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Kintyre is going places, says Alex Salmond

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CAMPBELTOWN and Kintyre are 'on the up'. So declared Scotland's First Minister Alex Salmond as he and his government cabinet swept into Campbeltown on Tuesday bearing good news for the area.

Most important was the announcement that the A83 is to be trunked between Kennacraig and Campbeltown, leading to 'more effective route management'.

Those who have long campaigned for that 30-mile stretch to be trunked will also hope it will mean a quicker and more emphatic response in times of bad weather.

More accessible

Making the announcement on Wednesday, Mr Salmond said it was the latest transport development - alongside the three-year ferry pi-

lot between Campbeltown and Ardrossan and a new Sunday air service being piloted between Kintyre and Glasgow - aimed at making 'one of the most beautiful corners of Scotland more accessible for local businesses and visitors'.

Fondness

The first minister told the Courier: 'I've a real fondness for this area - I was here often as a boy - and it is clearly on the up with all the improvements going on.'

It was also revealed during the cabinet's two-day visit that Campbeltown will be one of four areas in Scotland to share £1.5 million to pilot a project on 'testing innovative ways of delivering healthcare in rural Scotland'.

Kintyre was the lat-



Friends revel at Mull of Kintyre Music Festival

Pals Laura Jane McCallum, Kirsty Martin, Emma Dudley, Loren Anderson and Megan Gillies were among the many people who had a great time at Mull of Kintyre Music Festival last weekend with rock band The Fratellis heading a wide variety of musical acts. See pages 7, 8, 9 and 24 for full coverage. 20_c35doon04

est area to fall under the cabinet spotlight during its summer tour around the country - to meet people and find out more about what matters to them.

A public question and answer session chaired by Mr Salmond and involving all the cabi-

net ministers was held on Wednesday afternoon following a cabinet meeting in Campbeltown town hall in the morning.

In the evening, Richard Lochhead, cabinet secretary for rural affairs and environment, was due to attend a Yes

for Independence meeting and was expected to face tough questions from Kintyre's prawn fishermen over the impact of the EU's cod recovery plan.

Impressive

On Tuesday, Mr Salmond officially opened the new 32 social homes

for rent at Park Terrace, Campbeltown, built by Lochgilphead-based MacLeod Construction with the £5.27 million funding from the Scottish Government, Argyll and Bute Council and Argyll Community Housing Association.

Mr Salmond also offi-

cially opened MacLeod Construction's conversion of the former Jaeger factory in Campbeltown into business units which have already been fully let with local companies.

More on the Scottish cabinet's visit on pages 2, 3 and 4.

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Some of the new residents and guests gathered for Mr Salmond's official opening. 08_c35park02



Alex Salmond helps Dalintober Primary pupils and Highland dancer Lisa McKellar - who had earlier performed for him - cover up the time capsule buried in the grounds of Park Terrace. 08_c35park04

New Park Terrace homes 'spectacular' says Salmond

First minister opens new social housing development

THE impressive social housing at Park Terrace was officially opened by Scottish first minister Alex Salmond on Tuesday who described the development as 'spectacular'.

Mr Salmond met residents in their new homes at the housing development as part of a range of summer cabinet engagements in the town on Tuesday and Wednesday.

In total 32 homes for rent have been created at a cost of £5.267million, which was funded by the Scottish Government, Argyll and Bute Council and Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA).

They were built over two years by MacLeod Construction, providing jobs for 60 workers, and the first tenants were due to move in this week.

Mr Salmond said: 'Scotland's countryside - its people, its produce, its place - is one of our greatest national assets.'

'However, the Scottish Government recognises the challenges faced by communities in remote and rural areas, not least in trying to find quality, affordable homes.'

'This spectacular Park Terrace development is at the heart of Campbeltown's waterfront area and forms part of the wider regeneration of the town. It provides much-needed new homes for more than 100 people, having also supported jobs in the area.'

Affordable housing

'The Scottish Government will continue to use the powers and resources available to us to increase affordable housing provision, given its importance to individuals and families, to local job creation and to the wider economic and social development of communities in Argyll and around the country,' added Mr Salmond.

Alastair MacGregor, chief executive of ACHA, said: 'I am delighted the first minister has been able to open our new develop-

ment and see the real value of investing in affordable homes.'

'This development is about homes, jobs and the wider regeneration of Campbeltown and we are really proud of this.'

'Today would not have happened unless ACHA, the Scottish Government and Argyll and Bute Council brought their resources together in partnership.'

'The completion of Park Terrace brings to 120 the number of new and refurbished homes the association has provided in the centre of Campbeltown since 2009.'

Kintyre councillor John Semple said: 'Not only has the development resulted in 32 affordable homes for rent in Campbeltown, but with the work carried out by an Argyll and Bute-based firm, it has also provided vital local jobs.'

'This, along with the other regeneration work that is going on in Kintyre, is a real boost for the area and its people.'



Alex Salmond with Argyll and Bute Council leader Roddy McCuish and Dalintober Primary pupils following the unveiling of the plaque to mark the first minister's official opening of Park Terrace. 08_c35park05



The impressive Park Terrace social homes development. 08_c35park01

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Kennacraig to Campbeltown A83 section to become a trunk road

THE main road running through the Kintyre peninsula is set to become a trunk road in the next year.

Scottish ministers will assume responsibility for operations and maintenance of the 51km stretch of the A83 between Kennacraig and Campbeltown.

The announcement was made on Wednesday by first minister Alex Salmond during the Scottish cabinet's visit to Campbeltown.

He said the decision to trunk this section would build on a £12 million investment to improve the route since 2007, as well as adding to recent transport enhancements for Kintyre.

Mr Salmond said the extension to the trunking on the road would provide more effective route management for the A83, with the section between Kennacraig and Tarbert already the responsibility of Transport Scotland which will take over the remainder of the route.

He added: 'Improving transport connections to all corners of Scotland is vital to ensure communities and business-

es prosper and play their part in sustaining economic growth across the country.

'So far, Transport Scotland has invested nearly £12 million in improvements to the A83.

'This is in addition to the £3 million package of works which included delivery of a local diversion route at the Rest and Be Thankful, and we are investing a further £4 million to mitigate the effects of land-slips there.

'Kintyre is nationally significant within the renewables and tourism sectors, with internationally-renowned golf courses.

'That is why we need to make one of the most beautiful corners of Scotland more accessible for local businesses and visitors.

'This announcement adds to a raft of recent transport improvements to Kintyre, with a new three-year pilot ferry service between Campbeltown, Arran and Ardrossan as well as a new Sunday air service between Campbeltown and Glasgow being piloted this summer and next.'

Councillor John Semple, Argyll and Bute Council's lead councillor for development and infrastructure, said: 'This will help to better connect, not only the most remote mainland community in the UK, but also a community with a great deal to offer in resources important to the Scottish economy.'

Kintyre councillor Donald Kelly said: 'Argyll First is delighted of trunking the A83 between Kennacraig and Campbeltown has finally been recognised.

'We would like to thank the 10,000 members of the public and the 300 businesses who supported our Sign for the A83 Petition. This justifies all the hard work and campaigning which enabled us to take the petition to the Scottish parliament, resulting in this announcement.'



Alex Salmond hands over a silver quach to Provost Isobel Strong to mark the Scottish cabinet's visit to Campbeltown. 08_c35civic01

Provost admits to strong envy

ISOBEL Strong, the provost of Argyll and Bute Council, admitted an envy of Campbeltown on Tuesday evening.

'I think my area Rothesay needs a dose of what Campbeltown has been getting with all its improvements,' she told guests with a smile at a civic reception for the Scottish cabinet at Campbeltown Grammar School on Tuesday evening.

Welcomed

Alex Salmond and many of his ministers, including Nicola Sturgeon, Michael Russell,

Angela Constance, Kenny MacAskill, Richard Lochhead, Frank Mulholland and Fiona Hyslop, mingled with leading Kintyre figures after being welcomed by stirring tunes from Kintyre Schools Pipe Band.

Mr Salmond told his audience the cabinet

was involved in 31 engagements during its two-day visit to Campbeltown.

Poor second

However, he revealed that he got his stay off to a disappointing sporting start by playing a round of golf at Machrihanish Golf Course 'and com-

ing off a poor second'.

Not for the first time during his visit, he stressed the importance of improved 'accessibility' for Kintyre, and its importance 'for business to export its goods and for the rest of the world to visit this incredible part of Scotland'.

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Campbeltown and Islay pilot rural healthcare project

CAMPBELTOWN and Islay have been chosen for a pilot project in testing innovative ways of delivering healthcare in rural areas of Scotland.

Around £1.5 million has been awarded to NHS Highland to explore approaches to building sustainable health and care services, in collaboration with local communities.

The announcement was made during a visit to Campbeltown Community Hospital on Wednesday by minister for public health Michael Matheson as part of the Scottish cabinet's two-day visit to Kintyre.

He said: 'It has become increasingly difficult to recruit and retain health and care professionals to the traditional models of providing healthcare

in remote areas, and this scheme will play a vital role in helping to develop long-term solutions that meet the healthcare needs of rural communities.

Challenges

'Today I met with a range of healthcare staff and patients from Campbeltown to hear first-hand about the challenges they are facing, and how the new approach they are developing in their local area will benefit patients.'

