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Spaceport could create 5,000 jobs

by MARK DAVEY
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A MACHRIHANISH spaceport may create up to 5,000 jobs and bring multi-billion pound infrastructure investment.

That was the claim of Argyll and Bute Council leader, Dick Walsh, when he visited the base on Monday.

Ahead of the next stage of bidding to become the UK's first Spaceport, Argyll and Bute Council has entered a formal partnership with Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC).

Councillor Walsh said: 'Creation of a spaceport at Machrihanish would deliver huge development opportunities across the whole of Argyll and Bute.'

'With the potential for up to 5,000 jobs and multi-billion pound investment in vital infrastructure, this could be truly transformational for the area.'

The newly-formed consortium will be led by MACC subsidiary company, Discover Space UK, which was launched earlier this year.

Making the announcement during a visit to the former MoD site on Monday, Councillor Walsh said: 'MACC remains one of five permanent sites being considered by the UK Government.'

'We are delighted to be a part of the Discover Space UK consortium and look forward to taking full advantage of this opportunity.'

'As the only shortlisted site to exceed the criteria for runway length and located away from densely populated areas, Machrihanish has a strong case.'

Chairman of MACC and Discover Space UK Director, Tom Mil-

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David McPhail with Galcalfra 'Sweet Chloe' the champion of champions 25_c33show32

Clydesdale horse is champion of champions

WINNERS of the dairy, sheep, Clydesdales, horse and pony and dog sections at the Kintyre Show, paraded in the ring

at about 2.30pm for judges to choose the champion of champions.

The winner was a Clydesdale

exhibited by father and son, David and Calum McPhail.

For further results and pictures see pages 13, 14 and 15.

Sheepdog trials round up Scottish champion

SCOTTISH champion sheepdog handler, John McKillop, and his dog, Joe, will make a whistle-stop trip to Kintyre.

They will try to beat the best during this year's Kintyre Sheepdog Trials at Clochkeil Farm on Friday, August 21.

The event will see up to 60 dogs competing for the title and includes local handlers, John Casey and Alec McCuish from Skipness, who have both been in the Scottish team in recent years.

The judge is Mike McNally from Spean Bridge, also a member of the Scottish team.

Local interest will be maintained by Jessie Main from Tayinloan who won the Great Glen trial earlier in the spring.

The action on the day starts at 8.30am.

Youth football tournament

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Spaceport link to final frontier

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lar said: 'The launch campaign put Discover Space UK on the map and positioned Machrihanish as a serious contender.'

'We are ready to push ahead and are delighted to be working in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council.'

'Together, we will continue to work closely with Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) who have been massively supportive since the announcement last year.'

'We are expecting an invitation to tender from the UK Government lat-

er this year,' he added.

Highlands and Islands MSP, David Stewart, joined Councillor Walsh on the visit.

Mr Stewart said: 'The diversity of the 40 plus tenants located at MACC is impressive and there remains unlimited scope for future development.'

'As deputy convener of the aviation committee, I will do everything I can to support the bid.'

David Smart, HIE's Head of Business Growth for Argyll and the Islands, said: 'Machrihanish has the environment, the peo-

ple, and the ambition to realise the Spaceport's full potential to deliver economic benefits for the whole country as well as transformational opportunities for the region.'

'By air it is less than an hour to the central belt and international links to the USA and Europe.'

'The area has existing skilled businesses willing to diversify and embrace new opportunities.'

'With all these qualities and more, MACC presents a compelling case for becoming the location for the UK Spaceport.'



Councillor Rory Colville, Malcolm McMillan (MACC Business Development Manager), David Stewart MSP and Council Leader, Dick Walsh



The MV Isle of Arran sails away from Campbeltown Loch on a Sunday afternoon 25_c33ferry01

Kintyre ferry should be made permanent

FERRY campaigners are steaming ahead with plans to keep Kintyre permanently connected to the mainland.

The first Cal Mac ferry, in a three year trial summer service, from Ardrossan arrived in Campbeltown on Thursday, May 23, 2013 and the final ferry, this year, is due to leave on September 27.

It was the first new ferry service by Cal Mac for 20 years and was met with much fanfare including the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band playing on the quay.

As the three year trial period nears its end, pressure is growing for

the service to become permanent.

Councillor John Armour said the Campbeltown Ferry Sub-group, meeting on Tuesday, had asked for a meeting with Derek Mackay, the Scottish government transport minister to press their case ahead of a Transport Scotland survey on the future of the service.

Mr Armour said: 'Last year there was a 15 per cent increase in passengers and car numbers using the ferry.'

'We must do all we can to ensure that the ferry continues as a permanent service as it provides a boost for Campbeltown, Kintyre and

the whole of Argyll and Bute.'

'The sub-group is going to create a Facebook page to make sure the issue is kept in people's minds and to try to gather extra support.'

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell is backing the demand for a permanent service and said: 'I think it is clear that the pilot scheme has worked and that the ferry provides an important link between the central belt and Kintyre.'

'What is now needed is to make the service permanent, to increase its frequency and to develop a timetable that fits in with how people want to use it.'

'For example, making it possible to use the ferry for a day trip to Glasgow would be helpful as would a service that brings in, and takes away, people who are using self-catering accommodation and changing over on a Saturday, which is the usual change-over day.'

'I will back the ferry group and the community all the way to secure these changes and I will continue to make the case to Ministers for these improvements.'

A spokesman for Cal Mac said that figures including numbers of users for this year are not available until the end of the season.

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Woman forced to rely on foodbank as passport problem stops her working



A silhouette of the woman taken during a visit to the Courier office 25_c31passport01

by MARK DAVEY
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A CAMPBELTOWN woman claims she was suspended from her job when her right to work in the United Kingdom was questioned.

At one stage, in desperation, with no money coming in and living between friend's houses, she was forced to rely on handouts from Kintyre Foodbank to survive.

The woman, who has asked the Courier not to reveal her name, was born to Scottish parents living in South Africa. Her parents returned to

Scotland when she was two and settled in Glasgow.

In May this year, the woman now aged 57, was suspended from her job with a cleaning company, after moving from another firm, because she did not have a current British passport.

The company bosses said that under government rules on the right to work in the UK, they had no choice but to stop her working.

The company would not accept her provisional driving licence as

sufficient photo identification or an indication of her nationality.

The woman came to the Wee Toon 24 years ago after moving from the Pollok area of Glasgow.

Stress

She said that up until May she had never been suspended from work and had a National Insurance Number which was accepted by the Department for Work and Pensions when the stress of her situation led to her signing on as sick.

In order to work she was told that she would have to produce a passport.

The woman said: 'I do not want to go abroad and have never done so. I did not have a current passport.'

'When my mum brought me here 55 years ago, I was registered with the home office because South Africa then was part of the Commonwealth then.'

'I have fallen foul of new legislation designed to stop asylum-seekers getting benefits.'

'I had to get copies of my mum and dad's birth certificates and, so far, including phone calls, it has cost me £187 from my benefits to organise a new passport to enable me to get back to work.'

'I have been paying taxes for years, but have been in limbo for more than two months because of this.'

'Even now, although the passport office has sent out my passport I cannot work until it arrives.'

A Home Office spokesperson said: 'It takes at least six weeks to process an application for an adult's first UK passport, so the necessary security checks can be carried out.'

'Applications can take longer if more information is required. This woman's passport has been printed and will be delivered soon.'

Something to trumpet about in Dunblane

CAMPBELTOWN Brass players proved their mettle with triple success at the National Youth Brass Band of Scotland (NYBBS) annual course.



Gordon Evans

Nine young members along with musical director, Gordon Evans, have just returned from the course held at Queen Victoria School in Dunblane.

The Reserved Band, conducted by John Boax, was led by principal cornet player from Campbeltown, Kirsten Souter.

The band's Solo Competition was won by horn player, Amy Paterson, and completing a local hat-trick of success, soprano cornet-

ist, Hannah Oman, was named as Best Student. Also attending the Reserved Band were Suen Yee Walker, Iona MacDougall and Rebecca Semple.

The Senior NYBBS, conducted by Russell Gray and Richard Evans, attracted the membership of two local trombonists Lucy Kerr and Owen Pickering.

More than 180 young people from all over Scotland gathered together to make up three bands.

Local musical director, Mr Evans, once more conducted the National Children's Band and received a special award from the Scottish Brass Band Association for his involvement with NYBBS lasting for 30 years.

Horn player

Joining him in the Children's Band was horn player, Andrew McMillan.

All three bands performed in a concert to a packed audience in the

famous Dunblane Cathedral.

The quality of performance was absolutely stunning and all the 180 younger players look forward to returning next year and, for the Senior NYBBS, a 10 day trip to Canada beckons to take part in the Nova Scotia Tattoo.



