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Last dinner is served

251,000 school dinners dished up by master baker

by **BEN RAMAGE**

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CONGEALING mince and tatties is never a nice experience but generations of Kintyre school children served by a creative cook escaped that fate.

After 31 years, school dinner lady and master baker Sheena Ramsay has stirred her last soup and hung her pinny up for final time at Carradale Primary School.

At a special celebration of her 31 years of service, the catering manager – or Mrs Ramsay as she is better known in the village – was given a special signed apron as a leaving present from the pupils.

Mrs Ramsay worked for a year as a cleaner at the school before turning up the heat in the kitchen.

She has not had an assistant for 20 years and said: 'It's difficult to leave a job after such a long time. I've seen five head teachers come and go and the big move to the new school.

'I leave with a heavy heart. It's not an easy decision but I think the time has come to pass on the role.'

Mrs Ramsay, renowned for her baking, was also presented with an Argyll and Bute long service silver quach by her friend and fellow cook, Elizabeth McCallum, from Campbeltown Grammar School, for her sterling efforts at the school.

Carradale's head, Laurene McIntosh, first encountered Mrs Ramsay when she was a pupil and paid thanks

on behalf of the village for the 'brilliant' job she has done.

Laurene said: 'Mrs Ramsay has seen two generations of some families come through the school, and she's seen some come back to work at the school like myself.

'It really is the end of an era. When I started teaching here she was the only member of staff from my time still here, which made it easier for me having that familiarity with someone.

'She really did go above and beyond to make sure the children were well fed and happy.'

At the celebration, Sheena was serenaded by pupils who sang a school dinners song in her honour. In a letter to her, one of the pupils said: 'You are the best cook in the world and we will all be so upset



Mrs Ramsay with her long service quach. Inset: Sheena's cake, created by Carradale-based Drumfearne. 04_c43carradalecook05 and 04_c43carradalecook02

when you leave.'

She was also presented with gifts and flowers from parents and staff, one of whom said: 'Thanks for giving them at least one good meal a day!'

Mrs Ramsay revealed

that even though she had two daughters at the school when she started, neither ever received any preferential treatment. She also thinks that children are luckier with school dinners now as they

get a choice of meals, whereas when she started there was only ever one option.

Sheena plans to use her newfound freedom in Clydebank, two days a week, with her new granddaughter.

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THIS WEEK

HRH's treat

PRINCESS Anne blethered with Gigha fish farmers at Scotland's Boat Show. Full story, page 10.

Charity tattoo

CELTIC'S green may have run in a Tarbert fan's veins until he was inked up for Rangers. Full story, page three.

Winter walker

AN RNLI walking fundraiser is approaching his third winter in an epic sponsored trip. Full story, page seven.

Sunshine song

GRAMMAR school pupils try to teach Kintyre to sing from a sunshine song sheet. Full story, page nine.

National Mòd

KINTYRE and the Isles Gaelic successes at Stornoway's Royal National Mòd. Full story, pages 14 and 15.

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A SPEED hump-like lump in a 60mph stretch of tarmac has been branded lethal. Full story, page three.

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Police files:

Four-man fight

A GROUP of men were arrested and charged for alleged threatening and abusive behaviour in a Shore Street pub.

The four, aged 28, 31, 33 and 53, were arrested by police at about 1.10am last Sunday. A report was sent to the procurator fiscal.

Woman assaulted

IN THE early hours of last Sunday morning, a man allegedly broke court-imposed bail conditions by visiting a woman's Main Street, Campbeltown, flat.

He is suspected of damaging a door and assaulting the woman. A 49-year-old man was later arrested and charged and a report sent to the fiscal.

Flour flung on floor

SOMETIME between 7pm and 9pm last Wednesday October 12, in Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, flour was spread round a common close and items were thrown at a house window.

No damage was caused but police are investigating the incident.

Early hours disturbance

POLICE are investigating an incident at a flat in Dalriada Court, Campbeltown.

At about 2.30am last Sunday, someone kicked and banged on doors and windows at the property.

Police are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information about either incident to contact them on 101.

Tools head for Men's Shed

TOOLS and storage boxes gifted to the Campbeltown Community Shop are heading for the shelves of Kintyre's new Men's Shed.

While the hardware could have been sold to add to the community shop's funds, staff decided they would benefit the community more directly if gifted to the new Campbeltown Men's Shed.

Michele Hodgkinson, head of Argyll and Bute TSI's 1000 Voices project, explained: 'The Men's Shed, based at the old police station, will be a location where members can share tools and resources to work on joint projects, or on their own ventures.'

'The shop volunteers knew the shed was looking for tools and it was a lovely gesture to help out.'



Pete Cooper, left, receiving the donated tools from Alan Roache.

Alan Roache, a volunteer at the Campbeltown Community Shop, said: 'We are very happy to give our support to the shed. I think there is a need

for such a project in Campbeltown, and it will hopefully become a real benefit to the community.'

Pete Cooper, a committee member of the Campbeltown Men's Shed, added: 'This is an exciting project. We are very grateful to the shop for the donations, and are eager for the shed to progress.'

For more information contact Michele at Argyll and Bute TSI on 01586 554744.

Lesbian remarks lead to conviction

A FORMER communications director who shouted homophobic abuse was found guilty after a trial at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Andrew Wilkin, 61, of 31c Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, pleaded not guilty to a charge of shouting, swearing and making homophobic remarks, from his balcony, at two girls in their 20s outside a flat opposite his own.

Earlier, one of the women, appearing as a witness, told the court that Wilkin had called her and a friend a 'pair of fat lesbians'.

Giving evidence, Wilkin said there had not been an altercation or argument. He had made some comment such as that they were 'a couple of fatties'. He claimed that he did not know whether either of them was gay and only found out they could be after the complaint to the police.

In court, Wilkin's defence solicitor asked one of the women if her friend was openly gay and she said she believed that was true.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC deferred sentence for six months for Wilkin who had no prior convictions to be of good behaviour.

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Graduated from Robert Gordon University with a Postgraduate Diploma in Drilling and Well Engineering. Ewan now lives in Glasgow, but grew up at Auchaleek Farm and attended school in Campbeltown.

Hopes rise for Billy Irving

PRIME Minister Theresa May has said she will raise Campbeltown's Billy Irving and the Chennai Six's detention in India at Delhi meetings next month. This is despite Mrs May failing to raise the men's case at earlier meetings with Indian ministers.

The Wee Toon-educated former paratrooper has been trapped in India since 2013 when anti-piracy vessel MV Seaman Ohio's 35-man crew were arrested for straying into Indian waters with what were claimed to be unlicensed weapons.

The six British men's appeal against their conviction and five-year sentence and a bail hearing scheduled earlier this month were postponed as a new judge was appointed.

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Tattoo transcends Old Firm rivalry

by **MARK DAVEY**

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A LIFELONG Celtic fan put allegiance aside and was tattooed with a Rangers badge to support a seriously-ill Aussie lad.

Tarbert tiler Angy (Angus) MacFarlane, 54, was amazed at the response, especially from Rangers fans when he made the bold gesture to support

two-year-old Mitchell Johnstone, who is battling leukaemia in Australia.

Winning team

Mitchell is the son of former Campbeltown Pupils left back and member of the SAFL Premier winning team in 2000, and latterly Dookers' manager, Alex Johnstone

(AJ), himself a staunch Rangers supporter.

Six years ago, AJ left Tarbert and emigrated to Australia where he found love with Mary.



The tattoo. 25_c43tattoo02

In 2014, Mitchell was born and this year brother Archie arrived.

Just after Archie's birth, the couple were given the devastating news that Mitchell was ill.

Back at home, sister-in-law Fiona rallied the Johnstone family and arranged a series of fundraising events to pay for travel and accommodation costs during Mitchell's ex-

pected eight-month hospital stay.

When Angy MacFarlane heard about the appeal, he didn't hesitate and put a post on Facebook saying that he would be inked up Rangers style to help.

Donations

Angy said: 'I put the notice on Facebook about four weeks ago and donations have flooded in, up to about £2,000 at present.

'Quite a bit of money has come from Glasgow Rangers' bar the Rosevale.

'I won't be going to any summer games now or wearing sleeveless shirts.'

His partner, Jennifer Graham, said: 'It puts things in perspective. At the end of the day football is just a game and this is a wee boy's life.'



Angy MacFarlane sporting his Rangers tattoo to benefit Mitchell Johnstone.

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Children so hungry they begged

AN EASTERN European mother admitted neglecting and starving her children when she appeared in an Argyll sheriff court.

The woman, living in Argyll, who the *Courier* cannot identify for legal reasons, pleaded guilty to a charge of neglecting her son and two daughters by leaving them alone, unattended and unsupervised at home when there were also sparse food supplies available. The court heard that on one occasion the young boy was so hungry he went into

a neighbour's garden and asked for food.

The children were also found to have lice and skin diseases.

Mother away

Social workers had visited the family at three separate addresses over a seven-month period and each time found the mother away and the children alone.

The mother, who moved to Argyll with her family from Eastern Europe to join her husband, who works in the fishing industry, speaks virtually no English and spoke through a translator in court.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC asked the mother: 'How can you live in the country with three children and not speak any English?'

'What about dealing with the doctor and schools?' The mother's defence solicitor said that the language barrier does not stop her caring for her children and said that there is a strong emotional bond but sometimes taking them shopping is very disruptive.

He said that with input from the social work department, she

is more aware of the norms and that her previous behaviour was due to a combination of circumstances.

The sheriff said that there might be cultural differences between this country and her own but that the mother needs to integrate here. She advised the mother to take English lessons or risk being isolated as her children learn the language.

Sentence was deferred for six months, until April next year, for social work reports and for the woman to be of good behaviour.

Fears that surface defect on A83 could cause crash

A FORMER police officer's claims that subsidence on the A83 could cost lives has spurred a road maintenance firm into action.

John Newlands wrote a strongly-worded letter to BEAR Scotland about a serious defect in the surface of the A83 just north of Bellochinty that he suspects is caused by subsidence.

A large lump, similar to a speed hump,

has developed during the summer which can compress a vehicle's suspension to the maximum amount. Some drivers swerve to try to avoid the obstruction and move into the opposite carriageway.

Mr Newlands said: 'It is clearly getting worse in the past few weeks and if not addressed is likely at least to cause vehicular damage and at worst serious injury or deaths.'

'Hitting this point at the national 60mph speed limit without any prior warning is dangerous. I value my £30,000-plus 4x4 vehicle and the lives of its family occupants and earnestly advise prompt action to mitigate the adverse ef-

fects before a tragedy occurs.'

A spokesperson for BEAR Scotland said: 'We're aware of the concerns regarding this area of the A83 and have designed a scheme to address the levels in the road and smooth out this section of the route.'

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O'Hara supports Argyll women's stance on pensions

'Pensions are not a privilege, they are a contract'

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MORE than 4,000 women from across Argyll and Bute had their discontent at the UK government's pension changes heard in Westminster.

Last week, Argyll MP Brendan O'Hara presented a petition to the House of Commons on behalf of 4,600 women across the region who have been hit by the government's changes to the state pension age.

The Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) group represent women born on or after April 6 1951

who, under the 1995 and 2011 Pensions Act, will not be able to draw their pension until they are 66 years of age, six years later than many had planned.

Legal challenge

They argue many women were given little or no notice of these changes. They are now preparing a legal challenge, to be taken up by leading London law firm Bindmans.

After presenting the petition, Mr O'Hara said: 'The situation that these women find themselves in, through no fault of their own, is

scandalous. They have been hit twice, first when the state pension age was raised to 65 in line with men and then again when it was increased for men and women to 66 years.

'It is utterly shameful that the UK government has ducked its responsibility to the WASPI women. Pensions are not a privilege but a contract and the UK government has broken that contract.'

Karen Murphy, 59, who lives in Carradale, is a member of WASPI and is part of an informal group of supporters across Argyll and Bute.

She was due to take her state pension next February, but as a result of the government's pension change she will now have to wait until she is 66.

She said: 'Women in my position are expected to lose anywhere between £25,000 to £45,000 from their state pension.'

'While some are lucky enough to have a big occupational pension, many do not and were relying on their state pension coming through at 60. Some state pensions are also linked to their occupational pension, causing even more problems.'

Karen revealed she was hoping to help pay towards her child's deposit for a first house, but is now having to counteract the money she is set to lose.

She added: 'WASPI has now launched a legal challenge to the government, after all our members submitted individual complaints to the Department for Work and Pensions, to which the general reply was "tough".'

'It's not just women who are affected. It is impacting men as well, who planned their retirement with their partners but now find they are both losing money as a couple.'

Karen highlighted WASPI is not against equalising the state pension age, but wants the government to introduce reasonable transitional arrangements to give them enough time to plan for their retirement.

Mr O'Hara added: 'I call on the government to introduce measures that will mitigate the hardship that many of these women are now facing.'



Ken Eames, Hazel McIntyre, Aileen MacLean and Christine McDonald at the recent town hall event. 25_c42dementiaea01

First brews poured in new dementia café

ALZHEIMER Scotland hopes to launch a regular Campbeltown dementia café.

At the recent first event, in the town hall, organised by Kintyre and the Isles dementia link worker Hazel McIntyre, health professionals met people from the community concerned about the illness.

The event, supported by Argyll and Bute Council, the NHS and Telecare, was planned to dip a toe

in the water to see if there was demand for a monthly dementia café.

Evidence

A spokesperson said: 'There is lots of evidence in dementia that socialisation is good and it is also good for people to be out and about.'

'All of us repeat ourselves and forget where we have put things but when it starts to impede your life, there might be a problem.'

Sales snowball for winter party

THERE has been an avalanche of interest in Campbeltown for the first ever Narnian-style winter ball.

Organised

The event is on Saturday November 19 has been organised to raise money for the Campbeltown Christmas Lights Fund.

It will feature a two-

course dinner and live music by local band Coast Collective, featuring Matt McAllister, and has a strict formal dress code.

The evening, which starts at 6.30pm, includes a complimentary drink on arrival, stunning hall decorations, entry into a free prize draw, a special

game with even more prizes, and a licensed bar.

Lucky couple

Tickets for the event can be purchased from the Treehouse, Mafeking Place, and one lucky couple will be chosen at random to be collected and driven to the ball in their very own private limo.

