



KINTYRE Schools Pipe Band led the grand parade through Campbeltown last Saturday afternoon as part of the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival. Large crowds lined Main Street and Longrow to see the local band, as well as colourful floats, vintage cars and tractors, before many headed Doon the Green. All this amid five nights of high-quality music and performance at venues across the town. For the story of the weekend turn to pages 9, 14, 15 and 16 20_c35front01

Flu vaccine for primary pupils

EVERY 2-11 year old Scottish primary school child will be offered the free flu vaccination this autumn.

The flu vaccination programme for up to 550,000 primary school pupils was introduced last year and resulted in more Scots than ever before receiving the defence against flu.

The vaccine is a simple nasal spray that's quick to administer, easily absorbed and pain-free.

An NHS Highland spokesman said: 'With children being up to three times more likely to be ill with flu than adults, it is important to protect youngsters from the dangers of flu and reduce the risk of flu being spread to others.'

The Scottish childhood flu immunisation programme, is expected to eventually prevent an estimated additional 200 deaths per year and 1,100 hospitalisations from flu.

'Dale on-song in demolition

CARRADALE kept their minds off the music festival notes sounding over Kinloch Green last Saturday, with an 8-0 rout of West of Scotland AFL rivals, Cardross, in the league cup. Played at Kinloch's all-weather pitch, the East Kintyre men proved too hot for their visitors to handle. For full report turn to page 28.

Something to be proud of

Dialysis unit open after 'unmatched' community effort

A YEAR-long fight for a lifeline treatment in Campbeltown became a reality last Thursday as the Kintyre Community Dialysis Unit was officially opened.

The Kintyre Kidney Dialysis Campaign began last August with a small band of committee members hoping to raise awareness of kidney patients' torturous thrice-weekly journeys for treatment to the Vale of Leven Hospital

in Alexandria. However, interest in the campaign snowballed and more than £100,000 was raised by the Kintyre community.

Ronnie McNally, dialysis campaign treasurer, said: 'It is almost exactly a year since the campaign began and this is the culmination of the huge effort that has gone into installing a dialysis facility in Campbeltown, by a number of parties.

by **JOHN McCALLUM**
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'When the campaign began we simply wanted to let people know what dialysis patients were going through, but it really caught the public's attention and people truly sympathised with the patients and their families.

'Campbeltown and Kintyre people have rallied tremendously behind this campaign. It

is a real community achievement.'

Donald Kelly, dialysis campaign chairman, said: 'Since our first meeting last August, the community has really pulled together. We obtained 2,000 signatures in a petition and the support of local and national politicians.

'Kristin Gillies, representing NHS High-

land throughout the process, is a local girl and has been happy to help at every turn.'

With two patients currently undergoing dialysis treatment in Campbeltown, NHS Highland has installed two units, to be operated by the hospital's specially-trained nurses.

Mrs Gillies, NHS Highland service planning manager for Argyll and Bute, said: 'This service will make

a huge difference for the patients travelling long distances every other day for treatment.

'The dialysis campaign ran parallel with NHS Highland's work in the background on the clinical side and it is tremendous to see a year-long effort realised.

'Thanks must go to the nurses from Campbeltown hospital who have shown so much commitment to their training

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GRADUATION



Rachael E Murray (M.Arch & Bsc.)

Recently graduated with distinction from Robert Gordon University in Masters of Architecture and was also awarded the John B Johnstone prize for top student of the year in Architecture. Rachael is the daughter of Ruairidh and Morvern Murray, Ford, and the grand-daughter of David and Amy Murray, Ford and Elizabeth and the late James Hume, Oban. Rachael was a former pupil of Kilmartin Primary School and Lochgilphead High School. She is now employed by Morgan McDonnell Architects, Edinburgh.

'A magnificent milestone'

Continued from page 1 days at the Vale of Leven Hospital during the past eight months.

'They are a testament to the local community and, without their training, providing dialysis in Campbeltown would not be possible.'

Ewen McLean, patient advocate for the Nation-

al Kidney Federation, said colleagues in other parts of Britain were looking on enviously at Campbeltown's fundraising achievement.

He said: 'This is a magnificent milestone which has never been matched anywhere else in the country. The amount of money raised



The Kintyre Kidney Dialysis Campaign group 20_c35dialysis03



Ewen McLean of the National Kidney Federation cuts the ribbon to open the new unit. 20_c35dialysis02

was simply amazing. No-one appreciates the past year's efforts more than the patients. It must not be forgotten they are the most important people in all of this.'

The two patients, Mary McKay from Campbeltown and Donald McDonald from Gigha, were delighted to have access to their vital dialysis treatment locally, having started treatment

a couple of weeks ahead of the official opening.

Mary, 75, said: 'It takes me two minutes to get here in the morning now. It leaves you feeling far less tired than before with all the travelling.'

Donald, 70, said: 'I can now have a full dialysis session instead of rushing for the last ferry back to Gigha. In the winter months, it was

especially bad on the roads and you could be diverted if the road was closed. You really feel the difference now.'

'Thank you to all those who donated, it is a brilliant achievement.'

The new unit was named by Carole Harrow, who won first place in a competition for the public to come up with name suggestions for the facility.



Mary McKay and Donald McDonald at the new Kintyre Community Dialysis Unit 20_c35dialysis01

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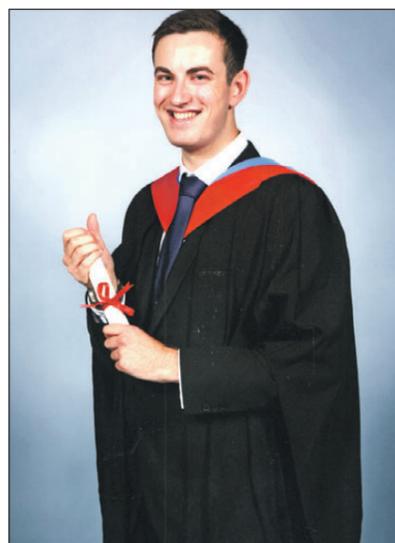
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Supermarket's foodbank boost

Store gift echoes 'generous' public

KINTYRE Foodbank had a donation to get their teeth into this week when Tesco Campbeltown handed over £1,000 in groceries to the centre.

The supermarket, which has run its in-store foodbank for the past 10 months, has been inundated with donations from its shoppers and the wider public.

Gavin Lawson, Tesco Campbeltown manager, said: 'The food bank collects at the store twice-weekly. Our big basket is always full of supplies, because people often finish their shopping and leave something in before leaving the store.'

'Donations are completely through choice, there is absolutely no pressure. But that just goes to show how generous people have been in supporting Kintyre Foodbank.'

'This time we wanted to give something back to the community after seeing so many of our customers really get behind the idea. There is clearly a need for the foodbank here so we just wanted to help.'

Gavin explained how Tesco Campbeltown's in-store foodbank was being run separately from a national campaign.

He said: 'Schemes such as food shares and volunteer work have taken off elsewhere in the country, and we would like to do more in future to get involved in that way, as well as arranging more store visits for schools and clubs, to get a better idea where

their food comes from.' Jean MacIntyre of Kintyre Food Bank said: 'We are very grateful to Tesco for this donation. Overall the store is our biggest contributor, but we have had donations from many sources around Campbeltown, Kintyre and Mid Argyll, and have distributed parcels to these places in return.'

'With the average shop estimated to be around £15, this will allow us to provide almost 60 'shops' for people who need it most.'

'Businesses and individuals have been extremely generous which is vital in meeting the clear need for food parcels in the area.'

Important

'This is not a conversation we should be having in 21st century Scotland, but it is important to look at the root causes of why foodbanks exist within our society.'

'People come to us having not eaten for days, weak and shaking, and crying. People's pride often keeps them from coming.'

'They do not want to rely on anyone, but circumstances beyond their control have determined their situation, whether unemployed or facing tougher benefits regulations.'

'Our remit is first of all to give out parcels but we look to refer people on to sources of help.'

