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Sign up and help save a life

Firefighters urge Kintyre folk to register for Anthony Nolan Trust

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AS PART of a recruitment drive to help save lives, the people of Kintyre are being urged to step up and come along to the local fire station.

Members of Campbeltown Fire Station and its young fire fighters are taking part in the recruitment drive to try to get as many people as possible to put their name on the Anthony Nolan bone marrow donor register.

The working partnership between Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and the leukaemia charity has already been to Oban and Lochgilphead.

Now the organisations hope that Kintyre will

step up and top the numbers which have come forward from both those towns.

In Oban, a total of 233 people have been recruited over two days, the largest yet. A trophy will be presented to the station with the highest number of people recruited in one day, and Campbeltown's fire station hopes the public will get behind them and help to save lives.

Anthony Nolan finds matches for leukaemia patients who need a lifesaving bone marrow transplant.

The initiative is taking place as part of Camp-

beltown Fire Station's open day with Strathclyde Fire and Rescue personnel available from 10am to 4am on September 24 at the station.

The process to be put on the register is simple. Anyone who is between 18 and 40 and in good health can give a saliva sample on the day.

The fire fighters and cadets are collecting names of people who wish to come along on the day, and anyone who doesn't get the chance to put their name on a list can turn up on without an appointment; the process only takes 10 minutes and is pain free.

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Dancers step up to the mark at Cowal Highland Gathering



KINTYRE'S dancers have excelled themselves once again and brought home an array of silverware. A group from James McCorkindale's School of Dance took part in the various competitions at Cowal Highland Gathering, winning different age categories. With competition fierce the girls did themselves and the town proud and brought home some top awards. Rachael O'May brought the JC Forrest Challenge Trophy back to Kintyre after being crowned Argyll Champion for under 16s. The trophy has been won seven times since 1926 by a Kintyre dancer and was last won in 2005 by Jennifer Mcmillan. For more on how the dancers got on at Cowal see page two. 21_c35dancer02

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Dance delight for Kintyre

AN ARRAY of silverware was won by Kintyre's talented dancers at Cowal Highland Gathering.

Iona MacKinlay won the Newbury Shield for beginners; Linzi Cameron won the Gerald and Mary Simmons Memorial Trophy for winner of the intermediate section; Emma Bannatyne lifted the Rita Ford trophy for runner up Argyll Champion, under 13 years; and Eilidh Anderson won the John Brown Memorial Trophy for the intermediate runner up.



Left to right: Iona MacKinlay, Linzi Cameron, Emma Bannatyne and Eilidh Anderson. There are now spaces available in the dance classes, see advert for more information. 21_c35dancer01

Two in court

A WOMAN was arrested last Friday for an alleged assault with a weapon after an incident at Kinloch Green about 10pm on Friday evening. A man was also arrested for allegedly attempting to pervert the court of justice. They both appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Monday.

Rubbish fire

CAMPBELTOWN'S fire crews were called to an incident on Benguillion Road last week.

Rubbish was burning at a property on August 24 and crews attended and extinguished the fire at 7pm.

Rural housing 'must be made a priority'

Summit told 4,139 people are on waiting list

by EDEL KENEALY
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ESTABLISHING a rural housing fund, reducing VAT and improving existing homes will help boost the level of housing in Argyll and Bute, housing chiefs have been told.

Addressing Argyll and Bute Housing Summit last week, key players in housing development told MSPs and councillors that urgent action

was needed to address the area's 'housing crisis'.

Speaking at the summit chief executive of Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA), Alistair McGregor, asked if it was time for a dedicated rural housing investment budget to be set up.

He urged the Scottish Government to make

housing a priority and called on Argyll and Bute Council to provide more grants from its strategic housing fund to encourage more development.

Hosted by the Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Argyll housing associations, the housing summit was held to help find a way of housing the 4,139 people currently listed on the Argyll housing register.

Islay councillor Robin Currie, Argyll and Bute Council's spokesman for housing, said there were too many empty houses in the region.

'It is important that we realise the need for housing does not just mean new homes but making better use of existing housing stock,' Councillor Currie said. 'Why build completely new houses when you can do up the ones that already there.'

New owner for threatened care home?

A NEW operator has been identified to take over Kintyre Care Home, which could be in place by the end of September.

Southern Cross currently runs the care home in Campbeltown and has been in difficulty for the last few months and the 755 homes it runs were facing closure.

This week, Southern Cross's workers' union GMB said it received a list of prospective operators for 691 of its care homes.

Court Cavendish has been identified as the prospective operator of Kintyre Care Home.

GMB said that Southern Cross envisages these homes being transferred at either the end of September or end of October this year.

Local councils and the Care Quality Commission have to assess the fitness of these prospective operators and their business plans for each care home.

The care centre in Campbeltown is home

to 39 with one respite bed and is full.

Justin Bowden GMB National Officer for Southern Cross said: 'This list of more than 30 prospective operators has come a month later than planned. The list may be subject to changes as certain landlords may switch operators late in the process.'

'Local councils and the Care Quality Commission have a duty to assess the fitness of these operators to run these care homes properly. Operators must have the financial strength to take over these homes to provide decent standards of care to residents without a repeat of the financial difficulties Southern Cross encountered.'

'A next step is for Southern Cross and each of the prospective operators to enter into consultations with GMB and will cover the transfer of staff on all their existing terms and conditions like pay and hours of work for staff as the law requires.'

Residents urged to sign up for bone marrow register

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There is a one in a thousand chance of actually being matched with someone, but so far from 1,200 people whose names have gone on to the register via Strathclyde Fire and Rescue service, five matches have been found which have helped to save

someone's life. As well as this anyone between 16 and 18 can also sign up and be sent out testing kit and their name added for future donor potential.

For more information or to add your name to the list contact the station on 01586 552222 or email ronald.souden@strathclyde.org.

'Play fair' call over 3G mobile coverage

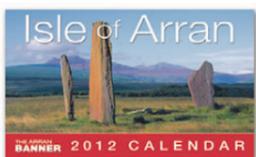
THE MSP for Argyll and Bute Michael Russell has called on mobile phone companies to 'play fair' and provide 3G-phone coverage in the area. The call comes after a map was published showing Argyll still has virtually no 3G phone coverage.

Mr Russell has written

to the Mobile Phone Operators Association asking for an urgent meeting with the companies serving the area.

Mr Russell said the map shows quite clearly that the people of this area are receiving a second class service whilst still paying the same tariffs as everyone else.

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Police Files

Arrested:

A 24-YEAR-old man was arrested in the early hours of Sunday morning for allegedly breaching the peace on Main Street, Campbeltown.

He was issued with a fixed penalty ticket once liberated from custody.

Vandalised:

A SILVER Fiat Stilo was vandalised between 7pm and 9.30pm on August 22.

Police are appealing for information to the vandalism in which the front near side bumper was scratched when it was parked in Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown.

Warning:

TWO householders were warned regarding noisy parties in two areas of Campbeltown at the weekend.

At about midnight on August 27, police were called to a noisy party at a house on Davaar Avenue.

They were also called to a flat on Glebe Street at 3am on August 28.

Man held:

LAST Friday evening a 25-year-old man was arrested for allegedly obstructing a police officer on Longrow, Campbeltown at 5pm.

Smashed:

THE window of a white pick-up was smashed at 2am on August 28. The van was parked at Princes Street, Campbeltown and police are appealing for any information.

Sarah takes piping title at first attempt

A CAMPBELTOWN teenager is making a name for herself in the world of solo piping after winning the MacGregor Memorial prize at this year's Argyllshire Gathering at the first time of asking.

Sarah Muir, aged 19, won the Highland Society of London-sponsored award, for pipers aged under 22 years, in Oban last Wednesday.

The victory followed up success in Glasgow's Pipe Idol competition.

Sarah, who is taught by former Campbeltown man Willie McCallum, said: 'This was my first attempt at the MacGregor Memorial prize, so I was totally shocked to win it.'

In what is deemed one of the most challenging competitions for the age group, the MacGregor Memorial prize requires competitors to play three sets (a March, Strathspey and Reel, a Hornpipe and Jig and then a selection of tunes) in

a qualifying round and then a final.

Sarah played Rory MacLeod's Lament and the Lament for Captain MacDougall on her way to winning the prize.

Less than two weeks previously Sarah had won Pipe Idol, part of Piping Live, with 16 young pipers against each other.

Next year Sarah said she wanted to qualify for the silver medal at the Argyllshire Gathering.



Campbeltown's Sarah Muir pictured at last Thursday's Argyllshire Gathering.

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£9 million for housing

ALMOST £9 million will be available for new housing to be built in Argyll and Bute, the Scottish Government has confirmed.

It is understood the £8.965 million will be split between housing associations including West Highland Housing Association, Fyne Homes and Dunbritton.

As part of the settlement, Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) will receive £3.017million for three new housing developments in Campbeltown, Dunoon and Lochgoilhead to ease a waiting list of 4,139.

Alastair MacGregor, chief executive of ACHA, commented: 'We look forward to looking at ways to increase investment into new housing in Argyll and Bute.'

Drivers warned as police target speeding drivers

ONCE again this week, police have been carrying out speed checks across Kintyre.

A total of 17 warnings have been issued to drivers with one driver reported to the procurator fiscal regarding their speed.

Fixed penalties for various other driving offences have also been issued.

As well as outer-lying areas of Campbeltown, Witchburn Road, Snipefield and High Askomil have also been targeted by police to monitor speed as part of a on-

going road safety campaign.

Over the weekend five warnings were issued at High Askomil for speeding, and a further three warnings given out at Witchburn Road.

