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Loganair passengers dumped in the dark

by **MARK DAVEY**

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A GRANDMOTHER has spoken about a nightmare trip to hospital which ended when she was left late at night outside Machrihanish Airport's terminal.

The 70-year-old pensioner, who did not want to give her name, told former councillor George McMillan, 84, about a catalogue of errors after she left Campbeltown, on a Loganair flight, on Wednesday last week.

Her news comes on the back of the pilot's union Balpa calling on Loganair, which flies in Flybe colours, to make major improvements in its repairs department.

On Wednesday afternoon a Loganair flight from Glasgow to Shetland made an emergency landing in Aberdeen due to an engine failure.

Mr McMillan said: 'My friend was due to go to hospital for a routine check-up. On Wednes-

day morning she arrived at the airport at 8.15am and then sat for three hours before the plane took off.

'During that time she was on and off the plane because of problems with an engine.'

Eventually the woman arrived at the hospital where an appointment slot had been saved with a consultant.

When she returned to Glasgow airport for the 4.25pm Loganair flight home the problems began again.

Ten other passengers were waiting for the flight and all sat for more than two hours without any announcements from Loganair staff about why there was a delay.

Mr McMillan said: 'My friend's grand-daughter phoned her granny to ask if she was home. There was no reply so she phoned Machrihanish Airport to ask if the plane had landed and was told

it had been cancelled.

'My friend went to the Loganair desk with this information and was told the reason for the cancellation was that there was not a plane available.'

Mr McMillan added: 'During my days as a Strathclyde regional councillor I fought to have the Campbeltown to Glasgow route subsidised by the government. As part of the subsidy Loganair have an obligation and responsibility to make sure serviceable planes are available.'

'They should have enough planes to bring one in from somewhere else.'

'Loganair have the attitude that it is just Campbeltown so it does not matter.'

Following the cancellation, passengers were put on a bus at Glasgow airport and driven to Machrihanish. They were dropped off at the long-closed terminal building in the dark at 10pm and left to arrange their own transport back to Camp-



MACC Challenge madness rocketed around Machrihanish's former airbase when 180 entrants braved a commando-style assault course. The Courier 'before' picture shows Team Mighty Girls from Campbeltown. For more on this story see the back page. 20_c46macc06

beltown, just three miles away.

A Loganair spokesman said: 'Flight BE6847 was delayed at Campbeltown Airport for just under 90 minutes due to a technical fault.'

'The return journey from Glasgow, scheduled to depart at 4.25pm, was

then cancelled because of a technical fault affecting the aircraft.'

'Ground staff at Glasgow Airport offered each passenger a meal voucher and organised alternative transport to complete the journey to Campbeltown.'

'While the airline's obligation is point to

point, substitute bus services can make additional stops if ground staff are informed in advance, as far as we are aware no request was made. Loganair would like to apologise for the inconvenience caused to our passengers.'

Cross party support at Holyrood for space port

A MOTION lodged in the Scottish Parliament for the bid to bring the UK's space port to Campbeltown gained cross party support.

Highlands and Islands MSP David Stewart said: 'Campbeltown airport is the only short-listed site with the required 3,000-metre long runway. Development on the site will not be constrained, as it is on other shortlisted sites, by either geography or nearby urban centres.'

'Indeed, with 1,000 acres available an extensive space port centre could be constructed. Despite its rural setting, the airport is not remote. It is only a 30-minute flight to Glasgow.'

'The New Quay development in Campbeltown will allow the berthing of large vessels opening up the possibility of transporting large pieces of equipment by sea to a sheltered, deep water harbour and so minimising the need for transportation long distances by road.'

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Missing guisers found

A GROUP of ghouls out in Crosshill Avenue on Hallowe'en were sure they had frightened the Courier reporter. No matter how hard they searched the young spooks were unable to find their picture in last week's paper. Here are the two Lynch children dressed up as skeletons with two young frightening McMasters. 20_c46scary01

Tyre centre is rolling again

TYRES will soon be speeding out of Burnside Street once more.

The former ATS tyre centre in Campbeltown, which was closed down by the company earlier in 2015 after nearly 30 years, has been re-opened by local businessman Andrew Smith.