The model being developed in Campbeltown involves the community hospital and three local GP practices providing 24/7 care, as well as providing an enhanced Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) response to support the service.

One fifth of the Scot-

tish population lives in a rural area.

The pilot is also been run in parts of Lochaber.

The models developed by NHS Highland will then be evaluated to test their effectiveness, with recommendations being used to develop similar healthcare models across Scotland.

Garry Coutts, chairman of NHS Highland, said: 'This announcement recognises the real challenges to sustaining high quality health and care services in remote rural and isolated areas.'

'This funding will allow GPs, nurses, SAS and rural communities to explore and shape alternative service models to meet local health need within the context of providing safe and sustainable services.'



First minister Alex Salmond with Jane MacLeod, director of MacLeod Construction, and fellow director Kenny MacLeod, centre. 08_c35busin03

Small business units opened at former Jaeger premises

CAMPBELTOWN suffered a desperate loss of jobs when the former Jaeger factory closed 12 years ago. No fewer than 160 employees found themselves out of work.

This week, the former Jaeger premises began a new life as affordable units for small businesses when they were officially opened by Scottish first minister Alex Salmond who praised the enterprise of builder MacLeod Construction Ltd.

The family-run Lochgilphead-based firm was backed by £100,000 of funding by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), and the initiative has paid off.

MacMillan Foods Limited, Livingstone & McEachran Plumbers, Fona Taxis, RTM Contracts, Kintyre Smokehouse and Kenneth Campbell golf professional took up the initial lets.

Mr Salmond said: 'The level of demand for and range of businesses occupying the new business

units is very encouraging and is another sure sign that Campbeltown is on the up.

'I'm determined that, together with HIE, our other agencies and the local authority, the Scottish government will continue to support business development in the town and throughout Kintyre, helping to create and sustain jobs and to strengthen the local economy.'

Douglas Cowan, HIE's area manager for Argyll and the Islands, said: 'We are delighted to see the site of the former factory back in use, and so many companies expanding and creating jobs locally.'

Murdo MacLeod, director of MacLeod Construction Ltd, said: 'We were aware that Argyll's small businesses needed new space to grow and that rents are often high and beyond the reach of many.'

'The Mull of Kintyre Industrial Estate is designed to provide local businesses with units suitable for all uses that are affordable, with a rent of £50 per week excluding VAT.'

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Recently graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a LLB degree in Law. Christina is the daughter of Stephen and Margaret McShannon, Stewarton, Campbeltown.



SARAH JEAN GERITY

Recently graduated from Strathclyde University with a BA (Hons) in Psychology. Sarah is the daughter of Brian and Cheryl Sharp, Campbeltown.

Campbeltown trawler blaze in engine room likely to have been caused by diesel leak

A DIESEL leak is thought to be the likely cause of a blaze that led to the eventual destruction of the Amy Harris III, a Campbeltown-registered twin-rig prawn stern trawler.

The Marine Accident Investigation Bureau has published the findings of its investigation into the fire south of Arran on the afternoon of January 16 of this year.

The findings reveal that the skipper discovered a fire in the engine room but the crew were unable to suppress or control the blaze. Doors and a hatch left open allowed smoke to rapidly spread forcing the skipper and his three crewmen onto the deck.

Airlifted

The crew were airlifted off the vessel by rescue helicopter from HMS Gannet at Prestwick soon afterwards.

The vessel was subsequently towed into Campbeltown where the fire was extinguished. Amy Harris III was lat-

er declared a constructive total loss. The MAIB said the most likely cause of the fire was the ignition of diesel fuel oil, which had leaked from a flexible pipe supplying the auxiliary engine's fuel lift pump.

It added: 'The owner has been recommend-

ed to: properly support pipework to prevent fatigue failure; ensure crews are fully conversant with the emergency equipment and conduct monthly emergency drills; properly maintain emergency equipment; conduct risk assessments and improve housekeeping stand-

ards.'

Recommendations have also been made to the skipper to attend a refresher fire-fighting course, and to the Sea Fish Industry Authority to test students' knowledge of fixed fire-fighting systems in its Basic Fire Fighting Course assessment.



The Campbeltown-registered trawler Amy Harris III, built in 1971, was destroyed by fire earlier this year.



Mary Wilson pictured during her tandem skydive in Las Vegas - having bet on a safe landing and a £1,242 jackpot for James McCorkindale Highland Dancers in Campbeltown.

£1,242 Vegas jackpot has Mary flying high

PEOPLE who go on holiday to Las Vegas can easily rub shoulders with the casino high rollers.

However, Mary Wilson, shop assistant with Keith's Newsagents in Campbeltown, got her buzz there from a different high recently - and gambled on making a safe landing.

Back on the ground after jumping out of a plane from thousands of feet up, her sponsored skydive produced a £1,242 jackpot.

The money will go towards the running costs for James McCorkindale Highland Dancers in Campbeltown where she has taught girls aged four to 17 for more than 30 years.

Unbelievable

'It is an unbelievable amount of money, and it is largely thanks to customers in the paper shop supporting me,' Mary told the Courier.

'I'm grateful to them for their terrific responses.'

GRADUATIONS



PAULA MCMURCHY GALBRAITH

Recently graduated from the University of Edinburgh with a Bachelor of Education (Hons) in Physical Education. Paula is the daughter of Wilma and Neil Galbraith and step daughter to Richard Kay. She is the granddaughter of the late Mary Ann and Thomas Galbraith and Catherine and John Kirkby, Ford and the late William McMurchy. Paula has commenced her probationary year at Hillpark Secondary School, Glasgow.



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Graduated from Trinity College, Cambridge, with a BA in Natural Sciences. Jade is the daughter of John and Susan Peace of Dunadd. Jade is currently studying for a Research Masters in Infectious Diseases at Edinburgh University.

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Worthwhile visit

ANYONE who witnessed the Scottish cabinet's two-day visit to Campbeltown this week could not doubt its point and usefulness - both from the point of view of those who govern us and from that of Kintyre residents and businesses.

Alex Salmond and his ministers took part in a total of 31 engagements in the area on Tuesday and Wednesday. They saw first hand the difference the improvements to Campbeltown, often funded or assisted by the Scottish government, are making. They got a real sense that these changes have been worthwhile, that this is an area 'on the up', as Mr Salmond acknowledges. Importantly, they heard from our business and community leaders about their determination to see that regeneration continue. The cabinet also appear to have truly got the message that the right road, sea and air links are essential. Time and again as he met different groups of people, the first minister used the word 'accessibility', stressing its importance for businesses to grow and for encouraging tourists.

At the question and answer session in Victoria Hall, the cabinet ministers also heard of the real concerns of the people of this area - both in terms of what is happening locally and nationally. Mr Salmond, Nicola Sturgeon, Richard Lochhead and the others will now go away fully understanding and be up to speed with the needs and aspirations of Kintyre.

Was it any surprise that when Provost Isobel Strong told Tuesday's civic reception how she wanted her Rothesay to 'get what Campbeltown is getting' Mr Salmond replied that she could start by inviting the cabinet to visit her town?

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Royal burghs no longer exist

Sir,

In response to George McMillan's letter in last week's Courier (August 23), which asks where the clause was to be found in legislation concerning the title of royal burgh.

The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Part 1, states at 1 (5) 'On May 16 1975, all local government areas existing immediately before that date, that is to say, all counties, counties of cities, large burghs, small burghs and districts, shall cease to exist, and the council of every such area shall also cease to exist.'

Accordingly royal burghs no longer exist, the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland in fact referring to each of them as 'former royal burghs'.

John Neilson
Lochgilthead

Thanks to those involved in the Tarbert 10k and 5k

Sir,

Lorraine and Jessica would like to thank all those involved in the inaugural Tarbert 10k and 5k event.

Specifically: Dr Spinks, Cathanna Smith and Lynne Clarke for providing medical support for the event; John McAlpine and Anne Horn for starting the races; the Tarbert Coastguard, local police and volunteer marshals for helping to keep all the runners and spectators safe and motivated; the Tarbert Hotel and The Cornerhouse for providing water for the event; the Coop-

erative for providing bananas and all those who provided home baking.

Also thanks to Loch Fyne Gallery, The Larder, The Willow Clinic and Star Fish Restaurant who provided prizes for the event; Tarbert Pharmacy, S MacDonald Builders, Cut n Crew, Loch Fyne Langoustines, Health and Wellbeing Network, The West Loch Hotel, West Loch Shores, Tarbert Harbour Authority, William Duncan and Co and Tarbert Enterprise Company for sponsoring the event.

Special thanks to Eileen Duncan and all those at Stonefield Farms for their tireless efforts in preparing the off road section of the race. A big thank you to Muriel and Kevin MacKaveney for their effort in measuring and mapping both the 5k and 10k routes.

Finally, a huge thank you to all those who participated and we hope to see you all next year.

Jessica Little
Tarbert

Inappropriate and misleading

Sir,

With regard to your story last week concerning the planning application by VG Energy and land owner John McIntyre for two wind turbines at 'Feochaig Farm', I wish to make it clear that this wrong and uncaring proposal is in no way connected with 'Feochaig Farm', my family or myself.

Feochaig Farm is our home and retains the name merely because it is the original farmhouse of what was once a farm of that name.

