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Hotels full as Kintyre enjoys tourism boom

Visitors arriving on spec are finding it impossible to secure a room

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As music lovers roll into Campbeltown for MOK Fest this week hotels are not having to drum up trade.

And due to the closure of some premises tourists arriving on spec are finding it impossible to find a room.

Earlier this year, MOK Fest committee member Iain Johnston, said that originally the music festival was planned to happen in a 'shoulder' period when the schools had gone back.

Now in its 25th year, the event has become one of the busiest weekends on the Kintyre tourist calendar.

As visitors struggle to find a place to stay some hotels have re-

ported strong bookings for months ahead and VisitScotland released a report outlining the vital role tourism plays in supporting rural jobs.

A spokesperson from the Dellwood hotel said: 'We're busy. This has been a very good year for us. It's summer and Campbeltown is a busy wee town.'

'The fact that a large hotel has closed down could be part of the problem for people trying to find accommodation.'

Grammar Lodge guesthouse agreed, with a spokesperson saying: 'We are very busy. I think it's because there are not so many doing it now, such as the White Hart, Redknowe and the Old Rectory.'

'There's maybe a shortage because they are closed.'

'The next few weeks are very busy for us, up until the middle of September. I don't know whether it's busier because there are more people, or if it's because these other places have closed.'

A spokesperson from the Royal Hotel said: 'Fully booked means every bed in every room is full and I don't think anyone can say that.'

'We're certainly very busy, both at the Ugadale and the Royal, much fuller in general at the weekend than on weekdays. If you're looking for a weekend getaway, you're going to struggle.'

A spokesperson from

Teenager's Tarbert triumph



Cara Gorman approaching the finishing line. Photograph by Shanon Macdonald.

A GIGHA teenager ran rings around her competitors to become the first lady across the line in the Tarbert 5K. Cara Gorman, 17, made it back in a time of 21:21 last weekend and into sixth place overall.

In her final year at Tarbert Academy, Cara has always been a keen runner and was also the first lady to cross the line in the Carradale Canter's 5K this year.

Not content with conquering Kintyre's top tracks, Cara has set her sights on Europe and planned to take part in a race in Croatia yesterday (Thursday).

Crossing concerns in Campbeltown

DESPITE calls from a Campbeltown councillor for safer road crossings, the national transport agency of Scotland does not plan to make any changes.

Councillor Donald Kelly, who wrote a letter to Scottish Transport with his concerns, said: 'I have been campaigning for a number of years for proper crossings at a number of locations throughout Aqualibrium Avenue and Kinloch Road.'

In response to Councillor Kelly's correspondence about the A83, which received trunk status in August 2014, Transport Scotland said: 'The road was realigned for the transportation of wind turbine components and the location of crossing points were identified as being the safest locations for pedestrians to cross.'

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Altercation

AN ALTERCATION took place between two men at about 1am on Saturday August 5, in Shore Street, Campbeltown, where one assaulted the other.

Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to contact them on 101.

Assault

A 61-YEAR-OLD man was arrested after he assaulted a woman in a house in Carradale at about 10am on Saturday August 5.

The man was charged and held for court.

Children sail into dinghy days



Children sail a mixture of Laser Picos and Toppers on Campbeltown Loch.

SEASPORTS sailing classes filled Campbeltown Loch every day for the past two weeks.

The project, organised by Campbeltown Sailing Club, has increased its membership by more than 20 per cent and has seen many small boats brought out of retirement.

One teenager, Douglas Morgan Lande, on holiday in Kintyre, said that learning to sail was his best experience of his summer holiday.

For more on this story see page 15.



Leonie Borges, 14, Dirk Borges and Constanze Borges. 50_c33sheepdog07

Tourists fascinated by sheepdog trials

SHEPHERDS at Kintyre Sheepdog Trials were surprised to see Japanese and German tourists spectating.

The Borges family, from Berlin, spoke to the *Courier* and said how much they had enjoyed their first visit to Kintyre.

Dirk Borges, a physical education teacher, said: 'VisitScotland staff told us about the Kintyre Agricultural Society show.'

'It was a great day out and really impressive.

We particularly liked the sheep, champion of champions and the pipe band.

'This week they were telling people about the sheepdog trials.'

For more on the trials see page 19.

Kintyre enjoys a tourist boom

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the Argyll hotel at Bellochinty said: 'It's a popular place. I think some people come down and expect to find somewhere when they get here, and they're the ones who struggle.'

Malcolm Roughead, chief executive

of VisitScotland said: 'It's great to hear that business is booming in Cambeltown this summer with many accommodation providers reporting they are fully booked.'

Wide variety

'The staff at our VisitScotland Centre have secured rooms where they can for visitors

and advise on the wide variety of activities and attractions in the region to enjoy.

'With 17 per cent of the population in Argyll and Bute working in tourism, almost double the national average of nine per cent, this sector is integral to the economy, generating income, creat-

ing jobs and stimulating social change.'

A Campbeltown bunkhouse spokesperson added: 'The demographic of our customers tends to be people who book last minute.'

'We won't be open for the music festival because we've had too much trouble in the past.'

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Quarter of a century of MOK Fests

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FESTIVAL fever is running high in town at the half way stage of MOK Fest's 25th year.

Tickets, from AP Taylors, are still available for Saturday night's headline concert in the Vic. In addition, some tickets may also be available at the doors of certain shows.

Ticketed concerts in Victoria Hall and the Heritage Centre featuring Peatbog Faeries, Bombskare, The Shee, Herron Valley, Arty McGlynn and Nollaig Casey, Twisted Melons, Jim Malcolm, Rose Room, Start Static, Gillian Frame and Tom Oakes are still

to come. A unique Snapchat filter is accessible in the town and the silver anniversary MOK Fest can also be followed on Instagram. There is more information about these pieces about social media on the festival's Facebook page.

This year sees the first Carni-West, formerly known at the Festival Parade. The event starts at 12.30pm and will have a carnival theme.

This year, expect enthusiasm and colour to celebrate 25 years in style and paint the town with Carni-West. The recent rebrand aims to capture the essence of a carnival and



Eriska who play the Festival Club on Saturday.

promote the Campbeltown spirit.

If that wasn't enough, prizes will be given out to the most entertaining entry as well as the best motor vehicle winners who will be presented with the Festival Cup and Phoenix Shield after the event.

This year's Doon the Green bands are Violent Echo, the Democrats and Treble Trouble with dance acts Footnotes and Steps also performing.

The Funky Chicken will be in the children's field to entertain and face-paint the younger

attendees. The festival sees the return of one of its favourite free events, the Festival Club, which will be held in Campbeltown Town Hall from 1pm to 5.30pm tomorrow afternoon.

This event will also feature the CalMac Culture stage with both Eriska and local band Rhuvaal playing and the MOKFest mega session featuring local and visiting musicians, including many who are performing at the concerts over the weekend.



Kintyre band Rhuvaal.

All change at Explore Campbeltown

A FORMER distillery marketer will bring a spirited approach to a Campbeltown tourist organisation.

Kate Watt, who has worked at Springbank and Glenfarclas distilleries, will take over at Explore Campbeltown in October, when Mairi Paterson begins maternity leave.

There will be a chance for Explore Campbeltown members to meet Kate next Tuesday August 22 at 7pm in the Tasting Room, Bolgam Street.

Cinema licensing application

CAMPBELTOWN'S historic picture house operators are putting up a spirited bid for permission to sell alcohol.

As the Hall Street cinema moves closer to re-opening, after its £3.5 million refit, an application has been made to the Argyll and Bute licensing board for a licence to sell alcohol seven days a week between noon and midnight.

The board meets on Wednesday August 30 but as the final date for any objections to the application is not until the day before, August 29, it is unlikely to go before the board until September 30.

A spokesperson for Campbeltown Community Business Ltd said that it is hoped to open the cinema for trial runs in September.

These could involve

community groups being invited to see films which might be interrupted by fire alarms as the facility is live tested.

The spokesperson added: 'The licence application is completely unconnected to the date when the cinema will reopen.'



The special curved glass is fitted and it will be a red carpet day when the hoardings and scaffolding is removed. 25_c33cph01

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Youths beat police in 12-goal battle



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Youths 7
Police 5

The inaugural police vs youths five-a-side football match was so successful that there are plans to start a league. Organised by Kin-

PC Allan Wallace was the first officer to score for the police.
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The police team, back row, with referee Craig Robertson on the right, and the team from the Hub at the front. 50_c33copsvyouths06

tyre's new youth engagement officer, Ka-

ren Cairns, in a bid to promote better and positive relationships between Campbeltown's youngsters and police officers, the match was played in glorious sunshine last week.