Alistair Wilson will be overseeing operations, with his 28 years experience in the tyre business set to ensure high standards of service are provided.

After investing heavily in refurbishing and improving the premises, Andrew is looking forward to getting up and running.

Sensible route

Andrew said: 'So many of our existing customers for other services, which Andrew Smith and Son offer, were asking us to consider offering a tyre service facility, it seemed the sensible route to go down.'

'It has given us the

chance to re-employ one of the redundant skilled fitters formerly with ATS, Michael Forshaw, assisted by Gavin Smart. With sufficient support from the community we would hope to employ more staff, with the potential to give an apprentice a chance to learn a trade.

'A lot of new equipment has had to be added, but we are sure it will be a success and create more employment as time goes on.'



From left to right - Michael Forshaw, Alistair Wilson and Gavin Smart.

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Police files:

Windows and wing mirrors vandalised

A FIRST floor window was smashed at 12 Davaar Avenue on October 26, around half past midnight. Police are looking for witnesses. Call PC Pallant at Campbeltown on 101 with any information.

On October 31, between 6pm and 9am the following morning, the near side wing mirror of a vehicle was removed whilst parked on Broad Street. Call PC Robertson at Campbeltown on 101.

Stop searches find drugs

POLICE have made seven positive stop and searches in Campbeltown since the beginning of November, including searches for drugs.

Breach of the peace

A MAN was issued with a fixed penalty for a Breach of the Peace on November 7 at Cross Street, Campbeltown.

Shoplifting

A WOMAN was reported for theft following a shoplifting incident at the Old Factory shop, Campbeltown, on November 7.

Davaar Avenue assault

A MAN was assaulted at his home in Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, during the early afternoon on November 7.

Another man was held in custody and appeared in court on the morning of November 9. He made no plea or declaration and was remanded in custody.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

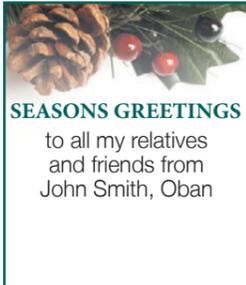
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Moving tributes paid to fallen heroes

by **BEN RAMAGE** and **MARK DAVEY**
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THE grandest acts can come in the form of the smallest gestures.

Campbeltown's remembrance weekend opened in just such a way last Saturday. A small group of the Royal British Legion Scotland's (RBL) former servicemen held a sombre ceremony, high in Kilkerran Cemetery, for those who lost their lives fighting for their country.

On a dreich day, the mourners marched to

hillside war graves where the minister, Rev Philip Wallace, read from Isaiah Chapter two and said a prayer partly written by the moderator of the general assembly specially for remembrance.

A trumpeter sounded The Last Post before a piper filled the valley with 'Flowers of the Forest' after the obligatory silence.

RBL members proceeded to plant individual wooden crosses at



LtCdr Will Paston at the head of 27 people bearing wreaths to lay at Campbeltown's memorial. 20_c46remembrance02

each war grave in the cemetery.

For the first time in a decade, Remembrance Sunday's morning outdoor service and parade, at the recently refurbished war memorial on the Esplanade, was cancelled due to high wind and lashing rain.

An indoor ceremony was held at Victoria Hall, which was the former headquarters for B, C and G Companies 1st Argyll Highland Rifle Volunteers from 1887.

Groups attending this ceremony were: the Fire Cadets, Scout Association, Boys Brigade, Army Cadets, Sea Cadets, Campbel-

town Grammar School, RNLI, Harbour master, Red Cross, SSAFA, police, ambulance, fire and rescue and the coastguard, serving personnel and the RBLs and a contingent from two navy ships HMS Pembroke and HMS Hurworth.

Following the service and two minutes' silence there was a short parade before 27 wreaths were laid at the town's war

memorial.

The final act of remembrance last Sunday was a service in Lorne and Lowland church during which the choir sang 'In Flanders Fields', composed by John McCrae in 1919, and Lieutenant-Commander (LtCdr) Will Paston, captain of HMS Pembroke, gave one of two readings. Professor Joseph Thomson donated the flowers around the church.



