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Catch that pigeon!

Call for culling of birds infesting town centre

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A CALL has been made for a large-scale culling of feral pigeons in Campbeltown town centre because of public health dangers.

Many hundreds of birds are nesting in the Longrow and Main Street area, often taking advantage of crumbling buildings.

However, there alarm over serious health threats from their droppings on communal areas and ventilation covers.

Pigeon faeces can har-

bour dozens of parasites and host around 60 infectious diseases.

Contaminated areas require specialist treatment by staff wearing full protective clothing.

'We have a very serious problem here and one that needs to be dealt with quickly,' Councillor Donald Kelly told the Courier this week.

'There are real health issues because of the scale of the pigeon problem.

'Spores from the fae-

ces can cause long-term health implications, especially respiratory.

'A number of concerned residents and shopkeepers have approached me about this.

'It is an unacceptable situation. The droppings are everywhere, including where people hang out their washing.

'You can see it all over ventilation covers.

'There is no point in scaring the pigeons away from one particular area - you are just displacing the problem. Culling is the only answer.'

Councillor Kelly has
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Alexander is quite the model son for his mum

This dapper young man may be just two years old, but is already proving quite the experienced model. Alexander McShannon was at Campbeltown Bowling Club last Saturday to model his mum Andrea's kilts and accessories at a fashion show in aid of the Kidney Dialysis Campaign. See full story and more pictures on page 9.

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Billy is going to be a dad

FORMER Campbeltown man Billy Irving is still being held in India a year on after his arrest.

Now he is more desperate than ever to return to Scotland after hearing he is to be a father.

See story on page 4.

Unusual holiday homes

A MACHRIHANISH couple have finally finished building two very unusual holiday homes.

Mike and Linda Peacock like them so much, they have moved into one.

Full story and pictures on pages 12-13.

Mod is already looking ahead

KINTYRE and Islay singers again made their presence felt at this year's National Mod, held in Inverness.

Organisers declared it a great success and said they were already looking forward to next year's in Oban.

Full story and pictures on pages 14-15.



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Call for culling of pigeons infesting Campbeltown town centre

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detailed his concerns in writing to Pippa Milne, Argyll and Bute Council's executive director of development and infrastructure services.

Helen Fairbairn, whose mother owns Jean I Farmer Ladies Shop in Cross Street, said: 'Every morning we are met by the droppings as well as feathers

and even bits of wings at our shop entrance.

'It looks awful and is not good for the town's image.

'It is unsightly for our customers and I worry about them trailing it into the shop. I brush it up as often as possible and can fill half a carrier bag with the waste.

'It seems to have got worse than ever in recent months. We have

an outside toilet which all our staff are reluctant to use because of the pigeons.'

Complex issue

A council spokesman said: 'This is a complex issue which affects towns and cities across the UK. To effectively tackle the problem will require cooperation between the council, other public bodies, private property owners and the

wider community in developing a strategy to manage the situation.

'An organised cull would not eradicate the problem; it would only manage it. Culling pigeons and other nuisance birds has not proved to be a successful or sustainable approach elsewhere.

'This would need to be carefully considered as part of a wider

strategy involving property proofing and bringing derelict buildings back into use. It is our understanding that many of the affected areas are within unused buildings, therefore not accessible by the public. While pigeon faeces in the streets is unsightly, it is not considered by the council to pose a significant risk to public health.'



This back court of Campbeltown flats is littered with pigeon droppings. 08_c43pigeon01



Many deteriorating buildings in the town centre make it easy for pigeons to find places to roost and nest. 08_c43pigeon02

Removing pigeons can be a protracted and hazardous process

PIGEONS can be culled under general licence when they are deemed to be a pest.

However, the Courier has learned that their removal can be a protracted and hazardous process.

The most common way of culling them is by the use of high-powered air rifles. Poisoned food can also be used if it provides no threat to other wildlife.

However, gaining access to the birds, particularly in deteriorating buildings, can present safety issues.

Protective clothing

Dealing with the droppings can also be tricky. Specialist staff wearing fully protective clothing, including masks and gloves, and even using breathing apparatus, can be required to use biocidal chemicals to treat affected areas.

Where the faeces is lying to a considerable depth, it may have to be treated and removed in stages.

Spores from pigeon faeces can spread salmonella, listeria and lung disease.

Pigeons also host the likes of fleas, lice, mites, mealworms, spider beetles and clothes moths.

Their droppings can also erode the surfaces of stonework.



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By-election date announced

THE by-election for the vacant South Kintyre councillor's seat will take place Thursday, December 11.

After the resignation of SNP councillor John Semple last month, South Kintyre has only two elected councillors, Donald Kelly of Argyll First and Rory Colville of the Liberal Democrats.

Car windscreen smashed

A CAR had its front windscreen smashed in an apparent act of vandalism between last Friday, October 17 and Monday, October 20, on Ralston Road, Campbeltown.

Police are appealing for witnesses. Anyone with information on this incident should contact Campbeltown police office on 862200.

Car park collision

POLICE are appealing for information after a blue hatchback damaged two other cars in a collision in Bolgam Street car park, Campbeltown, around 11am last Friday.

The driver of the blue hatchback is thought to be male. Anyone with information can contact Campbeltown police office on 862200.

Close arrests

TWO men aged 25 and 36 were arrested for a breach of the peace after a disturbance in a close on Main Street.

They were later released and a report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

Courier wins the day after elderly widower is hit by hospital red tape

From distress to delight for Thomas

AN elderly widower was left stunned and distressed by hospital health and safety rules.

Six years after being given permission by Campbeltown Hospital to put up a specially engraved plaque and ship's bell dedicated to his late wife, Mary, Thomas Mason, 82, was told to take it away.

Now, thanks to the intervention of the Courier, he has been told the memorial can be returned near to its original spot.

Mr Mason had put up the plaque and bell in appreciation of the care Mary received before dying of lung cancer.

However, two weeks ago, Mr Mason was left devastated when he was asked to take it down by

staff who informed him the dedication was 'a health and safety hazard'.

The Campbeltown man told the Courier: 'I was stunned and hurt. After six years, it was suddenly a problem.'

'Some time ago, they asked me to remove a rope from the bell, saying it could harbour bacteria, so I removed that.'

'However, I cannot see what the problem would be with a brass bell and a wooden plaque.'

'I was in a state of shock - it brought back a lot of emotion. I had it made as a tribute to my wife and an appreciation of the excellent care she received.'

'My first thought was 'why suddenly now?'

'I have had my own

health problems this year and it was the last thing I needed to hear.'

'I felt it was an insult to my wife's memory and the dedication of the staff there during her final days. I am still grateful for that care.'

Mr Mason met Mary, nee Muir, from Campbeltown, in 1951 while stationed at RAF Machrihanish, and after a ceremony at Castlehill Manse the couple were married for 54 years.

Coal miner

On leaving the RAF, Mr Mason, originally from County Durham, worked as a coal miner at the now-defunct pit at Machrihanish before becoming berthing and security officer with NATO at its Campbeltown Loch fuel depot.

The wooden plaque with a brass bell had been hung just inside the hospital's acute ward.

Last Wednesday, the items were down from the wall and waiting for Mr Mason to take away.

Apologetic staff told him it was not their decision, they had been told it could not be cleaned properly.

A NHS Highland spokesman said this week: 'Due to a review

of infection control procedures within the hospital, we have had to remove the plaque from its current location.'

'However, we completely understand that this is a very sensitive issue and we have contacted Mr Mason to tell him that the plaque and bell can be relocated to the corridor outside the ward.'

Mr Mason said: 'If the plaque and bell can be returned I will be the happiest man in the world.'

'It is just a pity I had to go through all this, and the compromise could not have been suggested sooner. The Courier becoming involved has obviously made a difference.'



Thomas Mason outside Campbeltown Hospital, where he was asked to collect his specially-made plaque and ship's bell after six years.



Back in 2008, Dr Iain Norrie of Campbeltown Health Centre accepted the dedicated plaque from Mr Mason, a thank you for the care given to his late wife Mary.

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Centralising jobs has punished Argyll, says MP

ALAN Reid MP will demand answers from the Scottish government about Argyll and Bute's population decline at an upcoming summit in Dunoon.

Mr Reid is expected to voice his concern at next Wednesday's meeting that jobs in Argyll and Bute are being centralised, thereby contributing to a fall in population.

Mr Reid said: 'The SNP government should reverse policies such as centralising the police and fire services and closing local courts, which are taking people and jobs away from rural Scotland and into the central belt.'

'Budget pressures may be the reason cited for centralising jobs but it is a short-sighted policy that will cost more in the long run.'

'It is cheaper to run Argyll-based offices than in Edinburgh and the dispersal of jobs in rural areas means not

just someone being employed but money spent in the community by those working and earning there.

'Improved internet services in Argyll means business can be conducted away from a centralised office, through video conferencing for example.'

'Ultimately I would like the Scottish government review of all its departments to determine which job functions could be transferred back to rural areas such as Argyll, thus attracting people back to work here.'

'I will be discussing these points at the summit in Dunoon.'

John Swinney MSP, cabinet secretary for finance and sustainable growth, will be the main speaker at the event which will bring together key representatives from local and national government, as well as business, public and voluntary sectors.

Billy's plea to return home for his child

'We are having a baby now, which is keeping Billy going, but he has become a broken man'

A YEAR since seaman Billy Irving was arrested and jailed alongside fellow crew members in India, his pregnant girlfriend has re-issued a plea for him to be allowed home.

Billy, 34, who grew up in Campbeltown, was arrested on October 12 last year as part of the crew of an AdvanFort anti-piracy vessel operating in Indian waters.

The authorities accused the captain of the boat of trying to buy fuel illegally and carrying weapons without a licence, with the crew held jointly liable.

However, his girlfriend Yvonne MacHugh, who is 23 weeks pregnant with Billy's child, says she has suffered 'mental torture' with the number of false dawns offered up by the Indian authorities.

The most recent, in



Yvonne MacHugh, pictured with Billy in happier times, fell pregnant to him following his release from an Indian prison but their ordeal is far from over.

July, saw the charges against the men quashed, only for the Indian prosecutor to appeal the decision.