With 'managers' PC Cairns for the police team and Mandy Robertson, development worker at the Kintyre Youth Café's Hub, for the youth team on the sidelines offering support, the match kicked off.

The youth team's flying start took the game to the less youthful police and they were at least a couple of goals up early on in the first half.

But it was the eldest player on the pitch, Allan Wallace, who broke the police squad's bad luck, to score their first goal, in competition with his son, Ruairidh, playing for the youth team.

Fantastic footwork from both teams re-



Connor McAulay shows Craig Taylor the strong arm of the law as the ball flies past them. 50_c33copsvyouths05

sulted in several more goals but ultimately the strong feet of the law plodded through the game as the youths held on to their lead to win 7-5.

The youngsters enjoyed the event so much that they want to make these friendly fixtures monthly, and hope to start playing games against Campbeltown's fire fighters as well.

PC Cairns said: 'I believe that this is community policing at its best and I hope that

through activities such as these we can build positive relationships with the young people in our community.'

A spokesperson for the Hub added: 'Huge thanks to the police officers who gave their time for some positive engagement with the young people. Looking forward to the re-match and also a game against the local fire officers.'

To see more of PC Cairns youth engagement work, see page 18.



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PC John Nutt and Scott Souden fight for possession of the ball. 50_c33copsvyouths03



PC Connor McAulay slides in to tackle young Scott Souden. 50_c33copsvyouths10

Uniform unites

PUPILS resplendent in sparkling new Campbeltown Grammar School uniforms arrived for the first day of term on Wednesday.

The pupils returned to school after their summer break looking smart in the uniform chosen after consultation with parents, pupils, staff and Wee Toon Sports, which sells the outfit.

For the first time in years, students of all ages are wearing the same uniform. They must wear a shirt and tie but can choose whether to wear a blazer, a cardigan or a jumper as well.

Each of the new S1 pupils was given a free tie before they started school, courtesy of Morrison Construction, the contractor building the new school, and its design team.

Some of the students were keen to model their new look, and posed for a *Courier* photographer.

From June next year, blazers will become compulsory for S4, S5 and S6 students, and S6 will have braiding on the cuffs of their blazers.

Blazers are now an option at CGS.
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Smart shirts.



Looking chic in cardigans.



Boys looking dapper in jumpers.



Champion Alyssa McEachran, holding the Garth Cup on pony Silver, with her mum, Beth.
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Alyssa was Garth Cup champ

ALYSSA McEachran won the Garth Cup at the Kintyre Agricultural Show.

Alyssa was one of the many prize-winners at the 151st show two weeks ago.

She won the cup awarded to the highest placed pure bred Welsh, when she rode pony Silver around the ring.



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Editorial

Golden days for school students

After the summer break of sunshine and inevitable showers, Kintyre's children returned to school this week.

Some were eager to return to the normality of their timetabled week and their friends, while others were sad to be saying goodbye to their freedom, of days spent taking part in Kintyre's many activities on offer.

For some, it was a completely new experience. P1s started at six of Kintyre's primary schools, and many children moved from primary to secondary school at the Grammar.

Along with a fresh set of students, Campbeltown Grammar School started the school year with a new uniform.

The children really do look smart, with shirts, ties and optional blazers.

The S1s embarking on their Grammar School journey must be excited about being a part of history.

Not only are they the first new starts to wear the outfit, but they will also be the first in the corridors of the new school, set to open in February 2018.

May the days ahead for Kintyre's young people be as golden as the stripe on their new ties.

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Proportional representation

Sir,

I see Alastair Redman is back in the *Courier's* letters page and titled Councillor, and not Conservative and Unionist candidate for something or other.

His letter seems to be a rehashed Tory party press release and a spokesman takes some statistics and twists them into an SNP bad story.

The *Courier* should be careful when printing these. Recently many Scottish papers published corrections having used a Labour press release to compile knocking stories about ScotRail without checking the facts.

Back to Mr Redman. I have always favoured proportional representation and Scotland uses a variety of methods to attempt a true reflection of people's wishes.

However, they only work if people express those wishes. On a poll of 54.1 per cent of 5,250 electors, under single transferable vote (STV), 648 wanted Mr Redman as their first choice for councillor.

I'm also surprised it was that many, 12 per cent. He was duly elected at the fifth stage and in my ward, Kintyre and the Islands, is now one of three councillors.

For Holyrood elections Scotland uses the D'Hoyt system with top-up list MSPs.

That gives us a Conservative who has never won an election and yet has been an MSP for 17 years.

For the European Parliament, another variation of D'Hoyt gives us a UKIP MEP on 10.5 per cent of the vote of 33.5 per cent of the electorate, that is 3.5 per cent.

There is a sense in which these are fair systems, but only if the electorate use them. To return representatives favoured by so few people is absurd. The answer is to make using your vote a statutory duty with penalties for not voting.

Down memory lane



The boys in blue took a Strathclyde panda car to Clachan primary school in 1978. Originally police cars were painted in large patches of blue and white. These appeared black and white in programmes such as Z Cars, hence the name panda, before colour televisions were common. Perhaps some of the children pictured around the car remember the visit? They are: in the left-hand group: Rowan Simpson, Jenny Griffiths, Annmarie Clark, Gillian Clark, Beatrice Catherine Clark, Shirley McLean, Robert McLachlan, Lisa Rose Møller. Does anyone know the name of the ninth child? On the right are: Helen McArthur, Fraser Griffiths, Hazel Dale, Harry Morrison, Gareth Møller and Michael Morrison.

For conscientious objectors, there should be a none of the above option on every ballot paper.

If none of the above wins, then the seat should be left vacant until the next election. A vacancy would do less harm than many of our current representatives.

**Tony Williams,
Grumpy old man,
Muasdale.**

Scotland's NHS outperforms England

Sir,

The BBC has recently reported the news that the number of people waiting for surgery in England and Wales is the highest in a decade.

That accident and emergency treatment targets are still failing to be met and there were 382 maternity ward closures last year.

How kind of Alastair Redman, letters last week, to suggest that the Conservatives would be better run-

ning the Scottish NHS. No thanks, Mr Redman, I rather like the fact that the Scottish NHS has exceeded its A&E targets in every one of the past 27 consecutive months.

I like even more that large swathes of the NHS aren't being privatised in Scotland as they are in England.

When it comes to Scotland's demographic NHS timebomb, I think the SNP has been proven to offer safer hands to deal with it than Mr Redman's party.

**William Crossan,
Campbeltown.**

Heritage tour notes amended

Sir

I would like to thank George McMillan for his interesting letter about Dalintober Pier.

As a relative newcomer to the area, I can never hope to have the depth of local knowledge as those who have spent a lifetime in Campbeltown, and George can rest assured that

my notes have already been amended to include the correct information.

I would encourage more local people to join the tours to pass on any interesting information they have, or to just enjoy an hour around Campbeltown.

The tours are free and start outside Aqualibrium at 2pm every Wednesday in July and August each year.

**John Bakes,
Waterside Cottage,
Southend.**

Memories of Robert Cowan

Sir,

I am trying to find out information about my father, Robert Cowan. He lived in Campbeltown in the late 1940s and early 1950s. I believe that he was a champion loch swimmer.

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Pensioners are a great asset

Sir,

Alastair Redman portrays the elderly population of Argyll and Bute as a problem. Personally, I see our pensioners as a great asset to the community.

The Scottish Government's recent paper, 'Reshaping Care for Elderly People', states: 'Older people are valued as an asset, their voices are heard and they are supported to enjoy full and positive lives in their own home or in a homely setting.'

People in Scotland are living longer thanks to improving health care and living conditions, surely something we should celebrate.

There are challenges for Scotland's NHS as the age profile increases. What do you expect when the budget continues to be cut by Westminster Tory austerity?

However, it's worth remembering that on many different measures of performance Scotland's health services are the best in the UK.

Problems in recruiting health and social care staff will only increase due to hard Tory Brexit that Mr Redman's party is implementing.

About 10 per cent of NHS doctors and nurses are from EU countries but the number applying has dropped sharply since the EU referendum.

The shambolic state of the Conservative Westminster government makes me more convinced that Scotland should become an independent country within the European single market.

Alastair Redman and his fellow Conservative/Lib-Dem councillors need to focus on improving services in Argyll and Bute, rather than punting relentless negativity.