Hannah Oman was named Best Student



Amy Paterson won the Solo Competition

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Meeting sheds light on ancient Kintyre church plan

'This project requires us to be proactive'

KINTYRE is steeped in history and the ancient and historic chapels dating back to the 12th century hold the stories of a people who are part of our own past and have shaped our future.

Throughout the Kintyre mainland and on the islands of Gigha, Cara and Sanda there are as many as 14 identified ecclesiastical buildings of great historical interest.

Within many of these ancient sites there are some unique gravestones of national importance.

The Killean and Kilchenzie Churches Preservation Association is currently focused on preserving the old chapels and gravestones

of Killean and Kilchenzie to make them safe and accessible for local people, visitors to the area and school groups for research, study or private reflection.

The association has successfully completed its first phase of vegetation control, limiting damage from ivy and other shrubbery to the ancient buildings.

Funding

Consideration could be given in the future to extending the preservation programme to include other ancient ecclesiastical sites, depending on the level of local interest and funding available.

The association would welcome the support of any additional new members who are interested in the history and archaeology of the area.

The preservation association wishes to invite members of the public to a slide show and presentation on the ancient and historic churches of Kilchenzie, Kilchusland, Kilkivan, Killean and Kilcolmkill (St Columba's, Southend), which will take place on Monday, August 17, beginning at 7.30pm.

The event, being held in Tayinloan Village Hall, is free of charge.

The presentation will be delivered by Kenneth G Ferguson OBE, a quantity surveyor specialising in ancient and historic buildings, Tom Addyman, the archaeologist who has visited all

five sites and will deliver a report on his findings at the meeting, and Dr John Raven of Historic Scotland.

Proactive

Calum Morrison, preservation association member, said: 'This project requires us to be proactive as, without taking urgent action, these sites of huge historic importance could be reduced to rubble.'

'We would like to see future generations have the chance to appreciate them, given that they offer so much history right on their doorstep.'

'We would look forward to even hosting groups such as schools, clubs and societies, allowing people to learn more about the sites.'



Ian McVicar and Michele Hodgkinson, volunteer support officer for Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface, at the group's Campbeltown office. 20_c33volunteers01

Volunteers join forces in Third sector development

THREE volunteer groups met last week with a view to joining forces and 'streamlining' their work.

Argyll Voluntary Action and Islay and Jura CVS have united to become Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface, and Argyll Social Enterprise Network is expected to follow soon.

Glenn Heritage, chief executive of the new organisation, said: 'Previously known as the voluntary sector, the third sector has become

more and more important to communities.'

He added: 'By bringing these organisations together, we are able to streamline our work and strengthen the voice of our communities.'

Share ideas

Ian McVicar, community resilience officer for the third sector interface, said: 'We can share ideas, advise on good practice, and offer specific help to each other as groups.'

McFadyens Transport Ltd sponsors Kintyre Schools Pipe Band

KINTYRE'S haulage contractor, McFadyens Transport Ltd, has stepped in to sponsor Kintyre School's Pipe Band's assault on the World Pipe Band Championships at Glasgow Green on Friday and Saturday, August 14 and 15.

Charles McFadyen started his haulage business in 1901 in Campbeltown where he met cargo vessels at the pier and delivered their freight with a horse and cart to local merchants; bricks and coal were regular loads.

His five sons all followed their father's footsteps and each had their own horse and cart for haulage in the area, with the family stables based in Longrow.

In those early days the McFadyens also advertised public excursions by horse-drawn wagonettes to popular local destinations such as Southend or Machrihanish, but this was their only venture into passenger transport.

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Calume McFadyen said: 'McFadyens Transport is delighted to be given the opportunity to sponsor Kintyre Schools Pipe band on their trip to the world championships and wish them every success.'

Pipe major Ian McKerral thanked McFadyens Transport for their help and support at the upcoming world championships.



The bands will have an early start tomorrow to complete at the World Pipe Band Championships.

The Novice Juvenile Band is due to play at 09.42 and the Juvenile Band will play at 10.04.



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Neil and Betty celebrate 60 years together

A CAMPBELTOWN couple marked their diamond anniversary last Wednesday with a hand-delivered message on behalf of the Queen.

Elizabeth, or 'Betty', MacCallum, 84, married husband, Neil, 90, at the Argyll Arms Hotel in Campbeltown on August 5, 1955.

Family occasion

'The venue sounds unusual but it was what many couples did back then. It was a small, family occasion, with a wedding breakfast,' said Betty, reflecting on the ceremony.

The pair met some two years earlier while working in different de-

partments of the Gundry Bridport net factory in Campbeltown, with Betty working as a net rigger, and Neil as a loom operator, a job he took having previously served in the navy.

Neil asked Elizabeth out after they met at a Friday night dance in the town's Templars Hall, before a trip to the pictures the following evening.

The couple's marriage was conducted by Rev. G S Cameron of the Highland Parish Church, the Campbeltown kirk where Neil has served for 49 years as an elder.

They travelled on the

plane to Glasgow, before spending their honeymoon in Inverkip.

After returning from honeymoon, the couple set up home in Campbeltown and the first of their two daughters, Elise, was born two years later, before the birth of second daughter Mary in 1960.

Trade Union

Neil worked as a postman for 29 years before retirement, and held a trade union position,

served as a town councillor and was on the local health board for eight years.

Betty devoted herself to raising their young family, but then worked



Lord Lieutenant Patrick Stewart, left, presents Betty and Neil MacCallum with a special message from the Queen last Wednesday.

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serving Anfield for a year, an Argyll Street house in the town, and worked at McMillan's furniture store on Longrow for 15 years -

describing it as 'a happy time'.

She was also active in the church guild, as well

as socialising through bowls and bingo.

The pair gave their thoughts on the secret to a long marriage.

Understanding

They said: 'First of all your health is so important, but a long marriage is down to understand-

ing the other person, and being considerate.'

'You have to be able to laugh at yourself, and each other!'

The couple are now grandparents to Lorna, Lindsay, Iona and Kirsty, and have a great-grandson named

Finlay, with a second great-grandchild due later this year.

They added: 'Sometimes there are ups and downs which is normal in every family, but we are very lucky to have led really good lives, and watched our family and extended family grow up.'

Initiative

Lord Lieutenant Patrick Stewart, who presented Neil and Betty with their card from the Queen, said: 'It was through their granddaughter Iona's initiative in visiting the royal website and requesting that a card be delivered that I had the honour of presenting the Queen's message to Mr and Mrs MacCallum.'

'It is an important milestone and it is always a pleasure to be a part of these occasions.'

The couple also enjoyed a family celebration in the Ardsheil Hotel last Saturday evening.

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Council leader, Dick Walsh is right. Machrihanish looks like a strong contender, with the runway length and low population density being in its favour. But with the employment boost, the area might lose one of these advantages with a population exceeding that of Oban.

If this is not a silly season story, then perhaps plans for the soon-to-be-started new school should be revised, upwards.

Worries about potholes in the A83 sink into insignificance. What will be needed is a dual carriageway or motorway.

Let's hope that, as well as making this headline grabbing boast, the councillors will be willing to spend money and create the infrastructure necessary to support the expanded population.

Keep our ferry

IT is ironic, that, this week, while the area may provide a launch pad for space travel and put satellites into orbit, another group, with its feet firmly on the ground, is determined to retain the Ardrossan to Campbeltown ferry link.

Even with the current restricted timetable of only three departures and arrivals, it has proved popular and boosted the area.

The trial is nearing its end, and a big push must be made to make it a permanent feature.

With the Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) which has boosted journeys to Arran this year, the Kintyre ferry would make even more sense and save fuel.

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Thanks to Kintyre Dialysis Campaign Group

Sir,

The Kintyre Dialysis Campaign Group would like to record its thanks to the community of Kintyre for the tremendous support received during the recent campaign.

It is hard to believe that it is just over a year since we started fundraising and, to reach a total exceeding £100,000, is a tremendous achievement.

It goes without saying that, without the community support, it would never have been possible to fund this long overdue and much needed facility.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Kristin Gillies NHS Highland and Ewen McLean BKPA, for their support. I would also like to make special mention of Ronnie McNally and Lindsay McPhail, both of whom went well beyond the call of duty in terms of the time, effort and commitment given to the campaign.

The group will continue to support the new unit and any donations will be gratefully received.

Anyone wishing to join the group will be made most welcome at the annual general meeting which will be held at 7pm on September 15 in the Burnet building.

**Councillor Donald Kelly,
Chairman, Kintyre Dialysis Campaign Group.**

'A truly remarkable vigilant hero'

Sir,

My husband and I were overlooking Machrihanish Bay, as

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the emergency unfolded, on Monday August 3. The boat in the bay was quickly blown off shore and I had my mobile phone in my hand to call the emergency services.