Although the six British nationals among the crew were freed in July they face further detention following the appeal hearing at the Supreme Court in India on Monday October 27.

Yvonne said: 'The last year has been a nightmare.'

'If they turned this into a movie it would be the most pathetic film ever made; they are free, then they are not free, then they are free again and it just goes on.'

'We are having a baby

now, which is keeping Billy going, but he has become a broken man.'

Former soldier Billy, whose family is paying his living costs while he is stranded in India, said: 'I have been away from home for 16 months now and I cannot wait for this nightmare to end.'

'This has affected me and my family mentally, physically and financially.'

'I need to get home and get back to work so I can pay off debts and support my baby.'

'I would like to thank my family and friends for all their support. It truly has helped me

cope with what is happening to us over here.'

Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid, who has lobbied the Indian High Commission and the Foreign Commonwealth Office on Billy's behalf, said: 'It looks as if we have to go at the pace of an extremely slow Indian legal system.'

'It is obviously very frustrating for Billy who must be living a very tedious existence with no indication as to when he will be allowed home.'

The Mission to Seafarers is also working with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to try and assist with the repatriation of the men.

Town seeks to strengthen community spirit

CAMPBELTOWN is a town renowned for its strong community spirit.

Now a call has gone out for that to be reflected by greater participation in the community council.

It is about to drop to just eight members, with Willie McAllister due to leave after 18 years' service.

Trevor Scott-Dodd, chairman of Campbeltown Community Council, told the *Courier*: 'Being a community councillor only requires attendance for an hour or so one evening a month, but it can make a big difference to the town.'

'We recently saw a lot of activity surrounding the independence referendum locally, and it would be good to see some of that energy channelled into direct community involvement.'

'The council is always discussing issues important to the town and surrounding area and the more voices and ideas heard the better. We can have up to 16 members.'

At last week's meeting, the community council agreed to contact large organisations like the British Legion and the rotary club along with the town's leading employers like Wind Towers and Tesco urging them to nominate someone to represent them on the council.

'We feel that would make a lot of sense,' said Mr Scott-Dodd. 'It would give these organisations and companies the chance to have their members and staff's views represented and it would result in the town's issues and developments being communicated back to a wider audience.'

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Turbines developer alters plans following feedback from residents

Winds of change in Glenbarr

CHANGES have been made to a proposed wind farm at Glenbarr.

The Creggan application has been reduced from 19 turbines reaching 125 metres to 18 at a height of 110 metres.

Developer Burcote Wind - 'acting on feedback from residents, businesses and statutory consultees' - has also pushed the turbines a further 1,100 metres away from Glenbarr village.

There will now be a three kilometre gap.

Statement

In a statement released on Wednesday, the company also stated that there will be 'a substantial increase in the separation distances to the nearest neighbours to

the proposed development'.

A Burcote spokesman said: 'The overall effect will be to greatly minimise potential disruption and visual impact.'

Large scale

The Creggan application - previously strongly opposed by nearly all Glenbarr residents, MP Alan Reid, MSP Mike Russell and Argyll and Bute Council - is one of two large scale developments proposed for Barr Glen.

RES wants to establish 14 giant turbines on the opposite side of the glen, but that bid requires substantial work and disruptions on the Barr Glen road and in the village.

This week, the Burcote



Some of the land in Barr Glen where Burcote proposes to locate its wind farm. 08_c43wind01

spokesman stressed that its proposal would have 'minimal disruption to the A83 and absolutely no traffic impact on smaller Glenbarr roads, the village itself or the homes of nearby residents'.

It would also require 'no unsightly deforestation'.

Burcote said it will continue to offer its community benefit fund worth millions of

pounds over the 25-year lifetime of the turbines.

Grants

This, it added, could include grants for domestic renewable energy installations to offset rising fuel bills for residents; funding to assist in the transformation of local facilities, such as a new village hall and soft play area; sponsoring more frequent public transport; and support for the most vulnerable

people in West Kintyre.

The new design also features 'a circular heritage walk on site and a special, horse-friendly road surface on the site access tracks'.

Graham Brown, managing director of Burcote Wind, said: 'Alongside a new and exciting heritage walk, that will benefit not only local schoolchildren but visitors and tourists, an agreement has been

drafted that will see five ancient chapels in the greater Kintyre area refurbished to save them from dilapidation.

Original scheme

'Many people in the Glenbarr area believed our original scheme included turbines positioned too close to the village and some residential properties. We have addressed these concerns in this new design and look forward

to sharing this with the community in the exhibition in Glenbarr Hall on Thursday, November 27 from 3pm to 8pm.

'If any residents remain concerned about the location of turbines, we can evaluate the potential effects on them and their properties and offer suitable mitigation to further reduce any impacts.'

Newsletter

Burcote is sending out a newsletter to all addresses within 7.5km of the site. A 3D model used at previous exhibitions is being updated to accurately show the precise locations of the new, smaller turbines.

Villager Stephanie Stretton said: 'I think Glenbarr villagers have made it perfectly clear to Burcote that we just don't want it or anyone else's turbines here.'

'I don't see these latest changes altering that view.'

£400,000 to help create a 'modern cinema'

CAMPBELTOWN Picture House has received some welcome good news - a £400,000 redevelopment grant from Creative Scotland.

The arts agency has agreed to provide the money for the planned restoration of the art deco building, with a second screen, cafe bar and new foyer also in the pipeline.

The A-listed cinema was the longest-running in Scotland until its closure in August, with owners Campbeltown Community Business Limited (CCBL) citing the extent of improvement work needed

to make the venue commercially viable.

Since 2010, projected costs for its renovation have risen from £1.7m to £3m.

Tendering

Jane Mayo, chairwoman of CCBL, said: 'Detailed design work and tendering will take place between January and July next year, with complete restoration scheduled for December 2016.'

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Hidden dangers

FOR THOSE of us who do not know any better, pigeons can look quite innocuous creates - just another attractive form of our diverse birdlife.

However, there is no getting away from the fact they are a pest, with their faeces capable of hosting around 60 infectious diseases. As with a lot of dangers, the problem is often that which cannot be seen. Spores from the droppings can have long-term health implications.

The birds' unsightly mess can also take the finish off stonework and the lacquer off cars.

Argyll and Bute council must now look at the difficult problem of eradicating pigeons from Campbeltown's town centre where they have settled in their hordes, assisted by neglectful or absentee landlords who have failed to maintain their buildings properly. There are various ways to proof a building against pigeons, but collapsed masonry, rotten woodwork and broken windows make it very easy for them to find places to roost and nest. And just like rats and mice, they can breed rapidly - up to six times a year and two eggs per clutch.

The council this week issued a statement that it did not consider pigeon faeces in the street presented 'a significant risk to public health'. But what about back courts and other areas where children could play? Or air vents for homes and other premises?

Residents and shopkeepers in the town centre are concerned but what can they do until they are satisfied the problem is contained? Well, they can begin by minimising direct contact with droppings. Better safe than sorry.

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Negotiation, not war, is the answer

Sir,

May I suggest Alan Reid MP (Courier letters, October 17) pay heed to the views of his constituents (Donald MacPherson, letters October 10) in view of the approaching general election.

The recent Scottish referendum has taught us that many UK politicians and the mainstream media are untrustworthy and ill-informed. As a result, people are looking increasingly to global media, such as Al Jazeera, RT International and social media for news and information. I suggest Alan Reid does the same.

While IS is undoubtedly an utterly barbaric, brutal and terrifying organisation, there are many regimes and factions vying for the title of 'the most evil regime on earth'.

Many of these groups are to be found in the Middle East and the situation there is extremely complex. This is in part due to the historical involvement of the UK and USA in the region, so eloquently described by Mr MacPherson.

According to many reputable military and political experts, another military intervention in the Middle East by western forces is likely to add more fuel to the fire. Neither does it appear to be the will of the British people. I believe we should be looking for negotiated solutions for the Middle East in a civilised manner. These should be sought and implemented by global institutions like the UN, with the purpose of enabling local countries to estab-

lish local solutions for all the problems of the Middle East, including the Palestine crisis.

Such a pity that UK politicians managed to terrify enough Scottish people into voting No in the recent referendum. Otherwise our significant oil revenues could have been used for peaceful purposes in the world and for relieving the widespread poverty which the present UK government has inflicted upon us. If we do not rein them in, our finances will continue to be squandered on dubious and sometimes illegal warfare, as has happened for the past 30 years or more.

Susan Maxwell
Gallowhill Road
Campbeltown.

More funding needed for mental health services

Sir,

I have become very concerned by the underfunding and lack of achievements by our Scottish health services for both areas of physical but, in particular, mental health.

I note the increase in funding of the NHS in Scotland by the SNP government is only one per cent while in the rest of the UK it is four times that. What has the SNP done with the rest of the money that came from the Barnett formula - the ratio used to determine equivalent changes to budgets in Scotland and Wales? What can be a higher priority than a failing health system?

Friday October 10 was World Mental Health Day and we in Scotland regrettably had nothing to be proud of. The not over-ambitious

target set for mental health services by the end of 2014 was 18 weeks for both psychological (talk) therapies and services for child and adolescents.

The previous tardy target of 26 weeks is barely being achieved to date.

Children and adolescents with mental health challenges are either being inappropriately sent to adult facilities here in Scotland or south of the border to specialised units far from family and support.

In the Lomond area of Argyll, the services that were once available at the Vale of Leven hospital have been closed down against much public outcry.

For far too long mental health has been the 'Cinderella service', as one in four of us will have experience of a mental health problem at some point in our lives. There is also the impact on families, work colleagues, employers and friends.

We need the Scottish government to ensure achievement of their own weak targets for the child and adolescent mental health service in particular. The SNP government should take note of the Liberal Democrats policy of two weeks for emergency care for a psychotic episode, access to talk therapies of six weeks and immediate care for those with suicidal impulses. There is also an emphasis on more public knowledge and attitude changes for this taboo area of need.

Much more importance and funding are needed to be given to mental health.

U J Craig
Cove
Argyll.

Chance to influence Scotland's future

Sir,

The vast majority of people in Argyll and Bute voted No in the referendum. No to independence, but not to change. Now is the time to seize the opportunity to create a principled, democratic transfer of power to Scotland within a rebalanced United Kingdom.