Ferry operator sails away with award

LEADING ferry operator Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) has received a top accolade at a prestigious awards ceremony.

CalMac recently won the Ferry Operator of the Year category at the National Transport Awards (NTA) in London. Likened to the Os-

cars of the UK transport industry, the NTA awards recognise achievements and innovations across all modes of transport.

CalMac received the award for developments across the network as it aimed to retain the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services contract, which

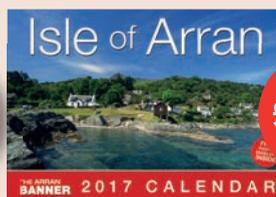
it has since won.

Graeme MacFarlan, customer, sales and marketing director for CalMac, said: 'We are proud to be singled out and highly commended at the National Transport Awards in the company of respect industry figures from across the UK.'

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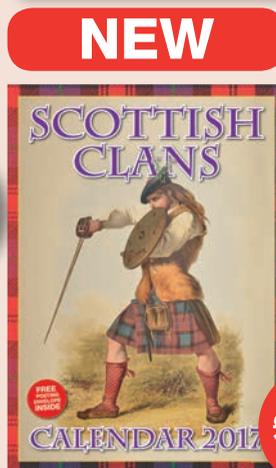
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Cancer charity's boost for building society

CAMPBELTOWN fundraisers helped a building society reach its fundraising campaign's £1million target in aid of Marie Curie.

Since the Yorkshire Building Society (YBS) launched its Hour of Need campaign in 2014 it has raised more than £1,021,030, as fundraisers take part in a variety of activities including riding 190km on exercise bikes, stepper machine challenges and setting a new world record for the largest cream tea party in multiple locations.

Stewart Balfour & Sutherland, the YBS's agency in Campbeltown, has raised £312 of this total, funding 15 hours of Marie Curie care.

SOS Fitness raise charity cash

QUIZMASTER Helen Gilchrist exercised Kintyre minds at a quiz night to help add to a Kintyre's fitness group's 2016 charity cash funds.

SOS Fitness held the quiz night at Stronvar Bowling Club and raised £575. This was matched by Bank of Scotland to the tune of £500, to give a grand total of £1,075. A cheque was recently handed to Hazel McIntyre, the local Alzheimer's liaison officer, at the SOS Fitness HQ in MACC.

SOS Fitness also recently discovered the amount the group raised for Sport Relief through their participa-



SOS members handing the Alzheimer's cash to Hazel McIntyre.

tion in the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile.

The group managed

to collect £1132.73, which contributed to Sport Relief's ground-

breaking 2016 total of £72.5million.

SOS leader Fiona Ir-

win wished to thank everyone for their support.

Motorcyclist fined

A BIKER admitted driving his motorcycle at 58mph in a 30mph limit and was fined £150 with three points on his licence at Campbeltown Justice of the Peace (JP) Court on Monday.

Scott Morrison, 49, of 23 Sound of Kintyre, Machrihanish, was stopped by police at the A83 junction with the Gobagrennan road on August 17 this year.

No insurance

A DRIVER who admitted having no insurance was fined £350 and had six points added to his licence.

Sean William Middleton, 20, of 121 Longrow, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty by letter after police caught him in an A83 layby, near Drumore, on June 8 this year.



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KINTYRE must be benefiting from all the walkers tramping its shores to raise money or pick litter.

They will be buying plenty of food to keep them going and, as evidenced during a meeting with litter picker Wayne Dixon and super RNLI fundraiser Alex Ellis-Roswell, they are not averse to a few beers.

Alex reached the peninsula more than two years after leaving his English home. He has taken about 8,000 photographs during his epic endeavour and raised a staggering £25,000 for lifeboats. At least half that total comes from an RNLI bucket permanently strapped to his rucksack.

He should be well prepared for the coming colder months in Scotland having spent last winter trekking up the west coast of Ireland.

Meanwhile, a Tarbert fundraiser may collect £16,000 in just two weeks if she completes her target of 15 consecutive marathons.

Carolyn McAlpine's challenge may not make a book similar to the one that Alex has said he will probably write, but her effort is an equally worthy challenge.

If she was not constrained by a job and the need to earn a living, Carolyn would probably eclipse Alex's efforts in a far shorter timescale.

Both efforts show supreme commitment at which many of us can only marvel.

Super sheep sale

CAN a ram lamb ever be really worth £100,000?

At the Kintyre Tup sale back in September rams were changing hands typically for about £500.

What is the difference between one of these animals and those sold for such huge sums at Dalmally?

Hopefully the buyer has some good fencing or perhaps a fold like a safe to keep foxes out.

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Search for autism award nominees

Sir,

The National Autistic Society is looking for local people and organisations making a difference to the lives of autistic people and their families.

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If any readers know of an inspirational individual or organisation, please nominate them for the Autism Professionals Awards 2017 at www.autismprofessional-sawards.org.uk

**Carol Povey, Director,
National Autistic Society.**

Political television fascinates

Sir,

I have been fascinated watching the SNP Conference on TV.

Mike Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, insisted that the SNP are not putting forward a plan 'designed to fail' as part of his party's negotiations on Brexit.

He already knows that SNP demands cannot be met in full. As Scottish Minister on Brexit he is only too aware that the SNP demand of: 'Best for Scotland – not second best' leaves no room for negotiation.

The MSP is correct, not designed to fail but to justify a second independence referendum.

The First Minister's closing speech was very engaging. So engaging that every phrase was followed by applause – indeed I thought she was participating in a fundraising clathron.

And what did we learn. She and her colleagues have been enjoying dozens of city breaks over the summer.

Not for a suntan but to promote Scotland as a country of poo – progressive, open, and outward looking.

Any polite or courteous response is naively interpreted as support for Scotland remaining in the EU.

But the word Nicola wants us to remember is: 'inclusion.'

Inclusion in a second referendum; inclusion in higher tax rates than the rest of the UK; inclusion in increased centralisation of power to Holyrood.

Finlay Craig, Cove.

Scots student numbers falling

Sir,

At the SNP conference, John Swinney announced that students from all EU countries enrolling for the 2017-18 academic year would continue to have their tuition fees paid for the entire four years, even if Brexit happened in the interim. He would, however, continue to discriminate against students from England, Wales and Northern

Ireland who will still have to pay fees.

This from a party whose leader accused the right wing of the Conservative Party of xenophobia earlier at the conference. Pots and kettles come to mind.

Students from the rest of the UK are very welcome as it is their fees, combined with those paid by foreign students from outside the EU, that part-fund the universities and enable free tuition for the others. That would be acceptable except that the increasing numbers of EU students are depriving Scottish students from less affluent areas, and possibly with lower grades, from attending university.

Last year there were 13,450 students from the EU at Scottish universities, costing the tax-payers here an estimated £75 million.

The percentage of Scottish students at universities in Scotland is decreasing as more students in the EU hear about free tuition.

At Glasgow, the number of Scots fell from 11,268 in 2011-12 to 10,656 2013-14 while in the same period the number of EU students rose by three per cent to 14.4 per cent (2,437). The situation is similar at Dundee and Edinburgh.

The bottom line is that the SNP cap on places isn't working for a great many Scottish students and while I didn't write, as William Crossan asserts, that those students from disadvantaged backgrounds would be encouraged into uni-

versity by charging them £9,500 per year, I did state free tuition is unsustainable.

Perhaps some compromise should be considered with the introduction of fees around £3,000 per year and bursaries for those who cannot afford the fees. These could be funded from the £75 million currently supporting the education of EU students in Scotland.

Whatever narrowing of inequalities Mr Crossan found in the 2015 UCAS End of Cycle report, it didn't apply to the attainment gap that has continued to widen under the SNP's guardianship.

**Brian Gee,
Lefkara, Carradale East.**

Make or break for community councils

Sir,

Opinion is divided over Scotland's 1,200 community councils – a brave last stand for local democracy or a wasted effort?

Despite decades of official neglect, thousands of people have stayed committed to this tier of democracy.

While the new community empowerment legislation avoided any serious mention of community councils, the next two pieces of legislation lined up by the Scottish Government – a planning bill and a decentralisation bill – would be scarcely credible if they were to follow suit.

One thing is certain – it's make or break time for community councils.

**Angus Hardie,
Scottish Community Alliance.**

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RNLI charity man discovers life on Shanks' pony

by **MARK DAVEY**
 editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

IN 2014 a Margate man decided to raise RNLI funds by walking round the UK coast. Last weekend he made it to the Wee Toon.

Alex Ellis-Roswell, 24, revealed that it was a bit further than he thought, especially when he added the 2,500-mile Irish coast, which has added a year and broken his £3,500 budget, but he has raised £25,000 for the lifeboats charity.

On his way to Kintyre, at a special lunch organised by Isabella MacLachlan, 62, who runs the Cuillins bed and breakfast in Tarbert, he was introduced to another coast to coast walker, litter picker Wayne Dixon.

Ms MacLachlan made hearty bowls of butternut squash soup and a variety of filled rolls for the hungry hikers who never seemed to stop eating.

Litter picking

Mr Dixon and his dog Koda, five, is a familiar figure to *Courier* readers for his litter-picking efforts, with primary school children, while walking through Kintyre last month.

He has reached Tayvallich and his mum

Christine collected him for the occasion.

While Mr Dixon was grabbing headlines, Mr Ellis-Roswell was completing the Irish leg of his route, which saw him delayed for three weeks with a knee injury.

Mr Ellis-Roswell, a sheep farmer who finished with school when he was 14, left his Kent home on August 3 two years ago, aged 21. He has been on Shanks' pony ever since, tramping tracks as close to the coast as possible.

Walking

He spent his first winter of 2014 walking round Cornwall, the second in West Cork and the tough west coast of Ireland, and is now facing the harshest months of the year in Scotland.

'In the past week I have walked from Tighnabruaich and should be in Campbeltown on Friday or Saturday,' said Mr Ellis-Roswell, who was given a lift to Thursday's lunch rendezvous and was then dropped back at the same point near Dippen.

He added: 'I receive hospitality from lifeboat stations and sleep in them for about 50 per cent of the time.

The other half I stay in a tent.

'I use Scottish Vango tents and have gone through five during the trip. The firm wanted me to sign a contract and be a brand ambassador but I refused. The trip is about raising money for the RNLI, not promoting a company's products.

'I have also gone through seven pairs of boots.'

Mr Ellis-Roswell says he has been lucky to be mainly injury free.

He added: 'When I injured my knee I was treated by the Munster football team's physiotherapist in Cork.

'It is funny how the body works. When one bit is injured, it tries to compensate and all of a sudden you have a sore ankle instead of a sore knee.'

Mr Ellis-Roswell set off thinking the walk would take two years and had saved up £3,500 but has extended his timescale to four years and has occasionally had to take odd jobs to make ends meet.

He writes for online publications and says that he is amazed that pictures from his mobile have been used in daily papers and *Coast* magazine.

'Fifty per cent of



Wayne Dixon, Koda, his mum Christine Dixon, Isabella MacLachlan and Alex Ellis-Roswell.
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my fundraising has come from online and the other through the RNLI bucket I carry around strapped to my rucksack,' he said.

Christine Dixon, Wayne's mum, joined the two walkers at lunch after driving up from Ribchester in England to deliver winter clothing.

Organise

Mrs Dixon said: 'I try to organise Wayne and at first was travelling to see him every 10 days. Now he says it is his walk and I don't know what it is like on the ground.'

Unusually, for extremely fit walkers, both men are smokers but reasoned that they are doing plenty to keep their arteries clear.

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Celluloid captures Miss Saigon's heart

MOVING legendary musical *Miss Saigon* to the big screen is a triumph.

The raw emotional story, which moved many to tears, was presented in Sunday's nationwide screening of the 25th anniversary revival show from the Prince Edward Theatre in London's West End.

Lenses, though, cannot create the experience of seeing something live on stage,

which is why theatre has survived in the movie and internet age.

That is not to say there is anything wrong with this five-star production.

It gave a Campbeltown audience a chance to hear and see an amazing theatre musical which, with the current lack of a theatre, can never appear in Kintyre.

This film, on a big screen, is yet another

way to experience the awe of the show. Soon it will be out on DVD, which, for the addicts is a third way of savouring *Miss Saigon*.

Of the play itself, the cast were superb, particularly Jon Jon Briones's Engineer and Eva Nobiezada as young Kim.

Her love interest, Alistair Brammar as Chris, is likeable despite his part which casts him in the middle of a moral dilemma.

The camera immersed the viewer in the production in a way which is certainly hard to achieve from the sixth row of the circle or even the front row of the stalls.

Sometimes the camera is just too close so we can see the microphones clearly on the players' foreheads, which surely would not be visible at the theatre.

It is necessary to keep remembering this is a film and not theatre. At no time is the orchestra visible and it needs quite close focus, in some scenes, to realise spotlights are on.

Film also allows out of focus highlights, cutting to close-ups and overlaid sequences which are not possible in theatre.

Victoria Hall's sound system was more than up to the job and, hopefully, once the Picture House is completed and such shows become a regular feature, its state of the art sound will be more than up to the job.

In next month's films at Victoria Hall, on Friday November 18, there will be a three-hour screening of Dutch violinist and conductor André Rieu's 2016 Maas-tricht Encore at 7pm.



Jean Kirk and Diana Roberts had a good blether. 25_c42mairisemplecoffee01

Mairi Semple funds boosted

A FUND formed 40 years ago to help fight cancer was boosted by a further £770 raised at a Campbeltown coffee morning.

Last year The Mairi Semple Fund dispensed £12,310, £2,000 to Yorkhill and the Beatson. In addition, in Argyll, CHAS, Oban and Lochgilphead Cancer Centres have all received £1,000 each.

About 120 people attended the Red Cross Hall event which included a bottle stall and home baking.

There were some side stalls, Jane McCallum guessed 273 as the number of sweets in a jar and Catherine Ralston's £14.80 was closest to the value of a basket of groceries.

On Friday November 11, jockeys, trainers and owners will be lining up for the charity's annual race night at Argyll Bowling Club and on two weekends in December, Sundays 4 and 11 Mairi Semple members serve Christmas afternoon teas at Glenbarr Abbey.



Miss Saigon is an emotional roller-coaster.

