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Food delights at fire station open day has Taylor open mouthed



Four-year-old Taylor Purser from Campbeltown is a picture of concentration as he gives a massive hotdog his undivided attention at Campbeltown Fire Station's open day which attracted a large crowd last Saturday. See story and pictures on page 4.

Time for action!

TOUGHER action is being demanded to bring an end to the 'blight' of the disused former post office building in Campbeltown's Main Street.

Councillor Donald Kelly is urging Argyll and Bute Council to consider making a compulsory purchase order.

Its owner, Tayinloan-based charter surveyor Christopher Gabriel, has failed to make use of the C-listed building since buying it in 1989.

Councillor calls for tougher measures over old post office

Over the years, its neglected condition has brought numerous complaints from surrounding retailers, residents and the public.

'This building is a blight on the Main Street and it is a disgrace that it has been allowed to go on in this condition and unused for 20 years,'

said councillor Kelly. 'Argyll and Bute Council needs to take a stronger line. It must look at making a compulsory purchase order.'

'Mr Gabriel has had more than long enough to sort things.'

'It is pulling down the appearance of the Main Street, and will stand

out even more once the town hall opposite is renovated.'

Two weeks ago, Campbeltown Community Council agreed to write to Argyll and Bute Council demanding action.

Over the years, numerous organisations have tried to buy or lease the

building from Mr Gabriel - to no avail.

In 1998 he claimed he was planning to convert the building into flats and offices, but nothing happened.

More recently, he promised to clean the interior and make it available for community use. That also never happened.

Five years ago, there was hope that funding support from the Town-

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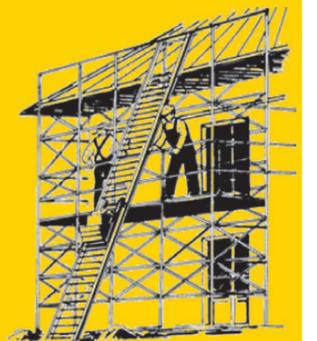
The former post office building in Main Street, Campbeltown has not been used since it was bought by Christopher Gabriel more than 20 years ago. 08_c39post01

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24 years of assurances and little else

ALMOST 18 months ago, the owner of the former post office building in Main Street conceded that he could be moving faster with his aim of getting it back into public use.

That was an understatement.

Christopher Gabriel has done virtually nothing with the C-listed building since he bought it in January 1989 when it had already been empty for around 30 years.

By 1991, the Campbeltown Courier was reporting on local residents concerns over the building.

In October 1995, local planners reported that Campbeltown Community Council had written to Argyll and Bute Council to press for its demolition, with the cleared site used as a car park. However, the 'owners' had discussed possible restoration and conversion.

In May 1998 an external inspection revealed the building to be deteriorating.

Two local businessmen, John McCormick of AP Taylor and Peter Stogdale of the White Hart Hotel claimed the derelict state of the building was affecting their businesses.

However, they were temporarily, and mistakenly, cheered by news from Mr Gabriel that he intended seeking to convert the former post office into flats and offices. Nothing happened.

Two years later listed building consent was granted for the painting of the exterior.

In August 2001 an external inspection revealed that some works had been carried out on the exterior, though the rear remained in poor condition. It was understood that some internal work had also been undertaken.

Two years later, an external inspection revealed the property was still at risk.

In May 2006, the property was classified as part of a conservation area regeneration scheme,

and redevelopment was discussed with a potential purchaser (a housing association).

In March 2012, Mr Gabriel assured the Courier that he would be starting maintenance and repair work within four weeks then he would be 'looking for an end use that would benefit the community'.

Two months later, Mr Gabriel acknowledged that he had made little progress and Jock Newlands, whose flat is directly next door, said his property was suffering water ingress as a result of the poor maintenance of the former post office building.

In December 2012, five years after discussions began with Mr Gabriel, the Townscape Heritage Initiative withdrew the offer of financial support because of the lack of progress and re-allocated the funds to another building.

Last month, Mr Gabriel again assured that plans are in place for the building to be repaired.



The deteriorating rear of the former post office in Campbeltown's Main Street.

Councillor calls for tougher measures over old post office

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scape Heritage Initiative would finally bring the building back to life.

However, the THI eventually withdrew its offer of funding two years ago after talks with Mr Gabriel stalled.

Shabby appearance

Now, apart from the buildings shabby appearance, damaged gutters mean that water is running off and soaking people standing at the bus stop below.

James Lafferty, THI's project officer, told the community council: 'Members of the public have raised more concerns about this building than any of those we have targeted for improvements.'

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said this week: 'The council does have compulsory purchase powers. The exercise of them has to relate to one or more of the council's statutory functions or responsibilities. 'Any proposal for compulsory

purchase requires a report to council in which a clear justification for the proposal, and the means of funding it, is put forward for consideration.

Satisfactory conclusion

'The council is not currently pursuing a compulsory purchase order in respect of the former post office, but efforts to find a satisfactory resolution to this matter will continue.'

Mr Gabriel failed to respond to efforts to contact him.

Fall in passenger numbers at airport

PASSENGER numbers at Campbeltown Airport were down last month, while overall HIAL saw a five per cent increase in travellers at its airports.

The airport handled

1,115 passengers in August, a dip of 6.8 percent compared to the same period last year.

Islay Airport also saw demand fall by 9.9 per cent, with 2,805 passengers passing through its

doors.

Inglis Lyon, managing director of HIAL said: 'The drop in passenger numbers at many of our smaller airports illustrates that demand is not uniformly strong.'

Motorbike tax disc found

A MOTORCYCLE tax disc from Campbeltown was picked up at the side of the road in Kilmartin last week.

The disc, for a BMW motorbike registration SM120NR, expires on May 31 2014.

Brian Rattray, who found the tax disc, said it was still in its holder which had obviously been ripped off the bike in an accident.

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I just want to be home with my baby

Mum's frustration as house problems delay sick youngster leaving hospital

APART from a few days, serious health problems have kept a 16-month-old Campbeltown baby in hospital since he was born.

Now, as Cooper recuperates from his latest operation at Glasgow's Yorkhill Hospital, doctors have said he may be able to leave soon.

However, desperate as his parents, Greg Scally and Zoey Booth, are to finally have him home, that special day may be delayed because of long-standing problems with their house.

A furious Zoey, 20, told the Courier: 'We have faced endless delays by Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA).

'We have had problems with electric heating for more than a year and I cannot take Cooper home because the house is so cold.

'After 16 months in hospital, he will have to stay there even longer.

'I'm really fed up with it all. ACHA has known about our situation for a long time.

'It knew we need-

ed something done last autumn when we hoped to have Cooper home for Christmas.

'The property was checked more than a year ago for new central heating and still it has not been done.'

Zoey has spent most of her time in Glasgow since Cooper was born. Greg, 21, meanwhile, has been making constant journeys to visit when he can get off work.

His mum, Janna Scally, is worried about her grandson's fragile health.



Sixteen-month-old Cooper's health problems have kept him in hospital since he was born.

She said: 'Despite all this time and our complaints about the house in Dalaruan Street, we still have this ridiculous situation that it is unfit for Cooper to be in.

Frustrated

'I am so frustrated by ACHA's endless excuses.'

Mrs Scally said that as well as the electric heating no longer working, a leaky tank caused damp in parts of the two-bedroom semi-detached home.

Neighbouring ACHA homes had new central heating installed last year, but somehow Greg and Zoey's was missed out. 'We have been assured repeatedly it would be done but all we have had is excuses,' said Mrs Scally.

'On one occasion I was told that three quotes for replacing the gas heating had been lost.'

Alastair MacGregor, ACHA's chief executive, said: 'I under-

stand there have been delays due to processes internally on the British Gas side. I am pleased that the new heating installation has been confirmed by British Gas and started on site last week.

'Mr Scally and Ms Booth should have a new heating system installed and functioning in the very near future.

'I understand that there were two repairs that required to be completed and this work was carried out

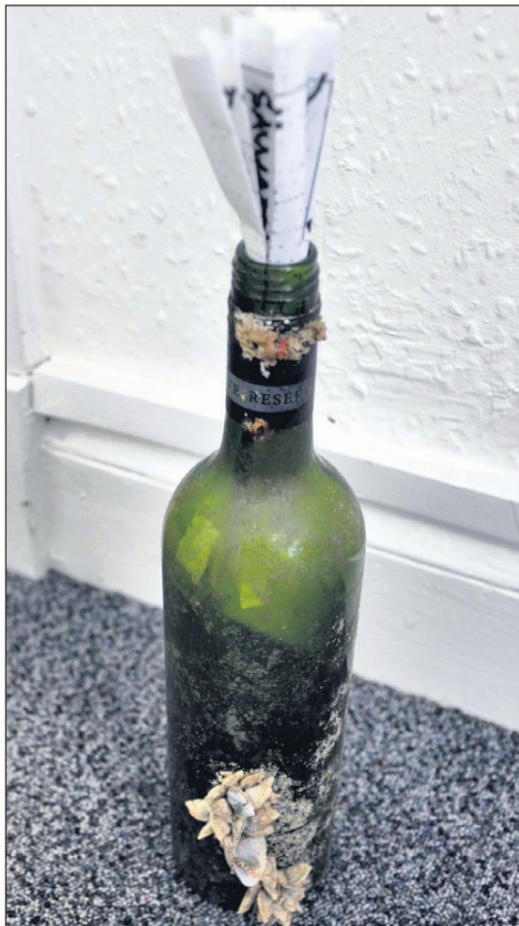
by our contractor, Argyll Homes For All.'

Mrs Scally said: 'There is still a meter to go in and SSE has said it would be October 5 before that was done, however it is now trying to bring that forward.

'Once it's in, it will be another few days before the central heating is installed.

'Meanwhile, Cooper and Zoey will have to stay on in Glasgow. It should never have come to this.'

Message in a bottle's amazing journey



The wine bottle which contained a message from a Danish sailor. 20_c39bottle01

AFTER a journey of several hundred miles lasting seven years, a limpet-encrusted bottle containing a message has washed up on Machrihanish Beach from the north Atlantic.