Just at that moment, we heard the sound of Campbell Keyte's fishing boat start up. Speedy and efficient. Others in the village, were on the shore and on stand by to help. Campbell has worked in this area for 40 years.

'Have a go hero?' No, a truly remarkable vigilant hero, who woke his son up to help in the rescue. Rude awakening from the slumbers of a nightshift.

I have been involved in many emergencies, in my role as a community nurse and midwife, including eight years on the Isle of Mull.

This was a master class in an emergency situation, such as this. The people rescued must feel indebted to the quick thinking and actions of Campbell and Ian.

The event brings home the realisation, that the sea is unforgiving. The vigilance of a community can save lives and prevent tragedy.

Well done Campbell, Ian, Charlie and Machrihanish. I won't forget that day,

**Anne Devlin,
Campbeltown.**

Fracking and nuclear plants may create thousands of jobs

Sir,

The SNP's claims of the UK Government being anti-business after wind subsidy cuts are hypocritical.

It's rather odd for Nicola

Sturgeon to accuse the UK Government of being anti-business, when her own administration has blocked both fracking and new nuclear plants, both of which have the potential to create thousands of jobs.

Very many people in Scotland are supportive of the subsidy cut.

We do not want to see wind farms covering every part of rural Scotland, especially when we already have enough to meet our renewable energy targets.

People certainly do not want to be bankrolling them from their electricity bills at a level far above what is justified.

The SNP has to drop this fascination with wind energy and instead develop a balanced energy policy, with a focus on sources that are going to keep the lights on.

**Alastair Redman,
Islay.**

Make sure of your vote

Sir,

The Tories are changing the system of electoral registration. This means that people who are still living at the same address as last year will no longer be automatically kept on the electoral register.

That could mean losing your vote for next year's Scottish Parliament Election and the EU Referendum. To be certain of keeping your vote, ensure that someone in your household returns the form which will have been sent to your house by the Electoral Registration Office or register on-line at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

As a former MP, I know that, at every election, there

are some people who only find out too late that they are not on the register. With the changes the Tories are making, this could easily happen to more people, so don't forget. Register now!

**Alan Reid,
Dunoon.**

Carradale harbour looks like a scrap yard

Sir,

I visited Carradale for the 'Harbour Day' last Saturday. Walking across the pier I came across a huge amount of junk metal and smashed cars which appeared to be stored long term. The area looked like a scrap yard, but seemed fairly inactive and the access road was blocked off. There did not appear to be a working business.

This mess detracts from the beautiful setting. When I enquired about it I was told the untidiness went on some way round the coast.

Something should be done to tidy the area up for the community.

**Ewen MacPherson,
Craigbhan,
Oban.**

Transform your community by volunteering

Sir,

Scotland is a nation filled with people who cherish their local green spaces. Volunteering Matters wants to support this passion by helping people who want to transform their local community.

Our Action Earth grants scheme enables volunteer

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scheme enables volunteer groups to reclaim derelict or empty spaces, plant trees, shrubs and flowers and boost wildlife habitats.

From 2012-15 our projects have improved 11 million square metres of land, 27,000 trees have been planted and 1,060 bird and bat boxes have been built and installed as volunteers take ownership of their local areas and improve conditions.

We give projects up to £500, thanks to the support of Scottish Natural Heritage, to allow individuals and organisations to volunteer together and be inspired to improve their local environment. Grants can be used to purchase tools, plants and materials and to cover volunteer expenses.

Over the last three years, our grants of

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£120,000 have resulted in the equivalent of 156 years of work hours given - which added to the material value of the projects is a benefit to the economy of £2.25 million pounds, based on an average employee contract at minimum wage.

Take the initiative and sign up to Action Earth to make a positive contribution by visiting www.volunteeringmatters.org.uk/actionearth

Katy McTernan
Volunteering
Matters.

Another Police Scotland scandal

Sir,

When will the Scottish government step in and demand the resignation of Sir Stephen House from Police Scotland?

Allegations have now come to light that the police anti-corruption division may have broken the law by using spying powers to uncover journalist sources with no judicial approval. This contravenes Article 10 of the European Convention of Human Rights which protects journalists' sources.

This alleged latest scandal comes after many more from stopping and searching children as young as nine years old without their

parents' knowledge or consent; carrying fire arms around the streets of our cities on routine patrols; not acting on a reported accident which resulted in the unnecessary death of a young mother.

A taxi driver said to me: 'Where do I now take a vulnerable person in need of protection or a violent customer who is threatening me?' – I used to go to the local police station, but it is now closed.'

Our police force has changed out of recognition. Gone are the days of the local beat bobby with all his local knowledge.

Come back the good old days and scrap Police Scotland as it is too big.

**Ursula Craig,
Rossarden,
Shore Road,
Cove.**

The Great British Bake Off

Sir,
This year's BBC Great British Bake Off is set to inspire a whole new 'batch' of home bakers, and we at the Scottish Women's Institutes (SWI) welcome the impact this programme has on Scots of all ages.

It is the 'icing on the cake' to see two Scot-

tish contestants taking part including 19-year-old Flora Sheddell who comes from a family of SWI members.

Baking and cooking remain skills at the heart of the SWI and I would like to encourage anyone who is inspired by this year's Great British Bake Off to come and find out more about us.

We are currently running some new-style meetings across Scotland which are less formal than our more traditional gatherings.

We have also removed the word rural from our title, although we are happy to still be called 'The Rural' by genera-

tions of Scots, and we are setting up more city-based institutes with meetings at flexible times.

If this year's Great British Bake Off makes you wish you could learn some new baking skills or improve and challenge yourself with your existing skills, please look at our new website www.theswi.org.uk for an institute near you where you'll be given a warm welcome and the chance to learn not just baking skills from generations of Scottish women.

Christine Hutton,
National Chairman,
Scottish Women's
Institutes,
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THIS colourful picture of a European shag - latin name phalacrocorax aristotelis - was taken by Bob Goodman from Campbeltown earlier this summer. It shows the bird, whose species nests in Kintyre, on a rock at Putechan in front of a fiery sunset over the Atlantic. Readers with photographs of Kintyre wildlife are invited to send them to the Courier by emailing editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

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Play name game to win big prize

A KINTYRE golf course is running a competition to name its sixth hole and win a fantastic prize.

Southworth Developments, who own Machrihanish Dunes Golf Club, are in the process of naming each of the course's 18 holes,

yard par three. The chosen entry will win a two-night 'Stay and Play' deal for four at Machrihanish Dunes, including breakfast and unlimited golf.

Everyone who enters will receive a £25 round of golf from Machrihanish Dunes.

To enter visit the website <http://machrihanish-dunes.com/namethe6th-hole/>

GRADUATIONS



BILLY RONALD

Recently graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a BSc (Hons) Degree in Computer Games Design. Billy is the son of Billy and Astrid Ronald, Tarbert and the grandson of the late Tom and Mary Brown, Campbeltown and the late Willie and Mona Ronald, Tarbert.

Scottish Field

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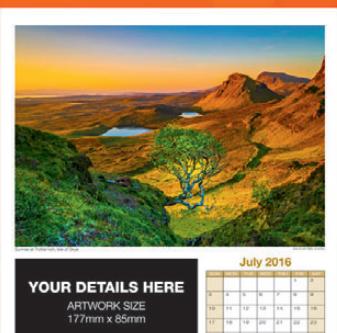
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Questions surrounding history of silver trowel

A TROWEL used to lay the foundation stone of an iconic Campbeltown building has thrown up some questions.

Australians, Archie

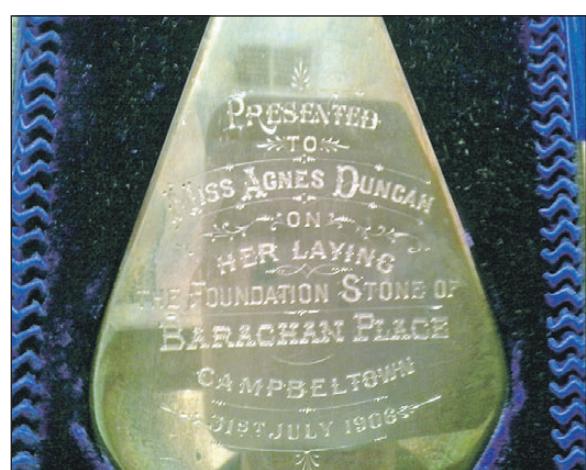
and Joanne Brown, presented the trustees of the Heritage Centre with a silver trowel used by a Miss Agnes Duncan, to lay the foundation stone

of Barochan Place on July 31, 1906.

