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Sheriff jails poison pen letter writer

‘Your beliefs are not based on any rational or, indeed, proper basis’ – *Sheriff Ireland*

AN ‘OBSESSED’ Sound of Kintyre man has been jailed for sending countless poison pen letters.

Joseph Carson sent letters and texts to his elderly 80-year-old mother and her former boyfriend, aged 77, and their friends and neighbours in a bid to bring their relationship to an end.

Carson, who was sentenced to eight months at Paisley Sheriff Court last week, has also been banned from approaching or contacting his mother and her former partner for the next five years.

Carson, 58, admitted sending numerous let-

ters to his mother, the police and social work department, claiming he sent them because he was looking out for her.

He denied letters were



Joseph Carson, jailed for eight months.

of a threatening or abusive nature which was likely to cause a reasonable person to suffer fear or alarm, and therefore illegal.

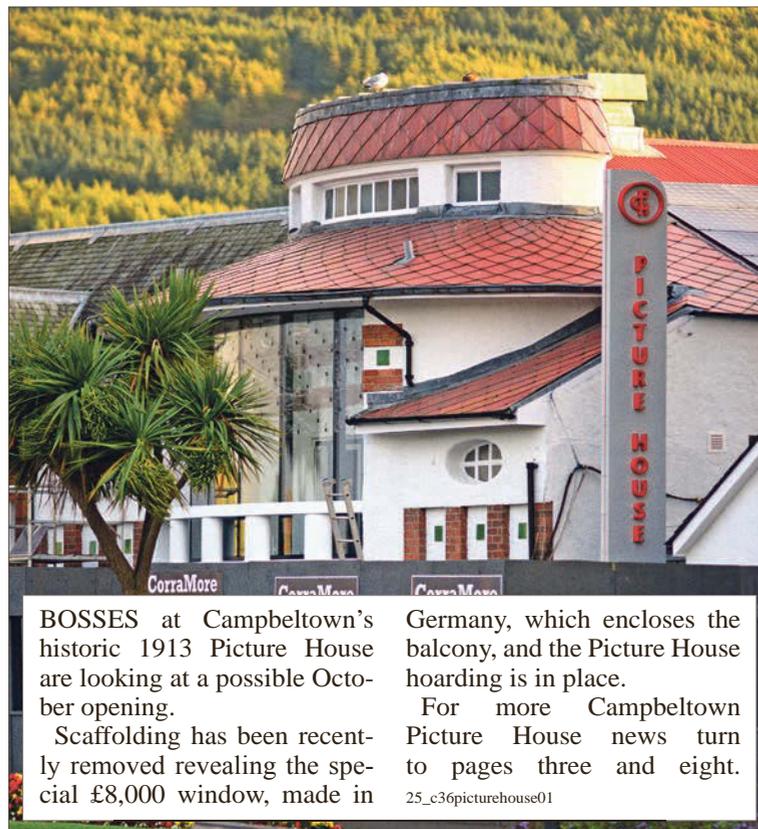
Carson sent a host of letters to the couple, neighbours of both pensioners, and the parish church where his mother regularly worshipped and his father’s ashes are scattered.

In the letters, he branded his mother’s boyfriend ‘a vindictive, evil man of malice’.

Giving evidence in his own defence, Carson said he sent them because he was

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Curtain almost up on restoration project



BOSSSES at Campbeltown’s historic 1913 Picture House are looking at a possible October opening.

Scaffolding has been recently removed revealing the special £8,000 window, made in

Germany, which encloses the balcony, and the Picture House hoarding is in place.

For more Campbeltown Picture House news turn to pages three and eight.

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Action from this year’s MOK Fest.

MOK Fest 2018 date change

NEXT year’s Mull of Kintyre Music Festival will take place one week earlier than usual.

For 2018 only, the festival will run from August 8 to August 12, to avoid clashing with other major events in Scotland, in particular the World Pipe Band Championships and Piping Live! Festival.

Event manager Iain Johnston, of JIG Events, said: ‘We have held the last 25 festivals between the World Pipe Band Championships and Cowal Games which has always been the second last Saturday in August.

‘This year the World Continued on page 2

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Eight months jail for poison letter writer

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worried for his mum and was looking out for her.

He said: 'He disrespected my mother outwith her presence.

'I was trying to put the fear of God in to him because of what he'd done to me, my mother, and my deceased father.

'I was trying to get rid of him.

'The police wouldn't do anything – they wouldn't attend my mother's house to protect her from this man, the social work service also refused to attend my mother's house.

'He threatened my mother in hospital – she was in a vulnerable, elderly position – to go against her

son and only child.' Earlier this year Carson was found guilty following his poison pen campaign, which he carried out between December 13 and 30, 2014, and sentence was deferred for background reports.

Delusions

After hearing that Carson had been assessed by a psychiatrist as having 'delusions' and 'a fixation' about his mother, Sheriff Seith Ireland jailed him for the offence.

The sheriff had previously warned 'self-obsessed' Carson that 'custody is a distinct possibility' for him, pointing out that he had met social workers on two previous occasions but they had been unable to compile a re-

port on Carson due to the way he responded to their questions.

Sheriff Ireland said: 'This is an anxious case. You are someone who has delusions, which are of your own making, as to what pertains to your mother.

'I am of the view that this is such a serious case that a Community Payback Order is not appropriate.

'The sentence has to be one of a custodial nature. In my view you are somewhat fortunate this case was reduced to summary procedure.'

Such cases carry a maximum jail term of 12 months and the sheriff added: 'The sentence will give some protection for your mother and her

former boyfriend, who are the principle victims of this campaign of harassment.

'You have delusional beliefs your mother was at danger but she does not believe she was at any danger, and she was not a woman without any substance or ability.

'Your beliefs are not based on any rational or, indeed, proper basis.'

He also imposed a Non-Harassment Order (NHO) on Carson, banning him from approaching or contact-

ing his mother and her former partner, directly or indirectly, and entering their home streets for the next five years.

Breaches

And he warned Carson that he could be jailed for up to five years if he breaches the NHO.

Carson wrote letters to the sheriff during the trial and made comments about him to people preparing the reports.

But Sheriff Ireland insisted they had no bearing on his decision

and said: 'I ignore any comments about me – we've all got broad shoulders.

'I'm putting that material completely out of my mind.'

Carson, who laughed and shook his head throughout the hearing, said: 'I will be appealing', as he was led to the cells to begin his prison term.

Speaking afterwards, Carson's mother's former boyfriend, who had been in court for the sentencing, said: 'I'm glad it's over. I feel sorry for him.'

MOK Fest 2018 date change

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Pipe Band Championships and Piping Live! have moved forward a week to accommodate another event in Glasgow, and after much discussion the MOK Fest management committee has decided to swap the dates with these events.'

The organisers also wanted to ensure that festival stalwarts Kintyre Schools Pipe Band would be able to take part.

Mr Johnson added: 'We looked at the festival calendar in Scotland and the week-end of August 8-12, at present, has no other festivals and we wanted to ensure that Kintyre Schools Pipe Band could take part next year.'

POLICE FILES

Outboard engine theft

A TOHATSU outboard motor was stolen from a boat moored at Campbeltown pontoons.

The engine was taken sometime between 7am on Sunday August 20 and 2.50pm on Tuesday August 22.

Police are investigating and appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

False details

A DRIVER who was stopped at 9.35pm on Monday August 21

attempted to escape justice by giving the police false details.

Following the routine documents check in Longrow, Campbeltown, police discovered that the man, aged 27, was driving while disqualified and without insurance.

He was charged and a report sent to the procurator fiscal.

Charged

A TEENAGER searched by police just after midnight on Sunday August 27 was found in possession of a small amount of cannabis.

The 15-year-old boy was stopped in Burn-

bank Street, Campbeltown. He was charged and a report will be submitted to the children's reporter and procurator fiscal.

Street drinking

AT ABOUT 1.10am on Monday August 28 in Cross Street, Campbeltown, a 55-year-old man was issued with a recorded police warning for consuming alcohol in a public place, in contravention of by-laws.

No road tax

A VAN was stopped by police for a routine check at about 8.20am on Monday August 28, on the A83 at Tayinloan.

Enquiries revealed that the vehicle did not have a valid excise licence in force.

The driver, a man aged 58, was charged and a report will be submitted to DVLA.

Abusive behaviour

AT ABOUT 5.20pm on Tuesday August 29, in Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown, a 41-year-old man shouted abuse from his flat.

He was arrested, charged, held for court and a report was sub-

mitted to the procurator fiscal.

Theft of copper wire

A QUANTITY of copper wire was stolen from the site of the new Campbeltown Grammar school in Hutchison Road, at about 11.40pm on Tuesday August 29.

Anyone with information should contact the police on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Dog bites

A 36-YEAR-OLD man failed to have proper control over a dog that bit another man causing injury at Westport beach at about 3.30pm on Wednesday August 30.

He was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Speeding motorist

A MOTORIST was stopped for exceeding the speed limit at about 6.40pm last Saturday, on the B843 at Drumlemble.

The 56-year-old male was charged and a report will be sent to the procurator fiscal.

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Cinema opening date may be an 'elusive concept'

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AS WORK progresses on the historic Campbeltown Picture House (CPH) some doubt remains about an exact opening date.

Recently completed signage has appeared above the Corramore hoardings but members of Campbeltown Community Business Ltd (CCB), which owns the building, refuse to be drawn on naming a date when it may show films.

On Tuesday, CCB's press officer Lesley Booth, who also handles media relations for Glasgow School of Art, said: 'I cannot tell you the date.'

She added that a definite date had been mooted but it would depend on a number of different factors.

An email, seen by the *Courier*, sent from a CCB account this week, to a possible supplier, stated: 'A specific opening date is a bit of an elusive concept at the moment.'

Specific

'October is the most specific I am able to be just now, not because it is a secret just because it hasn't been set in stone yet.'

'As soon as we have something locked in I'll let you know! There are a fair few people waiting to know the answer to that!'

A CCB spokesperson added: 'Restoring historic buildings is complex, and unforeseen problems can often be encountered.'

'We had hoped very much to open the cinema in the summer, but the discovery of damp and dry rot late in the day meant that regrettably this was just not possible.'

'The restoration is moving forward as

quickly as possible and we are now waiting for one critical issue to be resolved, the delayed reconnection to the electricity grid.

'We expect to make an announcement on the reopening date and first films to be screened in the restored cinema in the very near future.'

'We are delighted that this weekend we will welcome Audrey, the last remaining mobile cinema, and hope to welcome people to free screenings which will include special heritage films.'

In the middle of August, the *Courier* reported that a licence application had been made for alcohol to be sold seven days a

week at the cinema. A spokesperson said that the outcome of that had no bearing on the date of opening.

