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Jailed for sexually assaulting prostitute

Former Campbeltown man is locked up for two years

A FORMER Campbeltown man has been jailed for two years for sexually assaulting a prostitute.

Trawler skipper Neil Lang, 29, was originally charged with rape and possessing cocaine, but a jury at the High Court in Edinburgh found him guilty of the lesser charge of sexual assault.

Too drunk

The court heard that Lang, a father of three, originally paid the woman for sex but was too drunk to have intercourse.

He then forced his victim to perform a sex act on him before assaulting her in the grounds of St Patrick's Primary School in Anderston, Glasgow.

Lang was arrested after the woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, reported the incident to police on August 12 of last year.

At the High Court in Edinburgh last week, temporary judge Kenneth Maciver sentenced Lang, of Glenpark Drive, Port Glasgow, to two years in prison.

He said: 'A custodial sentence is inevitable.'

He also ordered the authorities to supervise Lang for a further two years after his release.

Moved

Lang, a former pupil at Campbeltown Grammar, is believed to have moved to Port Glasgow soon after leaving school. A former classmate, who did not want named, said: 'He seemed an okay guy. He was quiet.'

Lang was skipper of Guide Me KY227, a 10.8-metre long trawler.



Sisters get on their bikes for charity

Sisters Ailie and Iona Renton were just some of the keen cyclists taking part in this year's MOK Bike charity cycle ride on Sunday. The sisters rode the Davaar family route while those who wanted a bigger challenge took on 20-mile, 30-mile, 70-mile and even 100-mile routes. For a report and pictures see page four. 20_c42mokbike06

Serious accident closes A83

THE A83 between Kenacraig and Tarbert was closed yesterday (Thursday) morning following a serious accident involving a minibus and car at around 7.15am.

No other information was available as the Courier went to press.

Regenerating Dalintober Beach

AN OFFICIAL group has been formed with the aim of regenerating Dalintober Beach in Campbeltown.

The group hopes the beach will eventually achieve blue flag status before starting work on the quay.

For more see page three.

Rare feathered visitor spotted at Glenbarr

A RARE feathered visitor has been spotted in Glenbarr by keen birdwatchers in recent weeks.

Turtle doves are normally found further south but one has been seen frequenting the village on a number of occasions.

To find out more see page five.

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Audit Scotland criticises political instability at Argyll and Bute Council

ARGYLL and Bute Council has been criticised by public spending watchdog Audit Scotland.

A report, compiled before a new council administration was formed last month, said political instability and strained working relationships between councillors and some other councillors and officers had made things worse.

Three leaders

The council has had three different leaders since elections in May 2012 and no deputy leader or clear administration between May and September this year.

Audit Scotland's report said: 'The council's current political management arrangements are

contributing to the problems rather than helping the council do business effectively.

Inhibit progress

'The problems are not yet affecting front-line services but they are beginning to inhibit progress with strategic planning and there is a risk that services may suffer in the future if the current difficulties are not addressed.'

It added that one of the factors affecting senior management capacity was when senior officers had to take responsibility for communications issues in 2011 when the communications manager was suspended and two team members resigned.

A new communica-

tions manager has now been appointed.

New council leader Dick Walsh said the report made for 'challenging reading', adding there was now a 'sound, strong and stable administration in place' and the people of Argyll and Bute were their top priority.

He said: 'We can ensure that it remains our key focus by making sure that we take on board what is said in the report, and by working effectively in a positive way with council staff who provide essential services in our area.'

The council's chief executive Sally Loudon said staff at the council had delivered 'quality, effective and effi-

cient services' to Argyll throughout the process and they would continue to do so, adding: 'Everyone - elected members and officers - will be working hard together over the coming months so that the council continues to be an effective and improving organisation.'

Marker

John Semple, deputy leader of the opposition, said: 'This report is an important marker for all councillors who want to see our communities flourish. We need to take stock, learn the lessons and move forward together with rigour and objectivity.'

The new council administration will be ratified on October 31.



Alec MacKinnon celebrates his birthday in style at Abbeyfield House with staff and residents.

Happy birthday Alec!

THE BOOT was on the other foot recently for a regular entertainer at Abbeyfield when celebrations were held for his special day at the residential home.

Alec MacKinnon, who has played the accordion at birthday parties for Abbeyfield residents for a number of years, was given all the trimmings when he celebrated his birthday last week.

All residents' birthday parties involve a tea with cake, traditional sing-

ing, music and poems from Janette MacKinnon, Margaret Campbell and Isobel Williamson, with music by Stuart Irvine on piano and Alec.

Own party

As Alec has been a stalwart supporter of Abbeyfield over the years, the house committee decided to let him have his own party at the home.

In addition to the birthday parties, residents have regular entertainment, such as musical evenings, bingo, keep fit and DVDs.

POLICE FILES:

Growing cannabis

A COUPLE were arrested on Friday after they

were found to be growing cannabis at an address on Lochend Street, Campbeltown.

Police arrested the 45-year-old man and 36-year-old woman when they carried out a drugs search on the house and found plants and dried cannabis material.

The pair will appear in court at a later date.

Fined for anti-social behaviour

FOUR people received fines for anti-social behaviour in Campbeltown during the past week.

Two involved breaches the peace and two were for urinating in public.

Teenager arrested

A TEENAGER was arrested in the early hours of Saturday morning for spitting, shouting and swearing at police officers.

The 19-year-old was initially stopped by police on Main Street, Campbeltown for urinating in public but became aggressive.

He appeared in court on Monday from custody and was released on bail.

Longrow assault

A 24-YEAR-OLD man was arrested following an assault on a 19-year-old man on Longrow in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The man appeared in court from custody on Monday and was later released on bail.

Possession of cannabis

THREE men were arrested in Campbeltown during the past week for possession of small quantities of cannabis.

A 28-year-old was caught on Albyn Avenue on Friday, a 23-year-old was arrested in the early hours of Sunday morning on Longrow and a 40-year-old was caught on Argyll Street on Monday afternoon.

All three men have been reported to the procurator fiscal.

Pole-axed

THE B842 road was closed for two hours last week after a lorry carrying telegraph poles drove into a ditch.

Police were called to the scene at Crossaig last Wednesday evening to assist until the vehicle could be recovered.

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Quay is key to Dalintober Beach regeneration

THEY have big plans and they now have a formal name.

Dalintober Beach cleaners mean business - if that was not already made clear by the removal of more than five tons of rubbish from

Campbeltown's shoreline in August.

The small band of like-minded town residents who are determined to restore the neglected beach to its former glory have now formed the Dalintober Beach Re-

generation Group.

Its new chairman Jamie McLean told Campbeltown Community Council last week that the group had formed a committee, was in the process of opening a bank account and was planning fund-raising events.

It is also looking at funding sources for work on the beach and restoring the crumbling B-listed Dalintober Quay.

Mr McLean said the group was 'getting a lot of support' from Argyll and Bute Council, including a structural report on the quay.

'We want the beach usable and tidy again, it has been a mess for years,' said Mr McLean.

Catriona McSporran, a founding member of the beach group, said: 'We are concentrating on the beach - we want to get blue flag status for it - and then we will try and get funding for the quay.'

Argyll and Bute councillor Rory Colville said approval would be needed by Historic Scotland



Some of the workers who removed more than five tons of rubbish from Dalintober beach in August. 08_c34beach01

before anything could be done with the quay because of its listed status, but suggested it could become a site to mark the town's herring fishing heritage with static displays and interpretation boards.

'It was once a huge in-

dustry here,' he said.

Councillor Colville said previous plans to do something with the quay stalled around seven years ago because of the serious sewage problems existing then in Campbeltown Loch.

The community coun-

cil agreed that it could assist the group in writing letters to possible funding sources.

* Dalintober Beach Regeneration Group's next meeting is on Monday, October 21 in Campbeltown Community Centre at 7pm.

Chairman Jamie McLean said: 'We have a committee now, but it would be good to see other people come along who are interested in this community project to give Campbeltown a beach it can be proud of for locals and visitors.'



A structural report is being carried out on Dalintober Quay to find out the extent of remedial work required. 08_c34beach07

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Supported by Health and Wellbeing Funding as part of Mental Health Film and Arts Festival and Argyll and Islands Leader European funds

Double the legal alcohol limit

A MAN who was caught allegedly driving at double the legal alcohol limit was arrested by police on High Askomil road on Monday.

The 37-year-old was released and will appear at court on a later date.

Class A drug

A 21-YEAR-OLD woman was arrested on Friday for allegedly possessing a substantial quantity of a class A drug on a bus travelling to Campbeltown. The woman appeared at court on Monday from custody. The case was continued without plea.

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MoK Bike cycle event raises money for charity

'The format of the event is fantastic'

CYCLISTS from across Kintyre and beyond descended on Campbeltown on Sunday to take part in the third annual

MOK Bike event. Raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support and other local causes, the cyclists battled

the cold wind to take on the five different routes ranging from the gentle family ride around Campbeltown Loch to the gruelling 97-mile 'killer' route around the whole of Kintyre.

Only a handful of people completed the longest route, but the fastest time was an impressive five hours and 26 minutes by David Steele who is from Edinburgh but has Carradale connections.