Kintyre Amenity Trust chairman, Alan Milstead, said: 'The presentation of this unique artefact has raised some questions. Where is the foundation stone? What is the relationship between Agnes Duncan and Alexander Fleming? Why did she lay the stone?'

Archie Brown knew nothing of the trowel until he cleared his mother's effects after she died in 2007 and does not know if Agnes Duncan was his mother's aunt or great aunt.

Can you help?



A detailed close-up of the trowel



The trowel in its presentation case.



Smaller riders on the first leg of last year's ride

Get on your bike for Macmillan Cancer Support



Riders leaving Campbeltown at the start of the 2014 MOKBike 20_c42mokbike01

CYCLISTS big and small who want to saddle up for this year's MOKBIKE have just two weeks to enter.

Entries for the annual event, now in its fifth year, which raises money for MacMillan Cancer Support, on Saturday and Sunday, September 19 and 20, close on August 31.

There is something for all riders with routes from three miles to the ultimate 70 mile loop of the peninsula tack-

ling some of the region's toughest hills.

This year, people are able to enter via Entry-central.com and there is a £5 pound discount on the entry fee for anyone who would like to get sponsored for this event.

New routes

There are a few new routes this year including an off-road event being held on Saturday September 19, the day before the main rides.

The event has always received great support

sider sponsoring MOKBIKE.

For further information, please contact Russ and Ros Wilkes at russelsandros@gmail.com or phone 07957117277.

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Ardrishaig Hall
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Dr Malcolm Elder ran the buzz wire stall 25_c33harbour01



Best pirate dogs from left 'Minnie' with Trish Collins and 'Pebbles' with Marlene Baillie 25_c33harbour05



Village vet, Jonathan Hooper, in full pirate rig-out with his two pooches 25_c33harbour08

Skull and crossbones flies high over Carradale

SAILORS passing through the Kilbrannan Sound may have been surprised by small craft flying the skull and crossbones.

It was not a return to the notorious days when Blackbeard looted ships, but the annual Harbour Day at Carradale had visitors paying for pleasure trips from the

new landing slip, which opened back in May.

The day seemed to promise warm August weather until black clouds blew over in the afternoon to put a dampener on events which organisers said led to some folk cutting their day short.

The man in charge of the megaphone and one of the organisers, Alan Milstead, said: 'The day went well, and we enjoyed support from both residents and visitors. Lots of fun was had by many folk.'

Money

'We made a bit of money to put towards our harbour project and to maintain what we have done so far.'

Dede Robertson from Carradale Church Guild said: 'The baking stall raised £181.20 which goes towards Guild funds.'

One of the less serious events of the afternoon was a dog show.

Man with the megaphone, Alan Milstead
25_c33harbour02

Alex MacMillan, 12, uses the buzz wire to test the steadiness of his hand 25_c33harbour04



Rhona Elder was selling Carradale buffs for the fashion-conscious pirate 25_c33harbour03

Mr Milstead said: 'The Dog Show gave an opportunity for dogs to display their owners in a competitive environment as some forgot that the event was really just for fun.'

The full dog show results are as follows with the name of the dog first followed by the owner or handler:

Best dressed pirate dog - 1 'Minnie' - Trish Collins and 2 'Pebbles' - Marlene Baillie.

Dog with most smiley face - 1 'Bramble' - James Walker and 2 'Millie' - Ellie McMillan. Best junior handler - 1 'Deri' - Guy Henry and 2 'Louis' - Catriona Newman. Best pair matched or otherwise - 1 'Louis' and 'Aotea' - Alyson Milstead and 2 'Zara' and 'Tillie' - Marjon Steedman. Best trick - 1 'Hayley' - Mary Stewart and 2 'Dug' - Keefe. Owner who looks most like his or her dog - 1 Irene Cordiner - 'Rusty,' and 2 Guy Henry - 'Deri.' Wigglest tail - 1 'Bruiser' - Janette and 2 'Zara' - Jack

Steadman. Most obedient dog - 1 'Harley' - Mary Stewart and 2 'Tillie' - Rebecca Paterson. Dog with the most appealing eyes - 'Buddy' - Graham and 2 'Ash' - Elizabeth Ireland.

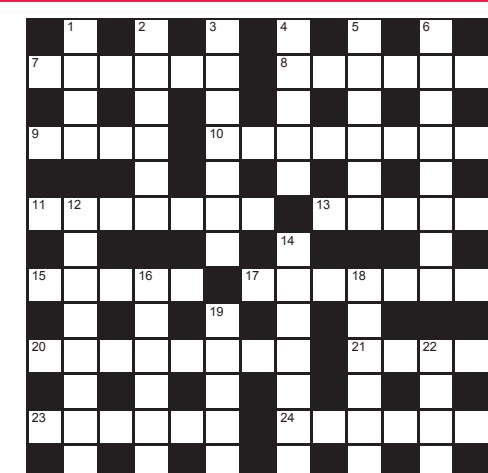
Best in show - 'Harley' - Mary Stewart.

Mr Milstead said: 'An event like this relies on lots of people doing something - many thanks to all who assisted.'



Best junior handler, Guy Henry, 9, with Border Terrier, 'Deri' 25_c33harbour06

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD



Across

- 7 Announce (6)
- 8 One who peruses (6)
- 9 Assortment (4)
- 10 Comfort (8)
- 11 Circle to keep openers together (3,4)
- 13 File (5)
- 15 Run at Epsom Downs (5)
- 17 Interfere (7)
- 20 Mark where wintery weather starts (4,4)
- 21 Buttonhole (4)
- 23 Idle (6)
- 24 Pongy (6)

Down

- 1 Actual (4)
- 2 Work (6)
- 3 Like fans (7)
- 4 Livestock enclosure (5)
- 5 Type of cab (6)
- 6 Pendant gem shape (8)
- 12 Forever (8)
- 14 Smoothness (7)
- 16 Child's dog name (3-3)
- 18 Bacon serving (6)
- 19 Presented (5)
- 22 Surrounded by water (4)

Last week's solution



MULL & Kintyre MUSIC FESTIVAL

19th - 23rd OF AUGUST 2015

MOK Fest's Top Class Line-up for 23rd Year



Carrivick Sisters.

THE 23rd Mull of Kintyre Music Festival promises another great line-up with The Treacherous Orchestra, Daimh, Fergie MacDonald, The Carrivick Sisters, Tom Callister & Adam Rhodes, Esperanza & Slainte Davaar Allstars headlining the Festival.

This five day event offers a mixture of ticketed and free concerts from August 19 to 23 2015 that brings international, national and local acts together to perform at various indoor and outdoor venues across Campbeltown.

The two Saturday night concerts cater for all audiences with The Treacherous Orchestra, Esperanza and Harry and the Hendersons

playing on the CalMac Culture Stage in the Victoria Hall on August 23rd.

Daimh will headline the seated concert in the Heritage Centre supported by Scooter Muse & Jil Chambliss from Alabama who are joined by a variety of the musical friends they have played with over the years.

The main Victoria Hall concert on Saturday, August 22 which is now sponsored by Caledonian MacBrayne promises to be something special with three bands performing this year.

High energy folk band Treacherous Orchestra make their debut at this years MOK Fest in a year where they have headlined festivals across the UK including

the Heb Celt Festival in Stornoway.

Ska sensations Esperanza fresh from playing in front of a packed out audience at the Wickerman Festival are really looking forward to playing in Campbeltown for the first time. Calmac Culture winners Harry and the Hendersons will open an upbeat concert that is sure to get you dancing. The new format also includes partial seating but arrive at the hall early if you want a seat.

The Saturday Night seated concert in the Campbeltown Heritage Centre also on August 22 headlines Gaelic supergroup Daimh, champions of massive Highland music and seductive Gaelic songs.

The support band is Scooter Muse and Jil Chambliss from Alabama USA who will be accompanied on stage by various musical friends including local artists Lorne MacDougall and Frank Rochford. Arthur Johnstone MC's the concert.

Festival ceilidh night on Friday, August 21 in the Victoria Hall has 'Ceilidh King' Fergie MacDonald playing the set with his four piece band.

Vocal and instrumental duo Laura-Beth Salter and Jenn Butterworth make their debut performing set tunes and songs with a bluegrass slant.

Starting this year's Ceilidh Night is the Dalriada Connections Band who will feature guest appearances from many of the artists who will be appearing across the weekend.

The Kintyre Schools Pipe Band will open up this hugely popular family event which Kay Johnston will MC.

The Festival starts on Wednesday, August 19 with the Festival Gaelic Night at Ceol Campbeltown, Seafield Hotel with a fantastic line-up including Riona Whyte, Alasdair Whyte, Clann na Ceol plus many local musicians and



Slainte Davaar Allstars



Fergie MacDonald

Christine MacIntyre as Bean-an-Tigh.