At Bellochantuy on Monday a man has been reported to the procurator fiscal regarding his speed and a further warning given to another driver.

Two warnings were also given to drivers when police carried out checks at Snipefield Industrial Estate on Monday.

On August 25, one person received a warning at Drumore, with three warned at High Askomil on August 23.

The same day two further warnings were issued at Drumlembie and another received a conditional offer for speeding at Clachan.

Drivers can expect to see an increased police presence on the roads over the next few months as part of a road safety campaign.

The main focus of the campaign is promoting road safety and influencing driving behaviour.

Keep up to date on road repairs

THE latest information on road repairs is now available online.

An address or postcode can be entered on Argyll and Bute Council's website to check

when work is planned or due to finish. A red, amber, and green colour scheme is used to distinguish between planned, in progress and completed schemes.

The map only shows the council's 2011 capital programme rather than smaller work like filling in potholes.

Dates are subject to change.

Burglar flees scene of the crime

A CRIME report has been raised after a man disturbed a burglar at a property near Gartnechapig on the Dalsmirren Road, near Southend recently.

A van was seen outside the property and when the owner went into the house the van made off.

The incident happened at 9am on August 23, and although no copper was

taken from the property steel gates were taken. A crime report has been raised for house break-in with intent to steal and police are continuing their inquiries.

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Teenager didn't brake in time

AN 18-year-old Campbeltown driver didn't brake in time and bumped the car in front of him at a set of traffic lights.

Craig James Robertson, of 49 Crosshill Avenue, admitted driving without due care and attention when he appeared before the town's sheriff court on Wednesday.

The incident happened on April 14 this year at the Scottish Water road works on Main Street, Campbeltown.

'The kind of thing that in any other circumstances never comes to court; absolutely minor,' said Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC who fined him £100 and three penalty points for his driving licence.

'He failed to come to a halt quickly enough, there was no damage,' said his defence solicitor.

Sheriff Anderson also admonished and dismissed Robertson for an offence on February 19 this year when he admitted assaulting a woman by grabbing her by the arm.

'Dazzled' driver fined after injuring teacher

THE man who knocked over a Tarbert High School teacher as he walked to work told Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Wednesday that he had been dazzled by bright sunlight.

Malcolm Goodchild, aged 48, of Glenralloch Cottage, Glenralloch Road, Tarbert, pleaded not guilty to driving without due care and attention by failing to maintain a proper lookout and causing his vehicle to collide with the 61-year-old science teacher.

Peter Rockett said in court that he had little recollection of the events of the morning of April 27 this year.

'I felt a thump in my back. Next thing I can recall was my head hitting the road. I remember looking up and seeing the grille of a Range Rover type of vehicle, just above my head.'

The incident, which happened on the unclassified stretch of the Kilberry road, near to its junction with the A83 south of Tarbert, left him with two

bumps on the head.

His scalp had to be 'superglued' back together and he broke his collarbone; he is still suffering from nausea and dizziness.

In a statement given to the police afterwards Goodchild said: 'I was driving up the road. There was a tractor and trailer coming towards me on this bend here.'

'I was going slow, for I couldn't see for the sun. I was watching the tractor; the gentleman was obviously walking in the road. I didn't see him for the sun.'

A police officer confirmed in court that at the time the sun was shining brightly right onto the windscreens of the vehicles.

And Goodchild added in court: 'He was about three feet into the road. He was not as near into the verge as he made out.'

But Sheriff Ruth Anderson found him guilty. 'I am satisfied despite all the circumstances that you failed to keep a proper look out.'

The sheriff fined him £200 and three penalty points on his licence.

Deaf woman banned from roads after admitting drink-drive error

POLICE on Islay had to use videoconferencing technology with a sign language interpreter to book a deaf woman for drink-driving, Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard on Wednesday.

Maureen Margaret

Robertson, aged 62, of The Old School, Port Ellen, admitted drink-driving on the Emerivale road, Port Ellen, on February 28 this year.

A sign language interpreter translated the court case for her.

A car driven by Robertson was seen by police, 'not holding a true line on the carriageway' said procurator fiscal David Glancy.

Breath test

The car was stopped and she was asked to take part in a breath-test.

Her husband refused to co-operate with the officers in signing for them and attempts to write down questions failed, as Robertson did not have her reading glasses with her.

So the officers arranged for a videoconference with a police station at Rutherglen, where a sign language interpreter could explain.

Robertson's defence agent confirmed that her client was deaf, had suffered from a panic attack and on this occasion 'made a significant error of judgement'.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson said Robertson was 'materially over the limit', fined her £350 and disqualified her from driving for 15 months.

Young woman suffered black eye after assault

A FESTIVE night out ended up in Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Wednesday.

In the dock was Stuart Duncan McGeachy, aged 32, of 1A Prince's Street, Campbeltown, pleading not guilty to assaulting his former partner by punching her on the head, to her injury, when they were walking along The Esplanade, Campbeltown, on December 30 last year.

The 24-year-old woman told the town's sheriff court that they were walking home after a night out.

A dispute arose between them and she wanted to take her cans of beer, which he was carrying in a bag, and go to her own home; McGeachy wanted them to go back to his home and drink.

The woman told the court that he punched her, hitting her on the cheek and she fell, hitting her head on scaffolding at the Scottish Water pumping station.

'I was bloody, I couldn't see,' she said.

She phoned her mother and her father came to collect her; she was taken to hospital by par-

amedics and needed five stitches in a cut above a black eye, which was swollen and closed.

Photographs of her injury were shown to the court.

But McGeachy maintained his former partner had been trying to pull the bag containing drink away from him and had fallen.

His defence agent challenged her in court: 'You punched him in the back, pushed him and tried to get the bag back; lost your balance and fell over and hit the scaffolding giving you the blow above the eye. He did not punch you at any time.'

McGeachy's mother also gave evidence saying her son's former partner had phoned her days later and admitted this.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said she was satisfied that the young woman was telling the truth and found McGeachy guilty.

Sentence was deferred until September 29 for reports; the sheriff said she was considering community service as a direct alternative to custody.

Man cleared of motoring offence

JAMES Joseph Glen, aged 35, of 154 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, was found not guilty of being drunk in charge of a motor vehicle on

April 18 in Burnside car park, Campbeltown, when he appeared before the town's sheriff court on Wednesday and the case was dismissed.



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Catherine Strang recently graduated from Stirling University with a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in English Studies. Catherine is the daughter of Alison McCormick and John Strang, Campbeltown and granddaughter of Charles and Elisabeth McSporran, Killeen Place, and Alastair and the late Catherine Strang, Gobagrennan.

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Joan takes to the catwalk

A WOMAN, recovering from breast cancer is to take to the catwalk in a bid to inspire others to live life to the full.

Joan Barclay, who was born and bred in Campbeltown, will step on stage next month to show women that you can look and feel amazing after a cancer diagnosis.

Transformed

Taking part in Breast Cancer Care Scotland's fashion show, Joan and 19 other models will be styled in a range of de-

signer outfits and transformed with a top-to-toe makeover.

Joan, aged 52, was diagnosed with breast cancer three years ago and has been in very good health this year.

'I was completely shocked when I discovered a small lump in my breast and saw my GP at the earliest opportunity,' Joan said.

Unable to get an appointment with the NHS for three weeks Joan, and her husband Arthur,

who lost his first wife to cancer, booked a private appointment for the very next day.

Biopsies

'We attended a private hospital at 8.30am. By 6.30pm that evening, after scans and biopsies I was told that I had three lumps which I would never have found as they were so deep.'

The treatment lasted two years and saw Joan, now of Ardrishaig, experience a catalogue of side effects including hair

loss, extreme fatigue, sickness and severe joint pain.

Looking to the future and the fashion show, Joan said: 'Stepping on the catwalk in front of everyone, including my family and friends, who have supported me every step of the way, will be a chance to say I'm still here, living life to the full and feeling feminine.'

The Breast Cancer Care Scotland fashion show takes place on the September 29 in Glasgow.



Joan Barclay's looking forward to strutting down the catwalk for charity Breast Cancer Care Scotland.

Services for the vulnerable to be improved

SERVICES for vulnerable children and families in Argyll and Bute are to be improved.

Argyll and Bute Council has pledged to work in partnership with service providers to develop a new grant allocation system for vulnerable children and families.

That was one of the key outcomes of a day of information-sharing and discussion between the council's children and families team, Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network (ABSEN), Carnegie UK Trust and 26 providers of children and family services in the area.

Other improvements proposed included a central database for service provider information and better systems for communications and feedback.

The 'Making it Better, Argyll and Bute Children and Families Event' was the first to be hosted by the Argyll and Bute Local Services Initiative (ABLSI).

Flytipping grants scheme launched

A NEW small grant scheme has been launched this summer to help landowners and communities deal with flytipping.

The Zero Waste Scotland scheme will give small grants to help clear land of flytipped material.

Although fly tipping isn't a major problem in the area, according to Argyll and Bute Council, there are incidents from

time to time.

A spokeswoman said it takes fly tipping very seriously and urged anyone who sees incidents of fly tipping to report it to them.

'We have a service in place to have bulky items and white goods taken away from people's homes and businesses and disposed of properly,' said the spokeswoman.

The council has also

a warden service that investigates every reported case of fly tipping and if there is enough evidence, the offender can receive a fixed penalty fine or be reported to the procurator fiscal. 'We are continually disappointed to see white goods, beds, mattresses, wheels and tyres and black bags of household waste dumped by the roadside in lay-bys and remote places,

usually picnic areas or viewpoints, which ruins everyone's enjoyment of our beautiful scenery,' said the spokeswoman. 'If you spot any fly tipping call Argyll and Bute Council call centre on 01546 605514 to report it.' Anyone who has experienced problems with fly tipping on their land, and can provide evidence, will be eligible to apply for a grant of between £500 and £10,000.