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Campbeltown pupils shine in sell-out Proclaimers show



All the cast on song wearing their Hibs strips. 04_c43sunshineonleith13



Lead girls Linsey Cairns and Erin Ferguson alongside Eilidh Anderson. 04_c43sunshineonleith05



Cameron Macallister and Eilidh perform a duet. 04_c43sunshineonleith06



The lead boys on their way home – Charles Turner and Niall Gemmill. 04_c43sunshineonleith01



Bethany Kelly dazzled as Jean. 04_c43sunshineonleith21

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar school took centre stage with two terrific performances of The Proclaimers-soaked musical, *Sunshine on Leith*.

Playing for two sold-out nights, the pupils shone at the Victoria Hall bringing to life the Dexter Fletcher musical based on two young Scots, Davy and Ally, who return home to Edinburgh after being discharged from the army having served in Afghanistan.

Proclaimers favourites such as *I'm on my way*, *Let's get married* and *Oh Jean* had the bumper crowds singing along, while the male and female leads performed well

over the two nights. Bethany Kelly and Raymond Gosling were perhaps the pick of the acting crop as rowing parents Jean and Rab, who brought the most laughs and emotionally tender moments to the show.

Music teachers Rachel Henry and James Murdoch pulled the show together as musical director and technical director respectively, while the music was well played throughout by Emma Bannatyne, Michelle Lang, Kirsten Souter and Amy Pater-son.

All the cast and crew combined seamlessly to give each Kintyre crowd a night and show to remember.



Raymond Gosling shone as Rab. 04_c43sunshineonleith18



Cameron goes solo during *Let's get married*. 04_c43sunshineonleith10

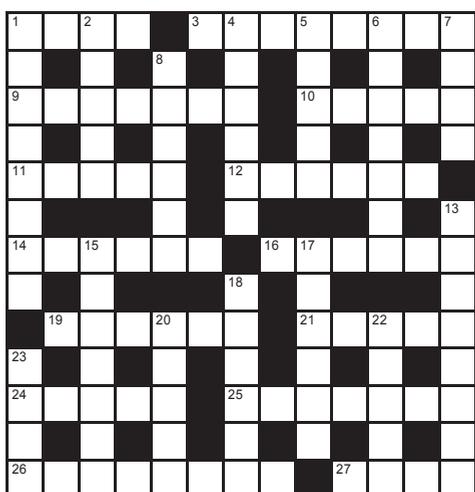


Niall pops the question to Erin. 04_c43sunshineonleith20

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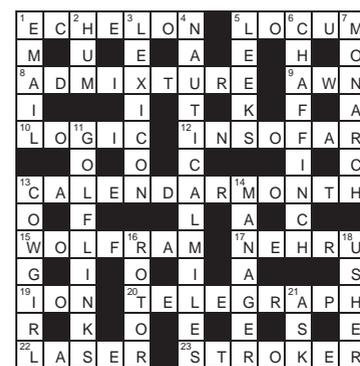
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Princess Anne catches up with Gigha halibut

STAFF manning a stall at Scotland's Boat Show gave a royal visitor a taste of Gigha halibut.

Earlier this year, Princess Anne, who is a regular visitor to Argyll where she sails from Ardfern, had planned to visit Gigha Halibut but had to cancel due to ill health.

HRH made up for it when she spoke to three members of staff after opening the show at Kip Marina last week.

The Gigha Halibut team of Aman-

da Anderson, marketing, Jamie Stewart, fish farmer, and Finlay Anderson, a pupil at Strachur primary school, were running the award-winning company's stall in the Clyde Life food and drink pavilion.

Amanda and Jamie work at Gigha Halibut's hatchery at Otter Ferry; from there the fish are transferred to the farm at Gigha where they are farmed for three years.

Clyde Life food and drink pavilion also featured demonstra-



Princess Anne learns about Gigha halibut. Photo: Joanne Simms/Clyde Life.

chef Nick Nairn and ran alongside the com-

pany's lifestyle pavilion featuring craftsmen

and women and artists from across Scotland.

CLACHAN

Keep your village hall

AS EFFORTS to fund a new or refurbished village hall continue, the committee which runs it will hold its annual general meeting on Tuesday October 25 at 7.30pm in the hall.

The hall committee chairman, Derek Lewis, who worked tirelessly for the organisation, passed away recently and a new chairman will be sought.

100 club members top the ton

THERE are still places available in Clachan Hall's 100 club despite membership standing at 104.

New members are being accept-

ed on a pro-rata basis and anyone who joins before October 29 will pay only £8 for the rest of the year. If the membership increases by well over the 100, a second prize will be awarded.

September's winner of the £50 prize was Derek Stanesby.

Clachan cooks' bake off book

THE TREASURER of Clachan hall has another recipe for fundraising by publishing a cookery book.

Anyone with a family favourite who would like to be considered for Clachan's answer to Paul Hollywood should email: sjwbattery@btinternet.com

WESTPORT

Surfers will sift sands at beach clean

WESTPORT beach will be given an autumn tidy up as part of a national campaign.

Kintyre's branch of Surfers Against Sewage (SAS), will join the organisation's sixth annual Big Autumn Beach Clean on Saturday October 29, between 10am and noon.

Volunteers, who will meet at Westport car park, will join a grow-

ing national movement calling for dramatic action to halt the marine litter crisis.

A SAS spokesperson said: 'Marine litter is perhaps the most significant threat to our oceans today, affecting every stretch of coastline in every ocean.'

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Iona Reid with the Jones children Henry, seven, Charlie, five, and Fred, eight, and their pumpkins.

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Pick your own scary pumpkin

CREATING a Halloween jack-o-lantern has never been easier thanks to a Kintyre farmer.

Hannah Jones has been growing pumpkins for about four years in a field next to her Kintyre Farm Stall at Bellochantuy. This year she has started pick your own pumpkins so that customers can choose exactly the size they need.

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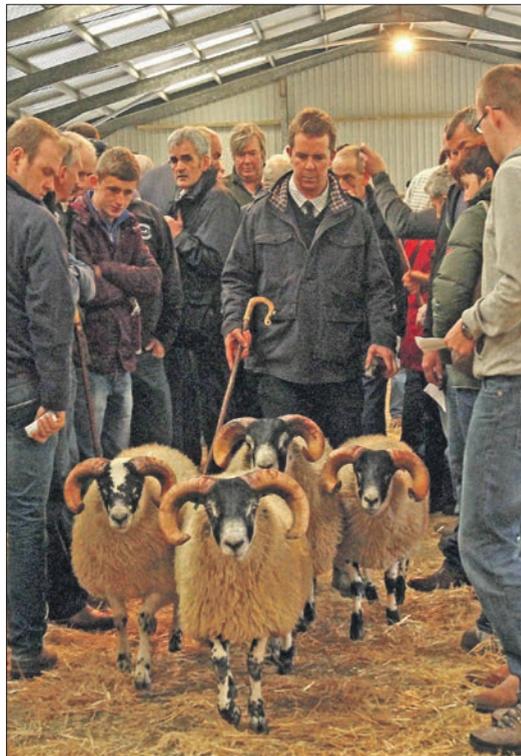
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A total of 525 shearlings were sold at an average of £791.66 and a total of 168 ram lambs were sold at an average of £2,033.51.

David MacArthur, Arncliffe, Glenbarr, heads for the sale ring. The MacArthurs were delighted with their tup reaching £10,000.



Some of the 36 shearlings brought forward by top Blackie breeder Iain Hunter drew a great deal of attention.

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Crime in all its forms will be one of the major talking points of this year's festival next week running from Friday October 28 to Sunday October 30.

Headline speaker is the award winning Scottish crime author Christopher Brookmyre who has just won the inaugural McIlvanney prize at the Bloody Scotland festival.

The event begins, with a closed session not open to the public, in Tarbert Academy on Friday October 29, when invited children's writers visit the school.

Early levels pupils will hear the stories of Terry Tiddlemouse, created by Joey Porter; Angela Proctor will read from her new book, Thumble Tumble and the Ollpheist, witchy adventures set on the island of Arran; and, to complete the day, Stevie White and Fin Cramb will give a presentation to senior pupils about the creation of their graphic novel of J.M. Barrie's 'Peter Pan'.



Friday evening sees the main festival programme get started.

Loch Fyne Gallery bookshop will host the climax of the first Tarbert Book Festival Writing Competition, for invited guests only, when the winner is announced and the first prize of a residential writing course at Moniak Mhor is awarded.

Saturday's action in the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre starts at 10am with A Writers' Workshop led by author, Anne Hamilton, judge of the writing competition, adult tickets are £10.

At 11am novelist, Catherine Czerkawska, will read and talk about her new book, 'The Jewel', an historical novel charting the romance of Jean Armour and Robert Burns.

After lunch at 1pm one of Scotland's best-regarded contemporary writers, Janice Galloway, will be talking about her latest collection of short stories, 'Jellyfish'.

Both these events are £6 for adults.

A fascinating insight into the life of famous crime novelist, Josephine Tey, is promised in the appearance of Jennifer Morag Henderson, at 2.15pm on Saturday in the Anchor Hotel. Her new biography of this crime writers' favourite has been well-received.

Later at 3.30pm in the same venue '1588: A Calendar of Crime' is the title of writer Shirley McKay's session as she reads from her latest collection of Huw Cullan stories.

On Saturday evening award-winning novelist, Chris Brookmyre, is the guest for the Springbank Sessions, at the Stonefield Castle Hotel, talking about his new book, 'Black Widow'.

Sunday sees the final event of the weekend as local writers come to the fore, the event will include Marian Pallister, Fiona Malkin and Kilmartin archaeologist, Roddy Regan.

The main sponsor of this year's event is Blue Energy Ltd.

Full details of times, venues and tickets are available on the website www.tarbertbookfestival.com.

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crime novel Quite Ugly One Morning,
will speak on Sunday evening.

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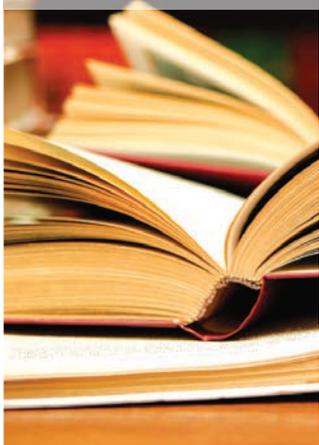
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CRIME WRITER WILL THRILL AT TARBERT TALK

By Mark Davey



AN AWARD winning thriller author whose novels have more twists than the A83 will headline at Tarbert Book Festival.

Investigative journalist Jack Parlabane and his creator, Christopher Brookmyre, 48, first entered Scotland's consciousness, 20 years ago, in *Quite Ugly One Morning* which won best first crime novel of the year in 1996.

His latest Parlabane adventure, *Black Widow* published by Little Brown, has just been awarded the William McIlvanney prize, formerly the Scottish crime book of the year award, at the Bloody Scotland festival last month in Stirling.

Brookmyre says that festival speaking has become an important part of his year but that sometimes the schedules can make his life quite hectic.

'The advent of digital reading seems to have increased the numbers of people who want to hear authors speak,' he said, 'As festivals

have grown the number of bookshop events has shrunk.

'Often my talk will pertain to that year's novel which is *Black Widow* but the talk can become more generally about my work, particularly at smaller festivals where people have come to see me because they are curious but may not have read the books.'

Technology has been a great boon for his writing and Brookmyre said: 'The dictation app on my phone means I can go on long walks and then transcribe the result as soon as I get back.'

'People in Bothwell must be familiar with seeing me walking around talking into my phone.'

Brookmyre's writing life took off after Glasgow university when he spent four years, in London, at cinema trade magazine *Screen International* as a sub-editor.

He wrote novels, but failed to find a publisher and says now that they were per-

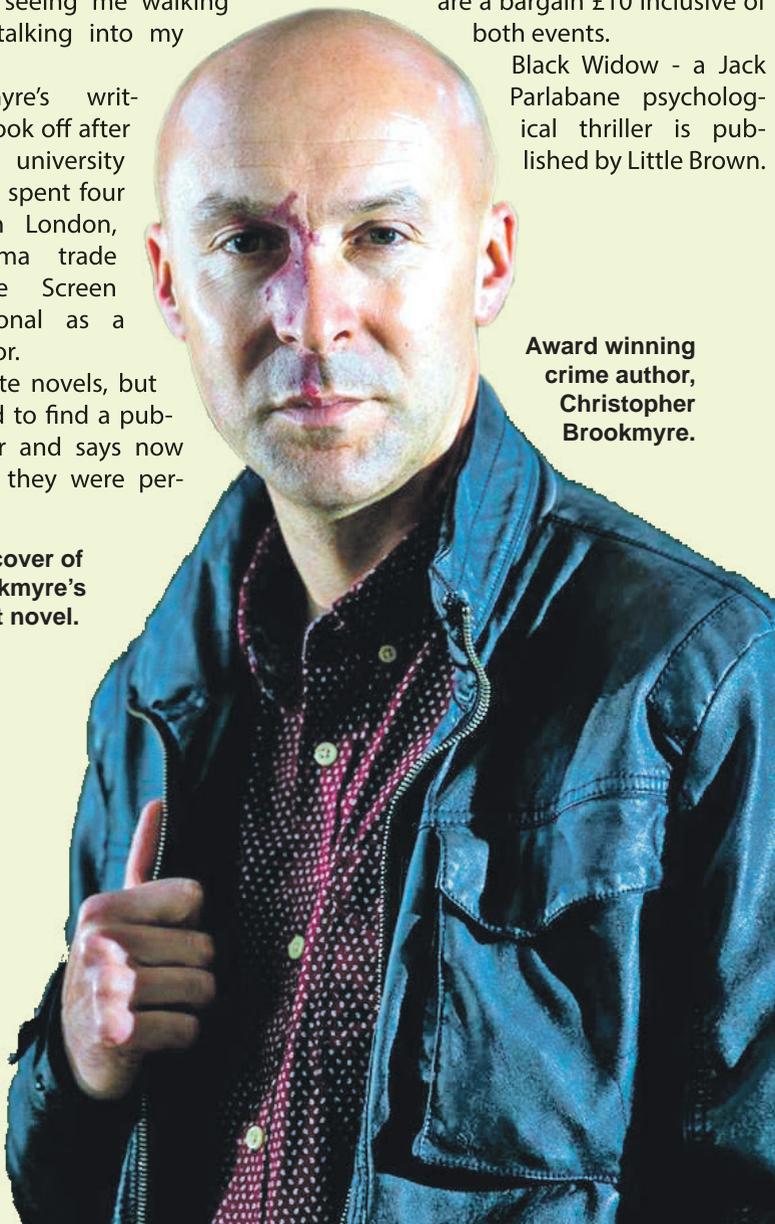
haps too serious. It was when he made the change to a more idiomatic style, found in *Quite Ugly One Morning*, that he made the breakthrough to a bestseller and it went on to be dramatised with *Cold Feet* star, James Nesbitt, playing Parlabane.