Speaking after the event, he said: 'Terrific event on Sunday! So delighted to have come down and been part of it. It's a perfect place to run a sportive. Stunning



From left: Ryan Sargent, Kirk Lang, Bradley Macmillan, Campbell O'May and William Megson, who were cycling in their onesies. 20_c42mokbike04

scenery, superb weather, very friendly and the food is great.

'The format of the event is fantastic; very cleverly laid out to allow anyone taking on The Big One to abandon back at HQ if they feel rough at all. Then those doing The Big One may start to catch and pass the Sanda Chill crew. That really inspires after 85 miles - there's nothing better than chasing other bikes.

Hilarious

'It was so cool seeing the wee kids on tiny bikes riding in onesies. I thought it was hilarious. The whole thing was like a huge family.'

So far more than £2,300 has been raised by the 100 cyclists through entry donations

and money raised on the day, with outstanding sponsor money still to follow.

Ros Wilkes, who organised the event with husband Russ, said: 'It looks like a record year for fundraising and we aim to hopefully have a final total by the beginning of November.'

'We would in particular like to thank Flora, Marion and all the staff at the Ardsheel and Seafield Hotels and also a massive thank you to all the marshals and the support of Iain Brodie from Carradale Bikes and Buggies without whom we would not have been able to make the event the success it was.'

For more pictures see page 26.



From left: Euan McLean, Malcolm McMillan and Malcolm McMillan Snr who did the Sanda Chill, with Sid Gallagher who tackled the 70-mile ultimate route and Morag McLean who did the Sanda Chill. 20_c42mokbike11



Back row, from left: organisers Russ and Ros Wilkes. Front row from left: Volunteers Fiona Rowland, Dorothy Ashworth and Valerie Nimmo. 20_c42mokbike01



From left: Mairi McKillop who completed the 20 mile Sanda Chill, with Jennifer Reid who finished second in the Sanda Chill, Joanne Tiffin who was third in the Sanda Chill and Alison Millar who did the 33-mile Sanda Challenge. 20_c42mokbike10



Amy McGougan, left, and Gemma Wilkes who were both marshalling. 20_c42mokbike02

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Rare turtle dove settles in Glenbarr

BIRD spotters in Glenbarr are enjoying sightings of a threatened species of dove usually found in England and Wales.

Turtle doves have become so rare that the RSPB has set up a special hotline, Operation Turtle Dove, to record sightings of a bird which some scientists fear could be extinct in the UK in less than 10 years.

'It has been a real treat to see this bird, and a delight that it has stayed around the village for a few weeks now,' said keen spotter Peter Sinclair, who owns and runs Glenbarr Garden Centre.

'I believe it is the first sighting of this kind of dove in this area for seven years, and I had been hoping to see one for a long time.'

It was Mr Sinclair who first spotted the bird in the grounds of the garden centre's bird tables.

'It is flying around with a flock of collared doves.'

'I was really surprised to see it.'

'I'm not sure why it's here - it certainly stands out from the other doves.'

'Turtle doves are usually seen in flocks of their own kind in the south of England.'

'It seems perfectly happy in these surroundings and I know from customers that it has been seen in different parts of the village.'

'I've managed to get a picture and I put it on the Glenbarr Nursery's Facebook page.'

Turtle dove numbers have declined dramatically since the 1970s, falling by 93 per cent according to the RSPB.

Bruce Fowkes, RSPB South East farmland bird advisor, said: 'It's great that so many people are looking out for these birds and supporting Operation Turtle Dove.'

'These doves are truly struggling, and we face the very real possibility of losing this beautiful bird from the UK within the next 10 years.'

Reasons for the turtle dove population crash are not fully understood, however, since the 1960s their diet has changed from the seeds of small plants, which are now scarce, to one dominated by crop seeds.

Symbolically, the turtle dove represents devoted love.

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The turtle dove pictured in the grounds of Glenbarr Garden Centre.

Jennifer is a degree ahead

A WOMAN from Campbeltown was one of only two students at this year's Argyll College graduation ceremony in Oban to pick up a degree.

Jennifer MacMillan, 23, achieved a BA in child and youth studies. Graduates from a variety of courses, from history to hairdressing, and

from all of the college's campuses in Argyll were included in the ceremony.

Principal Fraser Durie said: 'This draws all of the students together in one place - we get to be Argyll College in one place and everyone gets to see the volume of activity we do.'

Laura Maxwell, who

graduated with an HNC in early education and childcare and is going on to study for her degree, told the audience: 'If it wasn't for Argyll College I wouldn't have had the opportunities and experiences I have had.'

'Nothing is impossible, you can do anything you set your mind to.'

Senior Citizens concert

OLDER people from across Kintyre are being invited to pick up tickets to the Senior Citizens concert next Saturday, October 26, in the Victoria Hall from 2pm.

Tickets are available from AP Taylors, The Fish Shop and George McMillan's newsagent as well as on the door on the day.



Mark James, 25, from Oban and Jennifer MacMillan, 23, from Campbeltown, who were the only two students to graduate at degree level.

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Blood donors wanted in Campbeltown

AN urgent call has gone out for blood donors in the Campbeltown area.

A spokesman for the National Blood Transfusion Service said: 'We urgently need to attract more new and returning blood donors.'

'Only five percent of the eligible population give blood.'

'Every day we need to welcome 1,000 blood donors in Scotland. We need more new volunteers to ensure we continue to meet hospital requirements for blood and blood products.'

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No one-day wonder

THE small band of Campbeltown residents determined to see Dalintober Beach a clean and safe place for locals and visitors are making it clear they are not a one-day wonder.

Their marvellous clean-up efforts in August when they removed five and a half tons of rubbish from the shore was just a start, and Monday will see the second meeting of the newly-formed Dalintober Beach Regeneration Group.

As chairman Jamie McLean made clear to Campbeltown Community Council earlier this week, he and his fellow members have no previous experience of being in committees and fundraising - but they are willing to learn and take whatever support and advice is available. Here are simply people who have great memories of when Dalintober Beach was a delightful place to enjoy good summer days and see no reason why it should not be like that again.

And more power to them. It is wonderful that while it took officials and councillors to pour public funds into a much-needed revamp of Campbeltown's esplanade, it was this small group of residents who had the vision and determination, and with no available funds, to start doing something to reclaim the beach and its neglected pier.

This might be just the right time for others to pop along to the regeneration group's next meeting at the community centre on Monday evening and hear about its plans.

This small band of folk would be even better as a big band, with many hands making light work of the tasks ahead. What's a few hours a few times a year filling a bin bag? Yet it could make all the difference.

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Say No to the bedroom tax

Sir,
Last week's report in the Courier revealing that 90 per cent of ACHA's tenants affected by the 'bedroom tax' are unable to pay and have fallen into rent arrears illustrates the ticking time bomb at the heart of Scotland's most disadvantaged communities.

This pernicious piece of legislation, the worst since the poll tax was imposed on Scotland by Margaret Thatcher, has been described by the chairman of the Scottish Human Rights commission as one of the 'most compelling human rights issues in Scotland', targeting as it does the poor and the disabled - and their children.

Right from the beginning Westminster was told that the bedroom tax would not work in Scotland because there were not enough single bedroom homes for people to move to and that the ensuing rental debts and homelessness would lead to heavy costs for councils, housing associations and the taxpayer to deal with.

In the House of Commons the SNP led the debate on the bedroom tax and 90 per cent of Scotland's MPs voted against the tax, yet it was imposed upon Scotland regardless. Why should London have such power and authority over the Scottish people?

Independence will give Scotland the levers required to create a welfare system that is aligned to Scottish needs and values. Removing the bedroom tax would be a key priority for abolition in the first year of an independent Scot-

land - the only way to guarantee this is with a Yes vote in September.

Ron Wilson
Yes Scotland - Kintyre

Dog mess disgrace

Sir,
Regarding the letter in the Courier of October 4, it is not the first time I have read a complaint about shipyard dog mess.

Do we not have responsible dog owners?

Or is it just because a warden is not there to fine them?

Myself and my husband found the Dunes path to the beach about a fortnight ago - it was a beautiful, sunny afternoon and I felt as if I was in heaven.

Golfers were happy and the world was wonderful until lo and behold the afternoon was spoiled by reckless, thoughtless people who allow their dogs to mess a beautiful beauty spot in the countryside.

I myself have two small dogs and either 'pick or flick'. I was actually on the verge of being sick.

Z.M,
Glenbarr.

Attack on Scottish Government is not unexpected

Sir,
Last week's attack on the Scottish Government by Jamie MacGrigor MSP, Alan Reid MP and Councillor Donald Kelly over the landslip on the A83 is not unexpected, given that they are members of Conservative and Liberal Democrat Parties currently engaged in the campaign for

a vote against Scottish Independence.

However, it is lamentable because they fail to point out that each one of them was involved and fully engaged in the decision making process behind the solutions for the landslip problem on the Rest and Be Thankful.

Councillor Kelly said that the military road option was the cheapest and that the other options on the table will have to be looked at. The fact is that none of the options on the table would have stopped this landslide because it was not on the same part of the A83! There is undoubtedly a wider problem to be solved but there is no solution in blatant politicising. I have written to Keith Brown suggesting a solution, I wonder have the others?

