eventually to introduce competitive football to the Under 15 and Under 17 age groups.



Campbeltown under-13s pictured with a £500 sponsorship cheque from the town's Burnside Bar.

He added: 'It's something a lot of people have mentioned over the years, so it's credit to the current committee which

only came into office 12 months ago, that we are where we are now.'

**Sunday**  
Games will be played on

Sunday afternoons, with 12 teams in the league. David added: 'Campbeltown can quite rightly be seen as a

benchmark for football in Argyll – something the players, parents and town should be proud of.'



Pictured from left are: Susan Gilchrist, Gavin McLachlan Jnr, George Allan, Lee Allen, Rachel Stewart, Robert MacCallum, Jessie Andrew and David Allen.

## Last-gasp Lee is a winner

THE very last bowl of the match, by Lee Allen, decided the outcome of the Jim Stewart Memorial Triples competition at Campbeltown Bowling Club last Friday.

The event involves both of the town clubs with the teams mixing players from Stronvaar and Argyll.

Lee Allen (ABC), George Allan and Jessie Andrew (CBC) played against Gavin McLachlan Jnr (ABC), Susan Gilchrist (CBC) and David Allen (ABC) and provided a good mix of youth and experience.

The youth was represented by the skips, Lee and Gavin, both in their teens and who have graduated to county level, playing for Argyll and Bute in the national Andrew Hamilton Trophy.

Lee and his triple charged in to an early lead that looked to be unassailable but Gavin's side pulled the match back to enter the final end all square.

Indeed he had a match-winning lie until Lee fired with his last bowl to secure the victory.

President Robert Mac-

Callum and Mrs Rachel Stewart presented the trophy and prizes.

The action on the Stronvaar green continued on Saturday and Sunday when the club welcomed a first visit from Glasgow's oldest bowling club, Wellcroft, from the Queen's Park area of the city.

A very sociable and sporting weekend resulted in handsome wins for the home club in both the men's and women's matches and an invitation for a return, revenge match in Glasgow next year.

## No prizes for appalling weather

DUE to appalling weather conditions, Carradale's Captain's Prize day was cut short to nine-holes and four holes.

Despite the mist, driving rain and wind, 18 ladies braved the weather and attempted to tackle the course which was soon covered in surface water, creating added difficulty.

The winner of the Captain's Prize was Marlene Walker and a total of £935, including raffle money from Ladies Open day and generous

donations was raised.

This money will go to the captain's charity, the Beatson Oncology Centre.

The day concluded with a superb spread and refreshments in the clubhouse.

Prizewinners: nine-hole competition - 1 Marlene Walker, 2 Laura McGeachy; visitor's prize - Sally McDougall; four-hole competition - Margaret Richardson, nearest the pin at eighth - Gillian Kitson; longest drive at fourth (bronze) - Lynsay McGeachy.



Prizewinners from left: Lynsay McGeachy, Sally McDougall, Marlene Walker, ladies captain Margaret Campbell, Margaret Richardson, Laura McGeachy and Gillian Kitson.

## Community sports project

PEOPLE in Kintyre could have the opportunity to try a variety of sports, including badminton and karate as part of a community project.

The Sound of Kintyre Training Academy hopes to encourage people to take part in a number of sports, some of which are currently unavailable in the area.

Sponsored by MACC development, who are offering the buildings at the former airbase for free, the project is non profit and will be done in the organisers' own time.

Activities on offer are squash, badminton, handball, mini football, gym facilities, flexibility classes, self defence, karate and tennis.

The project will only be launched if people show they are interested in taking part in these activities.

Those interested should contact Allan Reed on 07788 240384 or 01586 820474, or Davy Macpherson on 07873 333184.

## Away day for the Pupils

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils travel to Centre East Kilbride for the opening Scottish Amateur Football League Premier One fixture of the season tomorrow (Saturday).

The club are at home the following Saturday against Rolls Royce.

## Campbell targets Tarbert's new 10k race

TARBERT will host two new running races tomorrow (Saturday) - over 5k and 10k.

Many Campbeltown Running Club members are expected to take part, with MOK half marathon winner Kenny Campbell from Southend and Highland games specialist Gary Turner from Tangy set to go in the 10k.

The 5k road race, described

as flat, will start at 10am and the 10k - road with some country paths and hilly sections - will start at 11am.

Race registration will open at 8am at the harbour amenities area where numbers will be issued and there will be maps of the routes.

Entry fees are £5 for the 5k and £13 (affiliated) and £15 (unaffiliated) for the 10k.

Parking is available in the public car park on Campbeltown Road, and limited public showering and toilet facilities will be available at the pontoons (race finish) and on Harbour Street.

The 10K race starts at Garval Point and finishes at the Tarbert Harbour Authority Amenity area.

The 5K race starts and fin-

ishes at the amenity area. Water stations are available at two points in the 10km, and drinks will be available at the finish of the race.

There are prizes for the first three men and women in the 10k and the first three across the line in the 5k.

