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## Beer is cheaper than water in Campbeltown

'It used to be that there would be drunken people in the streets, that is not the case any more'

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A FOUR pack of beer is more expensive than a lesser quantity of bottled water in Campbeltown.

Community council member, Steve Byrne, theatrically pulled four cans of beer and a bottle of water from his bag, amid a heated meeting about possible over-provision of licensed premises in Campbeltown and the prevalence of alcohol-related deaths

Mr Byrne: 'It is not good when 1.7 litres of beer is cheaper to buy than 1.5 litres of water which is the situation here.'

### Revealed

During the meeting, it was revealed that, in 2010, Campbeltown was first in a list of alcohol related deaths in Argyll and Bute and 2nd in 2012.

The details were given by Lorraine Simpson from Iconic Consult-

ing, an Edinburgh-based firm, employed by Argyll and Bute council.

The meeting, though, was not about alcohol pricing, but a consultation process which Argyll and Bute council has begun over provision of bars and hotels selling alcohol.

### Legally bound

Ms Simpson explained that Argyll and Bute council's licensing board is legally bound to go through a survey process every three years in all its areas.

The process helps the board to deem if there are any places with a saturation of licences, but it does not generally affect existing licence holders. The survey also takes note of concerns from statutory bodies such as the police, national health service and the fire brigade.

Ms Simpson said an



Steve Byrne outside the now closed MacGochan's Bar with the water and beer 20\_c43byrne01

over-provision policy can be unique to an area and a meeting of the Licensing Board at Argyll and Bute council will discuss the findings on November, 17.

Community council chairman, Alan Baker, said: 'How can there be over-provision of licences in Campbeltown

when recently premises including the White Hart, MacGochan's, the Glue Pot, Para Handy and the Commercial bar have all closed.

### Drunken

'It used to be that there would be drunken people in the streets, that is not the case any more.'

Community coun-

cil member, Jim Martin, said: 'The biggest problem in the whole country is people buying cheap drink in the supermarkets to have before they go out and cause trouble in the licensed premises.'

Mr Baker told Ms Simpson: 'The community council does not

think that there is over-provision. We are not over-subscribed with licensed premises.

'More than £10 million has been spent improving this town. Tourists drive in and see the White Hart lying empty. You can count the remaining hotels on the fingers of one hand.'

### Argyll and Bute Tory politicians urge use of underspend

ARGYLL and Bute Tories are asking the Scottish government to use their budget underspend to mitigate cuts faced by local authorities.

Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor, and Councillor Donald Kelly (South Kintyre) have made a plea for the 2014/15 underspend of £350 million to be used to help Argyll and Bute council which faces making budget cuts of £18 million in the next two years.

The underspend comes on top of an even bigger budget saving of £444 million in 2013/14.

Councillor Kelly said: 'Given that the Scottish government funds 80 per cent of all local government expenditure, many people will find it unacceptable that Argyll & Bute Council is facing deep cuts to its budget when the Scottish government is not spending fully the resources it has and is having to 'roll over' underspend to subsequent years.'



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## Police files:

### Arrested for unpaid fine

A SHERIFF issued a warrant on Tuesday which resulted in a 50 year-old man being arrested for non-payment of a fine.

He later appeared in court.

### Traffic smash

A TAXI with one passenger on board was involved in a collision with another vehicle last Saturday.

The crash happened on the B842 at about 7.30pm. A 30 year-old man from Romania, who lives locally, was reported to the procurator fiscal.

### Fixed penalties

AN 18 year-old man was issued with a fixed penalty after failing to leave licensed premises at the request of the licence holder.

He was arrested at 12.20am last Sunday and given the penalty when he had sobered up.

### Disturbance

POLICE were called to a Cross Street flat at 11pm last Saturday after a disturbance. They arrested a 28 year-old man who was later given a fixed penalty for a breach of the peace.

### Under the influence

DRINK brought a 17 year-old man in Main Street to the attention of the police in the early hours last Sunday. He was arrested for a breach of the peace and a report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

### Breach of the peace

IN an unrelated incident, in Shore Street, the same morning, a 29 year-old man who had been drinking was arrested for breach of the peace.

Once he had sobered up he was released and a report was sent to the fiscal.



The Loch Fyne which docked in Campbeltown on Tuesday afternoon 20\_c43ferry01

# Calmac finalises timetable - but ferry still uncertain

FERRY operator, CalMac, is urging anyone with ferry timetable suggestions to contact local ferry committees.

In Kintyre, the future of the Campbeltown to Ardrossan service hangs in the balance until Scottish government transport minis-

ter, Derek Mackay, has concluded his meeting with the Kintyre Initiative Partnership Ferry Sub Group on October 27 (See story page 7).

On Tuesday afternoon, it may have seemed that the decision had been made, when CalMac ferry MV Loch Fyne berthed in Campbeltown.

A CalMac spokesman said: 'It has just come out of its annual dry dock so will be on sea

trials before going back into service.'

Meanwhile CalMac is moving into the final phase of consultation around the summer 2016 timetable.

Derek MacKay announced significant improvements to services for next summer on September 22, with a consultation period starting from that date.

Over the past month CalMac has been speaking with the communi-

ties it serves to get feedback on the proposals.

Said CalMac's operations director, Drew Collier: 'We have received many favourable comments about the proposed timetable.'

'We have taken on board suggested tweaks that local people have told us would improve the service even further.'

'There is still time to comment though if people have specific issues that they would like us

to consider,' Mr Collier added.

People across the Clyde and Hebrides ferry network can comment on the proposed timetable by contacting their local ferry committee through their community council.

Once the amended timetable is agreed with Transport Scotland, CalMac will bring the timetable back to ferry committees before finalising.

## Syrian refugees bound for Campbeltown

CAMPBELTOWN and Bute are the two areas of the county earmarked to receive Syrian refugees.

At a meeting last week, the town's community council heard that Campbeltown has up to 130 social housing properties lying vacant so it would be possible to accommodate some of the families.

Councillor Donald Kelly told the meeting that 20 families are expected to come to Argyll and Bute and will be split between the Isle of Bute and Campbeltown which both have vacant properties.

### Influx

Planning for the influx has already begun and Argyll and Bute community planning partnership is setting up a 'skills bank', to identify

and put to good use help offered.

Argyll and Bute's provost, Len Scoullar, said: 'I know how very friendly, supportive and welcoming people in Argyll and Bute can be.'

### Support

'This has been obvious in the huge amount of support already shown in communities across the area for those seeking refuge from Syria.'

'In response to and in partnership with that support, Argyll and Bute, working with the Scottish government, will be one of 20 council areas expected to welcome Syrian families by Christmas.'

'With our partners we have identified that there is available accommodation and support on Bute and in Campbel-

town and it is likely that our first families will be welcomed into those communities.'

'These men, women and young children are fleeing trauma that we would wish never to experience.'

'The council has put a call-out for local people and community organisations to be able to register the support and skills they can offer in our newly set-up skills bank which collects information and contact details.'

'The skills bank will provide a central contact point for anyone wishing to help, and will match the help on offer to the men, women or children who need it.'

The Refugee Resettlement Group, made up of council officials and

community planning partners, working with the Scottish government, the Home Office and COSLA, is making arrangements about where families will live and for meeting other basic requirements.

### Co-ordinated

The group is chaired by Cleland Sneddon, executive director of community services and the work is being co-ordinated by Morag Brown, business improvement manager.

Anyone who can offer goods, skills or other practical help to families, should look online at: [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/argyll-and-bute-welcomes-refugees](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/argyll-and-bute-welcomes-refugees), email [morag.brown@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:morag.brown@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or call 01546 604199.

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# Tarbert fisherman steamed up over latest Clyde proposals

THE Tarbert-based chairman of the Clyde Fishermen's Association poured cold water on the latest proposal to 'revive the Firth's once great fishery.'

Speaking on Tuesday, Kenny MacNab, 59, challenged the Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust's (SIFT) latest plan which it has lodged with the Scottish government.

Mr MacNab said he has yet to read the full 300 page document lodged this week.

He said: 'This has been issued without any proper consultation with any of the stakeholders.'

'On top of the Marine Protected Area, this could see fishing finished in the Clyde. This is far too much too soon. Fisheries minister, Richard Lochhead, has yet to

make a decision about the setting up of the MPA.'

The proposal, for a Regulating Order under the 1967 Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act, aims to improve the Firth's existing shellfish fishery and bring back its former finfish fishery.

SIFT proposes the creation of zones around the 3600km<sup>2</sup> Firth, in addition to the na-

ture-conservation oriented Marine Protected Areas (MPA), where commercial fish species could breed and then 'spill over' into the fishing grounds.

### Sensitive

The zoning would also ensure that damaging fishing methods are not able to operate on the most sensitive seabed types.

The application for the

regulating order, which is for an initial 10-years and is for the prawn and scallop fisheries, would put a non-profit locally-led management company in charge of the measures.

To summarise; 72 per cent of the Firth would remain open to scallop dredging, 75 per cent of the Clyde would remain open to prawn trawling; and 92 per cent of the Clyde would remain open to prawn creeling and scallop diving.

The application will now be considered by Scottish Ministers.

The next phase of the process is expected to be a formal consultation, which will build on the extensive consultation that has been carried out by SIFT since 2013.

After that, Ministers would have the option to call a Public Local Inquiry before making a final decision.

SIFT director, Charles Millar, said: 'The

Clyde once hosted a rich mixed fishery for cod, whiting, herring and many other species.

'Those days have gone, and now over 99 per cent of landings from the Firth are shellfish.'

'The current over-dependence on prawns and scallops is bad for economic and environmental security, both of which leave local communities exposed.'

