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Wee Toon whisky - still world class

Despite put-down by Edinburgh guide

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A TOUR guide working for an Edinburgh firm dismissed Campbeltown distilling as 'irrelevant and shrinking'.

That was the stunning statement three American whisky tourists related to the Courier at the start of their visit to Kintyre on Sunday.

Jeff and JoAnn Knox and their son Chris told how they had arrived at the tail end of the Edinburgh Festival and also visited The Scotch Whisky Experience on the Royal Mile.

JoAnn Knox, from San Diego, California, said: 'At The Scotch Whisky Experience our guide told us there were five whisky producing regions in Scotland but they were only going to

talk about four because the fifth, Campbeltown, is shrinking and irrelevant.'

Chris Knox is a whisky connoisseur and he said the family had decided to visit Campbeltown and specifically Springbank after conversations in a whisky shop in Washington DC.

He was surprised to hear the guide put Campbeltown down, although he understood even if the industry had shrunk since its heyday, it still produces some of the best spirit in the world.

Susan Morrison, The Scotch Whisky Experience director and general manager, said: 'It is certainly not what we

train our team to say so I wonder if the couple has just misinterpreted what has been said or translated it in a slightly different manner when speaking to the press.

'We spend a lot of time training the team in all aspects of Scotch whisky before they start touring with our visitors and training then continues on an on-going basis.

'In terms of Campbeltown, staff are taught that historically the region had around 30 distilleries, which is quite incredible for such a small area.

'Nowadays it has only three working distilleries, but is still recognised by the Scotch Whisky Association as one of Scotland's five whisky-producing regions.

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Spot the Ball winner scores big time

YEARS of playing the Courier's Spot the Ball paid off for a Campbeltown woman who netted £4,250 on Monday.

Elizabeth McTaggart could not believe it when she heard she had won and has decided to reveal some of her secrets.

Elizabeth said: 'I have been playing Spot the Ball more

by the Scotch whisky industry and here to promote the enjoyment of Scotch whisky generically.

'On that basis we will



Elizabeth McTaggart collects her cheque from the Courier's Rebecca Harvey 25_c36spot01

years than I care to remember but am still convinced it is a game of skill.

'I look at the player's eyes and try to make a two dimensional pictures become 3D to work out the position of the

always follow guidelines set by The Scotch Whisky Association on all aspects of the subject. I hope that this has simply been a misun-

derstanding, but I will ensure that this is briefed to all the team to ensure no-one has had a slightly different take on this.'

'The win will not stop me entering and

I have already played this week's competition although the prize is only £250. If I win that, it would all go to charity.'

It is 80 weeks since there was last a winner, back in February 2014.

Both distilleries in Campbeltown decided not to make a comment.

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Making things last in South Kintyre

SECOND-hand goods should be seen as an attractive, mainstream, good-value option in the increasingly waste-conscious world.

That is the view of Inspiralba working under the name 'Zero Waste Heroes' which wants to recruit more Kintyre volunteers to spread its message of recycling, reuse and repair.

The social enterprise hopes to help end this throwaway society.

Volunteers

Zero Waste Heroes is looking for volunteers of all ages to undertake a variety of activities, from cookery demos and upcycling workshops to promoting recycling door-to-door and at events.

A spokesperson said: 'If you already have skills in these areas, your expertise is very

much welcome, but training will be given to all participants.'

This comes in the wake of the Scottish Government-backed #MakeThingsLast campaign which highlighted ways Scotland can move towards a circular economy.

Richard Lochhead, cabinet secretary for the environment said: 'I recently launched the Scottish Government's consultation on steps we can take to create a more circular economy and I'm delighted that more organisations are working towards that too.'

'We want the sale and use of second hand goods to be seen as an attractive, mainstream, good-value option for an increasing range of products.'

'We want reuse businesses and community

organisations to thrive, on the back of a growing reputation for quality and value for money for their goods.'

Catherine Wilson, Zero Waste Heroes volunteer co-ordinator, said: 'Recycling is big news for South Kintyre.'

Hugh saving

'It represents 22 jobs locally and permits huge saving on landfill tax, as well as keeping £300,000 in the local economy.'

'Food waste is not currently recycled locally so it's important that we encourage ways of preventing it.'

'Upcycling helps give items a longer useful life and therefore also reduces waste.'

To volunteer, call Catherine on 07548 03401 or leave a message on Zero Waste Heroes' Facebook page.



Trees and decorative lights in Campbeltown's Burnside Square were damaged last month

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Shock repair bill as tree lights trashed

CLIMBING trees in Campbeltown town centre led to a £1,000 repair bill - and could have endangered lives, according to police.

Employees from Argyll and Bute council found several trees in the town's Burnside Square and Harvey's Lane, as well as their decorative lights, had been climbed upon and damaged, apparently by youths, during the weekend of Friday-Sunday, August 21-23.

An Argyll and Bute coun-

cil spokesman said: 'Palm trees, shrubs and decorative lights were damaged in Campbeltown town centre.'

Damaged

'The palm tree branches were damaged when children were allowed to swing on them, and some shrubs were pulled up.'

'£1,000 worth of damage was caused to the lighting.'

A Campbeltown police office spokesman said: 'We received a complaint from council staff last week that it appeared young peo-

ple had been playing and climbing around the trees in Burnside Square and Harvey's Lane, which damaged some of the trees as well as the lighting around them, putting the youths at risk of being electrocuted.'

'We would like to remind the public of the potential dangers of coming into contact with electrical equipment, with regard to future events in the town centre, as well as the unsightliness such damage can cause for the area's residents and visitors.'

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Jayne McKerral

Graduated from the University of Strathclyde with a B.A. joint honours degree in Marketing and Human Resources Management. Jayne is the younger daughter of Ian and Norma, and granddaughter of Roy and the late Renee Colville, and the late John and Agnes McKerral.

She has taken up a position as a recruitment consultant with Solutions Driven in Glasgow.

Police files:

Money stolen

A MAN has been reported to the procurator fiscal following the theft of money from a house in Glenside, Campbeltown in the early hours of last Friday.

Noise warning

A HOUSEHOLDER was warned by police after complaints from nearby residents of a noisy party in High Street, Campbeltown last Friday evening.

Man assaulted

ONE man was reported to the procurator fiscal following an assault to another man in the

Hillside Road area of Campbeltown, around midday last Saturday.

He is due to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court later this month.

Domestic arrests

TWO separate domestic incidents in Campbeltown led to two men being held in custody at Campbeltown police station.

The first incident occurred in the early hours of Sunday and the second occurred on Sunday afternoon.

Both men were due to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Monday.

Maritime remembrance service

'It came as a surprise to discover that Merchant Navy Day is not an official day of remembrance'

A RETIRED seaman remembered fallen comrades with a wreath laying ceremony at Campbeltown War Memorial.

John Manning, an ex-merchant navy seaman, paid his personal respects at the town's cenotaph yesterday (Thursday) on the 76th anniversary of the beginning of the Second World War.

Mr Manning said: 'Previously a service was conducted by Reverend Michael Lind, formerly of the Highland Parish Church in Campbeltown, so this is a personal gesture.'

Ronnie Togneri from Campbeltown also mentioned the merchant navy memorial service on Argyll FM while presenting the station's news programme at 12pm on Wednesday.

Mr Manning described the hardships for UK merchant seamen on arduous journeys across the world's oceans during conflicts - and the shoddy treatment of their families.

He added: 'If a merchant ship was sunk during war conditions, pay was immediately stopped and the discharge book stamped VNC - Voyage Not Completed. Families' payments were stopped

and they were subjected to means-tested dole.

'It is so important to remember the sacrifices made by merchant shipping crews and to pay respects to all others affected by war.'

A Red Ensign flag was due to be hoisted at 10am yesterday at the Old Quay Head in Campbeltown, to be flown until today (Friday). It will join more than 150 other Red Ensigns, the UK Merchant Navy's flag since 1854, on public buildings and landmark flag staffs at local authorities around the UK.

Leading seamen's charity UK Seafarers and its president, The Earl of Wessex, is running a campaign, backed by the Merchant Navy Association, to get UK government recognition for the memorial day.

Seafarers UK's Director General, Commodore Barry Bryant,

explained: 'The UK relies on merchant seafarers for 95 per cent of our imports, including half the food we eat, but there is a nationwide lack of public awareness about the pivotal importance of our merchant shipping industry and the needs of its people.'

'We therefore started campaigning for local councils to fly the Red Ensign on September 3, presuming that Merchant Navy Day itself was already on the Government's list of national flag-flying days.'

'It came as a surprise to discover that it is not, nor is it an official Day of Remembrance.'

'I urge the Government to mark September 3 accordingly, acknowledging that our island nation is as dependent on seafarers today as it was during the First and Second World Wars.'



Kitchen helpers, from left: Val McGilvary, Barbara Lang, Ken Eames and Pam Francis. 25_c36coffee01

St Kieran's coffee morning packs them in

HOME baking vanished in less than an hour at a coffee morning in Kirk Street's Red Cross Hall.

Lay chaplain David McEwan also reported a good

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Ferry passengers praise super service

THE ARDROSSAN-Campbeltown summer ferry service is now in the final year of its three-year trial period, with this year's last sailing scheduled for Sunday, September, 27. Last Sunday at 4pm More than 15 cars



Heather Wallace (right) with her mum. 25_c36ferry02

were waiting in the queue with many more cyclists and a packed ticket office full of foot passengers.

They all spoke highly of their experiences of the ferry:

Russian student **Stefan Danilishin**, 36, on a cycle tour in Argyll, sailed from Wemyss Bay to Rothesay, another ferry to Cowal and a third from Portavadie to Tarbert. He had to cut short his tour because of a mechanical problem and headed to Campbeltown as he had used the ferry to Ardrossan the previous weekend.

Mr Danilishin said: 'This is a very important ferry to keep because not everyone travels by car and to cycle to Campbeltown is a very long journey. I have met many cyclists who have used the Ardrossan boat to get to Kintyre.'

Rachel Thomson, 23, from Irvine, travelled with three members of her family to visit relatives in Campbeltown for the weekend.

Rachel said: 'It is the first time we have used the ferry. It is much better than driving round and I think it should be available all year.'

Rachel's dad James, 53, said: 'It is the first time I have taken the ferry. We were visiting my sister for her 60th - it was a great trip over.'

Heather Wallace, 61, who works at Erskine Hospital, has taken the ferry about once every two weeks to see her elderly mother.

Heather, a nurse, said: 'For me the Ardrossan ferry has been a Godsend, because stopping work on a Friday evening and driving over the Rest and Be Thankful is fraught with problems particularly if the road is closed.'

'If it was decided to stop this ferry it would be like cutting a blood vessel. Campbeltown



The Thomson family by Campbeltown ferry terminal 25_c36ferry03

needs tourists to come into Kintyre.'

Jeff and JoAnn Knox from San Diego, California were travelling with their son, Chris, from Washington DC. It was their fourth day in the UK and the begin-

ning of their distillery tour with trips planned to Springbank and Glen Scotia.

JoAnn said: 'We came over on a Sunday afternoon because there was a ferry.'

'It was a great trip and for a ferry CalMac's

food was excellent. 'I imagine having a ferry like this keeps Campbeltown alive.'

As the Courier went to press, Explore Campbeltown announced the weblink to complete its ferry survey at: - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6RDRWCQ>. This should not be confused with the Transport Scotland survey.