Kintyre are Champion of Champions

THE Phoenix Motors sponsored Kintyre Schools Pipe Band rounded off its competition season in style at Cowal on Saturday August 27.

A massive Kintyre

contingent raised the roof at the Dunoon stadium as the band was announced Champion of Champions Pipe Band for the year, with the best overall marks in its grade over the entire

season. In the Cowal contest itself, Kintyre Schools secured third place, coming in behind Cowal champions George Watson's College and second placed George Heriot's School, both from Edinburgh.

'What a season it's been for us,' said drummer Raymond Gosling, youngest member of the band.

'That third place today was just enough for us to sneak Champion of Champions from the Watsons on a Worlds preference.'

For the Kintyre Schools Band, promotion from Novice Grade to Juvenile Grade for 2012 is now inevitable.

'With a bit of luck, I hope we'll be able to revert to two registered bands for next year with the formation of a new

Novice Band from our current beginners,' said Ian McKerral, the band's Pipe Major and director of piping.

Drum Major success for Kevan

For Kevan Renton, Kintyre Schools' Drum Major, there was further cause to celebrate, as he secured third place in the Juvenile Drum Major contest at the Cowal Gathering. 'That's my best result of the season,' said Kevan. 'I left it a bit late, but made it in the end. I'd like to thank the band's Sponsors Phoenix Motors for all their support.'

Solo piping success for Donnie

Front rank piper Donnie McKerral additionally ensured some personal success at the



Drum Major Kevan Renton leads the Band at Cowal. The Band was officially declared smartest band at the Championships and also took home the Marching and Discipline.

Cowal Games last Friday in the solos.

Donnie was delighted

to pick up the local juvenile piping trophy with his first place in

the March and a fourth place in the Strathspey & Reel.



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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



THE town is alive with the sound of music. Music is everywhere. It spills from the bars and hotels, and drums on the street corners. The atmosphere is electric as the music festival comes to Campbeltown.

If music be the food of love, then the Wee Toon is in the midst of a banquet!

Folk groups and singers fill the halls and delight the crowds, and there is a great buzz of excitement. In the heritage centre, instruments wait silently to realise their potential. They, and we, anticipate something special, and we are not disappointed.

Karen Matheson takes the stage; the audience is hushed; the instruments are lifted up to take on a life of their own, and music is made. The town is alive with the sound of music.

Then we hear the familiar sound of the pipes as the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band marches proudly down the street. These young people have brought the world to Campbeltown, and have taken Campbeltown to the world.

They are world champions once again, and the town reverberates with celebration and joy at this amazing achievement.

Our Schools Pipe Band is the best in the world. That is the ultimate triumph, and we are so proud of each one of them.

Kilts swing colourfully along Longrow, and the sound of the pipes drifts to the heights of Beinn Ghuilean and beyond. What a wonderful moment. What a day to remember. What great young people.

So in an age when young people get such a bad press, and are much maligned, let us salute our young champions, and their instructors, and rejoice in their achievements.

Music is a language that unites us. It is the heartbeat of our community. It breaks down barriers, and gives colour to our lives. The town is alive with the sound of music.



Down Memory Lane

Alexander (Alistair) Stewart who now lives in Oakville, Ontario, Canada sent this to Jessie Graham in Campbeltown who popped into our office this week to give us this cracking old photograph.

It features Alistair's grandfather, the foreman seated in the front centre of the photograph, Alexander (Sandy) Stewart.

Mr Stewart was born in August 1860 at Tayinloan, and at the age of 20 he moved to Troon where his uncle John Stewart lived and started working at the Ailsa Shipyard.

He married Jessie Affleck Sillars of Troon in September 1891 and they had seven children. When he was around 60 years old he moved the entire family back to Kintyre with the help of a cart and horse

named Dolly. There he took over the tenancy of Torchoillean Farm, south of Drumlemble.

Alexander 'Sandy' Stewart died in July 1951.

The photograph shows a crew of caulkers at the Ailsa shipyard in 1899. Alistair said that this crew were reported to have helped seal some of the eight million rivets used on the Forth Railway Bridge, which was officially opened by HRH The Prince of Wales in 1890.

The Ailsa Shipbuilding Company was formed in 1886 to take over the shipyard at Troon, which was established in 1810.

The company continued to build and repair ships at Troon until 2004 and their big shed, a local landmark, was dismantled in 2005.

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**Gemma Gillespie
Fundraiser
Breakthrough Breast
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gemmag@breakthrough.org.uk**

Well done to the schools pipe band

Sir,
I would like to congratulate the Campbeltown Schools Pipe Band and everyone associated with them. My family and I have just watched their DVD and thoroughly enjoyed it.

They are a credit to the town and we wish them every success in the future.

**The Westbury Family,
Doncaster**

Marie Curie Pots of Care

Sir,
There are just a few weeks to go for nurseries, primary schools and youth groups in Argyll to sign up for Marie Curie Cancer Care's Mini Pots of Care fundraising activity.

Mini Pots of Care is a free creative and educational project for three to 11 year olds where children receive a pot and daffodil bulb to plant in the autumn.

They care for their plant throughout the winter months and then in the Spring they celebrate their daffodils in bloom by holding a Mini Pots of Care Day where they have fun painting their pots and fundraising for the charity.

Register your school or group to take part by calling 08700 340 040 or visiting www.mariecurie.org.uk/minipotsofcare by October 7, 2011. All money raised from the activity will help Marie Curie Nurses to provide more free
**Fiona Leitch
Marie Curie Cancer
Care Community
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Cow muck should be cleaned up

Sir,
Can somebody do something about the cow muck that some farmers leave outside their premises on the roads when moving them for milking.

I am a motorcyclist and tonight while travelling home my bike slid on cow muck; also the cars are getting covered in the muck.

Not all farmers are guilty of this as they clean the roads after but can the guilty ones please remember that people get fed up of this muck from fields and cows and that there is a

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duty of care to the public.

**Jim McGregor,
6 Bayview,
Machrihanish.**

Photographs of RMS Dalriada

Sir,
With regards to the photograph published in *The Campbeltown Courier* on August 12, 2011, of *RMS Dalriada*, it was nice to see as there doesn't seem to be

a lot of information anywhere about it. I have fond memories of many trips on it as a child.

My father James Muir who was in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in the First World War also worked on the *Dalriada* in the 1930s until it stopped running at the beginning of the Second World War. He then joined the Royal Navy but sadly passed away in 1946.

**JK Westbury
(Née Muir),
Doncaster**

Thanks to Machrihanish Golf Club

Sir,
I would like to say a huge thank you to Machrihanish Golf Club for its recent kind donation of £50, featured in *The Courier* on August 26 'Machrihanish golfers in the pink'.

More than 4,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer every year in Scotland and thou-

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Royal replies from William and Kate



Pupils from Castlehill Primary School are delighted with their replies to letters sent to the new Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. The children wrote to the newly weds to tell them about their hobbies and about watching their wedding. Each child received a personal reply from Wills and Kate at St James Palace. 21_c35cas02



Above, Dalintober Primary School's two primary one classes this year. 21_c35dal02

Below, the new primary one class from Castlehill Primary. 21_c35cas01



'Alarm' over cuts to family services

by JOANNE SIMMS
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A KINTYRE councillor says vital family services are facing cuts, which set 'alarm bells ringing'.

John Semple was the SNP's spokesman for the third sector in the previous administration at Argyll and Bute Council.

The council has just published the findings of a consultation it held,

'Making it Better' into the services it provides for vulnerable children and families.

'I am glad to see that progress is being made on this project which I was happy to initiate when I was the SNP's spokesman.

'But it rings alarm bells that these vital services, which save public sector vast amounts in the

health care or foster care that often follows family breakdown, are still facing budget cuts.

'I hope that there is sufficient opportunities for making these savings without significantly affecting service delivery.'

And he added: 'I would have like to have see more of the services currently delivered by Argyll and Bute Council being outsourced to Third Sector delivery in

the area of children and families, perhaps this will come.

'It is worrying that the council's administration is not promoting a mechanism for measuring the social return that organisations supporting vulnerable families bring for the investment the council makes in them.

'I believe such a move would identify the hidden savings these organisations make to the public sector and, in so doing, would make future decisions on investment in preventative services easier.'

Kintyre groups benefit from third sector cash

A NUMBER of organisations in Kintyre and the islands received money in the second phase of third sector grants from Argyll and Bute Council.

Islay and Jura Community Enterprises received £900, Islay and Jura Youth Wind Ban Received £750; Kintyre Link Club received £165; Machrihanish Dunes Sound of Kintyre Pipe Band received £750; Kintyre Cultural Forum received £600 and Bowmore Hall Committee received £500; this was a total of £4,565.

Three organisations were not awarded funding and Councillor John Semple said he was a bit concerned that Kintyre Youth Café received nothing.

'They have been working hard and sometimes against the odds to progress this project.

'I am disappointed that comment

in the report says it is still under development. Development stages need funding. People need to be able to get consultants in and be able to progress and if they don't have funding to do these things they cant develop.

'The fact that they come to us for funding and have been given nothing.'

Audrey Baird, Community Development Officer for Argyll and Bute Council said the concern is that it has been in this development phase for two or more years and have no premises. 'It is such a small pot of money to distribute,' she said.

Councillor Semple asked if it would not be better to split the money between all of them as they were asking for so little.