That 'farm' no longer exists

as such and while our house has some land to the rear, that which was once farmed is now owned by others none of whom have any right whatsoever to refer to any part of it as Feochaig Farm, for whatever purpose.

Neither myself or any member of my family has any connection whatsoever with VG Energy or John McIntyre and have no financial interest in the proposal.

Use of the name Feochaig Farm on submitted documents relating to the application is wholly inappropriate and misleading.

I am strongly opposed to this proposal for many reasons, not least the devastating visual effect it would have on one of the most stunning areas and views out to sea on the Kintyre peninsula.

The erection of anything, let alone two huge and monstrously ugly wind turbines, between the Learside Road and the sea is an insane notion.

This particular one has been made with heartless disregard for the environment, wildlife and the owners and residents of the four properties which form the 'Feochaig' community.

Alan Moffitt
Feochaig Farm

Rugby club's fun day raffle winners

Sir,

Here are the results of Campbeltown Rugby Club's recent fun day raffle: two tickets to an autumn international - Mrs I. Mathieson; a voucher for a foursome at Machrihanish Dunes - Mr P McSparran; £30 cash - Mr C. Stalker; a voucher for Ifferdale lamb - E. Mc-

Donald; bottle of whisky - M. Holder; voucher for Wee Toon Sports - A. J. McLean; a mixture prize - S. Gilchrist; a fun prize - E. Farmer; bottle of wine - B. Roy.

A big thanks to everyone who supported the raffle and to those who forwarded raffle prizes an even bigger thanks.

John Forster

Campbeltown Rugby Club

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From our Facebook

Lorraine MacPhail: The story about the plans for a training academy at Wind Towers (Scotland) is all a bit one sided. There is no mention of the 22 turbines, each one the size of a 40-storey block of flats, along the length of Barr Glen at Glenbarr. Everything comes at a price and no one in the Toon is paying it.

The plan is to use the money from the proposed Glenbarr windfarm which if it gets planning permission will take several years to come to fruition. There is no support from the Glenbarr population for this with largely the exception of the landowners whose land it will be on.

At the moment this training academy is 'pie in the sky' propoganda. If Burcote really want to finance an academy then go ahead and do it now regardless of the windfarm getting permission.

Other companies with plans in the area are supporting the Kintyre Way and local school transport costs etc. We all know it is PR for them and reporting it should be balanced with the views of those affected.

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The parade on Saturday produced some colourful floats, including The Hub's which was Hollywood themed. 20_c35parade05



From left: Kayleigh Dickson, Jodie Robertson, Evie Powell and Eilidh McCormack tried out unicycling which was just one of the activities available at Doon the Green on Saturday. 20_c35doon03

Record ticket sales at this year's music festival

GOOD weather, good music and great fun would be the best way to describe last weekend's Mull of Kintyre Music Festival in Campbeltown.

Visitors and locals came out in force to enjoy the various musical events organised over the course of the weekend across the town.

It all kicked off last Thursday night with the Young Folk Night in the Heritage Centre, where Kintyre's young talent came to the fore.

Last Friday, fiddle and guitar workshops led by Frank Rochford and Sam Hales took place before the evening's ceilidh with band Skipin-nish and Archie McAlister as guest fiddler.

The sun came out on Saturday in perfect time for the festival parade, which was a riot of col-

our and imaginative floats.

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band led the way, followed by fire engines, Minis, vintage tractors, a large can of hairspray, Hollywood characters and bottles of Springbank, as well as a juggling unicyclist and Campbeltown's answer to One Direction and the Jackson Five.

The winner of the festival cup for best dressed float was Auchinlee Care Home, followed by Footnotes Dance Company and Springbank Distillery. The Phoenix Shield for best motor vehicle went to Scott Drennan for his tartan Mini.

After the parade, festival goers flocked to Kinloch Green where several local bands played, Footnotes showed off their moves and a

flashmob took place. In the evening, Rura entertained the crowds at the Heritage Centre before a large crowd filled the Victoria Hall for headline act The Fratellis.

On the final day of the festival the Herit-

age Centre was filled once more for the afternoon Dalriada Connections concert, featuring Joy Dunlop and Barrule. At the finale of the weekend's events, the Survivors Night concert, it was clear everyone was starting to tire,

but local bands Medium High, Violent Echo, the Twisted Melons and Slainte Davaar Allstars got the crowd on their feet for a rousing end to the festival.

Event manager Iain Johnston said: 'The festival committee would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's event one of the best we've ever had. We have had record ticket sales across all the venues and great support from the local community and the visitors who have come from as far away as Australia and North America.'

'Feedback from the bands and audiences has been incredibly positive at all indoor and outdoor events. We'll take a rest for a few weeks and then start planning for next year, see you all there.'



Local supergroup Slainte Davaar Allstars closed the festival at a packed Victoria Hall on Sunday night. 20_c35mok03

Pipe band hopes to end the season on a high at Cowal Highland Gathering

KINTYRE Schools' competition season draws to a close with the final major pipe band contest of the year held at Cowal tomorrow (Saturday),

a trip sponsored by P McKerral and Co Ltd.

Competing

Both Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands will be competing. The juvenile grade

band, led by Pipe Major Ian McKerral, have been placed fifth at the previous four major pipe band championships this season, so will be looking to im-

prove upon this.

The novice grade band, led by Pipe Major Peter Ferguson, has so far missed out on a prize at the last two major pipe band championships it has competed at but is hopeful that with a little bit of extra effort and some luck it will finish off the season on the prize list.

Success

The band's drum major, Kevan Renton, will also be looking for some success in the juvenile drum major event.

This is Kevan's last year competing at juvenile level, so hopefully he too will round off the season with his

name on the prize list.

Kintyre hauliers P McKerral and Co Ltd are supporting and sponsoring both Kintyre schools juvenile and novice bands at Cowal Highland Gathering tomorrow.

McKerrals operates a fleet of some 40 heavy goods vehicles, which are seen regularly throughout the Kintyre area carrying livestock, timber and general goods.

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It provides an important service to the farming community, to forestry concerns

and to building and other trades.

Although the company has expanded, McKerrals is still very much a family operation run by Donnie and Kate McKerral and their sons Peter, Bobby, Donnie and Colin.

Delighted

Donnie McKerral Jnr said: 'We're delighted to be associated once more with Kintyre Schools Pipe Band.'

'I wish them every success at Cowal. As a parent of two band members, I enjoy the positive, smart and disciplined image. It's always a joy to see the band out and about.'

Speaking on behalf

of the bands, drumming tutor Campbell Anderson said: 'Our thanks go to Donnie and the company. Kintyre Schools depends on generous local support from the likes of the firm.'

'Here's hoping that P McKerral and Co Ltd brings us that crucial bit of good luck at Cowal.'

Kintyre Schools Juvenile Pipe Band is due to play its set at 12.15pm and the novice band is expected to be on the line at 12.29pm.

Hopefully, there will be a bit of sunshine and a large Kintyre contingent to cheer the bands on the day.



Kintyre Schools Pipe Band with Donnie McKerral Jnr and the band bus following their performance at Southend Highland Games in July



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Archie McAllister, left, was guest fiddler during ceilidh band Skipinnish's set last Friday night at the Festival Ceilidh. 20_c35mok01



Local rock band Violent Echo played on Saturday night before headline act the Fratellis took to the stage. 20_c35mok04



Southend Folk Group gets ready backstage for the Young Folk Night. 20_c35young01



Drumlembie School Ensemble delighted the crowd with their rendition of When The Saints Go Marching In on bells last Thursday. 20_c35young11

Kintyre's young people play leading role in festival's success

KINTYRE'S young musicians were a big part of the success story of last weekend's Mull of Kintyre Music Festival, featuring throughout the event.

Last Thursday evening young musicians of all ages took part in the Young Folk Night at the Herit-

age Centre, which was also the last chance to see Kevan Renton comere the evening, something he has done for four years.

While Thursday night featured young singers, bell ringers, pipers and fiddlers, during the rest of the weekend the peninsula's other young

singer songwriters and bands - both pipe and rock - entertained the huge crowds who came to Campbeltown to soak up the atmosphere and musical delights.

For more pictures from MOK Fest, see page 24 and the Courier website.