### Prefer

Alistair Sinclair, National Co-ordinator of the Scottish Creel Fishermen's Federation, said: 'Many creelers would prefer the simplicity of a revived three-mile limit, but this Regulating Order offers our industry a chance to thrive and grow, and to have our say in the management of the Clyde.'

'It would significantly reduce the gear conflict that costs creelers dear, and would allow creel fishermen to operate on a level playing field.'

## Business networking at Ardsheel

A MEETING to encourage networking and highlight business support available from Argyll and Bute council is set for Campbeltown in November.

The council's Business Gateway team has set up an engagement event at the Ardsheel Hotel on Friday, November, 6, from 8am to 11am.

The aim of the event is to give people an opportunity to raise local business issues or get advice, and share how the council is working to encourage more people to work, live and invest in Argyll and Bute.

The format will be a short briefing session about economic development activity, followed by an open question and answer forum. The Business Gateway team will also be on hand to promote their support.

As refreshments will be provided, any business wanting to attend should confirm with Business Gateway either on 01546 604 555 or [business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

## Cheese company chases buyers in Germany

A COTTAGE industry making speciality cheese in Campbeltown led the charge of Scottish producers at a Cologne trade fair.

Inverloch Cheese have been producing speciality cheese in their small Kirk Street premises for more than 15 years. Recently, proprietor David Eaton joined 11 other makers under the newly-formed Scottish Dairy brand, at the biennial Anuga exhibition.

### Impressed

Many international buyers attending the fair, one of the world's largest, were particularly impressed with Inverloch's Laphroaig flavoured cheese.

Anuga also saw the official International launch of Scottish Dairy, and the event was attended by cabinet secretary for rural affairs, food and environment, Richard Lochhead.

Inverloch Cheese Company started with one product and the family business has evolved to produce over 30 types.

Mr Eaton said: 'To reflect this growth we are now operating under the umbrella of Scotcheese.'



Staff at Inverloch Cheese Company with some of its products. 20\_c43inverloch

'We use traditional methods and work to craft recipes to ensure the heritage of cheesemaking is respected.'

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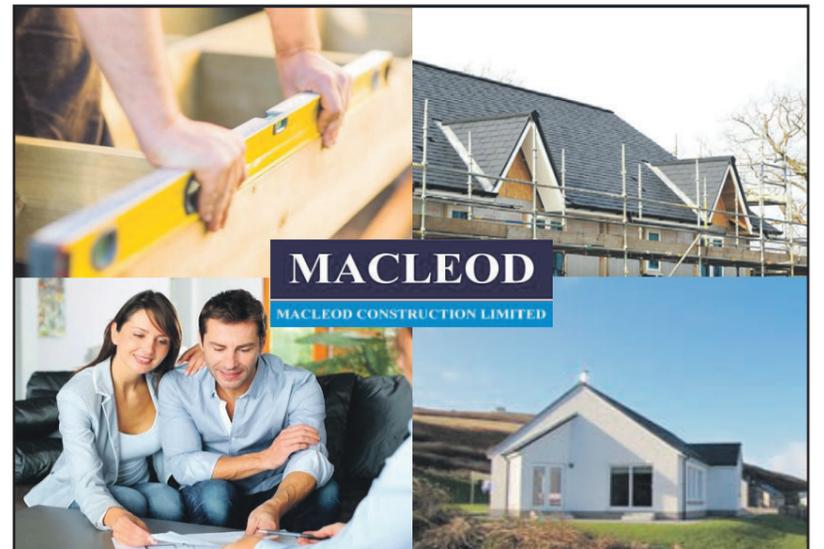
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'Small scale artisan

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## Clachan primary school coffee morning raises £205 for cancer charity

A GROUP of enthusiastic fundraisers at Clachan Primary School held a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.



The home-baking for the coffee morning

Principal teacher, Lucy Blake recently organised the event and got the pupils involved. She would like to thank everyone who brought along a donation of delicious baking.

Local residents as well as family and friends of the children came along to give their support and enjoy the coffee and cakes on offer.

The primary school raised a total of £205 for Macmillan Cancer Support. The event was very well received and attended.

# Honey haul for Kintyre beekeeper

LATE summer sunshine extending into early autumn has given a Kintyre honey producer a real buzz.

But Clachan-based Mike Stanesby said his haul is nothing like the quantity which would please east coast producers.

Mr Stanesby's two most productive hives, with about 60,000 bees, have yielded about 15 frames of honeycombs weighing between two and two-and-a-half pounds each.

As he does not sell combs, using foundation wax with a steel core, he cautions that the eventual yield will be somewhat less once the capping wax, made by the bees, to stop water ingress into the honey, has been removed.

His combs are then



Mike Stanesby holds up one of his frames of honeycomb 20\_c42beekeeper01

put into a hand spinner to remove the honey for potting up in jars

which are available through Coastal Design on Campbeltown's Hall Street.

In common with many beekeepers, Mr Stanesby uses a solar powered extractor to melt down the used wax. He exchanges it with a beekeeping supplier for further foundation comb to install in frames for next year's production.

Mr Stanesby said: 'You get about half the value of the beeswax back, but it is a good solution for me.'

His bees are about to go into their winter hibernation which lasts between four and five months. During that time they will eat about 40lbs of honey per hive.

Mr Stanesby said: 'I try to leave as much honey in the hive as possible but usually have to top up with some sugar

solution which is made from 1lb of sugar to half a pint of water.'

Recently he has been monitoring his hives for the dangerous varroa mite, but is able to report that his levels are low. Mites drop through a mesh screen onto a board below the hive and are not able to crawl back up. Mr Stanesby counts the mites on the wooden board to get an idea of numbers and whether to treat the hive with oxalic acid, a naturally occurring compound found in rhubarb leaves.

Mr Stanesby's daughter, Rachel, a pupil at Tarbert High School, is studying beekeeping as part of her Duke of Edinburgh's award. Yesterday, Thursday, her father gave a talk to Campbeltown Rotary Club about beekeeping.

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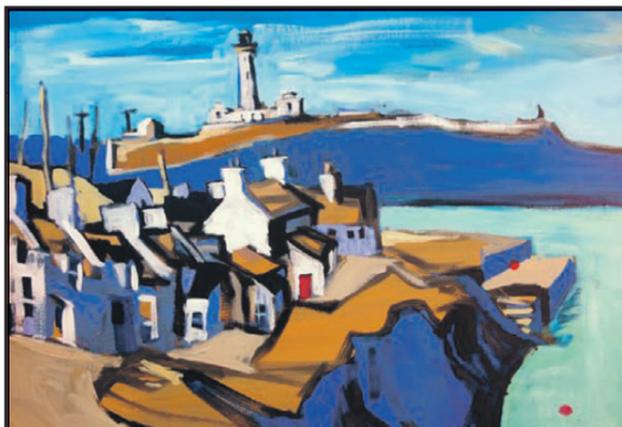
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**Isle of Gigha auction raises £912**

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The remainder was donated to hall funds.

Organisers want to give a massive thank you to all who donated, helped and attended making the auction a very successful event.



# Police plan Gaelic branding



**At the launch in Oban are from left: Chief Inspector Gordon Campbell (Gaelic speaker), Supt Gordon Macleod and Ian Ross (SPA board member).** c43gaelicpolice02no

POLICE Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) unveiled their Gaelic language draft plans at last week's Royal National Mòd in Oban.

Officers wearing uniforms bearing English and Gaelic forms of Police Scotland and a vehicle with the Gaelic version of the Police Scotland logo were on show.

Gaelic Language Plans are a statutory requirement for all public bodies in Scotland. The plans detail how the police service and the police authority will contribute to creating a sustainable future for Gaelic in Scotland. The commitments contained in each plan aim to raise the status and profile of Gaelic, and create practical opportunities for learning and use of the language.

Some of the potential developments contained in both Police Scotland and the SPA plans include: dual branding of the Police Scotland/Poileas Alba logo to feature on police uniforms,

signage and police vehicles on a replacement cost neutral basis, enhanced opportunities for the public to communicate with Police Scotland and the SPA in Gaelic, increased number of corporate publications made available in Gaelic, the introduction of training opportunities for police officers and police staff to learn Gaelic and dedicated Gaelic pages on Police Scotland and the SPA's website.

Police Scotland and the SPA are now inviting members of the public and members of staff to read their draft plans and provide feedback on them.

The separate plans are available electronically, from Police Scotland and SPA websites and, upon request, in hard copy.

Chief Superintendent Julian Innes, local policing commander for Highland and Islands Division, and the project lead, said: 'As a public body, Police Scotland has a legal obligation to develop a Gaelic Lan-

guage Plan and we will do that in consultation with the communities we serve and the organisations who work with us.'

Ian Ross, an SPA board member, added: 'As one of Scotland's national languages, Gaelic has played a central part in Scotland's culture and heritage.'

'I would encourage the public and police officers and police staff to read both the SPA and Police Scotland Gaelic Language Plans and give us their feedback on the commitments we are considering.'

Bòrd na Gàidhlig interim CEO, Joe Moore said: 'Gaelic language plans have proven to be successful in supporting Gaelic by mainstreaming the language in to the everyday operations of public bodies while offering those with Gaelic the opportunities to use the language.'

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## Squeezing licensed premises not the way forward

LICENSED premises face tough challenges and suggestions that there are too many in Campbeltown is unreal.

As Campbeltown Community Council heard at a recent meeting, any suggestion of causing further pain for beleaguered hotel and bar hosts will be vigorously resisted.

Main Street alone has two premises standing empty, one of which boasts a recently refurbished bar and restaurant area.