Chris, Jeff and JoAnn Knox 25_c36ferry01



Stefan Danilishin. 25_c36ferry04

'Ferry' good news as CalMac living wage is endorsed

A NATIONAL ferries provider made a pledge to its workers last week to pay them the recognised living wage.

Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) has become the first ferry operator in the UK and the first large-scale transport company in Scotland to achieve living wage accreditation.

Hourly rate

The rubber-stamping of the practice, which was already in operation at the company, was given to David MacBrayne Ltd

- CalMac's parent company - which promises to provide an hourly rate of at least £7.85 for over-18s among its 1,450 staff. Argyll Ferries employees are also covered.

The award is given by the Living Wage Foundation rather than the government.

Annabelle Ewing MSP, minister for youth and women's employment, said: 'CalMac plays a vital role in island life, operating a lifeline ferry service and providing employment for the commu-

nities of the Clyde and Hebrides. 'Staff are at the heart of this organisation, so I am pleased to see it become a living wage employer.'

Absolutely right

Martin Dorchester, CalMac managing director, said: 'It is absolutely right that CalMac's employees should earn a living wage.'

'It is something we were already doing with our staff and gaining accreditation simply formalises our commitment to this.'

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Ardrossan ferry is vital route to Campbeltown, Kintyre and Argyll and Bute



The MV Arran approaching Campbeltown in 2013 20_c36mvarran01

A TOURISM organisation is anchoring the campaign to keep the Campbeltown-Ardrossan ferry sailing.

Explore Campbeltown has launched a survey in an attempt to gauge the amount of extra business gained in Kintyre since the ferry started in May 2013.

The Ardrossan-Campbeltown summer ferry service is now in the final year of its three-year trial period, with this year's last sailing scheduled for Sunday, September, 27.

Decisions on whether the crossing will become a permanent service or withdrawn will be made soon and Explore Campbeltown is working with the Campbeltown Ferry Sub-Group to help back the campaign for it to continue beyond the current trial period.

Argyll and Bute Councillor John Armour said: 'The Kintyre peninsula is a global asset and one of Scotland's best kept tourist secrets.'

'This beautiful part of Scotland deserves to have links that best showcase the outstand-

ing assets at our disposal. We must do all we can to ensure the ferry continues as a permanent service as it provides a vital route to Campbeltown, Kintyre and the whole of Argyll and Bute.'

A spokesperson from Explore Campbeltown said: 'It would be easy for us all to sit back and complain if the ferry service does not continue but while we have the ability to do something and hopefully help to save it then it's important that we all do.'

'What we need now is to gather support for the service and that's where all the Explore Campbeltown partners come in.'

'We already know that it is a hugely positive transport link for Kintyre and that most of the local residents and businesses would love to see it continue but what we really need is the figures, data and information to back up our argument and prove why it is so vital for us to keep the ferry running.'

Explore Campbeltown needs evidence of how businesses have been af-

ected by the ferry service, including hotels, restaurants, shops or other local providers including event hosts, particularly in the leisure industry which is reliant on visitors.

If possible, Explore Campbeltown has asked if business owners could compare figures from the days that the ferry operates - Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday to other days.

The organisation also wants to compare figures from the months that the ferry is in operation - May, June, July, August and September - to the months it is not.

It wonders whether trade has been better during the three-year trial period - 2013, 2014 and 2015 - from before the ferry started.

The spokesperson continued: 'We would also like to hear how you have been affected on the weekends when the ferry has been cancelled.'

'Although it's obviously extremely disappointing when it's cancelled, as it can have a negative effect on businesses, we can turn this

into something positive for our argument and use the information to prove how vital the link is for bringing visitors to the town.'

'I have heard of at least two accommodation providers who have lost a whole weekend of business due to the cancellations, so that's the sort of information that can prove our point.'

The dates the ferry has been cancelled during this season are: Thursday, April 30, Friday, May 1, Saturday, May 2, Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17 - due to mechanical problems with ship; Sunday, May 31 and Saturday, June 6 - adverse weather; Thursday, Friday and Saturday June 25, 26 and 27 - industrial dispute with Caledonian MacBrayne.

Explore Campbeltown has set a deadline to receive information of Monday September 14.

'If we can prove that our businesses and lives have become dependent on the service, then we will hopefully have a good chance of securing the permanent service,' said the spokesman.

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Ferry's three-year trial a sailing success

THE ferry to Kintyre has attracted many visitors and proved a boon to locals.

It is hard to believe that, slightly more than three years ago, the only route with a car to Campbeltown from Glasgow was the 136-mile road.

It has opened up so many possibilities, including green tourism, with many cyclists using the boat for weekend trips to Kintyre.

As one Russian man said this weekend, if someone does not possess a driving licence but wants to cycle here it is all but impossible - the ferry opens that door.

Even during this year's often wet summer, Campbeltown Bunkhouse has welcomed groups of cyclists over for the weekend from a Friday night sailing able to return on Sunday.

The ferry has also proved very useful to people who work on the west mainland and have relatives in Kintyre but do not want to face an energy-sapping drive or bus journey at the end of the week.

Last week on the Lochranza to Clonaig ferry there were five car enthusiasts doing a round called the five ferries which costs £105 for a day trip. Currently it does not include Campbeltown but could be a trip worth promoting.

The ferry has certainly proved its worth but at the same time has frustrated some hoteliers and accommodation suppliers, on the weekends, when there have been problems particularly due to mechanical failure.

So far the ferry does not seem to have attracted much commercial traffic, such as lorries, but surely it would be a good alternative when the fuel alone for the trip from Glasgow is £140, as a fully loaded articulated lorry does about 5mpg.

who's who at your

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The truth about Jeremy Corbyn's support for the United Kingdom

Sir,
As usual Alistair Redman's ramblings - Courier, August 28 - bear little resemblance to reality.

What Jeremy Corbyn has actually said on Scottish Independence is:

He is a socialist not a unionist, and is therefore the candidate best-placed to win back the thousands of Scots who switched allegiance to the SNP.

He rejected the SNP's aim of Scottish independence but said, quite rightly, he was willing to work with it to fight the appalling Welfare Reform Bill.

On a visit to Dundee, the city that had the highest 'Yes' vote, he had the courage to say that there shouldn't be another referendum at all.

On the other hand David Cameron's ideological pursuit of punitive welfare austerity and a low-wage, zero hours economy, is fast becoming a dead certainty to drive thousands more Scots into the SNP's arms.

By contrast a wee bit of honest, anti-austerity socialism is highly likely to strengthen the case for the United Kingdom and bring many more Scots back from the centralising, control freakery of the current SNP regime.

Bob Chicken,
Secretary,
Mid Argyll, Kintyre and
Islay Branch,
Scottish Labour Party.

Independence campaigner says Corbyn is a unionist

Sir,
In reply to the letter by Alastair Redman - Courier, August, 28 - I would point out that, those of us who campaigned for independence last September, regard Jeremy Corbyn as a definite unionist.

Indeed, his seeming disinterest in the recent seismic shift in Scottish politics is difficult to understand. That apart, I have much in common with Mr Corbyn's politics, and wish him success in the current leadership election.

It is unlikely that, even if he emerges victorious, it will attract me back to support the Labour Party.

The Blairites would, almost certainly, launch an immediate bitter and hostile attack on his leadership and bring the party that they have already ruined into further turmoil. These people have no shame.

The idiotic war in Iraq, with its horrendous consequences; the deepest recession in living memory, and their insistence on continuing with Thatcher's neo-liberal economic policies drove many genuine Labour people from the ranks. They will think nothing of disregarding the democratic wishes of the members to pursue their own selfish ends.

Norrie Paton,
Kilkerran Park,
Campbeltown.

Proud to support Trident

Sir,
The Scottish Labour party is

now to debate Trident at its party conference.

During the Better Together campaign, Labour was supportive of keeping Trident and rightfully so, it smacks of hypocrisy that it is now planning on changing the goalposts.

Perhaps Kezia Dugdale is trying to get on the right side of Jeremy Corbyn but a lot of Labour supporters will be surprised that this debate is getting re-opened.

Scotland continues to benefit economically from the presence of Trident.

We have seen enormous economic benefits thanks to the naval base. It's Scotland's biggest single-site employer and supports thousands of jobs across the west coast.

It's time people realised its importance both for the security of our country and our economy.

I am proud, that, when the Labour party is meekly rolling over to the demands of its leadership front runner Jeremy Corbyn and the SNP, the Scottish Conservative and Unionist party remains steadfast - as we have always done - on keeping Trident.

Alastair Redman,
Islay.

Information sought about Kellys and Stalkers

Sir,
I have lived in the United States for many years; my father Alexander Kelly was raised in Campbeltown before moving on to the University of Edinburgh and becoming a veterinarian. He was born in 1912 and his father, also Alexander, was born in

1866 in Killean and Kilchenzie. His mother was Catherine Stalker, born in 1864 at Saddell. On September 14 my sister, brother and I will be visiting Campbeltown for a few days to get a feel of where our father was raised and hopefully also find some information about relatives and friends.

Anyone who knew my father or his relatives could get in touch with me either through e-mail - judeleh@hotmail.com or via the Campbeltown Courier.

Judith Connelly,
Massachusetts,
United States.

Seeking an apology

Sir,
I am wondering if Campbeltown really wants visitors.

Some time ago my daughter and her husband phoned a Campbeltown distillery asking if they would be able to visit - they were staying more than one hour's drive away. The answer was 'yes, just come in and we will look after you'.

Upon arriving they were told to wait five hours as the distillery had to show visitors around the site.

Following emails - a pleasant reply was received promising to investigate - the trail went cold, and I resorted to a letter to their managing director.

Still no response so I tried VisitScotland which was keen to assist.

After many weeks - nothing! Next year my daughter wishes to return to Scotland but is determined to avoid Campbeltown. I wonder why?

Robin Breach,
Bishops Waltham,
Southampton.

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SOUTH Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) has the key for some of Kintyre's most secret addresses.

SKDT is coordinating 'Doors Open Day,' Scotland's largest free annual architectural event on Saturday and Sunday, September 26 and 27, covering the area from Inveraray to Campbeltown.

'Doors Open Day' takes place throughout Scotland and is part

of European Heritage Days giving free access to places that are normally closed to the public. Some open up once a year, some just once in a lifetime.

DELIGHTED

Zena Coffield, SKDT Trust Manager said: 'SKDT is delighted to be coordinating the event this year.

'One of the main themes this year is Scotland's Industrial Heritage and will begin

with an insight into the archives at Inveraray Castle then continue throughout Kintyre to include some buildings that people have always wanted to see inside.'

The full programme will be available soon on the 'Doors Open Day' website www.doorsopendays.org.uk and www.skdt.org

Beating the retreat to make Battle of Loos memorial

CAMPBELTOWN'S two 'big bands' are shortly to join together to give the local public a real outdoor treat.

Campbeltown Brass and Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands will break off from their busy contest schedules to combine and perform a Beating the Retreat ceremony

at the New Quay on Wednesday, September, 23 at 6pm, as part of the Battle of Loos centenary commemorations being held in the town that week.

Selection

The bands will parade in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant, Patrick Stewart, local dignitaries and the general public and perform a selection of music suitable for the occasion.

Both Pipe Major Iain McKerral and conductor Gordon Evans are delighted that the two bands are able to get together and commemorate such an important event.



Four Kintyre winners from the Cowal Highland Gathering held last weekend 20_c36dancers01

Fab four conquer Cowal . . .