**Eleanor Hunter,
Helensburgh.**

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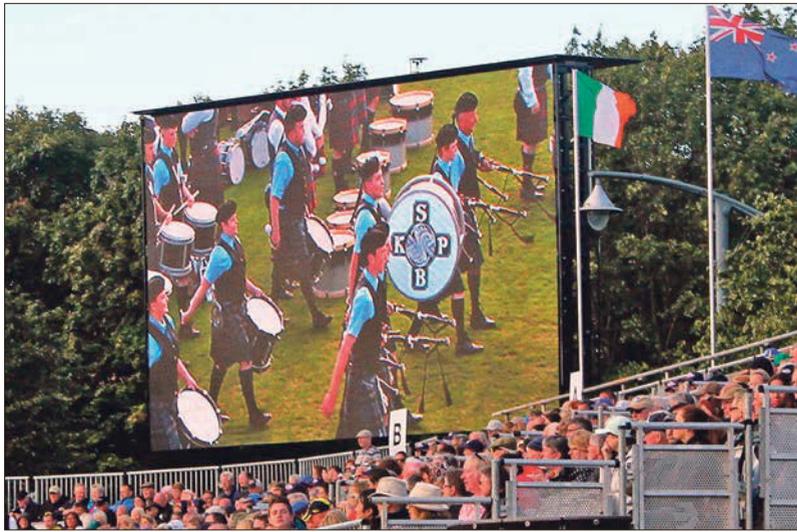
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A big screen appearance for KSPB at the World Pipe Band Championships.
Photo: Gilbert McKillop

KSPB travel to the world championships

KSPB 3A Band blew into Glasgow and the World Pipe Band Championships supported by many friends.

With bands competing from all over the world, at Glasgow Green, the 3A Band had to play in a qualifying round in order to proceed to the finals.

In the next round their medley was hugely appreciated by the many supporters who had made the journey from Campbeltown.

Unfortunately, the band didn't make it onto the prize list this time, but all concerned were very pleased with their performances, which took place in bright sunshine for a change.

Thrilled

The band was also thrilled for their friends in Inveraray and District Pipe Band who were crowned Grade 1 World Champions and also for Liam Renton, who secured fifth place in the

adult drum major competition.

The bands now have a busy couple of weeks before they take their annual break in September.

Look out for both bands at MOK Fest this weekend, where their performances include a street show tonight, the parade on Saturday and Survivors' Night on Sunday.

The bands round off their season by competing at Cowal Games next weekend.

Kintyre sheepdog trials

A VIDEO of one man and his dog competing at Kintyre Sheepdog Trials attracted nearly 4,000 views on Facebook.

The post referenced the Ian McDougall trophy, and Donald McDougall from Swindon wrote: 'Ah my Uncle Ian, what a man, great dog handler, if at times a tad excitable.'

'He loved the trials as did my father Alisdair and many others. Great

memories of days with Neil (Skip) Stewart and Dougie Stewart at various trial venues.'

Heather Coffield McKenzie wrote: 'My grandfather loved these trials... our dog Bruce was the runt of the litter, and was thought not to be a good herder.'

'He ended up being one of the best herders at Curry's Farm in Kinloch Farm. He was a great old dog and lived till he was 17 years old.'

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Glasgow garden project taps into Kintyre knowledge

A GREEN-fingered Campbeltonian mental health recovery worker is leading a Glasgow garden project.

Callum Smith, who left Campbeltown when he was 24, gained a number of grants to grow the East End of Glasgow garden group at Carntyne supported accommodation.

With the people supported by the project, he has installed raised vegetable beds and is planning a poly-tunnel to grow tomatoes and peppers.



Callum Smith on the left with supported people at the project.

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Octogenarian's sponsored walk

A CAMPBELTOWN octogenarian has walked the long and winding road down to the Mull of Kintyre lighthouse and back for charity.



Eighty-year-old Agnes Stewart with the Mull of Kintyre lighthouse below.

When Agnes Stewart turned 80 in December last year she wanted to set herself a challenge. She decided to take on the arduous task of walking what she describes as the 'one mile down and six miles back up' trek from the Gap, the last part of the Mull of Kintyre road accessible to cars, to the 18th-century lighthouse at the bottom and back.

As her daughter, also Agnes Stewart, runs the Campbeltown charity CGS4Gambia, Agnes decided to raise funds for the group at the same time through sponsorship.

The grammar school students have been busy fundraising for



Agnes with her husband Allister, who waited for her at the top.

their next trip to Gambia in October, and Agnes hoped she would make around £200 in sponsorship to add to the fund.

One week on from her walk, Agnes's husband, Allister, turned 80 and asked for donations to his wife's fundraiser instead of presents, bringing Agnes's total to just over £1,000.

Agnes has been completely humbled, not

only by the amount of money raised, but also the level of support and kind comments from all quarters. She is very grateful to her 'support team' of her daughter Agnes, husband Allister, and Jim, Alison and Laura Farren, who joined her on the walk.

Donations can still be made via the online page at BT MyDonate/CGS4Gambia or to Agnes herself until August 31.

Kintyre Parkinson's group starts up

A CAMPBELTOWN Parkinson's information event has spawned a new group.

People with Parkinson's, their families and carers are all invited to join the recently established support group for Kintyre.

The group, supported by Parkinson's UK, will hold its inaugural meeting on Wednesday September 6 at Lorne and Lowland church new hall, Longrow, Campbeltown, from 2pm-4pm. And it will regularly get together on the first Wednesday of each month at the same time and venue.

Archie Smith, one of the group's founders, said: 'Everyone affected by Parkinson's is welcome to come along to our meetings.'

'There's nothing quite like being among friendly folk who totally understand some of the issues you face

as a person with Parkinson's or as a family member or carer of someone with the condition.

'We know that joining in can sometimes be a bit daunting but you're certain of

a warm welcome, a good cup of tea and a chat.'

Chloe MacMillan, Parkinson's area development manager, said: 'It's fantastic news that this new Parkinson's group in Kintyre has been created.'

'Parkinson's UK is delighted to support the local people who have worked so hard to set up the group.'

'The group will be part of a 40-strong network that covers the length and breadth of Scotland and I'm sure will be fabulous source of support, information and friendship for people affected by Parkinson's in Kintyre.'

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Kintyre group should contact Archie Smith on 01586 552008 or Gill MacGregor on 0344 225 9836.



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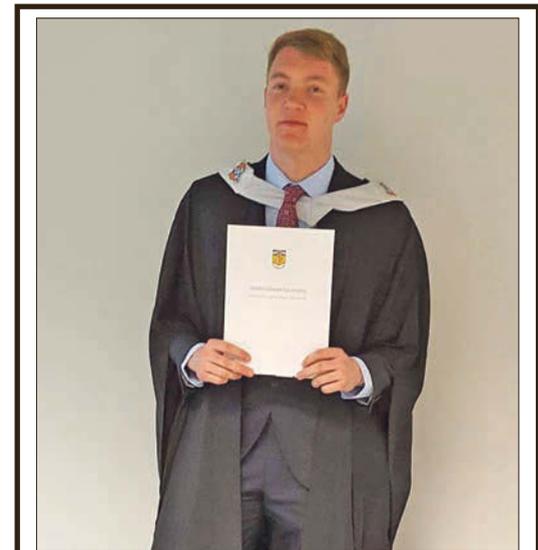


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CLACHAN

Art lovers head for village show



Neve Evans, six, and her brother Louis, three, are engrossed drawing pictures for the youngsters' art competition. 25_c33clachanart08

KINTYRE creatives collected together at Clachan's annual art exhibition.

Last weekend's village hall show, including painting, photography, sculpture and wood-turning, attracted collectors from across and outwith the region.

One family visiting from London said that they have bought many items from Clachan in a 20-year period of collecting.

In addition to showing the best of the region's work from the past year, there was a



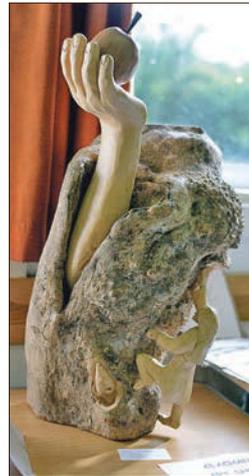
Gaia Silvan's mural, *Living Landscape, Balinakill*, painted on an old six-foot board and displayed outside the hall, was on sale for offers.

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live painting and drawing competition for children on the themes of Scotland, magic or dinosaurs. Their efforts were immediately displayed.

Jan McNair's *Bay of Storms* was an early seller. It captured rollers on the shore between Lossit Point and the Gauldrons.