Brookmyre rates his life so far as an eight out of 10 and said: 'I have been very fortunate to make a living doing something I love.'

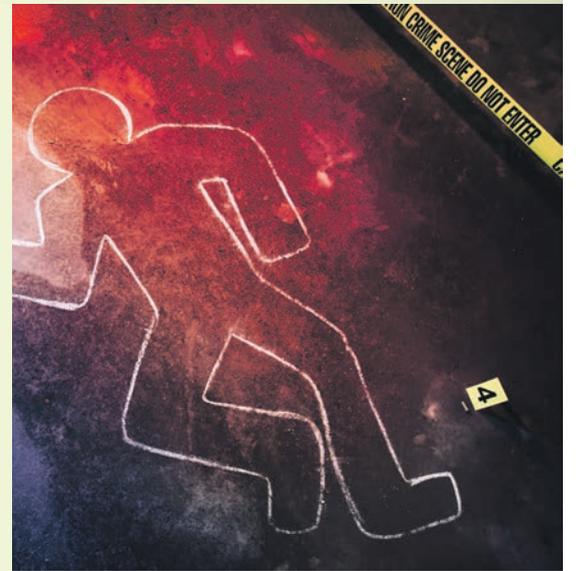
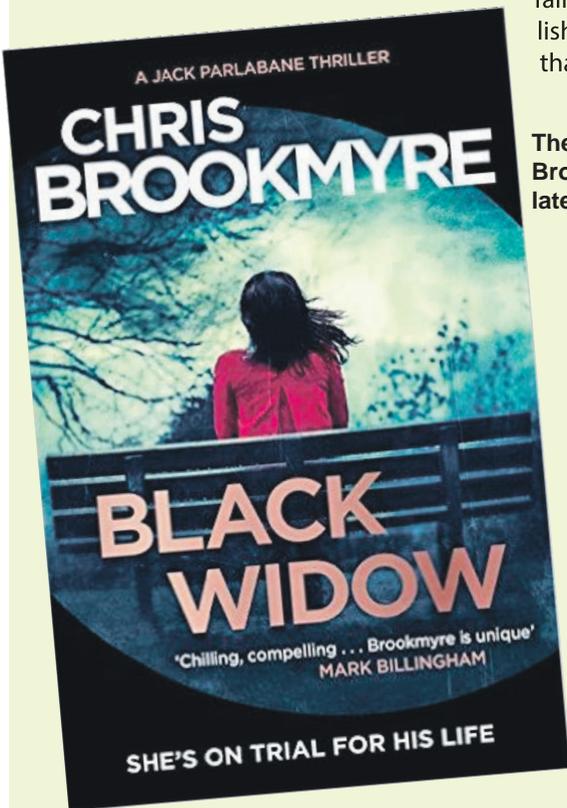
Brookmyre's talk is at 7.30pm, on Saturday October 29, in the Stonefield Castle Hotel drawing room following a half hour whisky tasting session organised by Springbank. Tickets are a bargain £10 inclusive of both events.

Black Widow - a Jack Parlabane psychological thriller is published by Little Brown.

Award winning crime author, Christopher Brookmyre.



The cover of Brookmyre's latest novel.



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Mirren Brown, Bun-sgoil Port Ilein. Winner of recitation of prescribed poetry 11-12 years. 16_T42_Mod_Mirren



Charlet Rose Monro, Bun-sgoil Port Ilein. Participant in recitation of prescribed poetry 7-8 year olds.



Bronagh Newman, Bun-sgoil Port Ilein, was a participant in recitation of prescribed poetry 11-12 years. 16_T42_Mod_Bronagh

THIS year's Royal National Mòd continued as the children's competitions heated up.

Day four at Scotland's biggest Gaelic cultural festival saw young Gaels aged five to 19 taking part in 33 poetry, drama, song and music contests. Puppet-led yoga took place at various venues around Stornoway, and the Nicolson Institute hosted Cuilean Craicte, a workshop for parents exploring the benefits that reading Gaelic has on children's development.

The children's competitions continued on Tuesday, with the coveted traditional silver medals taking place at the Nicolson Institute. The adult competitions began on Wednesday with this year's gold medal final taking place in the evening. The traditional final competition was yesterday (Thursday), and the Lovat and Tullibardine Shield will be broadcast live on BBC ALBA today (Friday).

John Morrison, chief executive of An Comunn Gàidhealach, said: 'The children's competitions are always a fantastic way to start the Mòd. We saw some wonderful musical performances on Saturday, and there are even more in store. The children's ceilidhs in the evening are a great way to unwind after a busy day of competitions. The Western Isles have been excellent hosts and we're looking forward to the rest of this year's Mòd.'

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar convener and chairman of the Mòd nan Eilean Siar local organising committee, Norman A MacDonald, said: 'We have already had some fantastic performances and events over the first three days, with the torchlight parade, the Ar Cànan 's Ar Ceòl music showcase and the Celtic praise and Gaelic service on Sunday. For me, the children's competitions on Monday and Tuesday are always among the highlights of the week.'

The Royal National Mòd will conclude tomorrow (Saturday) when a procession of choirs and pipers make their way through Stornoway to the Nicolson Institute where a massed choir finale will close the festival.



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Oban - Thursday 9th November 2016, 10am-4pm

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Get wild about Argyll!



This summer between 24 July - 4 August ultra endurance adventurer Mark Beaumont took on a continuous 12-day epic adventure across Argyll and the Isles. On this 'Wild About Argyll' challenge, Mark followed a trail across every corner of Argyll and the Isles. He sailed, open-water swam, kayaked, road and mountain biked and also ran to celebrate some of the best adventure routes on offer. Each day he took on some of the region's

most exhilarating activities, including quad biking, off road motor-biking and horse riding. Why? To help Argyll & The Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) assess the region's adventure tourism credentials, gather extensive video content of the unique adventure offer we have right on Glasgow's doorstep – and to launch an exciting campaign to reposition this wonderful region as Scotland's Adventure Coast.

Welcome to Argyll Enterprise Week



Councillor Aileen Morton.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) has teamed up with Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway to host the first Argyll Enterprise Week, in Oban, from October 31 to November 4.

Businesses, social enterprises and potential entrepreneurs across Argyll and the Islands are invited to take advantage of free workshops, seminars, networking events and discussions designed to provide support and inspiration in achieving their business goals.

'Argyll and the Islands has been recognised as one of Scotland's most promising regions. Our geography alone gives us a number of key niche business sectors, from tourism to renewables. Regeneration is creating new opportunities across the area,' said Councillor Aileen Morton, policy lead for sustainable development.

'Talent and ambition is in evidence in our people and in our communities. Argyll Enterprise Week is about building on this promise.' The week has three objectives. Firstly it looks to connect organisations. The geography of Argyll and Bute makes it difficult for people to come

together and when they do, things happen, ideas get developed, collaborations are born and opportunities emerge. Secondly the event looks to inform, presenting the opportunity to gain skills and knowledge to help move an organisation forward. Finally the event looks to inspire, by presenting case studies and sharing learning.

David Smart, Head of Special Projects at Highlands and Islands Enterprise said: 'It is vital that Argyll and the Islands is home to significant numbers of confident, growing enterprises that provide secure, well paid jobs. The programme for the week has been carefully created to be of interest to the widest possible range of businesses and social enterprises in Argyll and Bute. We want the event to celebrate existing enterprise across Argyll and the Islands, stimulate fresh ideas and create new connections and collaborations. That's what Argyll Enterprise Week is all about and with more than 200 bookings already made for activities within the week we are looking forward to a great event.'

Kicking things off...

The launch event for Argyll Enterprise Week will be held on Monday October 31 at the Argyllshire Gathering Halls in Oban and will set the scene for the week ahead.

It includes speakers from across the private and public sector who are involved in supporting business growth in Argyll and Bute, including an address by Nicholas Ferguson, CBE, chairman of the Argyll and Bute Economic Forum and of Savills plc. Argyll-based entrepreneurs Jamie Delap of Fyne Ales, Brendon Wallace of BC technologies and Craig Cameron of Midton

Acrylics will be talking about their business successes. It will conclude with a networking lunch provided by Food from Argyll and a showcase of investments and initiatives supporting economic growth.

Attendees will have the opportunity to find out more about transformational projects, including DiscoverSpace UK, Kilmartin Museum expansion, Argyll and The Isles Tourism Co-operative, The European Marine Science Park, Town Centre Heritage programmes, and Live, Work & Invest in Argyll and Bute.

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Realising Argyll's full potential

Nicholas Ferguson is keynote speaker at launch of inaugural Argyll Enterprise Week

Nicholas Ferguson, CBE, will be a keynote speaker at the opening event for Argyll Enterprise Week. Nicholas has a long and distinguished career as leader of a number of blue chip international businesses and is a founder of the Kilfinan Trust. His experience of leading large complex organisations and achieving success in challenging markets made him the ideal candidate to chair the Argyll and Bute Economic Forum and explore how the challenges of population decline and the demographic imbalance affecting the area could be addressed. Nicholas assembled a team of senior public and private sector individuals who considered the opportunities and barriers that the region faced.

This work culminated in the publishing of the Argyll and Bute Economic Forum report in February 2016. This report described a number



Nicholas Ferguson, CBE

of the actions that needed to be taken to realise the full potential of the region and work is ongoing to progress these.

Organisations on hand to guide and encourage entrepreneurs

Central to the week is a business support fair, being held at the Corran Halls on November 2, bringing together a wide range of public and private organisations. More than 40 organisations will be on hand to outline the advice and support they can offer.

Organisations exhibiting at the Business Support Fair include:

- Expert help: HIE innovation specialist, HIE creative sector, Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service, Scottish Development International Export Advisory Service
- Digital: DigitalBoost, The Digital Garage by Google, Community Broadband Scotland
- Social enterprise: Firstport, InspirAlba, Just Enterprise
- Finance: DSL Business Finance Ltd, RBS, Pensionwise, Prince's Trust - Youth Business Scotland, Virgin Start Up
- Training and education: Argyll College/UHI, Skills Development Scotland
- Jobs: HIJobs, JobCentre Plus
- Business organisations: BID4Oban, Federation of Small Businesses



- Energy efficiency: All Energy, Resource Efficient Scotland
- Business services: McPhee & Partners, Argyll Financial Services, BC Technologies, BT Local Business
- Tourism: Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative
- Council: Regulatory Services, Procurement, Business Gateway, Live, Work & Invest Argyll and Bute
- Media: Oban Times Group, The Press & Journal

A series of taster sessions will run throughout the day alongside the Business Support Fair. These informal, 45-minute sessions will feature a short presentation on the free help available, followed by a Q&A. 11am – Scottish Manufactur-

ing Advisory Service (SMAS) 11.45am – WorldHost™ Customer Service Training 12.30pm & 4.15pm – The Digital Garage by Google 1.15pm – Resource Efficient Scotland 2pm – Scottish Development International's export adviser 2.45pm – HIE's intellectual property adviser 3.30pm – Argyll and Bute Council Regulatory Services.

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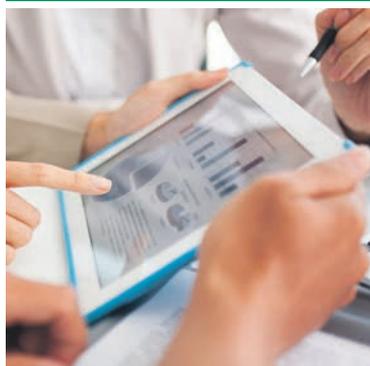
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Working together

Supporting entrepreneurs

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), Business Gateway and Scottish Enterprise work together to support ambitious businesses through a growth pipeline. Business Gateway offers advisory support to all businesses and where a business in a key sector can demonstrate via a realistic business plan their ambition and potential to grow significantly and create jobs, further support may be available from HIE to accelerate this growth.

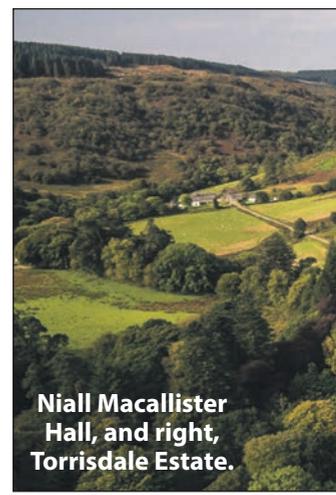
An example of this is Beinn An Tuirc Distillery, based on the Torrisdale Estate in Carradale, South Kintyre.

Niall Macallister Hall and his wife Emma are in the process of setting up Kintyre's first craft gin distillery.

Beinn an Tuirc, meaning ‘hill of the wild boar’ will be the first distillery of its kind to produce the unique ‘Kintyre Gin’ by using water from natural sources and power being produced by the estate’s hydroelectric scheme. The recipe will be inspired by the natural botanicals that are synonymous with the Kintyre area.

Niall explained: ‘Business Gateway was critical in assisting us with our business plans for the new gin distillery and thereafter referring the project on to HIE due to the growth potential of the business idea.

‘We are also in the process of recruiting a graduate through the Scot Grad, programme that HIE introduced us to. This will be pivotal to the creation of our new Kintyre Gin and gaining expertise we might otherwise not have had.’



Niall Macallister Hall, and right, Torrisdale Estate.

Advice is just



Highlands and Islands Enterprise
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- Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) is an ambitious organisation with a unique remit that integrates economic and community development.
- HIE works in a diverse region which extends from Shetland to Argyll and from the Outer Hebrides to Moray, covering more than half of Scotland's land mass.
- HIE is the Scottish Gov-

ernment's economic and community development agency for the north and west of Scotland. Its purpose is to generate sustainable economic growth across the Highlands and Islands. Jennifer Nicoll, Argyll and the Islands area manager said that, ‘It is HIE's ambition for Argyll and the Islands to be a highly successful and competitive region in which increasing numbers of people choose to live, work, study and invest.’ HIE's local team is based in Lochgilphead and works closely with

Fund the growth of

At the funding seminars taking place on November 1, five funders will each outline what they have to offer, how to apply, and answer questions.