Tower sections loaded

ON MONDAY, 12 tower sections were loaded at the Port of Campbeltown onto the *Gerarda*. She is loading tower sections for the Clyde Project and is due back in on September 13 and then again on September 27.

The *Red Baroness* was due in for timber on Tuesday night to load 1,100 tonnes of timber.

The *Red Duchess* is also due in this week to load timber.

Alpaca Day at Crarae Garden

Sun 4 Sept, 11am-4.30pm



Fancy doing something different this weekend? Visit Crarae Garden with the family and meet some alpacas!



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Growth grant can offer up to £3,000

BUSINESSES seeking financial support are being urged to apply to the Competitive Business Growth programme.

A pilot scheme, administered by Argyll and Bute Council's business gateway team, the programme offers grant funding to both start-up and growing businesses.

The start-up grant can offer between £500 and £1,000 to help a new business with start-up costs and a business can apply up to six months after they have started trading.

As well as full time businesses, part-time businesses with the potential to become full time are eligible.

The growth grant can offer up to £3,000 to help an existing business implement its ambitions for expansion.

Urging Mid Argyll businesses to take advantage of the Competitive Business Growth programme, Councillor Neil Mackay, Argyll and Bute Council's spokesperson for enterprise, said: 'This pilot scheme has run for a year and is still

open for applications until the end of September. Growing or starting a business isn't easy in the current climate but there is help available and any businesses interested in applying for the funding should get in touch as soon as possible to ensure they don't miss out.'

For more information about the grant programme and business support contact Business Gateway on 01546 605 459 or email business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk



Isle of Seil Saddlery owner Buffy Lacey has turned her love of horses into a business.

Isle of Seil Saddlery takes advantage of start-up grant

A BUSINESS on the Isle of Seil is already reaping the rewards of gaining a start-up business grant under the Competitive Business Growth programme.

Isle of Seil Saddlery, which provides a range of services to horse owners, was set up by horse owner Buffy Lacey.

Having spent more than 20 years teaching and working with horses, Buffy recognised a gap in the market to provide repair and fitting services for saddles, horse rugs and bespoke bridle work.

Taking advantage of the Buffy was able to take advantage of the start-up grant offered by Business Gateway. 'This

was a tremendous boost, as it enabled me to go on a specialist course and contributed to marketing materials and some vital equipment for the business,' Buffy said.

Commenting on the additional support provided by her Business Gateway advisor, Nicky Archibald, Buffy added: 'She was always there to advise me and I didn't feel pushed into anything. It was encouraging knowing the support was there from one person and I know I can contact Nicky if I have a question about an aspect of the business.'

Since opening for business last month, Buffy has already undertaken some repair work, had

her first commission for a bridle and is now designing a range of saddle bags to sell in addition to negotiating with Strada Saddles to become their distributor for the west coast of Scotland.

Although based on the Isle of Seil, Buffy will

travel throughout Scotland, including to the Inner and Outer Hebrides. As well as running this new venture, Buffy is a teacher at Oban High School so will spend her evenings and weekends working with her equestrian clients.

Unemployment rises

MORE THAN 1,800 people are seeking unemployment benefit in Argyll and Bute.

Recent figures show unemployment in the Argyll and Bute council area in July, stood at 1,831, compared with 1,653 in July 2010. The figures represent a 0.3 per cent rise in unemployment.

MSP for the Highlands and Islands, David Stewart, said: 'There are now more people unemployed in the Argyll and Bute council area than a year ago because economic growth remains stubbornly slow.'

The statistics show that 190 people are seeking work in the construction industry and 275 people are looking for work in sales and retail.

Injury clinic is proving very successful

AFTER graduating in sports therapy last year, a young Campbeltown woman wanted to put her skills to good use to help people in the area.

Eilidh Cook, aged 20, started up Injury Management Clinic earlier this year and has seen her clientele grow over the last few months.

Although Eilidh deals with sports injuries, she can also analyse general work related injuries, aches or pains or can give a massage for someone just wishing to relax.

Eilidh, who is based in

Campbeltown's Aqualibrium told *The Courier*: 'I graduated last year and wanted to do something with the skills I had learned. I thought with Aqualibrium being a place everybody knows and an easy place to get to it would be ideal.'

As well as studying sports related injuries Eilidh also learned about rehabilitation and is able to refer people to their General Practitioner if she feels she can't sort their problem.

She can use the facilities in Aqualibrium to tie in with treatment,

including the swimming pool and gym if she feels it is necessary.

'I've had a good response in Campbeltown, and the abundance of runners in the area are keeping me going. I carry out the treatment on what I think is best, including if I feel I can't help someone, I will pass them on to their GP,' said Eilidh.

If you would like more information on Injury Management Clinic contact Eilidh by emailing injurymanagement@hotmail.co.uk or phoning 07724615633.

Municipal waste falling in Argyll and Bute

THE amount of municipal waste collected by Argyll and Bute Council is falling.

Figures released this week show Scotland's local authorities recycled over 38 per cent of the municipal waste they collected between April 2010 and March 2011.

In 2010/11, 38.2 per cent of municipal waste collected by local authorities was recycled

or composted, compared to 36.7 per cent in 2009/10.

Landfill

In Argyll and Bute the total sent to landfill reduced from 21,205 to 20,561 tonnes, with an increase in material recycled or composted increasing from 41.3 per cent to 41.5 per cent.

Adrian Bond, Scottish Environment Protection Agency's Operations Waste Unit Manager,

said: 'Today's figures are another step in the right direction and our recycling and composting figures continue to make steady progress year on year. However, while it is a positive indicator of progress, it is essential we continue our efforts to minimise waste growth and maximise recycling if we are to meet our aims of moving towards a zero waste Scotland.'



Children who took part in the golf at Machrihanish Golf Club as part of the summer programme.

An active summer for dozens of kids

ACTIVE Schools have had a busy couple of months during the summer holidays with a variety of activities available to primary school pupils. More than 75 children attended the summer programme, which included canoeing, star track athletics, multi-sports, tennis, junior shokk and golf. Active Schools would like to thank the following partners for contributing to the success of Summer 2011 Kintyre Canoe Club, Machrihanish Golf Club, Campbeltown Tennis Club, Aqualibrium, Moira McLellan, Ruth Semple and Eilidh MacAlister.



Children in the Victoria Hall enjoyed multi-sports as part of the programme.

Sub sighting during Ballycastle crossing



A SUBMARINE was the main sighting of the day recently for *Kintyre Express II*. The boat was enroute from Campbeltown to Ballycastle with a ferry load of passengers, but it wasn't the diverse array of sea and birdlife that caught their eye, but the submarine, that was close enough for skipper Haydn Chambers and crewman John McCallum to see two of its crew waving their arms.

Davey's marathon effort to aid Thai elephants

AN ARGYLL man has cycled and climbed his way around the west Highlands and islands to raise money to help poorly treated elephants in Thailand.

Davey Lamont, started his island-hopping from Glasgow on August 8 and covered the islands of Arran, Islay, Jura, Colonsay, Tiree, Barra, Uist, Harris Lewis, Skye and Raasay.

He then landed in Mal-laig before heading to Fort William, where he finished his two-week challenge with an ascent of Ben Nevis.

Davey, who was brought up in Kintyre and lived in Lochgil-plead, said: 'It was a magical experience which I will treasure for the rest of my life. All in all, 366 miles cycled, 18 ferries utilised, 14 islands visited, around 12,000 calories burned, and a very sore back-side. I have never been as exhausted as I was on the way down from Ben Nevis.'

Through the sponsored event, Davey aimed to raise around £8,500 for the Elephant Nature



Davey Lamont at the Elephant Nature Park in Thailand.

Park in Thailand to take at least one elephant and it's mahout (keeper) off the streets and into the safety of the park. The idea came to him when he did volunteer work there as part of his travels in Thailand.

Davey pledged £3,000 of his own money to the cause and has already

gained nearly £7,000 through fundraising.

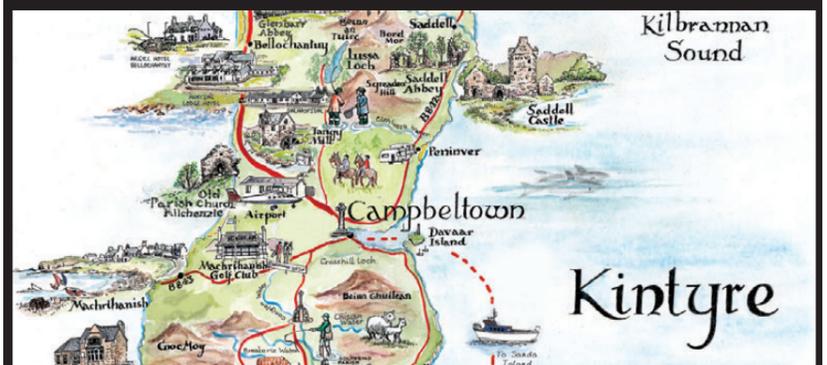
However, he is keen for more people to donate to his Just Giving page at justgiving.com/David-Lamont.

Davey's father, Archie, was the minister at Clachan and Whitehouse, who retired to Taynuilt.

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Cinema fans dig deep for Picture House

A FILM which features inexplicable events and unusual disappearances will be shown at The Picture House, Campbeltown, tomorrow (Saturday).

It is the summer of 1979 and a group of friends in a small Ohio town witness a catastrophic train crash while making a super 8 movie and soon suspect that it was not an accident.

The local sheriff's deputy tries to uncover the truth, something more terrifying than any of them could have imagined...

Super 8 will be the film showing in The Picture House for the next week.