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Fiddler Frank Rochford, right, gives Anna Gemmill and Elliot Gemmill a violin lesson during last Friday afternoon's sessions. 20_c35sessions01



Bethany Kelly was one of several singers who took part in Young Folk Night. 20_c35young14



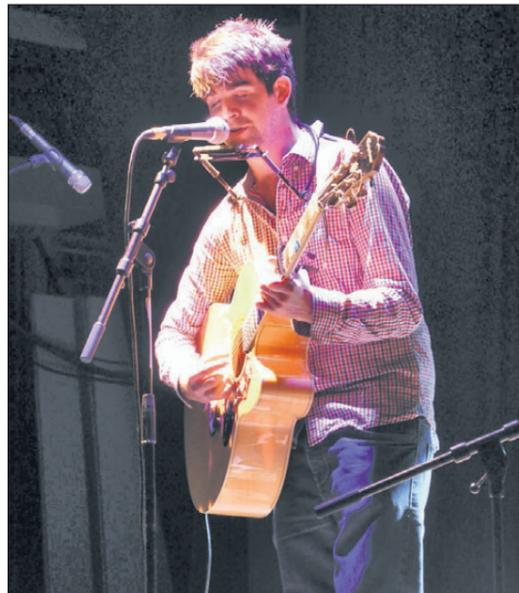
The James McCorkindale Highland dancers performed twice last Thursday evening. 20_c35young02



Anastarsia and Amarrilias Mollat played a violin duet at Young Folk Night. 20_c35young07



Campbeltown piper Donnie McKerral was one of several talented local youngsters who performed last Thursday. 20_c35young08



Local singer songwriter Adam Fortune performed on Friday and Sunday nights at the festival. 20_c35mok02



Eilidh Anderson played several pieces on the fiddle at the Heritage Centre last Thursday. 20_c35young04

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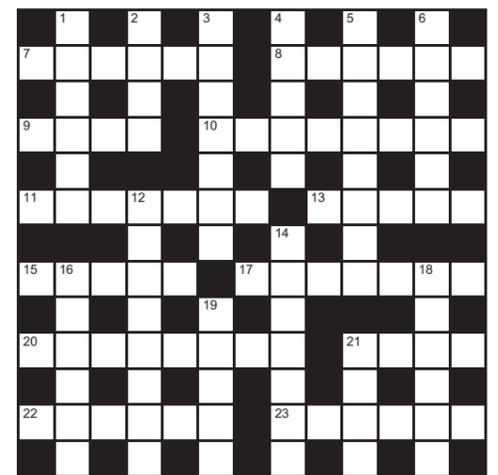
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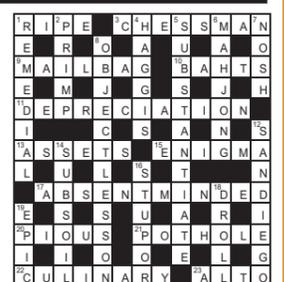
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- 8 Flip (6)
- 9 Type of jacket (4)
- 10 Worthless (8)
- 11 Fret over a decision (7)
- 13 Ticket to wealth perhaps (5)
- 15 Famous (5)
- 17 Blight (7)
- 20 Cast out of home (8)
- 21 Walk through deep water (4)
- 22 Misbehaves (4,2)
- 23 Discern (6)

Down

- 1 Remove from power source (6)
- 2 Dry covering of seeds (4)
- 3 Performer on mats and bars (7)
- 4 Wild dog (5)
- 5 Enthusiastic receptions (8)
- 6 Wood destroyer (3-3)
- 12 Programme of events (8)
- 14 Singing holy songs (7)
- 16 New to (6)
- 18 Lessen (6)
- 19 Fast moving (5)
- 21 Beside another (4)

Last week's solution



CARRADALE

MP tries different transport on his summer tour of Argyll and Bute

ARGLL and Bute MP Alan Reid took an all-terrain buggy for a spin on Monday when he visited Carradale's Network Centre.

of his summer constituency tour and dropped in to see the recently opened Bikes and Buggies centre. He was given a demonstration of the vehicles which can be hired by

less mobile people to allow them to explore the nearby countryside. As well as meeting staff and volunteers at the centre, he tried out one of the buggies to see its off-road capabilities and watched as Ian Brodie, the technician at Bikes and Buggies, showed visitor Winifred Carlisle how to operate one of the vehicles.

Mr Reid said: 'I was really impressed by the bikes and buggies at Network Carradale. I was amazed at how good the buggy is on rough terrain - it was very stable as well.

'It's the only place in Scotland that hires out buggies to go anywhere and for a disabled person it's clearly a big attraction.' He added that the main issue brought up in East Kintyre during his surgery was the condition of the roads.

He said: 'They have not been kept in proper repair. It's not just the condition but also the lack of scrub cutting and Argyll and Bute Council has not painted give way signs on the road.'

A lack of decent mobile signal was also one of the main complaints in the area, said the MP.



Alan Reid test drives a buggy at Carradale's Network Centre.

CLACHAN



Clachan eco pupils praised

The pupils of Clachan Primary were delighted when Eco Schools Scotland renewed their fourth Green Flag status.

The school received positive comments from the eco school assessor, praising the school's link with Mirembe Primary in Uganda, the outdoor learning activities and the ways in which the school has shared good practice with other local schools.



Clachan Primary School is delighted to welcome Mathilda Moller into primary 1.

MUASDALE

North Beachmore turbine refusal appealed

A wind turbine applicant at North Beachmore, Muasdale, is awaiting the results of an appeal, having had permission narrowly rejected.

In January a public discretionary hearing was held in Tayinloan by Argyll and Bute Council to decide whether

the 84-metre tall turbine could be built after a large number of representations were received from both sides.

The council's planning committee rejected the plans with five councillors voting against and four in favour of the development.

It was decided the turbine would be detrimental to the environment and was on sensitive land near several monuments of national importance.

It is unknown when the decision of the appeal to the Scottish Government will be made.

SKIPNESS

84-metre wind turbine at Skipness appeal rejected

Plans for an 84-metre wind turbine near Skipness have been dismissed on appeal.

Refused

Planning permission for the turbine, to sit on forestry land to the north of the B8001 between Kennacraig and Claonaig, was initially sought in June 2011 and refused by Argyll and

Bute Council planners in January this year.

The applicant lodged an appeal with the Scottish Government which was dismissed last month. It said there would be a visual impact from the turbine at West Loch Tarbert, South Knapdale Shore of the loch and from the road running past the

site to Claonaig.

It was also found that the Kintyre Way could be adversely affected by the turbine and it would be out of character in the landscape.

Around 45 objections to the original planning application were received, with only a handful of statements of support.

GRADUATIONS



DAVID COSGROVE

Graduated from the University of Aberdeen with a Bachelor of Music with Honours in Education. David is the son of Gordon and Mairi Cosgrove.

He is a former pupil of Castlehill Primary School and Campbeltown Grammar School. David is currently working as a Music teacher in Aboyne Academy, Aberdeenshire.

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Farmers warned not to be complacent over livestock virus

NFU Scotland is warning livestock farmers against complacency after its surveillance for Schmallenberg virus (SBV) continued to show lower than expected levels of activity across Scotland.

NFU Scotland, with assistance from SRUC and Biobest, has been monitoring a network of dairy farms across Scotland for presence of the virus in their bulk milk and no positives have yet been confirmed.

New cases

Veterinary surveillance has found new cases of SBV in Scotland this year and the union is urging livestock farmers to continue working with their vets on a strategy that would minimise the impact of the virus on their cows and

sheep were they to be exposed to it.

Spread by midges, SBV was first identified on German and Dutch farms in 2011 and has since spread throughout Europe with almost 2,000 cases in the UK.

There remains the expectation that the virus will be circulating more widely in Scotland this year.

The union is planning to extend its monitoring programme this autumn so that it can continue to track any spread of SBV. Exposure to SBV can result in relatively mild conditions in cattle and sheep but where infection takes place during the early stages of pregnancy (25-50 days in sheep, 70-120 days in cattle); it can result in congenital disorders



Early lambing flocks and autumn calving herds remain at risk for Schmallenberg virus.

of lambs and calves. Infection also causes a drop in milk production and may also be linked to poor breeding performance.

The recent availability of a vaccine means it may be possible to vaccinate sheep and cattle before they become pregnant and Scottish

farmers with early lambing flocks and autumn calving herds should be discussing with their vets whether vaccination could help protect their stock.

NFU Scotland president Nigel Miller said: 'While our surveillance has yet to show any significant spread of the vi-

rus and the number of positive cases identified through veterinary surveillance grows slowly, I would urge all livestock farmers not to take their eye off this disease. The vast majority of livestock in Scotland remains vulnerable to this virus.

Spike

'Experience in England and other parts of Europe suggests that the spike in viral activity may still be to come and recent warm temperatures may be storing up problems for later in the year.

'That means for those with early lambing

flocks and autumn calving herds, now is the time to sit down with your vets and think about protecting stock before the rams or the bulls go out.'

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Dalmally

UNITED Auctions held its second sale of all classes lambs and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart on Saturday when they sold 2,683 head.

The entry of lambs again consisted mainly of hill types and all classes were sharper on the week. No14 Poltalloch led the top call per head when its Texel crosses sold to £71.50. Several lots of lambs sold in excess of £2 per kilo and to a top of 213p for crosses from Achabheinn. The sale averaged £49.93 per head or 175p per kilo and all stock offered was easily cleared, to a strong ring-side of buyers.

Again, all classes of lambs recorded a drop in weight of around 2kg on the corresponding sale last year.

Principal lots and prices, top prices per head:

Lambs, Suffix: £65 - Achabheinn. Texx: £71.50 - 14 Poltalloch, £70 - Baluachrach, £70 - Cladich, £68.50 - 14 Poltalloch, £68 - Barguilean, £66.50 and

£65.50 - Baluachrach, £65.50 - Oatfield, £65 - Tullochcan, 14 Poltalloch, Ichrachan Farm Partnership and Barguilean. Chevx: £59.50 - 58 Tangasdale, Barra, £58.50 - Maam Farm, £55.50 - 85 Borve, Barra. Cross: £64 - Achabheinn, £57 - Balantyre Farm Partnership. Mule: £56.50 - Achuaran, Lismore, £54.50 - Achalic, Lerags. BF: £58 - Ederline Estate, £50 - Achuaran, £46.50 - Tullochcan.