Back in June 2015, when the *Courier* announced that the funding was in place and the Heritage Lottery fund had given CCB the green light to proceed, a potential completion date was set of February 2017.

Screenings

In the interim period CPH staged film screenings at Victoria Hall with the last on the weekend of May 6 and 7 this year.

There is still a slight funding shortfall in the £3.5 million Centenary Project and last week CCB chairman Jane Mayo tweeted:

'Payday day? Think of @CTPictureHouse please, still seeking funds to realise our dreams.'

The Centenary Project is already supported by many individuals in addition to the following: the Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Environment Scotland, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Argyll and Bute Council, Coastal Communities Fund, Architectural Heritage Fund, The Robertson Trust, The Foyle Foundation, the National Lottery through Creative Scotland, Big Lottery Awards for All, and a number of trusts, foundations and companies.

For more film news see page eight.

Dog owners paws for advice



Ellie Upstill-Goddard and Jillian Rose from Dogs Trust offered advice to West Highland terrier Hamish's owner. 50_c36dogstrust01

KINTYRE'S dog owners were barking mad to miss a free advice session this week.

Housing association Fyne Homes organised for animal welfare charity Dogs Trust to visit Campbeltown's Victoria Hall, offering free advice and micro-chipping to pet owners.

Micro-chipping became mandatory for all dogs under government legislation

which came into force in April last year.

Hundreds of Kintyre residents took advantage of a free Dogs Trust micro-chipping service at the time, but some are still unchipped.

Although organised with Fyne Homes' tenants, who may not be able to afford to get their dog chipped, in mind, this week's event was open to everyone.

A Fyne Homes

spokesperson said: 'If people can't afford to get their dogs chipped then they won't be able to pay any fine they get either.'

As well as micro-chipping dogs, Dogs Trust campaigns assistant Ellie Upstill-Goddard and veterinary nurse Jillian Rose offered information leaflets, health and training advice and basic health checks to more than 20 dog owners.

Hope for Tarbert's housing crisis

FAMILIES in desperate need of four-bedroom accommodation in Tarbert will be relieved to hear that it may one day be a reality.

Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) is in the process of carrying out feasibility work on a four-unit development, and subject to funding and statutory approvals being obtained, Oakhill phase two

could soon be under construction.

Following an ACHA update, at the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area committee meeting, on Wednesday, in Campbeltown, Councillor Anne Horn, who has campaigned for more housing in Tarbert for years, said: 'I'm absolutely delighted, not only for me but for the families who need it.'



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Argyll and Bute reviews community councils

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EARLIER this year Campbeltown Community Council encouraged people to join and serve. Its plea was successful and three members were co-opted. Some community councils are more active than others – members of the public often go to East Kintyre and West Kintyre to make their views heard.

A community council is the first stage of democracy and will advise on many matters including planning.

In addition, with wind farm trusts now well established and often run as council sub-committees, there is often cash to be disbursed.

The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 requires each local authority to have in place a scheme for the establishment of community councils in its area.

The Act also states that councils should review their scheme by giving public notice of their proposals and inviting community councils and the public to make representation to the council regarding the proposals.

Against this background Argyll and Bute Council is reviewing its scheme for the establishment of community councils and has launched a consultation to seek the views of the public.

There are 56 community councils in Ar-

gyll and Bute covering the whole council geographical area, representing urban, rural and island communities.

Councillor Rob Currie, Argyll and Bute Council's Policy Lead for Communities, said: 'Community councils play an extremely important role in local democracy by bridging the gap between the local authority and its communities.'

'The community councils help to ensure the council and other public agencies are aware of the opinions and needs of the communities it represents.'

'The feedback of the local people of Argyll

and Bute is extremely important in letting the council know if proposals for community councils continue to be fit for purpose.'

'Community councils offer local people the opportunity to make a difference in the place where they live, from organising local galas or events, conducting local opinion surveys, campaigning on local issues, developing projects to

improve their local area and commenting on planning or licensing applications.'

'We look forward to hearing from our communities and finding out what matters to them as the newly formed community councils will represent their collective views for the next four years and it is important that we have the framework in place to provide for this.'

To comment go to the consultation page on the council website - www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/consultations/review-scheme-establishment-community-councils-2017

Consultation documents are also available in the Aqualibrium.

Forthcoming community council meetings in Kintyre are as follows: East Kintyre: September 7, 7pm, Carradale village hall;

West Kintyre: September 18, 7.30pm, Tay-inloan village hall; Campbeltown: September 12, 7.30pm, Red Cross hall; The Laggan: November 13, 7.30pm, Drumlemble primary school; Southend: September 27, 8pm, Dunaverty hall and Gigha was unable to give the date of its next meeting, the Gigha Heritage Trust meets on September 18.

Town charity Bonnie Babies boosts funds

A CAMPBELTOWN national charity supporting baby units at hospitals round Britain has held its inaugural coffee morning.

Clare Lamont, who herself has eight weeks to go before her first child is born, ran the Bonnie Babies Guide hall event, with friends, on behalf of her parents John and Debby Lamont who set up the charity 17 years ago.

A notice on its website best describes the registered charity's ethos: 'Bonnie Babies makes and sends tiny premature clothes, blankets and, sadly, burial outfits to UK special baby care units and also to parents who need support.'

Miss Lamont said: 'One project which



Supporting the coffee morning were: Linda Murray and six-month-old Saoirse McIntyre and Kelsey Brown with Kian Green, five months.

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Bonnie Babies runs is for people to donate wedding gowns which are cut up to make clothes for babies.

'It is a lovely thing but at the same time sometimes it is very sad.'

Bonnie Babies relies

on donations and financial support from a variety of sources. Most years a number of MOKRUN athletes will be donating

sponsorship and last year Miss Lamont and her partner Ruaridh McAulay planted the charity's flag on the summit of Ben Nevis.



Expectant mums: Chelsea Willis, who is 12 weeks pregnant and expecting her first baby, with Clare Lamont who has eight weeks to go before her first child's birth. 25_c36bonniebabies01



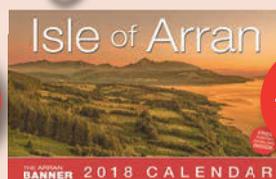
Girl guides Jamie-Leigh Allen, 11, and Brooke Oxborrow, 11, held a silver collection and sold friendship bands and the Bonnie Babies recipe book. 25_c36bonniebabies03

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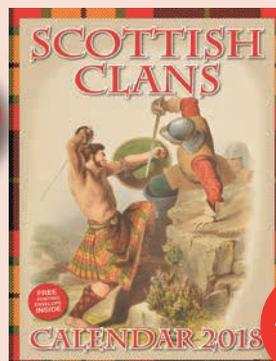
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Campaign for imprisoned ex-soldier is ramped up

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A GROUP of six British ex-military pirate hunters continue to languish in an Indian prison.

Yvonne MacHugh, 28, the fiancée of Campbeltown-educated ex-paratrooper, Billy Irving, 37, has been relentless in her campaign to secure his release and that of the 29 men, from three other countries, whom the campaign says are innocent.

The men are 19 months into a five-year sentence handed down by an Indi-

an court in 2016. As the fourth anniversary of Mr Irving's Indian nightmare approaches, from when the men were arrested, on the American ship Seaman Guard Ohio, in Indian territorial waters, Ms McHugh and the Chennai Six campaigners are increasing pressure to find a diplomatic solution.

On October 12, Billy's two-year-old son William will hand a petition in at Downing Street although Miss MacHugh is sceptical about the government's efforts to help the prisoners.

Last Friday, the first

in a series of videos was posted on social media attempting to explain the families' perspective on their loved ones' incarceration.

Speaking exclusively to the *Courier*, Ms MacHugh said: 'Billy is off hunger strike as the prison made some concessions but things are going back to the way they were.'

She added that despite Boris Johnson and Theresa May raising the issue with the Indian prime minister, it seemed to be all chat and nothing had changed.

In nine days, on Sep-



The videos can be viewed at:
www.facebook.com/thechennai6

tember 11, a major conference will be held, when London hosts its International Shipping Week (LISW17).

More than 160 industry functions bring together regulators, charterers, ship owners, ship managers, bunker suppliers, lawyers, ship brokers,

bankers, insurers, commodity traders and shipping service providers.

Ms MacHugh said: 'We have spoken to LISW17 conference organisers and they have agreed to play the videos at all conferences.'

'This is important because the shipping

community truly understands the importance of protection from pirates, which is what the men were doing.'

It is not easy being what Ms MacHugh describes as a 24/7 campaigner, bringing up her young son and holding down a part-time job.

'My three days a week working at Boots in Paisley are like a release from the pressure of constantly being on the phone and attending to all the inquiries,' added Ms MacHugh.

'As I speak to you on the phone it is sup-

posed to be time with William.

'India has a seven-hour time difference which affects when calls can be made.'

In the background, William, realising his mum was on the phone, said: 'Is that Daddy?'

Ms MacHugh added: 'The 12 Indians who were jailed are held in a different prison to the British men and treated differently. Indian prisoners, in Billy's jail, serving life are let out sometimes for up to a week at a time to go to family events such as weddings.'

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Editorial

Deposit return scheme

ON TUESDAY the Scottish Government announced it would work to introduce a deposit return scheme.

Already one large soft drinks maker has poured cold water on the plan by saying it will add up to £150 million to the cost of its products in total.

Anyone who has taken part in a beach clean will have bagged 100s of drink containers including plastic bottles and aluminium cans. Yet many people can still remember collecting juice bottles, in their youth, to add the deposit cash to their pocket money.

Scotland led the way with the five pence charge on plastic shopping bags, a year before England. It has raised huge sums of money for many projects like Tesco's Bags of Help scheme as well as improving the environment.

This is a long overdue measure and perhaps should have been tackled by manufacturers.

If extended to all cartons, such as fast food containers and bags, it could make a big difference to the amount of litter festooning streets, roads and the sea shore.

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Demise of the SNP

Sir,
 I note that a correspondent in last week's issue was predicting the demise of the SNP.

Unfortunately, this seems to reflect the arrogance and contempt that the Westminster government has for its devolved administrations.

It is the arrogance that permitted David Cameron to call the Brexit referendum without having a plan B, that prompted Teresa May to call a snap general election.

The same arrogance currently being shown by our EU negotiator David Davis.

To say that there is a good judgement deficit in Westminster is perhaps an understatement.

I do, however, agree with your correspondent that we should live within our means...although I would first refer him to the letter that preceded his own, regarding expenditure associated with new aircraft carriers and commenting on their vulnerability.

Tongue in cheek, perhaps, but the 'Mary Rose' comes to mind.