Lord Smith of Kelvin established the Smith Commission to take forward the devolution commitments on further powers for the Scottish parliament. Members of the public are asked for their views to help guide the commission's consideration. The deadline for responding is 5pm on October 31.

This is my email submission to the commission. Your readers are welcome to copy this if you wish. Email to haveyoursay@smith-commission.scot

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The UK tier of govern-

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ment should retain the fiscal capability and responsibility to allow it to perform the functions best secured across the whole UK including defence, a unified international presence, fiscal transfers and solidarity, social protection and equity and the macro-economic foundations.

The UK should retain a single welfare system to make sure people can save for retirement, receive a pension or look for work with the same support from the state wherever in the UK they chose to live, recognising people's common rights to be supported at times of need.

There should be a unified, single market for business across the United Kingdom which is fundamental for prosperity, economic resilience, employment, improving living standards and to support our place in the world.

Power should not be hoarded either at Westminster or Holyrood. Communities in every part of Scotland should have more control over their own affairs.'

Joyce Oxborrow
A-Chruach
Campbeltown.

Conservative policies are just the job

Sir,
New figures from the Office for National Statistics show that over the

past year unemployment has had its largest annual fall since records began - with a record number of people now in work - meaning more people with the security of a good job and a regular pay packet.

These strong job numbers show clearly our long-term economic plan is working, building a stronger, healthier economy and getting us closer towards our target of full employment.

To make this happen we Unionist and Conservatives have been backing business with lower job taxes and better infrastructure, while reforming welfare so work always pays.

And as the latest figures confirm, this is giving more people the security of work than ever before.

Labour left office with nearly half a million more people out of work than when they started because they wrecked the economy.

Its plans for more ineffective spending, more borrowing and higher taxes on jobs are exactly what got us into a mess before and would put jobs, the recovery and the security of Britain's future at risk. It's the same old Labour - it still hasn't learned its lesson.

We know there is further to go and families are still feeling the effects of Labour's great recession. However, the only way to get living standards up for the long-term in Argyll and

Bute is to stick to the plan which is getting people off welfare and into work - giving more people the security and self-respect of a good job and a regular pay packet for themselves and their families.

Alastair Redman
Unionist and
Conservative
candidate Argyll
and Bute.

Thank you for your kind support

Sir,
Through the *Courier*, I would like to say thanks again to the kind people of South Kintyre who turned out in large numbers to support The Campbeltown Mile hosted by Jogscotland Campbeltown which raised £1,874.

That money contributed to Sport Relief 2014 and produced a record-breaking year, raising £71.8 million which helps transform lives in the UK and across the world.

Fiona Irwin
Jogscotland
Campbeltown.

Heartfelt gratitude of Irving family

Sir,
As most people in Campbeltown will be well aware, my son Billy is still detained in India following his arrest

there almost exactly a year ago when part of the crew of an American maritime security ship were alleged to have breached certain laws.

These charges have since been quashed but police in India have appealed the decision and as a result Billy and his fellow crew members must remain in India.

It has been a harrowing ordeal for my son but what has genuinely kept his spirits up has been the incredible support and love of friends in Argyll, and particularly in Campbeltown where Billy went to school and where the support for him has been quite remarkable. This has included invaluable financial aid to assist in legal costs and day-to-day living.

This letter is simply to express the heartfelt gratitude of Billy and his extended family to everyone who has been there for him during the past year. Thank you Campbeltown. Hopefully he will be back with us sooner rather than later.

Jim Irving
former
Campbeltown
policeman.

From our Facebook Page

In last week's Courier we revealed how mobile phone companies may well be able to do more, at no great expense, to improve the generally poor signal coverage

in Kintyre. The following are the views of our Facebook readers.

Iain Campbell: It is so bad here. The thing about having a mobile is to be in contact with others, not out of signal range when you walk around the corner. Come on mobile phone companies, get us sorted and 3G would be nice.

Frances Amy Valentine: I live in the town and can't get any signal at all in my house. Have to leave my phone at the windowsill.

Patricia Johnstone: I

too have to leave my phone on the window sill, standing up, between the handle and window.

One slip and the signal is gone. In these days of technological brilliance, surely phone companies could manage to give us all a decent signal, irrespective of where you live.

Even in the garden, I have to wander about like a dalek trying to get even one bar.

Karen Deavy: Where I live I have to go outside the house to get a signal,

even in an emergency, Not good at all.

Sarah Jolly Holmes: We don't live in Kintyre, but when we visit we quite like the JOMO (joy of missing out) however I can understand it will be quite frustrating for residents.

Simon Harris: Try a signal booster. You plug it into your broadband. I have one from Vodafone which works well for us in Waterfoot, but as soon as you walk out of the house you get nothing.



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The way we all register to vote has changed

The electoral registration system changed in September. The new system is called 'Individual Electoral Registration'

Every person is now responsible for registering themselves individually and you may have to provide more details to register – including your national insurance number and date of birth.

Most people who are already registered to vote will be registered automatically under the new system. They do not need to do anything. However, some people will need to take action to join the new register. We are writing to people to tell them whether they need to take action.

Look out for a letter between 23rd October and 11th November

The letter will tell you whether you are on the new register or whether you need to take action. It will tell you what to do. You may need to respond to the letter or go online to register.

If you are currently not registered or your circumstances have recently changed you can register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

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Concert cheer for senior citizens

SENIOR citizens can look forward to a brilliant afternoon of music and dance as the Kintyre Senior Citizens Concert returns to the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown tomorrow (Saturday).

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band will be entertaining the crowd along with performances from the Kintyre U3A choir, made up exclusively of pensioners, guitarist Robert McCallum from Stewarton, singer Sheena Armour from Tangy and Kay Johnstone's fiddle group.

Also performing will

be James McCorkindale's school of dance, so there will be a wide variety of different performances.

Cathy Duncan, of Campbeltown Community Council, which is organising the event, said: 'It is usually a very successful event and we are hoping for more of the same.'

'We have residents coming from both nursing homes and it will be great to have them along. It gives everyone a chance to socialise and see people they maybe have not seen for

a while, and also meet new friends.'

Cathy added: 'If people haven't managed to get a ticket they can always turn up on the day. It is free of charge and there will be tea, coffee, sandwiches and baking served courtesy of Alice McLean, and a raffle which those with a ticket are automatically entered in.'

Tickets for the free event are still available from AP Taylor menswear shop and George McMillan newsagents, both on Main Street, Campbeltown.

Funds raised for dialysis campaign

SOUTH Kintyre residents turned out in their numbers to support a coffee morning and



A delighted Marlene McLean from Kilkenzie won a bottle of vodka from the bottle stall.

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bottle stall held by the Campbeltown branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland last Saturday which raised £539 for the Kintyre Kidney Dialysis Campaign.

Alistair Kenny, branch chairman, told the *Courier*: 'The generosity of people in this area and the way they unite to support a good cause is quite amazing.'



Some of the litter pickers who turned up at Westport Beach last Saturday. 08_c43surf01

Surfers against Sewage find hazardous materials on Westport beach clean

MEMBERS of Surfers Against Sewage were blessed with good weather last Saturday morning when they tackled their second beach clean of the year at Westport.

As well as the usual debris the

volunteers found large pieces of plastic piping, a rusting gas cylinder and, worryingly, a five-gallon oil container packed with used oil.

One of the organisers, Ross McGregor, said:

'blatant dumping of hazardous materials into the sea and other watercourses is all too common.'

'In this case, it looks like a fishing boat has changed its engine oil and then simply dumped the waste overboard.'

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<p>MALAWI - TWINNING To support our work with Kasamba Church in Lilongwe COFFEE MORNING Saturday 25th Oct 10am - 12 noon Lochgilhead Parish Church Hall</p>	<p>1st Campbeltown Company Boys' Brigade Are holding a Coffee & Scone Morning At Lorne & Lowland Old Church Hall On Saturday 25th October 10am till 12 noon Admission £2</p>	<p>RNLI Annual Fancy Dress & Family Dance with Archie McAllister's Band Saturday 1st November Skipness Village Hall. Fancy Dress begins 7pm, dance at 8.30pm Adults - £7, under 18 - £3, under 12 - free Teas, Raffle & RNLI sales stall Everyone welcome!</p>	<p>Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association PRIZE BINGO Thursday 30th October 2014 Argyll Bowling Club Eyes down 8pm</p>

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Fashion show puts the fun into fundraising

IT PROVED a great fundraiser and great fun into the bargain.

A packed audience of around 150 turned up at Campbeltown Bowling Clubhouse last Saturday afternoon to enjoy a fashion show in aid of the Kintyre Kidney Dialysis Campaign.

The event raised an incredible £1,567.

One of the organisers, Helen Gilchrist, proved a highly entertaining compere as volunteer models displayed an excellent range of fashion items available from local outlets such as Wee Toon Sports, Wee Toon Trends, The Tartan Shop, Andrea McShannon's Kilts, Ann Stewart

Knitwear and Machrihanish Golf Club.

There was also footwear on display from Kintyre Shoe Company and baking and craft stalls.

There were plenty of laughs as youngsters thoroughly enjoyed their roles on the catwalk.

Helen told the *Courier*: 'It is just incredible the way folk in Kintyre come forward to make events like this such a success.'

'It is so important that a dialysis unit is established in Campbeltown, to end the horrendous journeys to and from Glasgow for ill patients.'



Toddler Gemma, with brother Gregor, shows you are never too young to take to the catwalk. 08_c43show07



Emily and Gregor strike a model pose for the camera. 08_c43show03



Some of the youngsters who modelled clothes from Wee Toon Sports and Wee Toon Trends. 08_c43show02



Of course he looks good - Stephen Speirs looks extremely smart in an outfit available at Machrihanish Golf Club. 08_c43show05



Lesley Armour and Fiona Wallace from Machrihanish Golf Club show how striking you can look on the fairways. 08_c43show04



Some of the packed crowd at Campbeltown Bowling Club just before the start of the show. 08_c43show06

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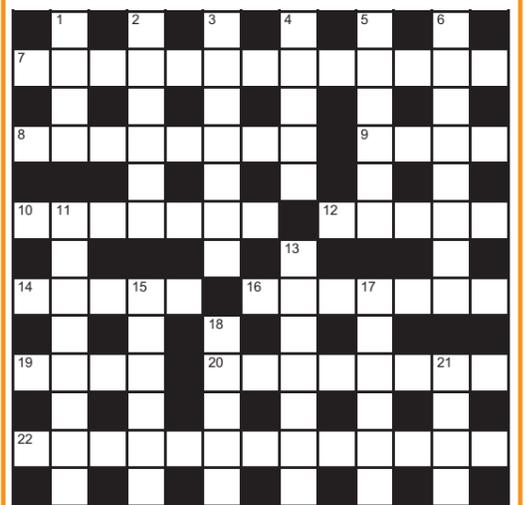
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Plans for £1m harbour development revealed

A £1 MILLION redevelopment of Tarbert harbour could be complete by 2016.