Mrs McNair, who has been painting for 30 years, said that her yearly output is usually between six and eight paintings but this year she only completed one canvas.



Wood sculpture *The Highest Apple* by Henry Murdo from Arran was not for sale. 25_c33clachanart05



Jan McNair's *Bay of Storms* headed for a new home after the show. 25_c33clachanart02



Many people bought turned wooden items. 25_c33clachanart04



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MACHRIHANISH

Golfers' Kintyre Link Club donation



MACHRIHANISH lady golfers have linked up with a club aiming to improve mental health.

Proceeds from this year's ladies' charity open last month, including entry fees and money from the raffle, were donated to the Kintyre Link Club.

The club which was set up in 1999, is a mental health club run by members for members. Its main aim is to promote the welfare of those who suffer or have suffered from mental ill health.

On Tuesday, Alison Fox from Machrihanish ladies' golf club presented a cheque for £212 to Link Club co-ordinator Tracy Chambers.

Mrs Chambers said: 'The club may use the money to fund a weekend away for members at a caravan in Ayrshire owned by central belt group Recovery Across Mental Health (RAMH).'

Tracy Chambers, left, accepts the cheque from Alison Fox. 25_c33linkclub01

Colliery closure commemoration

FORMER Machrihanish miners will take a trip down memory lane next month.

To mark the 50th anniversary of the closure of Argyll colliery, there will be a community celebration of coal mining heritage in Kintyre on Saturday September 2.

There will be a brief walk round the site, with some for-

mer miners, meeting at 6.30pm in the Machrihanish Holiday Park, where the colliery once stood.

It will be followed by a digital presentation, at 7.30pm in Machrihanish hall, of all the material gathered throughout the past year for the exhibition *The Road to Drumleman*.

There will be a screening of

the film, *The Road to Drumleman*, and an informal sharing of stories with some of the men who worked at the mine and refreshments.

The evening follows on from an exhibition at Glen Scotia Distillery in April and the presentation to Campbeltown Museum of some of the work gathered.

GLAMPING

In Scotland 2017



Glamping: Camping with added glamour

IF THE idea of camping calls to mind images of a mouldy tent, a leaky air mattress and muddy clothes, then you haven't been introduced to the joys of glamping. According to Niche Brands, glamping itself was first heard of in the UK in 2005; however, it isn't the first time it has been around in Scotland. Luxurious camping can be seen as early on as the 16th century when the Earl of Atholl prepared many tents for King James V with a vast amount of wine and food that he had grown accustomed to in his palace. Other forms of glamping can also be seen throughout worldwide history, usually involving bringing lavish food and drink on expeditions and treks across countries

Glamping – or glamorous camping – is seeing strong growth in the UK as some holidaymakers stick closer to home for their vacations.

Glamping fascinates more and more people who would otherwise not be interested in camping holidays.

It has become especially popular with families and the over-65s but, more and more, couples and even solos are discovering how fabulous a camping trip can really be. Or maybe you are a holidaymaker who loves nature, but does not want to buy their own camping equipment. Today's glamping accommodations range from luxury bungalows, lodge tents and original sleeping quarters such as tree houses, yurts, circus

wagons, barrel cabins and teepees.

These luxurious forms of accommodation are no less well-appointed than hotels. Whirlpools, double beds, cooking areas and one's own bathroom are just some of the features that make glamping relaxing for newcomers to camping, or those just looking for a better way to enjoy the great outdoors

So why is glamping often a better option for a holiday than regular camping or even a break at a hotel? There are several reasons. First, it's all about nature.

Glamping sites on the West Coast are located in some of the most breathtaking landscapes in the world. Almost nothing stands between you and a mountain view, seaside or verdant glen. Scientific studies have shown time after time that experiencing nature yields measurable mental benefits and may reduce the risk of depression. And children benefit from nature in so many ways, from enhanced cognitive abilities to improved self-discipline. Glamping is a sustainable way to enjoy a holiday, as they are often eco-friendly. Good for you, good for the planet – it's a no brainer.

Glamping is also great for truly getting away from your workaday routine. Imagine a week without making busyschedules, constantly checking emails and

returning phone calls and text messages – just you and your loved ones relaxing in a beautiful setting.

Listen to the birds chirping, feel the wind blow through your hair and get back to what is really important. You can tell stories around a campfire as you toast marshmallows, spot wildlife and take long walks together, simply enjoying each other's company.

Compare that to a city break, with a long list of tourist attractions to hit, dinner reservations to make and crowds to fight.

After a glamping holiday, you won't have that feeling of needing a vacation from your vacation.

A glamping trip can recharge your soul, soothe your spirit and give you precious memories that will last a lifetime. So if you love nature but hate the idea of roughing it, why not give it a try and join the thousands of Brit-ish holidaymakers who have discovered the future of camping...glamping.

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The quiet rural location offers the opportunity for a romantic retreat or

a family activity packed holiday.

The three yurts are set around an orchard filled with wildflowers.

You can walk from there to the beach, up into forests or to the Lagg Hotel for refreshments. For more details on glamping on Arran go to www.runacharainn.com

BARRHILL Holiday Park

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Barrhill is ideal for families or couples and welcomes dogs. The caravan accommodation boasts lovely

decor, comfy beds and all mod cons, while the luxury glamping pods which are new for 2017 are very well equipped and offer something more funky for the intrepid traveller. Two pods come with their own hot tubs – what could be more fun?

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Sandy Bay Croft offers

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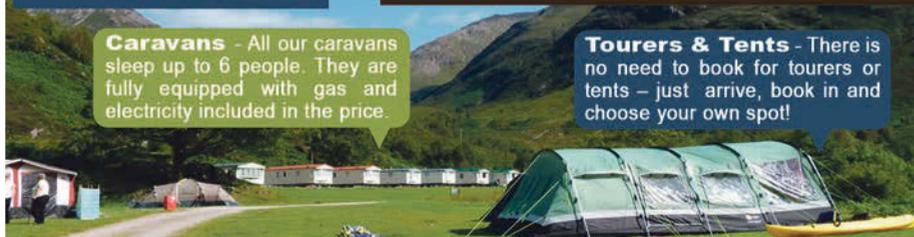


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Floral artists' musical masterpieces

A TEAM of 10 green-fingered flower arrangers helped raise more than £1,300 for Saddell and Carradale church funds.

Last week's *Courier* featured two designers who wove intricate arrangements on a theme

of musical extravaganza. This week's paper features some of the other designs. A spokesperson said that numbers, at the biennial show, were slightly up on 2015 and more than 220 adults and children visited across its

three days. Behind the scenes, there were further teams organising the refreshments and raising and lowering the marquee.

Thoughts are already turning to the next show which will return in 2019.



The musical theme was continued on the gallery rail. 25_c32sadelldflowers19



Les Misérables by Emma Macalister Hall.
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Phantom of the Opera by Una Semple.
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Walk in the Black Forest by Horst Jankowski.
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Wizard of Oz by Nikki Dunlop.
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Lindsey Mercer's *Xylophone*.
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Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat by Gail McIntosh.
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Clarinet by Sheena Ramsay.
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Banjo - When I'm Cleaning Windows by Marjory McKinven.
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A collaboration titled *Treble Clef*.
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Guitar by Dorothy McCormick.
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Seasports crews master dinghies

Words and pictures
MARK DAVEY

SAILING courses unfurled by Kintyre Seasports project's Sid Gallagher have proved a summer hit.

Last week six youngsters were booked for the morning sessions and eight turned up followed by five adults, in the afternoon, aged from 22 to more than 65.

Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Scottish instructor of the year 2016, Alastair Mackay from Aberdeen, led a young team of assistants including Ellie Lowrie and Shona Bassett from Kintyre and Kizzy Catterwell from Craignish.

They were backed up by a various

safety boat drivers, including grammar school science teacher Greig Walker, Alasdair MacPhail and Campbell Fox.

It was the second week of the courses and there are three further weekend sessions to come: tomorrow and Sunday, Saturday August 26 and Sunday 27 and the first weekend in September.

Mr Mackay said: 'This is the sort of grassroots sailing project I really like and I was pleased to be asked to instruct. There is a misconception that sailing is an elitist sport - it is not and that's what this week demonstrates.'

All equipment is provided by Campbelltown

Sailing Club (CSC), including wetsuits, windproofs and buoyancy aids. Some course members wore training shoes and others wetsuit shoes.

Sessions began with a short land-based theory class with an instructor demonstrating technique in a boat before trainees tried the moves themselves.