FOUR talented Highland dancers from James McCorkindale's School of Dance in Campbeltown won prestigious prizes at last weekend's Cowal Highland Gathering.

Pictured from left are Solana McMurchy, with the John Brown Memorial Trophy, in the intermediate category for under-14s,

Erin Binnie, winner of the Duncan Lauder Memorial Trophy for under-12s, Claudia Graham, Esplanade Hotel Trophy winner for beginners under 12, and Linzi Cameron, who won the John Ford Challenge Trophy in the premier category for 15 years and under.

James McCorkindale, who has taught Highland dancing in Campbeltown for more than 40 years, said: 'I am absolutely delighted for them. It ends a very successful competitive season on a high - it could actually be the most trophies we have brought back from Cowal in one year.'

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The day ends with the short service of Compline.
Performed by Scotland's award winning Harp & Flute duo, Helen Macleod and Emma Wilkins.
As recent recipients of both the Enterprise Music Scotland Residency Project and the Tunnell Trust for Young Musicians, Helen and Emma have delighted audiences with their eclectic mix of music and sparkling personalities.

Campbeltown Flower Club
A demonstration will be held on **Tuesday 8th September at 7.30pm** in the **Red Cross Hall, Campbeltown**
The demonstrator is Elizabeth Forster from Kelso
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Kintyre success at Cowal Games



Both Bands show off their silverware on their way home from Cowal

REPORT By COLIN CRAWFORD
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COWAL games usually marks the end of the pipe bands' competitive season and what an end it turned out to be for Kintyre Schools Pipe Band.

Argyll and Bute's biggest annual event saw hundreds of dancers and pipers, heavy athletes, runners, ceilidh tent musicians and many other performers on show.

Overseeing the action was this year's games chieftain, actor Martin Compston, who had flown in from Los Angeles to be at the event with his fiancée and parents.

One of the highlights of Saturday's packed programme was, as always, the Cowal Pipe Band Championship.

Kintyre Schools were impressive in winning the juvenile contest ahead of Dunoon Grammar School's novice band in second place.

This year, in the absence of Inveraray and District Pipe Band, Johnstone managed to

hold off the challenge of Oban to be crowned winners of the Grade One Cowal Pipe Band Championships 2015.

Oban High School won the novice juvenile competition, just ahead of Kintyre Schools. With Dunoon Grammar School Pipe Band in third, each of the three Argyll school bands managed to beat private school band, George Watson's College.

Third

Mid Argyll Pipe Band came third in a competitive Grade Four section, behind the winners Lanark and District and second placed Wolverhampton.

Grade Three was won by Isle of Islay, while Argyll bands occupied three of the top five places in Grade Two.

The grade was won by Johnston Pipe Band, which also has a fair Argyll influence in its playing ranks, but Oban Pipe Band came second, Kintyre Schools juve-

nile band fourth and Isle of Islay fifth.

In the Highland dancing, top honours in the Argyllshire Championships went to Lisa McGillivray from Kirn (Under 13), with Blairmore's Libby Maclean winning the under 16 category and Rhiannon Charles from Helensburgh triumphing in the 16 years and over category.

The Argyll County Championships for beginners aged nine to 12 was won by Claudia Graham from Campbeltown, and in the novice (aged 10 and under) section, Erin Binnie, also from Campbeltown, came out on top, just ahead of Port Ellen's Eva Munro in second place.

Then came the world championship finals - with dancers from as far afield as Australia, New Zealand, Canada, South Africa and the USA pitting their skills against the best the UK has to offer.

Erin Blair from California once again emerged victorious in

the world juvenile finals.

In the world junior championship, Newton Stewart's Ellis Hayes followed up her fourth place last year with victory this year.

The adult world champion was once again Marielle Lesperance from Ontario, with Rebecca Thow (formerly of Aberdeen and now Ontario) second and last year's junior winner, Abbie MacNeil of Glasgow, third.

Cowal Highland Gathering chairman, Ronnie Cairns, said: 'We've welcomed spectators not just from Argyll and Bute and Scotland more generally, but from right around the globe, and the feedback we've received has been overwhelmingly positive.'

He concluded: 'A big 'thank you' again to everyone involved, and I hope we'll see you back again next year.'

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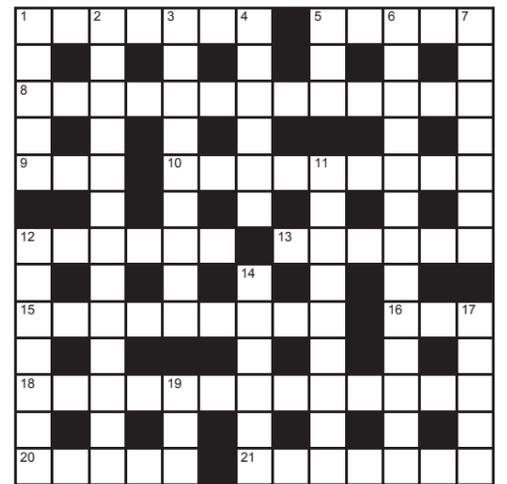
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- 5 Tubes (5)
- 8 Inexplicable (13)
- 9 Bounce on one leg (3)
- 10 Look again (2-7)
- 12 Right a wrong (6)
- 13 Sows' home (6)
- 15 The destruction of (9)
- 16 Difficult drink? (3)
- 18 Place to peruse with others (6,7)
- 20 Time (5)
- 21 Place of acts (7)

Down

- 1 Quiet! (5)
- 2 Negligible (13)
- 3 Central American republic (9)
- 4 Sidestepped (6)
- 5 Hole (3)
- 6 You would think he was here to do your beckoning! (6,7)
- 7 Set back? (7)
- 11 May be sold to another (9)
- 12 Fit (7)
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- 17 Noncommittal answer (5)
- 19 Poorly (3)

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MAMA
Mid Argyll



New talent Robbie MacDougall performed at last year's buskers cafe.

MID Argyll Music and Arts Festival (MAMA Fest) will take place in Lochgilphead on September 4-6.

After a sell out last year organisers are hoping for the same again this year and have put together a line up of some of Argyll's finest musicians.

They expect hundreds of people to come out to support local musicians, have a great weekend and get Lochgilphead buzzing again this year.

Popular covers band None the Wiser are playing at the Drill Hall on Saturday night and singer Jo Smith said: 'We kicked off the entire festival last year and are so excited to be back again. This year we're playing Saturday night and hope to persuade everyone up out of their seats and onto the dance floor. The entire weekend is a fantastic showcase of all the amazing talent in mid Argyll - full credit to the organisers for putting on what's sure to be a great show.'

LOCAL BANDS

As well as the main concerts there will be music throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday with original music from local bands like Eventyde and Citizen9. Last year Vinny Hutton performed in public for the first time ever at Sunday's music session. His guitar playing and singing impressed so much that the organisers had to have him back this year and he will play at the buskers cafe.

This gets to the heart of what MAMA Fest is about, giving new musicians the chance to play and encouraging them to get involved. After last year's performance Vinny said it had



Former staff from the Stables will provide food at big Mama's cafe.

definitely encouraged him to keep going with his music.

The MAMA Fest committee will be forming a band and providing some entertainment. There will also be traditional music from Sanctuary and Archie McAllister and Mairi Voinot. Musicians from Lochgilphead High School will get a taste of performing on Saturday afternoon.

There will also be Big Mama's Buskers Cafe on Saturday and Sunday which, weather permitting, will be held outside. Food will be provided by the Stables girls and you can enjoy some music while you eat.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

MAMA Fest's day time events are very family friendly and there will be a family day on Saturday. Attractions include a bouncy castle, hook a duck and face painting. Rumour has it that Mickey and Minnie Mouse will be there. For people inspired enough by the music to have a go themselves there will be music taster sessions

All family events during the day are free entry and suitable for children. The evening concerts are £10 each or £30 for a weekend ticket and are adults only. Tickets are available from the Riverside Filling Station.



Clockwise from top left: The Stables returning to the stage this year

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In the first incident on Tuesday one of his trailers was attached to a car at Tayinloan while the buggy was being used on the Isle of Gigha.

When the person who had rented the buggy returned he found the plug missing meaning the trailer's brake lights would have been defective.

In the second incident a trailer and car was parked on Campbeltown Esplanade and another plug was stolen.

Mr Brodie said: 'I called 101 and was put through to the police at Dumbarton. They gave me a crime number and said someone locally would be in touch but no one has come.'

'Each time my clients have informed me as they would be liable if stopped for having no brake lights.'

'Quite often when people have trailers these plugs get broken, but they are only £4 at Hamiltons, so stealing them is not worth the risk particularly with CCTV evidence.'

CLACHAN

Harvest time at the village hall

PRODUCE, plants and people will pack Clachan Village Hall for a smallholders' gathering tomorrow.

Between 1pm and 4pm stalls will also include crafts, green woodwork, face painting, refreshments, renewables, food information, a musical repair stand and, unusually, hair cutting.

The fun continues in the evening with a barbeque, music, dancing and a 'gurning' competition.

The day is sponsored by Zing organics, Explore Campbeltown, the Co-operative Store, Kintyre Way, Funky Chicken and Islay Ales.

Tickets are £5 with accompanied children £2, including a free burger and for adults a glass of complimentary wine.

SOUTHEND



Some members of Campbeltown Brass during MOK Fest 25_c36brass01

Brass tunes up for Dunaverty fundraiser

ENTERTAINERS and Campbeltown Brass will make music to raise cash for Dunaverty Hall.

The concert is in St Blaas's hall, Southend, between 7.30pm and 9.30pm on Thursday, September 10.

Admission is by donation with refreshments available during the interval.

CAIRNDOW

A83 road improvements south of Cairndow

A CONVOY system will be used during £105,000-worth of road works on a half kilometre stretch of the A83 south of Cairndow.

While the resurfacing works take place, delays will affect motorists from Monday to Friday between 7am and 7pm during the first two weeks of September.

Due to the restricted width of the carriageway on this section of the A83 and to ensure the safety of road users and road workers, a 10mph convoy system will be in operation while works are undertaken.

Traffic management will be removed outside working hours and at weekends to keep disruption to a minimum, although a speed restriction of 30mph will remain in place as traffic will be running on a temporary surface.

Essential BEAR Scotland spokesman Eddie Ross said: 'These essential works will improve the existing road surface and address any cracks or potholes in the road, enhancing the safety of the A83 at this section.'

'Some delays are inevitable and we would therefore encourage motorists to plan their journey ahead, where possible.'

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Mr and Mrs Wat-

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A spokesperson from the Trust said: 'Thanks

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AT United Auctions' sale of all classes of lambs and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart on Saturday August 29, an increased entry of more than 800 head saw 3,126 lambs and sheep sold.

Trade for all classes was firm, with a strong contingent of farming buyers in attendance.

Averages compared favourably to last year, levelling out at £42.33 against £44.64 at the corresponding sale last year.

Again, lambs were forward from throughout mainland Argyll, Perthshire, Lochaber and the Islands of Lismore, Colonsay, Bute and Barra.

Principal lots and prices:

Top prices per head:
Suffolk cross: £57.50
- Kiloran Farmers, Co-

lonsay: £57.00 and £54.00 - Glenshellach: £53.50 - Kiloran Farmers: £52.00 - Couston Farm: £51.00 - Blarmafoldach.