Top prices per kilo: Suffix: 195p - Garroge Estate, 189p-Barbreck Farm, 184p - 14 Poltalloch, Texx: 207p - Tullochcan, 205p - Barguilean, 204p - Ederline Estate and Cladich, 202p - Cladich, 198p - Ardchonel Farms, 197p - Ichrachan and Barguilean, 194p - Cladich and 7 Whitegates Court, 193p - Barguilean and Oatfield, 190p - Tullochcan. Chevx: 195p and 187p - Maam. Cross 213p - Achabheinn, 187p - Tullochcan, 185p - Ederline Estate. Mule 182p and 170p - Achuaran, Lismore, 165p - Achalic, Lerags. BF: 181p - Ederline Estate.

Stirling

THE weekly prime stock sale at Caledonian Marts (Stirling) Ltd included 112 bullocks and heifers, 19 young bulls, 29 OTM clean and 110 cast cows and bulls.

Bullocks (54) averaged 240p per kg and sold to 273.5p per kg, 625kg Limousin, Class-

lochic Farm, Kinross or to £1,710 per head for the same animal.

Heifers (59) averaged 232.5p per kg and sold to 278p per kg (twice), heavy Charolais crosses, Brockwoodlees Farm, Canonbie or to £1,764 per head for 645kg Limousin, Brockwoodlees.

Butchers cattle (31) sold in excess of 250p per kg to average 260.5p per kg and sold to 274.5p per kg, 565kg British Blue Heifer, Todhall Farm, Cupar.

Young bulls (19) sold to 240.5p per kg, 475kg Limousin, West Glespin Farm, Douglas or to £1,480 per head for 690kg Simmental, East Merkland Farm, Strathaven.

OTM young cattle (29) sold to 246.5p per kg, 555kg Blonde A'Quitaine Heifer, Easterton Farm, Kirkintilloch or to £1,470 per head for 635kg Limousin Bullock, Gilbertfield Farm, East Kilbride.

Cast cows, bulls and OTM cattle (139).

Lim cow sold to 173p or £1,445 from D. Dick, Mains of Throsk, Stirling.

Frie cow sold to £1,175 from Barr Farms, Meldrum, Blairdrummond.

Leading prices: cows per head: Char - 157p, £1475 Lochend; Lim - 173p, £1,445 Mains of Throsk; Frie - 135p, £1,175 Meldrum; Blonde - 168p, £1,135 Beedyke; High - 113p, £615 Mid Craigton; Ayr - 122p, £815 Gatehead; AA - 141p, £1,025 Wester Pirleyhill.

Cast bull: 139p, £1,375 Patrickston.

OTM clean: BB - 207p, £1,166 Bumbræ; Lim - 231p, £1,470 Gilbertfield; Blonde - 220p, £1,218 Easterton.

Calves and stirks (75). Calves sold to a top of £355 for a BDA heifer from J Steel, West Lochhead. White Friesian calves sold to a top of £140 for bulls from J Pirie, Machrihanish, Campbeltown.

Stirks sold to a top of £460 for a Lim bullock calf from J T Wainwright, Todhall.

Other leading prices: calves: BDA heifer - £310 West Lochhead; Sim bull - £310

Leyshill; BDA Hfr - £305 (twice) West Lochhead; Lim Hfr - £300 Duiletter; Sim Hfr - £220 Struibank; BBX Hfr - £190 Ballygreggan; Frie Bull - £140, £82 Machrihanish, £90 Gallamuir, £72 Kilkeddan.

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is in the hands of real professionals who know what they are doing and can make life as easy as possible for you.

Is there any way you can check on who might be doing your work? Is there other farmers you can speak to?

The same applies to doing maintenance work on your farm. If an outside contractor is carrying it, can they be relied upon? Be sure to be satisfied that they have the necessary tools and expertise and that the price is fair for the job. Maintenance of ma-

chinery, equipment and property is essential for the successful farmer.

Imagine buying the best quality seeds and manure and then planting everything with tender love and care and then ruining all your produce just because the equip-

ment and machinery that you used was not properly maintained.

Maintaining your farming machinery, equipment and property is also demanded by the law to avoid risking people's health and safety.

Since maintenance can be a huge com-

mitment in terms of time, energy and money, create inventories for all the machinery and equipment you own and prioritise what needs done and when.

Arrange your maintenance activities by season, make a note of all the upkeeps you

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Due to the various machines and equipment used in farming, the job can be full of hazards - so it is prudent that all the health and safety and maintenance standards of

the equipment are followed.

It is the job of the employers to make sure that their workers are safe. This includes doing regular maintenance checks on farming machinery and equipment as well training their workers in a proper manner.

Health and Safety legislation also demands that any new machinery a farmer buys is CE marked.

The CE mark basically means that each piece of machinery has been built keeping in mind the minimum legal safety require-



ments. The machinery should also have certificate of conformity and a workshop manual. If you are looking

into buying second-hand machinery you need to make that the equipment is in compliance with the Provision and Use of Work

Equipment Regulations and if they are not you must first bring them up to the standard before using them.

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Fourth Gigha turbine will be a moneyspinner

GIGHA now has its fourth - and largest - turbine up and running and it promises to be good news all the way.

It was set to deliv-

er more than £1 million in benefits to the community in its lifetime - and largely fund the last stage of the island's ambitious housing improvement pro-

gramme.

However, the latest good news is that it will soon generate even more cash than thought originally.

Islander Andy Ol-

iver, the project manager for the first three turbines who was also involved in delivering the latest structure, explained: 'The new turbine is capable

of producing 330kW, but we were going to be constrained by the grid's capacity for only 220kW of power going off the island and all our financial modelling was based on the lower figure.

'However, because of Scottish Hydro Electric's plans to improve transmission links to the mainland we will, from 2015, be able to export the full 330kW and receive greater revenue.

'That will make a great deal of difference.'

Mr Oliver said he watched engineers erect the new turbine. 'It was fantastic to watch - very clever stuff.'

The new community-owned wind turbine on Gigha was backed by the Renewable Energy Investment Fund.

The agreement, announced by Scottish



Sections of Gigha's fourth turbine being put together. Pictures courtesy of Don Dennis.

Energy Minister Fergus Ewing earlier this year, covers the purchase and installation of the 330kW machine at the grid-connected facility operated by Gigha Green Power Ltd, a subsidiary of the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust.

Mr Ewing said: 'This will deliver tangible, measurable benefits to the people of Gigha, who are very much to be commended for their forward-thinking and innovative planning.'

GPL chairman Willie McSparran said the

turbines, known locally as the Dancing Ladies, are a key part of the island's future, adding: 'It's difficult to overstate their importance.'

'They have produced the surplus we need to attract further finance, debt and equity to invest in the island's future.'

'The fourth turbine project is crucial to our continued success and without the support of key agencies like REIF and the Co-operative Bank, we simply could not have brought it to fruition.'



Building up the sections of Gigha's fourth wind turbine.

Machrihanish farms lead the way for aquaculture

A PROJECT to combat sea lice in salmon farms based in Machrihanish is proving to be a success as thousands of 'cleaner' fish are transferred to farms across the country.

The £2 million joint research project, which has seen 6,000 ballan and 3,000 goldsinny wrasse being bred, is a partnership between Stirling University, Scottish Sea Farms and Marine Harvest Scotland.

The use of wrasse to combat sea lice parasites reduces the need

for chemical treatments, improves the environmental footprint of the farms and reduces the sea lice risk for wild and farmed salmon. 'This project is fundamentally different from other smaller projects as the scale of what we are investing in could transform sea lice management across the aquaculture industry,' said Jim Gallagher, managing director of Scottish Sea Farms.

Alan Sutherland, managing director of Marine Harvest Scotland,

said: 'This is an enormous step forward for the aquaculture industry. The results we have seen so far are very impressive and a sign of what we can achieve through collaboration.'

The wrasse from Machrihanish will be travelling to Marine Harvest Scotland and Scottish Sea Farms sites in Scotland over the next two months, while the 2013 hatch has yielded hundreds of thousands of viable larval ballan available for use during late 2014.

Methadone policy to continue

A REVIEW by the Scottish government has concluded that methadone should continue to be used to treat heroin addicts.

Methadone has been used for drug treatment since the 1980s.

The Scottish Drugs Strategy Delivery Commission was formed by the government due to concern over methadone's involvement in drug-related deaths. Almost half of those who died were using the substitute drug.

The commission found that methadone should be used alongside other treatments to treat drug addicts including rehabilitation.

Methadone is a controversial subject in Campbeltown as NHS Highland continues to push for a substitute prescribing clinic to be set up in the town, despite huge public opposition.

Planning sought for indoor shooting range

PLANNING permission has been sought to use a building at the former Machrihanish Airbase as an indoor shooting range.

The planning application submitted to Argyll and Bute Council states an aim to use the existing storage warehouse space for domestic and commercial goods storage.

The applicant also wishes to use the existing indoor firearms shooting range and associated armoury and office space for shooting firearms and housing an associated registered firearms dealer business.

The application, submitted at the beginning of August, remains under consideration.