'It's amazing it has come from all the way up there down to here instead of landing on Islay,' said the beachcomber who discovered the glass wine bottle.

Inside the bottle was a note dated November 29, 2006 and a message from a Danish container ship.

It reads: 'The Danish ship Mary Arctica, po-

sition 200 nautical miles west of the Orkney Islands, Scotland.

'We are on our way from Denmark to Greenland. If you find this bottle post, please send me a note!'

Denmark

The message is from a Jorgen Sonderkaer with an address in Voersaa, a town in northern Denmark.

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Drills and thrills at fire brigade open day

EXCITING drill competitions between young firefighters helped keep a large crowd amused and entertained at Campbeltown Fire Brigade's open day last Saturday.

Around 40 youngsters from Campbeltown, Dumbarton and Motherwell

competed in one, two and three-man drills which required them to execute proper fire procedures in the fastest time possible.

A bouncy castle, stalls and hot dogs and burgers all contributed to a fun day for all the family.



Youngsters watch aghast as a firefighter demonstrates the error of adding just half a cup of water to a kitchen pot which has caught fire. 08_c39fire02



Skye Carter, 7, left, and Linzi Shields, 6, both from Campbeltown, were among the many youngsters enjoying themselves at the open day.

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Young firefighters go through their paces in the two-man drill. 08_c39fire01

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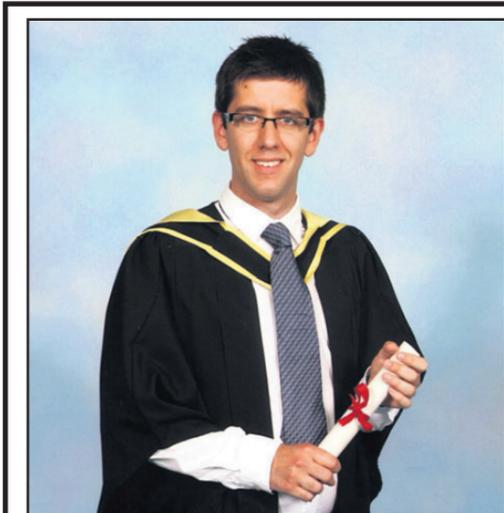
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GRADUATION



Jamie Leask graduated from the University of Glasgow with a Masters of Research in Molecular Medicine. Jamie previously achieved a BSc (Hons) in Immunology and Microbiology (first class) from the University of Strathclyde and is currently a second year medical student at the University of Dundee.



Youngsters captivated by the excitement of the drill competitions. 08_c39fire05

Crying foul in Tarbert

TARBERT is taking steps to crack down on the worst kind of street litter - dog fouling.

The village says the problem has become a real blight on the popular tourist spot and they are now telling rogue residents and visitors to clean up their act.

Tarbert Harbour Authority (THA), Argyll and Bute Council and Police Scotland launched a joint initiative to tackle the problem. THA has installed five bins and two dog waste bag dispensers, which can be used free of charge. Police and dog wardens also plan increasing patrols.

Dave Pearson, a council environmental warden, said: 'We need people to report any one who does not pick up their dog's mess and give details about the dog, where it happened and when.'

Guilty owners face a fine of £40.

People who want to report a problem can call 01546-605514 in confidence.

*Is dog fouling a problem where you stay in Kintyre? Write to Editor, Campbeltown Courier, Main and Longrow South, Campbeltown, PA28 6AE or email editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Grammar school takes action to end 'litter lunchtimes'

LUNCHTIME is litter time in Campbeltown, it has been claimed.

However, Campbeltown Grammar pupils - blamed for leaving a 'trail of rubbish' from the town centre to the school - are cleaning up their act.

Senior pupils have already been leading litter picks and the school is raising the issue with all its students.

Grammar pupils came in for criticism at a recent meeting of Campbeltown Community Council.

Community councillor Robert Graham said: 'You can follow the trail

of rubbish to the school and lunchtimes.'

New Parliament Place was identified as another problem spot.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman said this week that the problem was being tackled in a number of ways - including increased police patrols and senior pupils going out and picking up rubbish.

Close partnership

She said: 'The school is aware of the issues surrounding litter and is keen to help with this problem. It has also been working in close partnership with our community police officer.'



Pupils hard at work clearing up rubbish.



Senior Campbeltown Grammar School pupils who took part in a litter pick.

'Senior pupils have been out in the community helping to clear litter - and the school hopes to encourage its ECO group to take part.'

'However, prevention is better than cure and rather than organising tidying up, the school would far prefer if rubbish was not dropped in the first place.'

'As well as increased police patrols at lunchtime, the school is raising awareness during assembly. This includes giving information about police powers in relation to littering.'

'We are also looking at the number and the position of bins between Ralston Road and the school and Main Street and the school.'

Zero Waste Scotland has launched an online poll to gauge how Scottish people, communi-

ties and businesses feel about litter.

Iain Gulland, Director of Zero Waste Scotland, said: 'Our research shows the shocking impact that litter has on Scotland. More than 250 million items of litter are dropped each year, re-

sulting in a direct cost of £53 million and indirect costs of £25 million.'

'Litter has a massive impact on Scotland's landscapes, wildlife and our communities. At least 50% of litter that is dropped each year could have been recycled.'

GRADUATIONS



Lee Imogen Holland graduated in July 2013 from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland with the degree of Master of Music (Performance) with Distinction. She was also awarded the Peter Morrison Prize for "all round excellence in music". Lee is the daughter of Sue and Steve Walker of Campbeltown and granddaughter of the late Ken and Betty Holland.



Congratulations to Tamara Campbell who recently graduated from Tulliallan with a Diploma in Police Service Leadership and Management. Tamara is currently a serving Police Officer in Oban with Police Scotland and is the only daughter of Tom and Marina Campbell, Kilmartin.

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Time's a wasting

THE Courier's has two main stories this week which seem to be about time being allowed to drift by and nothing effective being done - much to the chagrin of others.

In the case of the Argyll Community Housing Association home occupied by young couple Greg Scally and Zoey Booth, there appears to be little excuse why it has taken so long to resolve complaints about the property - especially when their son's health issues were flagged up a long time ago. Certainly, there has been no impression of the word 'priority' being used at any point.

Hopefully, when 16-month-old Cooper is finally released from hospital Zoey can get on with being a proper mum in her own home without any worries about heating or damp. It has been a long haul for the young family.

It has been an even longer haul for those trying to see something finally done about the former post office building in Campbeltown Main Street bought by Tayinloan-based surveyor Chris Gabriel more than 20 years ago. Sadly, he seems only too content to let his place drag down the appearance of the street rather than do something constructive with it or simply sell it on to someone who will.

Come on, Mr Gabriel, doing nothing is not good enough. If only you could show the energy and application of near neighbour Willie Ross who has - at great cost to himself in time, effort and money and with no grant support - transformed the disused and deteriorating former Campbeltown Grammar and St Kieran's school building (see story on pages 14-15).

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Promise not made to farmers

Sir,
James Simpson, Labour Party, alleged in last week's Courier that at a Yes for Independence Meeting held in Campbeltown recently, Richard Lochhead, Scottish minister for rural affairs, promised vast sums of money for Scottish farming if the SNP had a majority vote.

This was a further example of deliberate misinformation by the opponents of the Yes Campaign.

I was at the meeting and no such promise was made by Mr Lochhead or anyone else. **Name and address supplied and withheld on request**

More questions than answers about Methadone clinic

Sir,
Once again we read in the Courier (last week) of NHS Highland not having statistics to hand regarding the proposed Methadone clinic in Campbeltown and then taking many weeks to supply them to local councillors. This begs some serious questions. It seems to suggest that NHS Highland has been pushing for a clinic while all the time not really knowing if it can be justified in terms of need and cost.

Are those who are making the decisions about our services simply being slaves to a wider policy without actually examining if something being promoted can be merited?

If that is the case, you have to seriously wonder how much of the billions of pounds of

taxpayers' money poured annually into the creaking NHS is just being wasted.

One also has to question the NHS Highland spokesman's comment that the delay of weeks in responding to councillor Kelly's inquiry was down to wanting 'to make sure the figures are spot on'. How long does it take to count on the fingers of one hand or two the number of people receiving Methadone in Campbeltown? We have often heard it said that extra money poured into the NHS in the past couple of decades has simply resulted in a lot more well-paid bean counters, administrators and pen pushers - so what are they actually doing? Are they bringing anything useful to the show? I'm sure a lot of hard-working doctors and nurses will have a view on that.

How can you argue for a Methadone clinic in Campbeltown without first having a cogent case prepared? That seems to be what has been happening. Everything suggests a lack of prep before the operation.

The whole manner in which NHS Highland has proceeded on this proposal, and the lack of transparency, certainly does nothing to inspire confidence in what is going on. **Name and address supplied and withheld on request**

Why wind farm developers target wrong locations

Sir,
In an article in last week's Courier, a local councillor commented: 'It is difficult to see why wind farm developers should ask communities to

accept developments that are going to strongly impact on their quality of life.' The explanation is that wind farms are so massively subsidised and therefore so profitable that companies which are mainly concerned with making profits for their shareholders cannot turn down this bonanza of Government handouts.

This is why councils are being deluged with applications to build turbines, often in inappropriate locations. How many turbines did wind farm developers, who claim to be motivated by the desire to reduce CO2 levels, erect before subsidies were introduced?

The UK Government's Renewable Order Scheme, in effect indirect taxation, makes wind farms so lucrative for developers that they approximately double the wholesale price of electricity and that is why these companies can afford to tempt communities and councils with payments amounting to hundreds of thousands of pounds. They are now trying to manipulate rural communities, desperate for job opportunities, with another lure - the prospect of job training.

However, wind farm developers could not build wind farms if landowners did not agree to giving them the use of the land. Landowners receive massive rental payments from the developers. A number of Kintyre landowners each receive hundreds of thousands of pounds per annum from wind farm companies which have turbines on their land. There is no point fighting the developers when it is the landowners who are permitting those wind farms which will strongly im-

act on the quality of life in rural communities.