Texel cross: £57.00 - Succoth Ardeonaig: £56.00 - Ormsary Farmers: £55.00 - Homefield Croft, Colonsay and Barbreck Farm (Ardfern): £53.50 - Bailuacraich, Lismore, Barguilean, Glenshellach, Ardmaleish, Bute and Ormsary Farmers: £53.00 - Ledcharrie: £52.00 - Sheilling, Barra: £51.50 - Succoth Ardeonaig: £51.00 - Barguilean: £50.00 - Clachan Farms, Kilnilver.

Cheviot cross: £54.50 and £51.50 - 83 Borve, Barra: £50.50 - Barguilean: £49.00 - 83 Borve and 92 Borve, Barra.

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Farm: £49.00 - Blarmafoldach.

Mules: £51.00 - Ledcharrie: £49.00 - Ormsary Farmers: £46.50 - Garvachy and Bailuacraich, Lismore: £46.00 - Ormsary Farmers.

Blackface: £40.50 - Kiloran Farmers, Colonsay and Homefield Croft, Colonsay: £39.00 - Littleport: £38.00 - Castles Estate: £37.00 - Kiloran Farmers and Blarmafoldach: £36.00 - Balnahard, Colonsay: £35.50 - Maam Farm: £35.00 - Succoth Ardeonaig.

Ewes:
Texel cross: £55.00 - 92 Borve, Barra: £49.00 - Craig Farm: £42.00 - Dunans.

Crosses: £56.00 - Bailuacraich.

Mules: £51.00 - Baleveolan and Bailuacraich: £50.00 - Lephinkill



A fine pen of lambs goes through the Dalmally sales ring last weekend

Riggs: £49.00 - Barguilean: £39.50 - Ormsary Farmers: £39.00 - Ledcharrie: £39.00

Top prices per kilo
Suffolk cross: 174p - Kiloran Farmers: 164p - Glenshellach: 160p - Kiloran Farmers.

Texel cross: 170p - Barguilean: 167p - Succoth Ardeonaig: 165p - Ormsary Farmers: 164p - Homefield Croft: 163p - Ardmaleish: 160p - Barbreck Farm (Ardfern): 159p and 156p - Bailuacraich: 156p - Couston Farm: 155p - Baleveo-

lan, 14 Cleat Barra and High Balantyre Farm.

Beltex cross: Cheviot cross: 160p - Rhy-nachulaig: 152p - Garvachy: 151p - Hayfield Estate.

Crosses: 156p - Succoth Ardeonaig: 150p - Lephinkill Farm.

Mules: 151p - Ormsary Farmers.

Blackfaces: 137p - Kiloran Farmers: 136p - Homefield Croft: 133p - Kiloran Farmers: 132p - Balnahard Farm: 131p - Succoth Ardeonaig: 130p - Couston Farm: 128p - Brenchoille and Tullochcan.

Clachan beekeeper has a hive of information

AN apiarist is buzzing with ideas to increase Kintyre bee keeping.

Mike Stanesby, from Clachan, who has been keeping bees since the age of 18, spoke last week about some of the current initiatives to encourage new apiarists in Kintyre and Mid Argyll.

Mr Stanesby said: 'Kintyre is quite a tricky place to keep bees because of the climate and relative cold particularly this summer.'

'But it is not all bad news as, because of the relative lack of arable farming, there are not many pesticides in use and there is an abundance of wild flowers.'

'Part of the reason for setting up Kintyre and Mid Argyll Beekeeping Association was to start a training apiary so that we can teach people about bee keeping. The next nearest association

is at Oban which is quite a distance.

'Tarbert Health Garden has just got permission for two hives and they have asked us for advice.'

The association's training apiary is at The Riggs, Clachan which was set up with a colony of black bees from Colonsay.

Mr Stanesby continued: 'The Colonsay black bees are a very quiet, placid insect which prefers a damper climate unlike bees from Europe.'

'Because of its remote location, Colonsay is a Scottish Government protected island for bees - no one is allowed to take bees there which might dilute the stock or introduce diseases like the Varroa Mites.'

Since the problems of diseases, people have become much more



Bees return to Mike Stanesby's hive on an August evening. 25_c35bee03

aware of how vital bees are to the agricultural economy and human life. There are still striking gaps in knowledge some of which were identified by the Post Office this summer when it carried out research prior to launching a range of stamps.

Research found that even though 87 per cent of people questioned cared about the bee population in the UK, more

than half - 53 per cent - could not name a single type of bee.

The poll also found that 82 per cent of those asked thought bees were very important to pollinating food crops, but only three per cent know how many different kinds or species of bee lived in the UK.

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Kintyre and Mid Argyll Bee Keeping Association has had some help from West Kintyre Wind Farm towards equipment which has brought the total number of hives up to four.

Zoe Weir, from the association, said: 'We have regular meetings throughout the year at Clachan Primary School, usually on a Monday evening at 7pm. 'In the winter I try to organise speakers or we might look at cleaning specific bits of hives.'

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Castlehill P6 and P7 pupils going through their 'daily mile' warm-up with some 'fast feet' 20_c36dailymile03

Keeping fit and focused

CASTLEHILL primary pupils are really going places after taking on the task of covering a 'daily mile' on foot.

Getting underway last month, pupils from all seven year-groups have been walking, jogging, running and even sprinting round the school grounds for one mile - a project called the 'daily mile'.

The scheme arrives in South Kintyre after its development during the past three years in parts of central Scotland.

Mrs McKay, P6 teacher, said: 'The school's youngest pupils are walking between a quarter mile and half mile every day, with the P6 and P7 pupils covering a mile.'

'It has proved a really good idea so far and we plan to go on short walks around parts of

Campbeltown to give the pupils a change of scenery. It will also help them gauge how long a mile actually is.'

School year

As part of the daily mile, which runs until the end of the school year, classes are keeping track of the distance they cover each week with maps of Kintyre and Scotland, working out how far they would have travelled on foot.

The programme runs

in addition to PE lessons. Fellow teacher Mrs Reid said: 'The programme is designed to improve fitness and health among the pupils and encourage an active lifestyle, with the aim of even improving concentration in class.'

Millie Lafferty, a P6 pupil, said: 'It is a fun way to exercise and you can choose to walk or run. I have managed to run much more since we started.'



The pupils jogging their daily mile 20_c36dailymile01

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Independent Schools Council (ISC) schools candidates have achieved the very top grades in this year's Year 13 results. One in fourteen independent school candidates have been awarded three A* grades or equivalent. That's a total of 2,607 pupils or 7% of pupils. There are rises in the number of students taking IB, Pre-U and EPQ qualifications. For example there are 11% more pupils completing EPQ than last year. Half of entries at ISC independent schools achieve A* and A grades, nearly double the national figure. 19% of entries at ISC independent schools

achieve an A* grade, compared to 8% nationally. Half (49.3%) of all entries at A-level at ISC independent schools have achieved A* or A grade. There are now over 3,200 pupils taking the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and there are rises in the numbers of pupils taking Pre-U and the International Baccalaureate (IB) this year. ISC schools include a wide diversity of schools, some selective, many non-selective. They are strong at the traditional facilitating subjects that Russell Group universities require, including Modern Foreign Languages, Maths, Further

Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology, as well as History and Geography. As independent schools, they have the freedom to choose the best curriculum and qualification for their pupils and have pioneered the IB, Pre-U and Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) in this country. Schools expect hard work and commitment from pupils and have high aspirations for them. Teachers are often highly qualified specialists in their subject who can impart their enthusiasm to pupils. ISC schools offer an excellent aca-

demical education combined with a rich co-curricular life of sport, CCF, debating, music and drama and many other activities. ISC schools focus on building character and skills such as teamwork and leadership. They foster good self-esteem and self-confidence. 'Independent schools can be very proud of their pupils' excellent exam results, with half of their A-levels being graded A* or A, nearly double the national figure. What is remarkable is the number of candidates achieving three or more A* grades, one in fourteen pupils,' said Barnaby Lenon,

chairman, Independent Schools Council (ISC). 'A high proportion of the independent schools A-levels are in the traditional subjects such as Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Modern Foreign Languages, some of which are in decline nationally. Many top university departments offering these subjects are dependent on independent school pupils for the quality of applicants they seek.'

