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Top golf event held at the Dunes

'The International World Pairs competition held at Machrihanish Dunes showcases Kintyre as one of Scotland's premier golf destinations'

by **PAMELA PATERSON**
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SIXTY of the best amateur golfers in the world have descended on Campbeltown this week for the biggest amateur golfing competition in the world.

Machrihanish Dunes played host to the International Pairs World Finals, which saw teams of amateur golfers from more than 30 different countries arrive in Kintyre as the event got underway on Tuesday.

Ceremony

That evening an opening ceremony took place with a parade down Main Street featuring all the golfers taking part in the competition with Machrihanish Dunes Sound of Kintyre

Pipe Band and highland dancers.

The 15-year-old competition comprises club golfers who have surpassed regional and country finals to represent their country in the final matches at Machrihanish Dunes.

Keith Martin, manager at Machrihanish Dunes, said: 'We frequently get international guests at Machrihanish Dunes.

'The golfers playing in the International Pairs World Finals have won their region, so the calibre is right up there for club golfers.

'It's exciting to hold an international competition with golfers from as far away as the Car-

ibbean, United Arab Emirates and Africa and broaden the awareness of Machrihanish Dunes and Campbeltown on a global level.'

Competitors from countries such as Egypt, Romania, Nigeria, South Africa and the Caribbean stayed in the Royal Hotel, Ugadale Hotel and Cottages as well as some other bed and breakfasts in the area.

The tournament was played over three days with a practice round plus two championship rounds. Internationally renowned greenkeeper Jimmy Kidd, who has worked at Killermont in Glasgow, Gleneagles and in Barbados, made the opening and closing remarks for the competition.

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The golfers, highland dancers and Machrihanish Dunes Sound of Kintyre pipe band line up for the start of the parade on Tuesday evening.

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Vodafone customers left without a signal

VODAFONE customers in Campbeltown have threatened to switch providers after they were left without mobile signal for more than a week.

Several Vodafone users who contacted the company to complain felt they were not being listened to by members of the customer service team.

For the full story see page three.

Happy birthday Mary

ONE of Campbeltown's oldest residents, if not the oldest, celebrated her 106th birthday last week.

Mary McIntyre, who lives in Auchinlee Care Home, had relatives visit her from as far afield as Canada to celebrate the big occasion with a meal and a party.

For more see page seven.

Firefighters honoured

TWO firefighters from Campbeltown received awards from First Minister Alex Salmond recognising their bravery last week.

For the full story see page five.

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Argyll politicians react angrily to A83 closure

by PAMELA PATERSON
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LOCAL politicians have warned the Scottish Government that further landslides on the A83 could cause 'real damage' to the economy of Argyll and Bute.

Last Thursday, two landslides, one at Glen Kinglas, west of the military road diversion and one on the Rest and Be Thankful caused the road to be closed for the whole day.

Another landslide caused debris to fall on the military road. Jamie McGrigor, MSP for the Highlands and Islands, said the road closure was deeply frustrating for local residents and businesses across the area.

He added: 'We are just entering autumn and to have the road closed by the first heavy rain of autumn is a real blow and my constituents fear this does not bode well for the rest of the year and winter.'

Alleviate

'Given that the new emergency diversion route at the Rest and Be Thankful, running along the old military road, is obviously too far west to be used to alleviate this particular landslide, I will be asking the Transport Minister what contingencies he can plan for in the event of further landslides in this locality.'

'As I have said repeat-

edly, as well as providing contingency measures, ministers need to take bold action to put in place a robust and practical long-term plan that prevents the occurrence of landslides on the A83. They have been warned for years about the impact of these closures and they need to take decisive action before real damage is done to the economy of Argyll and Bute.'

Local councillor Donald Kelly said more commitment was needed from the government to solve the problem.

He said: 'We have campaigned long and hard on the various issues affecting the A83. Last Thursday's landslides clearly demonstrated that much more work has to be done.'

'This will require a further commitment of investment by the Scottish Government. The military road was the cheapest option and not the choice of Argyll and Bute Council. It is early days but if this continues the government will have to look at the other options on the table.'

Alan Reid MP said: 'The Scottish Government were warned eight years ago about the risk of a landslide at this location, but nothing appears to have been done.'

'It's high time the SNP Government started treating the threat to the Argyll economy from landslides seriously and carried out landslide prevention work at all the stretches identified as being at risk. Eight years without action is treating Argyll with contempt.'

As well as getting the road re-opened as a matter of priority, urgent action is required to stop landslides happening again.'



Crews clear one of the landslides which caused the A83 to be closed until 5.30pm last Thursday and forced drivers to take a lengthy diversion via Crianlarich.

Second landslide renders relief road useless

THE SITE of a landslide last Thursday on the A83 west of the Rest and Be Thankful has been identified in the past as being 'more prone to landslides'.

Heavy rainfall last Thursday saw the A83 close due to a landslide at Glen Kinglas just after 7am when 100 tonnes of rubble landed on the carriageway at Cairndow, two miles north of the Dunoon turn-off. While Transport Scotland have admitted the area is more prone to landslides, it is not on land it owns and is subject to 'regular examinations'.

Due to the landslide's location west of the

Rest and Be Thankful, the military road diversion could not be used, meaning traffic had to travel via Crianlarich.

Rain continued throughout the morning causing a second landslide at the top of Glen Croe, south of the Rest and Be Thankful car park.

There was also a third landslide which occurred on the military road which meant this route could not be used even if available as a diversion. The road reopened at 5.30pm.

A spokesman for Transport Scotland told the Courier that they may be able to install additional debris netting

or additional drainage in this particular area depending on the outcome of a wider study.

He added: 'In the short term we are ensuring that our operating company can mobilise resources as fast as possible to clear up any landslides that occur.'

Keith Brown, the transport minister said: 'I visited Glen Kinglas on Thursday night to witness the clear-up operation and to thank BEAR Scotland staff for their efforts in getting the road reopened during such treacherous conditions. I have visited the area and chaired the A83 taskforce on a number of occasions and am

well aware of the importance of the route to the communities of Argyll and Bute. That's why we have all invested so much time, energy and funding to try and limit the impact of naturally occurring events. We remain committed to an ambitious programme of work to remedy the situation as best we can.'

'We have already invested considerable funding in mitigation measures on the A83 and the area at Glen Kinglas is being looked at as part of further studies.'

'Since 2007 a total of £12 million has been invested in the route, and we are investing an additional £4 million in 2013/14 to mitigate the effects of landslides at the Rest and Be Thankful.'

Last week Jane MacLeod of the Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce and deputy lord lieutenant of Argyll asked Mr Brown to reconvene the A83 taskforce as a matter of urgency.



More than 100 tonnes of debris hit the road just before 7am on Thursday morning.

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Councillor Donald Kelly, left, with Billy McFadyen of McFadyen contractors, who carried out the work on the war memorial.

War memorial lights up Campbeltown

CAMPBELTOWN'S war memorial is lighting up the night's sky after two phases of improvement works on the structure were completed.

Earlier this year funding was obtained to re-point the monument and make it water tight, before floodlights were installed and the ground was revamped making it wheelchair accessible.

This was carried out by McFadyen contractors free of charge.

The memorial is now lit up each evening, making it stand out for those coming into the loch.

The final phase of the project will involve refurbishing the tablets

bearing the names of the fallen at the bottom of the memorial. It has also been discovered that a number of names have been omitted. These will be added to the existing tablets.

Thank you

Councillor Donald Kelly, who was involved in the project, said: 'I would like to say a big thank you to Mr Billy McFadyen and McFadyens Contractors for installing the floodlights and carrying out all the new ground works.'

'This has been a magnificent gesture of goodwill and is very much appreciated by the local community and Argyll and Bute Council.'



The war memorial is now lit up during the evenings as part of the improvement works.

Domestic assault charge

AN ISLAY man admitted a domestic assault when he appeared from custody at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Tuesday.

George Jamieson, 38, of Gartness Cottages, Ballygrant, pled guilty to seizing a woman by her neck, repeatedly punching her head, pulling her hair and throwing her to the floor.

He was released on bail and will be sentenced on October 24.

Witness appeal

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a vehicle was damaged at the Ralston Road bus turning circle.

The incident occurred between 8.30pm on September 19 and 10am on September 20.

Anyone with information should contact Campbeltown Police Office or call 101.

Driver refused to pay fine

A MOTORIST has been reported to the procurator fiscal after refusing to pay a fixed penalty for failing to wear his seatbelt while driving.

Vodafone customers left without a signal for over a week

VODAFONE customers in Campbeltown have reacted angrily after they were left without mobile phone signal for more than a week.

Vodafone's signal went down in the town on September 29 and did not return until last Saturday - a total of nine days. The fault was on the transmission link which connects the mast with the rest of the network.

A number of people who contacted Vodafone customer services felt they were fobbed off or were simply told it was their phone which was the problem and not the mast.

The Courier's Face-

book page was flooded with comments from angry customers, who said they would be cancelling their contracts with the mobile operator.

Lesley Bell said: 'I've been with Vodafone for more than 10 years, but as soon as my contract is up I am getting shot of them.'

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute said: 'I am outraged but not surprised at the cavalier attitude of Vodafone to its paying customers. It is not untypical of the approach of mobile phone companies to Argyll and Bute and indeed to most of rural Scotland. I will complain to the company as the local MSP and

I would encourage every local Vodafone customer to do the same.

'I don't think 4G anywhere without a proper service everywhere is too much to ask.'

Local MP Alan Reid wrote to Vodafone and was given an apology 'if customers received incorrect information from customer services'.

He was told it was standard policy for agents to tell customers to reboot their phones to fix a problem.

A spokeswoman for Vodafone told the Courier: 'We're sorry our customers have been inconvenienced by loss of service locally. Our site in Ballygroggan devel-

oped a fault on a transmission link. These links connect our masts to the rest of the network and as they are owned and managed by BT, we had to liaise with their engineers to get the problem resolved. The site is up and running now.'

She added that customers who had been without signal for three days or more would have their line rental reimbursed.

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Toilets to be evaluated

A CONSULTATION by Argyll and Bute Council is to be carried out on the public toilets available in Campbeltown and to explore further options for public conveniences.