The Citizens Advice Bureau is planning to meet with Kintyre Foodbank at its monthly committee meetings, to create stronger links and help those dependent on the foodbank.



Store manager, Gavin Lawson, and staff member, Isabel Eagers, pictured with the customers' huge haul destined for Kintyre Foodbank 20_c35foodbank01

Breach of the peace

A MAN in his late 40s was arrested for a breach of the peace in Burnside Square, Campbeltown, last Saturday evening.

He was held at Campbeltown police office and released when sober. He was issued with a £40 fine.

Steps vandalised

POLICE were called to a property in Kintyre Gardens, Campbeltown, on Tuesday after steps were vandalised in the house's back garden.

Enquiries are ongoing and anyone with information can contact Campbeltown police office by calling 101.

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	The Work Shop	Thursday	10.00-12.00pm	Continuous
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CAMPBELTOWN crooks could soon be in for a shock as constables chase them down on their new electric bicycle. The bike, which costs £1,000 and is electric powered, was given to



Testing out the force's new wheels 20_c35newbike02

the station by Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution (SHEPD).

Sergeant Wilson of Campbeltown police office, working on a temporary basis from Inveraray, said: 'The bicycle was gifted to us by SSE as a sort of thank you for the work we have done, particularly to combat electricity theft with crimes such as bypassing meters, which are becoming more prevalent in the area.'

The bike, kitted out with a pedometer and a remote control for its lights has already been in action during the past week and will be used for community policing from now on.

It is charged at the station, but also contains a cell which stores energy from pedalling.



Sergeant Wilson of Campbeltown police office with the station's new state-of-the-art bicycle 20_c35newbike01

Sgt Wilson added: 'It will see a lot of use, and with us having other bikes we can go out into the community in ones or twos.'

'It will allow us to be more visible within the

Campbeltown community and makes for more friendly policing, as well as being more environmentally friendly.'

Mo Bates, stakeholder engagement manager at SHEPD, said: 'We are

delighted that we have been able to provide the Campbeltown police force with the electric bike and we hope it becomes a useful resource in helping them serve their local community.'



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The two Roy's Taxi vehicles 25_c34taxi05

Taxi fares don't discriminate against the disabled despite circulating rumours

A TAXI firm boss with the only wheelchair access cab in Kintyre has denied rumours that it is more expensive than a regular vehicle.

Robert Graham's minibus sized cab, run under the Roy's Taxis badge, has a ramp to allow a wheelchair user to take a trip in the taxi.

He said that rumours have circulated in the town saying it is expensive.

Rumours

Mr Graham said: 'Contrary to rumours, it does not cost more to use my specially adapted taxi, as that would mean discriminating against disabled people.'

More social housing needed - Redman

ISLAY postmaster Alastair Redman believes even more social housing should be built on the island - starting with Portnahaven village.

Mr Redman welcomed the opening of Argyll Community Housing Association's (ACHA) development in Bowmore this year, but said more had to be done to address housing issues elsewhere on the island.

The postmaster, who stood as a Conservative candidate at this year's general election, said: 'No social housing has been built in Portnahaven since the 1970s, and with a number of private householders in the area, it means there is a shortage of affordable properties to rent.'

'Now we have a situation where it costs twice as much to rent in Port-

nahaven as it does in Port Charlotte. My family is having to move there as we cannot find suitable accommodation in Portnahaven.'

'Several landowners in the area are keen to sell land for property development, so I would like to know why such a long time has gone without more houses being built.'

Mr Redman believes making more houses available in the Rinns of Islay village would mean a more balanced island economy.

He said: 'This is a popular tourist destination which needs to be able to function all year, with people also attracted to live and work in the Portnahaven area as well as other parts of Islay. That means the housing association providing afford-

able accommodation. I am more than happy to see the recent housing developments in Bowmore and Port Ellen, but if even five houses were built around Portnahaven in future it would make a huge difference to the local economy.'

'Providing adequate social housing is important within the wider context of a sustainable rural infrastructure.'

An ACHA spokesman said: 'ACHA has its current development programme in place for new-build housing for this year until 2018, which has been agreed by Argyll and Bute Council and the Scottish government.'

'This includes 30 properties in Bowmore, with 20 already completed, and eight new-build properties in Port Ellen. 'ACHA is evaluating

opportunities beyond 2018, and would not exclude developing in any other part of Islay if the demand for affordable housing existed, and economic opportunities arose.'



Alastair Redman would like to see more social housing for Islay

Case study

Lochgilhead homeowners Amanda and Robin had a very high monthly electricity bill for heating, despite the fact that they had installed solar PV panels in early 2012 with the help of the Home Energy Scotland renewables loan scheme.

The couple were becoming increasingly conscious of the carbon footprint they were creating and the environmental impact of non-renewable heating fuels, so they made the decision to further investigate renewable technologies.

This eventually led them to contact Home Energy Scotland for advice and expertise. Amanda comments: 'Our advisor was extremely knowledgeable and helped to clarify an otherwise very complicated and convoluted process.'

As well as reducing their bills and carbon footprint, Amanda and Robin were also keen to make the most of the various government schemes in operation, such as the Feed-in Tariff (FIT), the RHI payments and the renewables loan.

The couple were committed to installing a biomass boiler and were fortunate that they had plenty of spare time to research the different technologies and potential installers to get the right system for them.

Amanda explains: 'It took a lot of patience and tenacity, but eventually our biomass boiler was installed in January of this year (2014) and we could not be happier with the system and the installers. The installation team were

amazing and I could not recommend them highly enough. I was dreading the process as, in addition to the biomass boiler, we needed a new wet system to be installed in the property, which was a big undertaking. My fears were instantly alleviated by the professional and hard-working installers who completed the works efficiently and with minimal mess and disruption.'

For others considering installing a similar renewable system, Amanda and Robin would recommend researching the systems and the different schemes thoroughly. The couple reflect on their journey: 'The whole pathway into renewable

technology can be very daunting for a lot of people and many may be, initially, put off by the assessment and assistance structure; however, once you access the system it is very worthwhile! It would be great to see more information about renewable technologies available in a format that people can understand: a clear visual map or flow-chart which guides you through all the steps of the process.'

Amanda and Robin are keen to talk to others who are considering installing renewable systems as they understand the benefit of getting first-hand perspectives of peoples' experiences in navigating the process.



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Community spirit shines

HARDLY a week has gone by in the past two years where the need for a dialysis unit in Campbeltown has not been highlighted in our newspaper.

The thought of patients suffering serious illness and travelling thousands of miles a year in the back of a minibus to receive essential medical treatment is scarcely credible.

Only days after dialysis treatment has started, it already seems cruel that we asked seriously ill patients to undertake three arduous journeys three times a week for treatment.

High praise should be given to the Kintyre Kidney Dialysis Campaign, whose hard-working committee won the unwavering support of the public.

When NHS Highland's Kristin Gillies spoke at the official opening of the dialysis facility, she said they had been helped at every turn by dialysis campaign chairman Donald Kelly, and a group of Campbeltown hospital nurses, who spent weeks away developing the specialist knowledge required to deliver treatment.

Kintyre people and businesses gave various donations to the campaign, but its treasurer Ronnie McNally was keen to stress that £5 from a purse meant as much as £5,000 from a bank account.

So it proved, when a £100,000-plus figure was raised to make the facility a reality 12 months on. Local folk finding solutions to national issues shows the resilience and solidarity of the people of Kintyre.

Foodbank's awkward questions

KINTYRE Foodbank's increasing role in Campbeltown life, while another indicator of local generosity, makes for uncomfortable reading when we look deeper into the underlying issues.

The story of a food parcel recipient crying and shaking with hunger when receiving supplies he or she could not otherwise afford has a grimly Dickensian edge to it.

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Unwelcome boundary change

Sir,
The proposed changes to council ward boundaries are absolutely ridiculous and the Scottish government must stop these from going ahead.

It is utter nonsense for SNP MSP Michael Russell to try to deflect blame to Argyll and Bute Council for this. It is the Scottish government, not the council, which will decide whether or not these stupid proposals go ahead.