Thrilled

The Picture House has been thrilled by the response to all their fundraising for The Centenary Project this summer.

So many people have helped, Kintyre Chorale, local photographers and a willing band of new supporters.

The committee has also held a coffee morning, sold a com-

memorative DVD of the final visit of HMS Campbeltown, with 83 copies sold so far, a quiz, two stalls and two garden openings.

And along come the good folk of Campbeltown to dig into their pockets to contribute to all the activities to the tune of more than £2,000 for the project so far.

There will be a Prize Bingo night in the autumn and a quiz to keep you occupied over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Bakeries staff cook up MOKFest award

ARGYLL Bakeries lifted this year's Festival Cup for best-dressed float at this year's Mull of Kintyre Music Festival Parade.

They took first place for their

back to the 80s theme.

In second place was Auchinlee with their Peace and Love themed float and the local police with their Grease themed flat in

third place.

The Phoenix Shield was a new addition to this year's prizes with winner Alasdair Pauline as best motor vehicle in the parade.



Alasdair Pauline receives his shield from Willie Duran for the best motor vehicle in the parade.



Amelia Martin collects the Festival Cup on behalf of Argyll Bakeries with Catrona Lang of the MOKFest committee.

Kintyre pipers reap rewards after busy year of competitions

CAMPBELTOWN'S Willie McCallum reports on the piping year so far.

IT'S been a busy year so far for Kintyre's pipers and many congratulations to Kintyre Schools Pipe Band for winning the major competitions.

Also in the solo front to Sarah Muir of Kilkenzie who has been on cracking form.

She came second in grade C March, Strathspey and Reel, fourth in the Piobaireachd and fifth in the Open B and C grade Jigs at the Dun-

can Johnstone competition. In the Highlands and Islands Music and Drama Festival in the 'C' grade she was fourth in Piobaireachd and at Blair Athol she gained first prize in Grade 'C' Piobaireachd. At Rosneath in Grade C she was

awarded first in March and first in Strathspey and Reel.

At Inveraray Games she won first Piobaireachd, third March and first Strathspey and Reel. She went on to blow everyone away at the National Piping Centre

with her performance at Pipe Idol.

Last week at Oban Highland Games she won the McGregor Memorial Competition.

William McCallum started off the year with second overall at the Pipe Major Donald

MacLeod Memorial Competition in Stornoway. He was second overall at Lochaber and at Piping Live last week he won the Silver Cap competition.

At Oban Highland Games Willie was third in the Senior Piobaire-

achd and fourth in the former winners competition. Now onto Inverness next week and the Northern Meeting, and then the Springbank Invitational on September 17.

It is nice to see Julie Blue competing again.

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Bible's anniversary

AN EVENT to mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible and get local people involved took place on Burnside Square on Wednesday.

Along with the people of Campbeltown, people across the country are being invited to write out two verses of the Bible onto paper with a digital pen.

This pen connects to www.thepeoplesbible.org website and within five minutes those actual handwritten verses will be visible there. For more on this event see next week's *Campbeltown Courier*.

Church fete

TOMORROW (Saturday) the annual fete for St Kieran's RC Church will be held.

There will be dancers, music, burgers and various other stalls will be at the fete, which takes place from 3pm in Kirk Street Hall and grounds.

Islay show

THE Singing Kettle will be making its first ever appearance on Islay next week.

The group will sail in with their Pirate Party show to the Bowmore Hall for a one-hour long singalong show on September 10. There will be two shows taking place.

Kintyre Way is all in a day's work for duo

TWO Kintyre men have made history by running the entire Kintyre Way in one day.

Tarbert's Rob Reid and Tayinloan's John Kennedy took part in the gruelling run to mark the Kintyre Way's fifth anniversary and started at Dunaverty at 4:15am on Saturday August 13, finishing in Tarbert at 4:55am the next day, an amazing 24 hours 40 minutes for the 88 miles.

'It was a great day, right from the start,' said Rob. 'On Dunaverty beach the full moon made a stunning spectacle shining over the sea on to the silvery sand - a good omen for the day ahead.'

'Then, after we crossed the rugged landscape over to Machrihanish, Jocelyn Richard ran with us for the six miles along to Campbeltown. At the Moy turning, we were met by seven members of Campbeltown Running Club, who escorted us into the town. After a quick interview with Kenny Johnson at Argyll FM, Robert McDonald



John Kennedy and Rob Reid at Torrisdale.

and Neil John MacPhail kept us company for five miles up the road to Gobagrennan.'

At Carradale Network Centre tearoom, Jose MacKinnon provided refreshments before the long haul over the hills to Tayinloan and then the duo took a break for a meal at Point Sands Holiday Park.

The final sections, Clachan to Claonaig to Tarbert, were in darkness, but it was a mild night, head torches make a huge difference, and they were on home territory.

'The challenge is now on, to improve on our time,' said Rob. 'But my

advice to anyone having a go would be not to focus on speed alone - take time to admire the gorgeous scenery, listen to the birdsong, and smell the heather.'

If you would like to contribute to Rob's sponsorship, please go to

www.virginmoneygiving.com/kintyreway.

Rob and John would like to thank all the people who helped to make the day possible, Morag for a lift at 3am, Jocelyn for those first cups of tea, Johnny Durnan and Kevin MacKaveney for photography and their families for their support and encouragement.

Naomi breezes into town

ACTRESS and writer Naomi Breeze is bringing her warm and funny one-woman drama about life and love in Argyll and Bute to the area next week.

Naomi, director of Breeze Productions, interviewed dozens of people across Argyll

and Bute over several months to help her write her play, called Viewpoint, which is based on her impressions of the places and the people with Campbeltown featuring strongly in the play.

Naomi said: 'I was very moved by many of

the tales I heard from the people I interviewed for Viewpoint and it was a privilege to meet them.

Admission to the play, at the White Hart Hotel, on Friday September 9, is free. It starts at 7.30pm and spaces will be limited by the size of the venue.

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- 19 Cold hat on the mountain? (3,3)
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- 27 Friable soil (4)

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- 7 Taking ages! (4)
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KINTYRE

Limited public transport

COUNCILLOR Anne Horn sought assurances that council workers affected by limited public transport from Kintyre would be accommodated for.

Under the new Alternative Ways of Working Policy, Argyll and Bute Council are extending the options for work patterns and hours to encourage greater flexibility for its employees.

Public transport in the North Kintyre and Mid Argyll area has been changed recently, with two journeys on the 448 service between Tarbert and Lochgilphead withdrawn.

Councillor Horn said she was concerned that some members of staff who would normally use public transport may now have difficulty in accessing their job.

'Can we be assured that staff will be accommodated for if they don't drive or can't through ill health or disability,' said Councillor Horn. 'I am concerned some members of staff used public transport and now may have difficulty of accessing their job.'

'I know staff who can

no longer use public transport and cannot always car share.'

Councillor Dick Walsh, leader of the council, referred Councillor Horn to the detailed report, which said the onus was on the employee to make a 'considered request' outlining how they see their role and duties being fulfilled under the proposed alternative arrangement.

KILBERRY

Plans approved

AN APPLICATION for the erection of a dwellinghouse in Kilberry has been approved.

The planning application for land, north east of Druim A Bhuinne, Kilberry, was permitted by Argyll and Bute Council last week and includes the installation of a septic tank and formation of vehicular access.

TAYINLOAN

Community council meeting

WEST Kintyre Community Council will be holding its next meeting in Tayinloan Village Hall.

The meeting will take place on Monday September 5 at 7.30pm.

GIGHA



Strathclyde Fire and Rescue's officials, including head Community Safety, Group Commander David Penman, visited Gigha recently to see the unit.

Young Gigha fire fighters gain awards

OFFICIALS from Strathclyde Fire and Rescue visited Gigha's Young Fire Fighters recently.

The island's unit meets every second Sunday afternoon and currently boasts 19 members ranging from nine to 14 years old.

Their basic firefighter training is supplemented by a series of talks geared to preparing them for a life outside the island; topics covered include alcohol and drug awareness and water and road safety.

As well as a visit from head office, the young fire fighters have been busy with a barbeque and funday recently.

They also had a hose running competition and prize giving.

The new recruits had a chance to join in before the new season starts this Sunday (September 4).

The following awards were given: Young Firefighter of the Year, junior: Amanda Clements; Young Firefighter of the Year, senior: Phoebe Brown; Hose runner of the Year: Becky Wilkieson; Gigha Young firefighter 2011, kids choice: Douglas Earnshaw. Group Commander David Penman, who heads up Community Safety in Argyll and Bute said: 'The geography of Argyll and Bute can potentially put us a long way from the scene of an incident, so for



The young fire fighters who received awards.

us, ensuring those incidents never occur in the first place, is crucial.

'I am immensely proud of them and of our own staff who give their time and effort to such a worthwhile cause.'

ISLAY

Beach clean

THE Big Strand, near Islay Airport, will be getting a thorough clean this month as part of a Beachwatch and Marine Conservation Society's beach clean and litter survey.

Taking place on September 17, the event aims to highlight the issues of beach litter around the UK's coastline.

Local Beachwatch organiser, Polly Mather of Re-JIG says she would like to see more volunteers than ever before lend a hand to make this latest clean of The Big Strand the biggest yet.

For further information, please contact Polly at Re-JIG on 810880.

Book festival

ISLAY'S Book Festival this weekend will welcome a well-known author.

Ruth Rendell, creator of the Chief Inspector Wexford series, will appear at the festival in Port Ellen Primary School.

Baroness Rendell, who also writes under the pseudonym Barbara Vine, is a hugely successful crime writer and author of psychological thrillers and murder mysteries.