The Mitchell's Glen-gyle Dalriada Connections Concert in the Campbeltown Heritage Centre on Sunday, August 23 joint headlines with two vocal and instrumental duos Tom Callister & Adam Rhodes from the Isle of Man and The Carrivick Sisters from Cornwall, also appearing is Ciaran Mulholland from Northern Ireland in a concert will have the usual mixture of local and visiting musicians.

The legendary Survivors Night on Sunday evening headlines with Campbeltown super-group Slainte Davaar Allstars and welcomes the return of the Wee Toon Tellers first



Wishing Mull of Kintyre Music Festival continued success

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Festival Ceilidh Night**
Victoria Hall, Campbeltown

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Fergie MacDonald Band

Laura Beth Salter & Jenn Butterworth

Dalriada Connections Band

Kay Johnston (MC)

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band

**Saturday 22nd August
Traditional Concert**
Heritage Centre, Campbeltown

Doors 7.00pm, Tickets £16

Daimh, Scooter Muse & Jil Chambliss +
Lorne MacDougall, Frank Rochford & friends
+ Arthur Johnstone (MC)

12.30pm Grand Parade

1.00pm "Doon the Green", Kinloch Green



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Sunday 23rd August,
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Victoria Hall, Campbeltown
Doors 7.30pm; Tickets £22

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Deep Joy, Il Brasso, Session A83 + more
Tickets still available at A.P. Taylors
More Info: www.mokfest.com
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Art show is a perfect picture

CLACHAN village hall will be filled with works of art for the annual show from today until Sunday. Many mediums will be represented including: photography, craftwork, sculpture, floral art, paintings, drawings and collage.

Village hall rebuild appeal

AN appeal has been launched to raise up to £600,000 for a complete rebuild of Clachan Village Hall.

Clachan village hall committee, who are responsible for the day-to-day running of the hall and its maintenance, sent out a form

last week asking people in the West Kintyre village to make a donation to their Development Fund.

The hall, which was built in the 1950s, was used on 158 days last year, but lacks modern facilities, is suffering from damp, is not insulated and has an inefficient heating system.

A community survey held in November last year, to which more than half the population of Clachan responded, indicated overwhelming support for redeveloping the hall.

A committee spokesperson said: 'After taking professional advice, the committee came up with three principal development options; repairing the existing

CLACHAN

building's roof and adding insulation as well as making floor repairs and internal refurbishment; extending the repaired floor space by 50 per cent; or a new build including the demolition of the current hall.

'The other option was to do nothing and let the hall decay, which it is unanimously agreed in the village would be unacceptable.'

'With redevelopment costs taken into consideration, charity funding from numerous sources will be decisive in realising the project. Therefore, it was decided that an appeal would be the best way of raising as much money as possible, serving as a guide as to which funding option to pursue.'

SOUTHEND



The three winners in their outfits. 25_c32fashion01



One of the models and a young supporter. 25_c32fashion02

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Autumn Breaks

Cross dressing charity catwalk show

A FASHION event with a difference raised more than £300 for Campbeltown Red Cross.

Fashion show

A group of holidaymakers, now in their 20s, who have visited Southend all their lives, lit up the Argyll Arms last Wednesday with a fashion show of charity shop clothes.

Laura Dick, 26, said: 'It all started one afternoon years ago when the boys dressed up in the girl's clothes.'

'Earlier in the week 12 of us spent £10 each at the Red Cross charity shop on outfits. These were used for the catwalk show and then returned the next day and donated back to the Red

Cross. The show raised £276 with an extra £37 from a water-filled balloon slingshot.'

Top three

A panel of judges including hotel proprietor, Lynn Crawford, selected the top three models who were, in descending order, David Starkey, Lucy Dick and John Wallace.

KENNACRAIG

A83 road improvements at Kennacraig

ROAD improvements are underway this month on two stretches of the A83.

More than £220,000 worth of resurfacing work on a stretch of the A83 at Woodhouse, north of Kennacraig, got underway on Monday,

August 10, and will continue throughout next week.

Being undertaken by Transport Scotland, the project will see improvements to a 1.8 kilometre stretch of the A83, with resurfacing taking place Monday to

Friday between 7am-7pm. There is no work planned at weekends. With restricted width on the road now that work is underway, temporary traffic lights and a 10mph convoy system are in operation while work is taking place.

Meanwhile, the second set of works will begin this Monday, August 17, on the A83 at Butterbridge, north of the Rest and Be Thankful, with Transport Scotland carrying out drainage improvements and safety barrier repairs.

SADDELL AND CARRADALE

Get quacking and enter duck race

AN East Kintyre church group has floated the idea of another fun event this year, with the return of its annual duck race.

Held by Saddell and Carradale Parish Church on Saturday, September 26, in order to boost church funds, prizes will be given for the first ten ducks past the finishing line or for the best named duck. The event is the church group's biggest fundraiser of the year, with up to 350 birds featuring in the

chase down Carradale River.

Out of the bathtub and plunged into the wild, previous rubber duck entries have had inventive names such as Bob Updown and Count Quackula among others. Each duck entered costs £10.

There will also be a barbecue and a number of attractions.

A duck race spokesman said: 'It promises to be a fun day out with lots to do. There will be

games for children as well as hot food, home baking and desserts, and hot and cold drinks available.'

Church elders and deacons are urged to sell their allocation of ducks by Sunday, September 20. To sponsor a 'feathered' friend call Michael Foreman on 01583 431333 or Margaret Campbell on 01583 431272.

Water-way to spend a sunny afternoon in East Kintyre.

TAYINLOAN

Killean and Kilkenzie church sale of work

MORE than £1,500 was raised at Killean and Kilchenzie Church's annual sale of works.

The event was held on Wednesday, July 22 and opened by Rev. William Crossan.



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Kintyre show's highest gate takings ever

IT was a cloudless blue sky and the sun smiled down on the Kintyre Agricultural Show.

Records were broken with a very high turnout last Friday and the best takings on the gate for four years. Earlier in the week, heavy rain had worried organisers who feared for the state of the field, but by Friday it was in perfect condition.

Show secretary, John Armour, said: 'It was the highest takings since 2011 and we hope everyone had a great day.'

'Our new champion of champions format proved very popular, with the winners of each class picked out in the ring. It will become a permanent feature of the show. I'd like to say a big thank you to all those who helped out on the day to make the show run so smoothly.'

Kintyre Agricultural Show trophy winners

2015 were as follows:
Coll Cup, best Ayrshire calf - Jack Ralston, East Drumlembie; Ayr Cattle Society shield product class - T M Ralston and sons, East Drumlembie; Kintyre Farmers Cup Ayrshire heifer (17) - J & M Barr, Clochkiel; Merchants Cup for most points, Ayrshire - J & M Barr, Clochkiel; Society Cup Best Ayrshire home bred - Archie Millar, Ballygreggan; Kintara Cup Best calf led by juvenile - Taylor Purser, Kilwhinnoch;

Corsons 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 - D & C MacPhail, Garcalfra; Society Cup best Clydesdale bred by exhibitor D & C MacPhail, Garcalfra; John McCallum Memorial Plate best Clydesdale - D & C MacPhail, Garcalfra; David Smith Cup champion Clydesdale - D & C MacPhail, Garcalfra; Arnicle Cup best



Duncan Semple, winner of the champion beef animal. 25_c33show45

blackface milk ewe & lamb - J & M Turner, Kildalloig; Dukes Cup best group of three blackface - J & M Turner, Kildalloig; John R Semple Cup best blackface Lamb J & M Turner, Kildalloig; Maxwell Cup best blackface male bred by exhibitor - J & M Turner, Kildalloig; Argyll Herald Jubilee Cup best home bred B/F sheep - J & M Turner, Kildalloig; Calder Cup Reserve champ, confined - Jake Ronald, Colintonart; Archie Black Memorial Cup confined blackface Champion - J & M Turner, Kildalloig; James McPhee & Son Cup most points in blackface section - J & M Turner, Kildalloig; Sanda Cup champion blackface sheep - J & M Turner, Kildalloig; Devonia Bowl Most points Ayr blackface sheep - J & M Barr, Clochkiel; John D McConachie Cup champion Blue Leicester - J & M Turner, Kildalloig; Jim Martin/Scotmin C Champion Suffolk - A & J Pirie, Machrihanish; Society Cup champion Mule/Greyface - J & M Turner, Kildalloig; Thomas Brown Quaich champion



David and Calum McPhail, winners of the cup for champion of champions. 25_c33show40

Texel - Greig Gillespie and Eilidh Campbell; McTaggart Cup best border Leicester - Rosie Cannon, Kildalloig; Mary Lang memorial trophy Best Jacob - M & C Ralston, Rhoin; Messrs Jackson/

Sym Pl Best pen of fat lambs - Rosslyn Smith, Ballimore; Tithebarn Cup overall sheep Champion - Greig Gillespie and Eilidh Campbell; Society Cup Champion dog confined to Kintyre - Katie Ferguson; Society Quaich Best old tractor - Jackie Morrison.