Royal British Legion Scotland members lay individual crosses at war graves. 04_c46kilkerran02



Former Argyll and Sutherland Highlander Richard Cameron placed a cross at the war memorial on Armistice Day (Wednesday) at 11.02am, dedicated to his grandfather Arthur Cameron and great-uncle Donald Cameron, who both gave their lives in the First World War. 20_c46remembrance03



Royal British Legion standard bearers in Lorne and Lowland church. 20_c46remembrance01

Following in the footsteps of the Argylls

IN THE name of remembrance, three men travelled to France's war graves to honour one of Campbeltown's darkest war incidents.

Donald Brown, Alex Docherty and Grant Edmondson recently visited their lost relatives, including the final resting places of four men from the town who were killed by one shell during WWI.

See the full story in the Courier next week.

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SOS bootcamp raises playground funds at Castlehill

The kids don't even think it's exercise because it's fun

by **BEN RAMAGE**

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CASTLEHILL Primary pupils took a physical education class with a difference at a fundraising bootcamp.

Aside from their stand-

ard maths and English lessons, they also had to work their muscles as they took part in the school's first ever mini bootcamp last week.

The event was a PTA fundraiser designed specifically to help the school regenerate the playground, giving pupils what the PTA described as 'a much needed improved outdoor space'.

Every child who took part in the bootcamp could receive a donation from friends and family and, with more than 100 pupils at Castlehill, the potential is there for the school to raise enough money to help renovate the pupils' playground.

Expert SOS Fitness instructor Fiona Irwin put the youngsters through their paces, with exercises involving picking up and rolling tyres in teams as well as a breathless tug of war.

The bootcamp ran for two hours, aptly in the school's playground which will be the recipient of all funds raised. The length allowed every class in the school to test their fitness with the 'SOS Warriors' for around 20



Moving vehicle tyres is a feat of strength for little ones. 04_c46boot02



Pupils during a tug of war. 04_c46boot01

minutes, taking part in various strength-based activities.

Fiona, who has previously helped with Zumba classes at Castlehill, said: 'The aim of the fundraiser, apart from raising money for re-generation of the school playground, was to show pupils and by word of mouths their parents that exercise needs to be a way of

life. By taking the classes outdoors and most importantly making it fun, the children don't even think it's exercise.'

Enthralled

Fiona has been running SOS Fitness bootcamps at MACC in Machrihanish for less than six months, but has been enthralled by the levels of participation of people from all across Kintyre.

She added: 'We have people come from as far as Tarbert for personal fitness training, which is really gratifying. We hope to inspire children and adults into making exercise a way of life.'

'The school is hopeful that the event will not only raise enough funds to help renovate the playground but also get youngsters excited about the prospect of exercise.'



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Snow

If your tyres won't grip, there may be a salt heap or grit bin nearby. Spread salt or grit in front of your driving wheels and set off in the highest gear you can. If you are caught in heavy snow, wrap up warm and stay inside your vehicle if possible.

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Use dipped headlights, keep your speed down and keep well back from the vehicle in front. If you come to a flood, slow right down but keep your revs high.

Hail

Slow down and use dipped headlights. Beware of slush on the road after a hail storm.



Housing association roof works rile Carradale residents

by **BEN RAMAGE**
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CARRADALE residents have slated a community housing association after £36,000 of renovation works stretched into five months.

Amid increasingly poor weather, one resident is now asking for compensation in the form of a rent rebate for the significant trouble he has faced.

Johnny Durnan, who has lived at Tosh's Park since 1979, has had his house turned upside down with long overdue works arranged by Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA).

What began as a simple revamp to his 60-year-old wooden house, originally built by the for-

estry commission, has spiralled after the roof needed to be replaced.

Mr Durnan had warned ACHA about the state of the roof several times previously at community council meetings alongside Carradale community councillor Robert Strang, who also claims to have suffered poor treatment from ACHA.

Work started on the house on July 7, with scaffolding going up to remove wall cladding and prepare for internal insulation.

ACHA realised the roof needed to be replaced, which has caused subsequent months of works and delays. The housing association told Mr Durnan it was due to finding

suitable contractors. The work is still not finished.