A full festival programme of adult and children's events will fill both Saturday September 3 and Sunday September 4.

Solar panels

A PLANNING application for the erection of ground-mounted solar panels for Islay has been permitted.

Argyll and Bute Council's planning department approved the application for Heather House, Port Askaig last week for the photovoltaic panels with metal frames.

Kilchoman Gala Day

KILCHOMAN Gala Day, Iomairt Chille Chomain's annual open day, was held on Saturday August 20 at Port Mòr playing fields.

This day of family fun was again well attended, and community organisations made the day most interesting and informative.

Natural History Trust

PROFESSOR Steven Mithen has returned to Islay with his team to continue archaeological investigation begun last year, with permission of Dunlossit Estate.

Prof. Mithen gave a very interesting talk on Tuesday in Islay Natural History Trust's lecture room.

Steven discussed Islay's Mesolithic sites, many of which he has investigated

over several years, often helped by finds which were reported to the Museum of Islay Life by local people.

Songs of Praise

CÒISIR Ghàidhlig Ìle, Islay's senior Gaelic choir, sang in a 'Songs of Praise' evening at Kilmeny Church on Sunday evening.

This annual evening of fellowship was well attended by parishioners, Islay folk and visitors.

The choir will be competing at Lochgilphead's Mòd Dhàilriada on Saturday, September 17. The full mixed choir, and also Ladies and Mens choirs will sing, as well as several choir members who will sing as soloists.

After the Lochgilphead Mòd, the choir will be putting the final touches on their preparation for this year's National Mòd

which will be held in Stornoway, Isle of Lewis from October 14 to 22.

Singing Kettle

THE Singing Kettle will be making its first every appearance on Islay next week.

The group will sail in with their Pirate Party show to the Bowmore Hall for a one-hour long singalong show on September 10. There will be two shows taking place.

Class B drug

A MAN was reported to the procurator fiscal for possessing a class B drug on Islay on August 23 at 7pm.

Speeding

FIVE people were reported for speeding after police carried out checks in the Bowmore area of Islay recently.

TARBERT

Flower show

TARBERT Horticultural Society's 62nd annual flower show will take place next weekend.

At 3pm on Saturday September 10, Mrs Jenny Campbell will officially open the event.

Schedules and entry cards are available in local shops.

CLACHAN

Smallholders Gathering

CLACHAN will be buzzing tomorrow (Saturday) for its Smallholders Gathering.

As well as the sale of local produce and crafts there will also be a beer and wine making competition during the day.

The events take place in Clachan Village Hall from 1 to 4pm.

At night a barbeque and local musicians will be entertaining in the hall, with a licensed bar, from 7.30pm to midnight.

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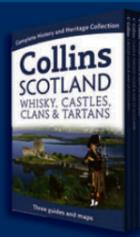
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Thirteen little 'dookers' started primary school at Tarbert Academy last week. The youngsters, taught by Mrs Brough, were missing one of their classmates when the picture was taken on Monday. 06_a34tarbert01



CLACHAN Primary School have been learning about the history of their village. The children have been researching the school and the church and will be moving onto other places in the villages next. They have been analysing the differences from old pictures to what it is like today, in particular at the school. They have also been looking at old newspaper cuttings to learn about the history and have put a display of their findings together. 21_c35cla02



Left: This year Rhunahaorine Primary School has one new primary one joining the school. 21_c35rhu01



Right: The new pre-fives joining the unit at Rhunahaorine Primary School. 21_c35rhu02



Catherine Black has just taken over as the new head teacher of Clachan Primary School. Catherine takes over from Jean Dewey who retired at the end of last term at the small school after working there for more than 30 years. 21_c35cla01

CARRADALE

Network Centre gets the cheque book out

IRENE Egan got the chequebook out when she visited the Carradale Network Centre last Wednesday.

The cheques she was writing were for the money raised by the annual Dawn Tartan Walk held in Carradale.

The cheques were £946 each to the Mairi Semple Fund and NHS Highland for the Sunroom at Campbeltown Hospital, which provides extra support for patients and their families.

And as well as the cheques there was a cash donation of £115 to each organisation from the Network Centre Tearoom's book borrowing scheme; one corner is full of shelves of paperbacks and jigsaw puzzles which are donated for people to borrow and return or buy outright for donations. This proves to be a big hit in the village and also with tourists and visitors to the village caravan and camping site.

And Irene will be taking part in the Glasgow Shine Night Walk with Angela Arkell from Paterson Bakery, to raise funds for Breast Cancer Research.



Irene Egan writes the cheques, with, from left: Heather and Jose MacKinnon, Marion Warnock, Margaret Sinclair, Enid Williams and Maggie Wilkieson. 12_c35walk01

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Local agricultural groups met recently to speak about various issues across the area and took a tour round Glen Fyne during the afternoon to look at aspects of farming and forestry on both Ardkinglas and Achadunan Estates.

Land use dominates joint talks

A LIVELY debate on Argyll's abattoirs and the farming and forestry took place at a joint meeting of local agricultural groups.

The meeting, held in Cairndow, of the NFU Scotland Argyll and the Islands Regional Board and the Argyll and Isles Agricultural Forum discussed various topics including integrating differing land-use objectives whilst maintaining agricultural activity.

Local MSPs, Mike Russell and Kenneth Gibson and MP Alan Reid were also at the meeting.

Fergus Younger, the

Forum's Development Manager, outlined the challenging issues facing Arran, Mull and Islay abattoirs.

There was also a tour of Glen Fyne looking at aspects of farming and forestry. Andrew Barbour, chairman of the new Scottish Government Woodland Expansion Advisory Group, Ross Lilley from Scottish Natural Heritage and Syd House from Forestry Commission Scotland were also present to contribute to the discussion.

John Semple, NFUS Argyll and the Islands chairman said: 'Many

farmers are extremely concerned that whole farms can be planted with trees and we are working towards a balanced approach which recognises the need for food production and where tree planting can compliment hill farming, not jeopardise its existence.'

Angus MacFadyen, Argyll and the Isles Agricultural Forum chairman said that this was a great opportunity for open debate and discussion on these issues for the 55 participants at the event.

'It is only in a format like this that we can pull

together representation from all the rural agencies and farmers from across the region,' he said.

Highlighting the wider benefits of retaining abattoir facilities in peripheral locations and advocating the need for some form of revenue support for small-scale facilities, Fergus Younger said: 'These facilities need to be recognised as a critical part of our rural infrastructure that allow producers another option to add value, but also support our tourism industry by supplying high quality meat with local provenance.'

New NFU chief takes charge

THE NEW man at the helm of the National Farmers Union (NFU) Scotland said that while the organisation had lots to be getting on with, it will not forget its duties as a lobbying organisation.

Scott Walker, aged 40, has this week taken over as chief executive of NFU Scotland and pledged to support its members as the industry changes.

The Dundee man said: 'My primary focus is ensuring that NFU Scotland remains relevant to members.'

'Farms are changing and we have to change with them.'

'We don't need a radical overhaul, but we do need to make sure we

provide the right services and are prioritising the right issues for the benefit of our members.

'The big picture policy work, such as CAP reform, will continue to form the backbone of NFUS.'

Priority

'We have been working hard to ensure that the views of the individual farming sectors are heard within Scottish Government and further afield on this issue, and that will remain a priority in the run up to the 2014 reform.'

'Ultimately NFU Scotland is a lobbying organisation and we haven't forgotten that.'

'We have built strong political relationships, which we won't be tak-

ing for granted.

Mr Walker has been part of the NFU Scotland staff body for 17 years, working at Head Office and in the regions in a number of positions including commodity director, regional policy team manager and most recently as policy director.

The various roles within the organisation have given him knowledge of the problems farmers, crofters and landowners face.

'Our members' interests are wider than ever before,' said Mr Walker.

Mr Walker praised the work of his predecessor, James Withers, who, he said, did a 'fantastic' job and had 'left the organisation in good health'.

Mart prices

Islay United Auctions

United Auctions held its first sale of 2,436 Lambs and Sheep at Islay Auction Mart on August 26.

The lambs were shown in good bloom and were 1.4 kilos heavier on the year.

The sale averaged £63.55 per head or 170pence per kilo.

This recorded a rise of £4.27 or six pence per kilo on the year.

Included in the sale was this year's Islay Show Champion pen of lambs from Dunlossit Farms, Lossit, which realised £96 per head to local butchers M/s McFarlane, Bowmore.

lams: Texel Cross: £96.00 - Lossit, Dunlossit Estate, Lossit: £80.00 & £76.00 - Neriby: £74.50 - Cattadale, Dunlossit & Neriby: £73.00 & £71.50 - Tallant: £71.00 - Mulindry: £70.50 - Kirkby & Cattadale, Dunlossit:

£70.00 - Balaclava & Neriby: £69.50 - Kirkby: £69.00 - Kilmeny, Tallant & Ardbeg: £67.50 - Ardbeg & Balaclava: £66.50 - Carrabus: £65.50 - Balaclava: £65.00 - Carrabus: £64.50 - Balaclava: £64.00 - Kirkby: £63.50 - 7 Claddach: £63.00 - Balaclava & Carrabus: £62.50 - Balaclava: £62.00 - Glenegedale Lotts.

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& £61.00 - Aoradh: £58.00 - Cruach (E & J Brown). Cross: £63.00 - Ballachlaven Blackface: £52.00 & £45.00 - Lorgbaw Croft: £43.00 - Glenegedale Lotts.

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Suffolk Cross: 193p - Smaladh: 187p - Claggan: 184p - Ballinaby: 181p - Ballachlaven.