Turn to pages 14 and 15 for more pictures.



Sarah Bateman
champion of the horse
and pony section.



Dog steward, Catherine Ralston, and show secretary, John Armour, total up the points for the champion of champions. 25_c33show31



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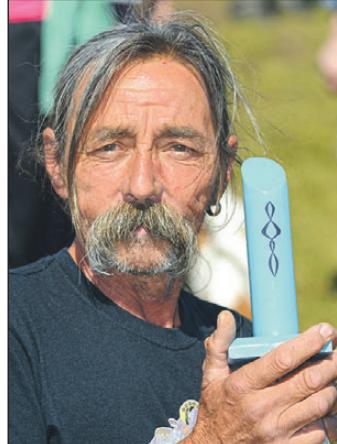
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A performer in the last show of the day: 'Pony Club Games.' 25_c33show42



Little Islay Lavery, 6, from Tangy, enjoys the bungy trampolines. 25_c33show04



Donald Wilson, from London, who had just completed the Kintyre Way, sponsored a marker post at the stall and was presented with a miniature. 25_c33show14



These members of Campbeltown Brass wore their wellies just in case. 25_c33show03



Kyle King flips Ifferdale lamb burgers. 25_c33show06



Audience participation in the 'Drakes of Hazzard' show. 25_c33show13

Bumper crop Kintyre agriculture

ICE cream was the order of the day at the 149th Kintyre Agricultural Society show.

Crowds filled Anderston Park last Friday on a beautiful summer's day to see a Clydesdale horse named 'Garcalfra

'Sweet Chloe' take the champion title. Mark Wylies' Drakes of Hazzard's corner ducks, which cannot fly, and 'Chief' was one of the



It was fun in the Mull of Kintyre cheese sandpit for Will, 5, James, 4, and Bill Castell. 25_c33show05



Members of Campbeltown Brass entertain the crowds. 25_c33show02



Enjoying their ice creams are from left: Cara Graham, 12, David, 12, and Arran, 8, Arbuckle. 25_c33show24

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ion of champions' title. 'azard,' featuring Indian runners herded by sheep dogs 'Zak' were most popular attractions es-

pecially as it required audience participation.

It was not all about the animals though, with plenty of side stalls to hold everyone's interest including food and drink and fairground attractions.



A tractor in action in the main ring. 25_c33show17



A line up of pre-1960 tractors. 25_c33show15



Kintyre Schools Pipe Band in the main ring. 25_c33show21



Archie Millar who won the Tom Douglas Cup for overall Ayrshire champion. 25_c33show33



The overall sheep champion winners, Greig Gillespie and Eilidh Campbell. 25_c33show37



Mark Mason, Joseph Mason, 4, and the champion dog, Archie, a working Cocker Spaniel. 25_c33show22



Mairi Ralston leads out 'Lady Anita' in the main ring. 25_c33show07



Judging in the dog show. 25_c33show18



Former MP, Alan Reid, with ladies on the Scottish Women's Rural Institute home baking stand from left: Tricia Fair, Elaine Hemmings, Margaret Penman and Enid Williams.
25_c33show20



John Forster presents a basket of flowers to Mary Barr who presented the trophies. 25_c33show41



Fitness trainer, Fiona Irwin

Fiona's fitness business is up and running

A PERSONAL trainer who set up her own military-style fitness business is already working with around 100 clients who are aiming to get fit and healthy this summer.

Fiona Irwin, who holds classes on the beach and at the airbase barracks in Campbeltown, set up SOS MAKI this year specialising in outdoor bootcamps, boxing classes and interval training.

With support from Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway service, Fiona finally made the step into self-employment after thinking about it for two years.

While her previous job as Fitness Co-ordinator at a local leisure club was rewarding, Fiona

wanted to be her own boss.

Now, she is working with 20 personal training clients and her summer classes, open to all levels of fitness, are in demand.

She said: 'The response so far has been amazing. I can't believe so many people have signed up already, but I'm delighted.'

'I am working with 20 clients on a one-to-one basis and I've had nearly 100 responses about my summer programme which is a mix of boxing, high intensity training, toning and strength.'

'I enjoy working with those who need exercise the most and I realised that they find it difficult to come to a gym

for a variety of reasons. I wanted to offer something different, but for everyone, and so far it seems to be working.'

'I had been thinking of setting up my own business for the last couple of years, but I wanted to work closely with people and be true to my qualifications rather than run a gym.'

Ethos

'When I met Steve Losh who set up the SOS Fitness brand, his ethos matched mine and I decided that running a SOS franchise would be perfect for me.'

SOS MAKI offers a holistic approach to fitness and Fiona hopes this and her friendly, personable way of tackling exercise will con-

tinue to be a hit with local people.'

Fiona added: 'The start I've had has been fantastic and I want to build on that. My aim has and

will always be to produce a high quality service that centres on the client and caters for their individual needs. I also hope to employ personal trainers and be a viable employment option to the local community.'

'Before I officially set up the business, I approached Business Gateway who have supported me since. I was given help and advice in a number of areas including marketing, insurance and how to access potential funding.'

This support was great as I had someone who I could talk through ideas and options with and, through this, I learned so much about running a business.'

Donald Melville, Business Adviser, Business Gateway said: 'Fiona is filling a gap in the local market and, with our support, she was able to enter self-employment with confidence and the skills and knowledge needed to succeed. As well as providing advice on insurance, we helped Fiona with possible funding sources.'

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

Best of the West to showcase five of the region's most exciting craft businesses

SIX local businesses are preparing to showcase their products at this year's Best of the West Festival (BOW) after winning a competition run by Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway service.

Business Gateway encouraged pitches from a host of companies in the council area, which were then put in front of three judges who picked the winners.

Skinny Sketcher, Hiya Pal, A Touch of Glass, Sea Tree, Moine Mhor Jewellery and Fyne Silver will all sell their products in the Business Gateway sponsored craft tent for one day over the festival weekend which takes place on Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13 at Inveraray Castle.

Gillian Logan, founder of Skinny Sketcher, based in Helensburgh, will be exhibiting her drawing kits for children, aimed at budding young architects.

Gillian said: 'I was delighted to be selected for the festival, a fantastic event in the stunning setting of Inveraray Castle. It's especially exciting as Inveraray Castle is featured in our 'Capture The Castle' Drawing Kit and I'm looking forward to seeing busy sketchers capturing the castle on the day.'

Gillian will be joined in the Craft Tent by Niki Sammon of Hiya Pal. The Helensburgh designer creates a range of greetings cards, handmade with real tartan.

Also on show will be glass art made by mid-Argyll based Kirsty Brady of A Touch of Glass studio as well as ceramics and decorative items made by Michaela Goan of Sea Tree in Dunoon.

Festival-goers will also have the opportunity to get their hands on unique jewellery by Margaret Ker of MoineMhor Jewellery and Lynne Girdwood of Fyne Silver.

To win a place in the craft tent companies were asked to pitch in 250 words why their products represent the best of the west. The winners were based on the quality and appeal of their products, the strength of their sales pitch and their fit with the craft tent and the festival overall.

The three event judges, host The Duchess of Argyll, Fergus Murray, the council's Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation, and Councillor Aileen Morton, Argyll and Bute Council's Policy Lead for Sustainable Economic Growth selected the eventual winners.

The Duchess of Argyll said: 'Best of the West celebrates all things great about the west of Scotland and, this year, we are bigger than ever, with a huge buzz around our famous crafts tent.'

'Working with Argyll and Bute

Council and Business Gateway, I was privileged to be asked to judge the recent competition to find standout stalls to sell their merchandise at this year's festival.'

'We saw some incredible entrants and it was certainly a difficult decision, but we look forward to welcoming these six winners to this year's Best of the West to show off their truly fantastic creations.'

The Best of the West festival will see over 120 musicians performing, with Skerryvore, Skipinnish and the Peatbog Faeries already confirmed to headline this year, alongside an eclectic mix of modern and traditional bands and Gaelic singers. Against the backdrop of Inveraray Castle, the festival will have a strong food and drink theme with fresh, local produce available including Mull cheddars and Loch Fyne oysters, while whiskies from over 20 distilleries will be on hand.

Children can have fun on the climbing wall, face painting, laser blast and art area.

For more information on the festival and to buy tickets, visit www.bowfest.co.uk

The council's Business Gateway team will also be at the event, where they will be on hand to explain more about the business support on offer to entrepreneurs in Argyll and Bute.