The SNP government should stop this absurd process now. Mr Russell should be directing his fire at the SNP-led government, not using this issue as a stick with which to beat the council. They have opposed these stupid proposals, not 'rolled over and accepted them', as claimed by Mr Russell in his attempt to deflect attention from where the real power lies - with his own government at Holyrood.

Alan Reid
136 Fairhaven
Dunoon.

Labour's betrayal of the Unionists

Sir,
The Labour party leadership front runner Jeremy Corbyn has stated that he is not a unionist.

These comments show clearly that a Jeremy Corbyn-led Labour party is preparing to run up the white flag on our Union.

They are also a complete betrayal of the two million people - including many thousands of Labour supporters - who voted No last year because they believe in the

strength and solidarity of our United Kingdom.

They want pro-UK leaders to stand up to the SNP but Mr Corbyn states that he did not campaign for the UK because he was 'doing stuff' in London.

He also says it was a 'huge mistake' for political parties to put their differences aside and work together to keep our country intact - he seems to think advancing his hard-left agenda comes before the unity of our nation.

I am proud that my party calls itself Conservative and Unionist. I'm also proud that the Scottish Conservative and Unionist party stepped up and took the fight to the SNP in last year's referendum campaign.

My party has no intention to abandon and disregard the two million Scots who voted to keep our county together.

Alastair Redman
Portnahaven
Islay.

Help fund multiple sclerosis research

Sir,
My mother Sandra was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at the age of 54 - a scary and heart-breaking time.

She is one of more than 100,000 people living with MS in the UK, a devastating condition with no cure. People with MS might be fine one day but the next they might lose their sight or be unable to move.

The MS Society is a world-leading funder of research into the condition.

The UK charity is fighting to improve treatment and care to help people with MS take

control of their lives. It has already made important breakthroughs and this is now the start of a generation of MS research that holds incredible promise.

I am supporting the charity by getting involved in ChallengeMS - a fundraising event happening throughout September - with all the money raised going towards vital research.

With ChallengeMS people can do anything from wearing an orange wig, to giving something up or even hosting an event like a coffee morning.

I would love Campbeltown Courier readers to join me and support the MS Society - they can find out more by going to www.challengems.org.uk

Scott Mills,
BBC Radio 1 presenter
and MS Society supporter.

'Tremendous' fundraisers thanked

Sir,
On behalf of the National Kidney Federation and the British Kidney Patient Association, I would like to offer a sincere thank you to the community of Campbeltown and Kintyre for a tremendous fundraising campaign to make the new dialysis unit a reality. The campaign, chaired by Donald Kelly, raised in excess of £100,000 which is a remarkable achievement for such a small community and every person involved should be very proud.

There were many individuals and organisations involved in the success of having a dialysis unit sited in Campbeltown, and each of them deserves recognition for

their unstinting efforts.

The Community Health Partnership led by Dr Mike Weir, Christina West and Kristin Gillies of NHS Highland all deserve special mention for their great endeavours to ensure the dialysis facility came into being.

Finally, I would like to thank their patients for the fortitude and patience and their faith in the campaign and I am certain the entire community will be relieved that their thrice-weekly journeys to the Vale are now at an end.

Ewen Maclean
National Advocacy Officer
(Scotland)
National Kidney
Federation.

Dementia research

Sir,
Dementia research published in The Lancet this week suggests that 'attention to optimum health early in life might benefit cognitive health late in life'.

Inactivity is a risk factor for dementia, yet walking to school or work is a simple way to build more activity into our everyday routines.

Walking is good for mental health as well as physical health, and making one small change to our day can have a huge impact on our lives.

Living Streets organises the nationwide Walk to School and Walk to Work Weeks, as well as the well-established National Walking Month in May. More advice, information and inspiration can be found at www.livingstreets.org.uk

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'Unacceptable situation'

Sir,
Ewen MacPherson describes the area adjacent to the quay head in Carradale harbour as an inactive scrap yard, in the Courier letters page of Friday, August 14.

In 1972, I was shown a New Zealand magazine that dealt with environmental matters and the front cover featured a photo of the same area, taken from the seaward side. Inside it was described as an example of severe environmental damage to a coastal area. The irony is that at that time, it was a working coal yard and quite tidy by comparison to today. Back then Carradale's coal came in by puffer and about six months supply was loaded onto a truck from the boat and transported to a large pile in the yard. I can assure Mr MacPherson that those who live in the area find the current situation as unacceptable as he does.

Brian Gee, Carradale.



There will be outfits from wedding wear to casual attire

The Falkirk based, Runway Boutique, is bringing its wardrobe for all occasions to Campbeltown in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Sale to send you shopping mad

KINTYRE'S keen shoppers can splash out in the name of charity when a ladies' clothing extravaganza lands in Campbeltown.

The ladies' designer brand clothing sale next Sunday, September 6, being run by Falkirk-based outfitter, Runway Boutique, in association with MacMillan Cancer Support, features headwear, fascinators and costume jewellery by Emma.

Taking place between 10am and 4pm in the Argyll Arms Hotel, it will feature exclusive designer brands such as Robell jeans and trousers, Darling London, Almost Famous, Pretty Dress Company, Fee G, Badoo, Ella Boo, Daisy May, Mee and Thee, Ana Alcasar and AMS Pure knitwear.

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Sandy stroll will raise cancer charity cash

WALKERS are being urged to sign up for the first Westport Wander to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

The walk, starts at 9am, from Westport to Machrihanish village hall, on Saturday, October, 10 and is being promoted by the Cancer Research UK Kintyre committee.

At the finish there will be barbeque breakfast rolls, home baking and tea and coffee.

There is an entry fee of £10 for adults and £5 for children under 15 years-old which is payable with a completed entry form by the closing date Saturday, September, 26.

Forms can be collected from Keiths newsagents, H McIlchere & Son, DM Brown and Jim Martin Supplies.

Tony's 6,000 mile coastal walk sees him reach Campbeltown

A GRANDAD walking Britain's coastline stepped round Kintyre during three days based in Campbeltown.

Tony Frost, 65, chose a romantic starting date of February 14 this year for his charity pilgrimage leaving Land's End, travelling clockwise.

He does not walk from point to point, but uses a car to carry equipment and either places his bicycle at the end point of a day's walk or relies on local buses.

Mr Frost, who has three daughters and three grand-daughters, said: 'It is a challenge for myself and I am raising money for Dementia UK and the Carers Trust. I hope to raise a pound per mile for the charities although the walk is likely to personally cost me about £8,000.

'Nearly everyone is affected in some way by dementia and caring for others.'

Mr Frost, a retired software engineer, arrived in Campbeltown last Monday and the following day was spent on one of his longest days of the trip walking 21 miles of the Kintyre Way.

Mr Frost sang the praises of Kintyre's countryside and said: 'I had never been to Kintyre before. It is a beautiful part of the country but seems quite under-promoted for tourists, I did not see any other walkers on my long day on the Kintyre Way.

'There is a reasonable bus network, but I was disappointed on Wednesday to get back to Campbeltown, in the pouring rain, and find the best cafe on the front closed, at 4.30pm, on an August afternoon.

'Although I did not use the ferry from Ayrshire, a good way to promote Kintyre would be to make sure the service has a better schedule to make day trips possible.'

He has so far completed about 2,000 miles of walking, wearing out one pair of boots. His second pair, made of leather, by German



Tony Frost outside Campbeltown Heritage Centre 25_c35walker01

company, Meindl, look tough enough for the next 4,000 miles and he says they are very comfortable. Mr Frost, who uses a mixture of hos-

tels and camping for overnight stays, has lost two-and-a-half stones since starting the trek and had to buy some trousers with a narrower

waist. He plans to take a break at the end of November and return to the family home near Congleton in Lancashire before resuming six weeks

later. Mr Frost added: 'I have met many interesting people. Many want to stop and have a chat, especially about dementia or caring.'

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Folk night hits right note

MULL of Kintyre Music Festival got underway last Wednesday with its Young Folk night in the Campbeltown Heritage Centre.