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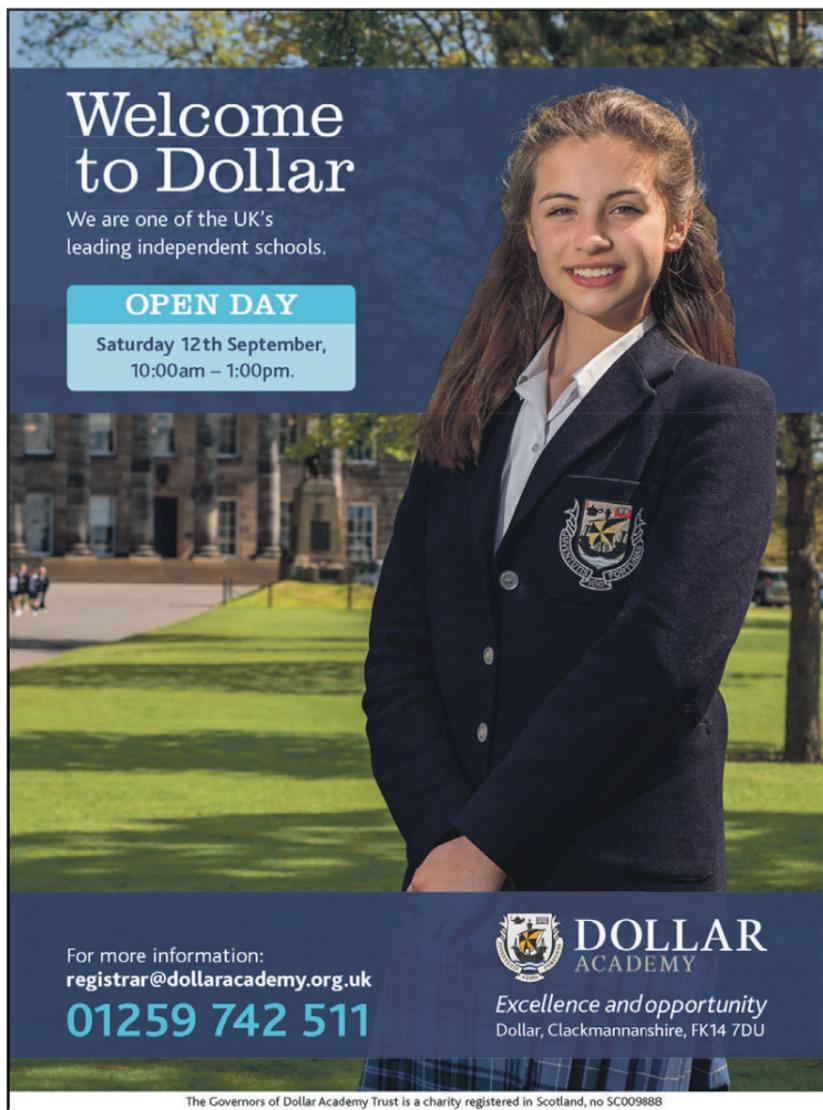
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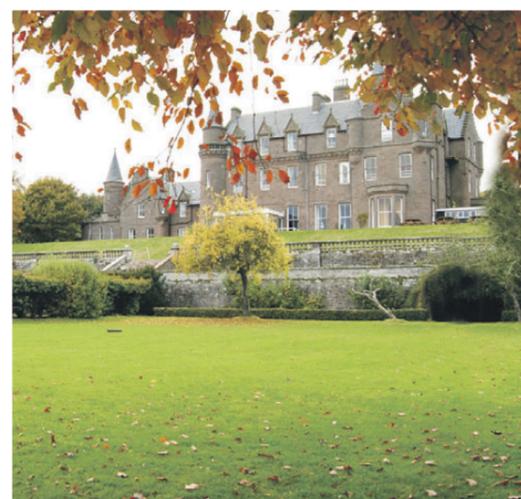
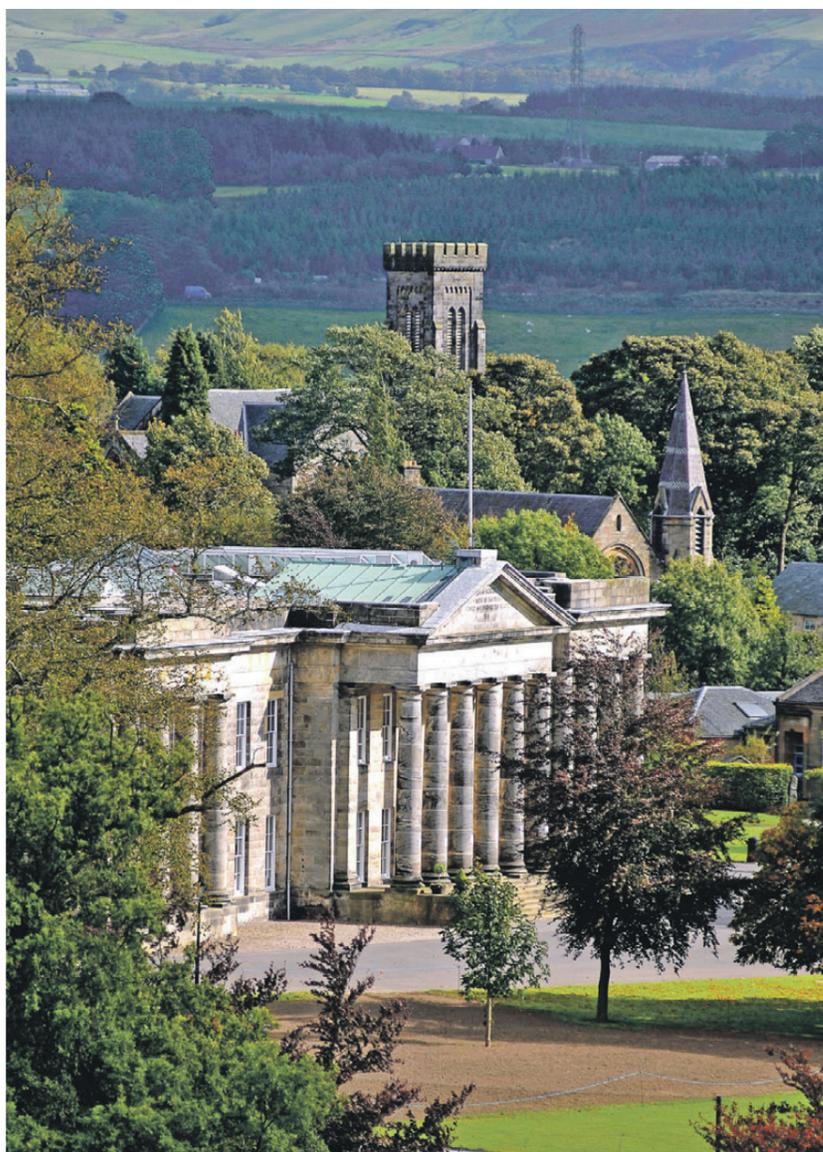
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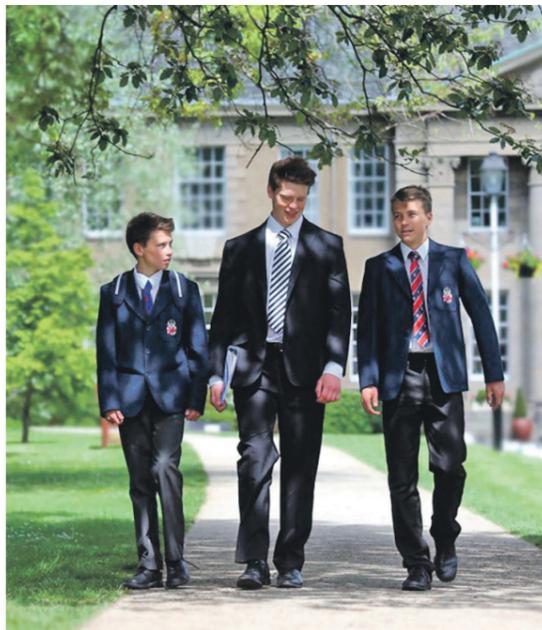
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Primary one pupils in the picture

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Dalintober primary one teacher Mrs McSporran said: 'The pupils are settling in well. This is the second year we have introduced

them straight into full days, whereas before the first few weeks were half days, and it is working well.'

Most primaries have new pupils this autumn except Carradale, Skipness and Clachan.

The Campbeltown Courier visited schools to take these pictures.



Above: Dalintober P1s in the school's junior hall 20_c36primary02



Grace Irvine, left, and Ashley Glen are Southend Primary's new P1s 20_c36primary03

Right: Drumble Primary has two P1s starting this year 20_c36primary04



The four boys who have started at Rhunahaorine Primary 25_c36primary06



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Anyone who wishes to make representations to OSCR may do so in accordance with regulation 5 of the Charities Reorganisation (Scotland) Regulations 2007. All representations must reach OSCR not later than 11 October 2015.

Autism Argyll AGM

Monday 21st September
9.30am
Lochfyne Hotel,
Inveraray
Speaker: Dr. Michael
McCreadie

Contact 01546 600004
autism.argyll@me.com

Scottish Community
Drama Association

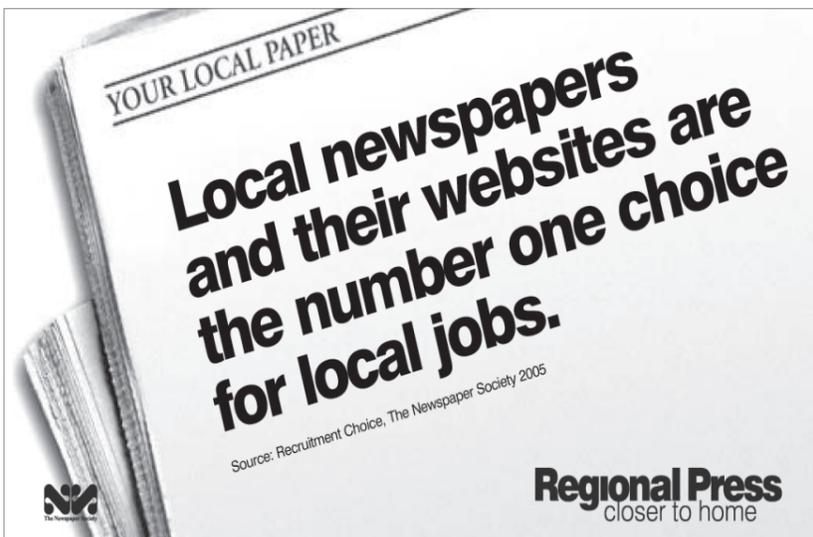
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Thursday 17th
September
Argyll Arms Hotel,
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7.30pm

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Full, part time & bank

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Full, part time & bank

Contracted and flexible hours available – (£8.00 per hour plus mileage)

Care experience is desirable but not essential as comprehensive training is provided. Ability to work occasional evenings and weekends is essential. Car driver essential.

For further information and an application pack please email: info@argyllhomecare.co.uk or telephone: 01546 600333

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A WEST HIGHLAND TIMES

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Fyne HEAT

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Based in Fyne Homes offices in Campbeltown, Lochgilphead & Dunoon

Fixed term 20 weeks, 16 hrs per week, Salary £7.85/hour

FyneHEAT is seeking highly motivated individuals to be part of our FyneHEAT project.

Funded by the Climate Challenge Fund Fyne Homes are providing tenants with information and assistance to reduce their energy use through energy efficiency advice, supplier switching and encouraging behaviour change.

Skills Required:

- Good general education, prepared to undertake training as required
- Experience of working within a team, as well as using own initiative
- Experience of working with people with a wide range of backgrounds
- Delivering front line customer focused service to the general public

Good literacy, numeracy and IT skills

Awareness of energy and fuel poverty issues

Self motivated and able to work unsupervised

and to prioritise work schedule

Ability to communicate effectively and politely

Discreet and tactful with an appreciation and commitment to confidentiality

For more information contact:

Karen Hilton on 0345 607 7117

Closing date for applications is 5.00pm on
Thursday 17th September 2015



Fyne Homes Ltd believes in promoting equality and diversity
Registered Scottish Charity No SC009152

Facilities Caretaker / Cleaner

Kinlochleven School
37 hours p/week Mon - Fri
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Contact: Mears Facilities Management
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Interviews will be held locally in September.

www.mearsgroup.co.uk

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Fyne Families

Fyne Families is a voluntary sector, parent run, charitable company, whose purpose is to support families in Mid Argyll and ensure good quality play and learning experiences for children. Fyne Families has three member organisations: Lochgilphead After School Club, Elfs Baby & Toddler Group and Toy Library, and Duncholgan Family Centre.

PRACTITIONER, LOCHGILPHEAD AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

1 x 16.5 hours per week term time plus occasional school holiday clubs

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£7.73 per hour

We require 3 enthusiastic and suitably qualified (SVQ3 in Childcare) Childcare Practitioners to help plan and deliver after school sessions for children aged 4-12 at Lochgilphead After School Club. Appointment is subject to PVG scheme membership and registration with SSSC.

For an application pack, contact Jo at fynefamilies@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01546 606885.

Closing date for post Friday 28/8/2015.

Fyne Families is a company limited by guarantee (Company Number 302932) and a registered charity (SC 037443) having its registered office at the Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8QX.

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**WEST HIGHLAND HOUSING
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PART OF THE LINK GROUP**

**POST OF: PLUMBER/
HEATING SERVICE ENGINEER**

West Highland Housing Association Group is looking to recruit a highly motivated, time served Plumber/Heating Engineer to undertake our Cyclical Maintenance of Unvented Hot Water Cylinders, Thermostatic Mixer Valves, Solar Thermal Servicing, Heat Interface Unit Servicing, Wet Central Heating Servicing as well as assisting in the day to day running and operation of our Biomass District Heating Schemes.

West Highland Housing Association Ltd have around 800 housing units and operate across the Oban and Lorn area as well as the inner Hebridean isles including , Islay, Jura, Colonsay, Mull and Tiree

What we require:

You should be qualified to a minimum of SVQ level 3 in Domestic Plumbing and Heating or equivalent with extensive post qualification experience. You will also require to hold certification for servicing Unvented Hot Water Cylinders and Servicing Solar Thermal installations. You should have experience in maintaining and resolving faults in heating systems, hot water systems, pump and control systems and the like. You will be well organised, methodical and ideally have knowledge of other associated construction trades and basic IT skills.

You should have excellent communication skills and an enthusiastic and helpful manner with particular focus on providing exceptional Customer Service. The ability to cope well when under pressure and the ability to demonstrate a flexible approach without supervision is essential. You should be able to work effectively both independently and as a team member

You will be required to participate in an occasional Emergency Call Out Service in relation to the operation of the Biomass District Heating Schemes.