Tarbert Harbour Authority has revealed plans for two new buildings at the amenity area. A new office and chandlery shop will be built on the land where the authority's offices are situated in a portable cabin, while the existing washrooms will be demolished and replaced with a modern, larger building.

Drawings, submitted to Argyll and Bute Council's planning department, show the harbour offices will have a tower, providing a view across the harbour and its pontoons. The other building

will provide state-of-the-art showers, toilets and laundry facilities for people on yachts berthed in the area.

Kenny MacNab, chairman of Tarbert harbour's board of trustees, said the improvements were necessary to allow the harbour to continue attracting boaters.

Important

He said: 'It's important we have proper facilities for yachtsmen.'

'The showers we have are around 25 years old. We need a new office and have been investing in the pontoons and other areas of the harbour. We are a growing business and working out of a portable cabin is not ideal.'

Funding is yet to be secured for the development, but Mr MacNab hopes this will be arranged next year to allow construction to get under way in 2016.

He added: 'The board of trustees is committed to making sure the business is viable and ensuring money is reinvested into all aspects of the harbour and the village.'

CARRADALE

Demolition

A PLANNING application to demolish a sun lounge and build extensions at Dunedin, Lochpark, Carradale, has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

CLACHAN

Youngsters taught what to do with rubbish



Pupils performing their play *The Litter Muncher*.

IT WAS all about reduce, recycle and re-use when Clachan and Skipness primary pupils gathered in Skipness village hall to finish off their eco and technology project.

As part of their learning the children had completed either a beach clean or a litter walk around their village. In the hall, Clachness Samba Band, led by Clachan class teacher Mrs Blake, featured the children using their own instruments made from pieces of litter or items which were going to be thrown out.

An art exhibition, which the community was invited to take part in, involved artwork made from litter or things found on the beach.

School winners were

Joseph McAlister for his rocket and Morvern Paisley for her bear, with both using items found on the beach.

The winner of the under 18s for residents was Leo Silvan, who created a collage from leaves and card, while the over 18s was won by Liz Mollar for her fish made from driftwood.

The children also performed a play entitled 'The Litter Muncher', about a village where the people were not good at picking up their litter and a machine does it all for them. When the machine falls asleep they soon realise it is hard work keeping a place clean and they start to help the 'Litter Muncher' by putting all the rubbish in the bin.

The draw of the grand raffle, involving prizes



Morvern Paisley with her bear made from items found on the beach.



Joseph McAlister with his rocket which won the school art prize.

donated by local businesses, was also held. A total of 956 tickets were sold, resulting in each school receiving more than £400 for their parent council.

It is expected the money will be used in Clachan to enable the children to participate in activities outside of

Kintyre and in Skipness it will be used to develop an outdoor learning area.

Rhuaridh Barbour from Southend won the top prize of the overnight stay at the Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow, while Ruby Currie from Tayinloan won the return trip to Islay.

TARBERT

Souper success for Tarbert group

A CHANGE of venue has proved to be a success for Tarbert soup group which has seen numbers triple in just three months.

The group used to meet at Tarbert village hall but since moving to Tarbert Hotel in June the number of older people lunching has shot up.

Heather Bellshaw, project co-ordinator, said: 'We have three times more people than we had before. We have 20 to 24 people who pop in regularly.'

'I think we are in a much more central location and people are walking to and from the shops, so maybe the hotel is a bit more accessible for them.'

The soup group, which is open to people of all ages, aims to offer an outlet where folk can meet and socialise over a meal once a week.

Held every Monday between midday and 2pm, the event is now attracting people from as far afield as Lochgilphead and Clachan.

ISLAY



The Islay Ales brewery in Bridgend.

Islay beer features in festival

ISLAY Ales is one of three Argyll and Bute breweries taking part in Aldi's in-store beer festival launched last week.

The others are Oban Bay Brewery and Isle of Mull Brewery.

Aldi is showcasing its largest ever selection of micro-brewed beers throughout its stores in Scotland - beers from 47 breweries.

The Islay beer on sale is Angus Og price £1.99.

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Kintyre champion sells for £1,100 at Dalmally

York buyer takes Argyll Limousin bullock back south of the border

A KINTYRE farm took the top prize at last Saturday's show of suckled calves in Dalmally, run by United Auctions.

The Hamilton family at Kilwhipnach, Southend took top honours with a home-bred March born Limousin cross bullock. It sold for £1,100 to Mr I Woodhead, York at the proceeding sale.

Judge for the day was Duncan Henderson junior of Whitehouse Farm, Stirling.

There was a superb entry of 1,276 suckled calves and store cattle on offer to the packed ringside of buyers present from throughout Scotland and Yorkshire.

Autumn Born Bullocks: 1st - P Kennedy, Lephinkill 2nd & 3rd - N MacDonald, Auchgoyle. Autumn Born Heifers: 1st & 2nd - Lephinkill. Spring Born Bullock Calves: 1st - Mr T Hamilton, Kilwhipnach 2nd - Lephinkill 3rd - Auchgoyle. Spring Born Heifer Calves: 1st - M Hall, Tombuie 2nd - Lephinkill 3rd - M/s McVicar, Lephinchapel. Shepherds Class: 1st & 2nd - Mr Allan, MacFadyen, Braglenmore 3rd - Mr C Stewart c/o Barguillean. Pens of 4 Bullocks: 1st - Lephinkill 2nd - Auchgoyle 3rd - M/s MacNeill, Tiraghoil. Pens of 4 Heifers: 1st - Lephinkill 2nd - M/s Ronald, Keilator 3rd - M/s MacFadyen, Braglenmore. Champion Calf: Mr T Hamilton, Kilwhipnach - Limousin Bullock weighing 302kilo's and selling for £1,100.00 to Mr I Woodhead, York. Reserve Champion: Mr P Kennedy, Lephinkill - Limousin Bullock weighing 388kilo's and selling at £880 to Mr Woodhead.

Overall, the 732 Bullocks levelled out at 266.19 per kilo or £736.78 per head whilst the 544

Heifers levelled out at 251.83 per kilo or £664.27 per head.

Principal lots and prices

Top prices per head

Bullocks

AAX: £910 - Braglenmore: £770(3) & £760 - Pitcastle Estate: £750 - Braglenbeg (2) & Barn-dromin (3).

BSHx: £840, £820 & £780 - Ashgrove.

BRBx: £1150 - Lephinkill: £1120 - Dunans: £880 - Lephinchapel & Balliemanoich (Lochgilthead): £830(2) - Kilwhipnach(2): £790 Lephinchapel: £770(2) - Kilwhipnach.

CHARx: £1300(2), £1280, £1230 & £1090 - Lephinkill: £1020 & £1010 - Braglenmore: £1000 - Dunans: £970 (2) & £960 - Lephinkill: £920(2) & £910(5) - Braglenbeg: £900 (11) - Ederline Estate & Braglenmore(2): £895(7) - Tiraghoil: £890 - Colintrave: £860 - Braglenmore: £840(2) - Braglenbeg: £830 - Ashgrove & Lephinkill: £825(2) - Barnakill: £810 - Braglenmore(3), Dunans & Arileod (Coll).

HIGH: £720 - Pitcastle Estate.

LIMx: £1100 - Kilwhipnach: £1000(2) - Auchgoyle: £980 - Balliemanoich, Lochgilthead: £970(3) - Craignafeoch: £955 - Feringa Farming, Coll: £950 - Lephinkill & Craig Farm: £910 - Craigmore: £905(2) - Lephinkill: £905 - Tiraghoil, Mull: £900(3) - Craig Farm: £900 - Pitcastle Estate: £890 - Craigmore & Auchgoyle(5): £880 - Tombuie, Craig Farm(2) & Lephinkill: £870(5) - Craignafeoch: £860(3) - Kilwhipnach: £855 - Caolis, Coll & 2 Keil Crofts: £850 - Ledcharrie(2), Garvie (2), Auchgoyle & Tom Na Coille(3).

LUINGx: £1150 & 950 - Pitcastle Estate.

SALx: £660(4) - Balantyre Farm.

SHx: £745 - Ichrachan Farm

SIMx: £1060(2) & £1050(2) - Dunans: £985 - Tiraghoil: £940 - Dunans: £930 - Duallin: £900 - Barguillean: £885 - Tiritigan Farm: £880(6) - Barguillean: £870 - Tiritigan & Barguillean(2): £865(5) - Tiraghoil: £860 - Barguillean, Duallin(2), Tiritigan &

Pitcastle Estate: £850 - Barguillean: £820(8) - Keilator: £800 - Tiritigan(3) & Craig Farm.

Heifers

AAX: £760 - Barndromin. BSHx: £730 - Ashgrove. BRBx: £690 - Lephinchapel. CHARx: £880(6) - Lephinkill: £850(4) - Braglenmore: £840 - Lephinkill: £800 - Braglenbeg.

LIMx: £955(3) - Feringa Farming, Coll: £890(2) - Craigmore: £880 - Lephinkill: £860 - Auchgoyle: £850 & £835(2) - Tombuie: £830(2) - Craignafeoch: £820(4) - Ledcharrie: £815(2) - Tiraghoil: £805 - Feringa Farming, Coll. LUING: £690 - Pitcastle Estate. SALx: £770 - Arileod, Coll. SHOX: £720(3) - Balnahard, Colonsay. SIMx: £870 - Dunans: £800(2) - Auch Estate: £790 - Barachander Farm: £775 - Dunans.