Dozens of youngsters played their part in a superb evening of instrumental, vocal and dance performances.

Here are a selection of pictures from the event, featuring some of the youngsters who helped get the festival off to a flyer.



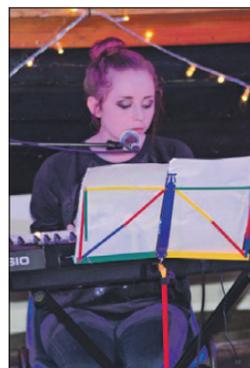
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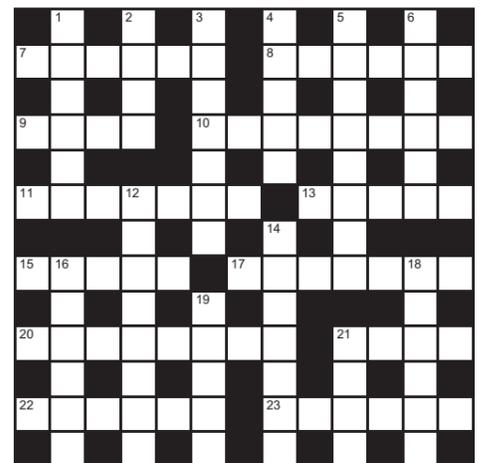


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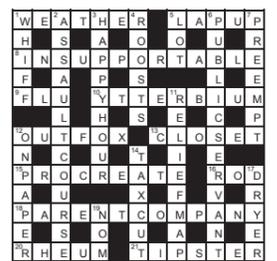
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ISLE OF ARRAN

Creeler's hot smoked salmon gets three stars

CREELERS of Arran have been awarded a Great Taste Award from the Guild of Fine Foods for their hot smoked salmon.

They were awarded three stars and now qualify for the Golden Fork awards in September after being announced in the guild's Great Taste Top 50 Foods.

To be included in this prestigious list involves an exhaustive judging process where over

10,000 entries are blind tasted by over 400 judges at 49 judging days held in six different locations. Judges described Creeler's salmon as 'vibrant and bold' with a 'moist and meaty texture'.

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WRI's Annie will be greatly missed

ALL who attend Bellochantuy WRI were saddened to hear of the death of Annie Taylor.

Annie was one of the longest serving members attending regularly for many years and, until recent ill health, was never absent.

Annie served on the committee and in other posts, always supplying sensible, workable and manageable ideas. Her skills were obvious in many competitions, especially baking where she was a gold star winner.

Annie had a lovely voice and especially enjoyed the singing group and entertaining.

She always maintained an interest in WRI business, was a friend to all and is sadly missed.

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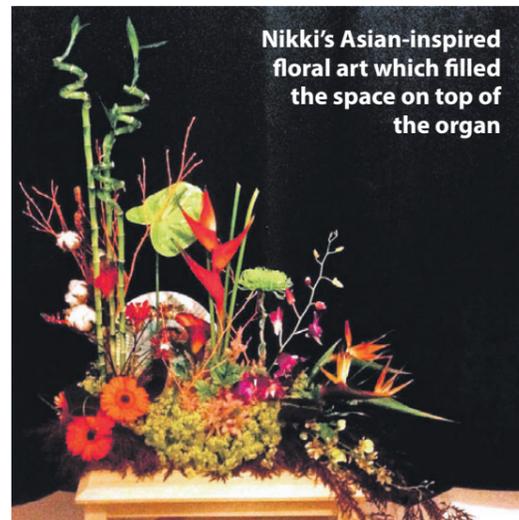
Clachan Art Show which was held last Saturday. c35artshow01no

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Carradale and Saddell church flower festival

THE Courier's recent coverage of the Carradale and Saddell Church's bi-annual flower festival, did not include Nikki Dunlop's Singapore.

Our photographs were taken on the Thursday before the festival started, and also before Nikki, 28, had completed her entry as she was working at McIvor's Florists in Longrow South, Campbeltown.



Nikki's Asian-inspired floral art which filled the space on top of the organ

'Hall' goes well at Clachan art show

THERE were a large number of entries at the 46th Clachan Art Show held last Saturday, with artists from as far afield as Glasgow and Kilchrenan contributing.

For many, it is a social event that they make a point of contributing to every year, and exhibits

included paintings, photography, woodwork, feltwork, cards, sculpture, and floral art, so there was a lot to interest adults while children worked at their own entries for the children's competition.

Proceeds will be donated to the Clachan Hall Renewal Fund.

Clachan village hall alive with activities

CLACHAN Carpet Bowls Club meets in the village hall at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings, and currently about a dozen players take part, but more are welcome. On a Friday afternoon, the Old Pals network meets for a blether from 2-4pm. Later in the evening on Friday between 7pm and 9pm it is the turn of the youth club, which is affiliated to Youth Scotland. All are welcome to join the regular 12 and enjoy a wide range of activities.

ISLAY

Island hosts Nordic visitors

ISLAY Natural History Trust was due to welcome a team from Stockholm University's research facility, The Bolin Centre this week.

The visit is based around the Snowball Earth theory - that the earth was iced over almost entirely around 650 million years ago.

Islay's role in this theory is its geological features, which some scientists believe show evidence to back this up, and an excursion to the Sound of Islay was run to view the Tillite features which it is believed show evidence of Snowball Earth.

The week of activities saw many eminent scientific researchers giving lectures, talks and excursions.

Sunday, August 30 sees Islay Geological expert, David Webster, take the Sunday Ramble to the Singing Sands near Port Ellen.

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Alex McCuish is the best Kintyre shepherd with his faithful dog Moss

A DUNOON shepherd won the open at Kintyre Sheepdog Trials by just one point from the peninsula's best handler.

Stuart Davidson, 67, a former international winner in 1990 and 2005, and his three-year-old dog 'Queen' scored 89 points to take the Ian McDougal Trophy for best performance on the field last Friday.

Skipness man, Alex McCuish, was pipped to the post scoring 88 points with 'Moss' to take the McAllister Hall Cup for the best performance by a Kintyre shepherd.

Mr McCuish took a further two trophies home - The Wilson Dogmeal Trophy confined to Kintyre and the Alexander Helm Memorial Cup for best outrun, lift and bring also confined to Kintyre.

On a warm sunny day, with a strong sea breeze, more than 40 shepherds and their dogs converged on the field loaned by Sound of Kintyre farmer, Jim Barr, for the annual competition.

Tayinloan woman, Jessie Main and her dog 'Roy' who are having a great year, took the J & K Martin Confined Cup.

Jessie was not the only woman scoring success as Mary Caul from Auchterhouse won the Neil Stewart memorial Cup for best pen on the field.

Earlier in the day, some of the competitors spoke about what it takes to be successful at sheepdog trialling.

Mr Davidson, who has been sheepdog trialling for about 40 years said: 'You need the right dog to start, lots of sheep sense yourself and no one should forget the wee man who sits on their shoulder.'

'With the right dog you can do both trials



Trophy winners at the Kintyre Sheepdog Trials, from left: Neil Stewart Memorial Cup for the Best Pen on Field Mary Caul and 'Dougie' from Auchterhouse, McAllister-Hall Cup - Best Performance by a Kintyre Shepherd, Wilson Dogmeal Trophy and Alexander Helm Memorial Cup - Best outrun, lift and bring (both confined to Kintyre) - Alex McCuish and 'Moss' from Skipness, Ian McDougal Trophy for Best Performance on the field, Merck Sharp and Dhrome Shield for Best Drive on the field and the Honda ATV Cup for Best Dog from Argyll - Stuart Davidson and 'Queen' from Dunoon, Andrew Dickson Memorial Challenge Cup for Best two dog aggregate - Andy Carnegie and 'Rook' from Comrie, J & M Martin confined Cup - Jessie Main and 'Roy' from Tayinloan and the Richard Semple Trophy for the Best Shed on the field confined to Kintyre - John Casey and 'Ben' from Tayinloan. 25_c35sheepdog10

and everyday work.'