What's on offer:

West Highland Housing Association Group offer excellent terms and conditions including, Salary £30,000 - £35,000 per annum based on a 39hr week [normal working hours generally apply but specific timings will vary to suit any operational needs and occasional travel to Islands] 35 days annual leave [includes 10 public holidays] and access to a Contributory Pension Scheme.

Closing date for completed applications is 12 noon on Friday 11 September 2015

Interviews will be held at WHHA offices [Oban] Week-Commencing 21 September 2015

For further information, or to apply for this position, please click on the link below

<http://linkhousing.org.uk/careers/vacancies/>

Please note that CV's will not be considered.

Link is an equal opportunities employer and we welcome applications from all sectors of the community. Our offices are fully accessible to wheelchair users and we will interview all disabled candidates who meet the essential criteria

**Isle of Mull Abattoir are looking for
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butcher to join our small team of 4 in
our butchery.**

Preferably 2yrs min experience although further training will be given through the Modern Apprenticeship scheme.

The individual will also be required to work within the Slaughter House alongside the Slaughterman. This position is also available on a temporary basis to the right candidate.

They must be able to start as soon as possible.

**Please contact 01680300318 or
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**Advertising Sales
Executive**

OBAN

Due to a reorganisation of the sales department and staff changes within the company we are looking an Advertising Sales Executive.

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You will be responsible for calling new and existing clients to generate and maintain lasting business relationships, and you will benefit from on-going training, first class support, job stability and the opportunity to work for a professional company that believes in rewarding success and effort. A full driving licence is essential.

If you want to be part of the progressive new sales department, please submit CV and covering letter to ali@wyvexmedia.co.uk

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We are currently recruiting for the following vacancies that have become available within our organisation:

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- helping to carry out structural surveys.
- pricing of works in line with current market conditions.
- ensuring contracts are financially controlled.
- undertake site visits.

Qualities required:

- excellent communication skills, both verbal and written.
- strong attention to detail.
- good computer literacy, especially Excel.
- sound understanding of measuring quantities.
- excellent work ethic.
- current driving licence (essential).

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Experienced Joiners required to join our existing team which provides a full range of commercial and domestic carpentry services.

Qualities required:

- CSCS certification is preferable.
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Please contact Barry Colville on 01586 552724 for further information regarding these posts.

Applicants can email their CVs to info@mckinvenandcolville.com or send them FAO Barry Colville at McKinven & Colville Ltd, Unit 2, Snipefield Industrial Estate, Campbeltown, PA28 6SY.



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35 hours per week

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Repairs Assistant

Lochgilphead

Salary £20,322 - £22,472

35 hours per week

The above posts will all be subject to a Basic Disclosure Scotland check

**Community Support Assistant
(Bank Staff)**

Mid Argyll

Salary £9.39 - £10.38 per hour

as and when required

This post will be subject to an enhanced PVG check

Closing Date: 12 noon on Friday 11th September 2015

For further details and to apply visit our website at www.acha.co.uk/recruitment

If you are unable to access the website contact the Recruitment Team:

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recruitment@acha.co.uk

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Campbeltown Ref: DVR00009



Closing date: 18 September 2015.

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Riggers Mate

To join our rigging team for a fixed period starting September 2015 through to 11th December 2015. The applicant would be working with our existing rigging team to assist with mast and sail removals as boats come ashore for winter lay-up. Knowledge of boats and sailing would be an advantage.

Yard Hand/Maintenance Man

Fixed term contract 1st October 2015 through to 27th May 2016. Role would see applicant working alongside our yard team to assist with bring the boats ashore for winter storage. After the winter slipping season has been finished the applicant would be assisting with general maintenance duties on the pontoons and moorings before assisting with launching the boats again in spring 2016.

Assistant Boat Repair Technician

To work alongside our busy boat building team assisting other members of the team as required with cosmetic and structural repairs in GRP/FRP and timber. A knowledge of joinery and woodwork is essential with previous experience of working with GRP and modern paint systems an advantage.

For further information and applications forms please contact Mark. Applications for all positions should be submitted on or before September 16th 2015.

Mark Cameron, General Manager
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You can also apply by email to:
 enquiries@westcoastmotors.co.uk
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Accounts & Administrative Assistant



& WEST HIGHLAND TIMES

A full time position has arisen in our Oban office for an Accounts & Administrative Assistant to provide support to our busy accounts department. This role will also involve administration and hands on support for the distribution of our various products.

Experience of working in an accounts department will be advantageous, as will the ability to work on your own initiative. Computer literacy and a careful attention to detail will be crucial in this role.

This role will involve extensive customer care similar outbound contact with our customer base and a pleasant telephone manner will also be important.

In addition to salary, we offer group personal pension plan, life and medical insurance.

A full current driving licence is essential.

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Personal Assistant for Steve

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For info contact Becs Barker on 07766925388 or becsbarker@carrgomm.org*

*Community Contacts, a Carr Gomm project is supporting Steve during the recruitment process. This is not a Carr Gomm vacancy as Steve will employ his team directly.

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WYVEX MEDIA

The Oban Times Group is part of Wyvex Media, which also has a separate magazines division based in Edinburgh, producing the leading lifestyle magazine Scottish Field and a number of b2b titles.

Time to unveil the 65 PLATES

The 65-plate cars are out, so for those who have been dreaming of a new vehicle, now is the time to visit Argyll's friendly new and used dealers.

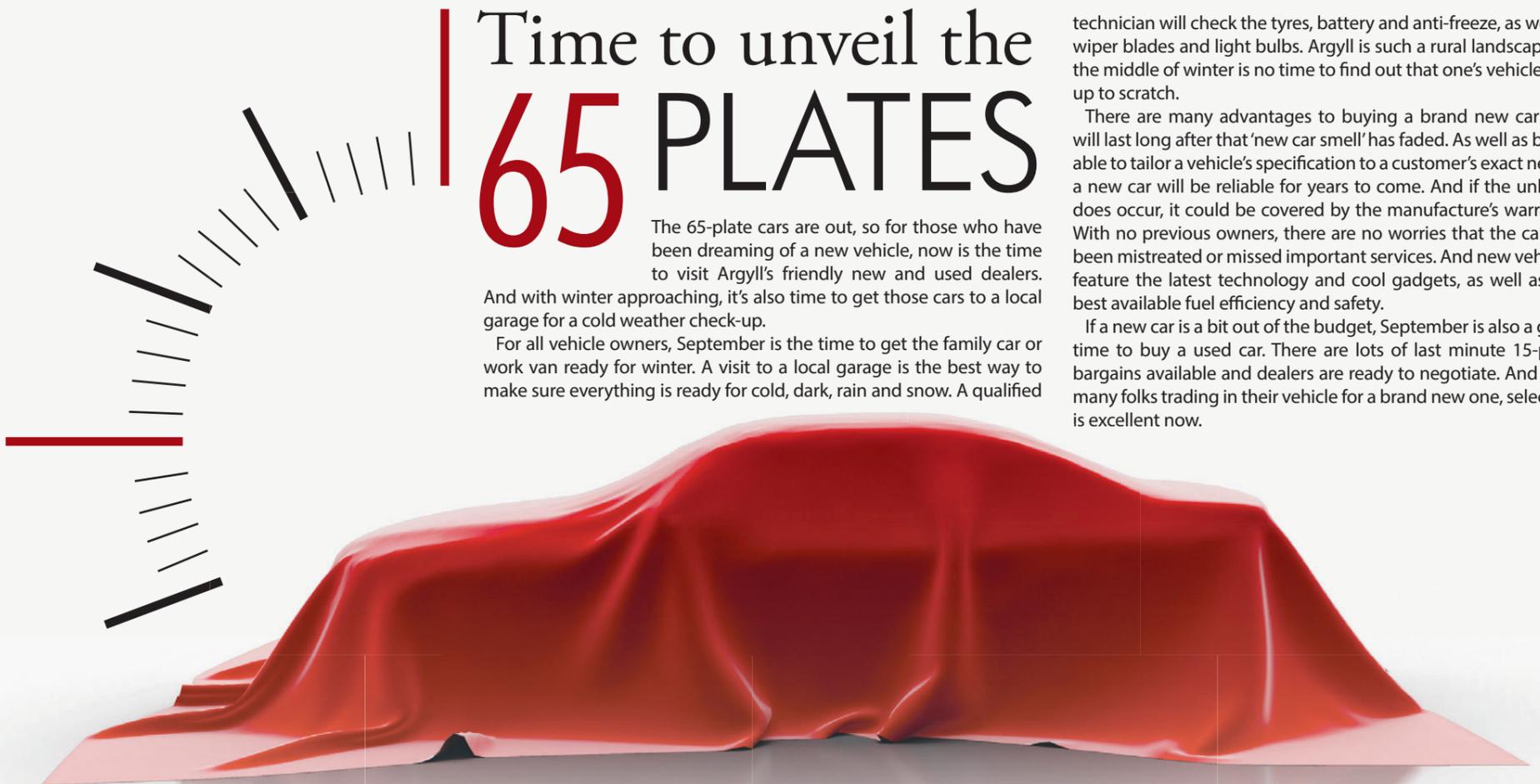
And with winter approaching, it's also time to get those cars to a local garage for a cold weather check-up.

For all vehicle owners, September is the time to get the family car or work van ready for winter. A visit to a local garage is the best way to make sure everything is ready for cold, dark, rain and snow. A qualified

technician will check the tyres, battery and anti-freeze, as well as wiper blades and light bulbs. Argyll is such a rural landscape, so the middle of winter is no time to find out that one's vehicle isn't up to scratch.

There are many advantages to buying a brand new car that will last long after that 'new car smell' has faded. As well as being able to tailor a vehicle's specification to a customer's exact needs, a new car will be reliable for years to come. And if the unlikely does occur, it could be covered by the manufacturer's warranty. With no previous owners, there are no worries that the car has been mistreated or missed important services. And new vehicles feature the latest technology and cool gadgets, as well as the best available fuel efficiency and safety.

If a new car is a bit out of the budget, September is also a great time to buy a used car. There are lots of last minute 15-plate bargains available and dealers are ready to negotiate. And with many folks trading in their vehicle for a brand new one, selection is excellent now.



SsangYong 'Tivoli' - I love it

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TIVOLI
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THE latest edition to Korean car maker SsangYong's range has been called a miniature Evoque.

The Tivoli certainly has the right four wheel drive (4wd) credentials to challenge its bigger brother, a similarly sculpted rear roofline adds to the impression but once price, at £17,100 for the EX model, becomes a consideration it is in totally different territory.

For just £12,950 on the road in the standard specification two wheel drive model you get a fantastic deal, including that elusive shape, alloys, air conditioning and a six speed transmission.

Tivoli, targeting the family four door hatchback sector, is the latest launch from SsangYong which has been building cars in Korea since 1954.

The marque is known for its hard wearing sports utility vehicles and Tivoli, which hit the UK roads in 2015 will compete with crossover cars. Tivoli is not just trying to be cool it is cool.

In addition there is not another car on the road with the combination of build quality, equipment in standard specification or a five year warranty, and if bought on a SsangYong Personal Contract Purchase (PCP), EX petrol manual models get the added benefit of

three year's free servicing, registered before 30th September.

On the road the car handles neatly with smart steering including normal, sports or comfort modes and 16 inch wheels in standard spec and 18 on the EX and 4wd versions.

The cabin is wide, roomy and feels like it has plenty of space with sculpted seats and if two of the rear ones are put down there is enough space for a surfboard, just right for those trips to Westport beach.