The question that must be asked is why the government legislates for indirect subsidies - paid for by electricity consumers - to developers to build wind farms but not to landowners to make their land fully productive and create more appropriate rural job opportunities.

**Iain Logan
Tayinloan**

Wrong place for turbines

Sir,
I read with interest and sympathy the situation Mr and Mrs Sneddon are in regarding the non-sale of their property in Glenbarr. Although Burcote point out the evidence of reduced property prices due to turbines is not clear, I myself would not, and know no one who would, choose to live in a rural area close to large turbines.

If the application is approved we shall have to do just that, as the nearest turbine to our house will be 470 metres away. If you are a prospective purchaser who wants a rural setting, large turbines nearby are not a great selling point. After a local poll, there is a large majority of Glenbarr residents in opposition to the wind farm. As are the RSPB which has raised concerns over the rare bird population in Glenbarr.

After seeing the planned scheme, our MSP, Mike Russell, couldn't see it being passed on visual impact alone. Our MP, Alan Reid is of a similar viewpoint and the Argyll and Bute planning department is complete-

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ly against a wind farm in that position. The council's recommendations are for large turbines to be sited only along the spine of Kintyre where they would be mostly out of view.

The size and position of the turbines are completely out of proportion to the landscape. There are no natural features to lessen the visual impact and at 125metres (five times the height of the Drum Farm turbines and twice the height of the Scott monument in Edinburgh) will dominate the glen and surrounding area and be seen for miles around.

All wind farms over 50MW come under section 36 of the Electricity Act and are decided by the Scottish Executive, not by the local planning department, but it is consulted, as are SNH and RSPB etc.

The Creggan windfarm propos-

al by Burcote Wind, after being reduced from 26 turbines to 19, is 62.7MW.

The promise of a community benefit fund is a total irrelevance at this stage, but is the main selling point. The same as deciding on what to spend a Lotto win before you have chosen the numbers.

There is no benefit until the application is approved and the turbines built, which in this case will be three to four years. Burcote has said it will upgrade the Barr Glen road from the fund, but in the minutes of the last community liaison group meeting in June it was stated the road upgrade would not be until year nine or 10.

All wind farm community benefits are voluntary payments by the turbine companies and can be reduced or stopped at any time.

John Seddon, Glenbarr.

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In response to last week's Courier story about plans for 36 massive wind turbines at Glenbarr and the alleged effect it is having on one couple's house sale:

Lorraine MacPhail: This is a very serious problem and those of us in Glenbarr who are not thinking of moving need not think we are alright. If no one buys the village shop/tea room and nursery in the next year or so then the villagers will be without a shop and that will also have a huge impact on the village. As to the question of whether turbines near homes will affect the valuation, your story gives examples from estate agents who are saying that this is happening. There are a couple of 'exhibitions' locally this week

coming. Wednesday in Glenbarr hall from 3pm-7pm and on Thursday in Campbeltown Community Centre from 3pm-7pm. Go along and see what the reality of these structures will mean to the people of Glenbarr and surrounding villages.

In response to last week's Courier story about Paul McCartney and his family's time in the 70s living at a Kintyre farm:

Jean Hacker: When our family was stationed at Machrihanish, we observed Paul, Linda, kids and dog driving up to Machrihanish Airbase in a beat-up Land Rover with flat tyres. I'm surprised the car made it that far. They were flying back to England.

Whitehouse wind farm bid refused

A BID for 11 wind turbines at Freasdail near Whitehouse was rejected on Wednesday by Argyll and Bute Council's planning protective services and licensing committee.

A spokeswoman for the developer RES said: 'We will be reviewing the council's decision in more detail before considering the next step.'

Louise Davis, Freasdail Wind Farm project manager, said: 'Given

that Freasdail is located in the Argyll and Bute Council Proposed Area of Search for turbines more than 80 metres we are surprised by the decision.

'Wind turbines by their very nature are visible, however the sensitive design of this project combined with local screening features have reduced the landscape and visual effect.

'The concerns that Argyll and Bute Coun-

cil had over the forestry management and traffic management plan could both have been addressed by planning conditions and RES could have provided the necessary details if requested by the council.

'These concerns are therefore not substantive reasons for refusal.'

RES added that almost 280 properties would have been eligible for a £235 annual discount off their electricity bills.

New warning over school closures

KINTYRE councilor John Semple has warned that rural school closures will be back on the agenda following the collapse of negotiations to form a 'stable administration' for Argyll and Bute Council.

The minority SNP administration, in control since February, had appeared to have finalised agreements for a coalition with the Alliance for Change (ABAfC) group earlier this week.

However, the potential deal fell apart when the ABAfC group abandoned the partnership in favour of working with Liberal Democrats and Conservatives.

'That marriage seriously worries me,' said SNP councillor Semple. 'The Lib Dems and Tories have made no secret of their willingness to consider the mass closure of rural schools.'

'These schools are integral part of life in rural

communities, and many people are going to be deeply unhappy about their youngsters being bussed miles away.'

Councillor Semple added: 'The important and links that Campbeltown has developed, and benefited from, with the Scottish Government will now be lost.'

'Argyll and Bute Council has seen too much upheaval in recent years and Audit Scotland are currently investigating

relationships between all councillors and officers. The SNP administration was trying to establish good relationship across the political spectrum of the council, and I would challenge any new administration to build on the work we have done to improve relationships.'

The Courier was unable to contact members of the new administration before going to press.

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Denzil's delight at new book deal with Birlinn

CAMPBELTOWN author Denzil Meyrick is poised to continue his series of detective novels after signing a deal with Scottish publisher Birlinn.

The former policeman said the company, which publishes books for Alexander McCall Smith and Liz Lochhead among other well-known Scottish writers, will publish all of his forthcoming books, which he hopes will be a long series.

He said: 'Birlinn offered not only a wonderful deal but understood the nature of the work and the importance of the local dialogue I use.'

'The next novel, The Death of Remembrance, is completed and should be available soon. I have

already started work on book three.'

His second novel continues his series of DCI Daley novels, set in Kinloch, a fictitious version of Campbeltown and follows on from his critically acclaimed first novel, Whisky From Small Glasses.

Same humour

He explained: 'The Death of Remembrance is a bit darker than Whisky From Small Glasses, with the same humour and local colour.'

'It centres around the reappearance of a notorious Glasgow gangster, thought to have been murdered some years before. His mission for revenge brings him ever nearer to Kinloch.'

Denzil added the third novel, provisionally en-

titled Dark Skies and Sad Songs, will also be set in Kintyre and will touch on political events, 'with just a few surprises'. While his writing career continues to flourish, Denzil's stepdaughter, Rachel Kennedy, has also decided to become an author and is in the process of signing a book deal after receiving several publishing offers.

Her young adult novel, described as a contemporary chiller will be released in the coming months.

Denzil said: 'I want to say thanks for the help the Courier has given me and also thanks to the people in Campbeltown. They have supported me from the word go and it's been fantastic.'



Staff team members and volunteers who will be running the Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service at Campbeltown Library. 08_c39cancer01

New cancer advice centre launched

A NEW advice service for people affected by cancer will be launched at Campbeltown Library today (Friday).

The Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service will provide non-clinical information and support to people affected by cancer, with weekly drop-in sessions on Thursdays between 11am and 3pm.

The new service has been created by an innovative partnership between Macmillan Cancer Support, Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll Voluntary Action and NHS Highland.

George Freeman, lead councillor for community and culture, said: 'Research has identified a

need for people to access quality information in a community setting with people to talk to for support.'

'This information covers a range of topics including cancer symptoms, cancer treatments, how to talk to people with cancer, support for carers, financial support, where to find walking groups, workplace issues, or just how to find a guest house near a hospital in Glasgow.'

'This new service will mean that no-one has to go through that without the appropriate help and support.'

Eight volunteers have been specially selected and trained to help provide support to people

who want to talk confidentially through their queries, worries, fears and hopes for the future as they are affected by cancer. Anyone can use the service, including family, friends, and colleagues of someone who has been diagnosed with cancer. The volunteers will also be able to guide people through the range of information available on site or online, using new laptops.

To contact Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service call 01586 555932, email macmillan@argyll-bute.gov.uk or drop in to Campbeltown Library, Aqualibrium, Kinloch Road, Campbeltown on Thursdays between 11am and 3pm.



Campbeltown author Denzil Meyrick with a copy of his first novel in the DCI Daley series, Whisky From Small Glasses.

Campbeltown to appear on STV cooking programme

ON MONDAY evening Campbeltown's culinary delights will be showcased in all their glory on STV's new cooking series, Paul and Nick's Big Food Trip.

The series, which follows Paul Rankin and Nick Nairn as they travel around the coast of Scotland and Northern Ireland, will be stopping off in the wee town next week. It will be shown at 8pm on Monday.

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 Further info from Sheena on 01583 431381.

Way to go for keen photographers

IT IS time for photographers to get snapping for the chance to feature in the Kintyre Way's 2015 calendar.

The Kintyre Way is once again running its popular photography competition which sees the winning entries printed in full colour in its calendar.

Local

It is sold through the Kintyre Way website and in local outlets throughout the peninsula.

As the Kintyre Way wends its way down from Tarbert to Dunaverly, zigzagging its way between villages, there are endless oppor-



Jamie Alexander's winning photograph which is on the cover of the 2014 Kintyre Way calendar.

tunities for the budding photographer.

This year's overall winning entry was from Jamie Alexander with a shot of West Loch Tarbert from Ach-

nacran which features on the cover of the 2014 calendar. Anyone with a picture from the Kintyre Way is being urged to submit it by noon on October 31

and judging will take place at the AGM in November.

Weekend for two

The overall winner will also win a weekend for two and

golf at Machrihanish Dunes' Ugadale Hotel. Photographs should be emailed as jpeg files to info@kintyreway.com and for full details visit kintyreway.com.

Please keep the whisky votes coming, urges hotel

KEEP the votes coming, please.

That's the call from the Ardsheel Hotel as it bids to be named Scotland's whisky bar of the year.