Tacking was tried on the first day for adults in the Wanderer dinghy.

After one or two people found the boats a bit flighty and twitchy, a venerable GP14, which had sat on a driveway for five years, was pressed into service by Mr Mackay.

This proved a more stable learning platform although, as Ms Catterwell said, following a Wanderer dunking on the first afternoon: 'Capsizing is all part of dinghy sailing.'

Student Aila Adair picked up technique quickly and was allowed to go solo in a Laser Pico early in the week.

By the end of the week all were familiar with helming round a tight course of buoys in Campbeltown Loch

Aila Adair sails a Laser Pico.

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Dinghy sailors who achieved level one certificates from Campbeltown Sailing Club last week with instructor Alastair Mackay, back row second from left, are, from back left, Sharon Morgan Lande, Alison Fox, Geraldine Davey and Mark Davey. Front are Aila Adair, left, and assistant instructor Shona Bassett. 25_c33dinghcourse25



Instructor Alastair Mackay launches a GP14 dinghy brought out of retirement for the course.

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Alison Fox with instructor Kizzy Catterwell in a Sea Cadets Wanderer dinghy.

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This year's MOK Fest poster.

MOK Fest's birthday bonanza

TWENTY-FIVE weeks ago the first MOK Fest poster was reproduced and today the series ends with the 2017 poster. MOK Fest 25 is celebrated in style with the Peatbog Faeries, Bombskare and Start Static at the Vic tomorrow night.

Last night, across town, the Young Folk paved the way for The Shee and Jim Malcolm to lift the Heritage Centre roof tomorrow.

In the same venue on Sunday, Arty McGlynn and Nollaig Casey headline the Mitchell's Glengyle Dalriada Connections Concert with Gillian Frame, Yom Oakes and a host of local and visiting artists.

Wednesday's Ceol Campbeltown Gaelic night featured artists including Norman MacKinnon and Sandy Brodie. Survivors Night features eight acts including Twisted Melons, Deep Joy, Wee Toon Tellers, Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, Gullion, Gilchristians, Il Brasso and Session A83.

Tomorrow, sees the launch of the CalMac Culture Festival Club in the Town Hall, which is new for the 25th year, with Carni-West as well as festival favourite Doon the Green.



Sarah Mills tries her luck at Rebecca Harvey's bottle stall, with her eye on a bottle of rosé wine. 50_c33funday01



Christine O'Hanlon behind the lucky dip, lucky squares and baking stalls. 50_c33funday02



Barry Mcneill was busy cooking burgers all day. 50_c33funday05

Tayinloar



Ellie Paterson, 10, grimaces before being splashed by her sister, Taylor, seven. 50_c33funday03



Alexander Cleland gives the caber toss a go. 50_c33funday04

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The tug of war tested the strength of the playing field's visitors.
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THE 'VORACIOUS' haggis enjoying a good feed as the raffle was drawn were the only mild annoyance at Tayinloan's annual fun day.

Adults and children skipped into the village playing field last Sunday for an afternoon of entertainment, including a bouncy castle, mini Highland games and a pet show, with freshly cooked burgers and hot dogs on sale as well as all the usual stalls.

The children were rarely off the bouncy castle, while parents and family members cleared up at the baking and bottle stalls.

The lucky dips didn't last long either, and the youngsters were soon tearing around the field blowing whistles and bubbles.

Those keen to test their strength gave the mini Highland games a go, tossing the caber

and hurling the haggis, while mixed teams took on the tug of war.

After the raffle was drawn, a game of adults vs children five-a-side football blew away the midges. With youth on their side, the children's team won 3-1.

Three dogs and their owners: Helena Mcal-

lister with Tilly, Cath Sheldrick with Joy and Anita Galbraith and Millie, turned up for the pet show but there were four classes with prizes so they were all given rosettes.

Nearly £400 was raised on the day and will go towards the regeneration of the playing field.



ed in the face by little



Stuart Byers, five, tries out his lucky dip toy. 50_c33funday08



Sibling success: Logan O'Hanlon, eight, guessed closest to the number of sweets in the jar, while his little sister Charlotte, two, picked the lucky square. 50_c33funday11



Lewis O'Hanlon of the kids' team fires the ball into the back of the net past Mark Sheldrick in the adults' team. 50_c33funday10



A youngster hurls the haggis towards number ten. 50_c33funday06

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Strictly dancing with Police Scotland

Hannah O'Hanlon
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CAMPBELTOWN'S new police youth engagement officer waltzed to the community centre for a dance session. PC Karen Cairns held two dance workshops last week for girls from P5 to S3, as part of Police Scotland's 'Girls on

the Move' and healthy living initiative.

Before organising the classes, PC Cairns spent months working closely with Mandy Robertson, development worker at the Kintyre Youth Café Hub, gauging young folks' interest in attending.



The youngsters showed off one of the routines they had been taught. 50_c33dancing02



The girls who took part in the dance workshops, with PC Karen Cairns at the back.

When the *Courier's* reporter popped in, the girls were enjoying a well-deserved break. After they had caught their breath, they demonstrated one of the routines that they had learned during

the two days, having picked up the moves very quickly.

Self esteem

PC Cairns said: 'Dancing is about building confidence and self esteem and it also allows us to build

positive relationships with those taking part whilst giving them opportunities to build on skills and techniques.'

To see more of PC Cairns' youth engagement work, see page 4.



Katie Wilson, 10, helps Betty McIntyre behind the baking stall. 50_c33stkierans01

St Kieran's coffee morning fundraiser

THE RED Cross Hall was jam-packed with thirsty parishioners last weekend at a St Kieran's RC church coffee morning.

The traditional bottle and home-baking stalls were quickly cleared out, while a huge amount of raffle prizes were up for grabs.

The event raised more than £900 for church funds.



Mary Watson and Lorraine Hunter with some of the many raffle prizes. 50_c33stkierans02

Masonic Lodge's caring donation to Sunshine Room

CAMPBELTOWN Hospital's Sunshine Room may soon be shining a bit brighter after its refurbishment fund received a boost.

The St John's 141 Masonic Lodge, Campbeltown, donated £400, raised at a recent race night to the hospital's palliative care suite.

Hugh Wilson, the Right Worshipful Master at the lodge, pre-

sented the cheque to health care assistant, Avril Coffield.

A hospital spokesperson said: 'We're hugely appreciative and very grateful for all donations.'

'We're hoping to refurbish the Sunshine Room by painting walls and replacing soft furnishings etc so all the money will go towards that.'



Gentlemen from the Masonic Lodge present the cheque to staff from Campbeltown Hospital. 50_c33masonic01

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Dunoon shepherd's Kintyre success

Sheepdog trials' winners from left are: Stuart Davidson, Alex McCuish, Craig Davidson, Lorne Clark, Andy Carnegie and Peter Martin. 50_c33sheepdog01

A COWAL man and his dog are the best herders in Kintyre.

Last Friday Stuart Davidson and Hope won Kintyre Sheepdog Trials' Ian McDougall Trophy for the best performance on the field at Clochkeil farm.

The trial, judged by Roddy McDiarmid from Cairndow, was packed with 55 dogs competing, watched by other shepherds and a few groups of tourists.

A Kintyre Sheepdog Trials Association spokesperson said: 'We would like to thank our main sponsors, P McKerral & Co, for providing haulage, Andrew Smith & Son, D McNair & Son and Westwards Veterinary Practice.

'Thanks also to all local businesses who provided donations for the raffle.

'We would also like to give a big thank you to the ladies of the local branch of Cancer Research UK who ran the catering, making a profit of £170 which will be donated to their charity.'

The full results and trophy winners are as follows: Ian McDougall Trophy for best performance on field: S L Davidson with Hope, J and K Martin confined cup: A McCuish with Moss, MacAllister-Hall cup for best performance by a Kintyre shepherd: L Clark with Mirk, Wilson Dogmeal trophy - confined to Kintyre: A McCuish with

Moss, Alexander Helm memorial cup - best outrun, lift and fetch - confined to Kintyre: A McCuish with Moss, Neil Stewart memorial cup for best pen on field: C Davidson with Cap, Andrew Dickson memorial challenge cup for best two dog aggregate: S L Davidson with Hope and Queen, Richard Semple trophy for best shed on field - confined to Kintyre: A McCuish with Moss, Merck Sharp & Dhrome shield for best drive on field: A Carnegie with Rook, Honda ATV Cup for best dog from Argyll: S L Davidson with Hope.