Its load lugging ability is another huge plus point, it has 423 litres of boot space making it one of the best in its class and opens the car up to all sorts of adventures, ideal for the outdoor life led in Kintyre.

The EX adds full leather heated front seats, a touchscreen, a reversing



SsangYong's Tivoli. 25_c36tivoli04

camera and is still less than £15,000 on the road for the petrol version.

The 4wd cars are set in 2wd as standard, for economy, with sensors measuring each wheel and when the going gets tough they are switched into 4wd and in very slippery conditions Torque on Demand allows the 4wd to be locked to maximise the grip.

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one of the smoothest 1.6 litre diesels you will ever drive and an extra urban fuel economy figure of 72.4 mpg.

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Henrys SsangYong in Glasgow (0141-649-6000) regularly has a representative in Kintyre. Anyone seriously interested in any of the range should call to arrange a local test drive.



A Tivoli's interior space. 25_c36tivoli03

Fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km): Urban 39.2 (7.2) - 44.1 (6.4), Extra Urban 28.8 (9.8) - 34.5 (8.2), Combined 49.6 (5.7) - 52.3 (5.4). CO2 emissions in g/km: 167-149. Model featured is a Tivoli ELX at £16,500 including optional metallic paint priced at £500 including VAT, delivery charge, road fund license and first registration charge. Prices are correct at time of going to print, but may be changed at any time.

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Part exchanges considered for the above boats

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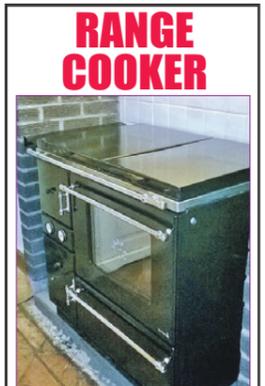
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Love from Mum & Kathryn XX

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Love Mum, Dad and Michaela X X

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Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden



WE WATCHED the film 'The Theory of Everything' last week with our two young friends.

We were amazed at the acting of Eddie Redmayne and at times it was hard to believe he actually wasn't Stephen Hawking.

It is an excellent film and two quotes stood out for me.

Hawking, who is a brilliant scientist and an atheist, said that he didn't believe in 'a celestial dictator'.

He also said: 'We are just an advanced breed of monkeys on a minor planet of a very average star. But we can understand the universe. That makes us something very special.'

I wonder if Hawking's first quote is something those of us who believe in God should think about.

Do we portray God as a 'celestial dictator', a God who is always looking for our faults rather than one who enfolds us in his love?

Do we make God in our image rather than let him make us in his?

Do we apply our standards to God and so people only see our failings, rather than God's love?

Do those of us who claim to worship the God of love, forget to show that love to others?

Those of us who believe in the evolutionary process accept that we evolved into the amazing creatures we are today, and we believe that God was involved in that.

We are indeed on a minor planet of a very average star, but is that not the wonder of life?

We are spinning in a universe of billions of stars and planets but on our little average planet there is life in all its fullness.

We are indeed something very special.

We believe that we are very special in many ways, not least that the one who flung these stars into space crept quietly into earth to walk beside us.

'Roots of Empathy' aims to cut aggression and bullying

ROOTS of Empathy is an evidence-based classroom programme that aims to reduce aggression and bullying. The programme also tries to raise social and emotional awareness by increasing empathy in school age children.

Infants Andrew Irvine and Charlotte Hales were the 'teachers' who participated in the Roots of Empathy programme in Castlehill and Dalintober Primaries.

During a 27-week period nine themes covering a variety of Health and Well Being topics were covered.

Andrew and Charlotte made an appearance once in each theme to reinforce the topic being discussed and the pupils were given an opportunity to ask questions and observe any changes.

The sessions follow a specific theme where the group sit in a circle on the floor and the children are encouraged to be gentle and quiet. During the session instructor

Carol Anderson uses examples such as teething, tiredness and crying to encourage children to imagine how Charlotte or Andrew might feel and how their mums may help them.

As they come to recognise the baby's emotions they are able to understand the cause and effect the nature of one's actions with another's emotions.

Interaction

Watching the interaction between mother and infant is also an opportunity for students to witness why the importance of a strong attachment and interaction between mum and baby helps the development of an infant's brain by stimulating connections.

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From our files:

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The embankment will be pierced by a 2.1m wide culvert instead of a bridge to carry the Banlarie Burn.

The work is being carried out by Strathclyde Roads direct with earthworks sub-contracted to McFadyen's Contractors, Campbeltown, at a total estimated cost of £160,000.



Castlehill primary school teacher Moira Armour with her primary 1/2 class in September 1990. c361990P101

FIFTY YEARS AGO September 2, 1965

Campbeltown army cadets at York

THE No. 1 (Campbeltown)

Company of the Army Cadet Force recently took part in the County Army Cadet Force Battalion's annual camp at York.

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO September 4, 1915

Kilkerran grower's successes

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep' (John 10:11).

DEATHS

GLENDINNING - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on August 29, 2015, William Bogle Glendinning (Bill), in his 89th year, formerly of Dell Road and Kirk Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Nan Brown and a dearly loved father, grandfather and great grandfather.

IVISON - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on August 31, 2015, with his beloved wife, Anne, by his side, George Henry Ivison, aged 93 years, of Forest Bungalow, Achnamara, (retired forester), loved by all his family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium, on Monday, September 7, 2015 at 2.15pm. Retiral collection for British Heart Foundation. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MCALLISTER - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on August 29, 2015, Margaret Mitchell, in her 83rd year, 2 Ciaran Court, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Archie McAllister, much loved mother of Isabel, Sandra and Helen, loving granny of Neil, Craig, Kimberley, Ruairidh and Daniel and a much loved great granny of Lachlan.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GARDNER - Christine, Jamie and Angie would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and for cards and flowers received on their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Spink and Dr Ramsay at Tarbert Health Centre, all district nurses, Macmillan support nurse, Marie Curie nurses, home carers and Carr Gomm support, for their outstanding professionalism and dedicated care at all times. Thanks also to Matthew Ramsay from the Fishermen's Mission, for his great comfort and support and for his services at Cardross Crematorium and Tarbert Parish Church, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at crematorium and church. The collection for Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care and the Fishermen's Mission raised £600.

IN MEMORIAM

MACFARLANE - Joe. A year has gone since you were taken away Always in my heart you'll stay Missing you more than words can say Loved and remembered every day.
- Cath.
Miss you, Dad.
- Bill, Rita, Gus, J-Lo, Kenny and Tracy.
Miss you, Papa Joe.
- Joe, Bethany, Jade, Holly and Harry.
SHIELDS - Always in my thoughts, Rita. Forever in my heart.
- Love, Andrea.

CHURCH NOTICES

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church

Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 30th August
Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost
Morning Prayer and congregational discussion 10.45am
All Welcome
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 6th September
Morning Worship Kilmartin 11.45 am
Holy Communion Rev. C. Acklam
Kirk Session Thursday 10th Sept 7.30pm Kilmartin Church Hall
All welcome
SC0 02121

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 6th September 2015
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am

Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service (Communion) in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am Short Service (with Communion) in Chalmers Court, Inveraray
ALL WELCOME

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Lochgilhead 11.30am, located on Lochnell Street/Manse Brae
Minister; Rev. Robert Macleod
Prayer Time
Mondays 1.15 - 1.45pm

Campbeltown Corps Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz
6.30pm Evening Worship
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
All welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 6th September 2015
11.00am Family Communion Service Mr Kelvin Moller

Tuesday 8th September
Weekly Coffee Morning From 10.00am

Thursday 10th September
12.15pm Prayer and Bible Study
Please note new time

For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 0586 551237.
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SC014646

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11.00 am Eucharist service
4th Sunday of the month
10am Mattins & 11am Eucharist Service
Coffee & Cake follows the service

St Columba's, Paltalloch, nr Kilmartin
(SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month 9:00am Eucharist service
3rd Sunday of the month 6:00pm Evensong
Scottish Prayer Book
All Saints, Inveraray (SC025646)
Saturdays 5.30pm Eucharist Service
Father Simon Mackenzie
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran
01546 602315

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 6th September 2015
11.00am
Worship service for all ages followed by a light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"Christ in you the hope of glory"
Thursday 10th September 2015
10.00am
Praise, Prayer and Sharing
All welcome
Saturday 5th September 2015
9.15 for 9.30am
Quarterly Prayer Gathering
All Welcome

Lochgilhead Baptist Church

All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

Sunday 6th September 2015
Tuesday
Mainly music at 10am
Jumpstart
Friday from 10am
Scottish Charity SC015187

Highland Parish Church

SCO02493

Sunday 6th September
The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan and will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15am
There will be a meeting of the church Board at 10.45am in the Hall before the service.
Advance notice for the Harvest Festival Service and Lunch on Sunday 20th September.

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 6th September
Service 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Next Generation
Rev P Wallace

Tuesday 8th September
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am

Friday 11th September
Lunch Club 12.00 noon New Hall

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Services
Achahoish at 9:45am
Ardrishaig at 11:00am

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ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN
Saturday 5pm
Fr. David Connor
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NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 6 September
Tayvallich Church
Morning Worship 10 am
Rev. C. Acklam
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 6th September 2015
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE
Rev. Hilda Smith
Every Tuesday 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
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More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk
Lochgilhead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

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Sunday 6th September 2015
Skipness Service 10am
Mr John Morrison
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Rev. Margaret Anderson
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator
on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622
Skipness SC004280

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George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 6th September
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Bill Dunlop
2.00pm Explorer Club for all Primary school children
Wednesday 9th September
12.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
2.00pm Water of Life Cafe
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 6th September,
11.00 am Communion Service
Visiting Speaker: Jim Watson
South Beach Baptist Church with Sunday school followed by refreshments
Mainly Music
10.00 - 11.30 am every Thursday (Registration required)
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GRADUATION



Fiona Margaret Luke
Graduated with a First Class BA Honours in International Business with Management from the University of Strathclyde. Fiona, younger daughter of William and Irene Luke, is a former pupil of Ardrishaig Primary School and Lochgilhead High School.



Brid Turner
Graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a BA in Business Studies, Honours (2:1). Brid, a former pupil of Glassary Primary and Lochgilhead High Schools, recently too up a full time post with AG Barr, Cumbernauld. She is the youngest daughter of Stewart and Susan Turner.

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Mr Brown's Boys take Tarbert Hotel sponsored Am-Am

THIS year's Tarbert Hotel sponsored Am-Am's 154 players enjoyed a fine sunny day and a course in great condition.

As always there was a warm welcome from Captain Iain MacArthur and his helping band.

These events are always close affairs and this year was no different with Mr Brown's Boys first past the post with an excellent score of 51. The team was made up of Kenny MacFarlane, Keith Blair, Duncan Blair and Angus Brown.

Second place went to the Macs on 53 comprising of John MacNab, Malcolm McAlpine, James MacNab and Roddy MacDonald.

The Dream Team plus Steve took third place by virtue of the better inward half with 54 points, Heather Brownlie, Janeanne Repke were accompanied by Gordon McCaffery and Steve Bleasby.

Fourth place also on 54 went to the Lochgilphead team of Peter Sinclair, Dougie Moore and Simon Taylor, aptly named a Man Down.

In his closing speech club, Captain Iain MacArthur thanked all participating teams who had made the effort to travel especially those from Lochgilphead and Dunaverty who helped make it a very enjoyable day and to the Tarbert Hotel for their continued support of the club.