Strachur shepherd, Angus McDiarmid, 69, said he has had no great success. On Friday he ran 'Brock' and 'Sal' and said: 'I used to get quite nervous before a competition, but I know that you must be calm so as not to upset the dog.'

'You need a dog who can move the sheep steadily neither too slow nor quick because you do not want the sheep running.'

Former Arran shepherd, Neil McEachran, 75, said if there was a prize for oldest competitor he would be in the running. Last year, he won the trial with his seven-year-old bitch, 'Ann' but he admitted that luck can play a part when 'Ann' missed the fetch gate on her run.

He said: 'Time does not really come into it as long as you are within your 10 minutes and for success you

need straight runs between the gates.'

There was not a trophy for oldest competitor so Mr McEachran went home empty-handed.

Mr McEachran has had a lot of success with his second dog, 'Chloe', and she took him to 6th on Friday with 82 points.

He said: 'Chloe won the Lord of the Isles for a competition run in the Hebrides and Skye in

2012, so that is something she shares with Prince Charles.'

Craig Davidson, 37, was the youngest competitor and, as he soaked up the sun, admitted that the social aspect of sheep dog trialling is one of his favourite things.

Mr Davidson is no slouch on the field with five appearances in the national team.

He said: 'Sheepdog tri-

als are also a great way to see most areas of Scotland.'

Roybridge shepherd, Brian Strachan, 71, made quite a few comments that we cannot print.

Mr Strachan said: 'I completed my first trial in 1983, but did not do another until 1996 as life got in the way.'

'I was busy working most of that time, what I love now is the chance to have a day away from home.'

Iain McConnell, 53, who first competed on the Isle of Arran, aged 10, said that he has hardly missed a year since.

'It is almost an obsession for me, I have travelled the country and met lots of great people.'

'My greatest achievement was getting to the final of the world championship in 2005. The real secret for success is that the man and the dog have to like each other,' he added.



Shepherd's enjoy a break in the sun.

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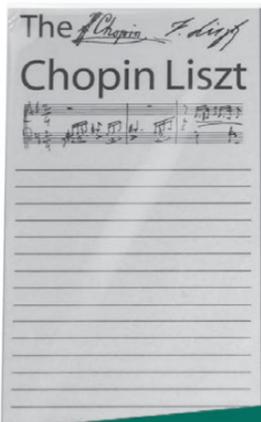
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A Kintyre milking shed. c35dairy01

In addition, it is important that buildings are in good shape to protect workers.

accidents
Just like maintaining equipment accidents should not happen because a panel was loose, a sliding door track damaged or broken, equally keeping things neat and tidy will protect valuable livestock.

During summer's long days it can be too easy to think: 'That roof will see me through another winter or this shed will make it to

March, the milking parlour is working fine just now.'

bad weather
Only last week a farmer in Clachan was talking about losing a shed roof in a winter storm and then find it hard to replace as others had suffered the same fate. Building companies and their contractors were working flat out to fix the damage before another spell of bad weather.

Building work done in an emergency is never as good as that done with perfect planning and at your

leisure. Experienced farmers will recall doing things when the time is not right and how problems occur in December or January which would perhaps have been taken in your stride on a sunny September day. When choosing a company to create a new building it is important to pick proper professionals who are up to the job and can make the whole process as simple as possible.

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Alison Wylie, left, and Adam Lang, walk on water - one of the attractions at the fair 20_c35mok11



Cuckoo's Nest, a three piece featuring Andrew Black from Campbeltown, left, played Doon the Green last Saturday 20_c35mok09



The band stopped to perform for crowds on Main Street 20_c35mok03

MOKFest fits bill for music

FANS and performers at the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival had to play the long game if they wanted to see all their favourites - and so it proved with a huge weekend packed with music and activities.

A large number of visitors joined Kintyre music fans and were treated to a diverse line-up of non-stop music.

It all started with the festival's Gaelic Night

last Wednesday evening, followed by a Young Folk Night last Thursday in the Campbeltown Heritage Centre, with the unique venue welcoming some of the area's brightest musical and dance talents.

Support acts

The fun-filled weekend continued through to the Festival Ceilidh, the Saturday Session, the Saturday night seated concert in the heritage centre, The Treacherous Or-

chestra and support acts in Victoria Hall on Saturday evening, the Dalriada Connections concert in the Heritage Centre on Sunday afternoon and Survivors Night on Sunday evening, hosting a huge array of acts.

And there were also performances in the town's hotels and pubs, in Burnside Square and Doon the Green.

Among the local acts performing through-

out the festival were the Twisted Melons, Wee Toon Tellers and Slainte DavaarAllstars.

A warm summer's day - although without the sunshine - drew large crowds on Saturday afternoon for the festival parade and Doon the Green.

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band led a colourful parade of floats through the town centre, followed by a convoy of minis and vintage tractors.



The Democrats playing in Burnside Square 20_c35mok15

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Paul Souden and Stuart McTaggart on Campbeltown firefighters' prize-winning float, Mud. 20_c35mok05



Easy Tiger! Firefighter Ronnie Souden as the big cat inspiring the 1974 hit, Tiger Feet 20_c35mok06



Ten-month-old Lexie-Louise Lang had loads of fun at the festival, with proud parents, Craig Lang and Cheryl Brown 20_c35mok12



Harry and the Hendersons performing in the Victoria Hall last Saturday evening 20_c35mok16



Stuart Newlands, front, driving a vintage tractor 20_c35mok08



A convoy of Minis on Longrow South 20_c35mok07

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This year's winning float, picking up the Festival Cup, were the Campbeltown firefighters, dressed as 70s group, Mud, and paying a gr-r-eat tribute to the band's hit, Tiger Feet.

In second place was Auchinlee Care Home with GREASE and Campbeltown Young Firefighters with Ghostbusters.

Event Manager, Iain Johnston, of J.I.G. Events

said: 'The festival committee would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's event another great success.

'Local support and visitors coming from far and wide helped sell out concerts across the weekend, making it a memorable event for everyone.'

Iain added: 'Feedback from the bands and festival-goers has again been incredibly positive at all events.'



band, Esperanza, whose high-energy performance was really appreciated by the crowds 20_c35mok17

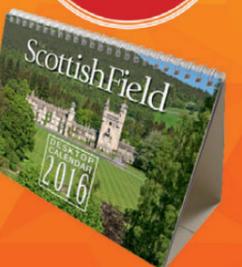
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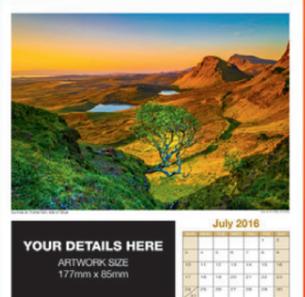
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Ali Hutton playing the pipes in front of the MOKFest audience. Courtesy of David McAllister.

A POWERFUL posse of Scottish artists showed off their amazing sounds last Saturday evening when Treacherous Orchestra headlined the Saturday night concert at the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival (MOK-Fest).

These pictures of the 11-piece band were captured by David McAllister and show Perthshire piper Ali Hutton, and the rest of his multi-talented pals having a brilliant time entertaining fans in the town's Victoria hall the evening.



The 11-piece band, the Treacherous Orchestra, proved a real hit in Campbeltown. Photo courtesy of David McAllister

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available from Argyll and Bute council's website.

Candidates must be registered voters in their selected community and have their nomination endorsed by a proposer and a seconder, who must also be voters within the community.

A council spokesman

said: 'Some community councils are more active than others but their activities can include commenting and planning and licensing applications, helping with environmental projects, organising local galas or events, campaigning on local issues, conducting local surveys, developing

local projects for their community.

'They are, above all, concerned with making a positive contribution to their community's life.'

For more information on candidacy and voting, please contact: elections@argyll-bute.gov.uk or telephone 01546 604331/4401.

Keep the ferry to Campbeltown?

MORE than 2,000 'like-minded' people gave the seal of approval to saving the Campbeltown to Ardrossan ferry service after a social media campaign was launched.