Often trouble late at night is due in part to drink and it is widely recognised that, as Jim Martin said at the meeting, people buy cheap alcohol and consume it before going out.

In the police files column there is the story of an 18-year-old given a fixed penalty after failing to leave licensed premises at the request of the landlord.

## Aquaplaning should be a thing of the past

A DRIVE down the A83 through Kintyre in heavy rain is not something to undertake lightly.

It is hard to believe that the main traffic artery to Campbeltown is classed as a trunk road, like the A9, A82 and A85. Those roads may have their problems, but they pale into insignificance compared to the A83.

Years of under-investment in the route are slowly being corrected by Bear, the company responsible for road maintenance.

The section from Tayinloan south, as anyone who uses it regularly will know, is in a terrible state. It does not need resurfacing, but rebuilding. In many places it is flat with no camber, poor drainage and pools of lying water.

This can easily cause aquaplaning where a layer of water builds under the wheels resulting in loss of control.

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## American descendants 'break down and cry' at state of graveyard

Sir,

We are the descendents of the emigrants who departed your shores ages ago. Clad in tartan scarves, we drive about carelessly, crowd your buses and ferries, gawk, snap photos, and ask inane questions.

And we search for the answers not provided by Ancestry dot com. When we find them, covered in moss and brush at Kilmory, we break down and cry. Our ancestors erected significant stones to defy mortality. The circle is unbroken.

Thanks to Angus and Judy Martin, Murdo McDonald, and all those who have worked to maintain and honour the graves of our ancestors. And thanks for keeping the stories of those who are interred.

We are hopeful that individuals, groups and government will succeed in restoring and maintaining cemeteries such as Kilchousland.

Friends and acquaintances in Campbeltown and Lochgilphead will always be in our hearts here in Minnesota USA.

**Michael and Charlotte Eastin.**

## Salvation Army's thanks

Sir,

I am very pleased to announce that, thanks to the people of Kintyre, the Campbeltown Corps of The Salvation Army has raised £2642 in aid of the Big Collection for 2015.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who donated money and those who volunteered to collect. We could not have raised such a significant sum without you. Your generosity will enable The Salvation Army to continue its work. Every day we support thousands of people in desperate need, including individuals who are homeless, families facing hardship, victims of abuse and lonely older people.

Every penny donated to the Big Collection – one hundred per cent – will be spent on our work with vulnerable people across the UK.

I would also like to affirm our commitment to serving the people of Kintyre.

If Campbeltown Corps can be of any assistance to you, your family or your friends please do not hesitate to contact us.

You may like to come along to our worship meetings on Sundays or our community activities throughout the week - there is something for everyone.

Our mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

May God bless you,  
**Margaret Raeside,**  
**On behalf of**  
**Campbeltown Corps,**  
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## Scots fiddle festival 'Fiddle 2015'

Sir,

'The Scots Fiddle Festival' is an Edinburgh weekend packed full of great music - three fantastic concerts, daytime workshops, recitals, talks, stalls and many more exciting events.

It features: The Wrigley Sisters, Iain MacFarlane and Ingrid Henderson, Habadekuk, The Nordic Fiddlers Bloc, Greg Lawson and Pete Garnett, Bottle Bank Band

Venues: Summerhall and The Queen's Hall, Edinburgh from Friday, November, 20 to Sunday, November, 22.

**Douglas McKelvie,**  
**Edinburgh.**

## Information on Campbeltown's Hillside golf course needed

Sir,

I research all the old defunct golf courses in Scotland. I am trying to find out about the formation and opening of the Campbeltown golf course at Hillside farm in 1921. It changed its name to Hillside Municipal in 1933. Does anyone have information about its first day and final day?

**Harry Ward,**  
**Dewar Walk,**  
**Crossford,**  
**Lanark.**  
golffhistorian@gmail.com

## Letter contained many errors

Sir,

Mr Crossan's letter (last week's Courier) was packed with mistakes.

The pension changes which have caused such low morale among police officers were decided by the Scottish government, not the UK government.

The Scottish government is allowed to borrow to cover overspends.

The underspends during the Labour/Liberal Democrat coalition were not lost to Scot-

land, but carried over to the following financial year.

During the good times before the 2008 crash, the then Labour/Liberal Democrat coalition wisely set aside money for a rainy day. However, today's economic situation is very different and the SNP government should be giving some of their spare cash to Argyll and Bute instead of cutting the council's budget by £9 million next year.

**Alan Reid,**  
**Fairhaven,**  
**Dunoon.**

## Get safe online

Sir,

This week is 'Get Safe Online Week' where events are held across the country to give people, particularly the UK's most vulnerable citizens, advice on how to protect themselves against fraud while using the internet.

However, despite their best efforts, the statistics tell a worrying story. According to Financial Fraud Action UK, internet banking losses rose by an incredible 27 per cent over the last year, leaving the UK's consumers £51.2 million out of pocket. Many people feel compelled to make the 'digital leap' after relentless pressure by the UK's big businesses

Not everyone is willing or ready to go online and the UK's service providers have no right to make that decision on behalf of consumers.

While 'Get Safe Online Week' is an admirable cause, we must make sure that such initiatives are in place to empower people to make their own choice.

**Judith Donovan CBE,**  
**Chair,**  
**Keep Me Posted.**

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The last ferry leaving at the end of September 20\_c40ferry08

# Any A83 problems make ferry a lifeline

CAMPAIGNERS trying to secure Kintyre's ferry link to the mainland claim it could be a lifeline in the event of landslides on the Rest and Be Thankful.

In early September, the Parliament's Public Petitions Committee decided to continue with the petition on the need for a permanent solution for the A83, and MSPs recognised that the road is vulnerable to further landslides.

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'In the event of further landslides, closing the road at the Rest and cutting off Kintyre, a permanent, five or six day per week

ferry service from Ardrossan could be a very important lifeline route.'

Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor has been pushing for the ferry to continue and received a letter from the transport minister Derek Mackay last week, confirming he will meet the Kintyre Initiative Partnership Ferry Sub-Group on October, 27, to hear their views.

### Supported

Mr McGrigor said: 'I have consistently supported the establishment of a ferry service linking Campbeltown and the Ayrshire coast and welcomed the pilot service. 'Now that the pilot has

completed, it is extremely important that an early decision is made on whether the service will be a permanent one, as I sincerely hope it will be.'

'Campbeltown and Kintyre have a huge amount to offer the visitor and tourist, but we need to have the modern transport links in place that increase the ease of access to the area.'

Councillor Kelly added: 'I would welcome the ferry service being made permanent, but I will continue to argue that for the service to be as meaningful and successful as possible, the service has Road Equivalent Tarriff (RET) and

a vessel that suits the needs of the business community.'

'Any evaluation of the pilot should take into account the fact that a better timetable and a more frequent service would encourage much greater usage and the associated economic benefits that come with that.'

### Vital

Donald Cameron, Scottish Conservative candidate for Argyll and Bute added: 'Improved connectivity and better transport links, including ferry services, are vital to Argyll and Bute and to boosting the area's economy and increasing employment.'

# University dean invites graduate and her 'nana' to tea

A KINTYRE granny and her prize-winning graduate granddaughter were invited to tea with the dean of Glasgow University.

Heather Isla MacLeod from Mintlaw, Aberdeenshire, enjoyed many summer swims at the Gauldrons, near Machrihanish during yearly trips to her grandparents, Agnes and Charles McNaughton, and uncle Sandy.

Her 'nana' had special reason to be proud recently for Heather was awarded first class honours in her Bachelor of Technological Education degree. She was also awarded the School of Education prize as the most distinguished graduate in education of the academic year 2014-2015 and technological student of the year.

When Heather graduated, she made sure her Kintyre family were there to celebrate the great day and before

the ceremony the whole family enjoyed the special tea party.

Heather has taken her

first teaching post at Inverkeithing High School in Fife, commuting each day from Glasgow.



Heather and her 'nana' Agnes McNaughton after the graduation ceremony

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From Mintlaw, is the granddaughter of Agnes and Charlie McNaughton of the town, and the niece of Sandy. She has graduated from the University of Glasgow with a Bachelor of Technological Education with First Class Honours and was also awarded The School of Education Prize as the Most Distinguished Graduate in Education of Academic Year 2014 - 2015 and Technological Student of the Year. She has taken her first teaching post at Inverkeithing High School.

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# Wee Toon keyboards musician met rock royalty

A ROCK musician who plays Campbeltown tomorrow night toured with an ex-Buddy Holly guitarist.

Johnny McKinnon's musical biography includes playing with Nashville's Kevin Montgomery, on a tour alongside Tommy Allsup, who tossed a coin

with Richie Valens, for the seat on the fateful flight that ultimately led to Buddy Holly's death.

Johnny, 53, left the Wee Toon for big city bright lights and a job with computer giant, Microsoft.

He was originally inspired and classically trained by Campbel-

town Grammar School's piano teacher, David McEwan.

Now as a piano, organ, accordion, keyboards and harmonies musician he is the third member of the Chaplins.

The bluegrass-influenced band created by Jill Jackson from Paisley and drummer, Lisa Tring, rocked Ceol Campbeltown at the Seafield Hotel in 2012.

## Important

Johnny's music is an important sideline from his regular work in strategic solutions for Microsoft, based in Stirling.

Johnny said: 'Microsoft is a very flexible company, but it would probably be a bit of a stretch to be working from Kintyre.

'My first information technology job though was in the Computer Centre in Campbeltown.'

The Chaplins are gaining quite a following and their debut album 'The Circus' has made the iTunes top 10 for Americana.



Johnny McKinnon during a studio session

On leaving school, he played in a number of bands based around Argyll performing a wide range of cover and original songs.