It has been shortlisted by a panel of whisky experts for the prestigious Scottish Field Whisky Challenge - but the final decision on who wins will be decided by public vote.

Support

'We need all the support we can get,' said the Campbeltown hotel's co-owner Marion MacKinnon. 'We are

up against big city bars, who will have more customers, and one from the heart of Speyside.

'It would be an incredible accolade and boost for Campbeltown if we won.

'We are already bringing in people from around the world to Kintyre because of our reputation and a previous award as Scotland's top whisky bar in 2010.'

When Marion and Flora Grant took over the hotel five years ago, the bar had around 100 whiskies on display. Now it

has more than 500 - and some extremely rare and valuable ones.

Flora said: 'We believe in what we are doing here at the Ardsheel and we believe we are the best - so we have to give our best shot.

Urging

'That is why we are urging as many people as possible to support us and vote for us.'

To vote in the Scottish Field Whisky Challenge go to www.scottishfield.co.uk/votenow

Voting closes on Friday, October 4.

Footloose and fancy free

PUPILS at Tarbert Academy will be 'footloose and fancy free' when the Scottish Youth Theatre comes to visit next Tuesday, October 1.

The youth theatre will be giving workshops to pupils covering different themes including

Scottish independence, Shakespeare and Mary Queen of Scots.

The visit is part of a tour around Argyll schools and youth groups between September 30 and October 5, with more locations to be announced.

In order to relaunch the roadshow, Scottish Youth Theatre received funding from The Robertson Trust and The Gordon Fraser Charitable Trust with the aim of making theatre accessible to young people in Scotland.

Campbeltown Rotary club hold Sale of the Century

THE Rotary Club of Campbeltown is holding a Sale of the Century in Victoria Hall on Friday and Saturday, October 4-5.

A spokeswoman said: 'These sales are very important money raisers for the club's charities account, and they enable the club to help others locally, nationally and internationally.

'On this occasion, two unusual lots are expected. The first of these is a spinning wheel. This could be attractive for anyone wishing to spin wool and create knitted garments in a traditional way. Apart from that, it would make a highly unusual and very decorative large ornament.

'It is hoped that there will also be a potter's wheel and oven for sale.

'The usual, very popular bric-a-brac stall will be available, and throughout the day on Saturday, the Inner Wheel club of Campbeltown will provide tea, coffee, soft drinks, filled rolls and biscuits, all of which help their funds.

Auctioneering will as always be in the capable hands of the resident auctioneers, Cecil Finn and John Kerr.

Rotarian John Smith will be organising the usual delivery service at a very reasonable cost.



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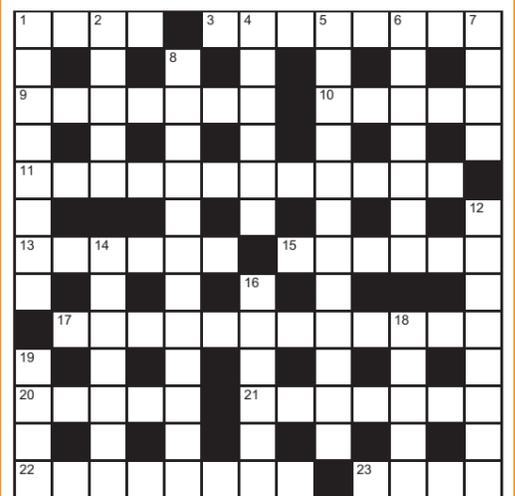
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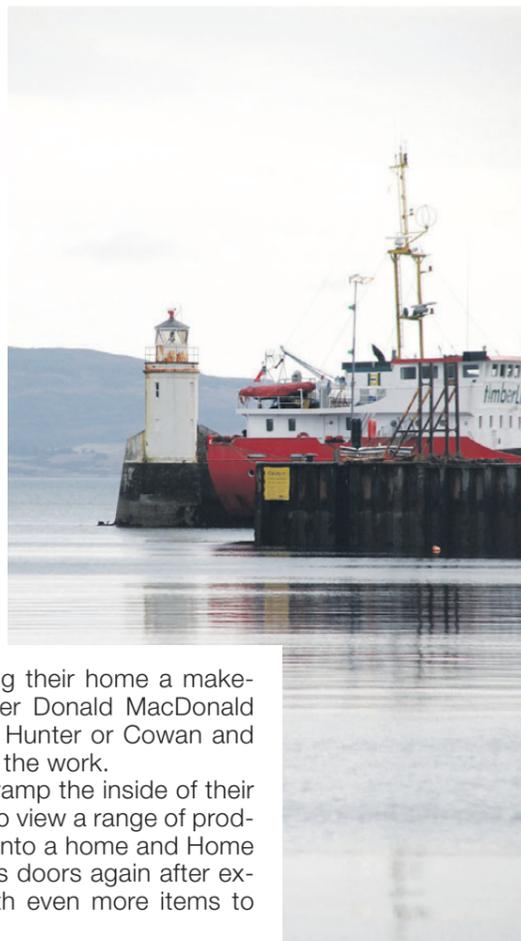
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CARRADALE

Good duck - may the best bird win

CARRADALE is looking forward to another super family fun day at its now famous (almost) Duck Race and B-B-Q tomorrow (Saturday).

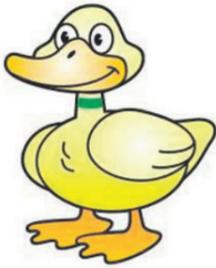
There will almost certainly be the occasional well-known name attracted by the excellent prize list - such as Michael Shoequacker.

He is expected to line up in Carradale River with other leading contenders like Bob Upand-down and Happy Feet. Donald may duck out though - he's exhausted from so many races.

First to the chequered flag stands to win £150,

there is £100 for second, and other excellent prizes for the next eight finishers at Waterfoot and the best named duck.

It is the 17th year of the event which is the biggest fundraiser of the year for Carradale Church - last year there



Last year more than 330 competitors lined up for Carradale's duck race.

were 330 competitors helping raise more than £3,000 - and it seems to

just grow and grow in popularity.

Michael Foreman, one of the organisers, said: 'There is so much going on, the day is really like a family fete.'

'You may win a prize or you may just simply have a great afternoon. Eider way, you can't lose out. We have a huge barbecue, soups, seafood, homebaking and desserts as well as coffee, teas and soft drinks.'

'There are also a lot of games for the children, and a piper leading everyone to the river for the main event.'

The day starts at 1pm and free parking is available.

To sponsor a duck, contact Michael on 01583 431333 or Margaret Campbell on 01583 431272.

GLENBARR



Some of the pupils from Glenbarr Primary School in front of the entries for the flower competition. 20_c39glengarden01



Tilly Beaton with her mini garden which won second prize. 20_c39glengarden02



Gregor Campbell, Sonny Scott and Calum and Imogen O'Hanlon with some of their entries in the Gardening and Wildlife Group's competition. 20_c39glengarden03

Green fingers at Glenbarr gardening competition

GREEN fingered villagers in Glenbarr held a competition showing off their gardening skills last Thursday.

The Glenbarr Gardening and Wildlife Group hosted a children and adult gardening competition at the primary school, with a variety of different flower, plant and vegetable categories.

These included mini gardens, long-

est carrot, biggest turnip, strangest vegetable, best flower display, 3D model made of fruit and vegetables and many more.

The school pupils, who had entered several of the competitions, welcomed the visiting adults from the Glenbarr community to the school and made sure they had plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits.

CARRADALE

Clachan SWRI hold first meeting of new session

CLACHAN SWRI were treated to a gemstone jewellery demonstration at their first meeting of the session last Wednesday in Clachan Village Hall.

Penny Airlie from Ford came at very short notice to show her jewellery, which she started several years ago when her husband bought her a tiger eye necklace and she felt drawn to having a go at making one herself.

Penny brought along a great display of completed items which members were able to buy, while others felt inspired to try out the craft themselves.

She was given a very warm vote of thanks and tea was enjoyed.

TAYINLOAN

TV series will recall Kintyre fishing rescue

A NEW television series about Scotland's local heroes, which will include fishermen from Tayinloan and Clachan, begins today (Friday).

STV's RBS - Finding Scotland's Real Heroes is in five parts and features unsung heroes in communities who help the environment, coach sports, care for others and take part in projects.

The final episode on November 1 features Mark Sheldrick and Darroch Fulton in the Real Heroes Courage Award.

The two men rescued fellow crewmem-

ber Sean Taylor when he was pulled overboard by an automatic creel shooter near Gigha two years ago.

SKIPNESS



Pupils clean the beach at Skipness

It was a messy job, but somebody had to do it, as Skipness Primary School pupils Heleana and Joseph McAllister (pictured) cleaned the village's beach last Monday.

Along with Zac Cart-

The Blue Angel had been fishing for brown crab when Sean was dragged into the water feet first to a depth of 43m, but Mark's quick thinking saw him cut the rope and winch him back to the surface.

Last month a crew from STV visited the men to ask them about their experience.

At the end of the programme viewers are invited to vote for which of the three nominees they feel most deserve to win an RBS - Finding Scotland's Real Heroes Award.

ISLAY

Young Ambassadors' conference

PUPILS from Islay High and Tarbert Academy were among 150 secondary students in Glasgow last week for a Young Ambassadors conference.

The Young Ambassadors programme engages young people, aged 14-17, as role models and leaders in sport and is delivered by sportscotland, in partnership with the Youth Sport Trust.

Jacqueline Lynn, sportscotland's head of school and community sport, said: 'The Young Ambassadors conferences offered the opportunity for the young people to learn about their local sporting opportunities in areas such as coaching, volunteering, and officiating.'

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Keep it simple, dairy farmers told

A GROUP of Kintyre dairy farmers took advantage of the new Campbeltown-Ardrossan ferry to visit two farms in Ayrshire.

The Scottish Rural College's dairy farm at Auchincruive was the first stop where dairy specialist Jimmy Goldie and farm manager John McAuslan outlined their philosophy to keeping things simple.

This has worked by utilising quality home grown forage, maximising grass in the summer time but also looking at the disciplines to maintain animal health fertility and maximising the milk contract with Nestle through First Milk.