Mr Durnan, 59, believes that his property amongst others has been long forgotten by the housing association.

Mr Durnan said: 'It has been like living in a garden shed. There has been a lack of insulation, the property has not been watertight, and we are in an exposed area in Carradale Glen that is hit hardest by the rain and the gales.'

'When they took the roof off we had six weeks with just a membrane cover.

'We had two water leaks, one of which meant we had water running down our back wall in the living room behind the television and water stained ceiling in the front spare room.'

Mr Durnan is aggra-

vated not just by the length of time the work has gone on but also the timing, having specifically made the point of weather to ACHA boss Alistair MacGregor.

Mr Durnan said: 'We raised the issue with McGregor to start the work in the summer-time, because we knew that bad weather could disrupt work and we wanted to be watertight and warm come the winter.'

'He told us that the Carradale properties would be seen first, but they clearly weren't as we were told of works going on in other places while ours dragged on.'

Mr MacGregor told the Courier: 'The properties in Carradale have not been forgotten, that is why the modernisation works are currently



The roof as it stood last month.

on site. The association disputes that the works in Carradale are unsafe. The works are due to be completed by the end of November and we hope that Mr Durnan will then see the benefits of his newly modernised home.'

While the roof is now finally in place, Mr Durnan is still waiting on

gutters and drainpipe works, and he is furious at the handling of the whole project.

Mr Durnan said: 'The new larch external cladding has been coated three times in damp and cold conditions. It is madness. The finish is not up to an acceptable standard, in my view.'

'ACHA just has not

got its act right. It has not listened to all our warnings, and as a result we have had to live in an uncomfortable and unsafe environment for months.

'I have got a three-year-old granddaughter in Campbeltown, but I have not been able to bring her up to visit once since the work started.'

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Loganair is falling down on everything

IMAGINE the stress of a hospital appointment being compounded by travel worries including ending a 14-hour day in the dark at a shuttered airport terminal.

That was the scenario for at least one Kintyre patient.

On Wednesday last week Loganair lurched from one customer service crisis to another, at a time when it was already making headlines across Scotland for flights being delayed on technical grounds.

Pilots are worried about possible slippage in engineering standards and have raised the issue through their union. According to the Shetland MSP Tavish Scott, the service is suffering more disruption than at any time since 1999.

When facing issues like this staff should be forewarned to head off any further issues and stop them flaring up to compound other faults.

Lack of communication and wilful disregard for the customer seems to be at the root of the problem for Campbeltown passengers.

The staff must have known the afternoon plane was cancelled, so why keep passengers in the dark?

Once alternative transport had been sorted out, possibly Glasgow airport staff unaware of the geography of Machrihanish did not realise that a 10pm arrival at the terminal would cause further anguish.

Later on arrival once it was explained to the driver that a drop off in town was required it is staggering that the instruction for a point-to-point service was not followed to the letter.

Having driven more than 130 miles, surely another three would have made little difference in cost but would have gained Loganair some brownie points for making the best of a bad situation?

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£6,000 raised so far in 'Swim for Autism'

Sir,
On behalf of Scottish Autism and everyone it supports throughout Scotland, I am writing to thank your readers for backing this year's 'Swim for Autism' challenge.

The aim was to swim lengths of a local pool with certain distances representing swimming around the Scottish islands and raise money through individual sponsorship.

We had people from all across Scotland taking part which is wonderful as our services are based up and down the country.

Local heroes, Christine Harcus, swimming in Stromness and Alison Leask, swimming in Campbeltown, took on the Swim for Autism Island Challenge together.

They raised more than £510 - definitely #SASuperstars! We would like to send them a huge thank you.

£6,000 is the total amount raised so far, but we still have donations coming in.

This will enable us to continue reaching people throughout Scotland, amongst other things helping us upgrade the swimming pool at our New Struan School: a residential and day school for young people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) with pupils from all over the country.

Due to the success of this year's 'Swim for Autism' challenge we are already organising the challenge for 2016.

We believe swimming is a particularly relevant activity because everyone can take

part - it not only improves physical fitness, skills and body tone, but for individuals with autism it can also help lower anxiety and enhance socialisation, as well as increasing happiness and self-esteem.