In the mid-1990s, he moved to Stirling and began playing with Ted Christopher and Bannockburn <http://bannockburnband.co.uk/band.htm>.

In the early 2000s he had the opportunity to sit in with Nashville troubadour, Kevin Montgomery, the son of

one-time Buddy Holly collaborator, Bob Montgomery.

The performance went well and the following years saw him perform literally hundreds of concerts with Kevin, including being part of the renowned Roadtrippers backing band.

This included Paul Deakin and Robert Reynolds, rhythm section with the Mavericks, Al Perkins who played with Emmylou Harris,

Gram Parson, Manassas, Rolling Stones, and Mike McAdam from Steve Earle and the Dukes and Mary-Chapin Carpenter.

Whilst playing with Kevin he was introduced to Jill Jackson, whom he accompanied on piano and harmonies as she was selected to be the opening act on the 2010 Runrig winter tour.

Johnny said: 'I was not in the original Chaplins' line-up and it is iron-

ic that it took a troubadour from Nashville to introduce me to someone from Paisley.'

Johnny added keyboard and piano parts to the Jill Jackson 'Getaway Driver' album. He continues to play regularly with The Chaplins, Kevin Montgomery and Ted Christopher and Bannockburn as well as occasional stand-in gigs such as providing keys and harmonies for JJ Gilmour (ex-Silencers).



Johnny McKinnon performing on stage

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# Artwork to be raffled for dialysis campaign

AN oil painting by a Southend artist is framed up to be raffled for charity.

Morag Docherty's 'The Wide Close Campbeltown' was inspired by a monochrome banner hung in Main Street last year. At an exhibition at the end of the month raffling the painting will help raise funds for The Kintyre Kidney Dialysis Campaign.

Although the campaign has resulted in the installation of two units, money is still being raised for on-going costs.

### Self taught

Morag is a self-taught artist who runs Links View Studio Gallery in the village and will hold an exhibition of her latest works from Saturday, October 24 to 31.

Morag said: 'Every new painting in the ex-

hibition has been a challenge, greatest of all was "The Wide Close Campbeltown".

'I saw the monochrome banner in Main Street last year and thought, "Great painting". Researching its background brought me into contact with Maureen Bell who kindly gave me three original print-outs of the close, so I actually worked from two of them.

'I have enjoyed building the painting up, and putting my own spin on it.'

Morag's journey in painting started at Livingston Art Association (LAA), where she was a member for 17 years and a one-time president.

'LAA had some very good tutors and I needed to expand my knowledge, but they never

held back they just told it like it was,' Morag explained.

Morag had painted since she was a young girl in Kintyre and joined LAA as her husband's car conversion business became busier.

### Outside the box

Morag said: 'I do not go by the book and I do not paint what I see, you have to think outside the box. Painting is everything. You have to give it your all.'

There will be 20 new watercolour works in the exhibition, which is Morag's third, and she worked over eight months to complete them.

Morag said: 'The new watercolours are generally a record of what is going on in the area. Most of all I love it when folk stop by to have a blether.'



'The Wide Close Campbeltown' which will be raffled for charity. c43exhib01no

# Meteor light show in our night skies

IF YOU have been seeing strange lights streaking across dark night skies over the past few days, it might not have been down to that last wee dram before bed - and it probably wasn't a vapour trail left by rugby ref, Craig Joubert, as he left Twickenham at

high speed. The annual Orionid meteor shower has been lighting up our skies for the past week, and should continue until the end of the month.

### Peak

The light show hit a peak, according to experts, earlier this week on Wednesday, October

21. But what is this meteor shower all about?

The Orionids are a remnant of the famous Halley's Comet, and Orionid meteors are known to be very fast travelling at around 41 miles per second.

Though they tend to be faint, with clear, dark

skies you have a good chance between midnight and dawn of spotting one with a persistent, long trail.

The Orionid meteor shower is named as such because it appears to radiate from the constellation Orion, which is one of the most visible and

recognisable in the sky throughout the world.

The number of meteors you'll see in any meteor shower always varies greatly depending on when and where you watch.

At most, you might see about 20 shooting stars per hour.

## What's On in Campbeltown

### Saturday October 24

THREE charity events in Campbeltown this weekend offer something for everybody.

On Saturday morning from 10am to 12 noon, Campbeltown Action Group is holding a Scottish Bible Society coffee morning with home baking in Kirk Street Hall.

Later at 4.30pm in Victoria Hall, exercisers are invited to a 30 minute 'Fatburn Extreme' class to raise money for Breast Cancer Now. The event is being promoted by Numero Dix in Union Street and tickets are £5 with all proceeds going to the charity. Anyone who takes part is asked to wear something pink.

In the evening, an auction and ceilidh at Campbeltown Grammar School, starting at 7.15pm will raise funds for CGS4Gambia. Tickets are £6 or £20 for a

family of four and are available from CGS and The Fish Shop. As it is a licensed event, under 16s will need to be accompanied by an adult.

### Monday October 26

MESSY church at Lorne and Lowland church hall on Monday afternoon is an activity-based club with songs, craft and food for all the family.

The fun starts with a light meal at 3.45pm and continues until 5.30pm. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

### Wednesday October 28

THERE is an open day and fundraiser at the Woodlands Centre in Campbeltown on Wednesday afternoon from 1pm to 3pm. There will be exhibitions of photography, as well as the art and dance and

music group's work. Coffee, raffle, bottle stall and home baking are all available. Supporting agencies attending include: Argyll College UHI, Advocacy, PACT Group, Shopper Aide, Waste Watchers and Community Education.

### Thursday October 29

AS part of the Scottish International Storytelling festival entitled 'Stories without Borders,' an award-winning teller of tales will visit Campbeltown Library at 7.30pm on Thursday, October, 29. The evening with Michael Kerins is free but places need to be booked on either 01586 555435 or by email to [campbeltownlibrary@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:campbeltownlibrary@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

In 2012, Michael won the outstanding male storyteller award from the British Awards for Storytelling Excellence.

### Saturday October 31

A SPOOKTACULAR Halloween-themed ghost hunt will fill the walls of Castlehill's 'Old Clink' between 8.30pm and 2am.

For further details see posters around town.

### Saturday November 7

THERE are seven shopping Saturdays left to Christmas Day, a fact which has not escaped Campbeltown Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) fundraisers.

They will be the first charity group to hold a Christmas coffee morning on Saturday, November, 7, from 10am to 12 noon in the Red Cross Hall, Kirk Street.

As well as the usual stalls there will be RNLI Christmas cards, calendars, diaries and stocking fillers.

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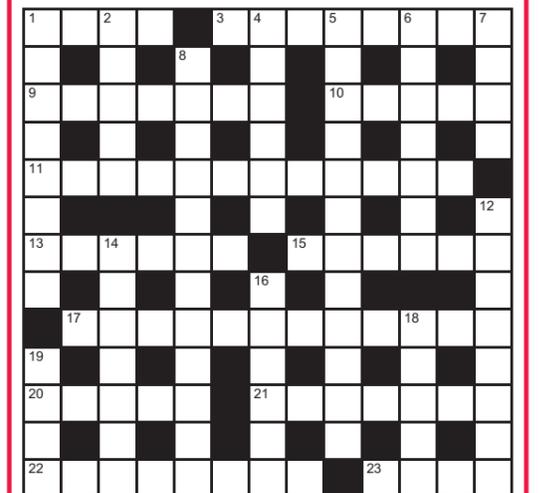
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MID ARGYLL

A83 resurfacing north of Stronachuilin

MOTORISTS driving the A83 south of Lochgilphead, will soon notice a half kilometre stretch of new surface.

The £40,000 works started yesterday, Thursday, north of Stronachuilin and will continue today, Friday, between 7am and 7pm.

The road will remain open, but because of the limited road width through this section, it will be necessary for a 10mph convoy traffic management system to be in use for the safety of the workforce and

motorists. The convoy system will be removed outwith working hours, however temporary traffic lights will remain in place.

Essential

Eddie Ross, BEAR Scotland's North West Unit representative, said: 'These essential resurfacing works will upgrade the existing road surface, creating a smoother and safer journey for motorists.'

'The traffic management arrangements are necessary due to the location of the works and

some disruption may be experienced, however the safety of our workforce as well as the travelling public is paramount.

'We thank motorists for their patience in advance and would also encourage them to plan ahead before setting out by checking the Traffic Scotland website for up to date travel information.'

Journey planning information can be obtained by visiting [www.trafficscotland.org](http://www.trafficscotland.org) or twitter @trafficscotland

LARGIESIDE

Line-dancers display their steps at Largieside WI

LARGIESIDE women's Institute members learned some new moves at the October meeting in Tayinloan village hall.

President, Helen Steel, thanked everyone for coming on Thursday, October, 15, and welcomed members from other Institutes.

The evening's guest, Kathleen McGougan, brought members from her line-dancing class who had been invited

to demonstrate a variety of dances regularly performed at their sessions.

The dancers gave a very energetic show of skill at keeping in step, and in time to the music, providing wholesale entertainment.

Challenge

Members of the audience were invited to join in, with several taking up the challenge.

An enjoyable, but somewhat tiring, evening was enjoyed

by guests and members. The vote of thanks was given by Enid Williams.

The competition results are as follows: Toffee apple: Lesley Thomson 5; Jessie Main 4 and Colleen McCallum 3, Beetroot chutney: Jessie Main 5; Zandra McDougall 4; Patricia Johnstone and Adrienne Bradley 3; Helen Steel and Lesley Thomson 2.

The hostesses were Patricia Johnstone and Enid Williams.