One interesting important visual aid was the calving board which both Jimmy and John stressed was vital for a tight calving index.

The envy of everyone was the roomy, well ventilated calf house.

Second visit was to the Rennie family of Brocklehill, a renowned Ayrshire breeder with his 30 per cent Freisian, 70% per cent Ayrshire herd supplying a Lactallis cheese contract.

Again this farm is striving to maintain quality milk production by utilising a grass only diet with a touch of draff but maintaining a tight calving index, controlling inputs and getting the cow to do the work but providing the tools to allow the cow to achieve.



Kintyre dairy farmers during their visit to two Ayrshire farms.

Messages from the day – simplicity, utilising the assets of the farm,

picking the right breeding cow for the job and not going overboard. Brocklehill self-feeds silage and has no quad bike.

Both hosts commented on how difficult this

summer has been to maintain butterfats despite good grass. Both units have evolved a grazing system which works including managing their grassland efficiently.

lay and Arran. The sale offers a great chance for farmers to buy and sell locally-reared sheep and tups without having to travel far.

Tup and breeding sheep sale helps local farmers

KINTYRE Agricultural Society's annual tup and breeding sheep sale in conjunction with Cumberland and Dumfriesshire market is on today (Friday) at Anderston Park, Campbeltown from 1pm.

This is the third annual sale and with almost 400 entries the number

of female breeding stock for sale is well up on last year.

There will also be around 100 tups for sale from consignors from Kintyre, Mid Argyll, Is-

lay and Arran. The sale offers a great chance for farmers to buy and sell locally-reared sheep and tups without having to travel far.

Store lambs and feeding ewes at Stirling

ON MONDAY, Caledonian Marts Stirling Ltd sold 3,061 store lambs and feeding ewes.

Store lambs (2,265) averaged £45.83 (+£5.02 on the year) to £64 for Texels from J Craig, Hazelwood, Aron and W Booth, Lochview.

Feeding ewes (630) averaged £30.32 (+£2.10 on the year) to £66 for Texels from A Lyle, Scart.

Ewe lambs (187) averaged £40.95 to £62 for mules from R Sim, Wester Kelt.

Leading prices: lambs: Tex: £63 Moor, Torbeg, Arran; Cont: £60 Greenwells; Cont x: £58.50 Wester Culbowie; HB: £58 Spinkhill; Tex x: £58 Greenwells and Craigs maddie Muir; Mule: £49 Ballymeacnoch; Suff: £56 Murrayhall; Suff x: £55 Barnhill Est; BF: £50 Garrows; BF x: £46 Edentaggart.

Ewe lambs: Cross: £60 Meikle Coull; Tex: £50 Lephinchaple; BF: £36 Shankhead.

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Just part of one of the larger, extremely spacious bedrooms. 08_c39guest06



The Grammar Lodge dining room. The tables, like all the furniture throughout the guest house, are solid oak. 08_c39guest02



The stunning 22ft-high glass ceiling above the dining room. 08_c39guest03

Open and ready for business - Willie and Kirsteen outside their impressive Grammar Lodge guesthouse

New guesthouse h

Deteriorating and vandalised former grammar

FOR guests, the most common word used at first sight is 'Wow!'

And each time Willie Ross hears it, it justifies the 'ow!' - the toil, fatigue and worry - it took him to get there.

His stunning Grammar Lodge guesthouse has rescued, and brought new life to, Campbeltown's original grammar school.

Its glorious transformation from a disused, deteriorating and vandalised building is an enormous tribute to Willie's vision and determination and the strong support of his wife, Kirsteen, and friends and family.

And as he welcomes his first amazed guests, Willie, 43, can only ponder how life truly works in mysterious ways.

Such as how it took a problem with vandals to spark his renewal of the school building overlooking Stewart Green.

And how he has now completed an uncanny circle by saving and re-

storing a property originally built by Kirsteen's great grandfather, Neil McArthur, at the beginning of the last century.

Today, the former classrooms are massive bedrooms - two family and five double - with 17ft high ceilings, finished beautifully with top quality furniture and fixtures and lit up by nine-foot high windows.

And what was once St Kieran's Primary's cloakroom and dining room - following the building of a new grammar school in the 1970s - is now a dramatic breakfast room for the lodge's visitors, featuring a 22ft high glass ceiling.

So how did a former head chef at Putechan Hotel who then worked as a machine operator at McFadyen's in Glebe Street for 17 years arrive at the point where he found himself reclaiming a former school to create a guesthouse?

Well, that is where the vandals come in.

'Our house is almost just over the

wall,' said Willie. 'When St Kieran's was shut three years ago, we were soon never done calling out the police because of the amount of vandalism and anti social behaviour going on around the school.'

'We would be sitting out on our decking with our young daughters, Hannah and Amy, and hear all this disruption going on.'

'After calling the police eight times in 11 days, I spoke to councillor Donald Kelly and said Argyll and Bute Council really ought to make a decision to re-open the building, sell it or demolish it.'

'However as a C-listed building in a conservation area it could not be knocked down, so the council eventually put it on the market.'

Willie found himself bidding successfully for it last December. He started working on it almost immediately and by Easter he had quit his job at McFadyen's to work full time on the guesthouse.

'We invested very heavily in

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as the Wow factor school undergoes remarkable transformation

the building, much more than we planned to but we wanted to do it right,' he said. 'It stretched us to the limit financially.'

'Friends and family were amazing at mucking in. Even friends of friends were suddenly turning up in their old clothes and saying, "Okay, what do you want us to do?"'

Deeply heart warming and encouraging as that was, Willie admits there were some really low days along the way.

Fatigue

'By about a month ago the fatigue was really getting to me - I had not had a day off since New Year - and my mood had not been helped by struggling financially and repeatedly being refused grants despite the fact we were saving a building,' he revealed.

'However, every morning when I stepped around the corner and saw that fine stonework with 1906 above the doorway I would get a lift.

'I would tell myself Kirsteen's great grandfather was watching over me and he would be saying 'keep going'.

'Now it is a mixture of relief and satisfaction. It really is marvellous to think that a couple of generations on from Kirsteen's grandfather we have saved the building.'

It was not too long before Willie's work was attracting attention, however. While it was still quite a bit from completion a businessman stopped by and made him an extremely good offer which would have amounted to a healthy profit.

However, he politely said no. He knew he had a job to finish.

And a new career to start. Guests, drawn quickly by the very reasonable room rates, are already enjoying Willie and Kirsteen's cooking and her home baking.

Between 5pm and 6pm every evening, guests are receiving a knock on the door and being greeted with free tea and coffee and

home baking.

'That is much appreciated,' said Willie, 'but what is best of all is hearing their reactions to the place.'

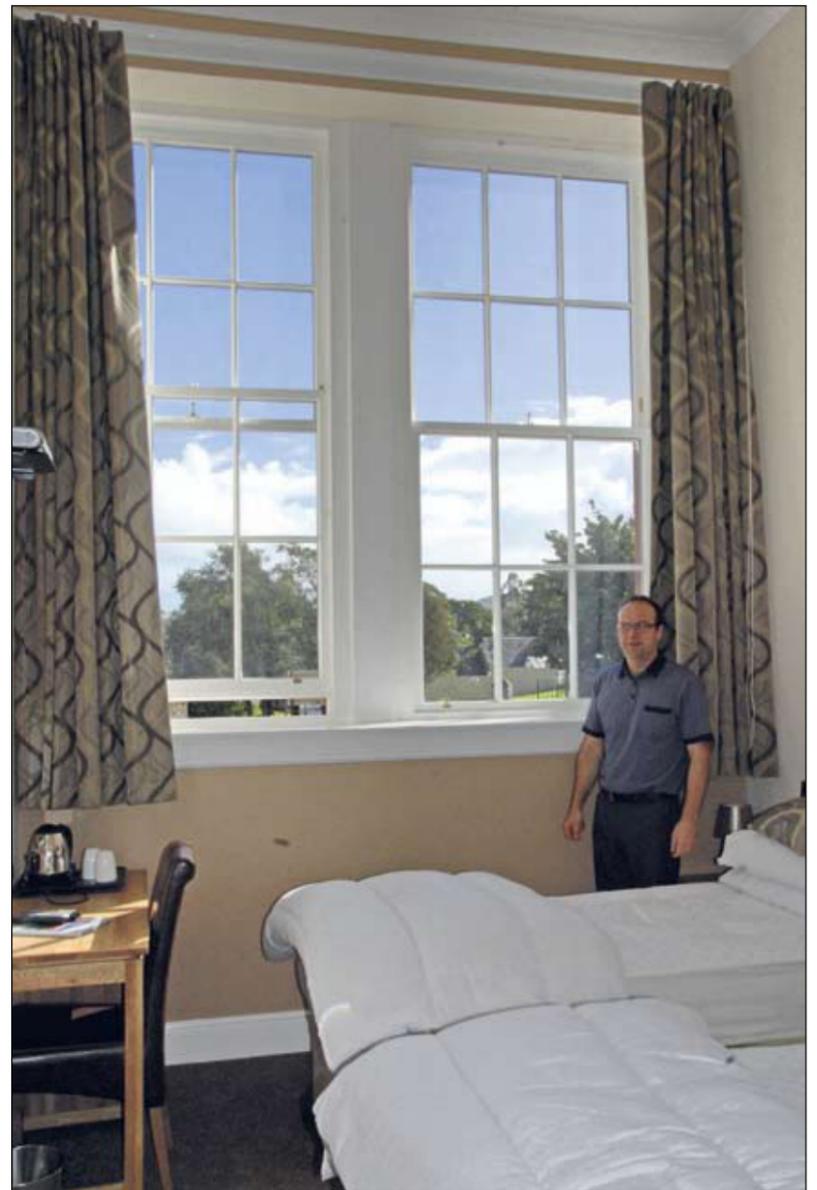
'They love everything about it, the space, the windows, the furnishings, the abundant off-street parking in the old playground [covered by CCTV] and even our covered area outside for smokers.'