Councillor
John Semple

Tarmac road surfacing is clearly a luxury

Sir,
I have recently visited Campbeltown and the surrounding area for a holiday and noted the exceptional lengths the local authority has gone to in order to give tourists a genuine feel for bygone roads.

Tarmac road surfacing is clearly a luxury many of us take for granted in the developed world and we are reminded of this whilst driving on the local roads in this part of Argyll.

The crumbled verges, over abundant potholes and omission of road markings in many places, adds to the mystique of days of yore when horses

and carts traversed them.

Whoever devised this concept for preserving an authentic feel for those days must be congratulated for the realism created and not to mention the large sums of cash saved in order to spend on more worthwhile and prudent community offerings, such as traffic lights to protect pedestrians from the high volumes of modern day traffic flow in the busy town.

Bravo for retaining the past, yet injecting a more contemporary feel with the inclusion of the much-needed lights.

I look forward to my next visit where, perhaps, a giant wind turbine can be used (providing there is not too much wind of course), to generate the electricity for the street lighting at night.

Kenny MacKellar
Eastry, Kent.

Beautifully kept!

Sir
With reference to the Daily Telegraph's article about Paul McCartney, in which the Linda McCartney Memorial Garden in Campbeltown was described as 'a little neglected' I sent this off to them in response: I refer to your article about Paul McCartney falling out of love with Kintyre. I visited the Linda McCartney Garden, which is situated behind Campbeltown's small museum, in May of this year. It was beautifully kept and a very peaceful reflective place to visit.

I suggest that if Tom Rowley visited any garden at this time of year he would find them looking past their best as winter approaches.

Helen Clay
Barford, Warwick

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Islay lifeboat to the rescue



Islay lifeboat crew reach the yacht which had become stuck on a rock at the north end of Gigha. 20_c42lifeboat01

ISLAY Lifeboat was called out recently to rescue a 42-foot yacht which had become stranded on a rock at the north end of Gigha.

On October 6 at 5pm the lifeboat launched from Port Askaig to help the stricken yacht which had two people on board. Fishing boat Natalie B stood by

in case further assistance was needed. There was no damage to the yacht and once it was towed off the rock it went to Gigha pier where it was tied up.

Rare bottles of Springbank sold

TWO rare bottles of Springbank whisky which went up for auction recently were sold for more than £2,000 each. The bottles, which were sold by auctioneers Bonhams, were both sold to buyers from Europe.

One of the whiskies featured a label designed by 1960s fashion icon Mary Quant and was distilled in 1965. The specially designed label celebrates the Everest Challenge, a bike ride sponsored by glazing company Everest which took place in the foothills of the Himalayas in 1993. It was estimated at £1,200 to £1,400 but sold for £2,375.

The other bottle was number 74 of just 200 and was privately bottled in 2012 to mark the 70th anniversary of one of the greatest military raids of all time which took place during World War Two.

The whisky is a 1993 Springbank and commemorates Operation Chariot, the code name for the commando raid on St Nazaire, a German naval base in the Loire.

This bottle was estimated at £1,500 to £2,000 but sold for £2,125.

Kintyre nominations sought for business Rural Oscars

KINTYRE rural businesses are hoping to repeat the success of the Village at Machrihanish at this year's Country-side Alliance Awards.

Last year the resort, which is owned by Southworth Development, scooped the enterprise award after fighting off competition from across Scotland.

Rural Oscars

Nominations for this year's Rural Oscars opened since last month

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Nominees chosen by the public will be visited by judges before a shortlist is drawn up and the top three in each category will attend an awards ceremony in Edinburgh in 2014.

Categories include local food award, butcher, enterprise, start up and village shop.

Grand final

The Scottish winners go forward to a grand final, judged by a national panel, and are invited to the British Championships at Westminster where the 2013 national champion will be announced.

Nominations can be made at countrysideallianceawards.org.uk.

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A83 to be closed for resurfacing

'We have taken into account the Kennacraig ferry timetables to ensure no disruption occurs to this vital service'

THE A83 between Tarbert and Kennacraig is set to be shut overnight for two weeks while resurfacing works are carried out.

The £250,000 works will start on Sunday and are being undertaken on behalf of Transport Scotland.

A 1.3km section of road is to be resurfaced to ensure the part of the road south of Corranbuie continues to operate safely.

Works will be carried out between 9.15pm and 5am from Sunday nights to Friday mornings to minimise any impact on daytime and week-

end traffic. The restricted road width of the site means a road closure is required to ensure the safety of workers and passing traffic.

It will be completed on November 1.

Monitor

There are no suitable diversion routes, therefore the workforce will monitor traffic build up and allow vehicles to pass through the works even- ing hour when it is safe to do so.

Traffic will wait to the north and south of the closure before being escorted safely through.

A 30mph speed limit will be in place outwith

the working hours to ensure vehicles can pass over the temporary surface.

Eddie Ross, BEAR Scotland's north west unit representative, said: 'These resurfacing works will improve the condition of this road and have been planned carefully to ensure that disruption is kept to a minimum for motorists.'

'Works have been scheduled after the summer tourist season. We have also taken into account the Kennacraig ferry timetables to ensure no disruption occurs to this vital service.'

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This also applies to your car. You wouldn't go out in a hail storm without an umbrella or some sort of waterproof protection so why drive your car without suitable winter preparations.

Of all the seasons, winter requires the most care and preparation if you're to stay safe and avoid a breakdown.

One of the simplest changes you can make to your car is to fit winter tyres. This is a quick change and although it may

Motoring



There are also more minor changes you can make such as ensuring you have warm clothes or a blanket in your vehicle in case of a breakdown. It is also handy to keep snacks too - you'll appreciate these if you get stuck in a remote place.

Other essential items include a torch in case of problems in the dark, safety escape kit, de-icer and scraper, spare tyre and a charged mobile phone - all simple yet essential items for unexpected events.

Handy too is spare windscreen washer and water. If you run out, your windscreen can become much dirtier much quicker than it would in summer, with all the grit and slush on the roads. Besides being dangerous this could also see you face a hefty fine.

If the roads are really mucky it is wise to clean your headlights every so often as dirt can build up

on these reducing your visibility.

One of the most important things you can remember however is to alter the way you drive. Even the best drivers in the world slow down when there are hazards such as sleet, snow or ice. It can make the difference between getting to your destination or not.

Don't drive if it is unsafe to do so, don't go too fast and don't brake too hard when approaching bends or hazards. If possible find out in advance which route is likely to be most clear for your journey. If you have to spend a little bit longer on the road by sticking to main arteries it could be worth it to avoid getting stuck on side roads.

Ensure you give yourself plenty of time to react to traffic ahead and leave a greater stopping distance between cars than you would in ideal conditions. It could save your life.

seem expensive at the time the cost is negated with the savings in your ordinary wheels. Remember winter tyres are not just one use - you can put them back on next year.

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The Pressure builds - October is tyre safety month. Motorists are being put under pressure this month to ensure that their tyres are properly maintained as tyre safety October gets into action. The campaign has been organised by TyreSafe and is being supported by Helensburgh Toyota and thousands of garages across the UK. Helensburgh Toyota will be encouraging drivers to make monthly checks on their tyre pressures to ensure they remain safe on the road.

By driving on correctly inflated tyres, motorists will help their tyres to last longer and even lower their fuel costs. "As the weather changes, it is important that drivers ensure that their tyres are safe and fit for the future winter weather," explains Ernie Cowan, Director at Helensburgh Toyota. "The most basic tyre inspection should be carried out at least every 4 weeks, it is simply checking that your tyres are properly inflated. The tread depth and tyre condition are also very important and to help drivers make these assessments, we will be offering free safety tyre checks

throughout the month." Despite how easy it is to carry out regular tyre pressure checks, it's a task that many drivers simply neglect to do.

The correct tyre pressure is vital to your safety on the road. Under inflated tyres affect the handling and grip, causing irregular or unpredictable vehicle behaviour. They are also much more likely to suffer from a dangerous blowout especially on motorway journeys.

By keeping your tyres at their recommended pressure, running costs are also reduced. Under-inflated tyres require a bigger force to make them turn, so your car uses more energy. Tyres which are not set to their correct pressure wear out more quickly. So, to benefit from lower fuel bills, longer tyre life, increased safety and reduced CO2 emissions, make sure you check your tyre pressures at least once a month and before a long journey. Call in and see us for your free check and for further Tyre Safe information.

Kintyre families' history updated

GRACE Ralston and daughter, Jan Bryant, have just published the second edition of 'Saga of our Kintyre Kin'. It is a social history of Scotland and genealogies of the families who moved to Kintyre as part of the Plantation of the Lowland Lairds in 1650.

It includes the Ralston family from 1160 and other families: Greenlee, Breckenridge, Brown, Andrew, McPhail, Wallace and Howie.