Karen Wilson,
Fundraising Manager,
Scottish Autism.

Possibility of police officers retiring after 30 years sunk by Westminster

Sir,
Alan Reid is correct when he says that the changes to police pension regulations were laid before the Scottish parliament by SNP ministers.

However, he omits an important fact, contained in the executive summary to the Police Pension Scheme (Scotland) 2015, which states: 'The UK Public Service Pensions Act 2013 reforms all public sector pensions including police pensions.'

'The Scottish Government had to comply with the requirement of the Act to design a reformed police pension scheme which will come into being on April 1 2015.'

The SNP government did its best to mitigate the changes being forced on it by the Westminster government, as I stated in a previous letter.

Talks between police representatives and government officials have been taking place for months: ideal where the Scottish Government would commit a sum in the 'low seven figures' to top up the police pension pot annually, while officers made larger contributions in return for being able to draw a pen-

sion after 30 years, was on the table. However, HM Treasury told Holyrood that whatever additional money it put into the police pensions pot, a comparative sum would have to go to the Westminster department to cover its liability as lender of last resort.

'That effectively doubled the cost to the Scottish Government, and killed the deal.' Both sources are readily available to your readers and to Mr Reid by means of a simple internet search.

William Crossan,
Gowanbank,
Campbeltown.

Holyrood should plug the shortfall in the council's budget

Sir,
I was pleased to read that the SNP has vowed to protect 400 threatened council jobs (Courier, 6 November).

Since the SNP Government decides the amount of money the council gets to spend, the only way these jobs can be saved is for the SNP to plug the shortfall in the council's budget by giving it £9 million more to spend next year.

I hope that the SNP really intends to do this. If I were your MSP I would be standing up at Holyrood and making the case for this money to come to Argyll and Bute.

Alan Reid,
Lib Dem Scottish Parliamentary candidate for Argyll and Bute,
Dunoon.

Trident facts not assertions

Sir,
Before rushing to wave the flag for the huge white ele-

phant that is Trident, ex-Tory candidate Alastair Redman needs to acquaint himself with facts rather than threadbare assertions.

Mr Redman claims 11,300 jobs depend upon Trident, yet both George Osborne and Defence Secretary Hammond pluck 6,000 out of the air. So which Tory can count and is being straight with the public?

Thanks to a legal freedom of information request from the Ministry of Defence the truth is out. Away from the grossly inflated claims of Unionist politicians the real official figure is 520 jobs.

At an eye popping £165 billion, Trident has to be the most expensive job creation scheme in history. Indeed it would be far cheaper to simply give each worker a £2 million golden goodbye retirement package and wish each of them 'bon voyage'.

The 'independent deterrent' is neither independent - requiring US permission to be fired - nor a deterrent. It is an utterly useless status symbol for defending the UK's security from the real threats facing us via global warming, cyber attack and fundamentalist terrorism.

It is opposed by civic Scotland, the churches, the Scottish parliament and 98 per cent of Scotland's MPs. Yet Trident is still imposed upon Scotland.

Whether it is on grounds of cost, conventional defence, jobs or democracy, Trident is neither rational or sensible. It is time to dump Trident.

Ron Wilson,
Secretary
Kintyre Branch
SNP

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Guy Fawkes roasted before fireworks finale



Sparkling fun: Teigan Read-Edwards and Taylor Russell. 20_c46bonfire01



A HUGE bonfire, which still smouldered on Sunday morning, more than made up for its absence last year.

Helped by a Build-base cash injection, Dalntober and Milknowe Tenants and Residents Association was able to stage a memorable event.

The only slight hitch to proceedings came when a helicopter landed at the hospital and requested that the fireworks display be held until after it had departed.

At the fireworks display are, from left: Nancy, Lizzy and Casey MacKenzie with Joseph Brown.

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Kintyre candles to burn in the 'Smoke'

ORGANIC Kintyre candles will light up Canary Wharf tables at a high profile London event.



One of Zing's in demand organic candles.

Zing Organics, a recently established eco business based in Tarbert, will supply its range of Highland Mist candles to support the Extraordinary Banquet being held at Canary Wharf on November 19 by Friends of the Earth.