**Ken McCoy,
 Campbeltown.**

Historical associations should collaborate

Sir,
 Your recent supportive editorial on the work of the Heritage Centre is greatly appreciated by our entirely voluntary staff and trustees.

The centre is becoming a very popular place for visitors who are impressed, as you indicate, with the range of exhibits of Kintyre Social History, and the friendly welcome they receive.

The centre is in the process of obtaining official recognition from Museums and Galleries of Scotland as a designated museum, which will greatly expand its capability both in terms of its displays and also its ability

to raise funding from government and other sources.

This will recognise not only the centre's role as the social history centre for South Kintyre but also, among other things, as home of the national collection relating to the work of the naval rescue tugboats in the Second World War.

This collection of letters, models, photographs, ships' ensigns and other aspects of the work of the rescue tugboats, for which Campbeltown was one of the main bases, was donated by the Rescue Tugboats Association, with which the centre has had a long and valuable relationship.

Part of this collection forms a permanent exhibit in the centre, the remainder is available for access by scholars interested in the subject about which we get regular enquiries.

We were somewhat surprised, therefore, to read

Pipe band's vinyl memories



Curiosity shop owner Graham Paterson is not selling this Pickwick label long playing record of Campbeltown Pipe Band. He said that since Chris Blair gave it to him to put in the window many customers have been attracted in. 25_c36mulllofkintyre01

FORTY years ago Campbeltown Pipe Band joined Wings in a video which flew the flag for Kintyre round the world.

The first tracks of the smash hit anthem *Mull of Kintyre* were laid down in August 1977 at Paul McCartney's High Park studio, his wife Linda and Denny Laine were also on the song's recording with Campbeltown Pipe Band.

The 1977 Christmas hit, which stayed at the top of the charts for nine weeks and was the first single to sell two million copies, is still the highest selling non-charity record in the UK.

The anniversary will be marked at a special music event tomorrow including band member Jimmy McGeachy, from Australia.

that Campbeltown Museum had accepted a model of the Bustler, one of the tugs mainly associated with Campbeltown, for its collection, since duplication is something none of us can afford in these very straightened times. Obviously our two organisations do not communicate as well as we should.

It is clear, as your editorial indicates, that in the future, funding will be very difficult for all museums. Campbeltown is fortunate at present with its historical/cultural resources which include the Antiquarian Society with its outstanding journal, the library with its very helpful staff as well as the museum with its salaried curator and of course, the Heritage Centre.

It is to be hoped that the changes being forced upon us all by the current financial pressure will induce the greater collaboration between all of these bodies which you recommend.

**Professor
 Ronald J Roberts FRSE
 Trustee, Campbeltown
 Heritage Centre.**

**Keep it simple,
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Sir,
 Self-driving cars and commercial vehicle platooning are subjects for critical path analysis and gradual incremental development, if at all.

But right now please can we have trunk roads and lesser roads without pinch points.

Please can we see an end once and for all to the one-piece plastic bumpers which do nothing to absorb energy on impact and offer no protection to vehicle body shell, driver or passengers.

Insurance for vans is about to rise steeply so let's start with bumpers comprising

sixteen sections snapped together, so that owners of these vans and cars can simply order one, two, three etc replacement sections which may be simply snapped together with no need to involve a repair garage or insurance provider.

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**Duncan Iain
 MacDougall,
 Glendale House,
 Tarbert.**

Deposit return system

Sir,
 On Tuesday the Scottish Government asked Zero Waste Scotland to design a deposit return system for Scotland.

Zero Waste Scotland welcomes the plan to introduce a deposit return system for single use drinks containers.

By attaching a value to things we think of as waste, a deposit return scheme follows on from the hugely successful carrier bag charge, and will help reduce litter as well as increasing recycling.

Additionally, we welcome other actions proposed around environmental charging, for instance on single use cups, which seek to tackle items that are symbolic of our throwaway culture.

Taken together, these measures are a real game-changer for a zero waste society.

It will provide opportunities to reduce carbon emissions and create jobs through high-quality recycling.

**Iain Gulland,
 Zero Waste Scotland.**

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Gigha gardens grim gripe

Mark Davey

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A Girvan pensioner who was appalled by the state of Achamore gardens, on the Isle of Gigha, threatened court action to get his entrance fee refunded.

In addition Alistair Wallace, 70, demand-

ed £150, in an email to the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust (IGHT), which he claimed were his expenses plus the £12 admission he and his wife had paid when they visited the gardens earlier in the year.

Mr Wallace sent the

Courier an abbreviated version of his email, which did not include that he had threatened small claims court action if the trust did not stump up the £150.

Mr Wallace did say, in an email to IGHT, that when he received the £150 he would donate £138 of it to a Gigha charity.

In his email to the *Courier*, Mr Wallace wrote: 'I am a 70-year-old pensioner, who, with my wife and her friend, visited Achamore Gardens on June 24.

'We found the gardens in a desperate state of disrepair with paths covered in weeds, greenhouses unkempt and strewn with debris, flower beds overgrown with weeds, just a mess.

'When we arrived the ticket office was unmanned and it demanded £6 per person to enter, we paid.

'When we got inside we noticed to our dismay the state of the place.

'We also noted graffiti on the greenhouse glass from other visitors demanding their cash back.

'We made our way to the big house.'

'I have the Achamore brochure in front of me and the story and pictures bear no relation to what you experience.

'It is locations and attitudes like this that can do the Scottish tourist industry a great harm. I hope this is not normal behaviour on Gigha.'

Mr Wallace claims in

an email to IGHT that it took 27 emails, four letters and 14 phone calls to get a response.

A spokesperson from IGHT said: 'Mr Wallace's letter to you contains some errors.

'The unmanned ticket office cannot 'demand money', in fact we suggest a donation towards the upkeep of the gardens of £6. So his email is incorrect.

'He barged into the big house – Achamore House.

'This is privately owned so if he was aggressive and trespassing would have been shown the door!

'He demanded £100 and threatened petty debts court.

'This sum has risen to £150 now. He has also contacted Highlands and Island Enterprise.'



An overgrown potting area at Achamore gardens.



Messages scrawled on the greenhouse at Achamore gardens.

IGHT has offered to refund Mr Wallace's money and is looking for ways to improve the gardens.

In an emailed reply to Mr Wallace, IGHT states: 'Late last year we established the Achamore Gardens Trust with the aim of approaching the Heritage Lottery Fund to buy Achamore house

and pay for some garden restoration work.

'In the past few years the trust has had cash-flow problems in part due to necessary work to the village shop.

'Thus funding was not available for the gardens and this coincided with the head gardener moving to the mainland.'

80th birthday surprise for tireless volunteer

KINTYRE Crime Prevention Panel's (KCPP) vice chairwoman thought she was going for a birthday drink with her daughter.

When she arrived at the Royal Hotel, last Thursday afternoon, Eva MacDonald MBE, found all her friends

and many colleagues waiting for a surprise 80th party.

Canon Keith Pagan, from Southend, who from 1980 to 1998, was rector of St Kieran's Episcopal church, which Mrs MacDonald attends said: 'We had a lot of trouble keeping

the party a secret.'

Mrs MacDonald added: 'It was a huge surprise, especially when Chief Inspector Marlene Bailey, the area commander turned up and gave me flowers.

'I want to express deep gratitude to all those people who work

with me in my voluntary activities which I will continue to do as long as I am fit.'

As well as KCPP Mrs MacDonald has a number of voluntary roles including work as Shopper Aide, the court witness service and the RNLI shop.



Eva MacDonald MBE, centre, about to cut her cake, with guests, from left: Val McGilvaray, Canon Keith Pagan, David McEwan, Elaine and Andrew Hemmings, her daughter Christine Webb, John and Margaret McGeachy, grandson Christopher Webb, Gordon Caskie, Judith Mcrae and Willie Durance. 25_c36volunteer01



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Cinema's crackle and hiss in vintage vehicle

MOVIE buffs may mix with petrolheads this weekend in a '60s mobile Commer truck-based mobile cinema.

The vintage mini cinema, nicknamed Audrey, is opening its doors for one night only from 5pm on Sunday to celebrate Campbeltown Picture House (CPH) being declared

one of Scotland's Hidden gems.

The event will take place in front of CPH on Hall Street, where 22 people per free showing can admire, photograph or hop on board.

Audrey is the last remaining vehicle of seven mobile cinemas which were made for

the Ministry of Technology in the 1960s to promote modern production techniques.

The scheme ended in 1974 and all the cinemas were auctioned.

After rotting in a field in Essex for years, Audrey was rescued in 2005 and underwent an authentic restoration on the outside.

Modern AV equipment with a 1930s 'traditional' cinema feel was added to the inside, as well as 22 original art deco seats.

The Vintage Mobile Cinema has appeared on George Clarke's Amazing Spaces and the Reel History of Britain, a 20-part series presented by Melvyn Bragg. Audrey has also attended festivals and events of all shapes

and sizes across the UK.

With more than 700 votes, Campbeltown Picture House was crowned as one of Scotland's six most spectacular Hidden Gems in August 2017 as part of Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology.

Purpose-built

CPH was one of the first purpose-built cinemas in Scotland, the oldest which has always operated for sole cinema use, and one of very few atmospheric style cinemas still in existence in the world.

CPH is currently undergoing a £3.5 million renovation and restoration and is due to re-open in the autumn.

Upgraded facilities will include a brand



The vintage mobile cinema Audrey.



An inside view of Audrey.

new second screen.

Ellen Mainwood, general manager at CPH, said: 'We're all so proud of the importance of our town's picture house so to

welcome Audrey, another significant part in the story of British cinema, is a real treat.

'We're hugely appreciative of everyone who voted and this will

surely bode well for when the cinema re-opens in a few weeks.'

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Dalintober pupils take on top council positions

DALINTOBER primary school and early learning centre's pupils are only just back to school and already some are serving in various councils.

Pupils have been elected to the school's Pupil Council, Sports Council, Eco Council and Rights Respecting Schools Committee for session 2017-2018. The new members of each committee are pictured.



The Rights Respecting Schools Committee.



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GRADUATION

DARREN SHANKLY
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Merchant seamen's names will live on

Mark Davey and John Manning
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

AT 12pm last Sunday a former Kintyre sailor remembered all the merchant seamen lost in battle.

John Manning, 85, from Drumlembie was alone as he placed a wreath, on Merchant Navy memorial day, the same date as Britain entered the Second World War in 1939, at Campbeltown cenotaph, while gazing out to sea across the loch.

It was not until as recently as 1999 that the government officially created a special memorial day. The parliamentary under secretary of state Keith Hill MP, wrote to the Merchant Navy Association setting aside September 3.