It will explore the possibility of a new facility on the quay and whether it would be best to upgrade the Pensioners Row toilets and close the Bolgam Street toilets owing to the expense needed to upgrade them to a suitable standard. The toilets in the Aqualabrum may also become available for public use.

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Campbeltown man dives in to Royal Navy

AN ABLE seaman diver originally from Campbeltown is ready to dive in after completing training in Portsmouth last week.

Luke Scally, 19, completed his specialist clearance diver training at the Defence Diving School, receiving his certificate and diving log from guest of honour Commodore Mike Mansergh CBE Royal Navy, commodore operational training.

Luke said: 'My brother is a Royal Navy diver and when I expressed an interest in joining he told me I wouldn't make it past week three and this made me more determined to become a diver. I am now really looking forward to joining the fleet and learning my trade. My parents and family are embarrassingly proud of me, 'one of the few'.'

The former Campbeltown Grammar School pupil's achievement is a culmination of 24 weeks of gru-

elling training and will see him initially employed in either MCM1 based in Faslane, or MCM2 in Portsmouth and will deploy in a mine counter measures vessel to support worldwide operations. Thereafter he will join either an area diving team based in Scotland, Portsmouth or Plymouth to conduct underwater engineering tasks and provide explosive ordinance disposal and after further training improvised explosive device disposal.

Commodore Mansergh said: 'The diving branch is an elite part of the Navy, these men will have a unique part to play when they join their ships. They should be very proud of what they have achieved, well done to them all.'

Commodore Mansergh, left, presents Luke Scally with his Royal Navy diving certificate.



Flu vaccine clinics starting next week

PATIENTS aged 65 and over and those under 65 who normally have a flu vaccine are being invited to attend flu clinics from October 16 onwards.

Kintyre Medical Group's first clinic is at Gigha Village Hall next Wednesday from 1pm until 3pm. It is an open clinic.

Clachan Village Hall will be hosting a clinic on October 21 from 2pm until 4pm. Telephone Muasdale Surgery on 01583 421206 to make an appointment.

Southend Surgery will be holding an open flu clinic on October 22 in St Blaas's Hall from 1.30pm until 5.30pm.

Muasdale Surgery's clinic is on October 23 from 5pm until 6pm. Telephone the surgery to make an appointment.

Tayinloan Village Hall will also be hosting a clinic on October 30 from 2pm until 4pm. Please contact Muasdale Surgery to make an appointment.

Most households hit by bedroom tax unable to pay

462 of the 530 ACHA tenants affected by the tax have fallen into rent arrears - 120 owe more than £250

ALMOST 90 per cent of the people affected by the bedroom tax in Argyll have fallen into rent arrears, as the true effects of the bedroom tax are revealed.

New figures from Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) and Argyll and Bute Council show the devastating impact the bedroom tax is having.

The bedroom tax, which sees a person's housing benefit cut if they are deemed to be living in a house with more bedrooms than they need, was introduced in April.

Rent arrears

Since then 462 (87 per cent) of the 530 ACHA tenants affected by the tax have fallen into rent arrears. 120 owe more than £250.

Rent arrears attribut-

ed solely to the bedroom tax total £94,000 for the social landlord, while the 530 households will experience a combined drop in income of £300,000 this financial year.

The number of people applying to Argyll and Bute Council for a Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) since welfare changes were introduced has quadrupled.

The statistics were revealed in the same week that ACHA's chief executive Alastair MacGregor attended the UK Parliament to tell the Scottish Affairs Committee about the impact the tax was having in rural areas.

The committee heard that only 26 per cent of ACHA homes were one bedroom and that

the legal obligation upon ACHA to house all homeless people in the area meant the tax, aimed at tackling under occupancy, was futile in Argyll.

No guarantee

Mr MacGregor said: 'The reality is that people who are already very poor have no guarantee that DHP will make up for the loss of previous income that helped with their housing costs.'

'My concern is that this policy could end up costing more money than it saves if people become homeless because they cannot pay their rent.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman said it would revisit 194 applications to the DHP fund as it had received a one-off payment from the UK Government to

help it address the increasing number of people experiencing financial problems.

She said: 'Just over 60 per cent of the allocation of available resource relates to bedroom tax cases. As of start of the week beginning September 9, the council has paid out and committed £86,010. Of this, £53,107 relates to bedroom tax cases. A further 37 applications are being processed.'

This week the Scottish Government announced it was allocating an extra £550,390 to Argyll and Bute Council to top up their Discretionary Housing Payment Budget to help households struggling with ongoing housing costs.

This brings the council's DHP budget to £921,046.

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Firefighters are brave at heart



From left: firefighter Graham Paterson, First Minister Alex Salmond and firefighter Jamie Conley at the Brave@Heart awards ceremony in Edinburgh last Tuesday.

'I was privileged to meet Graham and Jamie and hear their amazing story' - Alex Salmond

TWO Campbeltown firefighters who heroically saved the lives of a family were commended for their bravery at a special awards ceremony hosted by the First Minister.

Graham Paterson and Jamie Conley were presented with Brave@Heart awards last Tuesday to recognise their efforts when they attended a serious road traffic collision involving a mother and three children who all suffered severe trauma and injuries.

Pager activation

Responding to a pager activation, retained firefighter Graham came across the incident en-route to the fire station and, thanks to his casualty care on the three-year-old girl, who was later found to have suffered broken vertebrae in her neck, no serious spinal cord damage occurred.

Young firefighter Jamie Conley was driving past the incident and

gave first aid to the injured 14-year-old boy who was drifting in and out of consciousness.

This was Jamie's first real incident and his actions undoubtedly helped save the boy's life.

Assistant chief officer Dave Boyle, director of service delivery for the West area said: 'I am delighted that the actions and dedication shown by Graham and Jamie have been recognised. Their commitment to their local communities is second to none and it is fitting that they received a Brave@Heart award from the First Minister.'

Courageous Scots

First Minister Alex Salmond said: 'On land and on sea, these courageous Scots have been confronted with emergency situations and their subsequent actions have saved lives. I was privileged to meet Graham Paterson and Jamie Conley and hear the amazing sto-

ry of how both men undoubtedly saved the lives of a mother and three children suffering severe trauma and injuries when they arrive at the scene of a serious road traffic collision.

Selfless acts

'Our award winners are from all walks of life, all over Scotland, and it's in recognition of their selfless acts that I am honoured to present our 21 brave heroes with their Brave@Heart 2013 award.'

Brave@Heart was established by the First Minister in 2010 to recognise outstanding contributions from Scotland's emergency services and members of the public who go the extra mile to save others.

In February, Graham and Jamie were presented with Strathclyde Fire and Rescue's Chief Officer's Congratulations for Bravery for their actions at the same road accident.

Top golf event held at the Dunes

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Mike Story from Argyll and the Isles Tourism believes the competition is a chance for Kintyre to showcase its golfing credentials and be seen as one of the top golfing resorts in Scotland.

He said: 'The International World Pairs competition held at Machrihanish Dunes showcases Kintyre as one of Scotland's premier golf destinations. The courses and facilities at the south end of the magnificent Kintyre peninsula, which can now be reached by road, sea and air, can now stand alongside the more established golf offering in Arran and Ayrshire, but with that unique Argyll flavour.'

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Argyll being left behind!

IN THIS communication centric world, being without a mobile phone signal for several days can be the most debilitating and irritating thing in the world.

However, it seems to be becoming all the more common in remote areas such as Kintyre, where people watch as cities get super fast 4G phone signal while here it takes leaning out of a window or climbing a hill to be able to make a call.

Last week saw Vodafone customers in Campbeltown react in fury after they were without signal for more than a week.

Customer services, who seemed unable to comprehend that a fault could possibly occur on their network, ordered people to simply reboot their phones and that would solve the problem. It didn't.

By rights, mobile phone signal should be constantly improving as new technology comes to the fore and transmitters become better than ever.

But it seems Argyll is being left behind.

No matter the network provider, everyone in Kintyre has at some stage suffered a signal blackout and while everyone can put up with a few hours or a day without a signal, when it gets to a week things are getting a bit ridiculous.

So many people now use their mobiles to make every phone call, waving goodbye to their old landline telephone.

Of course we all used to get on fine in the time before mobile phones - somehow we survived - but now that the technology is so readily available surely everyone, everywhere, should be able to use it?

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Tax disc return

Sir,
It was in reading your publication on September 27 that I noticed an article about a motorcycle disc found by the roadside in Kilmartin. I hadn't realised it was missing.

Many thanks to you and to Mr Rattray who found it and who very kindly arranged for its speedy return. I am extremely grateful.

David Rankin
Tayinloan

Wind turbines are no problem in the right place

Sir,
I agree everyone needs to make money. But it shouldn't be made in a manner that adversely affects others. Wind turbines are no problem in the right place, which is why we have planning rules and turbines have to comply with those rules the same as any planning issue.

Landowners have to follow the same rules. If your neighbour wants to build an eight storey extension to his house which blocks out your light and makes it impossible for you to park in the drive, you have the right to object as it would detrimentally affect you.

Similarly if turbine plans go against all planning guidelines as regards to visual impact, noise, animal and bird habitat, they should, and will be, refused. No monetary gain is considered.

The writer seems to miss the point that surely the first objective of turbines should be to make electricity, but this

has been lost, now that it is so lucrative for all concerned.

Because Wind Towers employs 135 locals, doesn't mean turbines should cover Kintyre.

They are in a global market and can supply anybody, anywhere, hence the road and harbour upgrades.

For some of us, there are more important things in life than money. We all need it. But not at any cost.

As a correction, Wind Towers construct the towers. The turbines are fitted on top elsewhere.

John Seddon,
Glenbarr.

There are two sides to every story

Sir,
There are two sides to every story and whilst I agree progress has been made to some of the deteriorating buildings in the centre of Campbeltown with the help of the council and THI much more needs to be done.

I own a flat in Main Street together with three other flat owners and two shops. Through hard work myself and another flat owner created an owners association over twelve months ago with the help of THI and the council.

Since then we have been attempting to have repairs carried out to the communal areas of the property. Basically the roof of the stairwell needs to be fully repaired as water is pouring through the roof.

We had a survey carried out using grant funds available from the council. Total costs to bring the building into first class order would be £127,000. The most urgent

repair costs total £67,000 with essential repairs to make the property watertight costing £6,000.