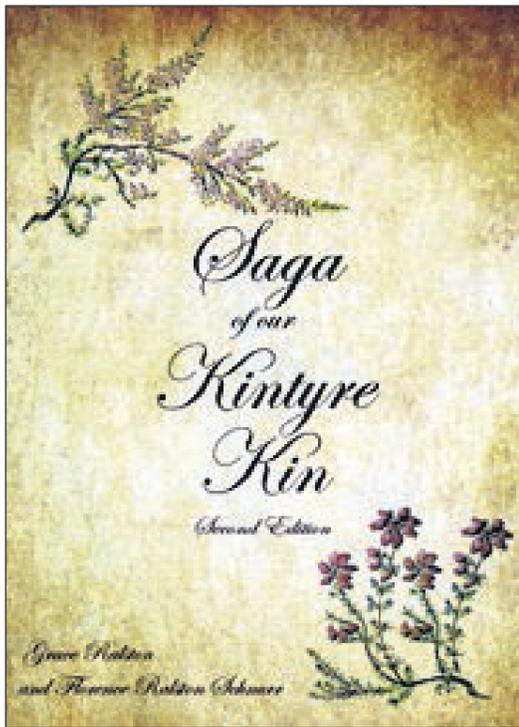
By the early 1800s, descendants began to emigrate to the United States (northern Illinois and Ohio), Ireland, Aus-

tralia, New Zealand and Canada. Grace Ralston and Florence Ralston Schnurr started with the intent to create a small family history, but it grew into much more.

Originally published in 1984, this revision of the Saga contains nearly 500, highly indexed pages.

Grace Ralston, who lives in America, said: 'High on the list of fun things I've done in my life is years spent researching genealogy and the history of Scotland and Kintyre.'

'All of my grandparents were born in Kintyre. I was immersed in the culture of the Illinois Scottish settlement during my childhood and observed the closeness of my parents to their siblings and we cousins. During our three trips to Scotland, it was such a pleasure to reconnect with relatives. I am the 'last man standing'. May there be something of interest for others.' For details of the Saga go to <http://outskirtspress.com/sagaofourkintyrekin/>



Saga of our Kintyre Kin explores the history of many of the area's families.



The Tim Kliphuis Trio, who are playing in Campbeltown next Friday, October 25, at the Lorne and Lowland Church Old Hall.

String group to jazz up Campbeltown

KINTYRE Music Club are promising the 'most breathtaking instrumental show you will hear this year' when the Tim Kliphuis Trio come to Campbeltown next week.

The Trio has established itself as one of the world's top jazz string groups, combining jaw-dropping virtuosity and mesmerizing improvisations with a beautifully varied repertoire sourced from gypsy jazz, classical, world and folk music.

Dutch violinist Tim Kliphuis is joined by his long-standing colleagues Nigel Clark (guitar) and Roy Percy (double bass).

The Trio's electrifying performances and remarkable audience rapport have made them firm favourites on the festival scene. Highlights include appearances at the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, the Edinburgh and Glasgow Jazz Festivals, the Richard Strauss Festival and the Baltimore Fiddle Festival, and an ongoing collaboration with the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra.

For this concert, the programme includes movements from Vivaldi's Four Seasons, which have been blended with gypsy jazz elements, folk and African grooves, and Copland's Hoedown, which

goes back to its Scottish and Irish traditional roots, with some added blues playing. Also on the programme will be some Grappelli tunes from his days with Gypsy guitarist Django Reinhardt and their band, the Quintet of the Hot Club of France, as well as some Grappelli originals which are not so well-known, but very beautiful.

The concert takes place at Lorne and Lowland Church Old Hall at 7.30pm on October 25.

For more about Tim Kliphuis and forthcoming concerts see the website at kintyremusicclub.co.uk.

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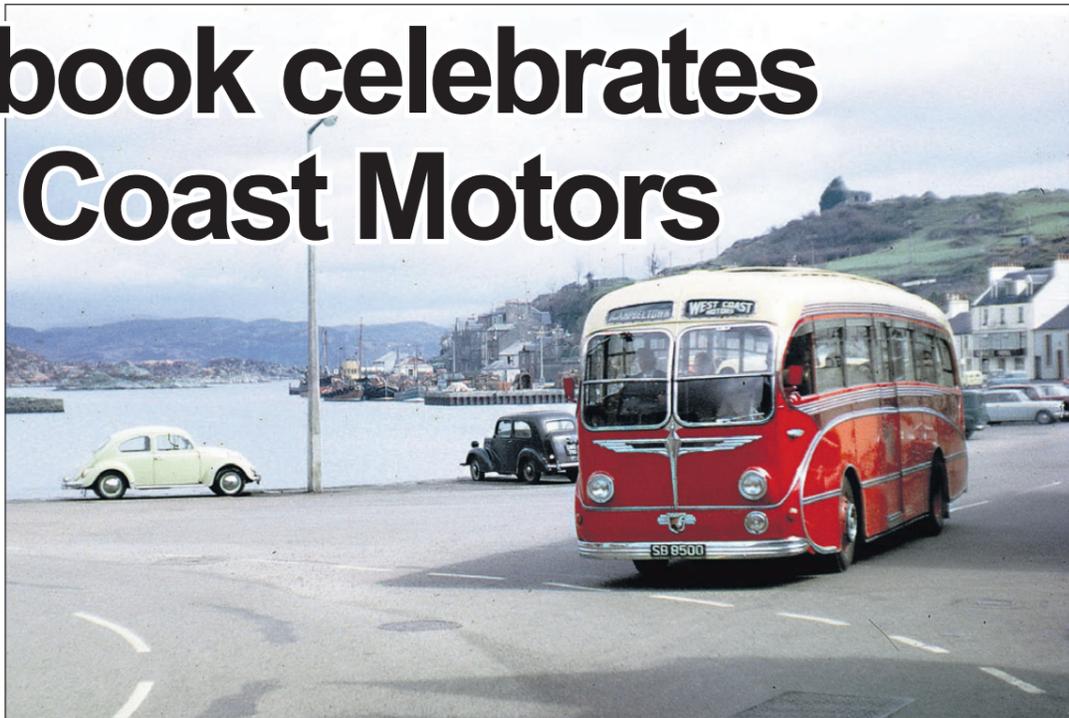
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Charting the beginnings of the company in 1923, when it was in fierce competition with McConnachie's to run buses up and down the Kintyre peninsula, to the increase in bus use with the cancellation of the steamer during the war,



An old West Coast Motors bus in Tarbert.

all the way to the introduction of the Glasgow bus in the 1980s up until the present day, the book covers it all.

There are plenty of pictures detailing the different types of buses used over the years, as well as

the changes in livery, as the company went from strength to strength.

Information

Also detailed is information on all the latter acquisitions of Craig of Campbeltown, such as sightseeing buses in

Glasgow, Bute and Oban and Glasgow Citybus.

This book is the perfect companion to those who enjoy local history, buses and are interested in learning how one local family business has managed to endure

for more than a century, while others have simply gone 'doon the chute'.

West Coast Motors, A Celebration of 90 Years Service is published by Venture publications and is priced at £15.

Campbeltown Rotary Club sale raises £3,000

MEMBERS of the Rotary Club of Campbeltown had a busy weekend raising in excess of £3,000 at their autumn sale.

Some of the goods offered were of exceptional quality, and more than one buyer got a real bargain.

Although bidding was sometimes slow, and auctioneers Cecil Finn and John Kerr had to work hard all day, a commendable total was raised.

Of that total, a sizable

proportion came from the ever-popular bric-a-brac stall, which was particularly busy on Friday afternoon.

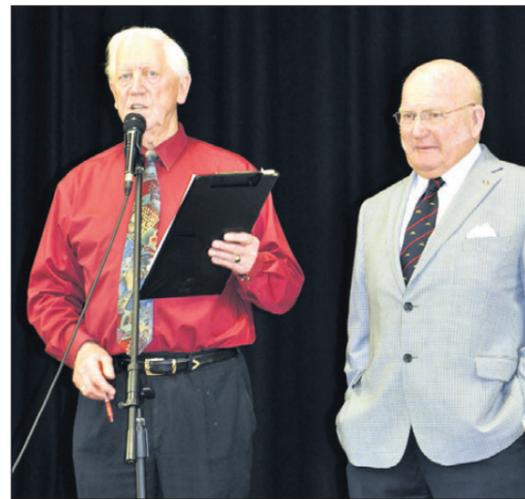
Proceeds from the raffle, which were also substantial, are being donated to the Rotary charity, Water Aid, a charity that helps to provide clean water for people who have none.

There was considerable interest in the two unusual lots, the spinning wheel, and the pottery wheel and kiln, which were mentioned

in the pre-sale report.

Throughout Saturday, tea, coffee, biscuits and filled rolls were available thanks to the Inner Wheel Club of Campbeltown. Rotarians and the public are, as always, grateful for this service, which helps to raise funds for Inner Wheel.

Rotarians are also extremely grateful for the help given by non-Rotarians, without whom it would be impossible to continue to provide the service of deliver-



Auctioneers Cecil Finn, left, and John Kerr had a busy day getting through all the lots on Saturday. 20_c41rotary01

ing goods at the end of the sale.

On this occasion, thanks are due to Jim Martin for providing a lorry and driver to take goods to the hall on Friday and to Glenside Tractors for invaluable help on Saturday afternoon.