Any business across the region, whether new or existing, looking for support to grow can contact Business Gateway and access help from business advisers with the skills, experience and local knowledge to help their business plan for the future.

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15/01860/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 1 Lower Auchans Dunmore Nr Tarbert PA29 6XZ	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
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15/01863/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 5 Lower Auchans Dunmore Nr Tarbert PA29 6XZ	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
15/01887/AMSC	Approval of details relative to conditions 3(iii), 5(iii), 6 and 8 of application reference 12/02819/PPP (Site for the erection of three dwellinghouses)	Land To South West Of Gigha Cottage Croabha Haven Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
15/02110/PP	Renewal of planning permission reference 10/01563/PP - Erection of a dwellinghouse and associated works	Plot 10 Dalkeith Farm Glenbarr By Tarbert	Sub Post Office Tayinloan
15/02186/PPP	Renewal of Planning Permission in Principle reference 12/01078/PPP (Site for the erection of one dwellinghouse)	Land To East Of Craiganterve Beg Ford Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RH	Mid Argyll Area Office
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

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15/02062/LIB	External building fabric repairs comprising partial re-slating in Scottish slate, replacement of non-original roof flashings in lead, stone repairs, removal of cementitious stone plastic repairs, repair of original cast iron gutters and downpipes, repair of timber sash and case windows, re-pointing in lime mortar, re-introduction of projecting cills to rear elevation windows and general render and chimney repairs	Inveraray Town House Front Street Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UY	Sub Post Office Inveraray

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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, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD.

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House purchase lending up 22% in June



House purchase lending in the UK in June saw a substantial month-on-month increase in activity with over 20 per cent more loans being advanced to purchase a house compared to May. However, the number of loans and value for home-owner house purchase remained relatively steady compared to June last year, with the number of loans decreasing slightly but the amount borrowed increasing. There was a relatively similar trend in activity for home-owner house purchase in the second quarter overall.

The rise in the number of loans for house purchase in June was driven by both first-time buyers and home-movers. The increase in the two areas was broadly the same in value and volume terms.

As previously reported, gross lending in June totalled £20.1bn, up 25 per cent on May and 13 per

cent up on June last year. This meant in the second quarter, gross lending came to £52.2bn, up 17 per cent on the previous quarter and a two per cent rise on the second quarter 2014.

Overall in June, the value of home-owner loans for house purchase accounted for 54 per cent of gross lending, while remortgage activity accounted for 25 per cent. Buy-to-let as a proportion of total lending remained at around 17 per cent but still makes up a larger portion of total lending compared to the same time last year.

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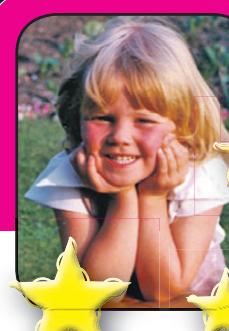
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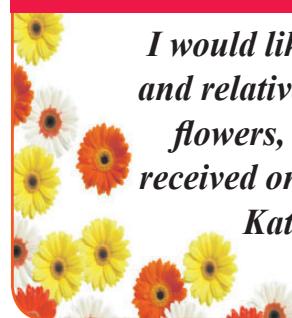
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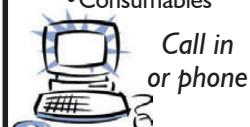
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'Daniel' was not afraid to offer his gifts in the service of the Kingdom, and these were affirmed and blessed.

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In our communities, there are any people with many gifts - gifts of baking, of farming, of knitting, of sewing, of serving, of caring, of sharing, of talking, of teaching - and God uses them all.

On Sunday, I will have the privilege of sharing worship with 'Daniel' on his island, and to receiving the blessing of his offering to God.

Health boards planning for winter

NHS staff did a fantastic job not only last winter, but all year round'

PLANS are being put in place to avoid any winter chaos for NHS boards in Scotland in future.

'However, it is important health boards draw on the lessons learned from last year's challenging winter and act on the front foot this year.'

'With more people now living with long-term conditions and a growing number of older people with multiple health complaints and complex needs, it is vital that we learn from the lessons of last winter and have robust plans in place, not only for this winter, but throughout the year.'

'Our guidance also asks boards to have strategies in place for staffing, with additional capacity to maintain progress towards minimising delays in discharging patients.'

'This is the earliest we have issued winter guidance and we will continue to work closely with health boards as we head into winter.'

Guidance

The changes come as the Scottish government issued guidance for the coming winter to all health boards.

Extra winter beds, ensuring patients can be appropriately discharged at weekends and bank holidays, and adopting an approach focusing not just on emergency care but the whole system, are part of the plans.

Individual health boards are due to publish their winter plans in October.

Scottish health secretary, Shona Robison,



Martin Togneri accepts a £350 cheque from Mr and Mrs MacMillan.

Air ambulance's £350 gift

A SCOTTISH charity was flying high after a couple celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary donated £350 towards their work.

Mr and Mrs Donald MacMillan chose to donate money from their anniversary party to Scotland's charity, Air Ambulance, and presented Martin Togneri, a trustee, with a cheque outside

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Mr Togneri said: 'It is a fantastic gesture, but even more money was given by Mr and Mrs MacMillan's family and friends through individual donations. The £350 sum was only through donations received at their party. We are very grateful to them for their contribution to helping our charity's important work.'

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Grammar school's sporty pupils

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar's prizegiving at the end of term was not just about academic achievement, with a number of students enjoying sporting success during the previous year being presented with prizes.



Bobby Willan - Dan McKinley Cup for Golf



Fraser MacBrayne - Golf Handicap Shield



Grant McKendrick - Senior Boys Champion



Iain Cameron - Physical Education

Machrihanish Golf Club roundup

MACRIHANISH Golf Club held its Jimmy Kerr Open on Saturday, August 1, with visitor to Kintyre, Allan Shearer, the handicap winner, and John J Gallicher the scratch winner.

Meanwhile, the August Medal played Wednesday, August 5 has been rescheduled to Saturday, August 29, to be played along with the John McLean trophy first round.

The club's rules stipulate that a minimum of ten players constitutes a valid competition, whereas eight played in the August Medal.

Machrihanish's Rotary Open was played last Saturday in aid of the South Kintyre senior citizens.

On a dry day, until the rain arrived later in the afternoon, the majori-

ty of the field got round dry but were faced with a blustery wind, making scoring difficult.

The winner of the gents' section was Jim McCallum, with an excellent 75 less 6 nett 69, arriving after a superb inward half of 35 (par), recording two birdies at the 15th and 18th holes to win by the narrowest of margins, on the count back rule, from visitor, Ben Maskell.

The better inward half came down to the best last six holes and secured McCallum an amazing fourth title in one of the golf club's main events. His previous wins were in 1998, 2004 and 2005.

Aptly, the Rotary Open trophy was presented to Machrihanish in 1975 by the late Archie McCallum, the ex-provost of the Roy-

al Burgh of Campbeltown. The McCallum surname is now well and truly engraved on the trophy.

The best scratch score came from former club captain and 16-time club champion, Stuart Campbell, with an impressive 72.

Stuart finished two shots clear of Lochgilphead's Matthew MacAulay.

The winning lady on the day was return visitor, Elaine Robb, with 90 less 13 nett 77.

The junior section produced two great scores from debutants to the Championship Course, Daniel Kane and Arran MacCallum.

Kane pipped his friend by two shots with an excellent 91 less 24 nett 67. The excellent work by the golf club in trying to en-

courage more juniors into golf appears to be reaping the rewards.

Sue Morgan, Rotary Club of Campbeltown president, thanked Machrihanish Golf Club for its continued support and also thanked those who had donated prizes and the competitors for taking part.

She handed over a cheque for £1,000 to Mrs Diane Brodie in aid of the South Kintyre senior citizens.

Jimmy Kerr Open results: Gents' handicap (CSS 72, played 100) - 1 Allan Shearer (visitor) 72-6=66; 2 Matthew MacAulay 73-4=69 (BIH); 3 Bobby Willan jnr 75-6=69; 4 Darren Kelly 78-8=70 (BIH); 5 Kenny Stewart 75-5=70.

Scratch - 1 John J Gallicher 70; 2 Bobby Willan snr 71; 3 George MacMillan 72; 4 Camp-

bell McCallum 74 (BIH); 5th Stuart Campbell 74. Senior: Roy McMurchy 83-14=69; Junior: Mitch Graham 89-11=78.

Ladies' handicap (CSS 74, played 8) - 1 Elizabeth Morrison 85-12=73; 2 Eleonor Hawkins 97.