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Use of former play park to be reviewed

A REVIEW is to be carried out to discover the best use for the former Kilkerran play park site in Campbeltown.

At a recent Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands meeting, councillors decided that rather than approve a plan to turn the site into a memorial garden, they would have an appraisal carried out to review all the options available.

Following the opening of the new play park at the end of Hall Street, the equipment at the Kilkerran park, known as the paddling pool, has been removed.

The site is contaminated underground by old oil tanks and although completely safe while undisturbed, to remove the contamination would require extensive earth works.

If a memorial garden with benches installed by family members was approved, the ground's surface would not be touched.

Councillor John Semple said memorial benches were something which were being looked at by Argyll and Bute Council, but he was unsure if the Kilkerran site was the right place to put them.

He said: 'It's important that when people put down benches that the public sit on them, rather than have them stuck down at the paddling pool where they are out of the way.'

'It could become a focus for vandalism being tucked away in a corner.'

He added that the memorial park idea was an option but 'there are bound to be other options we can choose'.

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'While I have suggested a possible use for the site could be a picnic area and memorial garden, it is important that all options are explored.'

'The options appraisal will give everyone the opportunity to offer ideas. In the meantime the area will continue to be maintained.'



The former paddling pool play area is to receive a facelift, but it has not yet been decided whether it will become a memorial garden or something else.

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Empty homes set to be hit with double council tax

'I was a lone voice trying to delay this decision'

HOMEOWNERS in Kintyre who have allowed their properties to remain empty for more than two years are to be charged double council tax.

Argyll and Bute Council agreed the move last week, and the new ruling - which could also affect homes empty for just a year - will come into effect next April.

With almost 1,500 such properties in the region - including hundreds in Kintyre - the council said it is aiming to increase access to affordable housing.

Refurbishment grants

A council spokeswoman said: 'We can also provide refurbishment grants and loan funding to property owners in certain circumstances, with £3 million set aside for this.'

'In addition, we have appointed

an empty homes officer to ensure property owners know how to access these grants and loans.

'The double council tax charge will also apply to properties which have been empty for one year if they are not being actively marketed for sale or rent at appropriate terms.'

Owners with second homes used for at least 25 days a year will not be affected.

Councillor George Freeman, lead councillor for housing, said: 'Empty homes can adversely affect the quality of life for neighbours, make it harder for people to find affordable homes locally and reduces the numbers of active households benefiting the local economy.'

Kintyre councillor Rory Colville said: 'I was a lone voice trying to

delay this decision for at least a year for the empty homes officer to report on the many reasons why homeowners are unable or unwilling to either sell or let properties they own.'

Priority

'The offer of grants and loans to homeowners to bring their property back is designed to ensure that priority is given to properties in areas where housing need is demonstrably high.'

'By definition, Kintyre will not be prioritised and homeowners are less likely to be awarded support.'

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WITH the end of another boating season fast approaching plans for winter storage must be made. Yard space needs booked with the choice dependent on location and facilities required. It pays to make a check list of work required over the winter since this may determine whether the boat is laid up undercover or outside and the cost. Every boatyard has different haul-out procedures and timings so booking early can avoid disappointment.

yard permits this and that covers are well secured, allow for ventilation and watch for chafing at regular intervals. Equally, make sure your cradle, trailer or support legs are in good condition.

Standing and Running rigging

All deck equipment should be overhauled with any replacements made. Check sheaves, swages, split-pins and spreader mounts for wear and tear and signs of corrosion. Wash everything with fresh water. Substitute halyards with messenger lines to aid longevity. Inspect for chafe and wash and dry halyards before storing in a dry place. With the mast down, check masthead instrumentation and masthead blocks are running freely. Anchors and chain can be store on a pallet below the boat.

Onboard

After removing any equipment not in use over the winter wash the interior thoroughly including lockers, bilges, cookers and toilets. Allow good ventilation and paint/varnish when weather permits. A de-humidifier and heater will keep the interior warm and dry. Check the condition of all fitments and make a list of any items required for next season. Flush water systems through with a water sanitizer and drain. Flush heads through, drain and lubricate disconnecting hoses to allow them to 'breathe'. Get a qualified gas engineer to inspect gas systems on board.

Most yards pressure wash the hull on lift out to clean and help prepare the surface for anti-fouling next spring. A good wash down of the whole boat and a protective wax on the topsides gives protection over the winter. This is the best time to check the whole boat for damage, plan repairs and carry out those 'wee' jobs that have been waiting all summer to get done. If you want the boatyard to carry work out when it is laid up, let the manager know early so it can be included in the work schedule.

After lift Out

At lift out look for any 'weeping' at the keel joint in case keel bolts are loose. Check for play in the rudder bearings and the prop-shaft and any cracks in the hull and keel. Covering the boat is preferably when stored outside but make sure the

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Wednesday 25th September	Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend	7.00pm - 8.00pm

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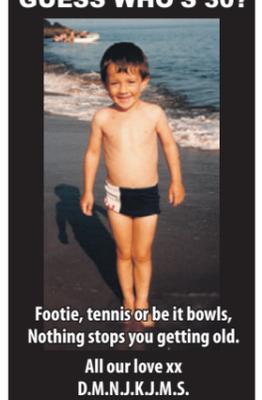
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THANK YOU

Margaret McAllister would like to thank family, friends and relatives for all the cards, flowers and presents and the Ardsheil Hotel for a lovely meal on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

GUESS WHO'S 30?



Footie, tennis or be it bowls, Nothing stops you getting old. All our love xx D.M.N.J.K.J.M.S.

Happy 21st Birthday Nicolle



Love from Mum and Ally XXX



Happy 65th Birthday Jean on the 29th Aug and Happy 73rd Birthday Dougie on the 1st Sept

Hope you have a good time on Saturday. From family, friends and Donald.

Donna Maclean Happy 40th Birthday From Mike, Lisa and Jacob

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE long clear summer nights are over for another year and how we have enjoyed them.

We will miss that endless day feeling when daytime drifts lazily into evening and enchants us with blue skies till almost midnight.

However, for the first time since winter, we saw the stars this week.

It was wonderful to see the familiar pattern of the Plough, Orion's Belt, the seven sisters of the Pleiades, and many other constant constellations.

As we stood in the cool evening air gazing at the heavens, we spotted the space station weaving its way through the galaxy.

I wondered what it must be like to actually travel through the wonders of the universe and look back on Earth.

The moon shone brightly and seemed to oversee all that was happening in the night sky and, like the psalmist, I thought: 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them?'

Oscar Hammerstein looked at things differently when he too looked at the heavens and wrote some words for the musical Carousel: 'The sky is so big the sea looks small, and two little people you and I, we don't count at all.'

The psalmist reassures us that we certainly do count in God's eyes, and that in all of his creation we are the most blessed.

Human beings have indeed searched the heavens and wondered at the glory of the stars.

None more than Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin who even took us to the moon and back.

On that first famous moon landing one thing we don't often hear about is what the astronauts actually did when they made that giant leap.

What they did was to unwrap a silver chalice, give thanks and celebrate communion.

They may not have found heaven on their travels, but they did encounter God - and heaven and earth cry, 'Glory'.

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Superb weekend at music festival

CAMPBELTOWN was the place to be last weekend as locals and visitors descended on the town for Mull of Kintyre Music Festival.

Those who watched Saturday's parade and soaked up the atmosphere at Doon the Green were treated to some

glorious weather, as well as the great entertainment on offer.

Rejuvenated
Survivors Night on Sunday also proved to be a feast of music as several local acts brought the weekend to a close with a rejuvenated crowd on their feet.



Kintyre Schools Pipe Band led the parade down the Esplanade.
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From left: Katherine Macpherson, Lynn Galbraith, former Courier reporter Ruth McClean and George Fell at Doon the Green on Saturday.
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From left: Deirdre Henderson from the Macmillan Cancer support group, Barbara Mansell and Chris Holden, also with Macmillan at Doon the Green on Saturday. 20_c35doon07



Kaeley Pattison, left, and Lindsay Ronald went to Survivors Night on Sunday. 20_c35survivors01



Footnotes dance group performed to music from the musical Hairspray, with one smaller member standing out from the crowd.
20_c35doon06



There were some colourful characters at Saturday's parade.
20_c35parade03



Grant Westerman, left, and David Farren were fundraising for CGS4Gambia at the green - one of several stands at the event. 20_c35doon05



From left: Karen McCormick, Rhona Watson and Kerrie Watson were part of the crowd enjoying the sunshine on Saturday. 20_c35doon02

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even I, will sing unto the Lord; I will sing praise to the Lord God of Israel. Judges 5:3.

BIRTHS

MCLEAN - BAINES
- Olly and Chloe are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Ruby McLean, born on August 21, 2013. First grandchild for Donnie and Sheena and second granddaughter for Pauline. Special thanks to all the midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit.



WIRE

Anna and Jamie are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, Hope Edith Wynsome, on Friday, August 16, 2013 at Wishaw General Hospital. We would especially like to thank the doctors, midwives and staff of Mid Argyll, Paisley, Vale of Leven and Wishaw for their support.