Peter McKerral and company, Andrew Smith, and Sandy Pirie provided vehicles for use in delivering goods, and there were several young helpers, too numerous to mention by name, but whose help was gratefully received.

The Rotary Club continues to be grateful to the public of Campbeltown and Kintyre,

whose support helps the club to continue to help others, locally, nationally and internationally.



Some items even warranted a demonstration by Rotary Club members, such as this exercise bike, being ridden by David Roper. 20_c41rotary02



THE MS Society in Campbeltown has been presented with a cheque for £378 after Joe McEdhill walked 10k at MOK Run in May. Joe, who has learning difficulties, walked the course with his Enable carer Linda McGeachy and raised the funds through sponsorship. The money will go into the MS Society's funds, where it will be used to give grants to those who need them. Joe would like to thank Linda and all the people who sponsored him. 20_c42mscheque01

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SYNOPSIS

The night after another unsatisfactory New Year party, Tim's father (Bill Nighy) tells his son that the men in his family have always had the ability to travel through time. Tim can't change history, but he can change what happens and has happened in his own life—so he decides to make his world a better place...by getting a girlfriend. Sadly, that turns out not to be as easy as you might think.

Moving from the Cornwall coast to London to train as a lawyer, Tim finally meets the beautiful but insecure Mary (Rachel McAdams). They fall in love, then an unfortunate time-travel incident means he's never met her at all.

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7 One who is vulgar (6)

8 Odd (6)

9 Rice beer (4)

10 Basic (2-6)

11 Leftover fabric (7)

13 Sound of joy (5)

15 Small part in play? (5)

16 Once-was (3-4)

18 Small amount (8)

19 Shoo! (4)

21 Where laughter comes from (6)

22 Have a decision to make (6)

Down

1 Dog biter (4)

2 The process of reasoning (13)

3 Tonic (7)

4 They'll keep you locked up! (5)

5 Warning for drivers to stop for people (7,6)

6 Nasty place (8)

12 Belligerent (8)

14 Rhythm of events (7)

17 Deprive of weapon (5)

20 Bow (4)

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AS THE evenings draw in and it starts to turn colder outside, our thoughts turn to keeping warm. Whether it is putting on another thicker layer of clothing, or turning up the heating, it is important to stay cosy when the temperature drops. However, with the costs of gas and electricity continuing to rise each year, heating your home can become very expensive. Luckily, there are plenty of companies in Argyll where it is possible to find the right energy source for your home, while making sure it is as efficient and cost-effective as possible. One method of heating which is steadily gaining popularity is biomass. A biomass system can be installed in all new build properties and in some older buildings can be retrofitted. Biomass boilers are perfect for homes which normally run on expensive fuels such as oil or liquefied petroleum gas.

The only requirement is adequate room for fuel and storage. An alternative to biomass is solar power, which involves having panels made of photovoltaic cells installed on your roof. These turn sunlight into electricity which can be fed into your home's mains electricity supply. They can even generate electricity on a cloudy day as direct sunshine is not necessary. Solar panels are beneficial to the environment and you can even get them installed for free if your home qualifies. Solar companies install the panels and they collect any profit from the green energy collected. You get the free electricity from the panels without any of the cost. Both of these methods of generating energy mean you reduce your carbon footprint and are also less dependent on sources of energy that are increasingly subject to global demand and likely to have high and volatile prices in future. Another option to avoid stan-

dard central heating or electric store heaters is to use alternative stoves. They are very convenient as they can fit in most rooms in any homes, thanks to their range of sizes and capacity. The fuel, which could be wood, corn or wood pellets, is also easily stored and they can be controlled using a thermostat. Competition amongst various heating companies mean prices are coming down and companies are more motivated to please their customers. There are so many different options, and even doing something as simple as installing double glazing or loft insulation can make a huge difference to keeping you warm this winter and bringing down those heating bills. It really is a world of choice out there, but before diving in and making a change to your heating system this winter, be sure to give a specialist a call to see if there are any options you haven't thought of yet and to find out what would be best for your home.

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2. Loft insulation

We recommend having at least 270mm (ten inches) of loft insulation, so it might be worth checking whether you could make your home warmer by topping up levels of loft insulation. You could save up to £180 a year if your loft is uninsulated by installing 270mm of insulation. Even if you have some insulation by topping up from 100mm to 270mm could save around £25 a year.

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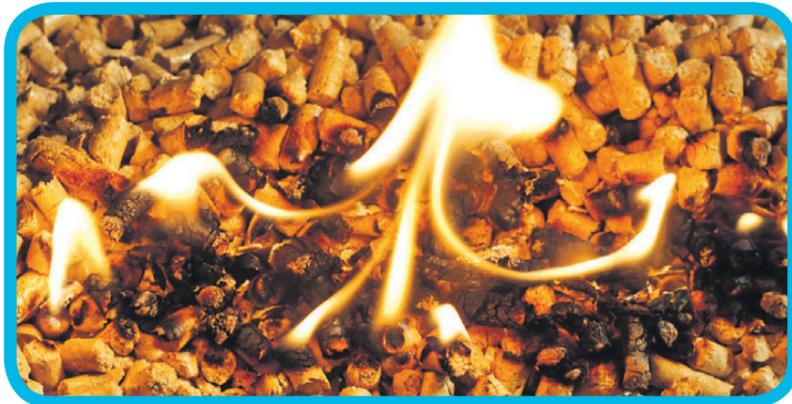
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MSP calls for regeneration of remote hill farming

THE Scottish Government is being urged to ensure the new Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) system tackles a decline in cattle and sheep numbers in the Highlands and Islands.

Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands MSP, told a parliamentary debate that the regeneration of hill farming was needed in remote areas.

He said: 'The LFA payments used to be entitled the Hill Livestock Compensatory Allowance but it is now dreadfully inadequate to tackle the fall in numbers of livestock in the Highlands and Islands which leads to a fall in the number of farming families.'

'An Argyll farming constituent pointed out there used to be a solid week of cattle sales in Oban in October, now there is one day and it is often over by early afternoon and the sheep sector, despite hav-

ing a big improvement in prices last year, is very vulnerable because many think that the job is just not worth the effort.

'Although the subsidies seem big, they are very quickly used up in the maintenance of fencing, drainage and any fertilisers which of course cannot be targeted because these would be production subsidies unlike in the late 1960s and 70s when farmers got 90 per cent grant for drainage and 70 per cent for spreading lime on the hills plus grants for fencing.'

'A good mixed farm is taking in some £350 per acre while a Highland hill farm is lucky to take in £35 and a hill farm has to buy in most of its winter feeding and usually has to outwinter its ewe lambs off the farm which is very expensive but necessary for quality stock in future.'

'Hill farmers with hefted breed-

ing stocks are forced to keep their young breeding stock all the year round, they cannot just buy and sell them as a commodity. 'Therefore, I would like the minister to seriously consider the addition of ewe lambs for breeding stock to the number used for calculating stocking density as they are just as much a part of the picture as the breeding ewe.'

'With the current wish for rural areas to support public good, there is no doubt that a well-managed hill farm produces good biodiversity and access to the public for walking and other sports and of course peat is a tremendous carbon sink.'

He said area payments must be big enough in the hills to stop the decline in livestock numbers otherwise farming depopulation in Argyll and other places would continue.



Area payments have to be attractive enough to stop a decline in Argyll livestock numbers, says MSP Jamie McGrigor.

Ewe condition going into winter

THERE is a second chance for farmers to attend a very worthwhile workshop kindly hosted by Messrs Wilson at Ederline Estate, Ford.

The event had originally been planned for August but had to be postponed.

Everyone will remember the devastating effects the winter of 2012/2013 had on the sheep industry in Argyll and the purpose of this workshop is to help farmers understand what they should be implementing now going into this winter to make sure

their ewes are as fit as possible. The speakers will discuss fodder reserves and quality, variations in silage qualities this season and what this means for ration formulations and economics, and an understanding of bought-in feeds.

A discussion and debate will also take place on the prospects of the sheep industry.

The event is funded by the Scottish Government as part of its public good veterinary and advisory service and is free to farmers, land owners and crofters.



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GIGHA

Gigha holds successful root and industrial show

GIGHA held its first root and industrial show, celebrating vegetables and produce on the island, on September 28 at the village hall.

In total 113 exhibits were shown and were judged by Joe Teale, Ardmish Stores and Sarah Macdonald, Drumyonmore Farm.

The hall was packed to capacity for the coffee afternoon and prize giving with a total of £453.82 raised for Macmillan Cancer Support. All cakes and raffle prizes were donated and thanks went to everyone involved in making the day a major success. Discussions are underway already for next year's show.