Mr Manning said: 'The Merchant Navy has served the nation in times of peace and war. The Red Ensign has flown in every corner of the globe on exploration, commerce and in support of the armed forces.'

'The Merchant Navy memorial at Tower Hill, London, records the names of 46,000 seafarers who died in both world wars and have no known grave other than the sea.'

'The total sacrifice during the 20th century is known to be 56,000 men, women and children as in the earlier years of the century some served from the age of 15.'

'With such devoted and unstinting service to the nation it will not come as any surprise to find that many seafarers felt overlooked and forgotten when laurels and accolades were being bestowed.'

'People are fully aware of the much-deserved patronage and support given to the

armed services across many years.

'Many people, and not just seafarers, wished the Merchant Navy to be similarly acknowledged and were waiting for a lead and an opportunity.'

'It seemed that recognition for the Merchant Navy was long overdue.'

The merchant marine service was given the title Merchant Navy by King George V at the end of World War One as recognition of the role that they had played in the logistical supply of food, munitions and manpower in the: 'War to end all wars.'



The wreath's text with a personal line from John Manning. 25_c36merchantnavy01

The King George's Fund for sailors was established at the same time. It is available to all seafarers regardless of the flag they have sailed under and is the sole source of funds for merchant seamen, they being excluded from, for example, the Royal British Legion for Scotland's funds because Merchant Navy personnel were not: 'Under command.'

Cognisance

Mr Manning added: 'It has been suggested that those 'under command' take cognisance of the fact that without the Merchant Navy to bring in the petro-

leum, probably few Hurricanes or Spitfires would have been able to leave the ground.

'Nor many a tank or lorry engine turn over and run, or any warship put to sea because of empty bunkers.'

'Without cargo ships and liners Britain would have been deficient of the thousands and thousands of tons of munitions and other war materials needed for defence.'

'There would not have been the aid from allies of food or personnel joining the conflict from many parts of the world.'

'Once a Merchant Navy ship was torpedoed the crew's pay immediately ceased and they would be classed VNC - voyage not completed. In addition the service's prisoners of war received no pay and their families were subjected to means tested dole.'

'September 3 also commemorates the first maritime casualty of the Second World War.'



John Manning looks out to sea before laying the wreath at Campbeltown cenotaph. 25_c36merchantnavy03

The horror of war began immediately when, as Mr Manning continues: 'SS Athenia, an unarmed merchant cargo/liner, was sunk by an enemy U-boat - submarine - off Ireland with the loss of 19

male and female crew and 93 passengers.'

'It has therefore, a very special significance for merchant seamen, hence a remembrance of two minutes at 12pm, eight bells.'

Sick passenger airlifted from cruise boat

A MALE cruise boat passenger who fell ill off Islay was airlifted to hospital in Glasgow.

On Tuesday September 5 the coast-guard helicopter rendezvoused with MV Boudicca, owned by the Fred Olsen Line, which was on her way to Liverpool.

Islay RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew was asked by Belfast Coastguard Station to assist, if required, at the evacuation.

Islay RNLI all-weather lifeboat Helmut Schrodler of Dunlossit 11 was launched at 12.45pm with a crew of seven and aimed to meet Boudicca, which was lying seven miles west of Islay, but the rescue helicopter arrived on the scene first.

The lifeboat stood down at 1.35pm and returned to the station at 2.30pm and was refuelled by 3pm.

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COUSINS GRADUATE



LINDSEY ALISON CAMPBELL

Recently graduated from the University of Strathclyde with a BA (Hons) in Spanish and French. A former pupil of Campbeltown Grammar School, Lindsey is the younger daughter of Stuart and Mairi Campbell, Drumore Villa East, and granddaughter of Donald and Sadie Colville, and Lilian and the late Alex Campbell, Campbeltown.



ROSS COLVILLE

Recently graduated from the University of the West of Scotland with a BSc Honours in Sports Coaching. A former pupil of Campbeltown Grammar School, he is the second son of James and Annie Colville and grandson of Donald and Sadie Colville, and Robert and Ella Young, Campbeltown.



EILIDH MARGARET RONALD

Recently graduated from Glasgow University with a BSc Honours in Geography. A former pupil of Stirling High School, Eilidh is the daughter of Neil and Elaine Ronald and granddaughter of Donald and Sadie Colville, and Betty Ronald and the late Archie, Campbeltown.

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Ardanaiseig, a 20-minute drive from the main road between Glasgow and Oban (gateway to the Hebridean islands), is a listed Grade 2 building which showcases oil paintings and quirky antique furnishings. It was named by the editors of the 2017 edition of the UK Good Hotel Guide as Scotland's best romantic and country house hotel.

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'The couples who entrust us with their special occasions always remark on how warm, friendly and helpful our registrars are', Councillor Scoullar said. 'Their dedication and commitment, combined with the plethora of perfect locations available, makes for a truly memorable day. Argyll and Bute really can offer it all – come and visit us, and see for yourself.'

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WHY do parents send their children to independent schools in ever-growing numbers? Parents choose to send their children to independent schools for many different reasons, including choice, diversity and excellence. Above all, they choose independent schools because they feel a particular school will best serve their child and his or her social and educational needs.

All independent schools in Scotland have their own unique ethos and values, but they share a common goal of encouraging each individual pupil to be all that they can be, and to make the most of their time at school. Independent schools enjoy a reputation for excellence, providing a broad curriculum, consistently good exam results, a positive learning environment and a wealth of co-curricular

activities. Being independent gives each school the freedom to provide the best possible education for the benefit of its pupils. Consequently, many schools have developed individual strengths that complement the excellence that is the hallmark of the sector. The choice of mainstream schools is wide and there are also special schools that provide care and education for children with additional support needs.

The statistics are compelling – Scottish Council of Independent schools provide at least £47 million annually in fee assistance, with 26.4 per cent of all pupils receiving some form of assistance. Eighty-eight per cent of SCIS pupils go on to Higher Education, with 25 per cent continuing their studies outside Scotland. According to numbers from SCIS and

the Scottish government, there is one teacher for every 8.7 pupils in SCIS schools, compared to one to 13.7 in state-funded schools. SCIS schools educate more than 31,000 children of mixed abilities from diverse backgrounds. The focus of independent schools has always been, and remains, delivering individual educational outcomes for pupils of all abilities.



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**Dollar Academy Open Day,
Saturday September 9 2017 from 10am to 1pm.**



Glenalmond College

Glenalmond set for a bright future

As stated in the recent Good Schools Guide review, 'Glenalmond is set for a cracking future'. This year has seen the start of an exciting new phase for the school, with two new houses opening this September.

Cairnies, Glenalmond's new Junior House, provides the perfect transition to senior school, giving boarding and day boys aged 12 to 14 a level of pastoral support specifically suited to younger pupils. Close to the outdoor classroom, the woods, Glenalmond's golf course and with its own playing fields, Cairnies provides an excellent base for junior year groups.

The new girls' house, Goodacre's, has also opened this September, and is home to girls aged 12 to 18. This house is in the very heart of the school and has enabled Glenalmond

to expand its girls' boarding and day provision to meet increasing demand. New curriculum developments include the addition of Highers as an alternative to A Levels for Sixth Form pupils who prefer a broader subject range. Mandarin is now taught at Glenalmond, and other new subjects include Computer Science and Dance. The school's Open Day on Saturday September 16 provides the ideal opportunity for families to visit Glenalmond and find out more about these developments. To register for the Open Day, visit www.glenalmondcollege.co.uk/OpenDay



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Lomond School

We are holding our open morning on Saturday September 30 from 10am until 1pm. The open morning is an opportunity for families to join us for a tour of the school and to look around the facilities. There is also the opportunity to meet our principal, Johanna Urquhart, talk to staff and pupils and get a flavour of what life is like here at Lomond. Our open morning is designed to give the whole family the chance to find out about all aspects of the school.

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Additional information

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Open Morning 30 September 2017

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Needing an event to look forward to as summer draws to a close? A full programme of music is planned for this weekend in Tarbert as the village enjoys its annual music festival. Running since 1988, the event will take place on Friday September 15 and run through to Sunday 17. With a variety of bands playing in locations throughout the village, there is something for everyone. On Sunday there will be the traditional open air

fish quay concert from 2pm to 6pm. The 2017 musical line up will welcome Hò-rò in their debut appearance at the festival alongside Heron Valley and Treble Trouble. There is also an opportunity for budding musicians to join in with organisers encouraging local talent to come along with their instruments and for impromptu performances in local bars. For more information, go to facebook.com/TarbertMusicFestival.



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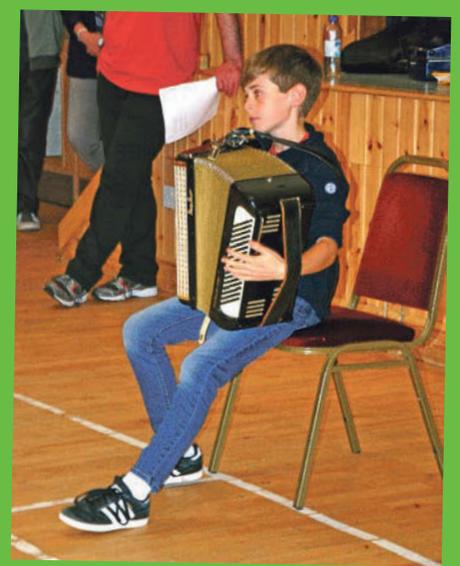
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Argyll Colliery closure commemorated in Machrihanish

'I REMEMBER my grandad cycling home from the pit black with coal and stopping to say hello,' reminisced a visitor to the Argyll Colliery walkabout at Machrihanish Holiday Park, 'Now I realise he was stopping to get his breath.'

Amid the events to mark 50 years since the mine's

closure in 1967, she said that it was worth remembering that health and safety was not the same and many miners suffered respiratory illnesses. This anonymous visitor's comments were not meant to detract from the enormous effort Glasgow-based, Kintyre-born multimedia artist

Jan Nimmo has put into building a body of work commemorating the closure and leaving many million tons of coal underground. Mrs Nimmo's work is ongoing and she still welcomes contributions to the blog at: www.jannimmo.com

On Saturday night a group of former miners, many aged 80+, friends and relatives met at the holiday park but blustery winds curtailed a planned tour of the former working areas.

Later the group reformed at Machrihanish village hall where Mrs Nimmo, herself the daughter of a miner, showed the 50-minute film the Road to Drumlema which she produced in 2008.

Mrs Nimmo had decorated the hall with pennants made by primary



Former miners and friends with Jan Nimmo, front left, and a union banner recreated by Campbeltown Grammar pupils. 25_c36miners02

school children at Drumlema and Dalintober as well as S3 art pupils at Campbeltown Grammar school.