Points results: Open: 1 S L Davidson with Hope: 91; 2 J MacKillop with Joe: 90; 3 A Carnegie with Rook: 88; 4 P Martin with Jill: 87; 5 M McNally with Fin: 85; 6 S L Davidson with Queen: 83 (decided on out bye work); 7 A Carnegie with Jess: 83; 8 A McCuish with Moss: 82 (decided on out bye work).

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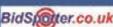
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Scottish amateur golf great opens putting day

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THE DOYENNE of Scottish amateur golf selected her best putter to open a charity event.

Belle Robertson, 80, played the first ball at Grammar Lodge's nine-hole putting competition last Sunday to raise funds for Campbeltown Christmas lights.

Unfortunately, the champion, who has represented Great Britain and Ireland nine times in the Curtis Cup, failed to ace the hole.

One of the more unusual rules for the competition was that if a shot hit a palm tree, flowers potted in a whisky barrel, a wall or

went through the gates onto the road a penalty point would be added.

Later Mrs Robertson collected youngsters and encouraged them to go on the bouncy castle. In addition, she met the young girls selling score cards and ladies manning the raffle table.

Belle is not the only star to have graced Grammar Lodge's green.

Last week a three times European tour winner, Scottish professional Kylie Walker, 30, visited the guest house. Owner Kirsteen Ross, was happy to turn on the car park floodlights to allow Kylie to have a shot.

As the *Courier* went to press, a final figure



From left: Hannah Ross, 13, and Alecia Bell, 13, took money for score cards, with Belle Robertson and the raffle ladies Lorraine Gillespie and Kirsteen Graham. 25_c33putting04

for the funds had not been announced but a £110 donation was made on the day.



A group of youngsters on the bouncy castle. 25_c33putting03



Belle Robertson makes the first putt. 25_c33putting01

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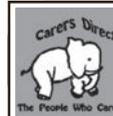
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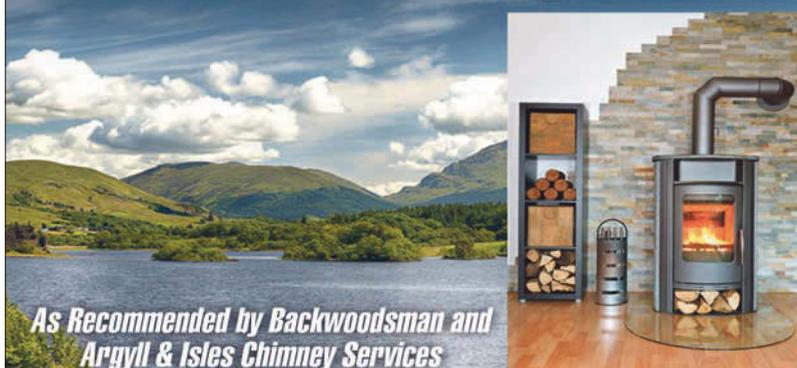


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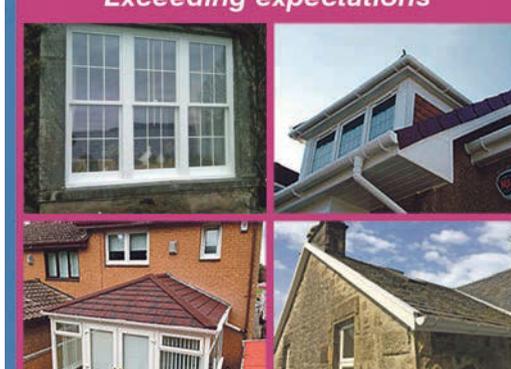
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The ninth national summer reading challenge – a massive reading promotion for four- to 11-year-olds that has run in libraries throughout the summer holidays – saw children challenged to read six or more books.

In Kintyre, the wild readers were given a special treat: Rod Angus of the Scottish Owl Centre, in Campbeltown, took along one of his owls for the children to meet in the library at Aqualibrium.



For more than an hour the children sat spellbound while Rod told them about Dylan the barn owl and Oulu the great grey owl, seen here.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO Friday August 21, 1992 Cats cause a stink

RESIDENTS in John Street are up in arms over the health hazards cats are creating in the area.

They say cat urine is causing a serious risk of disease, not to mention a lingering, overpowering stench, which is too much to bear any longer.

The valiant efforts by Campbeltown's Cat Rescue Service have not solved the problem.

One resident said: 'We have reported this problem time and time again, but to no avail. The environmental health people say this isn't their department.'

'The health risks posed by the urine and droppings is one thing, and the noise at all hours of the night is another. We can't even leave prams at the bottom of the stairs, as the cats do the toilet in them.'

'A door on our close would solve the

problem,' she said, 'but we have been told this is a fire hazard. We literally have to clean the stairs every day. Our clothes smell of these cats, they have kittens in the bin sheds and they roam all over the place.'

FIFTY YEARS AGO Thursday August 24, 1967 Carnival disappointment

WHAT a beautiful day Saturday was for a carnival parade.

But, alas, what a lamentable turnout.

Organiser Jack McKinven did his best, but was let down by last-minute withdrawals by several people who had promised their support.

It was a pity, too, that the pipe band was unable to turn out.

The most unfortunate thing is that the town had plenty of visitors, who will be telling their friends that was the best Campbeltown could do.

It seems that everyone wants enter-

tainment but few are prepared to help provide it.

The show was saved by the children, Messrs Cruden, the Rex Cinema, the YFC and a few who helped tremendously.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO Saturday August 18, 1917 Monster potatoes

THIS week there have been on exhibition in the shop window of Mr John MacGrory, Kintyre Nurseries, three monster potatoes which were taken from a shaw of six grown in a local garden.

The potatoes, which are of the Early Midlothian variety, weigh 4lbs, the largest of the three turning the scale at 25.5 ounces after being dug.

Great interest was shown in these remarkable specimens of garden growth, which were as fine as we have ever seen.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I LOVE to hear of a dog finding a good home and so enjoyed the story of Whisper.

Whisper's owner had died and he needed someone to continue to love him and care for him.

He is no pup himself so he wants someone who understands the needs of an older dog.

Whisper is a Corgi and was fortunate to already know someone who adores the breed.

It is no secret that the Queen has a real love for this breed and many have been her friends throughout different stages of her life.

Whisper's owner had been a groundskeeper for the royal household and, when he died, the Queen just couldn't resist the little dog.

The Queen had said that she wouldn't take in any more pups for, like many dog owners, she said she would worry about what would happen if they outlived her.

But she just couldn't resist this older dog.

However, it's interesting to think that Whisper doesn't know that he will live in a palace and be looked after by a monarch.

He doesn't have any concept of his surroundings or the status of his owner.

Whisper will just know that he is loved, and that's really all that matters. Is it not?

Love knows no difference between rich and poor, has no hierarchy, has no boundaries.

Love is love, and has no concept of class or status.

So I hope Whisper will settle happily into his new home, and we know that the Queen will love him just because she does.

He has found a good home and actually the fact that it is in a palace is incidental – for it is the love that counts.

It always is.



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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

DEATHS

BLACK - Peacefully at his home, after a long battle with dementia, borne bravely, on August 15, 2017, Gilbert Black, aged 85 years, of Torbhlaire Farm, Kilmichael Glassary, beloved and loving husband of Jean Grant, much loved dad of Janice and Gillian, adored papa to Douglas, Donald and Gordon and a much respected father-in-law. A good neighbour, dear friend to many, and a popular work colleague to many in the local farming community. Funeral service will be held in Glassary Parish Church, Kilmichael, on Monday, August 21, 2017, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please.

DUNCAN - Suddenly but peacefully, at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, on August 11, 2017, Maurice McMillan, best friend and dearly loved and loving husband of Jeanmarie McLellan. Loved and loving father of Scott, Andrew and Ruairidh and loving Grumpy to Heather and Aria.

MACDONALD - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on August 8, 2017, Mrs Catherine MacDonald, aged 88 years, of The Old Stables, Tayness, Kilmartin, (ex Forestry Commission), beloved wife of the late John MacDonald, loving daughter of the late William and Christine MacNicol, and dear sister of Janet (Netta) MacNicol. Funeral service was held at Kilmartin Parish Church, on Thursday, August 17, 2017, followed by interment at Kilmartin Cemetery. Sadly missed.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCGRORY - The family of the late Sean McGrory would like to thank family, friends, neighbours and parishioners for the overwhelming love, support and caring shown to them in the loss of their beloved Sean. Special thanks to Fr Tony and Fr David for the beautiful and uplifting service, to Catherine Black for music and to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for the funeral arrangements, carried out with respect and dignity. Thanks to

all who sent flowers, cards, food baskets etc, and to the Argyll Hotel for catering. Last, but by no means least, to the hundreds of friends and family, who came from far and wide to gather at the church and graveside, to give Sean an amazing send-off, love and thanks to you all. Special thanks to Ali, David, Allen and Iain (Soda), his good friends. The warmth and love you have shown will help give us the strength to go forward in the days ahead, God Bless you all. Money collected will be divided between the National Deaf Children's Society and Diabetes UK (Kintyre Locality).