Pupils v Saints game called off

LAST Saturday's Argyll derby match between Oban Saints and Campbeltown Pupils was called off on the morning of the game when the incessant rain that fell in Oban made the pitch unplayable.

The game was on at 8am and the nets put up but by 9.30am there were large puddles appearing on the surface and the groundstaff had no option but to call the game off. A phone call was made to prevent the Pupils from travelling.

Captain's prize goes to a net 60 at Dunaverty autumn meeting

Course in superb playing condition for Dunaverty's autumn meeting

A GOLFER played his best game of the season to collect the captain's prize at Dunaverty's Autumn Meeting.

Thirty-three players vied for the captain's prize on a course in superb condition thanks to the work of green keepers David Scullion and Willy MacMillan.

Donald Taylor, an early starter, led the scratch scoring for most of the day by carding a 69.

David MacBrayne, despite taking a 10 at the 17th, was out in front in the handicap with a net 62.

Donald MacNeil and Hayden Chambers both returned gross 68s, to overtake Donald but this was not enough to keep

club champion George MacMillan at bay as he responded with a gross 67.

Steven Garrett, having his best game of the season, took the captain's prize with a net 60.

Results: Handicap and captain's prize: 1 Steven Garrett 73-13-60, 2 David MacBrayne 75-13-62, 3 Donald MacNeil 68-5-63(bih), 4 Hayden Chambers 68-5-63(bih), 5 Robert Black 79-16-63, 6 Donald Taylor 68-5-64.

Scratch and winner of the Burt Plate; 1 George MacMillan 67, 2 Donald McNeill 68(bih), 3 Hayden Chambers 68, 4 Donald Taylor 69.

CSS for the day was 63.

Captain Ken MacMillan presenting Steven Garrett with his prize.



Trophies galore at Machrihanish Golf Club

MORE than 70 teams took part when Machrihanish Golf Club held its Commercial Inn Open on Saturday, August 22.

Played in a better ball format, the competition had a new sponsor this year, with Campbeltown building contractors, McKinven and Colville Ltd generously supporting the hugely popular pairs event, featuring 72 teams.

On a dry but breezy day, the gents' handicap section had a really close finish, with the top four teams all recording four under par, better ball, scores of 66.

The count back rule for the best score on the inward half had to be used to separate the leading pairs, with the eventual winners being Stuart Gillespie Snr and Robert McDonald.

The victorious duo had a storming conclusion to their round, sharing four nett birdies from the 12th hole before Stuart birdied the last for the new pairing to lift the trophy for the first time.

Visitors from The Carrick Golf Club, Gordon Alexander and James Docherty, finished in second place by virtue of a better last three holes from third-placed Donald McNeil and Norman Bowie.

The scratch section was won by the father and son pairing of David and Andrew Wallace with a par round of 70. Twos at the fourth and 15th holes helped boost their scorecard.

Runner-ups were David Irwin and Steven Gorman, one stroke adrift with 71, which was some consolation for missing out on the main handicap prize after posting a nett 66 with the poorest inward half.

The ladies' handicap winners were Ann Gallacher and Margaret Robertson with a 74, and the junior section was won by Mitch Graham and Cameron Wylie.

Full results and prize winners as follows: Gents' handicap - 1 Stuart Gillespie Snr and Robert McDonald 66 (BIH); 2 Gordon Alexan-

der and James Docherty 66 (BL3); 3 Donald McNeil and Norman Bowie 66 (BIH).

Scratch - 1 David Wallace and Andrew Wallace 70; 2 David Irwin and Steven Gorman 71; 3 Matthew MacAulay and Ian McLeod 72 (BIH).

Ladies' handicap - 1 Ann Gallacher and Margaret Robertson 74. Scratch - 1 Elizabeth Marrison and Eleanor Hawkins 87.

Junior handicap - 1 Mitch Graham and Cameron Wylie 75

The club would like to thank Barry Colville of McKinven and Colville Ltd for sponsoring the competition for the first time.

The John MacLean competition was played for over the weekend of August 29-30, with the winner being the player recording the lowest combined gross scores.

This year's competition bore similarities to last year, with the top two positions being filled by the same players.

However, this year has a new name on the trophy with Ian McGougan making amends for last year's disappointment of losing on the count back of the best second round to Matthew MacAulay, by reversing the roles.

McGougan's superb opening round of 67, on the Saturday, saw him open up a seven-shot lead from his nearest challengers, Matthew MacAulay and George MacMillan, which he maintained comfortably during the second round the following day.

The three-under-par 67 contained an incredible run of five birdies in six holes from the sixth, and included a holed bunker shot at the 11th.

However, dropped shots at the 12th and 15th holes dashed McGougan's thoughts of setting a new course record, but the in-form player will now be hoping to complete a successful hat trick of trophies, following an earlier success in the Ugadale Trophy last month, by seal-

ing victory in the McDiarmid Cup matchplay final against club vice-captain Fergus Walker.

Results as follows: John MacLean 1st round and August Medal, Saturday, August 29 (CSS 72, Played 50): John MacLean competition, 1st round: Handicap - 1 Ian McGougan 67-2=65; 2 Cameron McGeachy 89-19=70.

Scratch - 1 Ian McGougan 67; 2 Matthew MacAulay 74 (BIH). August Medal: 1st class - Ian McGougan 67; 2nd class - Derek Adams 89-16=73; 3rd class - Cameron McGeachy.

John MacLean competition 2nd round, played Sunday, August 30 (CSS 71, Played 28): handicap 1 Matthew MacAulay 71-3=68. 2 Mark Davis 74-5=69. Scratch 1 Matthew MacAulay 71; 2 Ian McGougan 72.

36 holes combined totals (scratch) - 1 Ian McGougan 67+72=139; 2 Matthew MacAulay 74+71=145; 3 George MacMillan 74+73=147.

Wind shifts posts but Campbeltown still blown away by Oban Lorne

Campbeltown 1
Oban Lorne 11
No conversions due to lack of posts

THE OMENS were not good for Kintyre's first senior rugby game in years.

On Thursday night a strong wind blew down one set of goal posts and rain waterlogged the Meadows making it impossible to paint any lines.

But there was determination that the game would go ahead. Make-shift lines were drawn, cones used to highlight

the boundaries and a game was initiated.

Oban brought a team of experience and youth members, who have been playing regularly for some time and who were keen to have a game.

From the kick-off it was obvious Oban were well organised and their game plan was very simple; use their big forwards to create a solid platform and move the

ball across the pitch and find weaknesses in the Campbeltown defence.

To be fair to Campbeltown, some players were missing and so several played out of position but credit must be given to them as they stuck to their task.

Oban did not take long to show they meant business and produced several good moves resulting in tries, the majority on the wings.

More fire

After the shock of going three tries down, the home side began to show more fire and initiated several good moves. Unfortunately players were isolated and so good possession was being lost.

Oban took advantage of this and slowed the game down to fit their style, undaunted that several periods of play were in Campbeltown's favour.

Oban were not camped inside the home side's 22 for long periods of time and the play saw



Oban Lorne and Campbeltown teams before the game 25_c36rugby01



Action during the first half 25_c36rugby03

sawed from end to end.

The second half was an energy-sapping one for the home side.

Oban's experienced players offloaded intelligently and their scrum half was the architect of many quick moves from ruck and scrum.

There were some good runs, the key being a quick ball and handling

moves which allowed C Smith to pin back his ears and run a good 70 metres to score.

There were other similar opportunities but players were slow to follow up.

Despite the final score, everyone enjoyed the experience and the home side now need to concentrate on shape,

attitude, ability to read the game and work as a unit.

The four youngsters played well for their first senior game and the Campbeltown prop, who with correct footwear would have matched the wily prop he was pitched against.

The coach made a plea to all players that train-

ing was a 'must' every Wednesday evening and that just turning up for the game was not the answer to success.

More primary school minis and voluntary help is needed.

The team's next game at the Meadows is an under 16 schools match on Thursday, September 10, 3pm KO.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £300

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'Dale take control to seal home win

Carradale	3
Rosneath	1
West of Scotland AFL	

CARRADALE got their league season off to the perfect start with a 3-1 win over Argyll rivals Rosneath.

The league has returned to two separate divisions with Carradale in the top flight again, after winning the second tier of last season's league split.

However, the East Kintyre men were stunned when the visitors took the lead within three minutes, after a cross into the box was met by a first-time shot which went high into the net.

The hosts then had three great chances to equalise, with front-man Gregor Croll, high in confidence after five goals the previous week, hitting the post with a shot.

By this time the Andrew Smith and Son-sponsored Carradale were probing the

visitors' goal and Johnny McCormick, making his return for the hosts, was finding space on the right flank.

Cammy Maguire, making his first appearance of the season, hit a shot which the Rosneath keeper could only parry into his own net.

Rosneath's back four, adopting a high defensive line, were playing with fire given the pace of Croll in Carradale's attack.

The match ebbed and flowed, with the visitors spurning a great chance to go 2-1 ahead, before Carradale's turn to threaten saw McCormick strike a shot against the junction of post and bar.

The match was a repeat of Carradale's first Scottish Amateur Football League fixture back in 1983.

But there would be no room for sentimentality

as Carradale took control of the game in the latter stages.

Carradale manager Henry Sillars made a positional change with Cammy Maguire dropping into centre midfield and Ryan McConnachie advancing up front with Croll - and it quickly paid off.

A six-minute spell saw two chances saved by the Rosneath keeper, before McConnachie made it 2-1 to the hosts.

Neil McMillan in 'Dale's goal then pulled off a crucial stop for his team to keep the score level.

However, it was 3-1 to Carradale with only seven minutes remaining when a free kick by skipper Ewan McIlroy was flicked on by the head of Ryan McConnachie, finding its way to Maguire.

The striker-turned-midfielder for the afternoon was up-ended in the box and referee Terry Heaney awarded a penalty.

McConnachie struck the penalty beyond the keeper and sealed a 'hard-fought' win for the home side, according to club spokesman Nonnie Macalister.

He said: 'It was a hard-fought three points, with Rosneath often tough to break down, but everyone is delighted to get off to the perfect start back in the top division.'

'Neil McMillan in goal had a very good game but David Johnstone was awarded man of the match for his control of the game from midfield and his work rate and creativity.'

The match ball was sponsored by Gerry Nugent Joiners.

Tomorrow (Satur-



Carradale players celebrate after going 2-1 ahead 25_c36carrfoot02



The Rosneath keeper cannot prevent the ball going over the line to make it 2-1 to the hosts, to the delight of Gregor Croll, right 25_c36carrfoot01



Joseph Boyd, right, challenges for the ball during the win against Rosneath. 25_c36carrfoot03

day) Carradale travel to play Cardross in the league cup, before an away league match next Wednesday evening against Oban Athletic, to be played in Lochgilphead.

In a busy start to the

season Carradale were also due to play their Oban rivals on Wednesday evening in the league cup. Reports from this match and the East Kintyre side's trip to Cardross will feature in next week's Courier.

Dunaverty Lotto's £700 prize

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three-number lottery on Sunday, August 30, meaning the jackpot rises to £700.

The winning numbers were 6, 12 and 17. The next draw will take place on Sunday, September 13.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Munero's Stores and Burnside Bar.

Mach lotto up to £500

THERE were no winners in the Machrihanish Golf Club three-number lottery held on Monday, meaning the jackpot rises to £500.

The winning numbers were 4, 13 and 16 and next draw will be held on Monday, September 7.

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