■ The SJ Noble Trust offers grants and interest-free loans to new or existing businesses, typically in the region of £5,000.

■ DSL Business Finance Ltd is a not-for-profit lender

specialising in finance for SMEs and third sector social enterprises.

■ Growthdeck is a multi-channel crowdfunding platform that can help raise finance for a business through the sale of equity to its investor network.

■ The Scottish EDGE runs as a pitching competition and businesses could win grant and loan funding of up to

£100,000 to deliver their growth plans.

■ Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme will offer grants of up to £5,000 to support business growth across Scotland and the Argyll and the Isles LEADER programme will give an update.

Day with the Angels

This is a practical, highly-interactive workshop with

Investing Women. Meet, talk and enjoy a light lunch with business angels, get tips on what makes businesses attractive to investors, the process involved and what to prepare. This is a flexible session where the panel discusses your business and business model, how the company can be scaled and other financing options which may be worth exploring. There will

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partners, including Argyll and Bute Council, Skills Development Scotland and University of the Highlands and Islands.

Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway provides free advice and support to new and existing businesses. A team of experienced, qualified business advisers is on hand locally to help with practical advice. Advisers can also signpost sources of specialist help and funding.

A wide range of free business skills workshops for businesses at all stages of development is available across Argyll throughout the year. Topics include business planning, marketing, bookkeeping, social media for business, eCommerce, becoming an employer, managing staff and customer care. Business Gateway's website www.bgateway.com is packed with information and guides on a range of business topics. To find out how Business Gateway can help call 01546 604 555 or meet one of the team at the Argyll Enterprise Week Business Support Fair.

your business

be opportunities to ask questions, meet other entrepreneurs and get help with pitching. Following on from this session, there will be the opportunity to practise your pitch, pitching to an experienced business angel who will help you understand what a business angel wants to hear, analyse the pitch and give brief coaching to help optimise

chances of investment. There will also be short 1-2-1s with one of the angels.

Crowdfunding
Derek Bond, founder of the first Scottish equity crowdfunding platform Squareknot, has advised companies across all sectors on the use of crowdfunding to raise seed or growth capital. Squareknot merged with Growthdeck earlier this year.

Derek's presentation will provide an insight into the various forms of crowdfunding that are available to businesses. He will provide advice and tips on how to run a successful crowdfunding campaign, and highlight some of the pitfalls. Businesses attending will be able to find out if their business would be suitable for raising funding through Growthdeck.

Digital Garage

Argyll Enterprise Week is excited to be partnering up with The Digital Garage from Google – a digital skills training platform to assist you in growing your business, career and confidence, online. A Google digital expert is coming to deliver a session on how to reach new customers. The 40-minute session will teach you how to make your business more visible online through search optimisation, local listings and search engine marketing. The Google expert will also be available for one-to-one sessions. So come prepared to learn and ask questions, too.

IT help

DigitalBoost is an IT business support programme offered by HIE and Business Gateway and Scottish Enterprise. It is available to businesses and social enterprises across Scotland and the team of experts will demonstrate how organisations can step up their digital capabilities. The DigitalBoost team will run a workshop on Wednesday November 2 at the Corran Halls. 'Digital Boost Cyber Security' features an ethical hacker, while the #hellodigital team from HIE will be delivering an introductory workshop on the use of 360 degree video.

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Will Self runs Wild Argyll.

Training is key to first-class tourism

Adventure tourism has been identified as a growth area, particularly for Argyll and this was highlighted recently by the epic 12-day adventure endured by celebrity cyclist Mark Beaumont. Argyll and the Islands is rich in many assets suited to the adventure market both on land and sea. There is an extensive network of long distance routes and trails across the region, including the Cowal Way, the Kintyre Way, The Three Lochs Way, the Sea Kayak Trail, the West Loch Lomond Cycle Path, and the John Muir Way, which starts and finishes in Argyll. There are a number of mountain biking trails and an extensive network of tracks and paths within the forests for walking, trail running and cycling, and beaches and launch points to gain access for water sports.

As part of Argyll Enterprise Week, Argyll and Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) will be running a workshop titled, Wild About Argyll – Adventure Tourism in Argyll and The Isles. The workshop is targeted at all businesses and individuals who are already involved in the adventure market or view this as an opportunity.

Getting Argyll and Bute on the map for all the right reasons is critical to the success of our tourism industry and excellent customer service can help achieve this.

Led by AITC, a new initiative is under way to help Argyll become a

WorldHost Recognised Destination, through local businesses putting at least 50 per cent of their customer facing staff through the WorldHost customer service training programme.

Iain Jurgensen, general manager of Portavadie and chairman of the AITC training group, explains: 'The teams going through the process will benefit as part of their learning journey, underpinning the value of great service which our ever-discerning visitors are coming to expect from all levels of the visitor experience in an ever more competitive market.'

Dunoon based Argyll Cruising has already achieved WorldHost accreditation, via training from Business Gateway.

Jamie Duncan, shore manager explains: 'Putting the customer first is our cornerstone. When guests come on a cruise they are with us every hour of the day whether it's a three, four or six-night cruise – or even longer! Our customer care skills have to be first class at all times. WorldHost gave us the tools to hone our skills and the confidence to put the training into practice. We are seeing the benefits with repeat bookings for 2017 already up on last year. We can attribute this, at least in part, to WorldHost. Carrying the respected recommendation of being WorldHost accredited gives first-time guests the confidence to book with us.'

Guide to What's On during

MONDAY OCTOBER 31

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Venue: Argyllshire Gathering Halls



TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1 Funding your Business

9.30-10.30am: Kate Fraser/ Colin Fulcher – Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme and Argyll and the Isles LEADER programme

10.30-11.30am: Christina Noble – SJ Noble Trust

11.30am-12.30pm: Derek Bond (pictured above) – Growthdeck

12.30pm-1pm: Lunch

1pm-2pm: Stewart Yuill – DSL Business Finance Ltd

2pm-3pm: Jack Proctor – Scottish Edge and Clive Rumbold – MOTO Scotland
Venue: McCaig Suite – Corran Halls

10am-3pm: A Day with the Angels – Investing Women Angels Ltd

3.30-5.30pm: Individual Pitch Practice or 121 with Angels
Venue: Gaelic Room, Corran Halls

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2

11am-6pm: Business Support Fair – Taster Sessions

Venue: Stage Area, Main Hall, Corran Halls

11-11.45am: Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service

11.45am-12.30pm: World Host customer service training

12.30-1.15pm: The Digital Garage from Google

1.15-2pm: Resource Efficient Scotland

2-2.45pm: Internationalisation

2.45-3.30pm: Intellectual assets

3.30-4.15pm: Regulatory Services

4.15-5pm: The Digital Garage from Google

ON ELSEWHERE – WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2

9.30am-12.30pm: Intro to 360 Degree Virtual Reality Video making

Venue: McCaig Suite, Corran Halls

1-4pm: Cyber Security Workshop
Venue: McCaig Suite, Corran Halls

4.30-6.30pm: Innovation Forum
Venue: McCaig Suite, Corran Halls

2-4pm: Women in Business Discussion Panel
Venue: Oban Bay Hotel

6-9pm: Social Enterprise Film Festival and Question Time panel
Venue: Phoenix Cinema

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3

9.30am-4pm: Focus on Social Enterprise Day

Venue: Argyllshire Gathering Halls

10am-1pm: SDP Introduction to working with the public sector
Venue: West Highland Housing Association

2-5pm: Selling with Confidence
Venue: West Highland Housing Association

10am-noon: Scotland Food & Drink – Strategy 2030 – Have Your Say
Venue: The Studio, Corran Halls

12.30-1.30pm: Scotland Food & Drink – Understanding your markets and customers
Venue: The Studio, Corran Halls

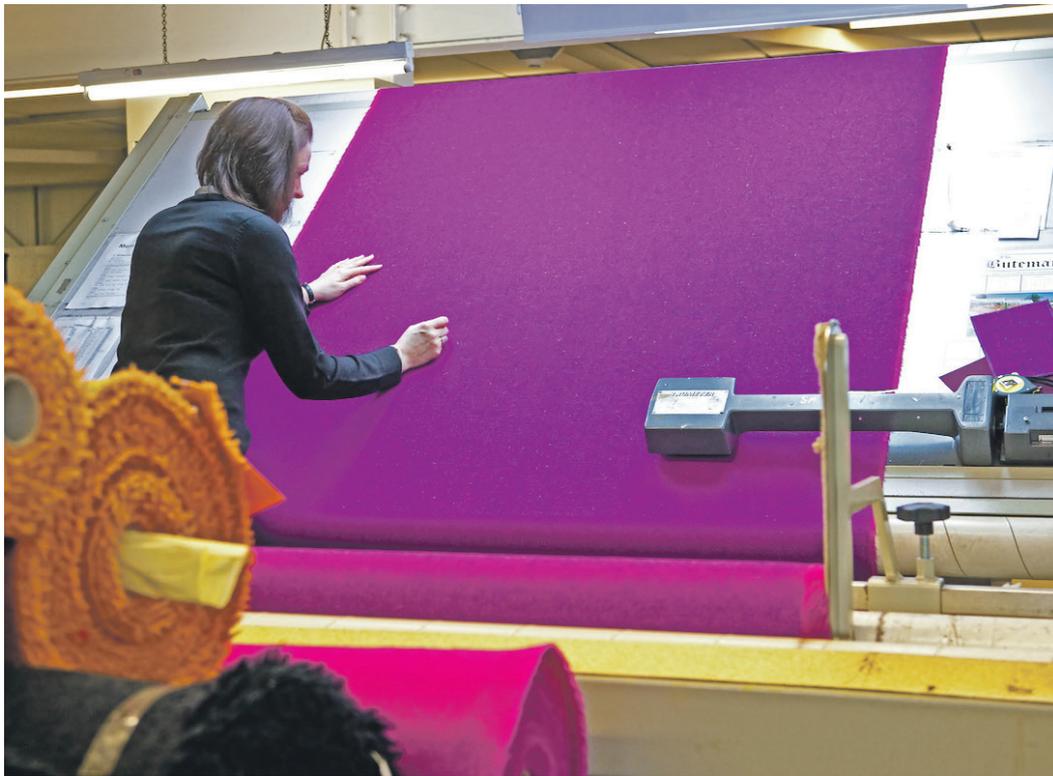
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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4

9am-1pm: Craft Scotland Working with the Tourism Industry

Venue: Argyllshire Gathering Hall

10am-noon: Wild about Argyll – Adventure Tourism in Argyll & the Isles

Venue: The Studio, Corran Halls

2-4pm: Fast Talking – Oban Times

Speed Networking Event

Venue: Argyllshire Gathering Halls

XPONORTH ON THE ROAD

Venue: Kinetics Studio

10.30-11am: Creative Scotland support and the new Creative Industries Strategy

11am-noon: Making It Here – Running a successful craft business in the Highlands and Islands

Noon-1.15pm: Skills for Strategic Design Consultancy

2-2.45pm: PRS and Licencing

2.45-4pm: DIY – Self Publishing and Crowdfunding

4-5.15pm: Children's books now with award-winning writer Barry Hutchison (pictured left) and innovative publisher Lorna Freytag (Hey Wow)

5.15-6.30pm: BBC – The Social

6.30-7.45pm: Music Placement across the multimedia



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Feeding into food & drink strategy

Scotland Food and Drink (SF&D) will be running two workshops as part of Argyll Enterprise Week.

The first is 'Scotland Food & Drink Strategy 2030 – have your say'.

SF&D is working to deliver a new industry strategy and participants can hear about the research so far, consider the strategic options and feed in plans and concerns for the future.

The workshop is a real chance to voice your opinion and get involved in shaping the direction of travel for the food and drink industry.

The second workshop, Understanding your Markets and Customers, focuses on the importance of understanding your shopper and their behaviors when targeting new markets.

Rick Allison, UK Market Analyst, will set the scene on current trends in the UK and beyond, as well as demonstrating practical tools and techniques that you can deploy to strengthen your understanding of food and drink sector opportunities both locally and across the UK. SF&D is the industry's leadership organisation working to grow the food and drink sector to a value of £16.5 billion by 2017 and build Scotland's reputation as a land of food and drink.

SF&D brings together all the

industry associations in the sector – from farmers and fishermen to manufacturers – with the key public sector agencies. It works in a spirit of collaboration and partnership to develop the economic growth strategy for the industry, which Government and public sector agencies align their support behind. A membership organisation, SF&D has 360 companies and organisations within its membership, ranging from small artisan producers to multinational manufacturers, as well as most of the major retailers and catering firms.

Food from Argyll is a co-operative of specialist Argyll and Bute food producers formed to promote and market local produce. The organisation has established a reputation for being a premier food provider at numerous prestigious events, including the Commonwealth Games. The organisation now has 23 specialist food producers. In July 2016 the organisation opened its first café, a major step forward, providing a base from which to run their trading arm. Funding for the café project came from Food from Argyll's successful participation in the Festival14 catering for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.



Food from Argyll is a member of SF&D.

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Teaching young people a

Encouraging enterprise amongst our young people is important. Enterprise education offers opportunities for Argyll and Bute's children and young people to harness and apply skills for learning, life and work from early years through post-16 learning and on into employment. The development of enterprise education centres on closely linking school-based activity with local labour market needs and opportunities.

It involves learning by doing – giving children and young people the chance to experience real business and work related learning.

Through hands on participation they learn the value of teamwork, the importance of good communication strategies, how to present information and how to deal with failure.

These skills are valuable for future employees, employers and entrepreneurs, and link



to all subjects right across the Argyll and Bute education curriculum.

Young Enterprise Scotland Company Programme

One example of enterprise activity available within schools is Young Enterprise

Scotland's well-known Company Programme, a business experience for S5/S6 pupils in schools across Scotland. The pupils set-up and run their own company through the academic year with support from local business volunteers.

XPONORTH has designs on Oban

XpoNorth is Scotland's leading creative industries festival; a unique conference, networking and showcase event, held annually in Inverness.

Running in Oban as part of Argyll Enterprise Week, a one-day version of XPONORTH on Friday November 4 offers people the chance to meet a range of industry specialists, look at a range of challenges and opportunities and put their own questions forward.