Having submitted the report to both the council and THI nearly six months ago no progress has been made and it seems THI blame the council for lack of contact and THI maintain no grant funds are currently available.

In addition, it seems impossible to obtain local traders to give quotations for repair work despite the fact THI has a list of approved contractors prepared to carry out refurbishment work. So whilst we as owners want to repair the property albeit with the financial assistance of grant availability we seem to have reached total stalemate and nev-

Does anyone recognise this house?

Sir,
In August this year I visited Campbeltown to show my wife the town and to track family history at the town cemetery.

On returning to Australia, I decided to search out photographs I took of the town when I last visited in 1974.

The photograph I took during my 1974 visit is of the building where I'm fairly certain my grandfather worked in 1892 as a young man before immigrating to Australia.

As all my Campbeltown relatives (their name was Leyden) have, to the best of my knowledge, long since passed away, I'm

hoping that someone will recognise the building. Please someone let me know the answer to two inextricable questions:

Is grant assistance available to property owners within the designated centre of Campbeltown and if so how do we actually obtain it?

Are there any local traders actually prepared to at least provide a quotation for urgent repair work and then actually carry out the work?

It is not as if some of us owners are not trying but believe me it is not as black and white as the impression given in last weeks Courier tends to portray. Banging your head against a brick wall tends to come to mind.
Name and address withheld on request

The lady in the photograph was a cousin of my mother and her name was Miss Elizabeth Leyden.

I would be most grateful if anyone could provide any information or history about the building, does it still exist and if so the address.

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Councillor John Semple who helped get the Ardrossan ferry service to Campbeltown this year, standing outside the town's ferry terminal. 20_c41ferry01

Encouraging first season for new ferry

FIGURES for Campbeltown's new ferry service to Ardrossan have been described as 'encouraging' after its first season saw 1,200 cars and 7,500 passengers get onboard.

The MV Isle of Arran, the ferry used for the service from May until September, carried an average of 12 cars and 71 passengers on each sailing.

This was despite the late notice of the timetable and launch of the service, which will run on a trial basis for a further two years.

It has been announced that in its third year it will be subject to the Road Equivalency Tariff, meaning fares will be based on the cost of travelling an equivalent distance by road.

The most popular day for ferry travellers was Friday which

had a sailing in the morning and night, closely followed by Sunday, when both sailings were during the afternoon.

The least popular day was Saturday when the ferry travelled via Brodick on Arran and there was no opportunity for visitors to do a day trip.

Councillor John Semple, who worked to get the service to Kintyre, says preparations are already underway for next year as he recently met with representatives from Calmac, Transport Scotland, Visit Arran and Explore Campbeltown to suggest changes to the timetable based on positive feedback. Calmac and Transport Scotland will report back on this at the end of the month, but it is not expected the route will be extended further into the week or

year at this stage.

He said: 'I am very happy with this first year of the pilot service, I believe it shows that there is significant demand unprompted by marketing which can only grow over the next two years.'

'Better promotion and a more appropriate timetable for next year will be important for that growth; I will be working with the Scottish Government and local interests to try and progress these. While it is early days, I look forward to seeing this become a permanent sustainable alternative to the A83 for locals and visitors alike. 'It is reasonable to expect that with a more user friendly timetable and more extensive marketing that these figures can be significantly bettered in the next two years.'

Sir Paul fires two estate workers

SIR PAUL McCartney has fired the live-in caretaker from his High Park Farm estate in Kintyre after 20 years of service.

This week several national newspapers reported on the alleged sacking of Jimmy Pateron and estate manager Bobby Cairns.

It is understood the pair are unable to reveal any details and the Courier received no response when they attempted to contact Mr McCartney's press representative.

However, it is believed the land has fallen into disrepair and Mr McCartney's people are taking advice on what to do with the land.

A spokesman from the Forestry Commission confirmed they had been approached by the singer's people.

He said: 'We understand that the estate is currently scoping out a long-term forest management plan which could involve felling and restocking of trees. At this stage we have been in liaison with the forestry agent who acts on the estate's behalf.'

Mary celebrates 106th birthday

REACHING a 100th birthday is quite an achievement but Campbeltown's Mary McIntyre celebrated her 106th last week.

The supercentenarian celebrated her birthday on October 2 with a family meal at the Ardshiel Hotel and a party with family and friends at Auchinlee care home where she resides.

Her son and daughter-in-law from Canada visited especially for the event, which featured cake and drinks.

Her daughter Pat McCallum said she quite enjoyed the day's celebrations and her secret to long life is good living and a hard life.

Milking cows

She said: 'She worked on a farm when she was young, milking cows every day. She also had to walk from one place to another.'

Pat's husband Neil McCallum felt the secret was more likely down to her diet, laughing: 'She has porridge every morning.'



Mary McIntyre, one of the oldest people in Scotland, celebrates her 106th birthday with a card from the Queen.

£1m winner bought ticket in Islay

AN ENGINEERING contractor working on the Isle of Islay is believed to have won £1m on a National Lottery scratchcard purchased in Port Askaig Stores.

National Lottery operators Camelot said it could not confirm or deny whether a winning ticket had been purchased on the island - but the bumper win has been the talk of the place since last week.

Locals told The Courier that the winner worked for a Fife-based engineering company Diamond Services, which had been sub-contracted to carry out work at Caol Ila Distillery.

Diamond Services refused to comment when asked about the win.

Lorraine McNeill of Port Askaig Stores believes she sold the '£1m Gold' scratchcard, bought for £5.

She said: 'The news very quickly went round the island but whoever won has not been back in.'

Asked if she considered herself a lucky charm, Lorraine replied: 'Yes, but for someone else!'

GRADUATION



DR RACHEL REID

Congratulations to Dr Rachel Reid, who recently graduated as an Educational Psychologist from the University of Essex. Rachel was trained by the Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust, London and is currently employed by Buckinghamshire Council. Rachel is the daughter of Stephen and Anthea Hunter, Lochgilphead and is a former pupil of Lochgilphead High School.

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Springbank Invitational voted one of the best yet

DESPITE getting off to a late start, this year's Springbank Invitational Piping Competition at the Seafield Hotel was voted one of the best yet.

One of the pipers was late turning up for photos at 9am, leading to a delay in the commencement of the competition.

The pipers were all in good form and the acoustics were first class while Bean-an-tighe Rona Lightfoot kept the audience well informed of the history of the ceol mór with dates of the compositions.

There was a good audience, with many travelling long distances to come to the competi-

tion. Two Germans in the audience, pipers of a sort, were amazed at the quality of the playing.

At the end of a long day of piping Finlay Wylie thanked all the sponsors for continuing to support the Kintyre Piping Society in their endeavour to bring to Campbeltown the best pipers in the world, especially main sponsors Springbank Distillery and their managing director Hedley Wright.

Thanked

He also thanked the hotel proprietors for their help and to all who gave prizes for the raffle, those who came to support the society, to a Bean-an-tighe who was second to none, and to

the judges for a most tiring day sorting out the winners.

He then thanked the society committee for all their help, not only on the day but throughout the year.

Gavin McLachlan, distillery manager at Springbank then presented the prizes to the winners.

Results: Overall winner: Angus MacColl, who won the Argyll Arms Hotel trophy, £200 and an inscribed quaich; 2 Willie McCallum who received the Carmichael trophy and £160; 3 Iain Speirs £120; 4 Roddy MacLeod £80.

Hornpipe and jig: 1 Callum Beaumont, who wins the committee members trophy and sgian dubh plus £80; 2 Finlay Johnstone, £60; 3 Willie McCallum, £40; 4 Angus MacColl, £30.

Angus MacColl won the silver medal on piobaireachd preference and Nial Stewart won the bronze medal.

Piobaireachd: 1 Angus MacColl, 2 Willie McCallum, 3 Iain Speirs, 4 Roddy MacLeod.

March, strathspey and reel: 1 Nial Stewart, who won the Serco trophy, £200 and an inscribed quaich; 2 Roddy MacLeod, who won the Muir quaich and £180; 3 Callum Beaumont £120; 4 Iain Speirs £80.



Competitors in this year's Springbank Invitational Piping Competition. Back row, from left: Nial Stewart, Euan MacCrimmon, Angus MacColl, Gordon Walker, Roddy MacLeod, Willie MacCallum and Iain Speirs. Front row: Finlay Johnstone, left, and Callum Beaumont.

Campbeltown Inner Wheel donates £721 to diabetes foundation

CAMPBELTOWN Inner Wheel has made a donation of £721 to Campbeltown Diabetes Foundation.

Donations were also made to Oban Mountain Rescue, Cancer Research Campbeltown Branch, and Shopper Aide.

It has also been decided that the chosen charity this year will be The Hub, a youth group.

As part of the 90th anniversary of the UK Inner Wheel, the 'wheel project' kicked off at the tea bar at the Sale of the Century in Victoria Hall last Saturday. All proceeds will go towards a wheelbarrow and hoses for the community garden.

At the latest meeting of Campbeltown Inner Wheel, past president Jenny McFarlane accepted 'The President Clematis' from new president Jenny Morris.



Overall winner Angus MacColl, who picked up the Argyll Arms trophy, £200 and an inscribed quaich.

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Cinema receives important funding

CAMPBELTOWN'S Wee Pictures cinema has been awarded £51,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) towards its centenary project.

Plans for the project include conserving the interior and bringing the annex back into use by joining the two buildings together, building a new kiosk and cafe bar, creating an exhibition space and working with local schools, groups and attractions for other activities.

A spokeswoman for The Picture House said: 'The Board has the vision for the cinema to become a high performing and sustainable social enterprise with a good reputation for partnership working, quality services and diverse audiences, based in a well known, fully restored and safeguarded heri-

tage building.'

During the next year detailed work will be carried out on architectural plans and a business plan created, while the business case for a second screen in the back courtyard and use of renewable energy will be investigated.

A Round Two application for further funds will be submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund by next September.

The Wee Pictures is one of the first purpose built cinemas in Scotland with a unique design which celebrated its centenary in May this year.