Heartening

Kirsty Morrison, Zing Organics founder, said: 'It is heartening to have our eco and sustainable credentials recognised so early on by a major

environmental organisation such as Friends of the Earth.

'Ours will be the only candles gracing the tables of this lavish event.'

Zing Organics started operating from the old Post Office in Tarbert less than a year ago.

The business employs one full-time and three part-time staff all from the Tarbert area, and is hoping to treble turnover and workforce numbers during 2016/2017.

Lifeboat Christmas coffee morning

THE ROYAL National Lifeboat Institution has raised more than £800 at its annual Christmas coffee morning, through a Christmas card sale and a raffle.

The event at the Red Cross Hall was organised by volunteer Jane Stewart.

All proceeds, the final total coming in at £866.30, were in aid of the lifeboat service.



Margaret Bakes holds aloft one of many raffle prizes. 04_c46lifeboat01

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Youngsters pose with their recycled creations.

Zero Waste Heroes join forces with youth café

THE KINTYRE Youth Café has zeroed in on a series of free craft workshops.

To coincide with the run-up to the Christmas light switch-on and parade, workshops are taking place in the Hub, Kinloch road, for youngsters to create lanterns and art sculptures from recycled material which will adorn the streets of the town.

Workshops

The first of a series of workshops took place on Sunday September 1 run by Zero Waste Heroes. Upcoming sessions will take place in

the Hub, on November 15 and 22, from 1pm to 5pm.

Open to children of all ages, materials are provided and workshop leaders are on hand to help the kids with their creations.

During the first workshop, the children made a number of snowman lanterns from milk bottles as well as a robot.

One of the parents said: 'It's amazing what you can make out of things you would normally dispose of. The children had a great time.'

The best of the recycled art sculptures

the children make will be crowned the 'Zero Waste Hero', which will be displayed at the recycling group's shop, due to open in Campbeltown on November 28.

Look forward

Catherine Wilson from Zero Waste Heroes said: 'We look forward to the opening of our new shop as it will allow us to have more of a physical presence in Campbeltown and South Kintyre.'

Kintyre Recycling will also be involved in the parade with its up-cycled Winter Wonderland.

Campbeltown Brass polishes up nicely

CAMPBELTOWN Brass Band is hitting the high notes after success at two big contests.

The senior band, conducted by Gordon Evans, competed in The Fife Charities contest at Kirkcaldy's Adam Smith Centre and gave a terrific performance to win the trophy for the best third section band, at the expense of some of Scotland's best musicians.

Nineteen of the band's young players competed at The West of Scotland Youth Solo and Ensemble Championships.

It was to turn out to be one of the Band's most successful days ever.

Cornetist Erin McLellan was crowned youth solo champion for the third successive year, helping her qualify for the Scottish championship in Livingston in February 2016.

Joining her will be second-placed horn soloist Andrew McMillan and third-placed Kyle Paterson on euphonium.

In the intermediate

section bass trombonist Owen Pickering gave a fantastic performance to clinch second place and also qualify for the finals.

In the ensembles Campbeltown cleaned up again.

The junior ensemble and the intermediate Section both earned first and second spots, earning a great reaction from the audience and praise from adjudicator Katrina Marzella, of the famous Black Dyke Band, in the process.

The band has been preparing for last night's (Thursday) public concert held in The Heritage Centre Hall

This featured all three bands, including a new beginners' band conducted by Katrina Barr.

Ensembles and soloists will complete a varied programme including the senior and junior bands preparing for their future performances at the Scottish Open and Youth Championships, which will be held at the end of No-

vember in Perth Concert Hall.



Erin McLellan, who bagged the junior solo title.



Junior ensemble winners (left to right) Drew Cunningham, Caius Walker, Scott Oman, Kyle Paterson and Andrew McMillan.