In addition she had provided a buffet spread of sandwiches and cakes, teas and a selection of drinks.

Mrs Nimmo said: 'I made the film nine years ago and wanted to find ways to keep the project alive.'

'Councillor John Armour suggested contacting South Kintyre Development Trust and it has funded this exten-

sion to mark the anniversary. 'One of the best parts of the project was seeing primary children at the heritage centre trying on miners' helmets and lamps.

'The banner will be back on display at Campbeltown museum along with an updated presentation, displayed at the exhibition in April. There will also be a PDF of the presentation available at Campbeltown library.'

Council environmental worker Malcolm Chatwood

travelled down from Lochgilphead as he has been intrigued by the project and fondly remembers his own days working in mining nearly 20 years ago.

Mr Chatwood said: 'It has been great to meet the miners and it brings back the camaraderie of working in a mine - it was work from a different era.'



Jan Nimmo explains a point to Councillor John Armour. 25_c36miners15



Former Argyll Colliery workers from left: Willie Durance, Jim McKinven and George McMillan. 25_c36miners10

Folk rockers roll into Campbeltown

A BAND, which according to Runrig's Calum Macdonald plays music of heart, substance and message, has its third Wee Toon date tomorrow.

Alex MacDonald and his band have played their unique brand of Scottish folk rock across Scotland from village halls to larger city venues like Leith Town Hall.

Cracker

Calum said of their first album: 'Good 'real' music of heart and substance and message... the style and attitude of the backing music was right up my street. The first song is a cracker...'

And music writer Tom Morton was equally complimentary: 'I very much enjoyed the CD - particularly the opening track, which is like a Calvinist Lily,

Rosemary and the Jack of Hearts... It's a film, that song... It all has both charm and soul... a great gift for storytelling...'

This will be the first occasion when they will be playing songs from Alex's forthcoming album which should be released later this year.

The band will be playing in the Free Church, George Street, Campbeltown at 7.30pm tomorrow.

The proceeds from this fundraising gig will go to help Shopper Aide and to the Christian relief organisation, Tearfund, to help with the South Asian flood appeal.

Entry is by donation at the door. Alex's CDs will also be on sale.

For more details see www.alexjmacdonald.co.uk.



The Alex Macdonald band.



The triumphant KSPB members with their silverware.

Kintyre's piping prowess rewarded at Cowal Gathering

GLENGARRIES flew into the sky as Kintyre Schools Pipe Band (KSPB) celebrated their success at Cowal Highland Gathering.

KSPB ended 2017's competitive season in style last Saturday, almost sweeping the board with a first and a second.

The 3A band came first in their competition while the novice juvenile band gained second place in their section. The novice juvenile band was also awarded the best turned-out band on the park.

Cowal marked the end of the competitive season for KSPB, who

are now on their annual break for the next few weeks. Following that, they will begin their practises and fund-raising events in preparation for next season's competitions.

Look out for the bands taking part in the Remembrance Day parade and at the switching-on of the Christmas lights in Campbeltown, both in November.

The delight on the faces of all the young pipers could be seen as they were photographed with their silverware after the results had been announced, and before they travelled back home.

Mairi Semple Fund's

Words and pictures
MARK DAVEY

AN UP-and-coming ceilidh band blew in from Tìre on a stormy night to boost a Kintyre cancer charity's funds.

Trail West headlined The Mairi Semple Fund's 40th birthday celebration last Saturday and were given free accommodation at Grammar Lodge by proprietor Kirsteen Ross.

Packed

Campbeltown town hall was filled to the rafters and one fundraiser said: 'It was a well-danced ceilidh; the floor area was packed and there were a few new tunes and some Canadian barn dance numbers.'

The event raised more than £2,600 at its charity auction alone but as the *Courier* went to press a final figure was to be agreed.

In 2015 the fund, named after Mairi Semple who died from cancer aged just 20, disbursed £12,310 to people in Kintyre and Gigha suffering from the disease.

Mairi Semple chairperson Pauline Simson gave a vote of thanks at the end of the night and said: 'It is my pleasure to give the vote of thanks, so please bear with me as there is a long list, and we'll have a big round of applause at the end.'

'Firstly I'll risk thanking Fiona Macalister, who doesn't want to be thanked. She has organised all this almost single-handed and persuaded Jim



Dancers gather from left: Margaret Mathieson, Alec McKinnon and Kate McKerral. 25_c36mairisemple40th05



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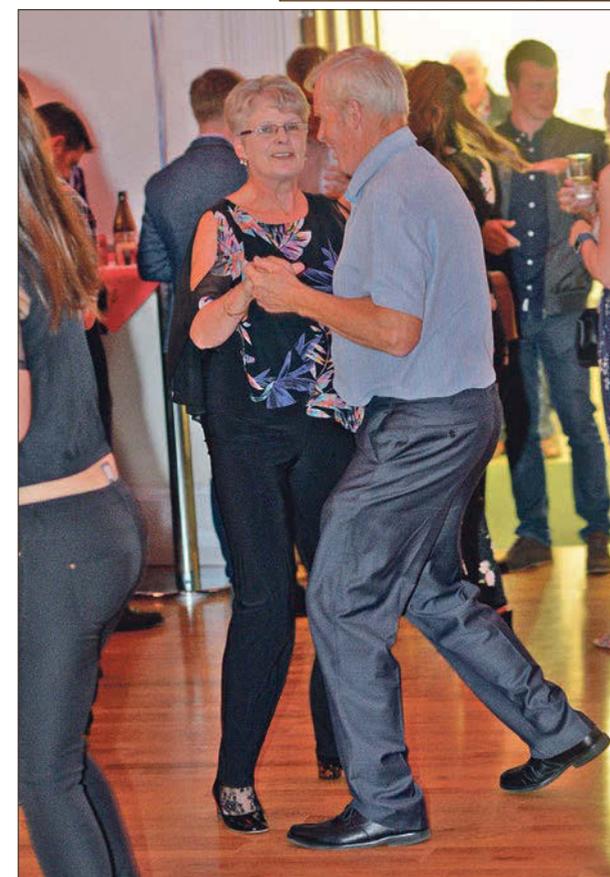
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s 40th birthday bash

Bennett to come all the way from Lanark market to be our brilliant auctioneer, and Trail West to provide the amazing music.

'We are grateful to Argyll Bakeries for providing the bar. Ticket sellers at Look Good, Feel Good were Amy McKerral and Eilidh Macalister.

Great help

'Claire McFadzen and Sean Brown, with their knowledge of the town hall regulations, have been a great help organising and setting things up for us.

'Kathleen McMillan and Lewis Nelson stepped in at the last minute to help out on the door as the bouncers originally booked were unavailable.

'The West Kintyre Wind Farm Trust has support-

ed us financially so that we can use the proceeds from tonight to help local people suffering from cancer.

'Kintyre Chorale members are kindly raising funds for us at their annual concert on November 11, and we have benefited from being chosen as the charity supported by Kintyre Crafters this year.

'We are grateful for the generous auction donations made by the following groups: Laura Kennedy at Serenity, Beinn an Tuirc Distillers, Nicola Beaumont at RES, J&S Montgomery, The Maclean family at The Burnside Bar, Lawrie & Symington, Springbank Distillery, the Dale family, Peter McKerral & Co. Ltd., Argyll Bakeries, McFadyens Contractors Ltd., and Alan McGill at Wallace Whittle.'



Heather McFadyen dancing the Dashing White Sergeant.

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Left: Catherine and Matthew Ralston take to the dance floor. 25_c36mairisemple40th04

Above: The dance floor was packed.

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Tiree ceilidh band Trail West.

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Special anniversary balloons.

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Carradale charity night lifts Alzheimer funds

A GUITARIST who recently made national headlines after turning down the X Factor belted out dance numbers at a charity dance.

Matt McAllister played a mixture of covers and his own compositions during

a charity birthday party to celebrate the Erskine family's first year at Carradale hotel.

As the *Courier* went to press more than £500 had been raised from the event held last Saturday for Alzheimer Scotland,

although the total figure has not been finalised.

Party-goers sampled a sumptuous buffet including some rather unusual fare – such as deep fried breaded cullen skink.

Raffle prizes included four ball games from

Carradale, Machrihanish Dunes and Dunaverty, a £50 meal voucher from Carradale's Dominic Ryan, to be spent at the hotel, and for those too tired to travel home the hotel staff donated a stay in one of its rooms.



Carradale legends, from left: Dodie and Argyll help bride-to-be Heather MacKinnon celebrate her hen party with Ceri Strang. 25_c36carradalehotel02



Christine and Hayley Campbell danced the night away. 25_c36carradalehotel03



Matt McAllister belted out the tunes. 25_c36carradalehotel09



Gillian and Susan O'Neill were keen to promote the evening's charity Alzheimer Scotland. 25_c36carradalehotel06



John Armour Lamont and Dougie Campbell.



The RNLI Open winners: Ailie MacBrayne, Fraser MacBrayne, Jamie O'May, Eleanor Hawkins, Sandy Watson and George MacMillan.

Dunaverty floats golfers' lifeboats

THE ALL-WEATHER lifeboat did not need to be launched at Dunaverty's RNLI Open golf competition.

Despite the usual rain, the 137 golfers at the 43rd lifeboat contest enjoyed a dry day last Saturday, which started off calm with strengthening winds throughout the afternoon.

Eighteen ladies, 118 men and one junior took part and many commented on the magnificent condition of the course and the impressive work by the green-keepers. Campbeltown RNLI is grateful to the club for organising the event and to all who helped on the day, also all

the businesses, individuals and fishing vessels for donating prizes.

Any prize winners who have not received their prize should contact the lifeboat station.

Results: Handicap men: 1 Jamie O'May 76-17-59, 2 David Irwin 66-5-61 BIH, 3 Jonathan Bruce 79-18-61, 4 Owen Morgan 72-10-62 BIH, 5 Sandy Watson.

Scratch men: 1 George MacMillan 64, 2 Ryan McGlynn 65, 3 Michael Morrison 68, 4 Iain McAllister 69, 5 Ross Robertson 70.

Handicap ladies: 1 Eleanor Hawkins 82-17-65, 2 Margaret Barr 95-27-68, 3 Margaret McArthur 90-20-70.

Scratch ladies: 1 Ann Gallagher 80, 2 Ailie MacBrayne 82, 3 Margaret MacKinnon 86.

Junior: Fraser MacBrayne.

Nearest to the pin at the 16th: Iain McAllister; Longest drive at the 17th men: John Nutt; Longest drive at the 17th ladies: Margaret McArthur.