Top prices per kilo

Bullocks

AAX: 292p - Pitcastle Estate: 288p - Garvie: 273p(2) - Braglenmore: 268p(6) - Ardnacross: 264p - Barndromin: 258p(3) - Pitcastle Estate: 252p - Barndromin (3) & Kiloran Farmers(2).

BRBx: 278p(2), 273p & 263p(2) - Kilwhipnach: 261p - Lephinchapel(2).

CHARx: 366p(12), 332p(4) & 321p(9) - Ederline Estate: 319p(7) - Tiraghoil: 318p(11) - Ederline Estate: 315p(5) - Myretonhill: 314p - Dunans: 312p(2) - Ballygown: 305p - Braglenmore: 301p(2) - Arileod, Coll: 300p(2) - Barnakill: 299p - Ederline Estate: 297p(4) & 294p(2) - Dunans: 286p(3) - Arileod: 286p(4) - Ballygown: 280p(3) - Braglenmore: 276p(4) - Dunans: 274p - Tiraghoil: 273p(2) - Myretonhill: 271p(2) - Arileod: 270p(2) - Barnakill.

HIGH: 193p(2) - Pitcastle Estate.

LIMx: 364p - Kilwhipnach: 354p(6) - Auch Estate: 328p(2) - Tom Na Coille: 315p(3) & 313p(5) - Balantyre Farm: 312p - Brenchoille: 311p - Tom Na Coille: 310p(7) - Lochuisge: 307p

- Craig Farm: 306p - Auch Estate(4), Garvie(4) & Brenchoille(2): 304p - Cuilaine: 303p(2) - Colintrave: 302p - Garvie(2) & Craigmore(3): 299p - Caolis, Coll: 296p(4) - Glenshellach: 295p - Brenchoille: 294p(3) - Brenchoille: 293p - Tom Na Coille & Musdale Farm: 292p - Colintrave(2), Feringa Farming, Boreland Farms(4) & Musdale Farm: 291p(2) - Ledcharrie: 288p - Keilator: 287p - Feringa Farming.

LUING: 292p & 279p - Scalla-saig, Colonsay: 279p(4) - Muck-aim.

SALx: 283p(4) & 274p(2) - Balantyre Farm Partnership.

SHOX: 303p(3), 299p, 298p - Stronmagachan: 289p(7) & 279p(8) - Balnahard.

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The entrance to High Trodighal, with its impressive stone and woodwork. 08_c43home09



The large, well-finished bathroom also has sauna and walk-in drench shower. 08_c43home05



Mike and Linda Peacock in the kitchen of High Trodighal which is now available for holiday lets. 08_c43home1

Down-to-earth home

Machrihanish couple's grand design for holiday p

MIKE and Linda Peacock have built two special, eco-style holiday homes, literally nestled into the Machrihanish hillside.

The eye-catching properties were part of the couple's own grand design - to build the homes and allow Mike to retire early and escape from endless lengthy commutes as an IT consultant.

However, they loved the completed homes so much they have moved into one of them.

They also learned one grand lesson - life does not work out as planned.

'We started building work in 2006 and expected to be finished in two years,' said Mike. 'We actually finished in May this year.'

'There were design complications and then the main contractor went bust towards the end of the job, leaving a lot of snags.'

'It would be fair to say that neither of us slept well for a couple of years.'

'You would wake at four in the morning with a problem racing around your head.'

'One blessing was that Argyll and Bute council staff were very sup-

portive throughout the process. I don't know if I would want to tackle such a project again, however, after all the angst and worry we are pleased with the outcome.'

The protracted lifespan of the project at least left passing motorists fascinated.

Not infrequently, the couple would find strange cars meandering up their long driveway.

'People were curious, not surprisingly,' said Mike. 'They would be apologetic for the intrusion but we were always glad to have visitors and happy to explain what we were doing.'

Mike, 63, and Linda, 60, bought East Trodighal and its three acres approaching Machrihanish from Campbeltown in the early 1980s, and did a lot of work to it before Linda ran a B&B there for 22 years while Mike worked away.

Eventually, their minds turned to the thought of building holiday homes with the aim of them providing sufficient income for Mike to retire early.

The way forward was then inspired by turf-roof, self-catering cottages, part built into hillsides,

they saw on the Isle of Harris.

Linda said: 'We wanted to create homes that would cut energy use to a minimum and I think we have achieved that.'

'In truth, our building materials are not that eco-friendly but that will be offset by the low running costs.'

That has been achieved my maximising insulation. For most of the time the properties need no, or only minimal, heating.

When heating is used, it proves incredibly efficient.

The walls are made of concrete-filled polystyrene blocks mixed with damp proofing.

There is almost six inches depth of earthwool under the floor, almost eight inches under the roof and five inches of turf on the roof.

There are electric heating mats under the floor, which are cheap to buy, simple to install and expensive to run. However, because of the amount of insulation around the properties they hardly need used.

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Looking across the breakfast table to the dining area in High Trodugal. 08_c43home03



South Trodugal which the Peacocks now call home. 08_c43home01



High Trodugal, with its turf roof, is set into the hillside. Davaar Island and Arran is often visible in the distance. 08_c43home08



Part of the spacious bedroom in High Trodugal which has a king-size bed and a view over the Laggan and the Kintyre hills. 08_c43home06

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Properties with a difference

properties proves well worth the worry and effort

Eventually solar panels may be installed out of sight at the rear of South Trodugal. A small wind turbine may also be erected.

Both South Trodugal, which the Peacocks now call home, and High Trodugal, which is available for rent, have one bedroom. They are beautifully designed and finished and have a real feeling of space.

The stunning bathroom in High Trodugal also boasts a sauna.

The property is unashamedly aimed at the high end of the holiday home rental market and will appeal to couples who will think nothing of flying into Campbeltown Airport where they will be picked up to begin a break in a secluded, but not isolated, spot with amazing panoramas over Machrihanish's golf courses to Islay and Jura - with stunning sunsets - over the Laggan towards the hills on the spine of Kintyre and around towards Campbeltown with Davaar Island and Arran visible on a clear day.

Geese can be spotted flying by and deer are regular visitors to the surrounding grounds.

Then there is the silence and feeling of peace inside the properties.

A welcome pack includes milk, juice, tea, coffee, champagne, Springbank whisky, local preserves, free-range eggs, home baking and flowers.

The cottage is also equipped with bicycles, picnic backpacks, beach towels and binoculars.

Hopefully, the whole package will secure High Trodugal a five-star rating when it is inspected soon by VisitScotland.

Kintyre residents curious to see the end result of all the activity they have followed for the past seven or eight years are welcome to open days Mike and Linda are holding next Thursday and Friday, October 30 and 31, 1pm to 4pm.

Those who cannot wait until then can find out more by looking up the impressively detailed website at www.hightrodugal.co.uk



A beautiful bathroom in High Trodugal comes with a sauna. 08_c43home04

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Royal National Mòd



Inveraray's Holly Renton and Cara Blyth, who have been signing together for four years, took the bronze badge in the duet for learners aged 13 to 15. 17_t42mod39



The coveted prize of the Lovat and Tullibardine Shield was won by Glasgow Gaelic Musical Association with Kenny Thomson as the conductor. 15_t43mod73



The Piseagan won the Esme Smythe Trophy for the fifth time - making the Argyll Ladies Choir the most winning competitions. 15_t43mod46

2014 Mod hailed a cultural and financial success

FOLLOWING nine days of exciting competitions and phenomenal performances, Am Mòd Nàiseanta Rioghail (The Royal National Mòd), has been hailed a huge success. It is set to leave a legacy on the city as thousands of Gaels and non-Gaels have celebrated and embraced traditional Gaelic culture. A signature event of the Highland Homecoming celebrations, the festival returned to Inverness for the first time in 17 years and is expected to have brought between £2.5 million and £3 million to the local economy.

Convener of The Highland Council, Councillor Jimmy Gray said: 'The Highland Council sees this year's Mod as an incredible success for the city as well as for competitors, their families, supporters, visitors to the Highlands, and not to mention the people of Inverness, who have joined in and embraced this vibrant celebration of Gaelic culture. Businesses have received a very welcome economic boost at what is traditionally a quieter time of the year and the atmosphere during

the day and in the evening within the city centre has been really fantastic. I am sure the positive benefits will be felt for a long time to come and we look forward to the opportunity of welcoming the Mod back to Inverness in the near future.'

The Mòd officially closed today with a mass choir procession through the city, culminating in a ceremony handing the reins over to representatives from the 2015 host town, Oban. Next year's festival is taking place from October 9 - 17 and will be the 123rd year of the event.

More than 3,000 competitors took part in 200 competitions during The Mòd, whilst almost 100 Fringe events added to the electric atmosphere in Inverness. Workshops, book readings, come and try sessions, concerts and gigs took place morning, noon and night across the Highland Capital. Visitor numbers are estimated as being over 8,500 from across Scotland, the UK, Canada and even the United Arab Emirates.

Organised by An Comunn Gàidhealach, one of the world's oldest and most respected Gaelic or-

ganisations, the event is the most important festival of the Gaelic language in Scotland. There was a substantial rise in under-18s competing in traditional singing events and an increase in high school choirs taking part, showing a rising interest in the festival and traditional Gaelic culture.

Top prizes included the children's silver medal (boys and girls) which made history when it went to brother and sister Catriona and John Alasdair Bain from Lewis, it was the first time it has been awarded to siblings.

The silver medals were won by Donna Dugdale from Mull and Hector MacKechnie from Morvern and the Gold Medals were clinched by father-of-two Angus MacLeod from Inverness, who was the first man from the city to win the medal since 1992, and Eilidh Cormack from Portree who had entered for the first time, having turned 18 in July. Eilidh's brother Ruairidh won the men's Traditional Gold Medal, while the women's went to Ceitlin LR Smith from Ness, Isle of Lewis. Ceitlin came third in the competition in 2012 and also performed

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part of The Mòd fringe this ar with her band Gria. In the 3 choir competitions, the Lo-t and Tullibardine Shield went Glasgow Gaelic Musical Association while the Margrat Dun-n Memorial Trophy went to Ab-feldy and District Gaelic Choir. ompetitions in Highland danc-3, literature, piping and clarsach so took place.

ays John Morrison, chief execu-ve of An Comunn Gàidhealach: his year has been so much fun d we have seen incredible tal-t across all of the competitions. ve also been encouraged by the edback from those who attend- for the first time, commenting how much they have enjoyed

I like to end 2014's Mòd by anking everyone who entered mpetitions and by offering my ngratulations to all our wor-y winners. Most of all I want to ank our sponsors and supporters d every single person that con-tributed to the festival's organi-tion - from the local organising mmittee, to Highland Council, our valued volunteers - we real-couldn't do it without you.'