Instead of 'smoking behind the bike shed' visitors can actually smoke inside it and stay dry, and another part of the same covered area is also being converted into secure drying facilities for the likes of golfers, walkers, mountain bikers, canoeists and surfers.

Not surprisingly, former grammar pupils and teachers are quickly showing an interest in staying.

'We are already hearing old school stories, and they cannot quite believe just how the place has been transformed.'

Which takes us back to the 'Wows!'



Light streams in the rooms' huge windows, most of which overlooks Stewart Green. 08_c39guest04

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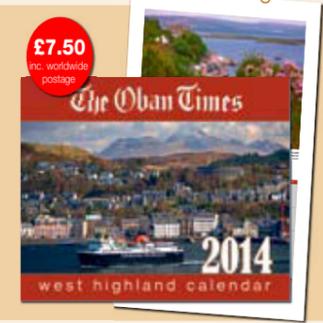
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School is still all new and exciting for this year's new intake at Dalintober Primary. 08_c37dalintober01

Tayinloan fish farm plans still under council consideration

THE director of an on-shore fish farm company has said Argyll and Bute Council is backing his project which will see a £15 million salmon fish farm built outside Tayinloan.

Andrew Robertson, director of FishFrom, a Dunkeld-based company which plans on building the controversial onshore farm at Rhunhaorine Point, said: 'The council is behind the project. It's always been behind it.'

A spokeswoman for the council said she was unable to confirm or deny the council's stance on the fish farm, adding it was still under consideration with the planning department.

His comments came as the original planning application for the site, submitted in February, was withdrawn and another application submitted.

Mr Robertson ex-

plained: 'The council thought it would be a good idea to resubmit the application.'

'We are reducing the visual impact - the amount you can see the fish farm is reduced. There will be more gorse bushes and hedges.'

FishFrom will now wait to see if the 225 metre long, eight-metre wide and 12-metre high building on the site of a former fish farm, will be given consent.

The now withdrawn application provoked a mixture of responses, with far more comments against the development than in support of it.

'Actually there was one concerted email campaign between a series of friends. Eighty-five per cent of them are the same objection,' explained Mr Robertson, 'I think we have about 15 support letters from Tayinloan and only a

couple of anti letters from Tayinloan. The rest have come from friends and family connections of the objectors.'

He added that he believed a straw poll in the village would show 'significant support for the project'. Objections include the possible environmental impact the farm would have on the area and the welfare of the salmon, which will remain indoors never seeing the sea. Those in support believe it will bring much needed jobs to the area and make use of a site in disrepair.

If plans are approved, FishFrom intends to move on to its next project, a bigger fish farm at Machrihanish Airbase. Mr Robertson said: 'Fundamentally Tayinloan is the primary opportunity. It's the one that needs to happen for the rest of it to fall into place.'

Spotlight on Spend website shows how the council uses its budget

A SPOTLIGHT is being shone on Argyll and Bute Council as it shows how the public's money is spent as part of a Scottish Government initiative.

The council will continue to list all expenses which are more than £1,000 on the government's Spotlight on Spend website for the third consecutive year.

Information from the 2012-2013 financial year is now available at spotlightonspend.org.uk/63/Argyll+and+Bute+Council/Spend/Annual.

Spending information is already provided to the Scottish Procurement Information Hub by the council on what it spends. Some entries are marked as redacted when the supplier is an individual so the name but not the amount is concealed.

Annual totals

Figures presented are annual totals for the financial year which is April to March.

When there was a total spend of less than £1,000 over a 12-month period figures are not in-

cluded as the amount represents less than one per cent of total spend.

Roddy McCuish, leader of the council, said: 'We know how important it is for people to have confidence in the way the council uses its budgets on their behalf. The Spotlight on Spend website presents information clearly and simply, and is a great way to keep the public informed.'

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The works are part of a programme which has been ongoing since 2009.

To allow traffic to pass safely through the works, two-way traffic signals will be in operation. During daytime hours, the traffic levels will be monitored and if necessary the signals will be manually operated to minimise delays.

Works will operate seven days a week until Friday, December 13.

A BEAR Scotland's spokesman said: 'The next phases of protection works underline Transport Scotland's commitment to providing landslide mitigation measures at the Rest and be Thankful, bringing the total expenditure to £2.5M.'

'These works are an essential phase in reducing the risk of delays due to landslides at the Rest and Be Thankful. We would ask motorists to allow extra time for travel and encourage them to plan ahead by checking for travel information from the Traffic Scotland website.'

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



AS I came to the Erskine Bridge, I was faced with the dreaded sign 'Long delays possible'.

I groaned at the thought of sitting for ages amid the cones, and was even more daunted when the next sign said, 'Long delays possible till summer 2014'.

Surely I wouldn't still be in the queue in nine months time!

Everything slowed to a halt and I told myself to be patient.

However, it was not as bad as I feared and we kept moving.

Then there were more signs, and I have thought about them frequently since my journey.

The first said, 'Free recovery' and the second said, 'Await rescue'.

As I sped along the motorway, I pondered about this offer of recovery and rescue.

It was good to know that in the case of a breakdown, or running out of fuel, there would be recovery and rescue, and even better, that it would be free.

Journeys take many turns and have many purposes. We will all make many journeys throughout our lives, whether for business or pleasure or any other reason.

Some journeys fill us with joy, while others might fill us with dread.

We may run out of spiritual and emotional fuel, and struggle with some of life's journeys.

We may well be in need of rescue and recovery to give us the strength to go on.

We may need someone to see us through the difficult times.

As I waited in the queue, the convoy vehicle came along and guided us safely through the hazards to lead us to the open road again.

On our spiritual journey, when we run out of fuel and feel the threat of breakdown, there is One who will guide us safely through the hazards.

There is One who will be there to provide recovery and rescue and point us to the open road again – and all for free.



Ken Jones is pictured fifth from the right in the front row standing (with a badge on his bodywarmer) with family and friends at his 90th birthday celebrations.

Muasdale resident celebrates 90th birthday

FAMILY members travelled from Canada and throughout England last week to join in the 90th birthday celebrations for Muasdale resident Ken Jones.

Good wishes also flowed-in through cards and internet messages.

Ken, a resident in Muasdale for 10 years, has become a well-known character for his acerbic wit and anecdotes.

His appreciation of the wisdom of Pooh Bear author AA Milne was a strong feature of his birthday with a cake made by Jane Campbell of Campbeltown and decorated with some of the author's well-known figures.

Ken's daughter Linda said her London-born father joined the RAF as an appren-

tic at age 15 and became an 'instrument maker' mending and servicing aircraft instrumentation during World War Two and eventually becoming an instructor.

Ken married nurse Kathleen Coulbly in 1951 and had daughter Linda the following year.

Computer engineer

In 1956 the family went to live in Iran where Ken worked with the Anglo Iranian Oil Company for more than four years as a computer engineer.

The family returned to Britain before moving to Singapore for two years in 1962.

On returning to the south of England, he was an office manager with Internation-

al Computers Ltd until made redundant in 1981.

While in the RAF, he learned to glide, ride horses and sail. He also took up judo, aikido and painting in acrylics.

In 2001 Ken and Kathleen moved to Kintyre to be closer to their daughter and son-in-law, and built a bungalow in Muasdale. Kathleen died in 2005.

Daughter Linda said: 'He currently enjoys the dubious responsibility of being the only male presence at the Tayinloan lunch club!'

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Police Files:

Woman caught with cannabis

A WOMAN has been reported to the procurator fiscal after being caught in possession of cannabis on Princes Street, Campbeltown on Sunday.

Road accident

THERE was a road accident on Hall Street in Campbeltown last Thursday.

No injuries were reported.

Three cars damaged

CAMPBELTOWN Police are appealing for information about three cars damaged in Kintyre.

On August 21, a Peugeot hatchback parked in the town's Tesco car park was damaged by

another vehicle.

On the same day, a grey Ford 4x4 was also damaged by another vehicle while parked on Shore Road, Carradale.

Sometime between August 22 and 24, a black Audi saloon had its near side front and rear doors scratched while parked adjacent to the pavilion on Kinloch Green.

Charged over threatening behaviour

A MAN has been arrested and charged with behaving in a threatening and abusive manner on Islay on Saturday.

Careless driver

A 23-YEAR-OLD man was arrested and charged with careless and inconsiderate driving on Main Street, Campbeltown on Sunday.

Appeal over collision

POLICE are appealing for information after a white articulated lorry collided with a parked Peugeot 207 on Main Street, Campbeltown last Monday.

Campbeltown Police are keen to trace the driver of the lorry, who reportedly saw the damage to the car and left.

The incident took place outside Wee Toon Sports at 8pm.

Taxi windscreen smashed

A TAXI has had its windscreen smashed while parked at Campbeltown Grammar School.

The incident was reported at 4pm on Monday and police are keen for anyone with information to speak to them.

Have your say on childcare

PARENTS and carers of children under five are being called on to have their say on how an increase in childcare and education hours should be delivered.

Argyll and Bute Council is asking parents and carers to take part in a consultation as part of the Scottish Government's Children and Young People Bill.

The bill will increase the amount and flexibility of free early learning and childcare to a minimum of 600 hours a year for three and four-year-olds. This will also apply to two-year-olds who are, or have been at any time since turning two, looked after or subject to a kinship care order.

In order to comply

with the bill, the council must consult parents about what the pattern of provision should be in the area.

To take part in the consultation go to the Argyll and Bute Family Information Service website scottishchildcare.gov.uk/LocalChis.aspx?chisid=26 and complete the short survey.

It can also be found on the Argyll and Bute Early Years Facebook page and printed copies will be available in all pre-5 units and nurseries.

The consultation runs until October 31.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

The Bible says, 'Give everyone what you own him ...' (Romans 13:7).

RUBY WEDDINGS

MCALISTER - MCDUGALL - On September 26, 1973 at the Highland Parish Church by the Rev CM Henderson, Ian to Mary.

MCEACHRAN - MCSPORRAN - On September 28, 1973 at the Highland Parish Church by Rev. C. Henderson, Malcolm to Barbara.