The spokeswoman added: 'It is interesting to note that the prosperity of the town has historically been at its highest during periods of high harbour usage and activity. This year

the new ferry service to Ardrossan is a welcome further addition. Indeed some recent visitors to The Picture House had come over on the ferry from Ayrshire especially to see a film in our historic cinema.' Colin McLean, head of the Heritage Lottery Fund in Scotland, said: 'The Picture House has provided Campbeltown with a centre for entertainment for the last 100 years. The Heritage Lottery Fund is delighted to give its initial support to a project which will not only conserve this well-loved building but will expand its cultural role in the community through activities, interpretation and events.' The final project has been provisionally costed at £2,307,148 subject to the outcome of the development work. If suc-



Campbeltown's iconic Picture House cinema, which has received initial funding for its regeneration. Picture courtesy of Sarah MacDonald Photography.

cess is achieved at round two, the HLF will cover 35 per cent of the costs. HLF has also given the project a first round pass of £804,900, showing it endorses the proposals and giving the board

two years to submit fully developed proposals to compete for a firm award.

Donations to the cinema project can be made through the website weepictures.co.uk.



Staff and those who attend the centre had a large party last Friday night to celebrate its 25th anniversary. 20_c41woodlands02

Woodlands Centre celebrates 25 years

THERE was a party atmosphere at Campbeltown's Woodlands Resource Centre last Friday night as it celebrated its 25th anniversary.

As staff and users of the centre celebrated in style with music, dancing and drinks, former councillor George McMillan, who opened the centre in 1988, was on hand to cut the cake.

He said: 'I had just been elected to Strathclyde general council. This was one of the first jobs I got given to do. It was a wonderful occasion that day and I'm pleased to see that you're still going.'

The Woodlands Resource

Centre provides help and support as well as activities for people

who have learning disabilities in Campbeltown.



Former councillor George McMillan, left, cuts the cake with centre user Margaret McLean. 20_c41woodlands01

Message in a bottle not so unique after all

DESPITE appearing to be unique, it seems the message in a bottle which washed up on Kintyre shores last week is one of several to have floated around northern Scotland.

Last week a beachcomber found a bottle on Machrihanish Beach with a note inside from a Danish crewmember of a freighter ship sailing to Greenland.

The note stated the bottle had been dropped 200 nautical miles west of the Orkney Islands seven years ago from the Mary Arctica on November 29 2006.

It has now been discovered that this bottle was not a one off.

Over the past few years other bottles with similar notes from the same man, Jorgen Sonderkaer, have cropped up in Shetland, Skye, Iceland and his native Denmark.

One was discovered by a school pupil in Uig, Skye, in 2004 with a note stating it had been dumped in the same place as the one found in Machrihanish, but on February 15 2002.

Another was found in Unst, Shetland in 2009 and had been dropped on September 10 2007.

In June this year, two more bottles washed up on shore on the west coast of Iceland, both dated the same as the Machrihanish message.

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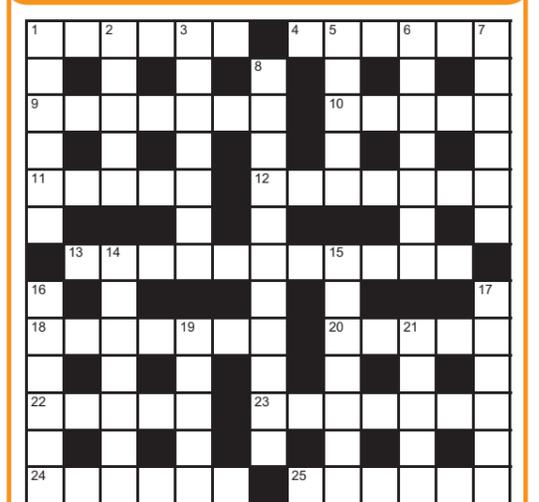
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MOK Bike cycle challenges support a good cause



BETWEEN them, more than 100 cyclists will tackle the delights and varied scenery of five different routes in this year's Mull of Kintyre Bike Challenge on Sunday.

The routes will range from a relaxed family pedal around Campbeltown Loch to the gruelling, hilly 95 miles of the appropriately-named Ultimate Killer.

However, anyone who begins to flag can always console themselves with the knowledge that it is all in a good cause.

Now in its third year, the MOKBike event aims to raise more than £2,000 for Macmillan Cancer Care.

It is organised by keen mountain bikers Russ and Ros Wilkes who moved to Campbeltown four years ago and quickly decided to continue the good work they had carried out in their native Yorkshire with a similar charity cycle in aid of the Sue Ryder Care Hospice.

Ros told the Courier: 'Russ's parents both had cancer and my mum received tremendous support from Macmillan when she had cancer.'

'Campbeltown had the MOK event for runners and we thought it would be good to also have something to encourage people to cycle and which offered a way to enjoy Kintyre's wonderful scenery and autumn colours.'

About 30 cyclists of all ages are expected for the family ride from the start at the Ardsheel Hotel to the old

shipyard and back, with many of the older ones also expected to continue to Kildalloig and back.

Around 20 cyclists are set to take part in the Sanda Chill on the main roads to Southend before returning via Keil Point, a journey of around 24 miles.

A similar number of more adventurous participants will do the Sanda Challenge which, on leaving the Ardsheel, will take the hilly and coastal Le'arside road to Southend and on returning to Stewarton will then turn left for Moss Road and past Campbeltown Airport before joining the A83 for Campbeltown.

For serious cyclists, there is the 70-mile Ultimate route which follows the A83 out of Campbeltown until taking the turning for Skipness and Carradale for the testing hilly east road back to Campbeltown.

And for those who have to go to the limit, there is the Ultimate Killer which follows the same route before continuing on to complete the Sanda Challenge.

The latter event saw just two takers last year, but on Sunday seven hardy souls are up for a test that could take up to nine hours.

Ros said she and Russ were again indebted to Flora Grant and Marion McKinnon for providing free use of the Ardsheel and Seafiel Hotels in support of the event.

Their gratitude also goes to the various Campbeltown businesses who have donated items for auction, and all the marshals who have volunteered their services.



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DRUMLEMBLE

Appeal to former Drumlemble School pupils

ORGANISERS of a Drumlemble Primary School reunion event are appealing for former pupils to get in touch if they wish to attend.

Next July, as part of Homecoming Scotland 2014, Drumlemble School will hold its own homecoming event over two days.

On July 12 a gala ceilidh will take place in

the evening, attracting past pupils from as far afield as Australia, USA and Canada, under canvas within the grounds of the current school.

During the weekend a display of memorabilia will be on show at the school, while the pipe band and brass band provide entertainment.

John Armour, chairman of the homecoming committee, said: 'To allow us to make further arrangements we need to get an idea of how many former pupils and staff would be keen to come along, so we would ask anyone who would like to attend the ceilidh to

get in touch and give us their names, addresses and what years they were at Drumlemble.

'This will allow us to contact you with any further information and to issue you with a formal invitation nearer the event.'

'The committee are also very keen to carry out video interviews with ex-pupils who will share their memories of school days and life in the village.'

To find out more information, donate memorabilia to the event or to take part in video interviews, contact John Armour on 07766970672

or Angus Nimmo 07909654173.

TARBERT

First book festival to take place in Tarbert in November

BOOK lovers are set to descend on Tarbert in November for the village's first book festival.

The festival aims to promote books and reading, while allowing people to meet and hear from some well known local authors.

There will be sessions taking place across the village, in Templars Hall, Anchor Hotel, Stonefield Castle and Loch Fyne Gallery, including book signings and discussions.

Denzil Meyrick, Mairi Hedderwick, Lisa Tuttle and Nick Walker are just some of the authors taking part, with talks for both adults and children.

The festival takes place on November 23 and for more information contact tarbertbookfestival@yahoo.co.uk or call Rae at Loch Fyne Gallery on 01880 820390.

Tarbert youngster to walk out with Scotland team

A LUCKY young football fan from Tarbert will be walking out at Hampden Park with the Scotland football team before their World Cup qualifier match against Croatia on Tuesday.

Milo Ingram, eight, will join other children from across Scotland, including two from Lochgilphead, in walking out onto the pitch with the

GIGHA



From left: Alan Laidlaw, The Crown Estate Rural and coastal portfolio manager, Margaret McSparran, chairwoman of the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust, Gordon Watson, chairman of Gigha Trading Limited and Paul Bancks, The Crown Estate asset manager with a certificate for Gigha's local management agreement with the Crown Estate.

Gigha's Ardminish Bay project to get specialised support

GIGHA is set to receive support from the Crown Estate for its Ardminish Bay project.

The island has become the third community to benefit from a new Local Management Agreement (LMA) programme designed to empower local organisations to manage their coastal assets.

This will help the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust develop its plans for the bay, following a grant of £271,000 from the Big Lottery's coastal communities fund. The project will reposition and improve existing moorings and expand the number and type of moorings on offer.

Improvements will also be made to navigation and the jetty and pontoon will be refurbished.

The aim of this development is to increase marine tourism on the island, create and secure the local tourist industry and harbour jobs.

LMAs give not for profit organisations access to areas of the foreshore and seabed, with specialised support from the Crown Estate, to develop proposals for projects that will benefit the local community.

Once proposals are developed, organisations can acquire the right to manage the assets, enabling them to implement their plans.

Alan Laidlaw, rural and coastal portfolio manager, said: 'We aim to ensure that Scotland's coastal communities continue to benefit from our expertise and are able to realise their own ambitions and aspirations through local management. These recent agreements (LMAs) and our investment signal the Crown Estate's commitment to working with coastal communities.'

Pleased

Gordon Watson, chairman of Gigha Trading Limited, said: 'This agreement with the Crown Estate will give local management of the walkway and pontoon and pave the way for initial work to expand visitor moorings. Marine tourism is critical to the west coast and is worth up to £300 million each year to the Scottish economy - we want Gigha to tap into that potential. We are very pleased to have secured this agreement and look forward to working with the Crown Estate.'

likes of Charlie Adam, Steven Naismith and Robert Snodgrass. Milo won the opportunity to be a player escort after taking part in a national competition via McDonald's website.

CLACHAN



Clachan Primary School pupils have been improving their fitness with some nordic walking as part of their PE. Using specially designed poles, kindly lent to the school by Frances Hardie, the active schools coordinator, nordic walking involves applying force to the poles with each step. This means more muscles are affected than with normal walking.