Islay Gaelic Choir, second in the rural choirs competition and third in the puirt. 17_t43mod32



Ann Marie, Chelsea and Krystal McLean from Campbeltown. The trio performed in the songs of the Hebrides competition. t42mod89



Janet MacDonald hands over the Islanders Shield to Arlene MacKerral of Islay Gaelic Choir. 15_t43mod44



Undeniably the king of Sine Bhan is Raibeart MacCallum from Kintyre. 'Let it sing itself,' he said - and it most certainly did. 15_t43mod74



Tarbert Loch Fyne choir with conductor Hilary MacDonald. 17_t43mod34



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However, if it is your turn to put on a spread for family and friends there are some usual tips to remember.

The first, and most obvious one, is that it is never too early to start preparing and shopping in advance.

As you are going about your weekly shopping, start stocking up on non-perishable essentials for the festive period like crackers, napkins and chutneys - but remember to also check local markets in the run up to Christmas, you'll find many culinary delights as well as novel gift ideas.

With the shops selling out quickly, it is also a good idea to grab advent calendars when you see them to avoid the wee ones - and the big kids - from being disappointed.

If you are going down the traditional route and making your own Christmas pudding, now is the time to get baking. Giving the cake around two months to mature will allow the flavours to deepen and intensify.

Just more than a week after you've baked the

Christmas dessert be sure to soak it in brandy, repeating this process about three weeks later.

About halfway through December write your Christmas plan. You can even plan in what the rest of the family can do to help. Maybe someone else could take care of the soup or the trifle.

About a week beforehand make up a shopping list. You will need ham, cheese, potatoes, carrots, parsnips, stuffing, sausages, bacon, cream and sauces to name but a few items.

Leave the purchasing of fresh vegetables until a couple of days beforehand though.

Be sure to also pick up the ingredients for mulled wine and mince pies to get in the swing of the Christmas spirit.

Do not forget to chill your bottles on December 23 and 30 - and stock up on party food for Hogmanay and visitors in the New Year.

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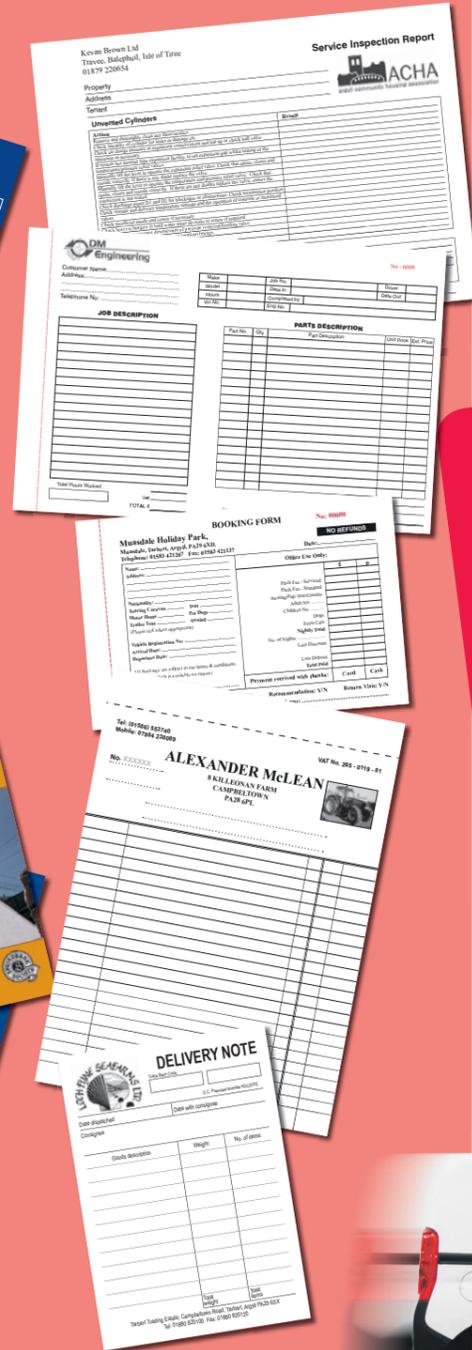
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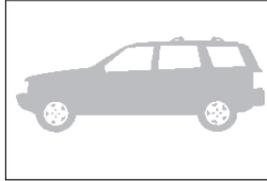
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE early autumn sun was warm on our backs as we walked through some of the loveliest hill tracks that meander along the coastline of Arran.

The pups loved this new adventure of beach and woodland and they revelled in new opportunities and adventures.

We walked for miles and were just getting a wee bit disorientated and were concerned that we were getting lost.

It was at this point that I decided to go and find someone who could help us get our bearings.

I tried the doors of several cottages to no avail.

Then I finally gained the attention of a lovely lady who was happy to help us.

She said, 'Keep on the path till you come to a fork in the road.'

'Then there are two choices - take the road that leads to the church'.

We followed her advice and were soon safely back at the car.

I thought of how often in our lives we depend on other people to point us in the right direction.

Some may be helpful strangers we will never meet again, but more often they are people we know and love.

There are some who are just always there when we need them.

They are the folk who always put others before themselves.

They are the ones who point us in the right direction.

When we lose them we lose our way for a time and we lose a wee bit of ourselves forever.

When we look back at their influence in our lives we can clearly remember the many times they gave us good directions.

We remember the times they got us back on the right track and encouraged us to keep on going even when the road grew rough.

We have lost one of our own on the Largside, but she has left a candle to guide us.

TRIBUTE:

John Patrick McWhirter

January 28, 1918 - August 13, 2014

THROUGHOUT his 90 years, John McWhirter was someone who saw service to and involvement in his community as an essential part of living.

He began his working life as an electrician with A P McGrory and was called up for active service when the Second World War broke out. Aged 21, he started basic training in December 1939 and he was not demobbed till February 1946.

By then he was a sergeant in the royal electrical and mechanical engineers and had been involved in reconstruction work in parts of Italy. The war and this posting allowed him to attend an operatic performance at La Scala, Milan, something beyond a dream for someone with his love of music.

As well as these experiences, John met his future wife Doris in London and theirs became a long and happy marriage which ended with her death in 1999.

They had three children and the whole family made the annual pilgrimage to Essex for many years so that Doris could keep in touch with her family and the children would be acquainted with their southern relatives.

Loved

John loved his family and liked to be kept involved in their lives, even into the days of his failing health and mobility.

A great sadness to him and Doris was the death of their eldest son John early in 1999.

The marriages of his grandchildren and the birth of his great grandchildren were a great



John McWhirter was renowned for his work with the RNLI but was also a member of Campbeltown Gaelic Choir for 40 years.

source of pride and joy to John senior.

His work for the RNLI is well documented and he was awarded the silver and gold badges and also the Queen's

Jubilee Medal in recognition of his services.

He was a member of the RNLI from 1938, and at the end of the war remained in various posts till 1983. He

maintained an active interest in the work of this organisation until the end of his life.

His interest in music found an outlet in Campbeltown Gaelic Choir and he was a member for 40 of its most successful years.

He also served as their treasurer for almost 20 years and, until he died, could recount the successes and adventures of the choir as they travelled to the Mod in successive Octobers.

Remember

These are all activities of merit, but those who knew John well will best remember his gift of story telling as he recounted with amazing recall the events, tragic, amusing and dramatic, of his life.

He is survived by his daughter Anne, son David, grandchildren, great grandchildren and youngest brother Francis. He will be missed by them and by the large number of those of us who were glad to call him a friend.

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Reid outlines his vision for Scotland

ALAN Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, called for more powers for the Scottish parliament when he spoke in the post-referendum House of Commons debate last week.

He said his vision for Scotland was 'a country with its own parliament that raises the majority of its own revenues and can borrow, tax and spend to meet Scotland's priorities, with the freedom to innovate and reform but which keeps the strength and security of the United Kingdom'.

Mr Reid said it was vital that 'significant new powers' were devolved to the Scottish Parliament within the promised time scale.

He added: 'Significant tax-varying powers are necessary so that in future we can have a prop-

er democratic debate on how much to raise through taxes and how much to spend on public services.

'The Scottish Parliament must be given tax levers enabling it to raise the greater part of its own spending. Taxes on income, wealth and property can suitably be devolved. As well as raising money to spend on public services, these are powerful tools to address inequality in Scotland.'

'Representing a coastal and island constituency, I believe that devolving the Crown estate, with its control over the foreshore and seabed, is of vital importance.'

'That is one of many areas where devolution must not stop at Holyrood; it must be devolved to a local level within Scotland.'

Drivers face delays on A83

WORK underway on the A83 at Tarbet at Loch Lomond is leaving drivers facing lengthy delays.

The work, scheduled to finish on October 31, is being carried out between 8pm and 6am to minimise disruption to travellers.

During those hours, traffic is being allowed through on an hourly basis.

Drivers can also take a lengthy detour via the A82, A85 and A819. Just over a mile of the road is being resurfaced and reshaped and grip improved at the Tarbet Tea Rooms bend.

Drainage is also to be improved to reduce the risk of flooding.

The working hours have also been

programmed around the West Coast Motors and Citylink bus services to minimise delay to commuters.

A 30mph speed limit will be in place outwith working hours.

Eddie Ross, of BEAR Scotland, said: 'These essential overnight works will improve the condition of this section of road which has deteriorated.'

'The use of premium stone will also see a significant improvement in grip through the bend outside the Tarbet Tea Rooms.'

'Motorists are encouraged to plan their journeys in advance and check the Traffic Scotland website for up-to-date information.'

New Zealand performances at library

TWO leading performing poets and storytellers from New Zealand will hold 'an evening of distinctive rhythms' at Campbeltown Library on Thursday October 30 from 7.30pm.