The packed day will consist of eight sessions to help make a success of a creative career. These will include:

10.30-11am – Creative Scotland – Support and the new Creative Industries Strategy. Aimed at anyone interested in what support might be available from Creative Scotland. Helena Ward, Creative Industries manager at Creative Scotland will give a presentation on their new Creative Industries Strategy, and how they can help your business.

11am-noon – Making it Here: running an



international craft business from the Highlands and Islands.

Aimed at any form of craft business, or people working in textiles, the session offers useful insights into running any small business from a rural location. The session features Melanie Muir, a Moray-based award-winning contemporary jewellery designer and international teacher working in polymer.

Noon-1.15pm – Skills for Strategic Design Consultancy. This discussion session is aimed at designers who may be interested in broadening their roles, looking to better

g pupils about business



Lochgilthead students, who took part in Young Enterprise Scotland's Company Programme were crowned Company of the Year in 2016. Their company Deja Moo created canvas bags inspired by Highland cows.

The winning company for Argyll and Bute in 2016 was Deja Moo, run by students from Lochgilthead High School. Deja Moo created a Highland cow inspired canvas bag as their company product, which proved to be very popular. Caitlin Smart, MD of Deja Moo said: 'I had always been interested in business. The Company Programme was great but hard work. It showed me some of the challenges a business can face and how a team working together can achieve anything!'

This helps them develop a wide range of skills and receive an invaluable entrepreneurial experience. At the end of the year, the pupils compete on a local, regional, national and European level to be crowned Company of the Year.

Argyll College

Argyll College UHI is running a 'Field to Fork' competition for all Argyll and Arran schools to encourage senior phase students to explore local horticulture, aquaculture, agriculture and hospitality industries.

The competition invites teams of up to four students to work with a local business (either food producer, manufacturer, processor, or restaurant) to produce a menu using local Argyll produce for a set budget.

From the submitted menus, three finalists will be invited to come to Oban Learning Centre on Tuesday November 1 to cook their menus, to be judged by the college's hospitality tutors along with a local guest chef.

Argyll College UHI will also be at the Business Support Fair on Wednesday November 2 to showcase a range of short training courses and a number of leadership and professional development qualifications.

understand how design can help develop their own ideas, or aspiring designers. It will be valuable for anyone wanting to see how their creative skills can be applied to providing services to non-creative businesses. Led by Iain Aitchison of the Glasgow School of Art and programme director at the Institute of Design Innovation.

2-2.45pm – PRS and licensing. Offering attendees a broad overview of the role of collection societies with a particular focus on digital licensing and what this means for music users and copyright owners.

2.45-4pm – Self-publishing and Crowdfunding. Join Ben Galley, self-publishing consultant and successful crowdfunder in this session to hear all about how to raise money through the crowd and you'll be introduced to a variety of different crowdfunding options open to writers.

4-5.15pm – Children's books now. Award-winning writer Barry Hutchison and innovative publisher Lorna Freytag (Hey Wow) introduce us to their highly original and engaging work, and give insights into the contemporary children's book market and writing for children across different digital and print platforms

5.15 – 6.30pm – BBC, the Social. BBC The Social is a digital content stream delivered across multiple social media channels, showcasing the talents and passions of emerging digital content creators across Scotland.

In this session delivered by Anthony Browne, The Social's executive producer, learn more about the origins of The Social, how it is developing and how you can get involved.

6.30-7.45pm – Music Placement across the multimedia. Aimed at musicians, composers and anyone looking at how to use music in their own projects, this event will cover what you need to know offering a practical perspective on how music supervision works across the TV, film, advertising and gaming sectors. Whilst the different sessions available are aimed at specific parts of the Creative Industries, the content of the sessions is still very relevant to anyone regardless of what your creative passion is – crowd funding, looking at the challenges and opportunities of a rural base, licensing content amongst others. All free, the sessions are open to any level of experience.

All speakers are available for one-to-one meetings as well as Jeni Oliver (International Executive, Creative Industries) and Iain Hamilton (HIE Head of Creative Industries) and the Creative Industries network managers, Amanda Millen, Alex Smith, and Kate Hooper.

To book, visit argyllenterpriseweek.eventbrite.co.uk.

Small Business Taster Sessions



As part of Enterprise Week, Argyll College UHI will be running a range of FREE taster sessions for small businesses. Each session will last two to three hours and will be led by our resident expert tutors. Full details of each session can be found on our website but places are limited so please book early.

And if you want see our remodelled centre and find out about what full and part time courses Argyll College UHI has to offer, why not pop along to our Open Day on Wednesday October 26th from 10am till 7pm? We're now accepting applications for 2017 courses.



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High standards

Help to keep you on right

Argyll and Bute Council's Regulatory Services department includes environmental health and trading standards. Officers will be at the Business Support Fair on Wednesday November 2 to outline help available to local businesses.

'Environmental Health enforces legislation. We have a clear enforcement role, in support of fair, safe service for customers,' explains Alan Morrison, regulatory services manager. 'We prefer to work with businesses so

that enforcement action is not needed, so we provide advice and guidance to help businesses make sure they comply with what's required. Increasingly local businesses are taking advantage of this free support and asking us for guidance at an early stage.' Dalrannoch Foods Ltd has benefited from the help on offer. The business is expanding into new premises in Oban, offering a range of sandwiches, soups and freshly cooked ready meals. 'We contacted both

environmental health and trading standards as we wanted to ensure that we were complying,' explains owner Aileen MacPhail. 'They provided a professional and helpful service, offering clear guidance to help us meet all the current standards.' Environmental Health enforces legislation which protects public health, safety and the environment. Their work comprises food safety, environmental protection, health and safety, public health, licensing standards and animal health.

They also issue a number of licenses and registrations including caravan sites, riding establishments, houses in multiple occupation and private let accommodation. Key areas of recent support include advising new businesses, new product development in food safety, work related to the export market of fish and shellfish, and assisting organisers to plan for major events such as Tiree Music Festival and Oban Live. Trading Standards deals with a wide



Margaret Gibson

Top advisor to discussion panel

Margaret Gibson, Chief Executive of Women's Enterprise Scotland, is thrilled to be hosting a women in business discussion panel as part of the upcoming Argyll Enterprise Week. Margaret is passionate about

helping others to develop skills and build useful networks. With more than 25 years of experience in the small- to medium-sized enterprise sector as an entrepreneur, advisor and mentor, she is driven by the pleasure of seeing

Women in business

Women entrepreneurs are vital to the makeup of the business community and there is a growing body of evidence highlighting the economic benefits of encouraging more women into business. It is estimated that around 21 per cent of Scotland's 339,000 SMEs are majority-led by women and a further 22 per cent are equally-led by women and men. Men are still almost twice as likely to start businesses as women. While the under-representation of women in entrepreneurship is an international concern, Scotland's rates of female business ownership are persistently low relative to other high-income countries. The scale of Scotland's enterprise 'gap' is illustrated by estimates suggesting that Scotland would have an additional 108,480 businesses

if women's business ownership rates equalled those of men. This would equate to a 32 per cent increase in Scotland's business base. The contribution of women-led businesses to the Scottish economy is substantial. Estimates suggest that women-led businesses contribute (at a minimum) £5 billion GVA. If rates of women-led businesses equalled those of men, the contribution to Scotland's GVA would increase by £7.6 billion to nearly £13 billion. This equates to a 5.3 per cent growth in the size of the Scottish economy. Among women-owned businesses in Scotland, there is considerable ambition and growth aspiration. A survey by Women's Enterprise Scotland in 2012 found that 87 per cent were planning growth and 27 per cent wanted to grow rapidly.

Standards on track

A range of legislation relating to goods and services. Its aim is to protect consumers and maintain a fair and safe trading environment where local businesses can thrive. Trading Standards covers fair trading, weights and measures, safety of goods, controlled substances such as fertilisers, age related sales and the administration and enforcement of several licenses and registrations. A key area of business support is the Buy With Confidence Scheme.

Host panel

Others succeed in business. Her dedication to supporting others was recognised last year when she became the first woman in Scotland to receive the prestigious Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion.

Be inspired

Three workshops to help develop and support social enterprise activities



Ailsa Clark, InspirAlba.

Delegates attending the Focus on Social Enterprise Day on Thursday November 3 will have the option to attend one of the three workshops running during the day. David Bryan of the Social Enterprise Academy will be delivering a leadership and governance workshop, explaining strategic and operational roles and structures, what the key traits of leadership are and how to work with these. Barbara Halliday of Business Gateway will deliver a practical session on techniques and practices for managing staff and volunteers. Finally Ailsa Clark, in conjunction with Firstport, will be looking at ways you can make your business more sustainable. A Dragon's Den-style competition will give organisations the opportunity to pitch to a panel to secure investment to help with costs to launch new start-up social enterprise activities or to

support a new area of growth for established social enterprises. InspirAlba has been instrumental in organising the social enterprise activity for Argyll Enterprise Week. Established in 2009 by Ailsa Clark as a charitable enterprise, InspirAlba aims to assist community-based organisations to turn their ideas and aspirations into robust, sustainable business activities. Turning ideas into reality and taking business growth forward can be challenging, with organisations often working flat out to ensure sustainability. InspirAlba provides business support, community engagement, project development and planning services to assist organisations to build resilience and income which in turn delivers a range of environmental, social and economic benefits for communities across Argyll and Bute.

Three of the best

The Women in Business panel event is aimed at women in business, those planning to be, or those just interested in finding out more. Event host Margaret Gibson will be joined by three local business women; Helen MacKechnie of Oban Chocolate Company, Helen Dewar of MDive Ltd on Mull and Rachel Ross of Loch Melfort Hotel. 'I am delighted to take part in the Women's Enterprise

Scotland event, held as part of Argyll Enterprise Week,' explains Rachel. 'It is so important that we support and encourage our women-led businesses to grow and flourish in Argyll. 'Networking and peer support is a crucial part of the mix in being able to achieve that.' The focus of the panel will be around challenges and opportunities for women in business in Argyll. There will also be an opportunity

to take questions from the audience. The session will be followed by an informal networking opportunity supported by the Federation of Small Businesses.

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processing of the materials it collects and this happens by Kintyre employees hand-sorting them into mixed plastics, cardboard, mixed papers, steel and aluminium cans, then baling these into 500kg blocks for onward transport. Thereafter, Kintyre need a reliable buyer of these materials, who will ensure the recyclables are processed responsibly into new products such as packaging materials and this lead to a “perfect paper partnership” being formed with Highlander International Recycling in Glasgow several years ago which has just been recently renewed. Highlander are the

largest independent paper recycler in Scotland and they buy all the paper, cardboard and plastics from Kintyre Recycling, which are then forwarded to end markets all over the world such as Norway, China and Germany. Recent changes to residual waste bin collection frequencies in the Argyle & Bute area, has lead to Kintyre having to handle more materials as residents look to increase their recycling rates and Highlander provided a new baling machine to Kintyre completely free of charge, as part of a new agreement between the companies. This long-term agreement also delivers good prices and guaranteed



end-markets for all the waste materials recycled, meaning Kintyre Recycling can continue its invaluable community work with peace of mind. Highlander Director, Stephen Duffy commented: “We

have been working with Amanda, David and the team at Kintyre for several years now and when it became apparent that the volumes they handle would increase due to the new 3-weekly residual waste

collections, we were delighted to help! We have provided a new baling machine which will increase capacity there by 25% and guaranteed markets for all recycled papers and plastics, long into the future! The team there are a vital part

of the community and do a sterling job making sure the region's waste is recycled responsibly and properly and Highlander, are honoured to be perfect partners with Kintyre Recycling long into the future!”

Mòd in Focus



ons – this time all from Islay. t44mod2016_winners_islay



Eve Munro, Bun-sgoil Port Ilein. Won third place in recitation of prescribed poetry 11-12 years.

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Megan McMillan, Bun-sgoil Bogh Mor. Participant in recitation of prescribed poetry 7-8 year olds.

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ctor Maureen MacDonald. 17_t44mod2016_isly port ellen



Hollie Holyoake, Bun-sgoil Port Ilein. Participant in recitation of prescribed poetry 7-8 year olds.

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Winning accordion competitor Connor MacPhail from Tiree. 17_t44mod2016_connor_macphail



Ryan McKerrall, 15, with his nan, Margaret McKerrall, after the Islay youngster sang for Prince Charles, Lord of the Isles. Ryan is tutored by Libby Morris of Ballygrant. 18_t43_Mod_Ryan

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Get creative at XPONorth event

XPONorth is the industry network that supports people in the creative industries across the Highlands and Islands.

Following on from the success of the XPO North Festival held in Inverness, the XpoNorth team has created a unique 'mini festival' for Argyll Enterprise Week on Friday November 4 at Kinetic Studios in Oban.

This fantastic event will bring together creative industry experts from the field of textiles, writing, design, publishing, screen, broadcast, craft, gaming and music.

The eight sessions on offer are all free and open to anyone who has a creative passion.

Go to argyll-enterprise-week-xponorth-on-the-road.eventbrite.co.uk for further information and to book.

To find out how Creative Scotland can help businesses, join Helena Ward, creative industries manager at Creative Scotland, at a presentation on its new creative industries strategy.

There will also be an informative session around the creative journey of award-winning contemporary jeweller Melanie Muir.

This is aimed at craft people or people working in textiles and addresses some of the challenges of running a business in a rural location.

There will also be experts from the



Glasgow School of Art who will be informing participants on how designers can apply their skills to provide services to non-creative businesses.

There is a strong emphasis on the music industry with specialists on hand from PRS for Music who will deliver a broad overview of digital licensing and what this means for music users and copyright owners.

For those interested in using music on projects then the 'Music placement across multimedia' is a must, offering a practical perspective on how music supervision

works across the TV, film, advertising and gaming sectors.

For budding writers, there are sessions on how to raise money through crowdfunding and the self-publishing options available, plus an insight into writing for children from award-winning writer Barry Hutchison and innovative publisher Lorna Freytag.

The BBC also has a presence and will introduce 'The Social', which is a digital content stream which showcases work from creative people from all over Scotland, including poets, comedians, adventurers and many new talents. Learn about how to get involved in this virtual community and the BBC's social media strategy.

Speakers throughout the day include industry experts from ThinkSync Music, singer/songwriter Joe McAlinden, as well as the opportunity to have one-to-ones with creative industry experts.