TARBERT



The Old Pals gathered for a photograph outside the Carradale hotel 20\_c43oldpals01

'Old Pals' swap tales in Carradale hotel

MEN, many in their 80s and 90s, enjoyed an afternoon of reminiscence when Campbeltown Old Pals group made a trip to Carradale.

One of the group's organisers

and the youngest man there, Iain Johnstone, arranged a minibus from Kintyre Hire to make sure as many pals as possible could attend.

Argyll McMillan, 81, a former

ring net fisherman and Neil MacDougall, 75, were two of the men from Carradale who enjoyed swapping stories and looking at photos from their past in Kintyre.

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## Tup lamb records tumble in bumper Dalmally sale

IT WAS a record-breaking day at Dalmally Auction Mart last Saturday as United Auctions held its annual black-face tup sale.

Ian and Patsy Hunter, Dalchirla Farm, Crieff, set a new breed and centre record for a tup lamb, the hammer coming down at £160,000.

The record-breaking lamb was purchased in a three-way split to H A Blackwood of Auldhouseburn, J Murray, Crossflat and W Dunlop, Elmscleugh.

The second top priced lamb from Dalchirla sold for £35,000 in a four way deal between Allanfauld, Dyke, Midlock and Tom Bagan.

A third lamb sold for £20,000 to a combination of Glen, Gatehouse, Balrazzie and Little Larg.

Another sold for £14,000 to Dunruchan, while a fifth lamb went for £4000 to Troloss. The Jackson family from Pole, Lochgoilhead purchased another tup lamb from Dalchirla for £2,200.

A tup lamb from Messrs Wight, Midlock sold for £10,000 to Loughash and Dalwyne. Other Midlock lambs went for £8,000 sold to Woodburn and Aberchuell and £7,000 to Rhodders.

Loch Awe-side farmers J and J MacPherson sold

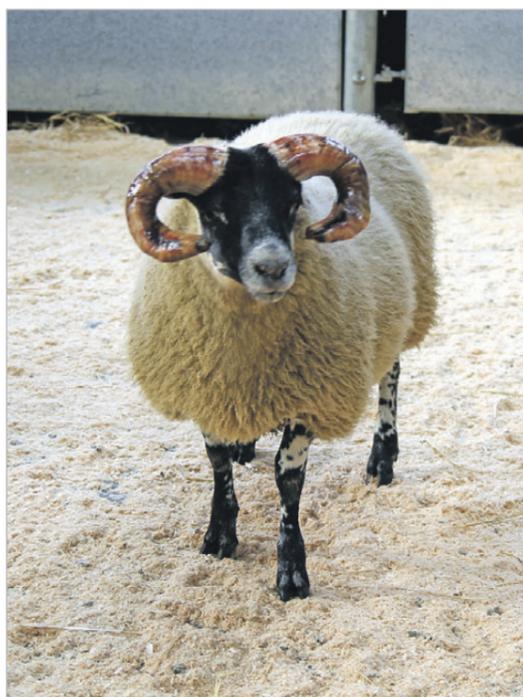
a shearling for £1,100 to Musdale, and another for £1,300 to Kirkpatrick, Barr.

Dalchirla also boasted the top priced shearling at £62,000 - purchased in a three way split to Troloss, Harestone and Whelphill.

A Lurg shearling was meanwhile knocked down at £24,000 to Allanfauld, Baliemeanoch and Harestone.

Altogether, 507 shearlings and 164 tup lambs were sold, averaging £860 and £2,274 respectively.

**The record-breaking tup lamb from Ian and Patsy Hunter, Dalchirla.**



## Livestock roadshow at Oban's Corran Halls

Lucy Sumsion, NFU Scotland regional manager covering Argyll and the Islands, including Arran, gives an overview of current issues in the region.

AUTUMN is always one of my favourite times of year and this year has been particularly good, with such a wonderful spell of weather.

Hopefully after the poor spring and summer, livestock will finally have had chance to put on a bit of condition ready for the winter ahead.

With sheep and cattle being the backbone of farming and crofting across Scotland, the union is always striving to support our livestock farmers.

This autumn we are holding a series of livestock roadshows across the country, with the first of these exciting events being held on October 30 at 7.30pm at the Corran Halls, Oban.

The meeting is designed to bring local farmers and crofters up to speed on the lat-

est Scottish livestock research projects, how to avoid penalties at inspection and a guide to burying deadstock within the derogated areas.

One of a number of invited speakers for these events, Dr Joanne Conington from SRUC, said: 'Here at SRUC we have a wide range of research projects looking to improve animal performance and farm efficiency, through the use of "precision farming" technologies that capture some aspects of animal performance.

### Indicators

'For example, some animal behaviours are indicators of onset of disease, physiological state and animal well-being. We can now capture this remotely, so are able to pick up on an issue earlier.

'Precision livestock farming also involves measuring meat quality and quantity using computer tomography and linked to abattoir data. We are also looking at new disease forecasting models for liver fluke,

which are now used for disease risk maps, predicting likelihood of disease into the future based on climate change forecasts.

'Finally, we are trying to address the issue of black loss, or lamb mortality, in extensive grazing systems through research into genetics of lamb survival which will deliver EBVs for this trait.

'Together with aspects of ewe longevity, such new breeding goals help to exploit differences in individual animal performance to improve efficiency, production, reduce wastage in the food chain to supply more resilient livestock.'

With the new CAP regulations and the introduction of the Basic Payment Scheme, along with the Voluntary Coupled Payments for hogs and calves, farmers and crofters need be aware of what this all means in relation to implementation and inspections.

One of the key speakers who will be attending the event is Bill

Dundas, Oban-based Principal Agricultural Officer with the Rural Payments and Inspections Division.

### Ideal opportunity

Bill said: 'This is an ideal opportunity for our local office to give farmers advice on how best to avoid penalties at inspections.

'We will be touching on common errors found on farm and highlighting some simple

changes which can increase the compliance rate.'

As well as giving everyone the opportunity to hear from these excellent speakers, the meeting will also be a good chance for the union to highlight the work we have undertaken on behalf of our members over the summer and for you to meet our Livestock Policy Manager, John Sleigh.

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### Livestock Roadshow

Friday 30 October at 7.30pm Corran Halls, Oban  
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Bill Dundas, Principle Agricultural Officer, RPID  
John Sleigh, Livestock Policy Manager, NFU Scotland

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#### 3 A low-carbon option

The carbon dioxide emitted when wood is burned is the same amount that was absorbed over the months and years that the plant was growing. The process is sustainable as long as new plants continue to grow in

place of those used for fuel. There are some carbon emissions caused by the cultivation, manufacture and transportation of the fuel, but as long as the fuel is sourced locally, these are much lower than the emissions from fossil fuels.

For more information call Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282 to find out how you can save energy and more money, and book a free home visit to assess your property.

\*Based on a typical four-bed detached solid-walled home switching from electric storage heating to a biomass pellet boiler. Using an off-peak (Economy 7) electricity price of 7.22p/kWh and a wood pellet price of 4.77p/kWh (bulk price). Prices correct as of October 2015 and valid for 2015.

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This new campaign to raise awareness of the hotline comes as the Scottish Government has extended the range of support available with schemes such as Warmer Homes Scotland and interest free loans for energy efficiency improvements.

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Interest free, unsecured loans of up to ten thousand pound are also available to householders for installing a variety of measures such as solid wall insulation, double glazing or a new boiler. There are also a wide number of schemes available across Scotland that are based upon where people live. Just one call to Home Energy Scotland is all it takes for people to find out if they are eligible. To find out exactly what you are eligible for - whatever your circumstances - call the Scottish Government's Home Energy Scotland hotline now on 0808 808 2282 or go to [www.homeenergyscotland.org](http://www.homeenergyscotland.org)

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# The Royal Nati



Kirsten Laurie, Port Ellen, won the Margaret Campbell trophy for a prescribed song in the ladies qualifying heat for the Silver Pendant final.

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Alasdair Currie from Ballygrant, Islay, won the Bank of Scotland Cup in the qualifying heat for the Silver Pendant with a song about emigration as his own choice.

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## Alasdair and Kirsty on song for silver pendants

TWO islanders picked up this year's adult silver pendants for solo singing in the Gaelic learners' competitions.

Alasdair Currie, 19, from Ballygrant on Islay, won the men's silver pendant for Gaelic learners.

Alasdair is no stranger to Mòd trophies but not for singing.

In 2012 at the Royal National Mod in Dunoon he took home the Col Murdoch MacTaggart, Bowmore, Memorial Trophy for the 16-18 years piping, Strathspey and Reel.

Stornoway's Kirsty Watt, 21, picked up the women's Silver pendant. Kirsty was a finalist in

the Young Trad at the 2012 Celtic Connections.

She has been steeped in traditional music all her life, listening to her grandmother sing Gaelic songs from an early age.

In 2010 Kirsty was Young Musician of the Year in Stornoway.

The silver pendant qualifying competitions took place on Wednesday morning with the finals on Wednesday afternoon to make way for the Gold Medal final, usually held on the Thursday, on Wednesday evening to allow it to broadcast live on BBC Alba and Radio nan Gàidheal.



Kirsty Watt and Alasdair Currie, winners of this year's adult silver pendants for solo singing.