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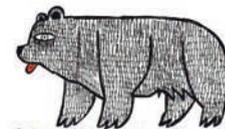
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A large crowd casts an eye over one of the pens at last year's sale. 04_c39kintyresale02

Kintyre sheep and tup sale

KINTYRE is set to host its seventh annual breeding sheep and tup sale next week.

Organised by the Kintyre Agricultural

Society (KAS) in conjunction with C & D Auction Marts Ltd, Longtown, the sale will showcase some of the region's best beasts.

Entries were to be made to KAS secretary John Armour by today (Friday), and with the largest ringside of local farmers seen so far last

year, the sale is expected to draw a crowd. It will begin at 1pm on Friday September 15 at Anderston Park, near Campbeltown.

Islay lamb and sheep sale

AN INCREASED entry of lambs saw 3,282 lambs and sheep sold at United Auctions' first sale at Bridgend Auction Mart, Islay.

A good entry of quality lambs were on offer to a large turnout of mainland buyers.

In keeping with national trends, heavier, fleshy lambs weighing 42 plus kilos increased in values on the year whilst store types showed a slight decrease on the year.

Lambs averaged £57.45 per head or 162.1 pence per kilo.

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NFU Scotland's president in Argyll

NFU Scotland's president Andrew McCornick will return to Argyll this month to attend the regional board's autumn meeting.

Board members will be joined at the meeting on September 15

by Bill Dundas, principal agricultural officer with the Scottish government's rural payments and inspections division and Ross Lilley, operations manager at Scottish Natural Heritage.

Any NFU members

who have issues they would like raised at the meeting should contact their branch chairman, regional board representative or regional manager Lucy Sumsion at lucy.sumsion@nfus.org.uk



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Public urged to support Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight this month



Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight is a nationwide event which supports and promotes Scotland's produce and the people who grow, make, cook and sell it. Once again, the fortnight is encouraging the great Scottish public to take part by changing just one thing (#onethingfortnight)

about how much Scottish food and drink they buy and eat. This year's celebration will take place between Saturday September 2 and Sunday September 17 inclusive, and we would love everyone across Scotland, of all ages, to join in to champion Scotland's delicious larder

and change one thing (#onethingfortnight) for 2017. Tying in with the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology, Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight is profiling the following daily food themes and asking everyone, to simply change one thing (#onethingfortnight):

Fiona Richmond, Head of Regional Food, said: 'Using the daily themes as inspiration, we are searching the archives for historical recipes and asking chefs to provide us with recipes that offer their own modern take on a theme. We will be sharing these recipes, old and new, with the public, alongside other fascinating and delicious hints, tips and facts about Scottish food and drink. 'All the while, we'll asking people to make use of these ideas to change

'#onethingfortnight' about the way in which they interact with Scottish produce. For example, an office worker may switch to Scotch Beef or Scottish Salmon in their daily sandwich; families may seek out Scottish labels on food and drink at the supermarket or visit their local butcher or baker – the possibilities are endless. 'Just one change can make a huge difference.' Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight 2017 officially launched at the start of September.

Sat 2nd Sept	Picnic	Sun 10th Sept	Weekend lunch
Sun 3rd Sept	Afternoon tea	Mon 11th Sept	Coffee break
Mon 4th Sept	Office meeting	Tues 12th Sept	Breakfast
Tues 5th Sept	Packed lunch	Wed 13th Sept	Family meal
Wed 6th Sept	TV dinner	Thurs 14th Sept	Street food
Thurs 7th Sept	Sport snack	Fri 15th Sept	BBQ
Fri 8th Sept	Children's party	Sat 16th Sept	Fine dining
Sat 9th Sept	Drinks party	Sun 17th Sept	Brunch



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It's been a successful year for all things Glen Scotia in 2017 with the distillery proud to be voted the "Best Campbeltown Distillery 2017" at the Berlin International Spirits Awards in March. In addition to picking up new awards attendance records were broken for the Glen Scotia Open Day at this year's Campbeltown Whisky Festival when the distillery held its first "Opening Night" dinner in the Ardsheel Hotel with special guest Charles Maclean.

As Glen Scotia continues to grow support around the world, with new international markets reached monthly, the range also continues to grow with the launch of two new aged expressions, 18 and 25 year old.

Glen Scotia has continued to support local events by sponsoring the Campbeltown Marathon, Highland Games, Carradale Golf Tournament, Argyll Bowling Club Glen Scotia Shield as well as hosting the exhibition "The Road to Drumleman" about mining in the area in the refurbished kiln house at the distillery.

Iain McAlister, our distillery manager, was

a guest of honour at a celebration lunch attended by HRH Duke of Edinburgh for the St Naziare Raid involving HMS Campbeltown during the WW 2. We created special labels for our Double Cask to mark the occasion with bottles available to purchase by the attendees. Iain McAlister distillery manager said "We are pleased to support local events as well developing the Glen Scotia brand around the world and we were all very proud to win "Best Campbeltown Distillery 2017", a testament to the hard work and dedication of the whole team at the distillery"



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GIGHA

News from Gigha

Garden grant

AN Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust (IGHT) bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for £1.2 million to buy Achamore house and secure the gardens has been unsuccessful in its current format. There are plans for a new bid.

Marketing graduate

IGHT hopes to reach a wider audience through employing a marketing graduate.

With funding from the Scot-Grad scheme IGHT has appointed Kathryn Howell from Campbeltown who starts in September on a 12-month contract.

Canvas pitch

IGHT board's efforts to create a campsite near the ferry terminal are on-going and all ideas are welcome.

Greener Gigha

TRUST manager Elaine Morrison is trying to find members for a Greener Gigha group with the aim of reducing the isle's carbon footprint. The board is also looking at re-financing the newer of the wind turbines and it is hoped a package will soon be in place.

In a further greening move IGHT is obtaining quotes to have scrap cars removed from the island.

Smoke alarms

PROPERTY inspections by IGHT have shown that some tenants are not replacing batteries and in some cases removing smoke alarms when they sleep.

Properties with a wood burning stove should have a carbon monoxide detector fitted. Anyone without a detector should contact the office and the trust will purchase one.

CARRADALE



Campbeltown Courier advertising executive Maurice Whelan supported the event. He is seen here with Carol Hobson and Finlay Barnett. 25_c36carradalehotel05

Hotel owners' charity birthday bonanza

THE ERSKINE family celebrated one year in charge of Carradale hotel and raised money for a charity night close to their hearts.

Rhona Erskine said they chose Alzheimer Scotland due

to the lack of support for people diagnosed with the condition at a young age.

Diagnosed

Mrs Erskine added: 'My husband Alan was diagnosed with Alzheimer's aged 44 and died

aged 53.

'Most of the support is for older people and just two per cent is targeted at younger sufferers.'

For more on this story see Leisure page 20.

ISLAY AND JURA

Bookworms descend on Islay

ISLAY is the place to be for all bibliophiles at the end of the month.

The island's annual book festival, bringing words to the whisky isle, runs from September 29 to October 1, offering events for adults and all the family with September 28 dedicated to the isle of Jura.

Some of the festival highlights include

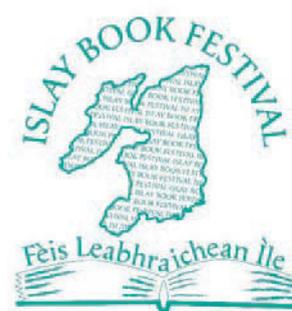
talks by various adults' and children's authors, including E S Thomson, Helen Sedgwick, Pauline Prior-Pitt, Sara Sheridan, Colin MacIntyre, Corinna Krause, Jenni Minto and Les Wilson, Keith MacTaggart, Ryan Van Winkle and Konrad Borkowski, as well as poetry, drama, puppetry, storytelling and song, book-binding and photography

workshops and guided walks around the isle.

Some of the events are already sold out so anyone who wishes to attend is advised to book soon to avoid disappointment, although some are free to attend.

For more in-

formation, visit Islay Book Festival's website at www.islaybook-festival.co.uk



Islay Book Festival's logo.

Housing surgeries reach Islay and Jura

HOUSING issues will be top of the agenda on Islay and Jura today (Friday).

Argyll and Bute Council is hosting three drop-in surgeries, in celebration of Scottish Housing Day, to inform and advise members of the public on all housing matters.

West Highland Housing Association (WHHA) will officially open 18 new homes at Dail na Mara, Port Ellen, today, and the Port Ellen station project will be declared open tomorrow (Saturday September 9).

The station project, to provide more affordable housing on the island, is led by the Ian MacTaggart Trust in partnership with Argyll and Bute council and WHHA and will convert the former police station into six self-contained one-bedroom and studio flats.

The council's policy lead for housing Councillor Robin Currie said: 'These drop-in events are a great way for people to get information and advice on a wide variety of housing issues.'

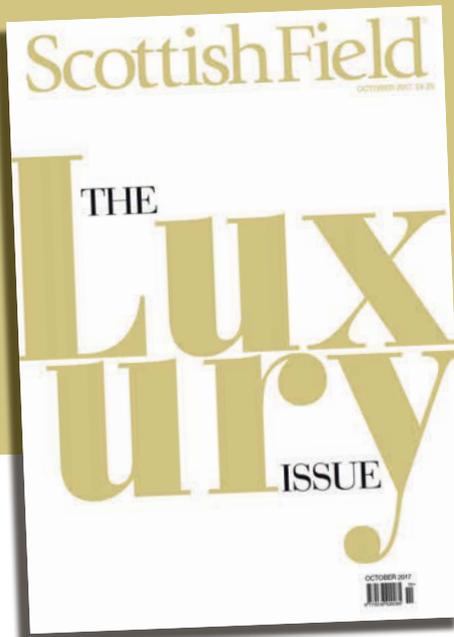
'Whether they want to find out how to apply for a house, want to know which grants are available or want to discuss the condition of their existing property, there will be someone on hand who will be more than happy to help.'

The housing surgeries are at the following locations:

11.00am – 2.00pm: Jura Service Point, Craighouse;

10.30am – 12.30pm: Customer Service point, Jamieson Street, Bowmore;

10.30am – 12.30pm and 1.00pm – 2.30pm: Columba Hall, Port Ellen.

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 All welcome.

KINTYRE DIALYSIS SUPPORT GROUP AGM
Wednesday 20th September
 7.00pm
 Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown

Scottish Community Drama Association
 Kintyre-Argyll District
AGM
Thursday 21st September
 2.30pm
 Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown
 All Welcome

Island View Respite Association AGM
Thursday 14th September
 7.00pm
 Glenbarr School house.

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Prior to preparing a consent application to the Scottish Government in early 2018, we are hosting open-door consultation events where members of the public will be able to view and comment on the preferred route alignment.