DEATHS

CHRISTIE - Peacefully at her home, Torwood, Tayvallich, on September 23, 2013, Alma Christie, nee Turnbull, in her 88th year. Beloved wife of the late Eric Christie, much loved mother of Elizabeth and mother in law of Andy. Cherished Gran of Fiona and Grant and great-grand to Lewis. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Tayvallich Parish Church on Tuesday 1st October 2013, at 1pm, thereafter to Carsaig Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

MATHESON - Peacefully after a long illness, at the Mid Argyll Hospital on the September 21, 2013, Ronnie Matheson, aged 81 years, of Westwood, Kilmartin. Beloved husband of the late Jean. Brother of Eva and Ian. Uncle of Joan, Norman and all the family. Funeral service will be held today, Friday September 27, at Donald MacDonald's Funeral Parlour, Lorne Street, Lochgilphead, at 11am, thereafter to Achhabreac Cemetery. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MCSPORRAN - (Marybank/Campbeltown). Peacefully and with dignity, on Wednesday, September 18, 2013, at the Highland Hospice, Alastair Colville McSporrnan, aged 76 years, a loved and loving husband of Christine (née Morrison), formerly of Glasgow and Ness, Isle of Lewis, latterly of Marybank, Ross-shire. Brother of Iain, brother-in-law of Hilda, uncle and great uncle to the family. Interred at Habost Cemetery, Ness, Isle of Lewis. Arrangements by D Gunn, Funeral Home, Blackwells Street, Dingwall.

SHAW - Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on September 20, 2013, Florence Lily Hopkins, in her 90th year, 30 Barochan Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late James Shaw, much loved mother of Jimmy, Doreen and Carol and a loving and much loved granny and great granny.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACLARTY - The family of late Jenny MacLarty, would like to sincerely thank all relatives and friends for their expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and baking received following the recent bereavement of a wonderful wife and mother. Special thanks to Dr Simpson and Dr Ward, nurses on Glenaray ward, Mid-Argyll community hospital, Lochgilphead, also a very special thanks to Marie Curie nurses, ICT and home care, who attended home visits. Grateful thanks to all, who gave flowers & cards during Jenny's illness. Thanks to Rev Ken Ross for his heartfelt and comforting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for their efficient and professional arrangements, to all at Kilmartin Hotel for their catering and refreshments. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the relatives, who paid their last respects to Jenny, at Kilmartin Church and graveside.

MCLARTY - Donald and Margaret would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, phonecalls, card and letters received following their recent sad loss of their Mum, Margaret. Grateful thanks to Rev. David Carruthers for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient arrangements; and the Cairnbaan Hotel for fine purvey. Finally our thanks for all who attended at Church and graveside to pay their respects.

IN MEMORIAMS

HOPE Jim - A golden heart stopped beating hard working hands to rest God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best. Lorna, Janice and families. **HOPE** - In loving memory of my dear husband Jim who passed away on September 30, 2012. The many things you did for me in your kind and loving way gives me memories to share and treasure as I think of you each and every day. Helen and your wee pal "Rambo" xxx

MACARTHUR - In loving memory of my mum, Mabel, died September 29, 2012. Never a day do I forget you, In my heart you are always near, God alone knows how I miss you and ends this first sad year, my heart still aches with sadness, my secret tears still flow, for what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know. Love LYNN X **MACKINNON** - Treasured memories of Peggy, who passed away on September 20, 1994. Much loved mum and granny. Always in our thoughts. - Patsy, Margaret, Annamarie, Allan and John.

PATERSON - In loving memory of my dear wife, Lesley, who died September 28, 2010. Always in my thoughts. Sadly missed. - Matthew. **POTTS** - Treasured memories of Dick, who passed away on October 2, 2012. Not just today. May x. **POTTS** - Dick, a dear brother-in-law, Sadley missed. Flora.

CHURCH NOTICES



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Hilda C. Smith
SUNDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER
Rev. Hilda C. Smith
11 a.m. Morning Worship
All Welcome
Further information (01546) 606218
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 29th September
19th Sunday after Pentacost
10.45am Family Communion
All Welcome
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion



75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 29th September 2013
11.15am Family Communion
Wednesday 2nd October 2013
10.00am Toddler Group
7.30pm Bible Study
For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary 01586 551237
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SCO14646



LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday, 29th September
Morning Worship - 11.15am (Crèche, Triple C, Next Generation)
Rev P Burroughs followed by a Congregational Board Meeting
Tuesday, 1st October
Parents and Toddlers - 9.45am in New Hall
BB Anchor Section - 6.00 - 7.00pm in Church Hall
BB Junior Section - 7.15 - 8.30pm in Church Hall
2nd, 3rd, 4th October
Indoor Bowls resume
Thursday, 3rd October
Prayer Meeting - 4.00pm
Choir Practice - 7.30pm
Friday, 4th October
Lunch Club - 12.00 noon in New Hall

CHRIST CHURCH SCOTTISH EPISCOPALIAN CHURCH
Bishopton Road
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Sunday 29th September
9.30/10.00 Harvest Breakfast
11.00 Family Service
A Non-denominational celebration of readings, poems & hymns
All Welcome
SC015962

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Achahoish at 9:45am
Ardrishaig at 11:00am

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services 29 September - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service Lochgair Church at 10am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service Inveraray at 11.30am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday, 29th September, 2013
Ford 11.30a.m.
Mrs. Margaret Sinclair
All welcome
SC01212

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 29 September 2013
11.00am
40th Anniversary Service of Celebration
Speaker: Graham McLean
"A place marked by His Presence"
buffet lunch to follow and various testimonies & reminiscences of the past 40 years
Thursday 3 October 2013
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 29th September
12.45pm Worship Service
Mr Evan Macdonald
11.00am Sunday School
Thursday 3rd October
12 noon
Prayer & Bible Study
All welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 29 September
Bellanoch Church 10 am
Morning Worship
Margaret Sinclair
Thursday 3 October
Messy Church 4 - 6 pm
LSCC, Kilmartin
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome (SCO002876)

TARBERT LOCHFYNESIDE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 29th September, 2013
Tarbert Service 11.45am
to be held in Tarbert Free Church
Rev Tommy Bryson
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome
SC002622

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Harvest Sunday 29th September
11:00 am followed by lunch
Baby & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.45 am
Every Thursday
We meet in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

Highland Parish Church
SCO02493
Sunday 29th September
Harvest Thanksgiving
11.15am Rev C Hood
Retiring Collection
Thursday 3rd October
Board Meeting - 7.30pm
Kirk Street Hall
Saturday 5th October
Coffee Morning
Kirk St Hall 10am - 12 noon
Everyone very welcome

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz)
6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Lt. Mark Scoulding

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 29th September 2013
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Pupils Youth tire before losing out to impressive Bankies

Campbeltown Pupils Youth 1
Clydebank 5
DFDL - Under 13s

DESPITE the final score, Campbeltown Pupils Youth Under 13s fought a close match against an impressive Clydebank Boys side.

After a positive start

the Pupils found themselves 2-0 down to two quick goals from the West Dunbartonshire side.

Undeterred, the Pupils youngsters fought their

way back and started to play some great football. They were rewarded for their efforts in the 25th minute when centre forward Ruaridh Wallace pounced in the penalty box to poke a fine right-footed shot in off the post to make it 2-1.

Pupils goalkeeper Alasdair Ferguson then

made two saves before the break to retain the score at half time.

In the second half, Ross Brown, making his debut for the Pupils, ensured the score remained 2-1 as he somehow managed to track back on the Clydebank forward who was clear in on goal and make a superb goal-saving tackle.

Tactical changes were made when Callum McKillop moved to right back which gave Andrew Johnstone a chance to drive forward in right midfield.

It was Johnstone who so nearly made it 2-2 when he picked up the ball in midfield and drove forward, sending a strike towards goal, only for the keeper to produce a fingertip save.

The Pupils continued to move forward with much of the play com-



Campbeltown Pupils Youth Under 13s played a spirited match despite the final score.

ing through Cameron Reid who put in a tremendous shift in midfield.

As signs of tiredness started to show from the Kintyre side, Clydebank took full advantage, making it 3-1 with

ten minutes to go. This was followed by a further two quick goals in the final five minutes.

Iain Reid, manager, said 'This was no embarrassment for the Campbeltown players against a well-organ-

ised side who have had the benefit of playing 10 fixtures already this season and are the league leaders.'

The Pupils' next match is on Sunday, October 6 when they entertain Oban Saints.



The Campbeltown team who faced Clydebank Boys last weekend.

Close competition in Heidbangers outing to the Isle of Arran

THE ANNUAL trip by Dunaverly's Heidbangers to Shiskine Golf Club on Arran saw six rounds played over three days in a Stabelford format.

The competition was very close and after two rounds John McDowall and Terry Smith, both on 51 points, led by one from John Dickenson.

On Monday, John McDowall, on 103 points, led John Dickenson

by two with Bill Brannigan and his two holes-in-one on 95 in third spot, one clear of Terry Smith.

Play on Tuesday was difficult due to strong winds but both Johns coped well in the conditions and finished the first round level on 126 points, leaving all to play for in the final round.

John Dickenson came back with an excellent 28 but John McDow-

all with a fine three over par round amassed 32 points to lift the trophy on what was his first Arran outing.

Last year's winner Terry Smith presented John with the trophy and a bottle of 12-year-old whisky.

Results: 1 John McDowall 158, 2 John Dickenson 124, 3 Bill Brannigan 143, 4 Terry Smith 139.



The Heidbangers after their three days of golf on Arran, which John McDowall won.



From left: semi finalists and finalists of the Peninver Sands mixed singles competition Neil Maguire, Archie Johnston, Robert MacCallum, Liam MacCallum and John McLean.

MacCallum defies the Stronvaar maxim

CAMPBELTOWN Bowling Club president Robert MacCallum proved a Stronvaar saying wrong when he won the Peninver Sands mixed singles last weekend.

Stronvaar's last bowling competition of the season attracted its usual crop of its most talented singles players to a green still in superb

condition despite frost, flood and drought during various parts of the season.