JURA

Jura's art and wildlife to be celebrated

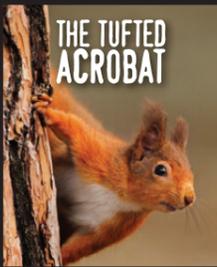
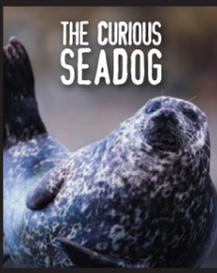
MUSIC and nature will unite on Jura today (Friday) with an event celebrating the wildlife and art of the island.

Song Birds/Bird Songs will feature a day of talks, walks, films and music all with a natural theme at Craighouse Hall.

The day will culminate in a concert with English songwriter and ornithologist Dan Haywood's New Hawks in association with local music producers Sound of Jura.

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Care in the Community

A COMMUNITY that cares is something many people lament as a lost trait in society nowadays.

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A chat over a cup of tea and a few biscuits might solve some people's problems but others may have much more on their plate to deal with. And there are plenty of places in Argyll that you can turn to for care and support in a time of need.

You could be facing problems at home, whether that be coping with a loved one's illness,

a recent bereavement or addiction issues.

There are many support and therapy groups that can help you overcome these issues and deal with the emotions you experience during them. Perhaps you're stuck in a situation you can't see a way out of, if you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse help is at hand - don't be afraid to speak up.

Reaching out to others can pull you back from a point where you may be considering harming yourself. Talking through our problems will help solve them.

But perhaps you just need a helping hand because of age or disability. Staying in their

own home is what many people desire as the fragility of life catches up with them.

This can become trickier as mobility becomes a challenge but many organisations can install mechanically assisted devices in homes to ensure getting in and out of beds, chairs and baths is no problem.

Council policies are also set to assist with care in the home for as long as possible so that people can remain independent. There are even agencies which will help upgrade and decorate elderly people's homes.

Of course staying at home isn't always an option, perhaps the burden of care has become too much for family members and the time has come to look at care homes.

Thankfully these are now far from the daunting sterile image of old. In Argyll care homes provide 24-hour-care services including support with all personal care.

You can also have a visit from hairdressers, physiotherapists, chiropodists, doctors, nurses, dentists

and even dieticians. That's on top of getting daily papers and magazines delivered.

If you're a carer for anyone and struggling to cope - or just looking for a bit of breathing space - there is also help available through respite services and support groups.

Annual events also aim to encourage support for others in the community - including participating in foster care.

Anyone considering fostering a child should get in contact with their local authority to find out more and, if appropriate, take steps to do so.

Other services for children are also available - if you are aware of a youngster dealing with issues at home you should not be afraid to point them in the direction of support.



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Morgon-Faith Baxter is the only primary one pupil attending Carradale Primary School this year.



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Glenbarr couple says Burcote turbines plan 'just barmy'



Part of Barr Glen which faces being covered by 19 125-metre high turbines.

'Who would move here to look at turbines and face possible noise concerns?'

IT WAS its unspoilt beauty which attracted John and Michele Seddon to settle in Barr Glen by the tiny village of Glenbarr 13 years ago.

Now they are faced with the prospect of being the closest residents to 19 massive wind turbines each 125-metres high and perched on hills above them.

'We've only enjoyed happy times,' said Mr Seddon, 63, a retired photographer.

'We wanted to be nearer our daughter and it's the best move we've made. We kept chickens and rare breed pigs for nine years.

'It is such an idyllic place and also the last place we would have expected something like this to happen.

'It's just barmy.'

The couple's home will be around 500 metres from the nearest turbines if the application by Burcote Wind, which will be considered by the Scottish Government because of its scale, is given the go ahead.

Mr Seddon shares local fears that the turbines will hammer house prices.

'People move to places like this because they are attracted by the open, unspoilt space,' he

said. 'Who would move here to look at turbines and face possible noise concerns?'

'No one wants it apart from the landowners and Burcote which is simply a speculator proposing community funds to appease local residents.

'However, such money will ultimately come from taxpayers.

Investors

'If Burcote gets approval for a development, it will seek investors to make it happen.'

Burcote's website reveals it has six large-scale developments proposed in Scotland, including 43 turbines

on the Cowal Peninsula 10k east of Lochgilphead.

The others, apart from Glenbarr, are 21 turbines west of Moniaive in Dumfries and Galloway, 30 turbines in Upper Nithsdale, 24 turbines eight miles from Castle Douglas and four turbines near Huntly in the north east.

The Moniaive, Upper Nithsdale and Huntly applications are awaiting planning decision.

Burcote's website, which seeks inquiries from landowners with more than 200 acres, also reveals it intends setting up community

funds worth a total of more than £50 million over the turbines' lifetimes.

The one at Glenbarr would be worth more than £9 million.

The Dunfermline-based firm also boasts a team bringing 'together many years of experience in fields ranging from engineering to property development'.

It comprises four directors, a senior project manager, two team members, an investor member and two project

supervisors.

A Burcote spokesman this week confirmed that the company's directors formerly ran Scotia Wind which established an eight-turbine wind farm near Deny in Stirlingshire a few years ago.

Merged

That development was sold on to French power company Gaz de France which has merged with utility firm Suez to make it one of the largest operators of its kind in the world.

North Beachmore turbine appeal dismissed

AN APPEAL for the erection of an 84-metre turbine on land south east of North Beachmore by Musadale has been rejected.

Planning permission for the turbine was narrowly refused in January at a public discretionary meeting in Tayinloan after a large number of representations were received on both sides.

After the refusal by Argyll and Bute Council, the applicant lodged an appeal with the Scottish Government, stating the proposal met the requirements for landscape and visual impact and was in accordance with the local plan.

However, the Scottish Government ruled the turbine would have significant and cumulative adverse landscape and visual impacts on the area and would adversely impact on the settings of Killean and Kilchenzie Kirk and other ancient monuments of national importance in the vicinity.

Paper highlights growing complaints over house values

HUNDREDS of people around Scotland claim the value of their home is being hammered by wind turbines.

Many have told a national title of their plight after the newspaper followed up a Courier article last month about Glenbarr couple Boyd and Sally Sneddon being unable to sell their four-bedroom house because of plans for 19 giant turbines near them.

Mr Sneddon told the Courier this week: 'It confirms what I have been saying all along, and was backed up by one of my estate agents.

Prevent

'Turbines can not only reduce the value of properties - they can prevent them from being sold altogether.

'As I said before, it is not right that a wind company can simply come along and affect people in this way.'

According to the paper, anti-wind farm campaigners and politicians claim they have been inundated with pleas for help from homeowners terrified about being left penniless.

Linda Holt, of Scotland Against Spin, said: 'Estate agents are now advising those wanting to sell their homes to lower the price by 30 per cent. Sadly, some find they cannot sell at all.'

Struan Stevenson MEP said: 'Some homeowners are suicidal because their homes are worth a fraction of their original cost and many were counting on them for their pensions.

'The rush to make millions from wind farms is a cruel blow to homeowners whose only crime has been to live in the countryside.'

Mr Stevenson has put down an amendment to a bill going through the European Parlia-

ment to assess the impact of wind farms on house prices.

Dad-of-five Jon Peberdy, of Waterside, East Ayrshire, told the paper he has evidence to prove the selling price of the family's farmhouse has plummeted by £150,000 since 215 turbines were built at the Whitelees development just yards from his back door.

Heartbreaking

'It's heartbreaking, especially as people are making millions from Scotland's wind farms at the expense of hard-working people like us,' he said.

'We feel desperate and under siege.'

A ScottishPower Renewables spokeswoman said: 'A number of studies have been carried out in last few years, and there is no conclusive evidence to suggest that wind farms affect house prices.'

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Islay beef herd competition

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Results: Individual cow: 1 I Torrance, Starchmill, 2 R Cunningham, Neriby, 3 R Fletcher, Keills.

Team of cows: 1 I Torrance, Starchmill, 2 RSPB, Aoradh, 3 R Cunningham, Neriby.

Team of autumn calves: 1 I Torrance, Starchmill, 2 C MacTaggart, Uiskentuie.

Team of spring calves: 1 R Epps, Ardnave, 2 R Cunningham, Neriby, 3 I Torrance, Starchmill.

Team of native calves: 1 W Angus, Ballymeanach, 2 J MacHarrie, Ballinaby.

Best overall team of calves: I Torrance, Starchmill.

Highland herd: 1 H Porter, Carrabus, 2 H Porter, Carrabus, 3 A Wiggins, Portnahaven.

Native team of cows: 1 H Porter, Carrabus, 2 J MacHarrie, Ballinaby.

Small herd (15 or less): 1 N MacDonald, Gartbreck, 2 N MacLellan, Torrandaroch, 3 W Angus, Ballymeanach.

Individual autumn calf: 1 I Torrance, Starchmill, 2 C MacTaggart, Uiskentuie.

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Best overall calf: I Torrance, Starchmill.

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The herd at RSPB Kinnabus with judge John Semple.

Karen to hit high notes with Scottish Young Farmers

CAMPBELTOWN Young Farmer Karen Semple will be hitting the high notes after signing up to be part of a 75 year anniversary concert on November 30 in Glasgow.

The 22-year-old is one of 300 Young Farmers who will take to the stage at the Hydro to celebrate 75 years of the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Club (SAYFC) where there will be music, comedy and dance.

Karen has been a member of the Campbeltown club since 2007 after a visit to the Royal Highland Show at 14 sparked an interest to get involved with the association.

She said: 'The SAYFC stand at the Royal Highland Show really caught my attention – it seemed like the perfect chance to get involved with other young people from the farming community whilst offering plenty of social activities which are great for meeting new people.'

Her family's farm is Dalbhraddan Farm near Southend, where her father tends to 70 dairy cows and 350 mule ewes bred for market sale. Her mother also has an active role in the business as well as working as a health worker.

Karen will perform with the Farmers' Wives Choir singing a selection of songs from the 1950s up until the present day.