Attempting to raise awareness through Facebook of the route's popularity among visitors and tourists during the past three years, which have seen summer timetables run as a trial service on the route, 'Keep the Campbeltown Ferry Crossing' has seen more than 2,600 'likes' - whereby people click to subscribe to the page for updates on the campaign through their per-

sonal Facebook account - by Wednesday.

A spokesman for the Campbeltown Ferry Sub-Group, who with Explore Campbeltown have been working to give strong backing to the campaign, said: 'It is a very encouraging response.

'Some of the people who liked the campaign page are not even from the area.

'It is obvious tourists as well as Kintyre residents like to use the service to get to and from the area.

'The comments left on the page have been very positive so it hopefully augurs well for the on-going campaign.'



John Swinney and Brendan O'Hara at Horse Guards Parade

MP helps mark Pacific war end

ARGYLL and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara was selected to represent the SNP Westminster group at the 70th anniversary of Victory in Japan (VJ) Day.

The commemoration took place at Horse Guards Parade on Saturday, August 15.

Speaking about the event, Mr O'Hara, SNP defence spokesman at Westminster, said: 'It was a huge honour for me to represent my party.

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Brake, the road safety charity, has produced a free interactive e-learning resource to highlight the importance of making sure your vision is up to scratch before getting behind the wheel. 'Sharpen up', developed in partnership with Specsavers, can be used by anyone who works with drivers, including: fleet professionals and employers; driving instructors; road safety professionals and emergency services; teachers; community leaders; and by individuals directly wanting to find out more about driver eyesight.

People with impaired vision are much more likely to be involved in a road crash, and are estimated to cause 2,900 casualties per year (1). Eyesight can deteriorate rapidly without you noticing, hence experts recommend having an eyesight test at least every two years. A 2014 survey by Brake and Specsavers,(2) found that one in four (25%) drivers hadn't had a vision test in the past two years; and 4% (the equivalent to more than 1.5 million UK drivers) had never had their eyes tested. A worrying one in eight (12%) who need glasses or contact lenses admitted driving without them.

Brake calls on all drivers to ensure that their vision is at a safe standard for driving, helping to keep themselves and others safe, through regular (at least two-yearly) eyesight tests and always wearing glasses or lenses if they're needed. Brake also calls on the government to follow public opinion and introduce compulsory eyesight tests for drivers, a move favoured by almost nine in 10 (87%) people.(3)

The open-access 'Sharpen up' resource can be used to facilitate discussion and present the facts on the importance of drivers getting regular eye tests and maintaining good eye health, within a training session, lesson, workshop or online communications – especially by fleet managers, driving instructors and road safety professionals. Brake is

especially encouraging professionals who work with older people to use the 'Sharpen up' resource to promote awareness of drivers' responsibilities on fitness-to-drive issues.

Access the resource online now at www.brake.org.uk/sharpenupinteractive.

Julie Townsend, deputy chief executive of Brake, said: 'Making sure your vision is up to scratch is crucial to safe driving. It's vital for drivers to get their eyes checked professionally at least every two years – eyesight can deteriorate rapidly without you noticing. Our new 'Sharpen up' e-learning resource shows people the dangers of driving with poor eyesight, encouraging them to make that vital trip to the opticians. The resource is a powerful tool that shows that if you drive, it's not just your own health and safety that you are risking if you neglect to get your eyesight checked, but also the lives of the people around you. The resource is freely available to road safety practitioners, employers, driving instructors and educators to help them raise life-saving awareness.'

Paul Carroll, Specsavers' director of professional services, said: 'It's vital that we all recognise the importance of regular eye examinations and the role that they play in keeping both drivers and pedestrians safe on the roads. In many cases, drivers' eyesight is only tested once, on the day of their driving test. It is then the driver's responsibility to check whether their vision remains above the legal standard. Because eyesight deteriorates gradually over time, the only way a driver can be 100% certain that they remain both legal and safe is to have regular eye examinations, which the 'Sharpen Up' tool should help encourage.'

The facts

Crash risk is heightened by poor vision (4): if you cannot see well, you may not see a hazard or

person in time to stop, or you may not be able to respond to the environment around you at all. Road crashes caused by poor driver vision are estimated to cause 2,900 casualties and cost £33 million in the UK per year. (5)

Vision problems are very common – almost three quarters (74%) of people in the UK either wear glasses or contact lenses, or have had laser eye surgery to correct their vision.(6) Long or short-sightedness is the most common, (7) and can affect anyone at any age.

Drivers with visual field defects (problems seeing objects in their central or peripheral vision) have double the incidence of road crashes and traffic violations compared to drivers with a full visual field. Almost half of people with visual field loss are unaware of the problem (8).

Several health conditions, including age-related macular degeneration, cataract and glaucoma, can cause serious and sometimes permanent damage to eyesight. These conditions are more common in people aged over 50, but can affect younger people too. They must be reported by drivers to the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) in the UK (9).

Read more at www.brake.org.uk/facts

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As soon as you get the date for your move and the time for the exchanging of keys, you can start to get organised:

Book some time off work for the move

Get multiple quotes from removal companies - once you are clear about your move in date, it is worth beginning to research removal costs. Hiring a removal firm can certainly ease the burden, but don't settle for the first one you come across. Many offer different levels of service including simple transportation of items right through to packing them for you, so it is worth shopping around. If you are downsizing to a smaller property, look at storage space rental costs too. Remember, it might work out cheaper sourcing this service independently from the company you choose to transport your items. [We would also recommend using a removal firm that is a member of the British Association of Removers (BAR), the trade association that maintains professional standards within the industry. You can search for your nearest BAR registered firm by visiting www.bar.co.uk]

Don't rule out moving yourself - Not all moves require hiring the services of a removal company. Work out the distance to your new property, and most importantly the size of vehicle you require to transport your possessions. If you are willing to put the work in yourself, it can save a lot of money. That said, special furniture might well require experienced removers to pack and protect it so as to avoid damage during transit so don't be over

ambitious. Should you decide to do it yourself, research self-hire services in the same way, being careful to check you have the correct vehicle license for the type of vehicle you end up selecting.

Set up services as soon as possible - It is frustrating to move into a new property only to find the gas and electricity isn't working. It is worth checking with the agent for the previous providers so you can call them to change the name on the contract or set up new accounts. Also, make sure that phone and broadband services are enabled prior to moving in as these often take a number of weeks to become active.

Check who holds the key to the door - this might sound like an obvious step, but it is surprising how many new homeowners forget to check the date for when the keys will be released for the property. Ensure you clarify whether your new keys will be released by your solicitor/conveyancer or your agent, and when. Often it will be on moving day, not before.

Research access points on the day - logistical considerations are often overlooked, but making sure there is adequate access to the property for large vehicles will ensure no hidden surprises on the day of the move. It is always good to check that access will still be available to neighbours and other vehicles using the road outside the property during offload.

Plan your packing well in advance - Packing up your old house may appear a daunting task, but it needn't be. Many people make the mistake of packing up rooms according to what will fit best into boxes but it makes much more sense to plan where you want to put items in the new property. Labeling goes without saying,

but working on a floor plan for where you want everything to end up will help you to work out whether it will fit or not at the other end.

Dismantle heavy furniture first - it's very tempting to focus on packing the smaller items that can be easily put into boxes first but tackling larger furniture like cabinets and wardrobes should be made a priority as this usually takes longer. It is worth transferring these items to the front of the house in the days leading up to the move so they can be loaded first.

Pack a 'basics' box - It is very easy to forget the essentials when moving house but ensuring that you have a spare change of clothes, a wash bag and a charger for your phone can be very helpful. You want to avoid a situation where you have to search through boxes on the day you move in to find the basics.

Compile a fact file for the people who have bought your home - Include things like rubbish collection day, recycling arrangements and heating instructions. On the day of the move, defrost your fridge and freezer and make sure you leave any instruction booklets for appliances you agreed to leave. Pack a bag of essentials for your first 24 hours so you don't have to root through boxes for items like your toothbrush.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE town was buzzing and music filled the air. The Music Festival had returned to Campbeltown and the Wee Toon was swinging. A rare day of sunshine brought the folk out to line the streets and cheer on the performers. Pipes skirled, drums beat, dancers danced, and great imagination was expressed in the variety of floats.