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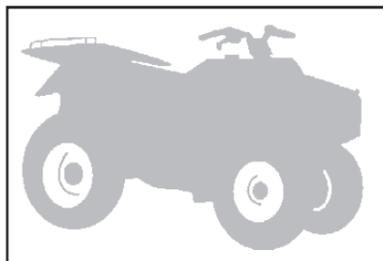
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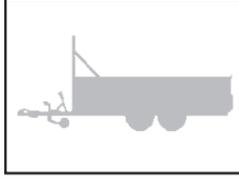


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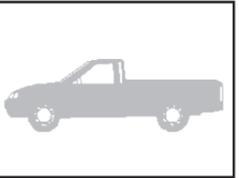


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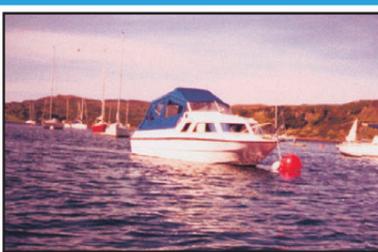
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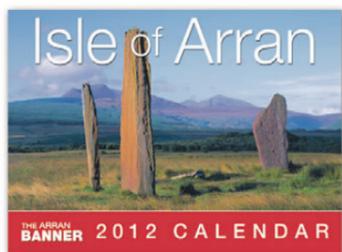
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BIRTHS

HARDIE-REID - George and Anita are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Cameron George, on August 23, 2011 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. First grandchild for Verona and the late John, Lochgilphead. Sixth grandchild for Hannah and George, Elderslie.

MACFARLANE - **ENTWISTLE** - Kenny and Tracy are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Holly Janet Macfarlane, on August 7, 2011. Fourth grandchild for Joe and Cath and first grandchild for Christine and the late Alan.

MACKAY - **MCCORMICK** - Robert and Emma are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Caragh Rae, born August 3, 2011 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. Special thanks to all midwives involved.



MCEACHRAN

Ross and Beth are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Alyssa Carol McEachran on August 15, 2011. A little sister for Christopher and second grandchild for Malcolm and Barbara, and David and Alison. Thanks to Princess Royal Maternity and Campbeltown Maternity, especially Becky for all her care.

MCLEAN - At the Southern General Hospital, on August 13, 2011 to Davie and Susanne, a lovely daughter, Josephine Margaret. A granddaughter for Willie and Margaret, Lephensrath House and Mrs Mary Hein, Wales.

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MITCHELL - **CAMPBELL** - On September 8, 1961, Dugald to Margaret, at the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

BEATTIE - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on August 29, 2011, James Beattie (Hamish), in his 76th year, 19 Rhudal Cottages, Drumlemble, dearly beloved husband of Flora McIntyre Brown, much loved dad of Maryann and a loving granda of Nicola and Michelle.

DUNN - Peacefully after a long illness, borne bravely, at Cornhill Hospice, Perth on August 27, 2011, Ansley Dunn, aged 46 years, of 16 Nellfield Road, Crieff. Beloved daughter of Archie and Betty Dunn, loving partner of James Doyle (formerly Manscroft,

Clachan), much loved daughter-in-law of Pat and Catherine Doyle, and cherished sister-in-law of Elizabeth, Evelyn, Simon and Kenny. Adored auntie of Jamie and Eilidh. A good friend to many. Funeral service was held in Clachan Parish Church on Thursday, September 1, 2011, followed by interment at Clachan Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

MUIR - Peacefully at home, 119 Ransom Avenue, Worcester, on August 20, 2011, in his 61st year, James Muir (Jim), beloved husband of Sandra, son of the late Bessie, much loved dad, grandad, brother and uncle.

SCALLY - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on August 25, 2011, David Robertson Scally, in his 78th year, 29 Lady Mary Row, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Isobel MacMillan, much loved father of Arlene and Kevin, father-in-law of Donald and loving granda of Keira and Claire.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ADAMS - The family of the late Eily Adams would like to thank friends and neighbours for their cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy following their recent sad loss. Thanks also to Dr Elder and the Carradale Care Team for their support, Campbeltown Hospital for their care and the staff at Auchinlee for their unstinting efforts, love and affection during Eily's last years. Thanks to Dr Lazarus and Mr Blair for their professionalism.

JOHNSTON - Ella and family wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for kind expressions of sympathy by way of letters, cards, flowers and phone calls following their recent sad loss. Sincere thanks to Dr Anderson, Dr Leftley and all staff at the Campbeltown Hospital for their dedicated care of Archie, also all nurses and carers who attended Archie at home prior to going to hospital. Grateful thanks to Rev Michael Lind and Mr David McEwan for comforting service and music, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for caring and efficient services and Seafeld Hotel for excellent purvey. Finally, many thanks to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The retiring collection raised £920.49 for the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital.

MCCALLUM - Amy, Colin and Edward would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and for cards, letters, phone calls, floral tributes and baking received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Tarbert Surgery, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lorne and Islands and Ninewells Hospital Dundee for their kind care and attention, thanks also to Margaret

Sinclair for an uplifting and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Isabel Grieve for excellent catering at the Bowling Club and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for the church raised almost £1,100.

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IN MEMORIAMS

MCDUGALL - Henda, September 2, 2009. Two years have passed Gone but not forgotten Always in our thoughts Night night lamb.

- Love from Willie, Karen and Marie.

MITCHELL - In loving memory of our dear dad, grandad and great grandad (Johnnie), who died August 29, 1995. Always in our thoughts. Sadly missed.

- From the family, home and away.

SHIELDS - In loving memory of our mother and grandmother, Rita. I could search the whole world over Until the end of time And never find a mother As wonderful as mine And if there is another life And we are born once more

I pray that God will give to me The mother I had before. - Carole-Anne, John, Scott, Yvonne, Leigh-Anne and Mhairi.

SHIELDS - In memory of Rita. Gone, not forgotten. - Meg

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH
 Sunday 4th September 2011
 Tarbert Church 11.30am
 Rev Tommy Bryson
 For all church enquiries and pastoral care
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 SC002493
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 Morning Worship
 The Living Church - Pt 4
 FunDay Club(3yrs - P5): Kirk St Hall
 JaM (P6 upwards): Church
 3.00pm
 Communion Service followed by tea - Kirk St Hall
 Rev Michael J Lind
 Everyone always welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
 Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday, 4th September
 Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche, Triple C & Bible Class)
 Ms. Marilyn Shedden
Thursday, 8th September
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Friday, 9th September
 Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

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 10.30am
 Morning Worship
 5.45pm Prayer Meeting
 6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
 12.15pm Over 60's Luncheon Club
 1.30pm Adult Home League
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 11.30am Meet 'n' Eat Café
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 Major Dolores Thomson

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 Lochgair 11.30 am

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Inveraray 11.30 am (Margaret Sinclair)
 Sunday Club

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN AND FORD PARISH CHURCH
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 "The quest for Rest"
Thursday 8 September 2011
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North Channel Trophy

40th anniversary of the link between the two clubs

THE weekend of the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival saw the visit of 10 Cushendall Sailing and Boating Club yachts from Red Bay, County Antrim.

They came in order to compete against Campbeltown Sailing Club in the second leg of the 2011 North Channel Trophy races. It was the 40th anniversary of the first ever link between the two clubs.

Realising the importance of the occasion, the weather gods served up an ideal day for a yacht race.

With a fresh southerly breeze and brilliant sunshine it made a splendid sight as 15 boats sped across the line and headed out of the loch towards the Otterard Buoy, off Peninver. Once past Millbeg the yachts could bear away from the wind but only

three boats, all Irish, flew spinnakers.

Wardance was first to hoist but may have wished she hadn't when her big black sail emerged as an hourglass. A very efficient hoist by *Red Alert* saw her sweep past her teammate who lost a lot of ground as she struggled to subdue the big sail. *Aurora* did hoist hers but soon thought better of it after washing the sail in the pristine waters of Campbeltown Loch.

Contention

Stargazer was the leading Campbeltown boat and did exceptionally well to keep in contention with the faster Antrim boats, especially as the vessel was crewed by a scratch crew only one of whom had sailed on *Stargazer* regularly.

From the Otterard the course took them on a stiff beat to a mark in

Kildalloig Bay. As the tide was flooding past Davaar the boats that stood further out to sea made much better progress than those who hugged the Island shore. *Jochr* of Campbeltown read the conditions correctly and made up many places here.

After Kildalloig the island was passed once again and the yachts sped up the Loch to finish past the clubhouse. All except *Misty* in her first visit to Scotland who thought she would enter the Loch via the south side of the island.

A brief grounding showed her the error of her ways and she struggled in well behind the other boats with no harm done.

After the handicaps were applied to the finishing times and the results from our trip to Ireland were factored



Yachts sail out of Campbeltown Loch

in, Cushendall won the overall North Channel Trophy and *Aurora*, of Cushendall won the new trophy for best individual result over the two races.

The counting boats were: 1 Osprey Cushendall, 2 Jochr Campbeltown, 3 Red Alert Cushendall, 4 *Stargazer* Campbeltown, 5 *Aurora* Cushendall,

6 *Wardance* Cushendall, 7 *Inspiration* Campbeltown, 8 *Sea Bird* Cushendall, 9 *Eureka* Campbeltown, 10 *Blue Liz* Campbeltown.

After what had been one of the best and most enjoyable races of the series the crews enjoyed a splendid meal at the Seafield Hotel before heading into town and the delights of festival.



Captain Darren Kelly presenting John with the prize.

JOHN MacMillan beat off the challenge of his much younger opponents to lift the Captain's Prize in the club's Autumn Meeting.