Results: root section: three round potatoes: 1 June Watson, 2 Helen MacBrearty, 3 Kenny McNeill; three kidney potatoes: 1 Chris McNeill, 2 Chris McNeill, 3 Helen MacBrearty; three purple top swedes: 1 Ian Wilson, 2 Chris McNeill, 3 Helen MacBrearty; three long/int carrots: 1 June Watson, 2

Rob Wilkieson, 3 Chris McNeill; three stump carrots: 1 Caroline McVean, 2 Chris McNeill, 3 Johnnie Andrew; three red onions: 1 Rob Wilkieson, 2 June Watson 3 Helen MacBrearty; three white onions: 1 June Watson, 2 Caroline McVean, 3 Susan Allan; three beet-roots: 1 June Watson, 2 Ian Wilson, 3 Helen MacBrearty; one cabbage: 1 Caroline McVean, 2 Keith Helm, 3 Susan Allan. Industrial section: 1lb jam: 1 Caroline McVean, 2 Chris McNeill, 3 June Watson; 1lb chutney: 1 Chris McNeill, 2 The Boathouse, 3 Susan Allen; bottle wine: 1 Rob Wilkieson, 2 Drumal-lan, 3 Henri Macaulay; apple pie: 1 Doreen Haddow, 2 Lorna Macalister, 3 Chris McNeill; garden cake: 1 Morven Beagan, 2 Becky Wilkieson, 3 The Boathouse; Victoria Sponge: 1 Lorna MacAlister, 2 Jennifer Steele, 3 Susan Allan; chocolate chip cookies: 1 June Watson, 2 Phoebe Brown, 3 Margaret Andrew; floral arrangement: 1 Christine Haddow, 2 Mary Allan, 3 Elaine Watson. Best in show for the root section: June Watson, best in show for the industrial section: Chris McNeill.



Some of the goodies on display at the Gigha root and industrial show.

ISLAY

Bid to build 18 affordable homes on Islay

PLANNING permission has been sought for 18 affordable houses near Port Ellen on Islay.

The application would see the houses, with vehicular access, built on vacant land at Imeraval, south east of Imeraval Cottage.

They will consist of four one-bedroom units, four three-bedroom units and 10 two-bedroom units, with 23 parking spaces.

All of the homes would be energy efficient.

CLACHAN

Guild convener gives talk

KILCALMONELL Church Guild welcomed members from South-

end and Killean and Kilchenzie churches to its meeting on October 10 in Clachan Hall.

The national guild convener, Mrs Marjorie Paton spoke on 'Guilds, Past, Present and Future'.

The guild movement was started by a very forward thinking man, A.H. Charteris, 126 years ago with the aim of giving women a more active role in the church.

It is now open to men

also, and the aim is to express faith in worship and action.

More than £3 million have been raised for various causes throughout Scotland and the wider world, and the guild is one of Scotland's largest voluntary bodies.

There was a lot of discussion stimulated by the talk.

Marjorie was thanked, and a good tea was enjoyed.

TARBERT

Youth group to host fireworks display

TARBERT Youth Group will be hosting the village's community firework event for the fourth year in a row on November 1.

Sponsored by Scottish Fire Services and held at Tarbert yacht club, there will be soup, hot chocolate, cake and glow-sticks, with the fireworks officially being launched at 6.30pm.

A collection will be taken for Scottish Fire Services Benevolent

Fund. Heather Bellshaw from the group said: 'We wish to say a massive thanks for this support and look forward to a safe and fun event.'

Edward Renfrew, head of prevention and protection at the Scottish Fire Service said: 'Every year, the bonfire and fireworks season brings a spell of high demand for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS). 'The organisation of a supervised bonfire/fireworks display encourages the local community to attend and participate rather than have their own bonfires where there is also higher risk of injury and the possibility of fire spread.'

'The Argyll and Bute, East and West Dunbartonshires Area of SFRS welcomes the opportunity to sponsor the Tarbert event again this year as this obviously assists with two of our top priorities - reducing the number of secondary fires we experience as well as a potential reduction in fire casualties.'

'We hope the Tarbert community has an en-

joyable evening and we look forward to another safe and successful occasion.'

CARRADALE

Church Guild holds first meeting

THE FIRST meeting of Saddell and Carradale Church Guild featured a talk by minister Steve Fulcher about his trip to Malawi last year.

The meeting, on October 8, followed the guild church dedication which took place on October 6 and featured excellent photos from the minister's trip.

The next date for the guild is on November 4 when the open night takes place in the village hall. This year will see a number of local artists taking part in a Scottish variety night.

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A Macdonald
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 Agenda:
 1. Present
 2. Apologies
 3. Minutes of previous meeting held 13th November 2012
 4. Annual Accounts
 5. Chairman's Report
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13/02205/PP	Erection of a single 60 kW wind turbine (34.2 metres high to blade tip).	Taigh Mhor Creaganterve Kilmartin Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8RQ	Ardrishaig Area Office
13/02225/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse, formation of vehicular access and installation of septic tank.	Land west of The Anchorage Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8QN	Sub Post Office Ardfern

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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/02114/LIB	Replace existing kitchen window to patio doors.	Gallowhill Farm Dell Road Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6JH	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
13/02130/PP	Erection of extension to existing boiler house to form new biomass boiler house and associated fuel store, re-siting of oil storage tanks.	Campbeltown Hospital Ralston Road Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6LE	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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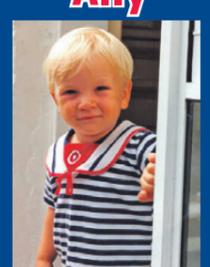
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Happy 50th Birthday **Angela**
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Love, Mum, Dad & family

I would like to thank my family and friends for cards and gifts received and also the Ardshiel Hotel for the lovely high tea we got on Saturday for my 80th birthday, on 12th October.
Thank you all very much,
Sarah Borthwick.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



GLEN Sannox in Arran looked beautiful in the changing hues of autumn and the river meandered leisurely over rocks that had been there for millennia.

There was no one else in the glen and we enjoyed the sound of almost complete silence.

We were with a friend who was pleased to show us a path which was familiar to her, but was new to us.

As the track took us higher it provided a wonderful panorama across the hills dotted white with farms and sheep.

A few deer were silhouetted on the horizon and we looked eagerly for the eagles which frequently soar above the highest hills.

On the way down the glen, I was looking forward to the next coffee stop and my tummy rumbled at the thought of a freshly baked doughnut at the Coffee Pot.

I thought how good it is to have these places of refreshment on our journeys where we can take time to be still and recharge our batteries.

We all have our favourite stopping places where we know what we will find, but it's also good to be surprised.

I thought that this is a wee bit like visiting different churches, where we find spiritual refreshment and recharge our faith batteries.

It is lovely to go to our own church and meet our friends and know what will happen, but I also love to go to church and be surprised in worship – to find a new thought or a new hymn or a new way to worship God.

There are so many paths through the glens and so many hills to climb that we might miss the best bits if we always walk the same way.

We were grateful to be shown a new way to go.

We are blessed to be with friends who will help us find new paths on our spiritual journey too.

The Royal National Mòd Paisley 2013



Campbeltown-born conductor in hall of fame

Education organisation, Hands Up for Trad has named the singer and conductor former Campbeltown man Kenneth Thomson as its newest member in its hall of fame.

Kenny was presented the award at a special dinner in Glasgow on Friday evening. This year, Kenny, celebrates his 30th anniversary as conductor of Ceòlraidh Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu – Glasgow Gaelic Musical Association (GGMA) Scotland's oldest Gaelic choir.

Racking up 45 years as a member of the choir, he has consistently directed it to victory at local and national Mòds, steering 'the GGs', as they're fondly known, and their repertoire firmly into the 21st century as a leading Gaelic choir.

Kenny was born in Campbeltown in 1949,

to a non-Gaelic-speaking family, although his father had 'a few words'.

He attended Dalintober Primary School, Campbeltown Grammar School and Keil School in Dumbarton.

When he and his wife-to-be, Valerie, were visiting a friend whose father was president of the GGMA, he said that they were short of basses and would Kenny sing with them to perform at the 1968 Mòd. He joined for what was supposed to be six weeks and never looked back.

Clearly motivated by his new Gaelic music environment, he won the Silver Pendant for Gaelic learners at the 1975 National Mòd, then took a crash course and evening classes in Gaelic language. At the 1979 National Mòd it paid off when he won the coveted

Gold Medal as a soloist. In 1980 he was invited to conduct East Kilbride Gaelic Choir, which went on to win the Margaret Duncan Trophy at the Mòd, then in 1983 he was invited to become conductor of his old associates, the GGMA.

In 1988 he led the GGMA to victory in the première choral competition in the National Mòd, the Lovat and Tul-libardine Trophy. The choir has since scooped the 'L and T' a further four times and has come second in all but one of the remaining years since 2001.

Kenny has arranged more than 80 songs for choirs and other vocal combinations, as well as composing some of his own, including waltzes for the weddings of both his children.

He runs workshops on choral technique and



Kenneth Thomson.

conducting, and has adjudicated at local and national Mòds, as well as at the Pan-Celtic festival.

As a conductor, he jokes that the only view audiences ever get of him is his backside, but his commitment to the

choir and their music is primary.

He said: 'My commitment comes from the great folk in the choir and their enthusiasm. I love working with them and, although I may occasionally shout at them, they are a great bunch.'