All finishers will receive a goody bag, including medal and finishers t-shirt.



The boys who took part in the residential summer camp held in Oban and run by Argyll and Bute football development officer Martin Rae. 15\_t31camp01

# Spanish youngsters take part in Argyll and Bute football camp

THE ANNUAL residential football camp run by Argyll and Bute Council football department had an international feel this year when two Spanish brothers took part.

The week-long residential camp teaches aspiring footballers what it takes to be a young professional, as they train, play and live together.

The youngsters had between six and seven hours of football per day

on the Oban Community Pitch and they stayed at the school's Glencruitten Hostel.

Although the majority of the 31 players were from Argyll and Bute, Jaime Catala, aged 15, and his brother Luis, 13, from Majorca attended the camp during a holiday in the area.

The boys' family had wanted to visit Scotland and chose Oban on the back of the residen-

tial camp, the details for which they found online.

Argyll and Bute football development officer Martin Rae, who runs the camp, said: 'I just got an email from the boys' parents but I didn't know how they heard about it. It was great to see them here.'

'Their English was fantastic, so they got on well with everyone.'

'The purpose of the

week was to show the boys what it is like to be a young pro footballer, looking at eating habits, respect, discipline and daily chores. It was about giving them responsibility but also getting them to mix with each other. The social aspect is important too.'

Last year the residential camp, which is in its third year, had a boy from Ireland among the group.



Football coaches Stewart Maule, left, and Martin Rae with Spanish boys Jaime and Luis Catala. 15\_t31camp02



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# One over the eight as Pupils dump Shawlands

Pre-season friendly  
**Campbeltown Pupils 9  
Shawlands 1**

IT WAS one-way traffic as the Pupils recorded an emphatic win at Kintyre Park last Saturday against a sadly weakened Glasgow side that will soon feature in the same league as the home favourites.

Shawlands had a multitude of call offs in the morning, however it was good of them to travel and fulfil this annual friendly fixture.

The rout started as early as the first minute when Gary Grumoli steered the ball home after a long ball from Grant Grant found Martin McCallum, the young striker placing the ball into the path of last season's top goal scorer, John McCallum, with predictable results.

A second followed nine minutes later when Craig Lang released John McCallum for an angled finish beyond goalkeeper McPhee.

A third goal put the game beyond the visitors with just 17 minutes played, a far post cross headed back across goal

for Liam Renton to finish from close range.

The visitors had plenty of potential going forward, as both their number seven and 11 produced penetrating runs which troubled the home rearguard, form which will be duly noted in anticipation of more competitive meetings later in the season.

Number four was a 'comedy of errors,' an interception which released Gary Grumoli to score from the edge of the box.

After a number of assists, Martin McCallum at last got onto the score sheet when he received a cutback from John McCallum and, with the goal at his mercy, he casually side-foot home from close range.

The home side made seven changes at half time, but there was no respite for the seriously overworked visitors.

After heading over, 'Daz' Anderson capped his Pupils debut with a finely delivered cross to the head of Stewart McBrayne, the young striker finishing in clinical fashion for number six.



Liam Renton scores from close range after a ball was headed across the goal. 20\_c33pupils01

Another pinpoint cross from Anderson was dispatched with a spectacular 'scissors kick' to give Gary Grumoli his hat trick.

Ryan Gilchrist caught the eye as he pulled the strings in the middle of the park, the Pupils 'five star' performer against Dumbarton once more

producing a studied performance from midfield.

Gregor Croll scored number eight when he got in front of the de-

fence from a McBrayne free kick, and, the latter proved his predatory instincts by scoring with a spectacular scissors kick to make it 9-0.

The visitors did score to deny Craig Lamont a clean sheet, but after a severe pummeling no one grudged them a moment of celebration.



John MacCallum, left, who accepted the Jimmy Lay Trophy for player of the year on behalf of his brother Donald is pictured with Mandy Robertson who presented the award and Callum Johnstone, winner of the most improved player of the year award. 20\_c33player01

## Donald is named player of the year

ONE of Kintyre's most promising young footballers has been presented with a player of the year award by Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association.

Last Friday, young players gathered for an informal ceremony where Donald McCallum, 16, who plays for Dumbarton Under-19s, was awarded the Jimmy Lay trophy for player of the year.

Unfortunately, due to

training commitments in Dumbarton, his older brother John had to step in to accept the award, which is a memorial to the former Pupils player and winner of the BBC Scotland Unsung Sports Hero of the Year Award for basketball coaching.

His sister, Mandy Robertson, who presented the award, said Jimmy loved playing for the Pupils, who he was involved with from the age of 15.

She added: 'He loved

encouraging young people to get into sports. He was never one to blow his own trumpet and he didn't need to get any recognition.'

Stan Irwin from CD-JFA said: 'I think he

would be proud there's a trophy in his name for a young player in Campbeltown.'

An award was also given to Callum Johnstone as the most improved player of the year.

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