Farmers' Choir

Meanwhile, her uncle Matthew Ralston of Rhoin Farm, Campbeltown, will be taking to

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13/02147/PP	Change of use of land for the siting of 5 steel container units (retrospective)	Hazelburn Business Park Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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13/02128/PP	Retension of modular building incorporating external alterations and formation of covered walkway (part retrospective)	Argyll and Bute Council 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8RD	Ardrishaig Area Office

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

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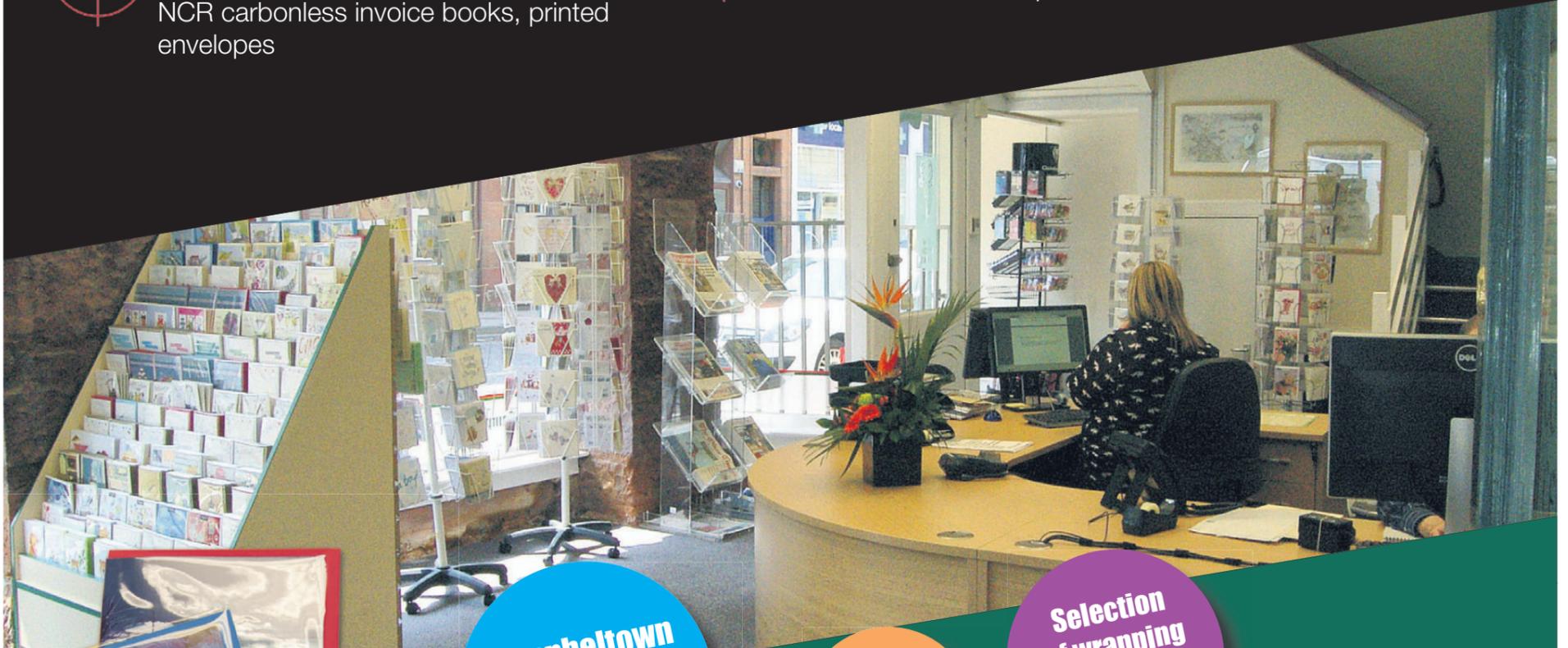
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(Following their accident on the 30th July)
David and Elizabeth would like to thank sincerely all the staff at the Mid Argyll Hospital, after Elizabeth was transferred from St. John's Hospital, Livingston.
Thanks also to everyone who sent cards, flowers and kind wishes.
Elizabeth is now home and making good progress on the road to full recovery.

Iain MacDougall
(Nenie)
would like to thank family and friends for the lovely cards and gifts received on his 60th birthday.
They were very much appreciated, thanks again.

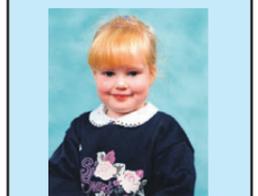
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Happy Birthday Mum Love from The Family

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Lots of love From Nana & Papa XX

Happy 21st Rachel

Lots of love & best wishes, From Mum, Dad & Lee XXX

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE MIST on top of the Holy Isle shook off its blanket of sleep as the first streaks of morning gave birth to another day.

The hills folded in on each other and the peace was tangible.

There wasn't a sound, apart from the mournful song of the robin and the lapping of the waves.

Arran awakened to a beautiful autumnal morning and we were privileged to share in its dawning.

The grass was wet with dew and cobwebs glistened in the early morning light.

The pups scampered joyfully, only pausing to pluck the brambles which hung from low lying branches.

I looked across at the little row of white cottages at the south end of Holy Isle where there is now a closed Buddhist retreat and I thought of the many ways the spiritual journey can be travelled.

Visitors may visit the open centre on the island where they can find out more about Buddhism or just simply enjoy the peace, and take time to reflect on their own spiritual path.

The centre is linked to the Samye Ling Centre in Dumfriesshire and I spent some time there many years ago.

I enjoyed finding out more about this great world philosophy and I was particularly enchanted with the Tibetan prayer flags.

These colourful flags also flutter from many places on Holy Isle.

They are raised with the aspiration to bring happiness and peaceful energy, and the wind carries the prayers and blessings all over the world.

The first teachings of the Buddha began two and a half thousand years ago and since then millions of people around the world have followed the spiritual path he revealed.

So wherever our own spiritual journey leads us, and whatever way we find our God, I hope the flags of peace will carry blessings that will unite us all in love.

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Members of the Grand Lodge and the Lodge of Argyll and the Isles gather outside the grammar school before the ceremony.

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Grand master mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland Charles Iain Robert Wolridge Gordon of Esslemont, left, with newly installed provincial grand master Kenneth Johnson.

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Grand Lodge pays a visit to Campbeltown

FREEMASONS from across Scotland converged on Campbeltown last Saturday as a ceremony was held for the new provincial grand master of Argyll and the Isles.

Kenneth Johnson was installed at a ceremony which took place at the town's grammar school and featured an afternoon of celebrations.

It is the fourth time a provincial grand master of the Masonic movement in Argyll has been from Camp-

beltown. The grand master is a very important position in Freemasonry and for a period of five years he oversees the lodges in the area.

One of the biggest occasions in the Masonic movement, 350 Freemasons attended the event from as far afield as Edinburgh and Inverness.

Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest secular fraternal societies, which concerns moral and spiritual values.

Police files:

Parking warning on Dalaruan Street

POLICE have received a number of complaints of cars parking on Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown on a blind spot at 3pm each day.

Cars have been parking on the t-junction at Mill Street, which is causing danger to other drivers in the area.

Police warn drivers to bear in mind other road users when parking their vehicles.

Road accidents

A DRIVER has been reported for careless driving and failing to report an accident after hitting a car and failing to stop outside the newsagents in Tarbert last Wednesday.

On the same day another car was involved in a one vehicle accident on the A83 at Clachan.

The driver was reported for driving under the influence of alcohol.

The car was damaged but there were no injuries.

Breach of the peace

THREE men were arrested on Shore Street, Campbeltown in the early hours of Sunday morning for breach of the peace and disorderly conduct.

Cyclist reported to fiscal

A CYCLIST has been reported to the procurator fiscal after riding a bike during the hours of darkness on an unlit road.



Work has already started on clearing ground off Glebe Street for the new Springbank bottling hall.

Distillery invests £1 million in new bottling hall

SPRINGBANK Distillery is creating a new bottling hall in an investment worth more than £1 million by owners J and A Mitchell Ltd.

It reflects the success of the Campbeltown whisky maker which has seen 20 per cent annual growth in the past five years and record profits last year.

The only distillery in Scotland which does everything from production to bottling, Spring-

bank employs almost 60 staff including its nearby whisky shop.

Operation

The new bottling hall, with new machinery, will be in operation within the next few years and will see up to four new staff taken on, according to managing director Neil Clapper-

ton. He also told the Courier: 'Our order books continue to grow and it is getting to the stage

that our bottling hall is struggling to cope with the demand.

'The new place will also bring some old buildings back to life.'

Work has already started on clearing an area of unused distillery ground off Glebe Street.

The development will use a warehouse of the former Rieclachan Distillery which was established in 1825 - three years before Springbank.

This is YOUR paper...
Send your photos and stories to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures for ever" (Psalm 107:1).

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

MCMILLAN - MACADIE - On October 11, 1963 by the Rev D Brock-Doyle, at Saddell and Carradale Parish Church, Matthew to Elizabeth.

DEATHS

KILLEEN - On Saturday, October 5, 2013 at the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice, Linsay, beloved youngest daughter of Margie and the late Frank Killeen, dearly loved sister of Ailie and D-d, and dotting aunt to David, Susan, Cameron, Courtney and Finlay. Funeral service at Clydebank Crematorium on Saturday, October 12, 2013 at 11am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, will be divided between the Beatson and Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice. Please wear something bright.

MACNEILL - Peacefully, after a short illness, on October 2, 2013, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, James MacNeill, aged 83 years, of 27 Kingsway, Tarbert, beloved husband of the late Christine, much loved father of Marie, Brian and the late Christine, Margaret and Marie, loving grandfather and great grandfather, a much respected father-in-law, and a dear brother and uncle to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium on Thursday, October 10, 2013. Forever in our thoughts.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CHRISTIE - The family of the late Alma Christie would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and flowers received following their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to doctors, district nursing team and Marie Curie nurses for their exceptional care and attention. Thanks also to Rev Cliff Acklam for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for taking care of all arrangements and to the Tayvallich Inn for fine purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at the church and graveside to pay their respects. The collection has raised £475 for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

MCINTYRE - The family of the late Peggy McIntyre (Munro) would like to express thanks to all friends and neighbours for many kind expressions of sympathy, letters, cards and flowers received during their sad bereavement. Thanks also to the doctors and nurses at Campbeltown Hospital, community nurses who attended Peggy during the last nine weeks of her life, Rev Burroughs for his comforting service and to Kenneth Blair for funeral arrangements handled with care and diplomacy, the Ardshiel Hotel for the funeral tea and to all who attended the church service. Also a very special thanks to Isobel, Bertie and Angela for their help during Mother's illness.