Never wins

The saying goes that the president never wins anything in his year in office and it looked to be true when Robert went five shots to one down in the third end of the six-end final against Archie Johnston.

Undaunted and not the least phased by the setback, Robert pulled out all the stops to win the remaining three ends to secure an 8-5 victory, ensuring the trophy returned to Peninver.

He and Archie and losing semi finalists Neil Maguire and John McLean were presented with their prizes by Robert's grandson Liam.

Valdemar one shot from winning Paul Lawrie final

He did not have his best day from the tee

LOCAL golfing star Valdemar Hundebøll from Machrihanish Golf Club was just one agonising stroke away from winning the Paul Lawrie Foundation final last weekend.

The nine-year-old, who took part in the age 10 and under season finals at Deeside Golf Club in Aberdeen, was seeded to go out on the very last ball with Ruben Lindsay from Troon and Alex Ritchie from Aberdeen due to his good results in the season. Ruben Lindsay had just won the Wee Wonders final at St Andrews a week earlier and was the man to beat.

Valdemar did not have his best day from the tee,

with quite a few out of character pushed shots. However, there were good signs in the rest of the game, so before teeing off at the last, Valdemar was in the overall lead at one under par in total.

All he needed was a par on the last hole to win the event outright, but he pushed his tee shot again and blinded himself out for the second behind some big trees.

He had to chip out sideways, but still he made the green in three and had a 10-foot par putt for the outright win.

Unfortunately the putter let him down with a three putt double bogey, so Valdemar had to

settle with a total of 37, one stroke away from a tied first place.

Luckily, Valdemar can try again next year as he just turned nine this summer.



Before teeing off, from left: Alex Ritchie from Aberdeen, Ruben Lindsay from Troon and Valdemar Hundebøll from Machrihanish.

Elizabeth picks up the captain's prize at Dunaverty Golf Club

ELIZABETH Marrison won Dunaverty Ladies' autumn meeting with a net 67, ahead of Florence Chrystie, net 69, and Maggie MacArthur, net 70.

The meeting was also the second round of the scratch competition for the Glendale Salver with the first round played on August 10.

Ailie MacBrayne had the lowest scratch score over the two rounds, (84,81) 165.

Runner up was Maggie MacArthur with a combined score of 171 (88, 83).

The September medal last Saturday was won by Linda Arkell with a net 64.



Elizabeth Marrison is pictured left being presented with the captain's prize by this year's captain Margaret Barr.

Scottish Amateur League results and fixtures

LAST weekend's results: Busby 2, Oban Saints 9; Paisley 2, Dunoon 1; Dunoon Athletic 1, Port Glasgow Amateurs 4; Port Glasgow United 2, Lochgilphead Red Star 2.

There are no fixtures for any of the SAFL Argyll clubs this Saturday due to the Glasgow September holiday weekend.



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Valdemar one shot from winning Paul Lawrie final

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Mark takes the honours at Dunaverty

MARK Eagers was the man to take the honours at Dunaverty Golf Club's final club event of the season, the Keil trophy.

The competition was fairly close run between Mark, Alistair O'May and Brian Hone. Mark, who was first man off in the morning ballot, set the target with a fine 61 nett.

Vice captain Alistair, Brian and club captain David MacBrayne put in sterling performances in the chase but all fell fractionally short leaving Mark to take the honours.

Results: 1 Mark Eagers 72-11=61, 2 Alistair O'May 74-12=62 (BIH), 3 Brian Hone 75-13=62, 4 David MacBrayne 75-12=63, 5 Donald Taylor 70-6=64 (BIH), 6 Alex Roxburgh 84-20=64 (BIH). Donald Taylor had the lowest gross with 70 followed by Ross Sinclair on 71. CSS was 63.

Four to the fore

FOUR Campbeltown Running Club members were to the fore when they took part in the Kilmalcolm Half Marathon on September 17.

This run, starting in wet and windy conditions, took place mostly on a flat cycle track with a few hilly sections thrown in.

Sarah McFadzean was fourth woman home in a personal best of 1hr 42mins 48secs, and finished third in her age category.

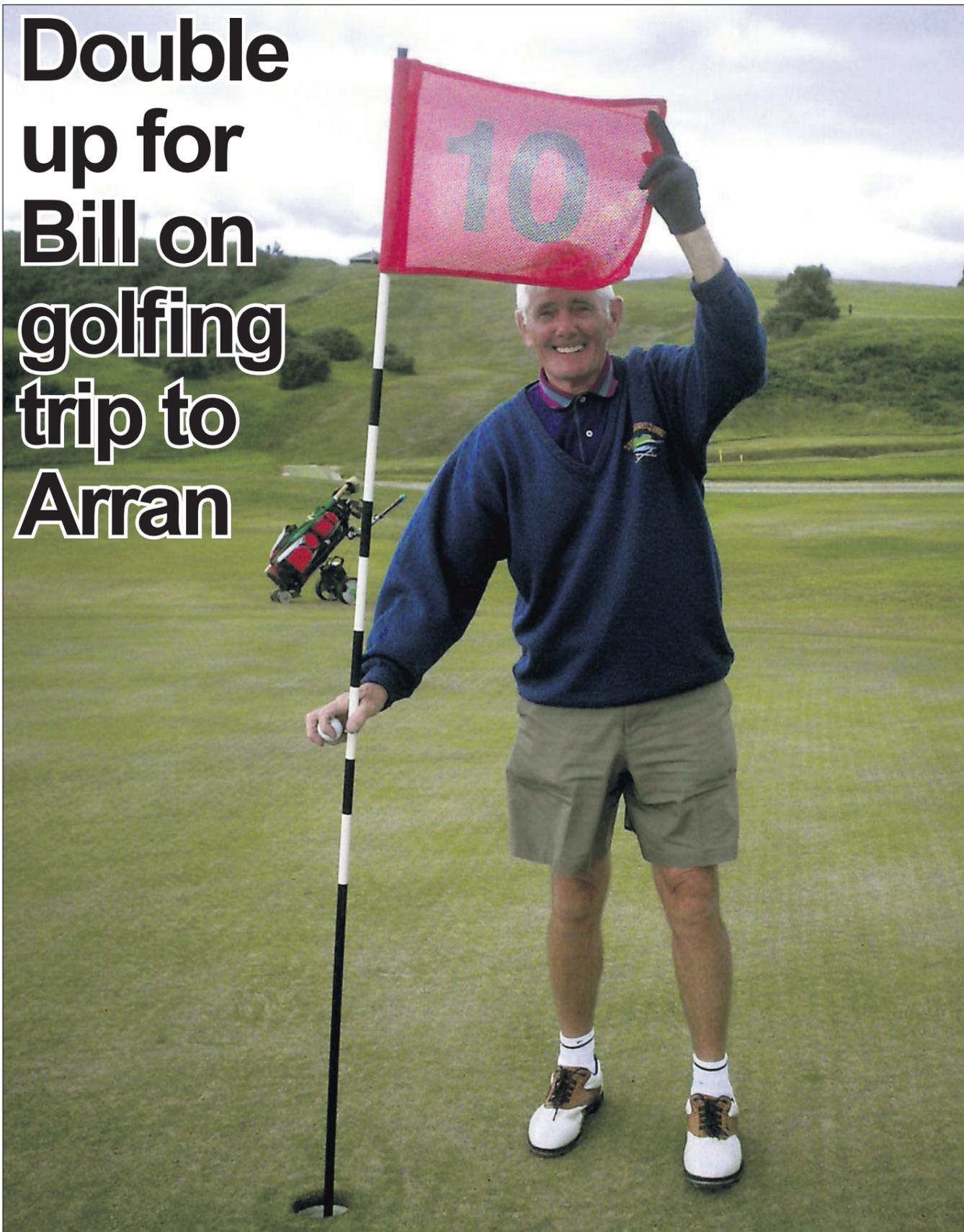
Jackie Fulton clocked 2hrs 2min and 37secs to finish first over 55 woman, while Margaret Sinclair's time of 2:05:37 placed her second in that category.

Ronald MacDonald clocked 1:56:06.

Islay Golf Club

ISLAY Golf Club Machrie Salver, September 22 result: 1 J. Docherty +5, 2 G. Hamilton +5, 3 A. MacAllister +4. CSS 70.

Double up for Bill on golfing trip to Arran



Two hole in ones have Dunaverty Heidbanger in golfing paradise

IT will be a long time before Bill Brannigan forgets the annual trip by Dunaverty Golf Club's Heidbangers group to Shiskine Golf Club on Arran.

Incredibly, he scored a hole in one on successive days.

Bill's first hole in one was

achieved on the Sunday morning when he used a five iron into the wind at the 150 yard, par three, 10th hole, aptly named Paradise.

The following morning an eight iron at the 122 yard, par three went the same way.

He initially thought the ball was

lost, but after a five-minute search he looked in the hole and was delighted to find it in the cup.

In honour of his achievement, Shiskine Golf Club presented Bill with an engraved glass.

*See inside for Heidbangers report

Carradale lose out to new-look MYF

MYF	5
Carradale	2
West of Scotland AFL League Cup	

THE home side started with seven different players in their line up from the team that lost heavily in Carradale just two weeks ago - and what a difference they made.

MYF were the hungrier side throughout and won more 50-50 tackles all over the park.

Despite that Carradale went in at half time with a 2-1 lead thanks to goals from Cammy Maguire and Adam Graham.

Carradale also missed a penalty when Maguire's spot kick was saved by the home keeper.

The second half was completely dominated by the home side with the a former Livingston FC striker causing a lot of problems for the Carradale defence.

The Carradale cause was not helped when their goalkeeper Reid Anderson was carried off through a injury - reducing them to 10 men because they had already used their two substitutes.

The Kintyre side are hoping for a better performance tomorrow (Saturday) when they host their Argyll rivals Lochfyneside AFC in a league match.

The venue is Kinloch Park with a 2pm kick off and the referee is Jimmy Lister.

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Bill Brannigan celebrates after his first of two holes in one at Shiskine Golf Club.

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