The HIE opening party at the Ironworks, Inverness.

Shout loud about what makes your business tick

THE OBAN TIMES speed networking event takes place at the Argyllshire Gathering Halls on the last day of Argyll Enterprise Week – Friday November 4 from 1.30pm to 5pm.

The Oban Times group presents an excellent opportunity to meet, greet and learn about the wealth of skills, resources, products and facilities in your local area.

From sport to the creative sector, we welcome all industries to come along to this fun, exciting and effective networking event.

It's a great way to mingle with other local business people in an environment that allows you to really shout (or talk!) about what you do.

How does it work? The event will involve up to 40 businesses each presenting for one minute to the whole room before everyone embarks on a one-minute, one-to-one chat on a rotational basis.

It sounds a wee bit daunting but it's really not once you get into it. The key to making speed networking beneficial is to succinctly promote your offering and listen to others doing the same with the objective of developing credible, profitable business relationships thereafter.

Tea or coffee and biscuits will be provided.

If you wish to book your table, please contact Nicky Murphy at *The Oban Times* on 01631 568000 or email nmurphy@obantimes.co.uk or you can register directly on the event booking website at argyllenterpriseweek.eventbrite.co.uk.

Business support fair is key to week

CENTRAL to Argyll Enterprise Week is the business support fair being held on Wednesday November 2.

With so many organisations keen to attend, this event has now moved to the main hall at the Corran Halls.

There will be more than 40 exhibitors, including Google Garage, Virgin Start Up, Royal Bank of Scotland, Firstport, Pensionwise, HIJOBS, JobCentre Plus, BT Local Business, Argyll College, ALI Energy, BID4Oban,

Federation of Small Businesses, MacPhee & Partners, Argyll Financial Services and BC Technologies.

A series of taster sessions will run throughout the day alongside the business support fair. These informal 45-minute

sessions will feature a short presentation and Q&A by industry experts covering the free help available from Google Garage, WorldHost, Argyll and Bute Council's Regulatory Services, Resource Efficient Scotland, Scottish

Development International and HIE's intellectual property adviser.

The taster sessions and other events running throughout the week can be booked at argyll-enterpriseweek.eventbrite.co.uk.

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16/02749/PPP	Site for the erection of replacement dwellinghouse	Burnside Castleton Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RX	Mid Argyll Area Office
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COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES

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Councillor Taylor can also be contacted by e mail - Sandy.Taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk and by telephone 01546 604184. He will also be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



SAFETY is a basic right of every living creature. The World Land Trust believes this.

It is working to provide a safe corridor for elephants in India which are on the verge of extinction.

As more land is taken over for development and agriculture, less is available for wildlife and they become trapped in ever-shrinking scraps of wilderness.

This is particularly an issue for Indian elephants, who need to travel great distances to find enough food to sustain their great size.

When elephants attempt to use ancient migration routes, they come into conflict with humans, especially when they raid crops from fields and storage huts.

When people try to chase them away, it can escalate into dangerous confrontations.

Hence the concept of a safe corridor.

People farming in the path of elephant migration routes are usually eager to swap for land elsewhere, as they live in daily fear of their crops being wrecked and the chance of personal injury.

These projects are a win-win for local people and wildlife. Communities can live and farm in safety and animals can use the corridor once the land is protected without risk.

We have all been concerned recently about the desperate situation in Mosul.

They can stay and be bombed or they can take their children and try to escape amid the gunfire. What would you do?

There is no safe route out of the city.

Save the Children is pleading with governments, including the United Kingdom's, to find a way to ensure a safe route for children.

There must be a way to get the children to safety. Surely we must implement a safe corridor somewhere for these people?

Safety is a basic human right.

From our files:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO OCTOBER 25 1991

Fury as vandals damage property YOUNGSTERS in Campbeltown are causing wilful damage to property, according to a Campbeltown resident.

The resident is supported in his view by second-year pupils at Campbeltown Grammar School who have written to the *Courier* saying they feel 'Campbeltown's surroundings are being treated terribly'. Mr George Kelly is the attendant at the public lavatories in Bolgam Street. Last Sunday night flower pots in the ladies toilet were smashed over the floor.

'They don't realise it all comes from the poll tax and it is their parents who have to pay. It is just mindless vandalism,' he said.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 19 1966

Belle Dunaverty's guest of honour BELLE Robertson, the reigning Scot-

tish golf champion and West of Scotland champion was at home among her ain folk as guest of honour at Dunaverty Golf Club's annual dinner at the Keil Hotel recently.

References to Mrs Robertson's early golfing career at Southend were made by Mr A MacVicar in proposing a toast to 'our distinguished member'. Mr MacVicar recalled the fears and hopes of her numerous partisans, who followed her at Machrihanish to her ultimate triumph in the final rounds of the Scottish Ladies' Championship earlier this year.

Replying, Mrs Robertson voiced her deep appreciation of the support she had always received from her home club.

Glowing tributes to Belle's sportsmanship and personality were made by Mr A P Taylor. After the prizes had been presented by Mrs Taylor, the company was entertained by club members, including Morag and Maria Grumoli.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 21 1916

Schooner in distress

LAST Saturday afternoon, during the height of the storm then raging, the schooner Mary Ann Mandall, bound from Londonderry to Gaston with a cargo of wood, was observed flying distress signals near Davaar Island.

The schooner's cargo had shifted during the passage and she was for a time in considerable danger. Coming into the firth owing to stress of the weather, she anchored at Macrinnon's Point. The anchors failed to hold and the vessel was driving to sea when the signals for assistance were made.

Mr A J Gardiner, South Park, got the crew of the fishing skiff Perseverance (Mr Archibold Mathieson's) to go to the men's aid. The fishermen helped the schooner's crew to lift one of the anchors and buoy the other, after which further assistance was obtained from a steamer and the schooner was towed into the loch.

Police search for adult volunteers

A NEW Argyll and Bute initiative being piloted in Kintyre needs adult volunteers to get up and running.

Police Scotland is looking for adults to help deliver its new Youth Volunteers scheme in Kintyre.

A police spokesperson said: 'You will be expected to assist in

the recruitment and management of youth volunteers who will be used in the local community to support projects and events, committing to at least one fortnightly session with the group.'

The programme is designed to strengthen engagement between young people and the

police and aims to encourage young people to develop new skills, self-esteem and self-confidence by volunteering for community work.

Contribution

The spokesperson continued: 'Your commitment would be a valuable contribution to the growth of young

people in our community and a worthwhile and rewarding experience that will undoubtedly enhance your own skills set.'

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MARRIAGES



GRAHAM - SHAND

At Glen Tanar Chapel, Aboyne, on Friday, August 26, 2016, by the Rev John Paton, Andrew, son of Cameron and Liz, Clarkston, Glasgow, and grandson of Margaret and the late Archie Graham, Peninver and the late Andrew and Margaret MacMillan, formerly of Muasdale, to Nicola, younger daughter of Derek and Jeanette, Aberdeen. Followed by a blessing in Ibiza, on September 25, 2016, attended by family and friends. A truly wonderful time.

DEATHS

CARD - Suddenly but peacefully, at Campbeltown Hospital, on October 14, 2016, Harry Card, in his 61st year, 156 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved partner of Fiona McGuire, and a dearly loved brother and uncle.

GRAHAM - Peacefully, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on October 9, 2016, Jane Anderson (Jean), in her 87th year, 7 Lochend Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late John Graham, much loved mum of David and loving granny of Amy.

HUTTON - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on October 16, 2016, April Jane Hutton, aged 70 years, of 65 MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead, much loved and loving mum of Casper, Tristan, Harley, Emma and Vinny, and adored granny. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achabreac Cemetery. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

JACKSON - Peacefully, after a long illness, borne bravely, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on October 13, 2016, Victor Jackson, aged 70 years, of Drimlea, Cossack Street, Lochgilphead, beloved husband of Christine Sinclair, loving dad of Neil, treasured 'Uncle Victor' to Kim, Kyle, Glen and Rachel, cherished brother of Christine and the late Sandra and a dear uncle and cousin to all the family. A good friend, neighbour

and work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Friday, October 21, 2016, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achabreac Cemetery. Flowers welcome. Donations if desired, to "The Brain Tumour Charity". All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MACKELLAR - On October 16, 2016, peacefully, at Carrickstone Care Home, Cumbemauld, Alastair James MacKellar, in his 86th year, loving husband of Edith, much loved father of Ruth and Iona and dear grandpa of Rose. Funeral service at Cumlodden Parish Church, Furnace, on Tuesday, October 25 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Kileven Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Carrickstone Care Home, Cumbemauld.

MCSPORRAN - Suddenly at home, 44 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, on October 18, 2016, John McSporrán (Iain), in his 88th year, dearly beloved husband of Martha Stewart (Hilda), much loved father of Stewart, Iain, Malcolm and the late Alastair and a loving father-in-law, grandfather and great grandfather. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 11.00am, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church and the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

ROBERTS - Peacefully, at Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on October 12, 2016, Marie Elspeth Roberts, née Mathieson, in her 92nd year, formerly of 6 Dunadd View, Bridgend, much loved wife of the late Mac Roberts, loving mother of Catherine and David, dear mother-in-law of Arthur and Frances, proud grandmother of Jamie, Michael, Tom and the late Cameron; delighted great grandmother of Angus, and a dearly loved sister and aunt. Funeral service, to which all are welcome, will be held at Glassary Parish Church, Kilmichael, on Monday, October 24 at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only please.

SHARP - Peacefully, at Campbeltown Hospital, on October 13, 2016, Joseph Brian Sharp, in his 69th year, 22 Glebe Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Cheryl and a much loved dad and granddad. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, October 21, 2016 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCCONNACHIE - Douglas, Catriona, Steven and David would like to thank relatives and friends for their kind support following the

loss of Dolly. Many thanks to those who paid their last respects at the comforting service, conducted by Rev Wallace, and to T A Blair Ltd for their professional service. Our sincere thanks to the nurses at the Acute Ward in Campbeltown Hospital and Ward B5 at the Beatson for the compassion and care shown at such a difficult time. The retiral collection raised £334 for the Acute Ward.

MEIKLE - Catherine Ann and family would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy received after their sad loss of Drew, your support has been overwhelming. Special thanks to the local paramedics, doctors and staff at Campbeltown Hospital, Scottish Air Ambulance crew, consultants, doctors and staff at Ward 1C, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital for their dedication, care and compassion given to Drew and myself during this difficult time. Thank you to the Rev Philip Wallace and the Rev William Crossan for comforting service, to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for excellent, professional service, to the Argyll Hotel for purvey and to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside. Also special thanks to Ali and Ernie, Mary and Ron, and Lainey for their constant continued support. The church collection raised £705.37, which will be shared between the Scottish Air Ambulance Service and the Lorne and Lowland Church.

PARK - The family of the late Williamina Armour (Ina) would like to thank all family and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and phone calls following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Rev Crossan and Alasdair Blair for making a very difficult time much easier. Thanks also to the Ardshiel Hotel for the lovely purvey. The retiral collection was for Kintyre Nursing Home.

STIMSON - Craig, Rory and family of the late Gillian Stimson would like to thank everyone for the expressions of sympathy received and for the flowers, cards, telephone call and visits during their sad bereavement. Sincere thanks to all staff at the Campbeltown Hospital Sunshine Room, whose support was invaluable. Special thanks to William Crossan for an exceptional service, in which he carried out all Gillian's wishes gracefully. Thanks also to Gordon and Kirsten for the brass duet, Victoria from the Salvation Army, Anne Leith for the beautiful recording of 'Sweet Island Davaar' for the recessional, and to Catherine Black for the organ music. Thank you to all who paid respects at the church and graveside, to Kenneth Blair for his professional services and to the Ardshiel Hotel for the purvey. The collection, in aid of MacMillan Nurses Kintyre Locality, raised £1444.14. Thank you all.

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Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

CHURCH NOTICES

Highland Parish Church



SCO02493

Sunday 23rd October 2016

The service will be conducted by Mrs Liz Kennedy and will be held in the church at 11.15am

Tuesday 25th October

Badminton Club Registration Night
Come along on to Kirk Street Hall
Primary pupils from P1-P7
Annual fee £2.00

All welcome.

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number

SCO11686

Sunday 23rd October

Morning Worship

11.15am

Creche, Triple C, Gen 1

Rev P Wallace

Monday 24th October

7.30pm Guild New Hall

Tuesday 25th October

Tiny Tots New Hall

9.45am

Boys' Brigade

Anchor Boys 6.00pm

Junior Section 7.15pm

Church Hall

Company Section

7.00pm New Hall

Thursday 27th October

Choir Practice

Friday 28th October

Lunch Club 12.00 noon

New Hall

Next Generation 7.00pm

Saturday 29th October

Bible Society Coffee

Morning

New Hall



Campbeltown Corps

Church and Community Centre

Registered Charity No. 21479 and in Scotland SC009359

Burnside Street, Campbeltown

01586 552046

Saturday 22nd October

10.00am - 12.00 noon

Coffee Morning

Sunday Services

10.30am Morning Worship

Army Kidz

6.30pm Evening Worship

Tuesday

Lunch Club 12.15pm

1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.

Wednesday

7.00pm Make 'n' Munch

Craft Group

Thursday

7.30pm Bible Study

Captains Ben & Ruth Russell

All welcome



George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 23rd October

11.15am Worship Service

Mr Calum Ferguson

Wednesday 26th October

12.30pm Bible Study

& Prayer

2.00pm Water of Life Café

All Welcome

www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SCO46745



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 23rd October

11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Hilda Smith

All Welcome

Every Tuesday

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Bumps, Babies and Toddlers

Every Wednesday

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe

More info. at

www.lpchurch.co.uk

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNES AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 23rd October

Skipness Service 10am

Mr James McLellan

Tarbert Service 11.30am

Jen Zielinski

Kilberry Service 2pm

Mr James McLellan

Guild meets

Monday 24th October

Tarbert Church Hall

2.30pm

For all church enquiries and

pastoral care Contact

Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim

Moderator on 07826 235735

Everyone very welcome

Tarbert & Kilberry SCO02622

Skipness SCO04280

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST

LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 23rd October 2016

Cumlodden Lochfyneside

and Lochgair

Charity No. SC016097

Minister:

Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M.