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Abbie Morris, aged 10, from Port Ellen had a very successful day on Monday, winning her poetry and solo singing competitions. 15_t42mod09



Fourteen-year-old Port Ellen twins Eilidh, left, and Anna Macdonald won a duet competition for the fourth year running at the Mod, defending their duet 13 – 15 years title. 15_t42mod17



Bowmore's Rachel Johnston won the learners' solo singing for 7 – 8 years and also competed in duet, poetry, folk group and choir competitions. 15_t42mod10



Little Liam Gray, from Bowmore, Islay, won the Joan Campbell Memorial Trophy for learners' solo 5 – 6 years in his first ever Mod. He is congratulated by big sister Emily, who won her learner 7-8 years poetry competition and finished second in learners 7-8 years solo singing. 15_t42mod02



Port Ellen Primary School Gaelic Choir won the Susan Paterson Caledonian MacBrayne Trophy 15_t42mod08



Coisir Og Ghaidhlig Ile swept the boards winning seven trophies in choir competitions. Conductor Arlene McKerrrell holds baby Freya, while the family of Tom Crawford are on hand to present the trophy given in his name. t42mod33

See next week's Courier for more pictures of the Mod

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

The Bible says, 'Honour one another above yourselves' (Romans 12:9).

MARRIAGES

NICOLL - EDWARDS - On Friday, September 13, 2013, at Osceola County Court, Kissimmee, Florida, Yvonne to Phil. Our very own happily ever after.

DEATHS

ALDERSON - On October 12, 2013, peacefully at the Sunshine Ward, Campbeltown Hospital, Donald (Don) Alderson, in his 72nd year, beloved husband of Patricia (Paddy) and much loved father of Ewan and Frances, dearly loved grampy of Harris and Marin, father-in-law of Brian and Julie and dear brother of David. Funeral service at Clachan Parish Church, on Saturday, October 19, at 12 noon, interment thereafter at Clachan Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection if desired, for Macmillan Cancer Support and Clachan Church.

COPPING - Peacefully, at Campbeltown Hospital, on October 10, 2013, Isobel McGeachy Johnston, in her 88th year, 6 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, much loved mother of Marjorie, Sandra and the late Sweeney and Kenneth and a loving and much loved granny, great granny and great great granny. Funeral private.

DODD - Peacefully at his home, 45 MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead, with his family by his side, Walter Dodd, aged 82 years, much loved husband of Maggie, loving dad to Jeff and Jason, dear father-in-law to Glynis and Liz, grandfather of Olivia and Verity, dear brother-in-law to George and Brenda and a loving uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held today, Friday, October 18, in Ardrishaig Parish Church at 1.00pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Glenaray Ward and MS Centre, Mid Argyll. No black ties please, bright colours preferred.

STEVEN - Peacefully, at the Galloway Community Hospital, Stranraer on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, Forbes Steven, aged 81 years, of Ellanvannin, Auchenmalg, Glenluce, beloved husband of Audrey and a much loved dad and grandad of the family. Funeral service, to which all friends are respectfully invited, at Roucan Loch Crematorium, by Dumfries on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 2pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to Macmillan Cancer Support on retiral from crematorium.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACARTHUR - The family of the late Gwyneth MacArthur would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received on their recent bereavement. Special thanks to all medical staff and carers for kind care and attention, to Rev Louis Bezuidenhout and Dr Roddy MacLeod for a comforting service and fitting tribute, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, to the George Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The joint collection, for the British Red Cross and carers, raised £410.

IN MEMORIAMS

COLE - In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, sister and aunt, Cally (Mitchell), who died October 20, 2011. Two years have passed and we will never forget the memories, Loved and remembered always.

- From all the family, home and away.
MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of Jack, a lovely husband and dad, who died October 22, 2005. You are 'Simply the Best'.

Forever in our thoughts. - Sheila, Iain and Grant xxx.

MUIR - In loving memory of Ian. Deep in our hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered every day.

- Ellen, John and Maurice xxx.
SANDLER - A smile on my lips, of a picture in a frame, and a memory in my heart, of Derek, who died on October 21, 2012.

- Will be remembered forever by Davina xx.

SANDLER - Derek, October 21, 2012. We thought of you with love today And days before that too. We think of you in silence And often speak your name.

All we have is memories And a picture in a frame. Miss you loads. - Gordon, Jacqui, Andrina, Ian and family.

SANDLER - In memory of Grampa Derek, who sadly passed away on October 21, 2012. Missed each and every day. - Christopher, Kitty and girls xx.

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CHURCH NOTICES

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

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services 20 October - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service Cumlodden Church (Furnace) at 10am
Gaelic Service Lochgair Church at 3pm
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service Inveraray Church at 11.30am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 20th October
Morning Worship at Ford 11.30am
Rev. Cliff Acklam
All welcome
SC01212

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 20th October 2013
11.00am Morning Service
At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae
Monday 21st October 2013
Ladies Meeting 2.30pm, Free Church Hall
Mr Andy Bell
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Sunday 20th October
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75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 20 October 2013
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Mr Robert Holden, Ardrishaig
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Speaker: Graham McLean
"The Planting of the Lord"
Thursday 24 October 2013
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

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Sunday 20th October, 2013
Harvest Thanksgiving Services
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Mr. W. Crossan
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Monday 21st October
Guild 7.30pm- New Hall
Tuesday 22nd October
Parents and Toddlers 9.45am - New Hall
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BB Junior Section 7.15-8.30pm in Church Hall
Thursday 24th October
Prayer Meeting - 4.00pm
Choir Practice - 7.30pm
Friday 25th October
Lunch Club - 12.00 noon - New Hall

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6.30pm Carnival (50p per game)
Sunday 20th October
10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz)
Harvest Collection
4.30pm Celebration
6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Lt. Mark Scouling

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Carradale settle for a point

St Andrews	2
Carradale	2
West of Scotland AFL	

A LAST minute save by the St Andrews keeper denied Carradale a win in an away match which the Kintyre side took their time to get into.

Carradale got off to the worst possible start at Parklea, losing a goal in the first minute from a corner and for the next 15 minutes the visitors were under the cosh with only desperate defending keeping the score at 1-0.

Carradale's first chance at goal came in the 17th minute and brought them an equaliser as St Andrews scored an own goal.

A cross on the right from Johnny McCormick was headed in by the home centre forward, gifting Carradale their first goal of the match.

This gave the Kintyre side the initiative and from then until the end of the half they were the dominant team.

In the 21st minute they had a great chance to take the lead when Cammy Maguire was brought down in the box.

He opted to take the penalty himself but the keeper saved it. He made amends in the 29th minute when linked up play between Maguire and Adam Graham led to the striker getting a run on goal, picking his spot from 12 yards out and scoring Carradale's second goal.

The visitors had numerous chances to increase their lead through Robert McGarrie, Maguire and Graham but failed to take them.

In the second half the home team equalised in the 49th minute when a cutback from the right winger from the byline was met by the home striker who scored from close range. The rest of the second half was very equal with chances for both teams.

With minutes to go on the clock the St Andrews goalkeeper made a tremendous save. A great move down the right from Campbell Ramsay's cross was picked up by Graham who chested it down for Maguire.

He then headed it in the goal, only to see the keeper nudge it over the bar, ending the game 2-2.

Man of the match was Cammy Maguire.

Carradale are away this weekend in the Scottish Cup to Crosshill Thistle near Maybole in Ayrshire.



Campbeltown Bowling Club's members who all dressed up in pink for the George and Jenny Mackay Memorial Pairs competition on Sunday. 20_c38pinkbowl01



The winners, runners up and semi finalists of the George and Jenny Mackay Memorial Pairs competition, which was moved indoors because of stormy weather. 20_c38pinkbowl02

Storms bring Campbeltown bowlers indoors

BAD WEATHER certainly didn't dampen the spirits of Campbeltown Bowling Club's members after the George and Jenny Mackay Memorial Pairs were moved indoors last month.

George Reid and Simon Rochford scored a comprehensive win over John McCormick and Maureen MacInnes, while Catherine

McEachran and Moira Wareham and Archie Johnston and Elma McLean were the losing semi finalists at Stronvaar.

The competition, held annually, raises money for charity in memory of George and Jenny Mackay.

This year's event saw £600 raised for Macmillan Cancer Sup-

port with everyone taking part in the pink theme of the day.

George and Jenny's son, Alistair, said: 'The generosity of Campbeltown Bowling Club is just phenomenal. I can only thank everybody who helped to make this day.'

'Also thanks to Springbank for sponsoring us.'

Mok Bike event raises money for charity



Ross Campbell, left, and Brian Robertson who both tackled the ultimate route. 20_c42mokbike13



From left: Mica Ella Amaut, 11 months, Angus Nimmo, Charlotte Nimmo, 11, Donna Nimmo, Caitlin Nimmo, 3, and Richard Nimmo, who all took part in the family cycle. Not pictured is Elizabeth Nimmo who also took part. 20_c42mokbike12



These small cyclists were raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support and for Campbeltown's skate park by doing the Mok Bike family ride in their onesies. 20_c42mokbike05



Laura Watson with her daughter Annie, who raised £110 for CGS4Gambia. 20_c42mokbike09



The Fiddlers team, from left, James Wilson, Tony McMillan, Billy McLean, Donald Stewart and Steven Jordan are pictured with Carol Green, proprietor of Fiddlers bar.