Rotary Open results: gents' handicap section (CSS 72 home, 73 visitors, played 101) - 1 Jim McCallum 75-6=69 (BL6); 2 Ben Maskell (visitor) 79-10=69; 3 Ian MacKinnon 82-

11=71 (BIH); 4 Malcolm McKinlay (visitor) 80-9=71 (BIH); 5 Jim McAdam 76-5=71; 6 Kenny Htet-Khin (visitor) 82-10=72 (BIH); 7 Bobby Millar 84-12=72.

Scratch - 1 Stuart Campbell 72; 2 Matthew MacAulay 74; 3 Paul McWhirter 75 (BIH); 4 George Mac-

Millan 75; 5th David Campbell 76; 6 Ross Robertson 77; 7 Calum White (visitor) 78.

Senior - Roddy Jackson 92-19=73. Junior - 1 Daniel Kane 91-24=67; 2 Arran MacCallum 93-24=69.

Ladies' handicap (CSS 75, played 11) - 1 Elaine Robb (visitor) 90-13=77; 2 Myra Spierings-Hendrie 97-18=79.

Scratch - 1 Laura McGeachy 83; 2 Jennifer Mack 88. Nearest pin at 4th - Myra Spierings-Hendrie. Longest gents' drive at 17th - Eric Capocci. Longest ladies' drive at 17th - Laura McGeachy. Highest gross - John Biggins.

The main raffle prize of two return air tickets from Campbeltown to Glasgow went to Stuart Campbell.

Bogeymen share top spot at Dunaverty

A PAIR of golfers shared the top spot in the Dunaverty Bogey competition.

Sandy Watson and Tony Haysom both returned scores of plus four and this means they will have to have an eighteen hole play off to decide the winner.

Results: Tony Haysom 4, Sandy Watson 4, Alan Duncan 2, John McDowell 2, Campbell McCallum 0, Robert Allan Jnr -2. CSS 64

Tomorrow will be the August medal and on Sunday, August 16 there are still places available in the two ball better ball competition.

Thanks to sponsorship from Mr John Giffen of The Garage, Burnbank Street, the winning team will receive £100, 2nd £80 and 3rd £40.

Contact the clubhouse for tee times.

Lotto jackpot stands at £200

THERE were no winners in Machrihanish Golf Club's three-number lottery on Monday, meaning the jackpot stands at £200.

The winning numbers were 2, 6 and 13.

The next draw will be held on Monday, August 17.



The winning team from left: Alastair Dunlop, John Paterson, Craig Ramsay and Jamie Robertson.

Carradale AM-AM winners

TWENTY teams took part in Carradale Golf Club's annual AM-AM four ball better ball.

Winning team

A keenly-fought contest resulted in the winning team of Jamie Robertson, Craig Ramsay, John Paterson

and Alastair Dunlop with an excellent score of 54.

The runners up were Alan Walker, Marlene Walker, Danny Galbraith and Jim Clark with 56. Third were Ian McKinnon, Maggie McArthur, Angus Brown and Frank Blake on 58 (BIH).

Ladies captain's day puts £670 into charity coffers

ARTHRITIS Care (Scotland) was the winner at Carradale Golf Club's ladies captain's day.

Eilidh Neilson, ladies captain at the club, ran a Stableford competition and raised £670 during the day for the charity.

The results were as follows:

18 Hole (Members): 1 Emma Borthwick 36 pts (BIH); 2 Lynsay McGeachy 36 pts and 3 Anne Storm 32 pts. 9 Hole (Members): 1 Izzy Anderson; 2 Carolyn Cordiner and 3 Lorna Neilson. Guest - Winner - Margaret Robertson (Machrihanish); Nearest the Pin - Margaret Campbell; Longest Drive Bronze - Lynsay McGeachy and Longest Drive Silver - Laura McGeachy.



From left: Nine hole winner, Izzy Anderson, and Emma Borthwick, winner of the 18 hole competition

Triumph for triathletes in second sprint event

IT took less than an hour and a quarter for Will Bowman to swim, cycle and sprint to victory in this year's MokTri.

Consistent

Mid Argyll Triathlon and Cycle Club member, Bowman, was a consistent second in each discipline and finished in 1:10:27.

Swimming honours

fell to Emma Lazarus, competing for The Battling Blondes team, who completed the 750m 1st in 11:15.

Best on the bike was Dom Sharkey, second overall, who completed the 21km, including the killer climb out of Peninver in 37:18.

Third placed Angus Pedden, 42, had told the

Courier the night before that he had a good chance of winning, but in scrutinising the entry list, he had not noticed that there were two males in their 20s.

Battled

The weather was kind and not too hot as the racers battled, without incident, round the course.



Will Bowman during his swim. 25_c33moktri05



Women's winner, Jennifer Martin, races to the finish. 25_c33moktri07



Men's winner, Will Bowman. 25_c33moktri02

The main MokTri results were as follows: Male: 1 Will Bowman - 1:10:27; 2 Dom Sharkey - 1:12:53 and 3 Angus Pedden - 1:13:51. Female: 1 Jennifer Martin - 1:29:30; 2 Anne Marie Cullen - 1:29:36 and 3 Elaine McGeachy - 1:30:49. Team: 1 Irwin (Swim: Morgan Irwin, cycle James Murdoch and run: Alistair Omay) - 1:15:53; 2 Fortified (Swim: Lindsay Colville, cycle: Iain Reid, run: Darren Rennton) - 1:18:02 and 3 The Battling Blondes (Swim: Emma Lazarus, cycle: Katie Ferguson, run: Fiona Armour) - 1:18:51.

Sponsors

The major event sponsors were: West Coast Motors, The Kintyre

Club and The Royal Hotel.

A spokesperson for MokTri said: 'Congratulations to all who took part in what is a testing triathlon, the bike leg being as exhausting as it is exciting. We really hope that you had a great time and enjoyed it as much as we did in hosting.'

'As we look forward

to 2016 and, to encourage potential local triathletes, we are considering options such as an early heat of 400m swim distance and for families a Kids Tri or Duathlon on the green area around Aqualibrium. In a separate event and weekend, we are also looking at a standard distance open water event.'

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Friendly match

A PEACEFUL Sunday afternoon was shattered by a breathtaking game of football - and three goals for the watching home crowd - when Campbeltown Pupils' senior team and Dumbarton FC's development side locked horns at Kintyre Park.

In the clubs' second recent meeting, after a 2-0 win for the young Sons in July 2013, the Pupils offered a different challenge to the youth team's usual age-group opposition, and had three goals to show for it.

However, it was Dumbarton, featuring first-team player, Donald McCallum, in

their ranks, along with 16-year-old Daniel Patterson, who has a strong family connection in the town, who threatened in the opening ten minutes.

They began to probe the Pupils' goal, and Keith Mitchell, playing at sweeper, was forced to intervene a number of times for the hosts.

However, the Pupils took a shock lead on the counter-attack.

Ryan Deans advanced down the right wing, sending a low cross to the edge of the box where Gary Grumoli waited to send a controlled shot high into the net to the keeper's left.

It was an unexpected

strike, but the stage was set for an exciting contest, and the hosts could have doubled their lead when Liam Renton saw his shot tipped over the bar.

Into the second half, the impressive crowd was treated to more fast-flowing football, and two more goals for the home side.

The McFadyens-sponsored Pupils' lead was doubled when Stuart Crossan floated a free kick to the back post, which Gary Grumoli controlled and squared across goal, where John McCallum tucked the ball home from close range.

Dumbarton's response was swift, with 18-year-old McCallum dancing through the Pupils' rearguard, for once evading the close attention of friend and Glasgow flatmate Crossan, to square the ball for Andy Bidulph.

However, the striker was deemed to be in an offside position and the goal was disallowed.

The hosts' third goal arrived through Ryan Deans, after the young midfielder met Gregor McFadyen's cross to score at the second time of asking, a deserved goal after an excellent performance.

Despite going three goals down, the Sons persevered in search of



Up for it: Jamie Burns, in red, centre, heads the ball clear 25_c33pupils03

a goal, and were presented with a golden opportunity, after Alan Glendinning upended the visitors' right back Chris Martin in the box.

John McCallum stepped up to take the resultant penalty, but opted for power and struck the post with Reid Anderson beaten, and the ball was eventually cleared to safety.

Anderson pulled off a superb save near the end to preserve his clean sheet and finish off a tough weekend for the Pupils on a high note, after the disappointment of an Argyll Cup group stage exit the previous day.

Both squads, along with players' families, were welcomed back to the Kilbran-



Cold shoulder: Gary Grumoli holds off Coll MacCallum from Lochgilphead in the Pupils' 3-0 win 25_c33pupils04



No go: Stuart Crossan, right, played well against his friend and flatmate, Dumbarton's Donald McCallum, in black, with Scott Souden, left, and Lee Allen looking on 25_c33pupils02



Pro-am: Donald and his Dumbarton team-mates with Campbeltown Pupils players after the final whistle. 25_c33pupils02

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