MILLAR - Irene, Carolyn, Alison and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received on their sad loss of Bobby. Special thanks to Maggie Wilkieson, Campbeltown Community Nurses and Carr Gomm for their exceptional care and compassion, which enabled Bobby to remain at home. Grateful thanks to Dr Norrie, Dr Lazarus and the staff of Campbeltown Hospital and Health Centre for their excellent care and

attention to Bobby during his illness. Thanks to Rev Phillip Wallace for a very fitting service, to David McEwan for playing a selection of Bobby's favourite music, to Kenny, Rhys and David Blair for caring and professional services, and to the Ardshiel Hotel for catering. Thanks to all who came from near and far to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised £3,200 for Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality and the Community Nurses, Campbeltown.

IN MEMORIAMS

MACGILLIVRAY - In loving memory of my wife, Jessie (née Girvan), who died August 21, 2007. No longer in my life, but always in my heart. - Ian.

MACLENNAN - In memory of my beloved sister and aunt, Elizabeth, died August 12, 1985, my brother-in-law, Murdo, died September 1, 2013, and my nephew, Kevin, died June 21, 2010. Sadly missed.

- Rachael, John and family.

MCCALLUM - Precious memories of a loving husband, dad and grandpa, Colin, who died on August 22, 2011.

We love and miss you everyday, In our hearts you will always stay.

- Love, Amy, Colin, Edward, Katie and grandchildren.

MCGOUGAN - Cherished memories of my husband and our dad, Meiky, died August 14, 2016.

It is sad to walk the road alone, instead of side by side,

But to all there comes a time, when the ways of life divide,

And although you can't be here with us, we are truly not apart,

Until the final breath we take, you will be living in our hearts.

- Elma and family xx.

MCKERRAL - In loving memory of Martha, died August 20, 2016.

Safe in the arms of Jesus. - McKerral/Hadley families.

WAGGETT - Raymond, five years since you left me. Loved you then Love you now Love you forever and a day Miss you always. - Jenny xx.

WOODROW - Treasured memories of Donnie, much loved and fondly missed.

- Alison, Jim, Laura and David.

COURIER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH NOTICES

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
SUNDAY 20th AUGUST
Service at 11 a.m
Speaker this week - Graham McLean
'When God speaks'
Followed by a light lunch
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
20th August 2017
Communion Service
Kilmartin 11.45am
Rev. C. R. Acklam
All welcome
SCO 02121

Highland Parish Church
SCO02493
Sunday 20th August 2017
The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan and will be in church at 11.15am
All Welcome

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNNE AND KILBERRY
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 20th August
Skipness Service 10am
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Rev. Walter Ritchie
Kirk Session Meeting
Tarbert Church
Thursday 24th August 7pm
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
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Skipness SCO04280

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
All Saints, Inveraray
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
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All Welcome (SCO002876)

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SCO11686
Sunday 20th August 11.15am Traditional Service
Creche - Rev P Wallace
Monday 21st August
Congregational Board Meeting 7.30pm New Hall
Tuesday 22nd August
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
meeting to be held on Friday 25th August at 7.30pm in Lorne & Lowland Church Hall, Campbeltown
Guest speaker: Pastor Iain McCallum, Cartbridge Evangelical Church, Glasgow
Tea/coffee served after the meeting
Everyone most welcome.

THE SALVARY ARMY
Campbeltown Corps
Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009399
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Evening Worship
Majors Ben & Ruth Russell
All welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 20 August
Bellanoch Church 10am
Morning Worship
Rev. C. Acklam
Tayvallich Church 6.30pm
Informal Communion
Rev. C. Acklam
Saturday 19 August
Achnamara Hall 10.30am
Café Connect
Monday 21 August
Tayvallich Church 10.30am
Prayer Time
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.northknapdale.org

free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 20th August 11.15am Worship Service
Rev Ronald Christie
Wednesday 23rd August 12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 20 August
Family Communion Service at 11.00am
Pastor Steve Davies.
All welcome
Wednesday 23 August
Bible Study and Prayer
12.30pm at the Free Church
Enquiries 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SCO14646

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Sunday 20th August 2017
Cumlodden
Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray at 11.30 am
Charity No. SC016665
Minister: Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
ALL WELCOME

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Pastor Chris Holden
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SCO43322

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Campbeltown bowlers win Scottish bronze

A CAMPBELTOWN team bowled its way to third in the Scottish championships at Ayr.

David Reid (skip), Craig Kerr, Paul Grumoli and Shaun Grumoli from Argyll Bowling Club, recently travelled to Northfield after qualifying through their district.

On the Wednesday morning they won

their first game 22-12 against Alloa East End.

Reid sealed the game with a takeout shot for seven. They won on the Friday morning vs Inverness 22-14.

In the quarter-finals, against Hillington, Reid again played the winning shot with the last bowl in the last end, with the game against him, to win by two

shots for a place in the semi-finals.

Joyce Oxborrow, from Argyll Bowling Club, said: 'Unfortunately, the semis were one step too far and our boys lost to a very strong Irvine Park, the eventual winners.'

'They came away proudly wearing their bronze medals.'

'A big thank you is

due to the club and all our supporters for everything they did to make sure the boys got there and back safely and for their loud support.'

The bronze medal winners from left: David Reid, Paul Grumoli, Craig Kerr, and Shaun Grumoli.



Football coaching kicks off again

YOUNGSTERS who want to bend it like Beckham should jump at the chance of Camp-

beltown's award-winning football coaching. Campbeltown and District Juvenile Foot-

ball Association, whose secretary, David Paterson, won a grassroots hero award from

the Scottish Football Association last year, is restarting coaching sessions this month.

All sessions for the P2 (2011s) and upwards, start at 6.15pm at the Meadows Playing Fields on Monday August 21, with registration forms available on the evening from the age groups' respective registration officers.

Girls-only coaching sessions for P4 and up start on Friday August 25.

As always, new players are very welcome across all the age groups.



Sportsmanship between the young players at the CDJFA festival back in June. 25_c23footballfest12

Tarbert hosts race runners

RUNNERS raced around Tarbert for the village's annual 10k and 5k events last weekend.

Kieran Cooper scooped the top prize in both the 5K and 10K events, beating his father, Richard, into first place by just 16 seconds in the shorter race.

The top 10 competitors for each race are listed below.

Results: 5K: 1 Kieran Cooper 00:18:59, 2 Richard Cooper 00:19:15, 3 Alan John Poole 00:19:56, 4 Ewan Smith 00:20:28, 5 Sandy McLean

00:21:08, 6 Cara Gordon 00:21:21, 7 Lorraine MacPherson 00:21:27, 8 George Louis Doubleday 00:21:31, 9 Wil-

7 Brian Robertson 00:45:14, 8 Brian Christie 00:46:18, 9 Feargal De Bui-tel 00:46:36, 10 Colin MacFarlane 00:46:44.

liam Halliday 00:21:34, 10 Colin MacFarlane 00:21:52.

10K: 1 Kieran Cooper 00:36:43, 2 Nicholas Gemmell 00:37:33, 3 Richard Cooper 00:39:02, 4 Gemma Rankin 00:40:54, 5 Ewan Smith 00:43:31, 6 Iain Henry McGougan 00:43:48,



Campbeltown Running Club's Ewan Smith was the fourth in the 5K and fourth man in the 10K. Photo: Shanon Macdonald.

Machrihanish Golf Club summer open round-up

MACHRIHANISH'S first summer open season winner's 77, less nine for a 68 net, included nine straight pars on the way out.

At the blustery Saturday July 17 match, James Armour, virtually the last man home, won the George Rayner Trophy.

He endured a much tougher back nine, dropping eight shots over the next eight holes, but finished with a birdie three at the last to win by three.

The runner-up was Lochgilphead's Donald Johnson with 75-4-71 (BIH) and his car share karaoke partner Eric Capocci was third on 77-6-71 and so the boys were singing

all the way up the A83 at night.