Fiddlers get off to a flyer

FIDDLERS got off to a flying start in the new Campbeltown District Darts Association season when it hosted and won the Five-Player Cup on Monday October 14.

Ten teams competed, with Kilbrannan A and Fiddlers battling it

out in the final. Fiddlers proved too strong in the end and retained the trophy they won last year.

There were 180 scores on the night by Donnie Lawson and Kenny Docherty for the Burnside and by Alan Glen for Kilbrannan A.

Thanks to Carol and

Jim Green for the use of the venue and also for donating the prizes.

The darts league starts on Monday, October 21 and the first fixtures are: Southend v Bye; Kilbrannan A v Fiddlers B; Burnside v Commercial; Fiddlers v Kilbrannan C; Kilbrannan B v Ailsa.

Glasgow weekend runs smoothly



Campbeltown Running Club's James Murdoch had an excellent weekend in Glasgow, setting a personal best in the 10k race a day after representing the club in the MacAndrew Road Relay. 08_c42runjames01

THE streets of Glasgow were paved with personal bests (PB) when a large contingent of Campbeltown runners headed to the city for its Great Scottish Run half marathon and 10k races.

A total of 21 Campbeltown Running Club members were among 23,000 participants.

Months of conscientious training by the Kintyre athletes saw most of them rewarded with their fastest times, possibly inspired by the chance to line up alongside Haile Gebrselassie, one of the greatest distance runners of all time.

Despite being more than 40 years old, the Ethiopian gave an imperious performance to set a new course record of 61mins 09secs for the televised half marathon.

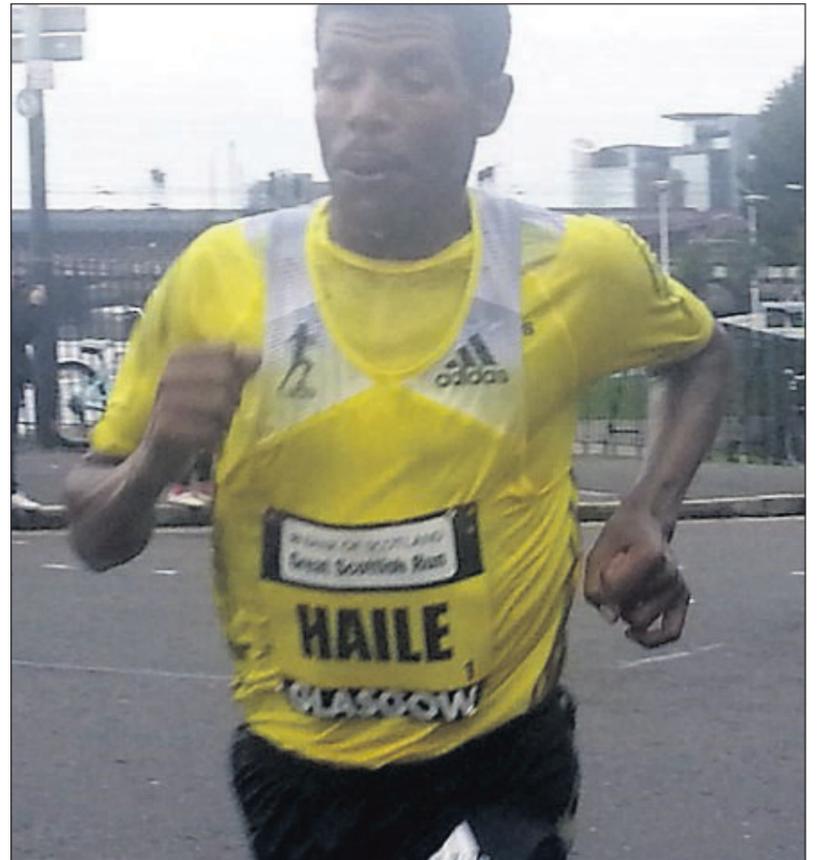
In that race, Alisdair O'May was the first Campbeltown runner across the line, in 494th place, in a time of one hour 32 minutes and 38 seconds, just slight-

ly slower than his target time of 90 minutes.

Close behind him was Ralph Hill, less than two minutes back in 1:34.13, in 596th place.

He was followed by Sarah Mcfadzean, 1,507th in 1:42.11; Stephen Blackstock, 1,868th in 1:44.22; Jackie Fulton, 4,461th in 1:57.59; Margaret Sinclair, 5,638th in 2:05.04; Isla Binnie, 8,267th in 2:33.23.

Leading the PBs in the 10k race was Stuart McGeachy, 34th in 36mins 42secs; followed by James Murdoch, 56th in 38.18; Fiona Graham, 217th in 41.57; Jennifer Martin, 273rd in 42.49; Tommy Morran, 392nd in 44.15; Emma Morran, 393rd in 44.15; Jennifer Reid, 427th in 44.35; Elaine McGeachy, 768th in 47.03; Kerry O'May, 1,498 in 50.45; Robert Semple, 1,667th in 51.40; Maryann Wylie, 1,826th in 52.17; Catriona Mclean, 2144th in 53.28; Dougie Wylie, 2,279th in 53.55; Lorraine O'May, 2,622nd in



Haile Gebrselassie makes relentless fast running look so easy during the Glasgow Half Marathon.

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What made Stuart McGeachy and James Murdoch's personal best times all the more exceptional was the fact they had already raced the previous day in the city's traditional MacAndrew Road Relay which has been going for more than seven decades.

As part of a composite team including Tommy Morran and Graham Crawford (usually Springburn Harriers), they finished 11th of 31 teams competing over the three-mile stages, whetting their appetite for a return next year which will hopefully include star man Kenney Campbell who had

to miss out this year because of injury.

The appearance of a team all the way from Campbeltown did not go unnoticed by the MacAndrew regulars and another year's solid training should see the Kintyre athletes make an even bigger impression on the race next October.



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Jumping to the top of the rankings

SISTERS Emma and Grace Thompson are athletes to look out for if their form this season is anything to go by.

The Carradale girls have been competing in many outdoor athletic competitions over the summer and at the end of the outdoor season Emma is ranked number one in Scotland in the under-15 girls' triple jump, having jumped 10.06 metres.

Emma has increased her high jump by 10cm and now clears 1.40metres and has increased her long jump by 43cm to jump 4.56metres.

Her sister, Grace, is now ranked third in Scotland for the under-13 girls' discus with a throw of 18.72 metres. Grace has increased her long jump by 10cm to jump 3.42metres and her shot putt distance by 31cm to 6.32metres.

Emma and Grace are members of Victoria Park City of Glasgow Athletics Club and attend training sessions with the club at Scotstoun Athletics Stadium, Glasgow.

Athlete Emma Thompson is the number one ranked triple jumper in Scotland for her age group.

Grumolis find a way past heroic keeper

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Campbeltown Pupils **2**
SAFL Premier Division One

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils maintained their challenge at the top of the division despite the heroics of the home goalkeeper.

A special medal should be minted in recognition of the keeper's performance, with some of his shot-stopping having to be seen to be believed.

It threatened to be one of those games, with chance after chance either scorned or saved in spectacular fashion.

However, the game could not have started any better when Lorne Robertson sent a defence-splitting pass over the top for Gary Grumoli to score with an angled drive in the fourth minute.

The McFadyen-sponsored visitors once more opted for a 4-2-3-1 system, with John McCallum again allocated the thankless task of lone striker.

It is a system that re-

quires accurate passing, to allow support to arrive for the lone striker. In the earlier part of the game the system worked a treat, and John McCallum was unlucky when he dragged the ball across the face of defence to fire a low shot which was smothered by the home keeper.

Kenny Galbraith was next on the scene when he broke behind a static back four, however his parting shot was miscued and the ball sped wide of the far post.

The visitors were threatening to over-run the home team, but

their last line of defence pulled off a magnificent save from a Gary Grumoli volley and the die was cast for the remainder of the match.

The Pupils started the second half with a slender one-goal advantage, but in truth the game should have been well and truly won except for the heroics of the home goalkeeper.

It was more of the same in the second period, but even with added support from midfield the breakthrough remained elusive.

A tremendous run from Keith Mitchell

looked like making the difference, but his cleverly disguised near post shot was anticipated by a keeper with almost telepathic tendencies.

Dunoon finally realised that the game was still open, and Craig Lamont had to look lively when saving a well-driven shot from the edge of the box.

The long overdue winner finally arrived when John McCallum raced clear only to be unceremoniously upended in the box.

Team captain Paul Grumoli took the penalty kick, sending the keep-

er the wrong way as he blasted the ball into the roof of the net.

The Pupils claimed full points to move to within one of the league leaders.

Tomorrow (Saturday), the Pupils are away to Uddingston Anvil in the second round of the Scottish Amateur Cup.

Jackpot goes up to £300

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lottery on Sunday.

The winning numbers were 13, 18 and 20.

The next draw will take place on Sunday, October 27 with a jackpot of £300.

Islay Golf Club

ISLAY Golf Club October Medal played last Sunday, October 13.

Results: 1 D Livingstone 78-8=70; F Cannon 85-15=70; 3 A Livingstone 82-11=70. CSS 71.

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