TusiataAvia is a published poet, performer and children's writer born to a Samoan fa-

ther and Palagi mother. She was the recipient of the Janet Frame Literary Trust Award in 2013 and is regularly printed in literary journals, as well as appearing at writers festivals around the globe.

Raised

Grace Taylor was born and raised in South

Auckland, with English and Samoan descent.

Her first collection of poetry, Afakasi Speaks, was published in 2013 and she has won the Auckland Readers Writers Festival Poetry Idol.

The event is free but please contact the library, tel 01586-555435, to prebook a seat.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS



COOK - SHAW

Martin and Linzi are delighted to announce the arrival of their son, Charlie Douglas, on October 4, 2014 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. A wee brother for Ruby. Second grandson for Gilbert and Fay Cook and first grandson for Fiona Cook and the late Duggie Shaw. Thanks to midwives at home and away, especially Isabel.



GALLAGHER

Debbie and Lee are delighted to announce the birth of Orla Isabell, on September 24, 2014 in Leeds. Second granddaughter for Isabell and Fred Hodgson.

O'HANLON - Aaron and Stephanie are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte, on October 5, 2014 at Campbeltown Hospital. A wee sister for Lewis, Logan and Austin. Grateful thanks to Helen, Isabel and Catriona at Campbeltown Maternity Unit.

ENGAGEMENTS



KILCOLM - CURRIE

In Amsterdam, on October 14, 2014, the engagement of Stuart, son of Tom and Sheena, Lochgilphead, to Louise, daughter of William and Irene, Kilmarnock. Both families are delighted at the news.

DEATHS

DOCHERTY - Peacefully, on October 16, 2014 at Southern General Hospital, in her 43rd year, Mhairi, beloved mother of William and Sam, daughter of Mary and the late Doc, mother-in-law of Samantha and loving partner of Johnnie.

DUNN - Peacefully, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on Saturday, October 18, 2014, Eileen (formerly of Campbeltown and Paisley). Eileen will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service at Holy Trinity and St Barnabas Church, St James' Place, Paisley, on Tuesday, October 28 at 12.00 noon. Thereafter to Woodside Crematorium, Paisley for 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

KELLY - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on Saturday, October 18, 2014, Elizabeth Jean Taylor, in her 71st year, 48 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late William B Kelly and a loving and much loved sister-in-law and aunt.

KENNEDY - Peacefully, at the Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, with her family by her side, Martha Hunter Kennedy, née Galbraith, aged 86 years, of Fernlea, Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of Bill Kennedy, loving mother of Peter, Billy and Elizabeth, a much respected mother-in-law of Morag, Frances and Liam, adored gran of Douglas, Dawn, Nicola, Fraser, Cameron, Shona and Stuart, and proud great gran of seven. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research and Macmillan Nurses.

KLIMANSKA - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on October 12, 2014, Jean (Jo) Klimanska, aged 87 years, of Lochview, Whitehouse, by Tarbert, much loved mother of Zofija, Aleksander and Janina, cherished gran of Maddy, Sam, Nikolai, James, Meg and Ella and dear mother-in-law of Paul, Jackie and Dominic. Funeral service will be held in St Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead, on Monday, October 27, 2014 at 10.30am, followed by private family service at Cardross Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Macmillan Nurses.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CHESTNUT - Danny Chestnut and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for attending the funeral of David and for the sympathy cards we received. We would also like to thank the police for the assistance we received, the staff at the Ardsheel Hotel, and Kenneth Blair and company for their services. Thanks again to everyone.

GAYDON - Florentine Gaydon (Twinkle) and family would like to thank the carers and all the many local people who knew and helped Harry over the years. Bless you all.

GRAHAM - The family of the late Mhairi Graham would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and nurses at Muasdale Surgery, district nurses, the Macmillan nurse, and neighbour Marion MacDonald, for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Rev David Thom for his comforting services at A'Chleit and Cardross Crematorium, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services rendered, to Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy for an excellent purvey and for looking after everyone so well, and also the Commodore Hotel, Helensburgh for an excellent purvey. The collection for the Mairi Semple Fund and the local Macmillan Cancer Support raised £1,310.

MCKINNON (ANDERSON) - Rena and family wish to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their very kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls, visits and flowers following Georgia's passing. Sincere thanks to Rev Wallace for his comforting service. Our thanks to Kenneth and Rhys

Blair for their caring and professional service. Thanks to the staff of the Argyll Hotel for excellent purvey. Finally, grateful thanks for donations in aid of Macmillan Nurses Kintyre and Diabetes Kintyre, which raised £510.56.

IN MEMORIAM

ARKELL - In loving memory of my dear husband, dad and granda (Eck), died October 28, 2012.

Never a day do we forget you, in our hearts you are always near.

God alone knows how we miss you and end this second sad year.

- Love you always, from Maggie and family.

Love you, Granda xxx.

LAURIE - In loving memory of my sister, Petra, died October 14, 1984. Also my mother, Marjorie, died April 29, 2012, and my father, John, died March 27, 1982.

Always in my thoughts.

- Jeanne and family, Inverness.

MCKERRAL - In loving memory of Jean, died October 25, 2013, much loved sister, sister-in-law and aunt. Sadly missed.

STEWART - In loving memory of a much loved husband and dad, Dave, died October 27, 2013.

Miss you more and more each day.

- Annie, Marion, Laura and Christine xxxx.

CHURCH NOTICES

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT: Tarbert 10.00am, located on School Road. Lochgilphead 11.30am, located on Lochnell Street/Manse Brae Mondays 1.15 - 1.45pm Prayer Time Minister: Rev. R Macleod All welcome.

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 26 October 2014 11.00am Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch Speaker: Graham McLean "The Sacrifice of Praise"
Thursday 30 October 2014 7.30pm Praise, prayer & sharing All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 26 October Bellanoch Church 11:30 am Morning Worship Rev. C. Acklam
Thursday 30 October Messy Church 4 - 6 pm Tayvallich Hall All welcome Enquiries 01546 606926 www.argyllcommunities.org/nknappdalecofs

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 26th October 2014 Tarbert Service 11.30am Kilberry Service 2pm Rev. Margaret Anderson For all church enquiries and pastoral care Telephone 01880 821012 Everyone very welcome SC002622

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"It is good to sing praises to our God" Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm Foodstuff for Blythswood also Supporting the work of Water Aid and Scottish Bible Society

Scottish Episcopal Churches Everyone Welcome

Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Sundays 11.00 am Eucharist service 4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins & 11am Eucharist Service Coffee & Cake follows the service
St Columba's, Poltalloch, nr Kilmartin (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month 9.00am Eucharist Service 3rd Sunday of the month 6.00pm Evensong Scottish Prayer Book
All Saints, Inveraray (SC025646) Saturdays 5.30pm Eucharist Service Father Simon Mackenzie Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran 01546 602315

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LOCHGILPHEAD Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm Fr. David Connor 01546 602380 All Welcome (SC0002876)

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Services 26th October 2014 - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair Charity No. SC016097 Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray Charity No. SC016665 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 26th October Morning Worship 10am - Kilmartin Rev. C. Acklam
Tuesday 28th October Congregational Board 7.30pm A new loop hearing system has been installed. All welcome SC0 02121

lochgilphead baptist church

All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 26th October 2014 11.00am with communion mainly music Tuesday at 10am Jumpstart Friday from 10am Scottish Charity SC015187

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Saturday 25th October BB Coffee Morning 10.00 am - 12.00 noon Church Hall
Sunday 26th October Morning Service 11.15am BB Dedication Service Session Meeting 10.45am Creche, Triple C, Next Generation Rev P Wallace
Monday 27th October Guild 7.30pm New Hall
Tuesday 28th October Mothers and Toddlers 9.45am New Hall Boy's Brigade Anchor Boys 6.00 - 7.00pm Junior Section 7.15 - 8.30pm Church Hall
Thursday 30th October Choir Practice
Friday 31st October Lunch Club 12.00 noon New Hall

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 26th October 2014 11.00am Family Service with Communion and crèche with a special collection for the Scottish Bible Society Coffee to follow Pastor Ross Ferguson 4.00pm Service in Lorne Campbell Court
Wednesday 29th October Jellytots Toddler Group 10.00am Bible Study and Prayer at 7.30pm
Tune in to Argyll FM - 106.5/107.1 & 107.7FM - on Monday mornings from 8am to 9am and listen to the Breakfast Show, co-hosted by Pastor Ross Ferguson and Mr William Crossan.
For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200 www.springbankchurch.co.uk SC014646

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service 11.00 am with Sunday school Refreshments after the service
Baby & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.45 am Every Thursday (term-time only)
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 26th October 11 a.m. Morning Worship Rev. Hilda Smith
Every Tuesday 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe All Welcome www.lpchurch.co.uk Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

Highland Parish Church

Scottish Charity Number SC002493
Sunday 26th October 11.15am Rev Catriona Hood Service in the church Badminton Club - Registration evening on Tuesday 21st October in Kirk Street Hall at 6.30 pm. All welcome from P1-P7. Everyone very welcome

The Salvation Army Campbeltown Corps

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Tuesday 12.15pm Lunch Club 1.30pm Home League
Wednesday 7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob
Thursday 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Lt. Mark Scoulding

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church

Argyll Street, Campbeltown St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 26th October Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 10.45am Holy Communion All Welcome
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Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

free church of scotland

George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 26th October 11.15am Worship Service Rev Billy Graham 11.15am Sunday School 2.30pm Christianity Explored
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Winter golf for youngsters

JUNIOR winter golf starts again next Sunday, November 2, at Machrihanish golf club, alternating every fortnight with Dunaverty golf club.

Any child aged eight and over is invited to attend at 1pm. The more experienced players will play a nine-hole stableford competition, with beginners playing one or three holes depending on experience.

A schedule of dates will be issued on the first Sunday and fortnightly sessions will run until March 2015.

The cost for the block session will be £10, payable on Sunday November 2.

Scottish AFL results and fixtures

LAST weekend's results: West of Scotland Cup second Round - Glenburn Athletic 1, Oban Saints 7; Premier Division - Campbeltown Pupils 3, Finnart 6; Premier Division Two - Lochgilhead Red Star 3, Motherwell Thistle 2; Division 1B - FC Clydebank 7, Tarbert 3.