It was great to see the town celebrate her talents.

I am still amazed at just how much goes in in this wee corner of the world and what a variety of activities are open to all.

My city friends sometimes ask: 'What on earth do you do in Muasdale?' and usually follow it quickly with: 'Are you at a loose end yet?'

If only I had time to be at a loose end!

Of course, it is good to go to the big cities to catch a play or a concert, but we have a wealth of talent right here on our own doorstep.

There is also the opportunity here to enjoy the things that these big cities do not offer.

The Music Festival embraces the whole community and some wonderful performers enchant us.

There is a family feeling every time the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band marches proudly down Main Street.

We rejoice when one of our own wins in sport or drama or singing.

There is much to enjoy in the farming year with sheep dog trials and ploughing matches.

There are art galleries to enjoy, craft work to do, or simply to appreciate.

There are historical clubs and sports organisations.

There are walking groups and photography clubs and, of course, there is the land itself.

Who could fail to enjoy the beauty that surrounds us, the whisper of God in the breeze and the signs of his artwork on the hills and in the sky.

Am I at a loose end yet? Never.

Digital sector skills summer school

A BUTE summer school might have inspired the next generation of Campbeltown's digital experts.

The week long digital summer school for young people, aged from 16-24 was held in Rothesay recently, with 10 young people coming together from all over Argyll for a week of learning and skills development.

The aim of the programme was to inspire young people to develop a career or business in the digital sector.

Tutor supported interactive learning assisted the young people to develop their business ideas and digital concepts in a four day programme.

Inspiring insights were provided by Argyll-based digital entrepreneurs, including Sam Coley from Samteq and James Gray from Kinetic Studios.

Julia Bond, provided an overview of the range of digital skills that the BBC need to deliver their programming and highlighted that they are always looking for new ideas and pitches from new businesses,

particularly from young people.

Information was also provided from Business Gateway on help and advice for setting up your business, with social enterprise options highlighted by Inspiralba and an overview of local further study options provided by Argyll College, who also provided the IT access and learning space for the workshops. The summer school was funded by Highlands and Islands Enterprise and developed by Inspiralba and Comar, both Argyll-based social enterprises to engage young people to consider careers and enterprise opportunities in the digital sector.

Feedback from the participants has been positive and it is hoped to develop similar opportunities in the future.

'Extremely inspiring, learning was laid back with great support. I have learned that it's important to get yourself out there,' said Stuart from Campbeltown. More information: Ailsa Clark, Inspiralba. e mail: aclairk@inspiralba.org.uk

From our files:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO August 31, 1990

Third World comes to Carradale

AN overdose of aluminium in the water supply at Carradale put a stop on drinking and cooking with tap water last Friday. Villagers have since been filling up bottles and jugs a with drinking water from three parked tank trailers.

The water had been contaminated by Strathclyde Water's own treatment plant.

The regional water director, Ernest Chambers, said aluminium levels in the water varied up to 10 times the acceptable safety limit.

In the longer term, Carradale is set to get a new water treatment plant in the fiscal year 1991-92 at an estimated cost of £100,000.

FIFTY YEARS AGO August 26, 1965

Missing dog flies in

A PICTURE taken at Machrihanish Airport last week captures the joy of an old couple's reunion with their lost pet. Mr and Mrs Robert Benson's miniature poodle, Amber, had just arrived on the evening flight from Renfrew and is in the



arms of his mistress after being missing for a month.

The photograph shows The Misses B. and M. Keith, who had helped in the search for Amber, look on as Mr Benson strokes his little dog.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

September 4 1915

Private John Colville

PRIVATE John Colville, 1/8th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, son of Mr John Colville, Hazelburn Distillery, has been in hospital for several weeks suffering from a bullet wound in the back, received during the fighting in France. We understand the wound is not of a serious nature and Private Colville is progressing favourably.

Sudden death of Mr Hugh Fraser

It was learned with deep regret in the district on Friday evening last that Mr Hugh Fraser, the respected late sub-postmaster at Machrihanish, had died suddenly that afternoon.

Mr Fraser was at dinner when the illness which presaged the end began to manifest itself, and although medical aid was immediately procured, he passed peacefully away within a brief period.

Mr Fraser, who was 50 years of age, was a native of Machrihanish and, by reason of his public position, was known far and near.

The Courier welcomes submissions of old photographs or cuttings from 1990, 1965 and 1915 for this column.

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Macalister wins memorial cup

TARBERT golf club held the second and final round of the Archie MacNab Memorial cup, with 14 players still in the reckoning after the first round in this stableford format.

The best three scores from round one were Iain MacArthur on 42, Keith Blair on 41 and Iain Macalister on 40.

As things turned out, it was the two Iains who battled it out, both playing really good golf and with nine holes remaining, they were even.

It remained this way until the 15th when Iain Macalister went two points ahead following a birdie.

He went on to birdie the 16th and 18th for a one-under-par 65 and 44 stableford points.

Captain MacArthur finished with 36 points and Iain Macalister was to congratulate his competitor on a fantastic winning score.

Second best score on the day was Bruce MacNab, his level par 66 giving him 42 points.

Duncan Johnstone was third on 40 points.

Final placings were - 1 Iain Macalister 84; 2 Iain MacArthur 78; 3 Bruce MacNab 77.

Club members and visitors are looking forward to Tarbert Golf Club's am-am, which is being played tomorrow (Saturday) at Glenalloch, with some tee times still available.

Goal for Sons' Donald

DUMBARTON forward Donald McCallum was in action for the under-20s side last weekend, scoring the opening goal in the development team's draw with Vale of Leven Junior FC.

The 18-year-old from Campbeltown is part of the first team set-up but is yet to make his competitive debut this season, having scored two SPFL Championship goals in five appearances last term.

Last chance to saddle up for MOK Bike

CYCLING veterans and beginners alike have only days to enter the fifth annual Mull of Kintyre Bike Challenge (MOK Bike) event.

An exciting and emerging date on the Kintyre sporting calendar, the last entry date is Monday, August 31, so those interested need to enter over the weekend, for the chance to tackle one of the familiar choice of routes.

The event, being held on Sunday, September 20 caters to all ability levels.

Routes include the Family ride around Campbeltown Loch, up to the Ultimate at around 66 miles. The Sanda challenge, a 33-mile ride, includes the Learside and Dalsmirren hills, and 20 and 32-mile, easier route options, based on the terrain to Southend.

Entry fee includes tea and coffee before the event, a hot meal afterwards and a goody bag containing commemorative and other items.

A MOK Bike spokesman said: 'Free camping is available at Machrihanish Holiday park for entrants from further afield. There are also special offers on alternative types of accommodation, so please encourage friends or relatives from afar to make a trip to Campbeltown.'

'Thanks also to staff at the Ardshiel hotel who will provide us with the event hub and hot meal included in the entry price.'

'Extra meal tickets for non-entrants, at a minimum donation of £7.50 per person, are available from the MOK Bike organisers, and must be ordered by Friday, September 11, by emailing: russandros@gmail.com.'

At a new event on Saturday, September 19, being hosted by Carradale Bikes and Buggies, there will be a choice of mountain bike outings, ranging from a 28-mile time trial to Killean, with shorter variants or a more technical loop



Taking on the challenging Sanda route like these competitors is one option for MOK Bike event on Sunday, September 20

devised by organiser Ian, who has extensive knowledge of the forest and fells around. All of this is based at the Network Centre in Carradale.

The tearoom will also be having a Macmillan coffee afternoon - well worth a trip to Carradale even if you do not fancy a cycle.

Entry for all events can be done online, at: www.entrycentral.com/mokbike2015, with the various routes available, so entrants can choose

the best ride for them. More information can be found on the group's Facebook and Twitter pages, which is @mokbike2015



Training and games for rugby players

RUGBY starts again for Campbeltown Kintyre RFC tomorrow (Saturday) with a training session starting 11am at the Meadows playing fields.