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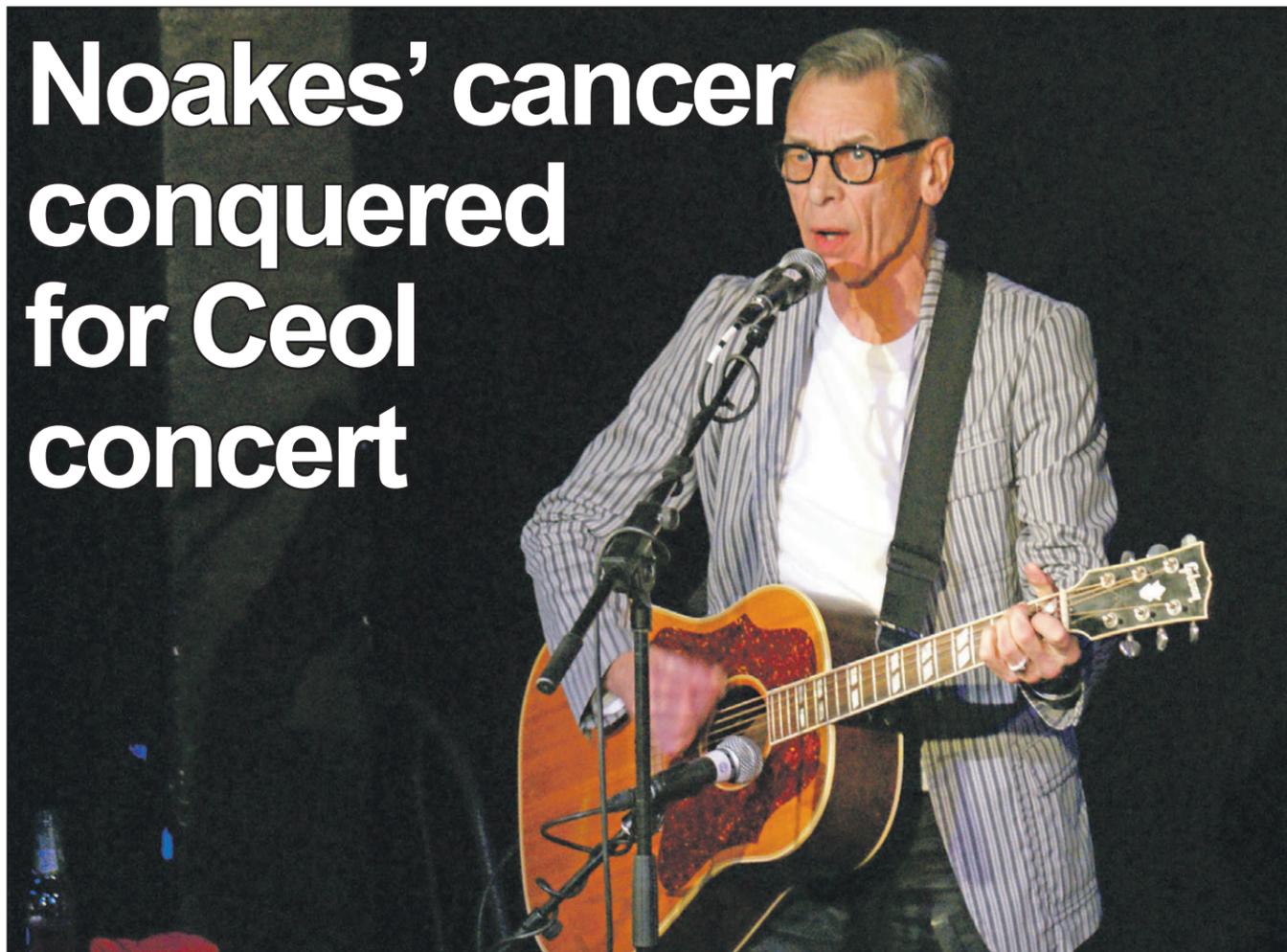
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Noakes' cancer conquered for Ceol concert

Rab Noakes in full swing. (Photo by Alan Macmillan)

A FOLK musician has beaten a potentially career and life threatening illness to return and serenade Campbeltown once again.

Fresh off the back of a critically acclaimed new album, Scottish Folk legend Rab Noakes, who played with Gerry Rafferty in the band Stealers Wheel, has produced some of his best ever work despite battling cancer.

His new album 'I'm Walkin Here' has received excellent reviews and he revealed to the Courier that the disc was initially to be released in May until his diagnosis.