This week's fixtures: Premier Division - Eaglesham v Campbeltown Pupils; Oban Saints v Alba Thistle; Premier Division Two - Drumchapel Amateur Colts v Lochgilhead Red Star; Division 1B Tarbert v Carlton YM.

Darts results

CAMPBELTOWN district darts association week 1 results: Kilbrannan A 7 Fiddlers B 3, Burnside 7 Commercial 3, Fiddlers 9 Kilbrannan C 1, Kilbrannan B 4 Ailsa 6, Southend/bye.

Jamie McGougan had a 15-dart leg and a 180 for Kilbrannan and Gary Grummoli hit 180 for the Burnside.

Week 2 results: Southend 6 Ailsa 4, Kilbrannan C 4 Kilbrannan B 6, Commercial 2 Fiddlers 8, Fiddlers B 3 Burnside 7, Kilbrannan A /bye.

Stephen Jordan had a 15-dart leg and a 117 finish for the Fiddlers.

Carradale can point to missed chances

Carradale	1
Millerston	1
West of Scotland AFL	

CARRADALE left it late to salvage a draw at home to Millerston last Saturday.

The McFadyens-sponsored Carradale piled the pressure on their visitors from the opening minutes but could only take a point from a rather one-sided league match.

The home side enjoyed most of the possession and had around a dozen

attempts on goal in the opening 45 minutes without scoring. Millerston took the lead through a deflected free-kick midway through the first-half, the ball deceiving Neil McMillan to creep in and give the away side an unexpected advantage.

Three clear-cut chances went begging as Cammy Maguire found Gregor Croll in the box but his half-volley went the wrong side of the post.

Alan Robertson then found space for a shot but an effort on his weaker foot could not find the target.

A bit of magic from a short corner followed as David Johnstone picked up the ball at a tight angle to goal and lofted a delightful chip, matched only by an equally impressive save from the away keeper.

Into the second half,



Alan Robertson receives close attention from two Millerston players

Carradale were pushed on by man of the match Ryan McConnachie and after he beat two Millerston defenders he cut the ball back for Maguire who failed to complete the move.

Maguire made no mistake with his next effort on 78 minutes,

controlling Kenny Kerr's header with his left foot before firing home a right-foot shot to give Carradale a hard-earned equaliser.

Pushed

As Carradale pushed for a winner they were almost caught out by a Millerston counter-

attack which finished wide of the target.

Nonnie Macalister, the Carradale manager, said: 'On another day we would have won by a few goals but again our finishing let us down. We pushed hard to the end though and credit must go to Millerston

for defending so well.' The match ball was sponsored by Paterson's Bakery, Carradale.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Carradale travel to play Antonine in the league, hoping to avenge a league cup defeat to the Balloch-based side last season.



Ryan McConnachie had an outstanding game in Carradale's midfield. 08_c43carradale01

'Relaxed' Sarah takes first lady prize in Lincoln marathon

AFTER a summer's training interrupted by injury, a relaxed approach paid off for Sarah McFadzean when she finished first lady in The Spires and Steeples 26-mile Challenge in Lincoln.

The route started in Lincoln Castle grounds and followed a mix of off road terrain, comprising mainly of open fields, bridleway and grass canal path.

Nervous

The Campbeltown running club member told the *Courier*: 'As I looked around me on the bus to the start, I thought everyone looked like serious trail runners and I felt slightly nervous that I was perhaps under prepared.'

'My training had been

hampered all summer with an achilles injury but I told myself I was just doing it for fun and



Sarah McFadzean finishing this year's MOK Run 10k. 08_c43sarah01

to do something different. The constantly changing ground underfoot was a challenge and the mud in the fields was very sticky, almost gluing your feet to the ground.

Relaxed

'I finished first lady in three hours 45 minutes, so my relaxed approach must have worked.'

'I've done a few other races over the summer, including the Islay Half Marathon, where Campbeltown took the second ladies team prize.'

'Now my injury has gone I'm looking forward to training properly for the Silverstone Half Marathon and London Marathon next year and as many other events as I can squeeze in.'

Active Schools coordinator loved his time in South Kintyre

CALLUM Imray has said goodbye to Campbeltown grammar after completing a six-month stint as active schools co-ordinator for South Kintyre.

The 24-year-old, originally from Stonehaven, moved to the area in May as maternity cover for Lindsay Ramsay.

Callum said: 'It has been my first active schools role and I have really enjoyed it.'

'The teaching staff at the school, particularly the PE department, have been brilliant with me.'

'The kids in the different primary schools and here at the grammar have been great too - the sports classes we have run have been very popular.'

'We tried out some different extra-curricular

activities such as piloxing and mountain biking with a lot of success.'

Permanent

Callum will take up a permanent active schools post in Aberdeen in November and he is looking forward to going back to the north east.

He added: 'Work-

ing here has been a real learning experience but I am looking forward to starting my new job a bit closer to home.'

'I will definitely come back to Kintyre to visit though, as I have met a lot of lovely people and I am grateful for the opportunity I had to work here.'



Callum Imray, active schools acting co-ordinator in south Kintyre since May, is taking up a permanent role in Aberdeen. 20_c41callum01

Coach keeps a place in his heart for Kintyre

Clydebank legend loves coming to Campbeltown

RENOWNED football coach Jim Gallagher says he loves his trips to Campbeltown.

'I've been coming here for ten years during the Easter and October holidays and really enjoy seeing and working with many talented players,' he told the *Courier*.

Gallagher, 63, who established himself as a Clydebank legend by playing more than 800 games for the club, was back in Campbeltown again last week to coach keen young Kintyre footballers at a Total Soccer Experience camp.

Gallagher, who is also Dumbarton FC's goal-keeping coach, said: 'I

think the level of play-coach is strong in Campbeltown, and it is easy to develop a good rapport with the kids because of their willingness to learn.

'I have been impressed by what I have seen over the years. Credit too must go to the coaches turning out every week to bring the players' development on, as it really is an unsung commitment.'

Keen eye

As youngsters trained last week under Gallagher's keen eye, he added: 'I like creative players and it is great to see a dribble come off.'

'I will, however, give a wee bit of advice when a



Young Kintyre footballers had a great week at the Total Soccer Experience camp run by Dumbarton coach Jim Gallagher.

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young player could pass the ball and achieve a better result.

'It is all about variation, practising different skills and using several options.'

Some Campbeltown players are already at

Dumbarton FC at under-20 and under-13 levels and Gallagher is sure more can get involved.

The 16-time Scotland 'B' cap rhymes off the names of Kintyre youngsters who have

impressed him over the years, before adding: 'The commitment involved in travelling to weekly training sessions and matches is colossal, but if a player is good enough Dumbarton is always open to taking

in players from Campbeltown.

'The link between the two towns is growing and things like the match played down here in July last year when Campbeltown Pupils entertained Dumbar-

ton under-19s in a pre-season friendly showed that.

'It is also really heartwarming for me when players I have been involved with here over the years will stop me in the street to say hello.'



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Gary Grumoli prepares to have a shot late in the second half. 08_c43pupils04

Pupils are hit for six at home

THE Pupils' latest young star hit a fantastic early hat-trick on Saturday - only to see it undone by six goals at the other end.

Ellis Robertson had the home support roaring with delight as he scored a phenomenal 15-minute hat-trick, showing power and precision to tuck away three right-footed strikes in the area after breaking clear from the Finnart defence.

The scoreline means the Pupils have bled a total of 20 goals in four home games and losses this season, albeit to possibly the strongest teams in the league.

The first goal arrived

Campbeltown Pupils	3
Finnart	6
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as a move down the right sent Gregor McFadyen running at the Finnart defence and, after playing a through-ball to Robertson, the young striker rifled a shot across the keeper into the net.

Number two arrived with only ten minutes played, Robertson going one-on-one with the keeper and slotting the ball past him low into the net.

With Finnart barely knowing what had hit them, it was three with-

in 15 minutes as the Pupils' striker capitalised on another loose ball to burst into the box and hit another right-footed effort across the Finnart keeper and into the corner of the net.

However, Finnart were allowed back into the match when a wonderfully-executed free-kick from the edge of the box clipped the bar and bounced over the line, giving the visitors a lifeline.

Confusion soon reigned in the Pupils'

defence when a long ball was not properly dealt with which allowed Jason McArthur, younger brother of Scotland international James, to round Craig Lamont in the Pupils' goal to make it 3-2.

The equaliser arrived in similarly chaotic fashion, as another failed clearance saw the ball loop back into the Pupils' box for the ball to be tamely rolled in to Lamont's net despite his best efforts.

A desperate turnaround from a Pupils' perspective saw Finnart break from midfield, with the ball squared across Lamont for the easiest of tap-ins.

Into the second half, the Pupils could have equalised, as Robertson forced the ball through to John McCallum, but the midfielder's shot hit the base of the post and rolled into the keeper's grateful arms.

A turgid second half followed, with both teams desperate not to concede, but Finnart increased their lead with

20 minutes remaining as another ball across the face of goal was converted into the roof of the net from close range.

A nightmare finish saw the Pupils reduced to ten men as Lamont was sent off, incredibly harshly, for a challenge on McArthur in the box, despite minimal contact with the player and the referee being in the other half as the Finnart counter-attack played out. After protesting to the referee, the keeper was shown another red card which will lengthen any suspension.

The resulting penalty was converted high to the wrong side of replacement Reid Anderson's dive to end a bizarre, if entertaining, afternoon of football at Kinloch.

Tomorrow (Saturday) the Pupils travel to face Eaglesham, who they beat to the Premier One title last season. A tough match is expected but the Pupils can take heart from two excellent league wins away from home this season.



Stuart MacBrayne takes on a Finnart defender. 08_c43pupils03

Alison scoops £200 prize

ALISON Brown of Machrihanish was the lucky winner of the Machrihanish Golf Club lotto prize of £200 on Monday.

Her winning numbers were 5, 12 and 17.

The next draw, on Monday October 27, is for £100.



Reid Anderson is sent the wrong way by a late Finnart penalty which saw the game finish 6-3 to the visitors. 08_c43pupils01

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