SHAW - The family of the late Florence Shaw would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received following their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to Kintyre Care Home for caring for our mum over the last four years. Thanks also to the Rev Philip Burroughs for a comforting service, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional and helpful services and to the Ardshiel Hotel for excellent catering. Finally, our sincere thanks to all who attended at the church and graveyard. The retiring collection for Kintyre Care Home amounted to £410.

IN MEMORIAMS

BLAIR - In loving memory of our mum, Dorothy, who passed away on October 12, 2009. Quietly remembered every day.

- Alex, Marion and families.

CAMPBELL - In memory of Duncan (Daka) and Dolina, who died thirty years ago. Never forgotten, always loved.

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of a much loved mother, Mary, who died on October 14, 2011. There's a place in our hearts that is yours alone, A part of our life no-one else can own, For deep in our memories, you are with us yet, To love and to cherish and never forget.

- From Anne, Mary, Catherine, James, John and Jimmy. A kiss blown up to the sky so blue, Catch it Wee Granny, it's just for you.

- From your grandchildren and great grandchildren xx.

MASON - Billy, October 1999. Sadly missed.

- Ray and family.

MCKERRAL - William G, who died October 16, 2010. A much loved husband, father and grandfather. Sadly missed.

- Douglas and family. Miss you lots.

- Hannah and Liam xx.

MCKINLAY - In loving memory of our precious friend, James, died October 7, 2011.

Loving you is easy, We do it every day, Missing you is the hardest part, That never goes away.

- Norma and Billy.

MCLEAN - Louise Jane, passed away October 15, 2011, aged 23 years.

You left us so many memories of fun, laughter and love, Louise And we miss you more and more each day.

- Dad, Mum and John, Simon and Tracyann.

MCLEAN - Treasured memories of a lovely girl, Louise Jane McLean, who passed away on October 15, 2011.

God takes our loved ones from our homes, But never from our hearts.

- Gran, Peter and all the family.

MCMILLAN - In loving memory of our mum and granny, Annette, who passed away October 10, 2005. Loved and missed everyday.

- Jo, Al, Malcolm, Bella and kids.

MCNAUGHTON - In memory of David, who died October 15, 2012. A loving son, brother and uncle. Loved and remembered always.

- From Mum, Mhairi, Sandy, Carol and Robert.

O'MAY - Treasured memories of our dear mum, Veronica.

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, But their hearts forever.

- Your loving family, home and away xxxxx.

O'MAY - Treasured memories of my beloved sister-in-law, Vera, who sadly left us on October 11, 2011.

Loved and remembered always.

- Jenny.

STEWART - In loving memory of Ina, a much loved wife, mother and granny, who died October 13, 2004.

You were too special to forget, loved and remembered every day.

- Frank, Frances, Jim, Eilidh and Mairi.

THOMPSON - Treasured memories of Kenny, who passed away on October 12, 2010.

'Into each life a little rain must fall'.

Love you loads and miss you even more.

- Nikki, Nicolette and Claire.

Miss you, Papa - Isla and Sean xx.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
"It is good to sing praises to our God"
 Service in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm
 13th October
 1 Corinthians 16:13
"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith"

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services 13 October - all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
 Charity No. SC016097
 Morning Service Cumlodden Church (Furnace) at 10am

Glenaray and Inveraray
 Charity No. SC016665
 Morning Service Inveraray Church at 11.30am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
 Sunday 13th October
 Communion Service at Kilmartin 11.30am
 Rev. Cliff Acklam
 All welcome
 SC01212

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
 All Welcome
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
 Sunday 13th October 2013
 11.00am Morning Service
 At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae
 Wednesday 16th October 2013
 (change of date)
 5pm Messy Church
 Also at Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae
 Scottish Charity SC015187

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
 Minister: Rev. Hilda C. Smith
SUNDAY, 13TH OCTOBER
 11 a.m. Morning Worship
 (Conducted by Dr John Morrison)
 All Welcome
 Further information
 (01546) 606218
 Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 13 October 2013
 11.00am
 Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
 Speaker: Graham McLean
 "Spring up O Well and overflow"
Thursday 17 October 2013
 7.30pm
 Praise, prayer & sharing
 All Welcome

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service
 11:00 am
 with Sunday school
 Tea & coffee after the service
 Baby & Toddler Group
 10.00 - 11.45 am
 Every Thursday
 We meet in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
 www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

free church of scotland
 George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 13th October
 12.45pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service
 'Oatcakes never tasted so good' (1 Kings 17)
 Rev Finlay Mackenzie
 Collection for Supporting the Homeless in Kintyre and for Tearfund
Thursday 17th October
 12 noon Prayer & Bible study
Saturday 19th October
 Saturday Club for P3-P7 children
 Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 13th October, 2013
Harvest Thanksgiving Services
 Tarbert Service 11.45am
 To be held in Tarbert Free Church
 Kilberry Service 2pm
 Rev Tommy Bryson
 For all church enquiries and pastoral care
 Telephone 01880 821012
 Everyone very welcome
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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
 (SC0002876)

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church
 Argyll Street, Campbeltown
 St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
 Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 13th October
 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
 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

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
 75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 13 October 2013
 11.15am Family Communion with crèche
 Mr R H Craig
 No Youth Group this week
Wednesday 16 October 2013
 10.00am Toddler Group
 No Bible Study
 For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary
01586 551237
 www.springbankchurch.co.uk
 SC014646

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
 Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 13th October
 Morning Worship - 11.15am
 (Creche, Triple C, Next Generation)
 Rev. P Burroughs
Tuesday 15th October
 BB Anchor Boys
 6.00 - 7.00pm in Church Hall
 BB Junior Section
 7.15 - 8.30pm - Church Hall
Thursday 17 October
 Prayer Meeting - 4.00pm
 Choir Practice - 7.30pm
Friday 18th October
 Lunch Club - 12.00 noon - New Hall

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 Scouling

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
 Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 13 October
 Inverlussa Church 10 am
 Morning Worship
 Rev. Cliff Acklam
 All welcome
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Highland Parish Church
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Sunday 13th October
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Pupils have to settle for a share of the points at Pirie Park

The game should be termed 'the one that got away'

Hillington 1
Campbeltown Pupils 1
SAFL - Premier Division One

THE LATEST meeting of these keen rivals was certainly not for the fainthearted, a keenly fought affair with no quarter the rallying call throughout a pulsating ninety minutes.

Hillington have an excellent home record and, with the visitors reeling from a number of unavoidable call offs, it was back to the drawing board for the Pupils' management team.

Nevertheless, playing an untried 4-2-3-1 formation, the Kintyre side outplayed the Jimmy Marshall Cup holders in almost every department, a game that really should be termed 'the one that got away'.

The McFadyen sponsored Campbeltown Pupils dominated the early exchanges on the impressively large expanse of Pirie Park, Drumoyne, with lone striker John McCallum supported from the depth of midfield by Liam Renton, Gary Grumoli and Paul Grumoli. The new sys-

tem encouraged both fullbacks to get forward as often as possible, and, after a lung bursting run, Keith Mitchell delivered a telling cross which gave Gary Grumoli the opportunity to fire home from close range in the 16th of the match.

At this point it was vintage Pupils, and a near post cross from Keith Mitchell allowed John McCallum to find the roof of the net at the near post, but the referee was quick on the scene to rule the goal offside. Sorley McKinven then went close with a glancing header from inside the six-yard box, but the Pupils' centre half was left cursing his luck as the ball spun wide of the far post.

The visitors needed a second to put some distance between them and the opposition, but a weaving run by new Scottish international Scott Gold almost brought the equaliser, his cutback scorned as the ball was delivered

invitingly across the six yard box.

Hillington mounted a challenge at the beginning of the second period, forcing the visitors to defend deeper than they would have wished.

A well struck shot from the edge of the box was saved initially by Craig Lamont, but the ball spilled into the path of the incoming forward and he equalised from close range in the 55th minute.

The home side were now having their best spell of the match and the Pupils rode their luck when a header rebounded from the underside of the crossbar. Seconds later a dipping volley was magnificently saved by Lamont to keep the scores level, but once more the match turned in favour of the visitors.

The visitors returned to the ascendancy in the final quarter, with Liam Renton and John McCallum combining well to outflank the opposition.

It was an aggressive performance as the visitors fought for every ball, the shield of Anderson and Crossan - having their best game in a Pupils shirt - giving little away in front of a solid back four.

Hillington struggled to contain the visitors in the final furlong, a slice of good fortune keeping the scores level when Gary Grumoli struck the keeper's legs in the final few minutes with goal at his mercy.

There were no failures in what was an impressive performance by the Kintyre side - hopefully a sign of things to come.

Campbeltown Pupils travel to Dunoon tomorrow (Saturday).



The winning team of Ross Robertson, Mark Davis and Jimmy McKinven with Lorraine Thomas who presented the prizes.

Gary Thomas Memorial Texas Scramble

DUNAVERTY Golf Club held its annual Gary Thomas Memorial Texas Scramble recently, with 42 teams competing for the top prize on a superb day for golf.

The course was in fantastic condition, with thanks to greenkeepers David and Willie, as well as the numerous sponsors and Gary's family and friends who travelled to take part in the event.

Once play got underway a tight finish was anticipated due to the

standard of the teams entered.

Final standings: 1 Ross Robertson, Mark Davis and Jimmy McKinven 51; 2 Ross Sinclair, Kenny Cameron and Bobby Willan Snr 51.6; 3 Richard Tavendale, Craig Colville and Andrew Robertson 52.1; 4 Duncan Johnstone, Ian McAlister and Ross Currie 52.6.

Special mention to Bobby Willan Snr for his hole-in-one at the par four fifth hole.

Spot prizes: Nearest the pin at the second: James McNab,

at the fourth: Campbell McCallum, at the seventh: Ian Hill, at the 10th: Ross Sinclair, at the 14th: Duncan Johnstone, at the 16th: Calum MacMillan.

Nearest the pin with the second shot at the 15th: Jimmy McKinven, at the 18th: Andrew Robertson.