Campbell

Morning Service

in Cumlodden Church at 10 am

Glenaray and Inveraray

Charity No. SC016665

Morning Service

in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

ALL WELCOME

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 23rd October 2016

11.00am

Worship Service for all ages

followed by a light lunch

Speaker - Graham McLean

'Strength made perfect in weakness'

Tuesday 25th October 2016

7.30pm

Prayer, Word and Sharing

All Welcome

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Meeting to be held on

Friday 28th October

in Springbank Evangelical Church,

Campbeltown Guest speaker:

Rev Gordon Mair from

Fort William Free Church

Tea/coffee served after the meeting

Everyone most welcome.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord" (Psalm 92)

Harvest Thanksgiving

Services in

Ardrishaig at 11:00am and

Achahoish at 12:30pm

Monetary Donations

to be shared between

Christian Aid and Water Aid

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Christ Church
Bishopton Road,
Lochgilphead
(SC013787)

Sundays 11.00 am

Eucharist & Coffee

St Columba's,

Poltalloch

(SC01391)

1st Sunday

of the month 9.00am

Holy Communion

3rd Sunday

of the month 6.00pm

Evensong

Father Simon

Mackenzie

01546 602315

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

Holy Mass Sunday 10am

ALL SAINTS,

INVERARAY

Holy Mass Sunday

12.30pm

Fr. David Connor

Emergency services hold Texas scramble

KINTYR emergency services personnel stepped out of uniform and onto Dunaverty's golf course.

No one needed rescuing as the weather stayed calm for the most part with only the last couple of teams feeling the brunt of the rain as 30 golfers from the police, RNLi, Coastguard, Highlands and Islands fire service and the ambulance service played a Texas scramble in mixed teams last Sunday.

Sponsorship from the Scottish Co-op, Tesco in Campbeltown, Springbank Distillery, Mach Dunes Golf Club and Glen Scotia in the form of prizes added to the day and helped make the event a great success.

Susan McLennan provided soup and food for the players as they finished their round and John Brown of West Coast Motors drove the bus.

The results were as follows: Texas scramble: 1 Graham Anderson, Kenny MacMillan, Gregor Menzies 53.9, 2 Alex Arkell, James Stevenson, John Biggins, Don Hardman 55.3, 3 Campbell McBrayne, Kenny Semple, Jonathan Bruce 56.0.

Nearest the pin: at the 2nd – Campbell McBrayne, 4th – Gregor Menzies, 7th – Graham Anderson, 14th – Scott Young, 16th – Kenny MacMillan. Straightest drive at the 18th – John Biggins. Nearest the pin in two shots at the 18th – Alastair O'May who could not get any closer than knocking it into the hole. Killer putting winner – Don Hardman and runner-up – Alastair MacLaren.

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Lining up with CS Wind representatives before last weekend's win.

CS Wind back high-flying Pupils

THE YOUNG Pupils have the wind in their sails so far this season, winning every league game so far.

Sponsorship deal

They have also breezed to a new sponsorship deal with CS Wind that will help pave the way for the Under 15s side as

they travel around the West Coast of Scotland representing Kintyre.

A spokesperson for the team said: 'The generous sponsorship will be put towards our travelling costs for our dozen away games over the season. A big thanks to the company.'

Tin Farm 5 run slogs to 10 years of trail action

A CROSS-COUNTRY five-kilometre race on the Kilberry peninsula will hit its 10th birthday milestone next month. To celebrate the occasion, the Tin Farm 5, which takes place on the Ormsary estate on Sun-

day November 6 will have two new race categories – super veterans' and juniors.

It is a 5.5km trail race and competitors can expect to get wet and muddy although last year's event was held on a sparkling autumn day. Jura shimmered in the background as runners raced along the beach.

A spokesperson said: 'So for all of you 50 years and older you now have your own age category.'

Organisers have been hoping to add a junior race for some years and have decided this is the year.

There will be two age categories: eight to 10 years and 11 to 13. Course details are still being finalised but will roughly be one mile and no longer than 1.5 miles in length. It will mainly be on tarmac roads around the estate but organis-

ers hope to include a run along the beach.

The route will be very well marshalled and organisers plan to have two or three marshals who will run with the children for encouragement and to keep them safe.

Delighted

A spokesperson added: 'We would be delighted if any parents want to join their children and jog along with them.'

The race day schedule is as follows. Junior registration: 10am to 10.45am; junior race briefing: 10.50am; junior race start: 11am; main registration: 10am to 11.45am; main race briefing: 11.50am; main race start: noon; prize giving for all: 2pm.

Entries opened last Sunday October 9 on www.entrycentral.com/Tin_Farm_5.

For further details see www.tinfarm5.co.uk.



Simone Charnock who broke the ladies' record last year. 20_c45tin01

Maximum jackpot winner

DUNAVERTY Golf Club's three-number lottery has been won after reaching its maximum jackpot of £1,000.

Margaret MacMillan of Wallace Cottages, Southend successfully chose the winning numbers, 1, 8 and 18, in the club's draw on Sunday October 16.

The next draw will take place on Sunday October 30 with a jackpot of £100.

There was no winner of this week's Machrihanish Golf Club lottery.

Drawn on October 17, the numbers were 7, 15 and 18. The next draw, for a jackpot of £500, will take place on October 24.

Scottish AFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division – Oban Saints no game; Campbeltown Pupils 2, Ferguslie Star 2; Premier Division One – Rosehill Star 4, Dunoon 2; Premier Division 2A – Castlemilk 1, Lochgilphead Red Star 3; Premier Division 2B – Strathaven Dynamo 6, Tarbert 3.

This Saturday's fixtures: West of Scotland Cup, second round – Petershall Villa v Oban Saints; Fordbank Star v Campbeltown Pupils; Lochgilphead Red Star v Inverclyde; Tarbert v Dailly; Westermans 'B' v Dunoon.

Campbeltown District Darts Association

THE FIRST matches of the new league season will be played on Monday October 24.

The matches are as follows: Kilbrannan A v Kilbrannan C, Ailsa B v Southend, Fiddlers B v Fiddlers and Burnside v Ailsa.

Bid to complete 15 events in 15 days for Beatson funds

Carolyn steps out on marathon challenge

MANY runners find the 33,000 steps of a marathon a once in a lifetime ambition.

Spare a thought for Tarbert cancer crusader Carolyn McAlpine, 32, who will cover 393 miles when she tackles 15 consecutive marathons in 15 days for the Beatson charity.

Carolyn wants to involve more people and said: 'That's one in every local authority area within the Beatson's catchment.

'If you are in the west of Scotland I will no doubt be coming to a town or village near you and I would love for you to get involved.

'Why not take up your own challenge or arrange an event and get your friends to sponsor you?

'It doesn't have to be a marathon: a fun run,

a mile, a 5k ... just whatever is a challenge to you.'

Carolyn, who has already raised £2,526 of a £15,000 target, kicked the challenge off on Arran last Saturday, Islay on Sunday, Stirling on Monday, Clackmananshire Tuesday, Falkirk Wednesday, North Lanarkshire Thursday and today will be in South Lanarkshire.

The marathon effort will end at the Beatson on October 29.

Carolyn will not be racing each day and expects to be on her feet for between six and eight hours.

Carolyn is no stranger to marathon efforts for the Beatson and was made an ambassador for the unit after a 2012 100-mile run, in three days, from the unit

back to Tarbert, with Lochgilphead Red Star supremo Dougie Moore.

The urge to raise funds has become a personal challenge since cancer took Carolyn's dad in 2010, her aunty Cate in 2012 and her mum in October last year.

Challenge

At the start of her fundraising efforts, Carolyn said: 'After five years of having the Beatson play a huge part in our lives, I wanted to take on a fundraising challenge that was meaningful to us and would give something back to the Beatson.'

'I joined forces with my friend Dougie and we set out to run the 100 miles from the Beatson home to Tarbert over three days.

A journey I knew only too well.'

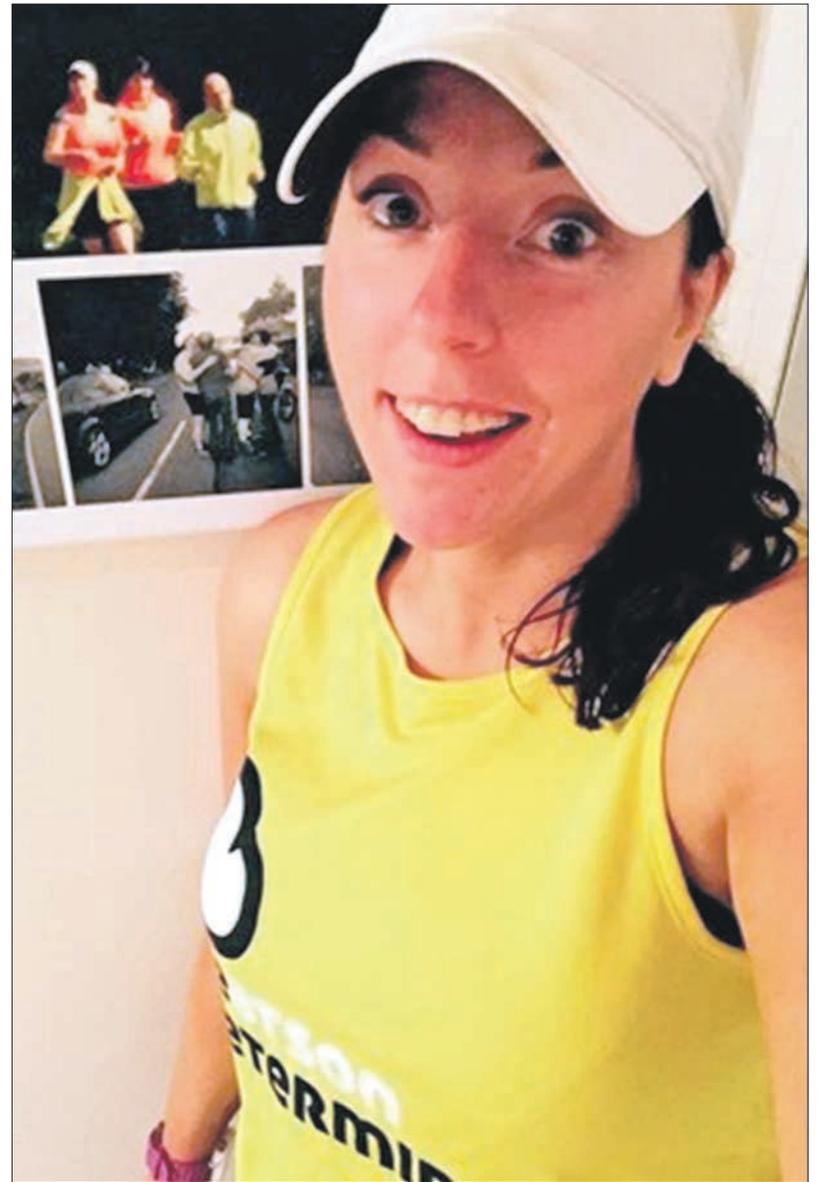
When her beloved aunty was taken, Carolyn said: 'That's the thing about cancer - it doesn't discriminate.

'It doesn't care if you have plans or if it's already ripped your world apart.

'There is just no predicting the exact moment it will strike or the number of times that horrible little parasite will rear its ugly head in any of our lives.

'The sad truth is that people die every day from cancer, and we are not the only family who have first hand experience of this.'

More information about the event is available at www.justgiving.com/beat15 or Facebook/ Instagram: @beat15run.



Carolyn McAlpine is ready to run.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £3200

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

The Cook Family
Davaar Avenue
Campbeltown

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All you have to do

We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright.

To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition Rules

No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.

The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

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Deans' spectacular second spares Pupils

Campbeltown Pupils 2
Ferguslie Star 2
SAFL Premier Division

THIS was a game reminiscent of those usually reserved for cup-ties, a 'blood and thunder' affair where both sides settled for a share of the spoils.

The home side in particular showed a willingness to stroke the ball about and at times were a sheer joy to watch.

For the third game running, the McFadyen-sponsored Pupils struck early scoring from a penalty in the game's first minute. A flowing move released Ryan Deans in on goal, and when he side-stepped the goalkeeper he was chopped to the ground for a blatant spot kick.

Last week's hat-trick hero, Ryan McConnachie, made no mis-

take from 12 yards and sent the goalkeeper the wrong way.

In the first 20 minutes the Pupils dominated possession with neat inter-passing that had the opposition chasing shadows all over the park.

Ferguslie Star; however, were not in Campbeltown just to make up the numbers. Sticking doggedly to their task, they had thoughts of another Argyll scalp after defeating Oban the previous week.

Half-time was reached with the Pupils one ahead – so an intriguing second half was in prospect.

The second period was more open, with both teams countering at pace.

With Keith Mitchell showing up prominently on the left flank, a wonderful run to the edge of the opposition box ended with the Pupils' fullback hacked down. The free kick, though, was fired into a wall of defenders and the chance was gone.

At the other end, disaster struck when the visitors' left winger cut inside the box only to be impeded by a late challenge from Grant. The resultant penalty looked at first as if had come from the school of 'Billy Elliot', but there was definite contact and, despite the winger's embellishment, the referee called it correctly. It was time for Ferguslie to celebrate, as their centre-half lashed the ball high into the net for the equaliser.

With 10 minutes remaining the home side could have been forgiven for thinking 'not again'. A corner into



The Ferguslie goalie can only watch as the second slips by. 25_c43pupils03

the heart of the box was dispatched with determination by the visitors' incoming central defender.

Behind for the first time, the Pupils launched attack after attack on the Ferguslie goal, with a tre-

mendous Deans strike bringing out the best in the visitors' keeper. Then it was the turn of Souden, as he outpaced the defence on the left to send a tantalising cross just beyond the reach of the incoming McConnachie.

But despite late nerves, all would end well when the best move of the game produced a spectacular equaliser. Mitchell jinked his way past a number of despairing tackles to reach the dead-ball line. His clever cutback found Deans and the youngster fired home a vicious drive for a share of the points.

Campbeltown Pupils are on cup duty tomorrow (Saturday). They travel to play Forthbank in the West of Scotland Cup second round.



Liam Renton landed on his back after this tussle. 25_c43pupils04



Goalscorer Ryan Deans. 25_c43pupils02



Scott Souden had some good runs on the left. 25_c43pupils01

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