MARRIAGES



MACINNES - JOHNSTON

Ross and Marisa are happy to announce their marriage at St Patrick's, Coatbridge, on Saturday, August 3, 2013. A good time was had by all.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HONEYMAN - The family of the late Alexander Macintosh Honeyman would like to thank all who offered support and condolences in their recent bereavement. Many thanks to Campbeltown Hospital staff, community nurses, T & A Blair Ltd, Rev Philip Burroughs, David Gardiner and the Ardshiel Hotel. The collection raised £163 for Campbeltown Hospital.

IN MEMORIAMS

HATTON - Precious memories of a loving sister and aunt, Lizzie, who died on August 29, 2012. Those we love don't go away They walk beside us every day Unseen, unheard, but always near Still loved, still missed and very dear. - Remembered always, by her loving family, at home and away.
MCDUGALL - Henda, passed away September 2, 2009. Miss and love you always, Night, night Lamb. - Love from Willie, Karen and Marie xx.

MITCHELL - In loving memory of our dear father, grandfather and great grandfather (Johnnie), died August 29, 1995. Our memories will never fade 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.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 1st September, 2013
Tarbert Service 11.45am to be held in Tarbert Free Church Rev Tommy Bryson
For all church enquiries and pastoral care Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome SC002622



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Minister: Rev. Hilda C. Smith
SUNDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER 2013
11 a.m. Morning Worship All Welcome
Further information (01546) 606218 www.lpchurch.co.uk Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 1 September
Bellanoch Church 10 am Morning Worship Rev. Cliff Acklam
Thursday 5 September
Messy Church 4 - 6 pm LSCC, Kilmartin
All welcome Enquiries 01546 606926 www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Achoish at 9:45am (including the Lord's Supper) and Ardrishaig at 11:00am oOo
1st September Matthew 22:14 "Many are invited but few are chosen"

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service
11:00 am with Sunday school Tea & coffee after the service
Baby & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.45 am Every Thursday
We meet in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
Campbeltown Community Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Scotland SC043322

Highland Parish Church
SCO02493
Sunday 1st September
11.15am Mr M. Ramsay
Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday, 1st September
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche, Triple C, Next Generation) Rev P Burroughs
Tuesday, 3rd September
Parents and Toddlers - 9.45am in New Hall
Wednesday, 4th September
Board and Kirk Session Meeting - 7.30pm in New Hall
Thursday, 5th September
Prayer Meeting - 4:00 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz)
6.30pm Evening Worship
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Lt. Mark Scoulding

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 1 September 2013
11.15am Family Communion with crèche Mr George Stewart, Kilmartin
Wednesday 4 September 2013
10am Toddler Group
7.30pm Bible Study
Tonight - 30 August
7.30pm Kintyre Christian Fellowship
For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary **01586 551237**
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LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 1st September 2013
11.00am Family Service At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae
No Jumpstart until further notice But look out for Mainly Music coming soon
Scottish Charity SC015187

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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
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10.45am
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Friday 30th August
at 7.30pm in Springbank Evangelical Church, Campbeltown
Guest speaker:- Mr John Miller from The Mustard Seed Gospel Hall, Glenrothes
Musical items
Tea/coffee served after the meeting
Everyone most welcome.

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Church Services 1 September - all welcome!
- Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Baptismal Service Lochgair Church at 10am
- Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service Inveraray at 11.30am

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01546 602380
All Welcome (SCO002876)

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 1 September 2013
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Stan Holloway "Salvation"
Thursday 5 September 2013
7.30pm
Visiting Speaker: John Wright
Saturday 7 September 2013
Quarterly Prayer breakfast
Breakfast: 8.00 - 8.30am
Praise & prayer: 9.00am
All Welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
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Carradale go down to league champions

Carradale	2
Niaroo	3
West of Scotland AFL League Cup	

CARRADALE knew they would be in for a hard game when they welcomed league champions Niaroo who only lost one domestic game last season and picked up the three main trophies.

The visitors started

playing possession football without troubling the home keeper Robert Todd until they took the lead in 17 minutes when a poor bye kick by Todd landed at the feet of the visitors' striker who knocked the ball into the net.

Carradale gradually got into the game and they created three great chances through Brendan Wilson twice and Ryan McConnachie but they were not converted.

Headed home

The equaliser arrived in the 35th minute when a cross from Ewan McIlroy was headed home by David Johnstone.

On the stroke of half time Todd made a great



Carradale get a shot on goal at home against Niaroo. 20_c35carrfoot02

one-handed save to keep the scores level.

The visitors took more control of the second half and Todd had to make two fine saves to keep the Dale in the game.

Niaroo went ahead in the 76th minute with a goal scored at the near post after the home side failed to clear their lines.

Cracking shot

Within three minutes a cracking shot from 20 yards by Niaroo's captain gave Todd no

chance.

Craig Morris pulled one back for the home side in the 86th minute after a four-man move which ended the scoring.

Thank

Carradale AFC would like to thank James and Elaine of the Kilbrannan bar once again for their continuous support.

Man of the match: Travis Tiffin.

Tomorrow (Saturday) the team are away to Giffnock Amateurs in the league cup.

Anderson makes the difference

Lochfyneside	0
Carradale	4
West of Scotland AFL	

CARRADALE had to fight for their victory last Wednesday against a Furnace-based side who had strengthened their squad by signing four experienced players. The difference between the sides was the reliable Reid Anderson in goals, and the clinical finishing from Cammy Maguire (2) Ryan McConnachie and a header from Alan McIntyre secured the three points.

Man of the match: Johnny McCormick.



David Johnstone battles with a Niaroo player in Saturday's match. 20_c35carrfoot01

Bowling club opens its doors

CAMPBELTOWN Bowling Club is opening its doors to the community by taking part in a Commonwealth Games membership recruitment campaign.

Initiative

The bowling club, along with 69 other clubs in Scotland, are taking part in BOWLS Scotland's £10 membership initiative to try to entice 2,014 new players to bowls in the country before next year's Commonwealth Games.

Hugh MacDonald, Campbel-

town Bowling Club secretary, said: 'We were attracted to join the membership campaign as it is being launched on a national basis with the support of the parent body.'

'Through it we hope to achieve an increased awareness of our club and hopefully gain new members of all ages and sexes.'

'Our membership could be described as static but we are extremely willing to bring more people into the game.'

'It is a game that can be played by everyone on an equal basis and can be as competitive or as relaxing as you see fit. It is a very healthy activity giving exercise without being over strenuous in a very sociable and friendly environment and in beautiful surroundings.'

Willing

'Our coaching will be carried out by our top championship players. They are not qualified as coaches but are willing to assist.'

Alister is the winning 'Heidbanger'

TWENTY-five members of Dunaverly's Heidbangers enjoyed their annual golf event in memory of those members who have passed away in the last 12 years.

Robert Allan jnr provided a trophy and a bottle of whisky for the winner.

Presented

Jean Kelly Allan presented a box of Srixon golf balls for the 'nearest the pin with the second shot' at the 18th green.

Despite the fairly wet conditions,

good scores were returned with Alister O' May winning the competition by carding 24 points on the front nine and 20 on the back nine, beating long time leader Alex Roxburgh by three points.

Results: 1 Alister O' May 44pts, 2 Alex Roxburgh 41(bih), 3 Robert Allan jnr 41, 4 Neil Brodie 39(bih), 5 Jim Cooper 39(bih), 6 Alastair Brown 39.

Nearest the pin at the 18th - Terry Smith 2m 40mm.



Dunaverly's Heidbangers pictured before their annual memorial event.

Full finishers lists for Tarbert 5k and 10k races

RESULTS of the recent inaugural Tarbert 10k and 5k road races, which saw strong performances from Campbeltown runners, are as follows:

10k

1 Kenny Campbell (Campbeltown Running Club - CRC) 36.39, 2 David McNeill (Birmingham Running Athletic and Triathlon) 40.24, 3 David Carey (Mid Argyll Triathlon) 40.39, 4 Gary Turner (Shetleston Harriers) 41.37, 5 Tony Corner 42.55, 6 James Murdoch (CRC) 42.56, 7 Ewan Smith 43.07, 8 Shona McManus 46.13, 9 Stewart Marshall 46.15, 10 Jamie McKinlay 46.22, 11 David Sinclair (CRC) 46.39, 12 Andrew Gilthorpe 46.39, 13 Fiona Graham (CRC) 46.43, 14 Iain Smith 47.27, 15 Brian Robertson 47.38, 16 John Dale (Mid Argyll Tri Club) 47.55, 17 Simone Charnock (Jog Scotland Mid Argyll - JSMA) 48.32, 18 Allan Blair 49.14, 19 Charlie Anderson (CRC) 49.48, 20 Hamish Scott 49.48, 21 Jennifer Reid (CRC) 49.52, 22 Colin Weir (Glengilp Roadrunners) 50.05, 23 Douglas Moore 50.05, 24 Kenneth Prentice 51.39, 25 Sandra Black 51.43, 26 Graham Ramsay (MAJS) 52.01, 27 Peter Boyd 52.01, 28 Darren Renton (CRC) 52.09, 29 Mags McHardy 52.44, 30 Donald Milne 52.49, 31 Susan Turner 52.53, 32 Sarah McFadzean (CRC) 53.16, 33 Archie Fulton 53.27, 34 Sandra Houldsworth 53.39, 35 Kirsteen Paterson 53.53, 36 Fearghas MacKaveney 54.01, 37 Malcolm McMillan 54.25, 38 Iain MacNicol (JSMA) 54.29, 39 Garret Corner (Inver-