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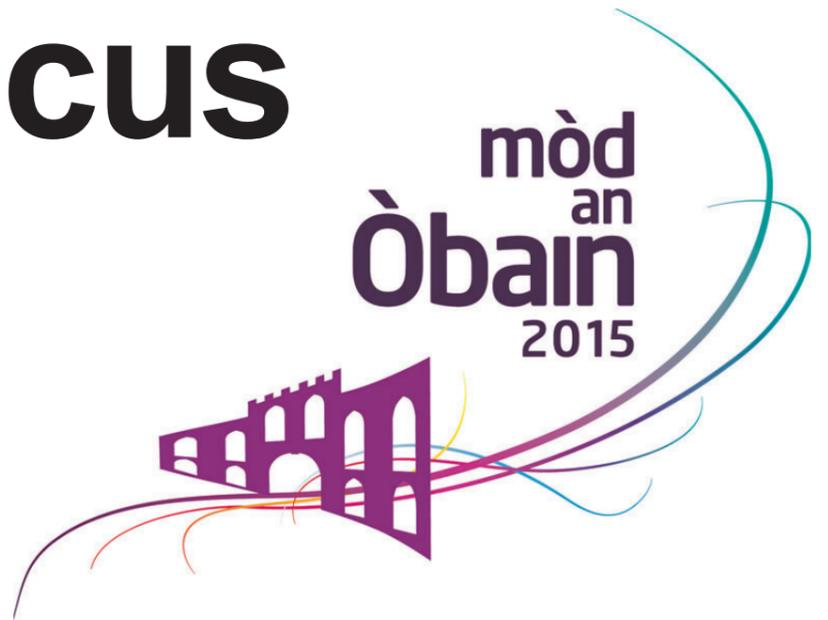


Argyll-based choral singing group, Còisir Ceann an Tuirc and conductor Joy Dunlop, won The Mull and Iona Shield, the Cor Meibion Bro Glyndwr Trophy for achieving the highest marks in music and The Hector Russell Dirk after sweeping the boards in the choral singing for men

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Oban Gaelic Choir share the love before winning the Lovat and Tullibardine Shield. t42ModSaturday\_8084



Còisir Ghàidhlig Ìle (Islay Gaelic Choir) - whose ladies' section is pictured above - was third in the Sheriff MacMaster competition for rural choirs.



Fergus Muir, Bowmore, won the Katie Stewart Memorial trophy for solo singing in the men's qualifying heats for the Silver Pendant, for singing a prescribed song learners. KM\_t42modwednesday7004



Thirteen years of waiting over, Oban Gaelic Choir conductor Sileas Sinclair holds aloft the Lovat and Tullibardine shield. t42ModSaturday\_8194



Glasgow Islay Gaelic Choir, conducted by Kirsteen Grant, were pipped to the top place by two points in the Lovat and Tullibardine Shield but took home a share in the Rev William Macdonald Memorial Quach for the highest marks in Gaelic for competitions A301, A304, A307, A308 with Dingwall Gaelic Choir. t42ModSaturday\_8054

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# Single mum has a fitness future after securing student of the year title

A CAMPBELTOWN single mum who returned to education after 22 years was named Argyll College UHI higher education student of the year.

Fiona Lang, 46, a mum of three school age children, collected her award at the college graduation ceremony in Oban recently.

Last year, Fiona decided to turn a leisure interest in gym-based resistance training into a new career strategy when she applied to start a sport and fitness course with the college.

### Nervous

As a single mother returning to education after 22 years, Fiona was nervous and concerned

that her family commitments and a lack of computer skills would affect her ability to successfully complete the course.

Her concerns were unfounded. Fiona's study skills developed and grew with each varied assessment requirement and learning became a 'team game' for the



All the graduating students: back row from left: Gordon Thom - sport and fitness tutor, Catherine Ralston - agriculture and skills for work tutor, Kelsey Brown - childcare student, Courtney Hall - childcare student and Fiona Hendrie - IT tutor. Front Row from left: Kerry McGeachy - childcare tutor, Amy Johnstone, childcare tutor, Karen Robertson - childcare student, Fiona Lang - sport and fitness student and HE Student Year 2015, Reece Park - agriculture student, Sean O'Ryan - agriculture student and Thomas Ferguson - agriculture student



Students of the year 2015 - Fiona Lang, Struan Walker and Emily Hobson

Langs, with swotting, homework, assessments and IT skills development being something they could all share and support each other.

In nominating Fiona for the award, her tutor - Elaine Thom - said: 'Fiona is one of the most exemplary students I have taught in over 35 years of education. Fiona soaks up everything there is to learn in class and shows a thirst for knowledge and a determination to "get it right first time" that I have rarely encountered.'

While still finishing her course, Fiona successfully applied for a job as a community support assistant looking after adults with learning difficulties and credited her college experience for her new-found interview confidence.

Fiona has also recently successfully achieved the Fat Burn Extreme (FBX) instructor qualification.

When asked how she sees her future, Fiona

said: 'I hope to use my newly-found knowledge and qualifications to improve the fitness of the people in my workplace and I have also been looking at online courses to further my knowledge in health and social care.'

Elaine added: 'Fiona's remarkable energy and highly-developed personal and social skills will stand her in good stead for whatever she decides for her future.'

More than 1,500 students enrolled with Argyll College UHI across its 14 centres throughout Argyll during 2014/15.

Argyll College UHI Principal, Fraser Durie, warmly welcomed the graduating students and their families and said: 'The graduation ceremony is a high point of the year for us. It is an amazing effort. You can not be anything but proud.'

He reaffirmed the college's commitment to the people of Argyll and the Isles, saying: '2015

has been a very exciting year for us.

'Our portfolio of courses has continued to grow - putting us at the heart of further and higher education in Argyll.

'Indeed, in terms of higher education, we continue to be the fastest growing academic partner within the University of the Highlands and Islands, as measured by student numbers.'

### Heartfelt

Award-winning journalist and broadcaster, Lesley Riddoch, - who attended a part-time Nordic Studies course at the University of the Highlands and Islands and is now studying for a doctorate - delivered a heartfelt and rousing keynote speech.

She said: 'You made a goal, you got there, you have shown that you can persevere, you know that you can be self-directed, and you've shown that you can work as a team because everyone here worked as a team to get

you through this. And those qualities are the key qualities that employers want.

'In the future, many jobs will be replaced by some sort of automation, but judgement calls cannot be replaced. Use your judgement and find something that interests you.'

The ceremony saw the presentation of several special recognition awards including, the Mary MacKenzie Memorial Cup for Hairdressing presented to Jacqueline Jemson, the SfW Student of the Year - awarded to Struan Walker of Dunoon, the Wilma Campbell Rose Bowl for Argyll College UHI Further Education Student of the Year to SVQ3 Social Services (Children and Young People) student, Emily Hobson and the Argyll College UHI Higher Education Student of the Year award presented to HNC fitness, health and exercise graduate, Fiona Lang.



Students at the graduation ceremony

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All interested parties are invited to attend. Any stakeholder who wishes an item to be included in the agenda should deliver this in writing to the Harbour Office not later than fourteen days prior to the public meeting.

Copies of the Annual Accounts are available from The Harbour Office, Garvel Road, Tarbert, PA29 6TR.

*D Cunningham, Chairman*

**Agenda:**

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|--|------------------------|
| 1. Present   | 4. Annual Accounts     |
| 2. Apologies   | 5. Chairman's Report   |
| 3. Minutes of previous meeting held 27th November 2014 | 6. Harbour Development |
|  | 7. Any other business  |

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT**

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/02645/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 1 Mid Auchans Dunmore Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6XZ	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
15/02586/PP	Retention of hardstanding area	Land North West Of Brackley Farm Carradale Campbeltown Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

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15/02645/PPP	Installation of replacement door and formation of two doors in existing window openings	1 Ferry Land Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UX	Sub Post Office Inveraray
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**COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES**

**Councillor Sandy Taylor (E.W.3 Mid Argyll)**  
 Councillor Taylor will be holding a drop in surgery in Ardrishaig Village Hall on Monday 26th October 2015 from 4.30pm - 6.00pm.

Councillor Taylor can also be contacted by e mail - [Sandy.Taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:Sandy.Taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk) and by Tel: 01546 604184. He will also be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

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**31st October 2015**  
**From 10am**

**Cairnbaan Hotel, by Lochgilphead, Argyll & Bute, PA31 8SJ**

The next user group meeting for the Crinan Canal will take place on Saturday 31st October 2015 at the Cairnbaan Hotel. We hope you will be able to join us.

Please advise Alec Howie by email - [alec.howie@scottishcanals.co.uk](mailto:alec.howie@scottishcanals.co.uk) or phone 01546 603210 if you would like to attend. It would be helpful if you also included a brief summary of any questions you may wish to ask.

Registration will be at 10am with light refreshments served prior to a 10.30am start. We anticipate the meeting will close no later than 12.30pm.

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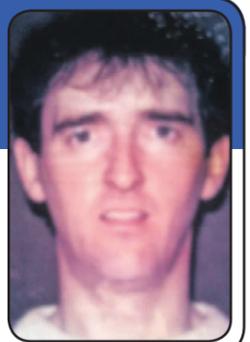
GRADUATION

Alice Mary Crossan

Graduated with a post graduate degree in Secondary Education with Business Studies from Strathclyde University in May this year. Alice is the daughter of Arthur and Anne Crossan and granddaughter of the late James and Carol Crossan, Campbelltown and Margaret (Meadow Park, Campbelltown) and the late Robert McSparran, both formerly of Kildavie Farm, Southend. Alice is now teaching in Coatbridge High School, North Lanarkshire.

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From Taylor, Torin and Theia X X X



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THANK YOU

Willie and Margaret would like to thank everyone who came to our golden wedding and for their very generous donations which raised £920. This has been shared between Friends of the Beatson and Multiple Sclerosis Local Group. Also many thanks for all the lovely cards we received.