The youngest age group, the Minis, will feature all children from 7-11 years old.

The senior team, consisting

mainly of boys 16 and over, are scheduled to play a game against Argyll and Bute RFC with the home side's ranks bolstered by some players from Islay, at the Meadows at 2pm.

Our photo shows Campbeltown Kintyre seniors in training.

Machrihanish golf club roundup:

THE SENIORS open attracted a magnificent 130 players on a day of great scoring. The weather was calm - perfect for low scores, which were duly returned throughout the day.

Sponsored by Campbeltown Motor Company and played on Wednesday, August 12, the overall winner was David Rankin who has become something of an open specialist this year, adding to his ear-

lier Charity Open success in May.

David, who was the golf club's captain last year, shot a tremendous gross score of 71, the nett score of 64 finishing one ahead of Machrihanish greenkeeper, David Irwin, who also recorded a 71.

Local members were prominent on the prize list with other notable performances from Hector Thomson (Millknowe), Archie Johnstone,

David Campbell, John Gallacher and Robert McCallum.

The CSS was 71 for both home and visitor players.

Full results are as follows: overall handicap winner - David Rankin 71-7=64; overall scratch winner - David Irwin 71. Age 55-59 handicap; 1 S Robertson 83-15=68; 2 R McCallum 81-12=69 (BL6). Scratch - 1 K Ross 75 (BIH); 2 D Campbell 75

Age 60-64 handicap - 1 W

Fredrickson 74-7=67; 2 J Girdlestone 83-15=68 (BIH).

Scratch - 1 J Cassidy 78; 2 A Stewart 79 (BIH). Age 65-69 handicap; 1 H Thomson 74-6=68 (BIH); 2 J Cassidy 82-14=68.

Scratch - 1 C Halcrow 73; 2 A Johnstone 78. Age 70+ handicap - 1 G Donald 78-13=65; 2 J Gallacher 81-13=68. Scratch - 1 R Warren 79; 2 M Skinner 81.

The generous sponsorship

and continued support by Campbeltown Motor Company is very much appreciated by Machrihanish golf club in helping to make the Seniors' Open one of the busiest days in the club's golfing calendar.

Glencaladh Bowl results: (Past and present committee members) - Saturday, August 15 (Yellow tees, CSS 71, Played 11) - 1 Ian MacKinnon 1 down (BIH); 2 David Campbell 1 down.

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Assault course agony - loved by all - set for a re-run

ONE of the toughest sport's events on the Kintyre calendar is set for a re-run this November.

Last year's MACC Challenge was tough, brutal and cruel, but nearly 100 entrants who braved the military-themed obstacle race were mad keen for a second shot.

The date for the second ever Challenge has been confirmed as Saturday, November, 7, starting in Machrihanish Airbase at

11am. Organisers promise this year's event will be tougher and more thrilling than the last.

The course stretches four miles across the 1,000 acre site and features a variety of challenging terrains and obstacles to test your limits.

New additions

Course director and member of Campbeltown Running Club, James Murdoch said: 'We are looking at some exciting new additions

to the course this year. With more businesses now located at MACC, we have incorporated new areas of the site and thought of different ways to use the space - this means that no two MACC Challenges will ever be the same.'

Taking the lead from the global success of Tough Mudder and other world-wide obstacle events, Kintyre got truly caught up in the spirit of the mud last year.

There are 130 spaces available for 2015 and these are expected to be snapped up quickly.

James continues: 'There was a tremendous buzz following the last event and we have received a lot of enquiries about a date for this year.'

'We hope everyone remembers how much fun they had and pesters their friends to get involved too.'

Again, it is all about the enjoyment and working together through the challenges. 'No prizes, no official



Elaine McGeachy puts the assault course entrants through a rigorous warm-up last year.

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timing, just the achievement after completing the next obstacle and at the end of the course.

You do not need to be mega fit, but you do need to be willing to get stuck right in.'

Cheer on

Spectators are welcome to come along to cheer on participants.

The £27.50 entry fee will be a donation to this year's chosen charity, Marie Curie Cancer Care. Last year a donation of £2,000 was made to the Kidney Dialysis Group.

MACC Chairman, Tom Millar said: 'We are pleased to be holding this fantastic event again.'

'The site lends itself perfectly to sport and leisure activity and it is a great opportunity for us to work with Campbeltown Running Club to promote active and healthier lifestyles.'

Entries open via 'Entry Central' at 9am on Tuesday, September 1.

Any businesses interested in sponsoring the event should contact MACC.



Two entrants up to their knees in a freezing ditch Photo by Claire McFadzean



A hosing down from airfield fire crews in 2014 Photo by Claire McFadzean

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £250

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



We have a winner! One lucky reader has one the jackpot of £4250. See next week's Campbeltown Courier for full details

All you have to do

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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. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition Rules

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Goals galore as 'Dale make amends

CARRADALE took their second chance for league cup points last Saturday with a rout of Argyll rivals, Cardross.

The home side looked determined from the start to make up for a disappointing 4-2 defeat to Oban Athletic in the same competi-

Carradale	8
Cardross	0
West of Scotland league cup	

tion the previous week. For 20 minutes the visitors gave a good account of themselves, generally competing with Carradale, but the first goal

arrived to set the home side on their way to victory through Gregor Croll.

John Williams' enterprising play down the right flank saw his cut back despatched by Croll from six yards.

Croll, who joined Carradale last season, was clearly in the mood for goals and doubled his tally soon after.

Cutting inside from the right, he clipped a left foot shot over the keeper into the far corner of the net.

The Andrew Smith and Son-sponsored Carradale were in full control and took a 3-0 lead

when David Johnstone floated in a free kick after Declan McAulay was upended.

Cardross then had a goal ruled out for an infringement, and the hosts were in mood to settle for their lead, pressing forward in search of further goals.

However, they would have to wait until after the hour mark, when a five-goal salvo in 18 minutes put the gloss on an already comfortable win.

Croll started it off by netting his hat-trick, making it 4-0 after bending a right foot shot into the keeper's left-hand corner.

Ryan McConnachie, who with Johnstone in midfield, dominated the play, scored with a low drive from outside the box after picking up the ball from a Cardross goal kick.

The visitors were hit for six when Johnstone picked out Croll, and the speedy forward advanced into the box and dinked the ball over the grasp of the onrushing keeper.

7-0 arrived when youngster Ali Sneddon pounced on a loose ball to drive it into the roof of the net. His was one of a number of encouraging performances from some of the younger players, with Ryan Blackstock, Daniel Docherty and Lewis Norris also picked out for praise by the management.

Croll's five star performance was complete, the undisputed man of the match breaking clear to score with a low shot and make it a miserable afternoon for Cardross.

Nonnie Macalister, who continues to be involved in a background



Declan McAulay, in red, tackling a Cardross player 25_c3scarradale06



Gregor Croll races clear during his five-goal show against Cardross 25_c3scarradale01



Ryan Blackstock was one of a number of promising young players on show 25_c3scardross02

role following his resignation as manager at the end of last season, said: 'The other team could not live with Gregor Croll's pace, he is a real threat when he runs at defences and can score goals.'

'There were a lot of great performances, from our more experienced players to the teenagers in the side, and it is always a good habit to keep a clean sheet.'

'Many thanks also to James Lafferty Carpet Fitters for sponsoring the match ball.'

Tomorrow (Saturday) Carradale host Rosneath at the all-weather pitch, kick off 2pm, before a cup match next Wednesday in Tarbert against Oban Athletic, to alleviate both teams' travel distances.

Jackpot jumps to £400

THERE were no winners in Machrihanish Golf Club's three-number lottery held on Monday, meaning the jackpot rises to £400.

The winning numbers were 3, 13 and 18. The next draw will be held on Monday, August 31.

Meanwhile, As a result of the Thomson Open being cancelled in July due to bad weather, three local charities have been given donations from the proceeds of the entry fees.

The three charities are Marie Curie, RNLi Campbeltown and Campbeltown Town Hall Clock.

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