aryjogscotland) 54.29, 40 Elaine McCann 55.01, 41 Neil McKnight 55.34, 42 Rona Stewart 55.46, 43 Emma Byatt 55.46, 44 Duncan MacGregor 55.46, 45 Alasdair Brown 56.12, 46 Rebecca Heliwell 56.26, 47 Kirsten Paterson 56.39, 48 Heather Gorman 57.03, 49 Neil MacPhail (CRC) 57.17, 50 Fergus Murray (JSMA), 51 Christine Manson 57.45, 52 Kerry O'May (CRC) 57.49, 53 Campbell Read 57.56, 54 Alasdair Gunn 57.59, 55 Gordon MacNiven 58.22, 56 Riona MacNab 58.27, 57 Gemma Beattie 58.29, 58 Fiona Corner (Inveraryjogscotland) 58.33, 59 Tina Barrie (Mid Argyll Tri & Cycle Club) 59.31, 60 Kenny McIntyre 59.38, 61 Ailsa McRae 60.04, 62 Jennifer McGinley 60.24, 63 Margaret Sinclair (CRC) 61.36, 64 Kathleen Mair 61.39, 65 Elizabeth McKenzie 61.39, 66 Malcolm MacDonald 61.56, 67 Douglas Wylie (CRC) 61.59, 68 Catriona Crawford (Lochgilhead jog scotland) 62.09, 69 Lynne Teggart 62.16, 70 Iona McMurdo 62.42, 71 Eilidh Manson 62.47, 72 Laura MacGregor 62.54, 73 Morag MacNicol (JSMA) 63.54, 74 Charmain Campbell 64.11, 75 Rose Marie Parr 64.26, 76 Jodie Hannah (CRC) 64.52, 77 Jennie Hopley 64.59, 78 Janette Hannah (CRC) 65.08, 79 Peter Macleod 65.19, 80 Marina Livinstone 65.21, 81 Alison Millar (JogscotlandCampbeltown) 65.23, 82 Cara Gorman (Tarbert Jog Scotland) 65.36, 83 Iain

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Fiona Graham, of Campbeltown Running Club, finished second in the women's 10k. 08_c34run13



Kenny Campbell from Southend was an emphatic winner of the 10k race, finishing almost four minutes clear of his nearest rival. 08_c34run12

85.24, 128 Ruth Smith 87.02, 129 Elizabeth Young 87.02, 130 Lucy Taggart 90.33, 131 Grace Beattie 90.33, 132 Alison Jardine 93.21, 133 James Brown 93.35.

5k

1 Graham Crawford (Springburn Harriers) 18.08, 2 Stuart McGeachy (Campbeltown Running Club - CRC) 18.31, 3 Campbell Cameron (CRC) 21.25, 4 Freya Corner (Inveraryjogscotland - IJS) 22.53, 5 Cara Gorman 22.57, 6 Ashleigh Conner (CRC) 24.12, 7 Maryann Wylie (CRC) 24.39, 8 Hazel Manson 26.41, 9 Arlene Ross

28.26, 10 Billy Hawthorn 28.39, 11 Liz Richardson 29.11, 12 Simone Balcon 29.13, 13 Maggie Richmond (Tarbert Jog Scotland - TJS) 29.45, 14 Emma Sinclair 30.38, 15 Clare McCartan 30.39, 16 Jacqueline Clark (TJS) 31.32, 17 Rosie Corner (IJS) 31.47, 18 Gillian Mair 32.04, 19 Chloe Macdonald (TJS) 32.21, 20 Jen-ny Richmond 32.23, 21 Elizabeth Graham (JogscotlandCampbeltown - JSC) 32.23, 22 Susan Craig 32.28, 23 Lynn Galbraith 32.29, 24 Audrey Callander (Jog Scotland Lochgilhead - JSL) 32.34, 25 Liz McKillop (JSC) 33.03, 26 Mary Woods 33.27, 27 Suzy Ferguson 33.54, 28 Lyn-

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We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright. To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter
Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach 'Spot the Ball' Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday.

You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition Rules
No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.

The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.

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LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...

This week's nearest the ball winners who each receive £25 are:
M Young, Achtnabreac Lodge, Lochgilhead and D Sandler, Smith Drive, Campbeltown

SPOT THE BALL COMPETITION

I enclose £1 (note) for 10 crosses (tick box) The maximum number of attempts on this coupon is 10, but you may enter on separate coupons as many times as you wish.
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How to enter: **Mark your crosses using a ballpoint pen.** Ten crosses may be put on this coupon for £1.
Crosses must not overlap

Name _____
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Spot the ball jackpot now at £1750!

Keith's new watch is ace

A HOLE in one by a Machrihanish golfer has been rewarded with a limited-edition BOSS watch.

Keith Millar, 55, from Campbeltown, scored his ace on his club's 198-yard, par-three 11th.

BOSS, the luxury German brand, has pledged to reward club golfers with a limited edition watch for every hole-in-one recorded during a club competition between April 15 and October 31 of this year.

The scheme is open to any golfer whose club uses HowDidiDo - a free-to-use, web-based social network for golfers - and anybody playing in official club competitions is eligible. More than 1,800 clubs use the website.

Stephen Brydon, of MGS Distribution, the UK distributor for BOSS Watches, said: 'It adds a frisson of extra excitement to club competitions for golfers. Every time they stand on the tee on a par-three, they are just one shot away from winning a stunning timepiece.'

Results from Islay Golf Club

ISLAY Golf Club Lagavulin Quai, August 25, results: 1 Alex Gillespie 35pts+40pts, total 75; 2 Sam Johnston 38+37, total 75, 3 Ruairidh MacIntyre 34+37, total 71.

Summer league, August 14, results: 1 A. MacMillan 40 pts, 2 P. Kennedy 37 pts, 3 D. Gillies 33 pts. CSS 72.

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Late equaliser preserves unbeaten run

Campbeltown Pupils	1
Rolls Royce East Kilbride	1
SAFL Premier Division One	

THE Pupils have now registered 20 league matches unbeaten but that excellent record looked seriously in jeopardy last Saturday.

Desperate defending by Rolls Royce in the final minutes looked to have carried the day until they conceded a penalty in the dying seconds.

It was not a vintage performance from the Pupils by any stretch of the imagination, but no-one could doubt the commitment of the team to take something from a very hard fought match.

It was a first half of both defences on top, a cancelling out which was duly reflected on the 0-0 scoreline at half-time.

Chances

There were, however, a number of chances created in the opening exchanges, the best of which came in the first five minutes for the home side.

A clever period of possession released John McCallum one-on-one with the goalkeeper, but the last line of defence saved with his legs as the Pupils striker tried to

steer the ball into the net. Craig Lang had a chance to score as he broke free for the first time in the match, but his unselfish cutback found no takers and the opportunity was lost.

With first half highlights few and far between it was no surprise the game remained goalless, but suddenly the game came to life when Rolls Royce grabbed the lead in the 54th minute.

A warning of the visitor's aerial power went unheeded; the opposition centre half finding space to send a looping header across Lamont into the roof of the net.

The home management moved quickly to address the situation and changed the formation



A tight battle for the ball during last Saturday's match. 20_c35pupils02



Paul Grumoli scored a last gasp equaliser against Rolls Royce on Saturday. 20_c35pupils01

to include a third forward. From this point on it was one-way traffic, with Rolls Royce forced to defend in depth to protect their slender advantage.

A ferocious assault of the Rolls Royce goal ensued and desperate defending became the order of the day.

More than once the

ball was headed from the goal line with the keeper beaten, one in miraculous fashion as the home team claimed it had crossed the line. No electronic gadgets at Kintyre Park, unfortunately.

At last the breakthrough came in the final minute, a fine move which saw Stuart Mc-

Brayne flattened in the box and a penalty kick awarded.

Team captain Paul Grumoli assumed responsibility, driving the ball into the bottom corner of the net for a last gasp, but thoroughly deserved equaliser.

Campbeltown Pupils are away to Shawlands tomorrow (Saturday).

John wins Archie MacNab Trophy

JOHN McNab clinched the Archie MacNab memorial trophy at Tarbert Golf Club last Saturday.

With sunny conditions and the course playing softer than previous weeks, the trophy was still open to a number of members.

Best score posted on the day went to John on 43 superb stableford points.

Second with 41 points was last year's competition winner Malcolm MacAlpine, third signing for 40 points was big Duncan Johnstone.

Forth on 38 points, playing in the morning, was Jonathan Scott and fifth and in the money on 38 points Keith Blair.

After the scores were entered into the computer and checked this year's winner was John MacNab with a total of 84 points. Great golfing which consisted of two gross scores of 68/66.

Joint second on 79 went to Malcolm MacAlpine and Jonathan Scott and third went to Duncan Johnstone on 78 stableford points.

John gave a special mention to playing partner Eddie White on returning from injury and to Sharon for presenting the trophy.

The club's Tarbert Hotel AmAm takes place tomorrow (Saturday) - tee time available for the morning section only, call clubhouse on 01880-820565 for more information.

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