We would like to congratulate STEFFAN COX, NATALIE GODDARD, IONA MCALLISTER & SAFFRON TODD who passed their driving tests. Also AIDGH WOOLNOUGH, ANDREW MACMASTER, JADE BROWN & GREIG MACLEOD who passed their B+E Trailer tests. Pass with Flying Colours DRIVER TRAINING Tel: 0787 949 5010

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**Thought for the Week**

with Marilyn Shedden



WE wouldn't have seen them if a woman had not been pointing skywards with great excitement.

We had been so thrilled to see a sea eagle in Torricon, but here we were on Arran watching, not one, but three golden eagles.

It was an amazing sight and this was obviously a family. The parent birds were teaching the young one how to harness the air currents.

They swooped and glided with wonderful symmetry and made the wonder of flight look so easy.

It was the most glorious autumn day with hills aglow with burnished gold and skies of the most wonderful blue.

The only sound was the falling of leaves and our collies just couldn't work out where that sound came from that so imperceptibly broke the silence.

There are some days that just defy description and this was one of them.

There had been a promise of something wonderful the night before.

The skies were studded with a myriad of stars, and the lights from the Ayrshire coast glittered in the darkness across the sea.

In the morning we watched the sunrise as we sipped an early cup of tea in the garden.

A red squirrel shared our contentment and it was utter perfection.

We had our breakfast and set off on a walk across a deserted beach and over dew-kissed fields.

I watched contentedly as Jazz and Carys played games in the bushes and barked for the sheer joy of being alive on such a day.

Holy Isle was the backdrop of this scene and I thought how appropriate that was.

I thought of the prayers that would be woven in that quiet Buddhist community and how they would reach out to a world that so sorely needs them.

I thought of the woman who pointed to the sky again, and gave silent thanks that she pointed to something beyond the sky.

**Carradale girl jumps for Motor Neurone Disease**



**Karen takes to the air from the Titan crane**

CARRADALE woman, Karen Ramsay, decided to do something to raise funds for the charity Motor Neurone Disease Scotland. But what would she do?

To the surprise of friends and family, Karen decided on a bungee jump.

She set up a Justgiving web page, and within hours the money started coming in.

A few weeks ago, Karen completed her challenge by jumping off the 150 foot Titan Crane at Clydebank.

Karen, who has a friend with Motor Neurone Disease, set a fundraising target of £250 for MND Scotland - but as a result of the outstanding generosity of family and friends she has raised £810 so far, with £250 match promise still to add to that.

**Top five**

To top it all, she received an email from Justgiving congratulating her for being in the top five per cent of fundraisers for September.

**From our files:**

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
**October, 26, 1990**

**Controversy threatens leisure area**

CONTROVERSY over a planning application to erect a pavilion and store on Quarry Green could lead to the proprietor of Kilkerran Leisure, Mr Peter Stimson, pulling out and losing the considerable investment he has already made.

Mr Stimson submitted an application to erect a sectional timber building on the Quarry Green, to replace the existing hut, in July. By the end of August, when the notice for objections had expired with no objections having been lodged, Mr Stimson took what he admits was a risk by putting up the building.

He explained: 'The sections were lying on the Quarry Green, flattening and damaging the grass, and I simply erected it, made it watertight and sealed it.'

Mt Stimson agreed that his application was retrospective. But he pointed out that the district council itself had recently been granted a retrospective application for the skip site at the Roding.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**

**October, 21, 1965**

**Plans for new houses at Smith Drive**

CAMPBELTOWN Town Council's Housing Committee have accepted - subject to Scottish Home Department approval - a plan by Messrs Crudens for the erection of nine two-person cottage-type houses at Smith Drive.

They will be similar to those already built at the Calton site.

Councillor George McMillan, convener, explained at a recent meeting of the committee that originally ten houses had been planned for this site, but a survey by Cruddens had shown that it would not be possible to erect more than nine. He said estimates were already at the Department.

**Gift of modern ambulance**

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**ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO**

**October, 28, 1915**

**Picture House films**

CAMPBELTOWN Picture House patrons will find a splendid attraction in 'The Little Minister,' a film adapted from Mr J.M. Barrie's well-known play, which was shown last (Thursday) night to an appreciative house and is again being screened tonight. This is a remarkably fine photoplay and should not be missed.

To-morrow evening's programme includes the two-reel Chaplin comedy, 'The Knockout'

Next week's arrangements should be highly approved. The 'Black Box' episode is entitled 'The Unseen Terror'. There is no doubt this serial is the most 'gripping' yet run here, and followers of this story are in raptures about its development.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

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**ENGAGEMENTS**



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**DEATHS**

**CARMICHAEL** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on October 14, 2015, John Carmichael, in his 86th year, 9 Moy, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Margaret M Muir and a dearly loved brother and uncle.

**HENDRY** - On October 16, 2015, peacefully, at North Argyll House Care Home, Oban, Anna Hendry, in her 82nd year, beloved wife of the late Duncan Hendry, much loved mother of Allan, Janice and Gregor, dearly loved gran of Joanne, Craig, Andrew, Iain, Colline, Jamie, Elise and Louis and great gran of Daniel, Gracie and Arianna. Funeral service was held at Inveraray Parish Church, on October 22, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery.

**MACFARLANE** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on October 16, 2015, Jessie MacFarlane, in her 80th year, 6 Mansecroft, Clachan, dearly beloved sister of Isabella, Duncan and the late Nan and a much loved aunt and great aunt. Service will take place in Clachan Church, on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Ach-Na-Sithe Cemetery, Clachan. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Cancer Research and the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

**MACNEILL** - Peacefully, at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, on October 18, 2015, Irene MacNeill, aged 87 years, of Muile, Lochgair, beloved wife of the late Dan MacNeill, much loved mother of Hugh, Donald, Sheena, Iain, Tina and the late George, a much loved granny of Nikki, Kim, Cara, Duncan, Siobhan and Charlotte, and great granny of Aireann. A dear sister, aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgair Parish Church, today, Friday, October 23, 2015 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery, Minard. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**MILLER** - Suddenly, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on October 15, 2015, John McPherson Miller (Ian), in his 88th year, Newlands, High Airs, Carradale, dearly beloved husband of Nanette, much loved father of Janet and a loving grandfather of Jasmine.

**PARTINGTON** - On October 10, 2015, suddenly at his home, Craig View, Skipness Road, Kennacraig, Tarbert, Herbert, in his 72nd year, beloved husband of Evelyn and a dearly loved father

and grandfather. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, today, Friday, October 23 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**DOYLE** - Catherine and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours, most sincerely, for the overwhelming support, for the many kind expressions of sympathy, home baking, cards and floral tributes received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and all staff at Muasdale Surgery, community nurses, Macmillan nurses and Marie Curie nurse for their outstanding care and attention; to Rev William Crossan for his uplifting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services and guidance, to Isabel Grieve for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Mairi Semple and Marie Curie raised £775. The family have been deeply touched by the tremendous support received from everyone.

**IN MEMORIAMs**

**COLE** - In loving memory of Cally (née Mitchell), a much loved wife, mum, sister and aunt, died October 20, 2011.

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- Annie, Marion, Laura and Christine xxxx.

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Preacher: Rev. Dr. Roderick

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All Welcome

**Highland Parish Church**



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Sunday 25th October 2015

The service will be conducted by

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Tuesday 27th October

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Primary 6 & 7: 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Thursday 29th October

Meeting of the Church Board

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**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number

SCO11686

Sunday 25th October

Service 11.15am

Kirk Session Meet 10.45am

# Second half performance sees Tarbert through

An inspiring half-time team talk sparked Tarbert into life, with more zip to their second half play

<b>Tarbert</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Bargeddie</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>West of Scotland Cup - 2nd Round</b>	

TARBERT were looking to bounce back on Saturday after the previous week's disappointment as they hosted Bargeddie in the 2nd round of the West of Scotland Cup.

The home side, though, started the game poorly, allowing Bargeddie easy possession and too much time to play their football.

The first chance of note fell to the away side, with their dangerous striker firing a shot which hit the woodwork and away to safety.

Tarbert didn't learn their lesson from that and some nice passing allowed the same player another chance, this time to devastating ef-

fect. The remainder of the first half was fairly even with few other chances of note.

An inspiring half-time team talk sparked Tarbert into life, with more zip to their second half passing and pressing their opponents much higher up the park.

James Prentice had a great chance to level matters early in the second half, but the keeper made a good double save.

Tarbert, however, didn't need to wait too long to make it 1-1 after another spell of good play ended with Jamie Stuart firing home.

With 20 minutes left, Tarbert were doing all the pressing, as the

sting seemed to have been taken out of the away side. They were rewarded when James P notched yet another goal.

The best chances for Bargeddie came from two free kicks around 25 yards from goal, both of which brought excellent saves from Martin in goal.

It was set up nicely for Tarbert as the game grew more stretched and some nice counter-attacking play soon brought another goal, when young Blair MacKay notched his first senior goal, and with it a ticket into the third round of the cup.

Overall it was a good display from the home side, particularly in the second half.

This week it is back to league business as Tarbert host Hillington at Cil Andreis.

## Have a smashing time - play badminton

IT'S time to pick up the old racquet, dig out the trainers and dust down your shuttlecocks, as the 2015/16 badminton sea-

son opens for business.

At the Victoria Halls on Monday evening, we caught up with members of Campbeltown

and District Badminton Club on their opening night.

The club welcomes members from primary school age upwards. Adult membership is healthy, though the numbers who actually come along to play regularly is described as 'a hit or a miss'.

Encouragingly, the club has around 20 primary school kids coming along to learn from experienced and qualified coaches. A similar number of secondary school-aged children also come along to enjoy the badminton. All are welcome.

So there is no excuse not to get out, get fit and enjoy the badminton season, which runs over the winter months through until March.