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- Inveraray Loch Fyne Hotel**
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14:00 - 19:00
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4 October
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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
17/02162/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of sewage treatment plant and formation of vehicular access	Land North East Of Coledrain Farm Southend Campbeltown Argyll And Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
17/01789/PP	Construction of hydropower scheme comprising dam and reservoir, burn intake, buried pipeline and powerhouse	Land North East Of Garraron Farm Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8QP	Sub Post Office Ardfern
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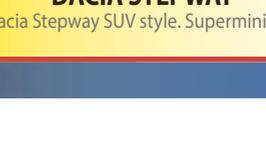
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TEN YEARS AGO

Friday September 7, 2007

Poster winners

A POSTER competition for the Home-Start MAJIK project, which will see Pop Idol's Michelle McManus come to Campbeltown Grammar school later this month, was won by two S6 pupils, Paul Smith and Daniel Galbraith.

A task set by principal teacher of business studies Elaine McGeachy got CGS pupils involved as well as those attending the play scheme during the school holidays.

This has resulted in the poster for 'Let's do the right thing here' being created and will see Michelle and BBC Radio Scotland hosting a concert at the school on September 13. Some of the other posters will be displayed on the night.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday September 11, 1992

'Spy-Plane' mystery

WAS THIS the UFO that caused Dutch earth tremors?

Speculation surrounding the 'Auroara' spy-plane - reputedly using Mach-1.2 as a stop-off base - reached fever pitch this week, after earth tremors in Holland were blamed on the mystery jet, and a fast moving blip was picked up on radar heading towards Kintyre.

Dutch scientists investigating the sudden earth tremor, which jolted the northern coast of the Netherlands, believe that they may have been caused by the top-secret American spy-plane, as it shot towards the west coast at more than three times the speed of sound.

Their claims appear to be supported by the radar contact, which was reported by Oceanic air traffic control at Prestwick



The poster competition winners Paul Smith and Daniel Galbraith with Jackie Fulton, Home-Start co-ordinator, committee member Margaret Sinclair, Joan Semple from Campbeltown Grammar school and Elaine McGeachy principal teacher of business studies.

at about the same time. Shock waves rocked houses smashing crockery.

Dutch police reported that their switchboards were jammed by irate people fearing the activity was the sign of an earthquake.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday September 14, 1967

Mixed conditions for final fling

CAMPBELTOWN Sailing Club's last three races of the season were held in conditions ranging from half gale to flat calm, which alternately favoured the keel boats and dinghies but nonetheless encouraged a number of helmsmen to turn out for a final fling before the long winter puts an end to their activities on the water.

On August 30, Stella Phaea, with a reefed mainsail and genoa, survived the fierce westerly gusts to take the honours on corrected time from Kim II, a Thai Mark Four catamaran which revelled in the stormy conditions and tore round the course in a cloud of spray.

The only flying 15 to finish, Robin McChere's Fflook did well to reach the

moorings in one piece despite being half full of water.

100 YEARS AGO

Friday September 8, 1917

Unique prize awards

AN AWARD that is entirely unique in the history of Campbeltown Grammar school is announced in connection with last session's work, the Kintyre Club gold medals for the best boy and girl pupils of the school having been won by a brother and sister Mr Kenneth Macqueen and Miss Mary Macqueen, Meadow Cottage.

Rabbit trapper's violent temper

A rabbit trapper from a country district pleaded guilty - before Sheriff Macmaster Campbell on Monday - to a charge of having on August 13, in his own house, assaulted his wife and son by striking them with a walking stick.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



LIKE many people, I have been greatly concerned by the bellicose rhetoric that is banded about from some of the most powerful leaders in our world today.

We hear of nuclear prowess from Kim Jong-un, the leader of North Korea, as he boasts of missiles that can now reach the United States of America.

President Donald Trump retaliates with even more pugilistic tones when he says that the time for talking is over, and that North Korea will feel the force of power previously unleashed until now.

We could be on the brink of something very sinister and extremely dangerous.

Albert Camus once said, 'Peace is the only battle worth waging'.

Desmond Tutu said: 'If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends, you talk to your enemies.'

How do we make peace in a world that is so filled with war and fighting and hate?

We may not have an answer, but we do have to keep asking the question.

We have to strive for peace in the present or there won't be a future.

Weapons have become so sophisticated that the world could be blown apart at the click of a button.

We remember the words: 'the pen is mightier than the sword', but what of the unleashing of nuclear weapons?

What on earth could stop the devastation that would cause? In scripture we hear the call for people 'to beat their swords into plowshares till there is war no more'.

This call for peace has echoed throughout time for centuries and we are still calling for peace. Time is running out if we are to save this planet from nuclear oblivion.

Pray for peace every moment of every day.

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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).

GOLDEN WEDDING

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DUNCAN - Jeanmarie, Scott, Andrew, Ruaridh and family would like to thank everyone for kind expressions of sympathy, by cards, letters, phone calls and visits, following the sudden passing of Maurice. Thank you to everyone who attended the service at the parish church and graveside. Thanks to members of Oban and Lorn Strathspey and Reel Society for beautiful music at the service. Also to Archie McAllister for his playing, and to Donnie Files for his playing at the graveside. The retiral collection for Stroke Association raised the magnificent sum of £599.55. Thank you everyone.

MACMILLAN - Katrina, Sharon, Lorraine and families would like to thank relatives and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy received on their sad loss of David. Special thanks to nursing staff at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital. Thanks to Rev Philip Wallace for a very fitting service, to Kenny and Rhys Blair for caring and professional services, to the Stronvaar Bowling Club and Argyll Bakeries for excellent catering, and to all who came from near and far to pay their respects. The retiral collection for Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality, raised £195.

MCMILLAN - Elizabeth, Matthew, Elizabeth Ann, John and families would like to thank relatives and friends for their kind support and for the cards and flowers received following Elizabeth's recent passing and also to thank everyone who attended the funeral service. Special thanks to all the staff at Ward 8B, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and Dr Elder. Thank you to Matthew Ramsay for the comforting and personal service, to Kenny Blair for his support and compassion and to The Glen for the catering.

MITCHELL - Vera and family (Macduff) wish to thank all those who have sent kind expressions of sympathy and acts of support following the sad loss of Alexander (Sandy), a beloved husband of Vera. They have been very much appreciated. Thanks to Robin Wiseman for a lovely service, and to everyone for the kind donations of £122.30, for the British Heart Foundation.

IN MEMORIAMs

CAREY - In loving memory of a very special Auntie Patsy. Those we hold so dear never truly leave us, They live on in the kindness they showed, the comfort they shared and the love they brought into our lives. Forever in our hearts. - Love you always, Annamarie, Allan, John, Jacqueline and Linda xx. Our memories are a keepsake, of times that live forever in our hearts. Love you always Auntie Patsy.

CUNNINGHAM - Neil Blair, loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, passed away September 14, 2012. Loved and remembered every day. - Christine and all the family.

GODDARD - Agnes, died September 6, 1999. Miss and love you always. - Mum, Sandra, Ali and family. Love and miss you very much. - Twinkle.

GODDARD - Beautiful memories of our darling niece and cousin, Agnes (Robertson), who was taken from us on September 6, 1999. Agnes, if we could build a stairway We would build it with loving chains We would build that stair to heaven And bring you home again. - Auntie Sandra, Uncle Andy and Harrison cousins xxxxxxxx.

MCGOUGAN - In loving memory of my dad, Donald, passed away September 8, 2015. Forever in my thoughts. - Love, Nan.

MCMURCHY - In memory of Archie, died September 14, 1994. You left us quickly, Thoughts unknown, But you left a memory, We are proud to own. - Your loving wife, Janet.

STIMSON - In loving memory of our mum, Gillian, died one year ago today. We thought of you with love today, But that is nothing new, We thought about you yesterday, And days before that too. We think of you in silence,

We often speak your name, All we have are memories, And your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake, With which we'll never part, It has been a year now, Forever in our hearts. - Your loving sons, Craig and Rory.

STIMSON - In loving memory of our dear sister and auntie, Gillian, sadly taken on September 8, 2016. It broke my heart to lose you, Gill But to stay just brought you pain Love alone could not save you But I know we'll meet again. - Love forever, Katie and Alan xx. Of all the many blessings However great or small, To have had you as my auntie, Was the greatest one of all. - Love always, Kelly xx.

STIMSON - Treasured memories of our dear friend, Gillian, who passed away September 8, 2016. Goodbye my friend, I know I'll never see you again, But the time together, through all the years, Will take away these tears. You will always be with us. - Catherine and Arthur. Always in our thoughts, Forever in our hearts. - Kerri-Ann and Chloe.

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Glenaray and Inveraray at 11.30 am
Gaelic Service
Lochgair Church at 3pm
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Minister: Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
ALL WELCOME

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'How much more'
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Oban golfer tees off in Walker Cup

OBAN golfer Robert MacIntyre will compete for Great Britain and Ireland this weekend in the Walker Cup.

The 21-year-old joins a team of 10 that will take on the USA at the Los Angeles Country Club on September 9-10.

The Great Britain and Ireland team hope to retain the biennial competition, which they won back in 2015.

SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results - Scottish Amateur Cup first round - Oban Saints 4, Mauchline United 0; Kilsyth 6, Tarbert 0; Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils 3, Claremont 2; Dunoon 7, Rosehill Star 1; Premier Division Two - East End United 3, Lochgilphead Red Star 7.

This Saturday's fixtures - Premier Division Oban Saints v St Joseph's FP; Premier Division One - Claremont v Dunoon; Rosehill Star v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division Two - Houston v Lochgilphead Red Star; Tarbert v Carlton YM.

Lotto results

THERE were no winners in Machrihanish golf club's three number lottery draw on Monday.

The winning numbers were 8, 12 and 13.

The next draw, for a jackpot of £300, is on September 11.

The winning numbers in Dunaverty golf club's three number lottery, drawn on Sunday, were 1, 4 and 12.

There were no winners.

The next draw, for a jackpot of £400, will be on Sunday September 17.

Pupils U13s' league domination continues

DFDL Under 13 League

Ardencaple BC	1
Campbeltown Pupils	6

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils Youth Under 13s (2005s) enjoyed their first ever away game in the DFDL as they romped to a convincing 6-1 win over Ardencaple BC, building on their opening win the weekend before.

Kicking off at 11.45am on the Hermitage Academy 3G pitch in Helensburgh last Sunday the young Pupils showed no signs of their early start and long bus journey as they took early control.

The Ardencaple keeper made a number of excellent saves in early exchanges before the Pupils broke the deadlock.

Recent Lochgilphead signing Kyle Danson broke into the 18-yard box and reacted to the keeper's fine save from his initial shot to blast

the ball home from a tight angle.