Playing his best golf for years John carded

a 73-12-61 to win on count back.

Results: 1 John MacMillan 73-12-61, 2 David MacBrayne 77-16-61, 3 Gary Thomas 69-8-61.

Scratch: 1 George MacMillan 64, 2 Donald Taylor 67, 3 Campbell McCallum 67. CSS for the day 62.

Double up as Christopher wins Archie MacNab and Cairns Christie trophies

GLENRALLOCH was bathed in sunshine for the second round of the Archie MacNab Memorial Trophy for the 17 members that took part.

First round leader Keith McTaggart headed off at 8am hoping to post a score that would put pressure on the later starters.

Unfortunately for Keith he could only add 28 points to his first round, giving a whole host of players renewed hope of clinching the trophy.

Jonathon Maclean took full advantage and posted 39 stableford points to set the overall target with 76 points. But he was soon overtaken by Steve Bleasby's total of 77 and Eddie White continued his recent good form to nett a very impressive 40 points. Gaining a total of 78, Eddie had the outright lead.

Victorious

He was soon joined on 78 points by Bruce MacNab. But when all the counting was done,

Christopher Smyth emerged victorious with 79 points.

Despite Christopher's starting with two bogeys he quickly rallied with six pars and a birdie for an outward nine of 35 shots for 22 points. He added a further 20 points on the back nine for a fantastic 42 points and overall victory.

The memorial trophy marked the end of seven days of great golf for Christopher. The previous weekend he defeated Keith Blair by two holes in the final of the Cairns Christie Cup and he also reduced his handicap by one shot.

Best three scores on the day: C Smyth 42 points, S Barclay 41 and E White 40.

Final result: 1. C Smyth with 79 points, 2. E White and B MacNab with 78 points.



Robert Allan presents winner Robin with the trophy with fellow competitors.

Heidbangers - Gone But Not Forgotten

THE annual Gone But Not Forgotten competition held by Dunaverty Heidbangers took place at the weekend.

The competition is held in memory of the nine members who have passed away since 2000.

Twenty-one Heidbangers enjoyed this event held in very good weather.

Robert Allan jnr, who donated the trophy in memory of his father Bert, was the early lead-

er with 45 points and this looked like the winning score until Alasdair O'May, last year's winner, also came in with 45 points but a better inward half.

Pipped

He in turn was pipped by Robin Finlay who racked up 46 points.

Results: 1 Robin Finlay 46 pts, 2 Alasdair O'May 45(BIH), 3 Robert Allan jnr 45, 4 Pop Scally 40 (BIH), 5 John Dickenson 40, 6 Bill Brannigan 39.

Wee Toon lose

ON Sunday one game was played in the Campbeltown and District Amateur Football League where the Wee Toon lost 2-7 again Southend.

This weekend key fixtures which could determine the league winners are due to take place.

Lochgilthead will be playing Ardrishaig, Carradale travel to Southend, Kintyre Athletic take on Kintyre Select and the Wee Toon play the Meadows.

Islay Golf Club

AUGUST Medal: 1 Nigel Carmichael 77 less 5 net 72, 2 Neil Johnston 82 less 10 net 72, 3 Graeme Hamilton 88 less 13 net 75. CSS 73.

Lagavulin Quaich: 1 Charles Holyoake 35+40 =75pts, 2 Ruairidh MacIntyre 39+33=72pts, 3 Scott Currie 38+33 = 71pts.

Western Ferries: 1 Charles Holyoake 31pts, 2 Iain MacCuaig 29pts, 3 Scott Currie 28pts. CSS 34pts.

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Narrow win for the Pupils

SAFL Premier Division Two
Centre EK 2 - Campbeltown Pupils 3
TWO goals in the final few minutes of Saturday's match gave the McFadyen sponsored Campbeltown Pupils their second win of the season. Centre started the game on the front foot, pushing the visitors back as the men from East Kilbride attempted to grab the early initiative.

A fine tackle inside the box by Sorley McKinven was punished by the award of a penalty kick, the central defenders robust challenge adjudged to be illegal.

Ex-senior Bob Davidson stepped up to convert the kick, giving the home side the advantage in the 20th minute of the match.

After a slow start the Pupils stormed into the game. Chance after chance went begging as first a header from Dougie Guy, then a run on goal by Gregor McFadyen failed to produce an end result.

The equaliser was only delayed, a fine move on the left flank ending with a cutback to Gary Grumoli. Last season's top scorer made no mistake, drilling the ball into the bottom corner of the net for parity.

The second-half saw the visitors in the ascendancy, however, the men from the 'Wee Toon' were shocked to find themselves a goal behind with only

14 minutes left to play. A blistering strike from outside the box flew into the top corner, a fine goal for what looked the winner from Scott Davidson.

At this point the Pupils pushed forward to try and retrieve a declining situation, a fine inter-change of passes finishing with a cutback to Paul McWhirter who scored from close range with two minutes remaining.

The visitors were never happy to accept a share of the points and, a determined last effort produced a spectacular winner at the eleventh hour.

A long throw from Robin Barr was headed clear to the edge of the box, the ball falling kindly to Ryan Gilchrist who struck a sweet half volley into the top corner for a thoroughly deserved winner.

It was a victory for teamwork and organisation, a determined effort by everyone to take full points down the long and winding road.

Paul Grumoli continues to grow in stature as he anchors a comparatively inexperienced team, a group of players beginning to add character and determination to their many other attributes. There is a long way to go, but the early signs are encouraging and, this side will only get better with age and experience. The Pupils are away from home tomorrow Saturday September 3 against Auldhouse.



Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club's members outside the MacTaggart Leisure Centre on Islay on Saturday after the competition.

Swimmers prepare for Argyll Championships

SWIMMERS from Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club (KASC) travelled to Islay on Saturday as part of their preparations for this year's Argyll and Bute Championships in Helensburgh.

Twenty swimmers along with a contingent of coaches and parents and spent the day on the island competing in a friendly swim meet along with others from Islay and Jura Dolphins ASC.

This was an excellent opportunity for KASC's swimmers to get some competitive practice in before travelling to Helensburgh over the weekend of September 10 and 11 to compete in the Argyll and Bute Championships.

A number of the club's swimmers were competing for the first time and gaining this experience should stand them in good stead for future competition.

A large number of swimmers recorded new personal best's with Kirsten McLean finishing the 100m butterfly in 1:34.28 and Aimee McGougan finishing the 100 IM in 1:27.34.

This competition follows a very busy summer training programme

with early morning sessions starting at 8am in the summer months on Wednesday and Friday mornings with workshops in starts, turns and sprinting.

Fuelling
A nutrition workshop was also held giving swimmers tips on what foods they should be eating prior to competition as well as fuelling up throughout the com-

petition day. Two time trials took place allowing swimmers to see if their hard work was paying off.

After travelling to Helensburgh swimmers will compete in the area trials for the Scottish Schools Championships in October and the annual club championships will again take place towards the end of November in Aqualibrium.

Thomas qualifies for Scottish Junior Masters

A TEENAGER from Campbeltown will get the chance of a lifetime next month after qualifying for a place in the Scottish Junior Masters.

Four regional qualifiers took place across Scotland, with Thomas Jordan playing at Whitecraigs Golf Course in July to beat more than 20 other players for a place in the final.

Stableford
Played in a stableford format, Thomas scored 43 points to qualify and will now go on to play at Gleneagles on October 9 to contest for the top spot.

Thomas, aged 16, has only been playing golf for four years and told *The Courier* he started quite badly on the day but once he relaxed and started to enjoy the course his score improved.

He plays of a handicap of 11 and is a member of Machrihanish Golf Club.

Another Machrihanish member, Andrew Wallace also played in a different qualifier but was unable to secure a place in the final.

Junior convenor at Machrihanish Golf Club Jim McCallum would like to wish Thomas all the best on behalf of the club and would like to thank Janice McGregor and Hazel Scally of Clubgolf for putting Thomas forward.



Thomas Jordan

Contrasting conditions at Machrihanish

AUGUST fixtures were rounded off at Machrihanish Golf Club with the John McLean scratch and handicap competitions played over Saturday and Sunday.

In round one on Saturday George McMillan made a good start to his weekend campaign in the scratch competition with a one under par outward, and inward to post a 68.

Conditions
In the handicap section, the good conditions let a few players play well within their handicap and none more so than Laurence Ferguson who recovered well from an eight over par outward, largely due to a seven at the fourth.

Laurence then returned to the clubhouse with a one over par inward to win Saturday's handicap prize with 79-14=65 by the better inward half over A Johnstone with 75-10=65.

Sunday's second round saw Stephen Kelly score a 77 which was the lowest scratch score of the day given the conditions, to give him a combined score for the weekend of 79+77=156 and the runners up prize.

Previous
George McMillan had a 79 on Sunday, however his previous days score had given him plenty room for error on his way to another win with a combined score of 147.

In Sunday's handicap section John Rennie coped best with the wind and only took an extra stroke to get round the course from his previous days score to win Round 2 with an 81-8=73.

Strokeplay
This Saturday will see Machrihanish Golf Club host the Argyll & Bute Strokeplay Championship in which a number of local club members will be competing.

New morning run for joggers

THE new block for Jog Scotland starts back on Monday with a new morning run for those training for a half marathon.

Jog Scotland meets at Aqualibrium, Campbeltown, every Monday night at 6.45pm, every Thursday night at 6.15pm and now on a Saturday morning at 8.30am. The Saturday morning will be primarily for those looking to train for a half marathon.

The Monday and Thursday groups will follow a walk and jog programme for beginners looking to train for a 5k or 10k.

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