Young badminton player, Rachel MacPhail from Campbeltown, gets ready for a smashing season ahead 04\_c43badminton01



Sharpshooter Kevin Bartlett can't wait for the clash with Ireland

## Scots face Irish in first leg of clash of the ash

SCOTLAND talisman Kevin Bartlett would love to cap a memorable season by helping Ronald Ross' Scots to victory against Ireland's hurlers this Saturday in the Marine Harvest international.

Scotland's senior shinty stars face Jeffrey Lynskey's men at Bught Park in Inverness in the first of two matches - home and away - that will decide the winner.

Hoping to repeat last year's win in the Highland capital is Lovat winger Bartlett, who has been consistently Scotland's highest point scorer in the cross-codes clash in recent times.

Bartlett admits he relishes these end-of-season tussles with the green and whites and feels the nation turned a corner with the nine-point victory in Inverness last year.

And after winning the Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup with Lovat,

a follow-up victory for the Scots would crown a remarkable campaign for the forward.

'If we could win, it would be a good way to round things off, certainly,' he said.

Scotland boss Ronald Ross MBE was delighted the way the Scottish fans got behind the side last year at Bught Park and is hopeful of a similar 'roar' this weekend.

### Important

He said: 'The important thing last year was that we got the buzz back about the place and the supporters really got into it. That was very important for us.'

The senior Scots face Ireland at 2pm, with Garry Reid's U21s facing their Irish counterparts at 11.30am.

Before that, Scotland's ladies will face the Irish in the shinty/camogie challenge match at 10.30am.

## Campbeltown District Darts Association

WEEK two results: Kilbrannan (C) 5, Southend 5; Ailsa 7, Kilbrannan (B) 3; Fiddlers (B) 2, Fiddlers 8; Burnside 7, Kilbrannan (A) 3.

There were 180 scores by John McIlroy for Kilbrannan (A), Kurt Adison for Southend and Robert Todd for the Ailsa. Robert also scored 180

in last week's fixtures. Jimmy Umpherson hit a finish of 108 for Southend and James Robertson had a finish of 100 for Kilbrannan (C).

## Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association

FOOTBALL coaching sessions return today, Friday October 23, with a move by CDJFA to the Victoria Hall and 3G all-weather pitches for the winter months, as follows:

Victoria Hall 4pm to 4.45pm - Mini kickers (pre-school only), for six weeks; 5pm to 6pm - P1, for 8 weeks; 6pm to 7pm - P2, for ten weeks; 3G, Kinloch Green 5.45pm to 7pm - P3-P4; 5.30 to 7pm - P5-7

Sunday sessions will be held on the 3G all-weather pitches for the P2-3 age groups from 12noon to 1pm, starting on Sunday, October 25.

Coaching sessions for the P4-S6 age groups will start on Monday, October 26 on the 3G pitches; P4-7 and S1-S3 from 5.30pm to 7pm. Age group S4-S6 will be at the same venue between 7pm and 8.30pm.

On another note, the 2004-06 (P5-7) age groups from CDJFA are off to Oban this Saturday to enjoy some seven-a-sides.

## Scottish AFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: West of Scotland Cup second round - Campbeltown Pupils 7, Helensburgh 1; East Kilbride RR 1, Oban Saints 5; Lochgilhead Red Star 1, Dunoon 2; Tarbert 3, Bargeddie 1.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Campbeltown Pupils v Inverclyde; Shawlands FP v Oban Saints; Premier Division One - Dunoon v Kings Park Rangers; Lochgilhead Red Star no game; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v Hillington; Division One - Dunoon Athletic v Whitehill FP.

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# McConnachie sparkles as 'Dale dump Port Glasgow in West cup tie

<b>Carradale</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Port Glasgow</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>West of Scotland Cup - 2nd Round</b>	

TWO goal hero, Ryan McConnachie, grabbed the headlines as Carradale progressed to the third round of the West of Scotland Cup, beating Port Glasgow in a hard-fought match.

Played at the 3G pitch at Kinlock Park, Camp-

beltown, the match featured a visiting side that had won every one of their first seven league matches to top their SAFL division.

Andrew Smith and Son-sponsored Carradale knew they were in for a tough tie, but wel-

comed back a number of players after work commitments and injury had kept them from playing in earlier matches.

The home side flooded the midfield to counter the opposition goal threat, playing with one up front. There was little between the sides in the opening 20 minutes.

Then came a chance for the visitors on 23 minutes as a header from a corner flashed goalward - but Joey Boyd was there to head off the line. Port Glasgow were enjoying most of the possession, but back came the home side, led by captain, Ewan McIlroy. Cammy McGuire drove towards the visitors' goal from the inside left channel and got his shot away despite the tight angle. His effort, though, was well saved by the Port goalkeeper.

The Carradale defence stood firm as their opponents pressed, looking dangerous in possession without creating

too much in front of goal. Just after the half hour mark, Boyd fed Ryan McConnachie, who picked up the ball 40 yards from goal before lobbing the ball over one defender, heading it beyond a second-then thundering a sweet left foot shot into the far corner of the net in a stunning solo effort.

Four minutes later, it was Chris McKay for the home side who set up Gregor Croll, cutting inside from the right flank to nutmeg a defender. Quick as a flash, though, McConnachie pounced on the loose ball and drove the ball past the visiting keeper to double both his own and his side's goal tally.

Into the second half, Port Glasgow continued to have the majority of possession as they pressed for a goal.

A cross after 58 minutes offered the visitors their best chance of the match so far, but a fan-tastic goal-bound downward header at the back



McConnachie slots home the second goal of the match to seal the win.

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post by the Port number seven was met by a brilliant one-handed parry by Neil McMillan in the Carradale goal, before he grabbed the ball gratefully with both hands.

Port Glasgow seemed to tire slightly after that point, but Carradale were pressing hard. Croll was shifted up front late on in a bid to exploit gaps with his pace. A chance fell to McGuire, but he was foiled by another magnificent save, this time from the Port Glasgow

keeper. The home side pushed for a third goal, and it nearly arrived when Croll tried his luck, only for his shot to drift wide of the post.

In the dying minutes of a hard-fought but sporting encounter - with not a single booking - Port Glasgow pressed hard, but it was to no avail as the home side's back four held out to secure the victory.

McConnachie was given the man of the match award by the referee, who himself had a very good game.

The match ball was kindly sponsored by Keith Jackson from Crossaig sub power station.

The road to cup glory gets no easier for Carradale, though. The third round draw, made on Monday, has pitted them at home against crack Glasgow outfit, Broomhouse AFC, currently top of Caledonian AFL division 1A.

With no game this weekend, Carradale's next match will be next week versus Crookston United.



Carradale player grabs possession.

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# Magnificent seven for classy Pupils

**YOUNGSTER** Ryan Deans showed super style with a beautifully executed chip to score the Pupils' last and seventh goal in their demolition of Helensburgh.

But the supporters had to wait nearly 90 minutes to see Deans' move.

Both teams were lucky to play on a perfectly prepared Kintyre Park, run and maintained, by the voluntary work of the Pupils led by Campbell Robertson.

## Tough

It was always going to be tough for Helensburgh and so it proved with Gregor McFadyen and Gary Grumoli goals in the first 10 minutes sealing their fate.

Former Campbeltown Courier reporter John McCallum, back

<b>Campbeltown Pupils</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Helensburgh</b>	<b>1</b>
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from Islay for the game, looked pleased with a neat header to add a third seven minutes later. And a fourth from Ryan Deans before the break added to Helensburgh's woes.

A spokesman for the McFadyens sponsored Pupils, said: 'There was really no way back for Helensburgh after that start and, in the second half, Pupils were able to get some youngsters onto the field and give them a game.'

The substitutions gave Helensburgh some hope as the Pupils defence was weakened, which saw a bit more play in

the home goal and a few near misses before Helensburgh slotted one home.

## Control

It did not put the Pupils off and they soon got back in control with Paul Grumoli adding a fifth goal before Gary hit a sixth from the spot. All that was before Deans' magic moment.

A Pupils' spokesman said: 'Ryan's goal was reminiscent of the second Scottish goal against Gibraltar in the Euro Qualifiers. It was a beauty of a goal.'

There were some great moments, such as when Gary Grumoli beat the

Helensburgh goalie in a sliding tackle. The goalie was high jumping to get over the grounded Grumoli, but the temptation was too strong and he pounded it on to the bar.

A 70 plus supporter said: 'Even I could have just rolled it in from there.'

All enjoyed the post-match buffet thanks to hospitality sponsors, the Feathers Inn.

## Action

There will be a feast of Pupils' action tomorrow when the Pupils are at home against Inverclyde AFC in the Scottish Amateur Football Premier League tie and the Pupils Youth Under 14s (2002s) take on Dumbarton United Yellows at home.



Lorne Robertson takes on a Helensburgh forward 20\_c43pupils03



Gary Grumoli's sliding tackle beats the Helensburgh goalie 20\_c43pupils01



Liam Renton was accurate, but the shot was saved

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John McCallum celebrates his goal with Gary Grumoli

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## Machrihanish Golf Club

THE October Medal at Machrihanish Golf Club was held on Saturday October 3, CSS 71.

The results were as follows: 1st class, David Campbell 72-4 = 68; 2nd class, Andrew Robertson 79-12 = 67; 3rd class, Richard Tavendale 91-22 = 69; Senior: T J McAdam 92-22 = 70.

## Jackpot rises to £200

THERE were no winners resulting from the Machrihanish Golf Club lottery draw, made on Monday October 19.

The numbers were 6, 8, 12, and next week's jackpot will be £200.

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