Encouraged by their domination Scott Graham added a second when Lorne Paterson played him in. Driving forward, the young left-midfielder collected the ball before unleashing a superb left-footed strike from 16 yards leaving the Ardencaple keeper no chance.

The Kintyre side was in total control and playing excellent football. Ryan Shields, who scored twice the week before, quickly added another brace of goals.

Young Shields is proving to have an eye for the goal and showed composure beyond his years to beat the offside trap twice to round the keeper and calmly slot the ball home. On a rare attack into the visitors' half, the Helensburgh side pulled one back.

A cross from the right took an unkind wicked deflection off one of the Pupils' defenders, leaving Kerr in the goal with no chance as it sailed in high.

Ardencaple played their best spell of the game but Michael Campbell, Josh Arkell, Kyle Paterson and Ryan Harding in defence were in no mood to concede.

Ardencaple started the second half on the ascendancy and were unlucky not to pull a couple of goals back with Finlay Kerr in the Pupils goal saving his side.

The Pupils weathered the storm and started to dominate again. Calum McAllister was unlucky not to extend the lead for the Pupils on a couple of occasions before Calum Ellis made it 5-1.

The pocket dynamo had harassed the Ardencaple defence all



The Pupils 2005s team that travelled to Helensburgh.

day and got his reward when he broke clear and coolly slotted the ball home.

Ethan Parker was introduced with 25 minutes to go and was unlucky not to score in his first involvement as he too beat the offside trap only to see his left-footed strike come off the base of the post.

With 10 minutes re-

maining, Shields was upended in the six-yard box as he raced round the keeper. From the resulting penalty Owen Reid gave the keeper no chance as he blasted the ball home.

This was just reward for the former Castlehill School student - Reid had a fine game in the centre of midfield.

The Kintyre side

squandered several chances to extend their lead in the closing minutes but the final score of 6-1 made the journey home all the more enjoyable for everyone. The Pupils u13s will play Glasgow team Broomhill Sports Club at home this Sunday. Kick off is at 1.30pm on the 3G pitch, Kinloch Green.



The group before teeing off.

Heidbangers' blustery memorial contest

ONLY four points covered the top six places during Dunaverty's Heidbangers' Gone But Not Forgotten competition.

The contest, in memory of members who have passed on over the last 16 years, was held in warm, dry but very windy conditions.

Twenty-three players took part and the scoring was very close.

Sandy Watson, Lee Mathieson and Bill Brannigan led on the

outward nine with each scoring 19 points followed by Robert Allan and Alex Roxburgh both on 18.

Alex produced the best back nine score of 20 points to come through and win the event.

Robert also had a good back nine of 19 to take second place.

His mother, Jean Kelly, provided a box of Titleist golf balls for nearest the pin with the second shot to the 18th



Bill Brannigan presents Alex Roxburgh with the Gone But Not Forgotten trophy and a bottle of whisky.

green and this was won by Lee Mathieson.

The trophy and a bottle of whisky for the winner was sponsored by Robert.

Fours competition at Argyll

BOWLS rolled from dawn till dusk in Argyll Bowling Club's (ABC) invitational fours competition.

Sixteen teams of four entered the contest last Saturday and included those from Burbank, Menstrie, North British and Stronvaar, as well as ABC itself.

After the welcome by vice president Shaun Grumoli, play commenced at 9.30am and continued in breezy sunshine until dusk.

The green played well and great sportsmanship and skill was demonstrated throughout the day.

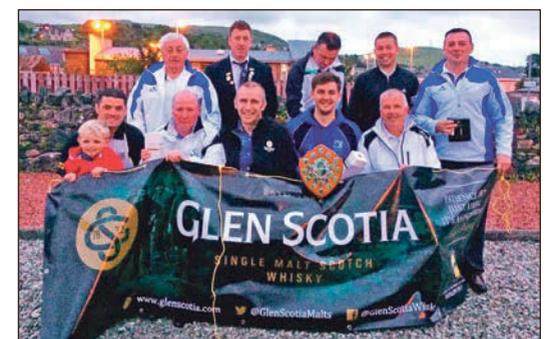
In the semi-finals A Sinclair, K Kerr, D Reid and their skip, L Allen, beat N McCallum, I Morrison, M Maguire and their skip J Morrison, while B

Dalziel Snr, D Macgillivray, A Johnston and their skip B Dalziel Jnr, beat R McLachlan, G Grant, C Kerr and their skip G A McLachlan.

The final saw A Sinclair, K Kerr, D Reid and skip L Allen claim the victory. Congratulations to them and commiserations to

the other finalists and semi-finalists.

Two of the club's young players, Lee Allen and Gavin McLachlan are travelling to Llandrindod Wells in Wales this coming weekend to represent Scotland under 25s in the British Isles Bowls Council's Junior Internationals competition.



Argyll Bowling Club's invitational fours winners and runners-up: Bobby Dalziel Snr, Shaun Grumoli, Bobby Dalziel Jnr, Darren Macgillivray and Archie Johnston, back row, and Alan Sinclair with son Joshua, David Reid, Iain McAlister, Lee Allan and Kenny Kerr at the front.

Baillieston batter 'Dale in a windy encounter

President's Cup

Carradale 1
Baillieston 4

CARRADALE went into the President's Cup match with no prospect of continuing in the competition due to having too few round robin points.

Baillieston, though, had to win by three goals to proceed and that is how it turned out.

'Dale's position going in gave the chance

to play some youngsters and Ryan McGroary will have benefited from his 75 minutes. Elliot Gemmill also took to the 3G surface for 20 minutes.

Goalie Neil McMillan had a tough time but managed to add to his growing record of penalty saves with a great dive in the 84th minute.

Advantage

With a fresh wind blowing, Baillieston decided to take advantage

and played downwind in the first half. The on-shore breeze had depleted by late afternoon but became gustier which disrupted some 'Dale passes.

The visitors took the lead in the ninth minute. Due to the weather conditions 'Dale had played a high line which gave the visitor's number eight a deep run. Unselfishly, on the edge of the box, he passed to the number nine, who with the easiest of chances scored.

Seven minutes later Baillieston doubled the lead though a throw-in to the number 10 from the edge of the box. He ran along the 18-yard line and thundered a left foot shot high into the net. Neil McMillan did not have a chance.

In the 20th minute 'Dale reduced the lead and pulled a goal back. A loose ball came to Daniel Docherty and he struck a fine shot through a ruck of players which left the visitors' goalie unsighted.

'Dale now held their own for 20 minutes and hoped that they could go into the second half on 2-1 and improve the situation with the wind in their favour.

It was not to be and in the 43rd minute a defensive error cost 'Dale another goal.

Unlucky

At the start of the second half Carradale changed to a 4-4-2 set-up and for 15 minutes put the visitors under the cosh and were unlucky not to score.

'Dale used more subs but this unsettled



Carradale goalkeeper Neil McMillan made some great saves, including punching the ball skyward. 25_c36carradale09



Man of the match David Johnstone supporting Daniel Docherty. 25_c36carradale04

the team. The visitors knew that they needed a fourth goal and in the 84th minute were rewarded.

McMillan ran out but was caught away from the sticks and could only look on as the ball

raced past into the net. In the closing minutes, a bellicose Michael Charlwood was red carded by ref Archie Mitchell and departed for an early bath.

Carradale have a

free week and the next game is at home against Busby on September 16.

Johnstone was man of the match and Neil Galbraith Electrical Services sponsored the match ball.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £750

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



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Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition Rules

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SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Pupils u13s' league
domination continues

Pupils almost pay for lapse in concentration

SAFL Premier One

**Campbeltown Pupils 3
Claremont 2**

A TORRID 90 minutes of football last Saturday enthralled a large Kintyre Park crowd.

A rollercoaster of a game, it was almost thrown away in the closing stages by a combination of complacency and poor decision making from the home side.

Everything started so brightly for the McFadyen-sponsored Pupils, as the home favourites raced to what looked an unassailable three-goal lead, only to be left hanging on for dear life as Claremont battled for a share of the points in the closing minutes.

The Pupils once more dominated the early exchanges, with the direct running of Sary Rahma, Donald McCallum and Gregor McFadyen causing the visitors all sorts of bother as the home side searched for the opening goal.

Nevertheless, it was not till the 20th minute before the crucial breakthrough arrived - a perfectly flighted corner kick from Ryan Deans reaching Jamie Burns who sent a powerful header into the net.

The home side were in dreamland when centre forward Sary Rahma turned on a sixpence inside the box, only to be unceremoniously upended after some close attention from a stalwart defender and the goalie.

Prostrate on the ground, the Pupils quick-silver centre forward reacted quickly to steer the ball home while still on the ground, a great piece of skill to put the home side two goals ahead on the half hour mark. Claremont roared back into the match with 15 minutes of the first half left, but scorned a number of chances to narrow the deficit as the clock ticked down.

Home goalkeeper

er Coffield was forced to make a point-blank save with his legs, this before the visitors were denied by the crossbar's underside, and thereafter by some last gasp defending from Rhys Blair and Ellis Robertson.

Regaining their composure, the Pupils looked to have secured full points when a goal-bound shot from Ryan McConnachie was fisted clear by a Claremont outfield player.

The penalty kick was driven home by a grateful Sary Rahma to give his side a three-goal cushion with 20 minutes of the match remaining.

That should have been game, set and match, but the home side contrived to make it hard for themselves through a combination of complacency and some suicidal possession on the edge of their own box.

Claremont scored twice in the 71st and 84th minute, both goals of the gift-wrapped va-



Jamie Burns' header is firmly in the back of the net. 25_c36pupils18

riety as the home side seemed ready to implode.

Brothers Paul Knotts and Mark Knotts brought on as subs at half time gave the visitors a fighting chance.

The first came for Paul as his brother broke through and played the ball square letting him slot it home from 10 yards.

Mark told *the Courier*: 'The Pupils' keeper

ran out and I chipped it past him with a side-foot shot.'

It was a nervous end to a game in which the Pupils played well in stages, only to almost throw valuable points away with some uncharacteristic defending at the 11th hour.

Scott Campbell excelled for the visitors, with his opposite number Keith Mitchell having an excellent game in the home colours.

It was a personal confrontation enjoyed throughout, not only by the two players, but also a large and appreciative audience.

With nine points from three matches, the Pupils have made the perfect start to the season and sit proudly at the top of the division.

Time will tell if they have the tenacity to stay the course.

This Saturday the Pupils travel to play Rosehill Star.



Scott Souden had some great early chances. 25_c36pupils11



Coffield's great first half save left him in agony. 25_c36pupils21



Mercurial Sary Rahma on the way to his first goal. 25_c36pupils23

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