Longest drive on the 17th: ladies: Eleanor Hawkins, gents: Ross Robertson.

A special prize for the most outrageous trousers was won by Grant Dickson.

Ladies results from Machrihanish

RESULTS from the ladies section at Machrihanish Golf Club for August and September.

Competition results: August medal, August 7, winner: Hilary Oman, 37 points. CSS 68.

Mrs McEwan, August 24, 1 Isabel White 91-23=68, 2 Lesley Armour 94-25=69 (BIH), 3 Lor-

na Armour 85-16=69. Scratch: 1 Ann Gallcher 78, 2 Elizabeth Casey 85, 3 Ailie MacBrayne 85.

September medal, September 4, winner: Margaret Robertson, 40 points. CSS 68.

Autumn meeting, September 7: 1 Catherine Armour 95-32=63, 2

Margaret Robertson 94-24=70, 3 Lesley Armour 97-25=72. Scratch: 1 Ann Gallcher 80, 2 Margaret Campbell 86, 3 Lorna Armour 89.

RNLI, September 11 (best nine holes combined September 11 and 14), winner: Maggie McArthur 83-19=64. CSS 68.

Under 13s lose out to Oban Saints

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils Youths travelled to take on Oban Saints in a Dunbartonshire Development League match last Sunday.

Although the boys acquitted themselves well they lost 5-0 to their Oban counterparts.

New referees wanted

A REFEREE course is being held in Campbeltown today and tomorrow (Friday and Saturday) in the conference room at the Aqualibrium.

The course, hosted by Campbeltown and Districts Community Football Club, is open to anyone who wishes to provide invaluable support to football in Kintyre by becoming an official SFA registered referee. Charlie Smith, professional official from the Glasgow Referee's Association, will run the course which takes place from 6.30pm to 8.30pm on Friday and 10am to 4pm on Saturday.

If interested please contact Alex McKinven on 07769574239 or David Paterson on 07785937845.

Tarbert's 40th Scottish Series to be launched

TODAY (Friday) sees the launch of the 40th Scottish Series taking place at Scotland's Boat Show at Kip marina.

Scotland's largest yachting regatta, Clyde Cruising Club, will announce the 2014 dates of the event, which takes place on Loch Fyne at Tarbert as well as in the Firth of Clyde.

The event is Scotland's foremost regatta for keelboat racing and also features various on shore activities for those who are not sailing.

Following competitor consultation, organisers have introduced changes to the event format and courses.



Centre forward Gary Grumoli, who scored the Pupils' only goal in their match against Hillington last Saturday. 08_c41grumoli01

Good turnout for Daltote Hunter Trials

THE SUN shone brightly for the Daltote Hunter Trials on September 29 at the Mid Argyll equestrian centre.

There was a good turnout for the annual event, with 25 entries in the cross country classes and the youngest rider taking part only seven years old.

Classes were available

for all abilities from pre-novice, novice, intermediate to open.

The course conditions were excellent on the day.

The intermediate and open competitors had 24 jumps with the new 'w', arrow head and dolls house jumps creating a new challenge.

The novice competitors

made their way over 20 jumps and the pre-novice had 18 to contend with. All courses finished with the Reach for the Stars final jump.

The cross country finished with pairs jumping for those who were fit enough to have another go around the novice course.

First place in each

class: open: Ashleigh Kilgour on McCoy; intermediate: Rebecca Foster on Rattie; novice: Kirsty Aitchison on Alice; pre-novice: Wiktorina Wietronek on Woody; pairs: Olivia Foster on Heidi and Iona Baillie on Tilly.

A separate competition of show jumping was held in the Shore Field on the edge of Loch Sween in the afternoon.

There was some strong competition with horses, ponies and riders using their skill and judgement to earn their place in each class, giving it their all in the jump offs against the clock.

First place in each class: open: Roanna Clark on Local Hero; intermediate: Beth Qualter on Barney; Novice: Kirsty Aitchison on Alice; pre-novice: Rebecca Baillie on Gems.

The day was a great success and can only happen with the army of helpers who prepared the course in advance, acted at jump judges,



Jadie Baillie navigates a jump with Brooklyn.

stewards and provided first aid cover on the day. Many thanks goes to everyone involved.

The overall results on the day were: Cross country: open: 1 Ashleigh Kilgour on McCoy, 2 Roanna Clark on Local Hero; intermediate: 1 Rebecca Foster on Rattie, 2 Caitlin Lemmon on Daragh, 3 Ella Raeburn on Spririt, 4 Beth Qualter on Barney, 5 Jadie Baillie on Brooklyn; novice: Kirsty Aitchison on Alice, 2 Freya Urquhart on Meesha, 3 Iona Baillie on Breeze, 4 Claudia Foster on Dylan, 5 Iona Raeburn on Hannah and

Iona Baillie on Tilly; pre-novice: 1 Wiktorina Wietronek on Woody, 2 Rebecca Baillie on Gems, 3 Georgia Foster on Loui; pairs: 1 Olivia Foster on Heidi and Iona Baillie on Tilly, 2 Beth Qualter on Barney and Jadie Baillie on Brooklyn, 3 Ella Raeburn on Spririt and Caitlin Lemmon on Daragh, 4 Freya Aitchison on Alice and Bethan Lemmon on Bryn, 5 Freya Urquhart on Meesha and Meg Blackburn on Faylen.

Show jumping: open: 1 Roanna Clark on Local Hero, 2 Ashleigh Kilgour on McCoy, 3 Rebecca Foster on Rat-

tie; intermediate: 1 Beth Qualter on Barney, 2 Iona Baillie on Breeze, 3 Caitlin Lemmon on Daragh, 4 Ashleigh Kilgour on McCoy, 5 Claudia Foster on Dylan, 6 Signe Riddel on Puzzle; novice: 1 Kirsty Aitchison on Alice, 2 Olivia Foster on Heidi, 3 Iona Raeburn on Hannah, 4 Claudia Foster on Dylan, 5 Rebecca Foster on Wispa, 6 Meg Blackburn on Faylen; pre-novice: 1 Rebecca Baillie on Gems, 2 Morven McVey on Loui, 3 Wiktorina Wietronek on Woody, 4 Emma Mackay on Cheyanne, 5 Georgia Foster on Loui.



Ashleigh Kilgour on McCoy was first in the open class in the cross country and second in the show jumping.



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Carradale prove their point with late winner

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CARRADALE scraped through this league encounter with a late winner, but twice they held a two goal cushion and let it slip.

The south of Glasgow side took an early lead after three minutes when a long throw in from the left caused panic in the home defence. The ball fell kindly to McPhee who had time to pick his spot from seven yards.

Carradale took a long time to settle after the early blow and they were getting caught down the flanks.

Eventually the home team got back into the game and drew level in the 26th minute, as Maguire chipped the ball over the visitors' defence for McConnachie to have a clear run on goal. The young striker rounded the keeper before stroking the ball home.

This gave Carradale a badly needed boost and they played their best football of the match in the period up to half time when they went ahead in the 34th minute.

A corner from Maguire picked out Johnstone and his first time shot flew into the net from 10 yards.

Unlucky

The home side could have increased their lead when Graham was unlucky to see his snap shot coming crashing off the underside of the bar four minutes before the break.

In the 55th minute Maguire made it 3-1 scoring from close range after the keeper spilled McConnachie's shot.

However, Media reduced the gap in the 68th minute as Stevenson latched onto a cross from Nichol and shot it home from eight yards.



Kenny Kerr fights off a Point Media player close to the Carradale goal. 20_c41carrfoot01

Within five minutes Craig Morris scored Carradale's fourth, which was a crashing shot from just inside the box.

Wake up call

But, the home side

soon got another wake up call when a quick double from Mulligan in the 79th and 84th minutes drew the match at 4-4.

To the relief of the home side, Graham

got the winner with two minutes left when Maguire set him up with a perfect pass and the forward took one touch before firing it high into the visitors' net.

Cammy Maguire

was named man of the match.

Carradale would like to thank Gerry Nugent for part sponsoring the match and their next game is away to St Andrews in the league.

Runners personal bests in triathlon

SEVERAL of Campbeltown's runners did themselves proud as they took on the challenge of the Mid Argyll Sprint Triathlon on September 29.

It comprised a pool-based 500 metre swim, 20k cycle and 6.5k run. Both Katie Ferguson and Fiona Irwin took home personal bests in their second year of taking part in the triathlon as individual entries.

Despite the strong side and head wind on most of the cycle route, Katie completed the triathlon in a time of one hour, 25 minutes and 22 seconds (seven minutes faster than last year) finishing in the top 10 women and achieving second female in her age category.

Fiona finished in a time of one hour, 32 minutes and 55 seconds (14 minutes faster than last year), while Douglas Ferguson finished in one hour 18 minutes and 34 seconds and Moira McLellan in one hour, 35 minutes and 43 seconds.

To finish off the success of the day, in the team event Campbeltown's Kenny Campbell, Charlie Dott and Becky Dott finished first with a time of one hour, 12 minutes and 38 seconds. Kenny also receiving the prize for fastest run of the day.

This is a well organised, friendly event and perfect for anyone thinking of attempting their first triathlon.

Recent results from Machrihanish Golf Club

SEPTEMBER'S results from Machrihanish Golf Club.

18 hole course results: September 1, Stableford (box tees) 1 SA Campbell, 39 points (BIH), 2 J Shaw,

39 points, 3 A Thomson, 38 points, junior: M Graham, 38 points. CSS 70, played 40.

September 4, September medal: Div 1: J Shaw, 37 points, Div 2: SH Gillespie, 38

points, Div 3: R Taven-dale, 35 points, Senior: F Blake, 31 points. CSS 74, played 31.

Better Ball Open

September 21, Commercial Inn Better Ball Open: Gents handicap:

winner: S Cassie and J Holmes, 61; runners up: D Lamb and P Taylor, 63; 3 C Eggars and E Dunley, 64 (BIH).

Gents scratch: 1 P Martin and S Gilmour, 66; 2 G Clark and G

thomson, 67, 3 K Hardy and M Sokolowski, 69 (BIH).

Ladies handicap: L Finlayson and A Brown, 76. Ladies scratch: A Gallacher and M Robertson, 83.

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