Drumlembie's John Shaw, was on form and aced the par three fourth, hitting the perfect shot with his nine-iron.

Winner of the scratch was visitor Terry O'Connor, who scored an excellent 75 in the tough conditions. Top four: 1 J W Armour 77 - 9 = 68, 7.7, 2 D Johnson 75 - 4 = 71, 3.8, 3 E Capocci 77 - 6 = 71, 5.3, 4 T Jordan 82 - 10 = 72, 9.6.

The following weekend, Saturday July 22, 94 golfers flocked to the course for the Thomson Open, which was contested in further tricky conditions.

Health and safety expert

David Hanley took the title with a terrific score of 74-9-65. His score included an impressive birdie, birdie finish at the 17th and 18th to add to his earlier birdies at the third and 11th holes.

The incredibly unlucky runner-up was Stephen Kelly who shot a magnificent 72-7-65 to lose out to Hanley on the better inward half.

Kelly's highlight was a birdie four at the par-five 12th but terrific golf throughout the round yielded no fewer than 14 pars.

Visitor Scott Hunter, was third 73-7-66 which was another first class effort. George MacMillan's fan-

tastic gross 71 won the scratch prize. His round yielded birdies at second, sixth and 10th.

Result: 1 D Hanley 74 - 9 = 65, 7.4, 2 Stephen Kelly 72 - 7 = 65, 5.2, 3 Scott A Hunter 73 - 7 = 66 away, 4 Iain McGougan 72 - 2 = 70, 1.3, 5 G MacMillan 71 - 1 = 70, 0.3.

Lochgilphead's Alistair Baker won the Jimmy Kerr Memorial Open on Saturday August 5 with a wonderful 75-8-67.

He had one birdie to celebrate at the ninth hole to reach the turn in a three over par 38.

Bogeys at two of the par threes on the way home, the 11th and 16th, allied to

seven pars saw him home in 75 gross, net 67.

Alistair was brought up in Lochgilphead but now resides in Aberdeen. His mother is a good Campbeltown lass, though, so he has strong links to the area and gets down to Machrihanish at least once every year.

It was great to see him take the first prize this year. Another visitor, Gavin Mack, was the runner-up with an excellent 72-4-68.

Son of Jennifer and Douglas Mack, Gavin is also a regular visitor to the course.

His 72 included birdies at the third and 13th which were the highlight of his

round but he finished one shot behind Baker in second place.

Completing a trio of away successes was third-placed Dougie Walker from Carluke on 79-10-69, his best score of the season at Machrihanish. 1 Alistair Baker 75 - 8 = 67, away, 2 G J B Mack 72 - 4 = 68, away, 3 D Walker 79 - 10 = 69, away, 4 D Hanley 78 - 8 = 70, 7.1, 5 S Gilmour 71 - 1 = 70, 1.0, 6 D Irwin 75 - 5 = 70, 4.4, 7 G MacMillan 71 - 0 = 71, 0.3.

In the scratch, George MacMillan took the honours again with a one over par 71. He beat Steven Gilmour on the better inward half.

Young athletes aquathlon action

ATHLETES from as young as eight years old swam and ran in Campbeltown Running Club's first ever junior aquathlon.

Age groups

The youngsters competed in different age groups for prizes including a Campbeltown Pottery medal,

commemorative t-shirt and goody bag, in an event supported by Tesco and West Coast Motors.

Eight-year-olds swam 50m, ran 500m, nine to 10s: 150m and a 1,500m run, 11 to 12s: 250m and 2,000m run and 13 to 16s 400m and 3,000m run.



One group of competitors from left: Hannah Millar, Emma Millar, Rianne Coffield, Kirstie Renton, Anna Gemmill, Emma Cook, Gregor Craig, Oliver Reid and Louise McKean. 25_c33aquathlon01



Gregor Craig finishes his 1500m run. 25_c33aquathlon02



Hannah Millar approaches the finishing tape. 25_c33aquathlon03

Glenralloch trio vie for MacNab memorial cup

THE SECOND round of Tarbert's Archie MacNab memorial cup will be keenly contested by three players on 37 points each.

The first round of the match, which is played for on a stableford basis, last weekend, saw vice captain, Chris Smyth, take the early clubhouse lead with 37 points with halves of 18 and 19 respectively. Bruce MacNab matched Chris with his gross 71 giving him the same 37 points.

Iain MacArthur teed it up in the early evening and had a great front nine secur-

ing 21 points before fading slightly over the last few holes, adding 16 points for his second nine.

Gordon McCaffery lies a further shot back on 36 points. Calum McLean secured the only magic two of the day at the 17th.

On Saturday August 26 Tarbert golf club holds its annual Am-Am match for teams of three. There are plenty of ballot times still available.

The competition is open to ladies and men and anyone looking for a tee time should call 01880 820565.

Dunaverty August medal

A DUNAVERTY member who lives away had a scorching August holiday winning the golf club's monthly medal. Johan Wallentin took the field by surprise by not only posting the best scratch score of the day but also turned in the winning nett score of 65 to hold of the challenge of Ken MacMillan by one stroke.

Ken by virtue of a better inward half took second place ahead of Neil Brodie. CSS for the day was 66.

Result: 1 Johan Wallentin 74-9-65, 2 Ken MacMillan 82-16-66, 3 Neil Brodie 77-11-66, 4 Malcolm Ronald 84-17-67, 5 Donald Taylor 77-7-70(bin) 6 John Dreghorn 80-10-70.

SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - Hillington 2, Oban Saints 0. Premier One - Campbeltown Pupils 6, Dunoon 2. Premier

Division Two - Tarbert 0, Lochgilhead Red Star 5.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Oban Saints v Moth-

erwell Thistle. Premier One - Campbeltown Pupils no game. Premier Two - Duncanrig v Tarbert; Lochgilhead Red Star v Cardross.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £600

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This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

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SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Campbeltown bowlers win Scottish bronze

Pupils' six-goal sizzler in new season opener

SAFL Premier One

**Campbeltown Pupils 6
Dunoon 2**

DESPITE an own goal, the Pupils dominated Dunoon at Kintyre Park in their first game in the Premier One division.

The home side secured the win with a first Pupils' goal from substitute Robbie Dudley.

An extraordinary first 10 minutes saw the McFadyens-sponsored Campbeltown Pupils fall two goals behind Dunoon who looked equally shocked at what they had achieved, a rampant start that owed more to inexplicable defending than their own studied play.

The first goal arrived from the kick off. It was a well-worked move which saw the

opposition centre forward beat the advancing Craig Lamont with a clever lob opening the scoring in 30 seconds.

An amazing passage of play saw the home side dominate possession for the next 10 minutes, creating chance after chance to recover from a horrendous start to the new league campaign.

With the visitors pinned in their own half, what followed had the home support rubbing their eyes in disbelief, as a team completely starved of possession suddenly broke upfield and scored a comic-cuts second goal. The home ranks panicked and, while attempting to clear their lines, the ball was driven by one defender against another for an own goal.



Spectators look on as Sary Rahma's goal hits the back of the net. 50_c33pupils08

The home side soon narrowed the deficit with a thunderous deadball strike from Martin McCallum, who then lofted a free kick into a packed goalmouth, where Ryan Deans rose above his marker to equalise with a smart header from 10 yards.

Pupils took the lead when Scott Souden cut in from the right wing to send a low strike past the last line of defence and into the net's bottom corner.

As Dunoon tried to limit the damage before the break, the ball broke kindly for Sary Rahma and the lightning-quick forward wasted no time dispatching a firm strike into the roof of the net from close range.

It was an incident-packed first half, but a rather strange start to what was fast becoming

a bit of a Pupils' procession.

It took more than 30 second-half minutes to finally see off Dunoon, but there was no way



This header from Robbie Dudley resulted in his first Pupils' goal. 50_c33pupils11

back for the visitors when Sary Rahma scored a fifth from close range, an identical strike to his earlier effort.

To his obvious delight, substitute Robbie Dudley scored with a header from close range in the closing minutes, his first for the club, but well deserved as his movement off the ball created the chance in the first place.

Dunoon had a number of fine players in their ranks and will prove a tough nut to crack when the corresponding fixture comes round later in the season.

After an unusual start, the Pupils can be happy with their performance, an exercise in recovery and three points gained, which in the end is what it's all about.



The Dunoon keeper rushes out to meet Ryan Deans with the ball. 50_c33pupils10



Scott Souden and a Dunoon player chase down the ball. 50_c33pupils06

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