Rab said: 'The album's release was delayed because I was diagnosed with tonsillar cancer.

'I had some pretty ferocious treatment throughout April, which

ended in early May. 'I am out of the treatment now, and the guys in charge are pleased with my progress, but it will be reviewed and scanned from now on.'

Rab also said he had to put fears for his main instrument, his voice, to the back of his mind while treatment was ongoing.

He said: 'Singing is a craft; it is my craft. I have been standing up in front of folk for more than 60 years, since I was a wee laddie.

'We had to try and keep positive and endure. They said there could be damage to the vocal chords, but luckily it has not affected me as the chords were out of reach. Vocals will be the

last thing to go with me.'

Thankfully the album still needed finishing touches, which kept the St Andrews-born singer occupied. He describes it as some of his best ever work.

He said: 'I would say it is as good as, if not better, than anything I have done recently.'

'We utilised lots of different elements, with John Cavanagh as producer, who I worked with very closely.'

One of the album's more sombre moments comes in the form of a song in memory of his old Stealers Wheel band mate and good friend, Gerry Rafferty.

Of the song, he said: 'It is quite a poignant and sad number, with a

heavy heartfelt element and its quite abstract which reflects Gerry as an artist and a person.

'We had a very long relationship. I was a pall bearer at his funeral and helped organise his memorial concert the following year.

'He took on a different presence before and after he died, to me, and I wanted the song to reflect that.'

Rab was quick to point out that nothing would have been possible without the support of his caring wife, Steph-

anie. He said: 'Stephanie has supported me immensely through it all. We work together so well.

'She is my agent, manager, and she has contributed to everything I have done.

'We went through this hand in hand, and I really could not have done it without her.'

Rab will play songs from his excellent new album at Ceol tomorrow night (Saturday), with tickets available from the Ardshiel Hotel.

Flaming flamenco will heat an autumn evening

SPANISH dance and food will bring a ray of Mediterranean sunshine to Campbeltown Bowling Club.

On Friday November 20 Spanish and Scottish culture will achieve a perfect blend. Flamenco dance will be demonstrated by two Argyll teachers: Spanish-born Ana Garrido-Toledo and Chilean-born Marcela Riquelme. They will wear genuine flamenco dresses to show their skills.

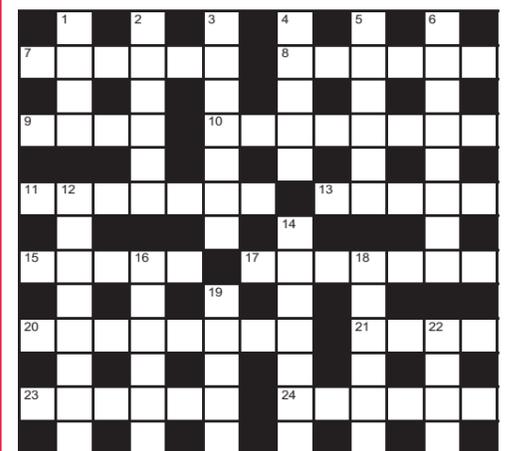
Other cultural delights will include a taste of food and drink from Spain prepared by local Spanish residents and a talk by Ronald Togneri on the historical and present day connections between the two coun-

tries. In the evening's second half the audience will be serenaded by the house band: The Wee Toon Amigos, Davie and Alec, whose unique brand of Scottish music and tunes will enchant everyone.

Another Spanish evening with Jan Nimmo, who regularly works and films in Spain and in Spanish-speaking countries, is already in the pipeline to celebrate the similarities between the two countries.

Tickets for the event are available from George McMillan's shop but hurry as they are already almost sold out as word has gone out that this event is one of the hottest tickets in town.

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What's On in Campbeltown

Coffee mornings:

FELINE fanciers should pause at Victoria Hall tomorrow between 10am and 12 noon for Campbeltown Cat Rescue's annual coffee morning.

WELLIES might be needed in the Guide Hall from 10am tomorrow when Campbeltown Young Farmers hold their coffee morning.

Quiz night

TEAMS of four are welcome at

Campbeltown Bowling Club for a quiz tomorrow (Saturday) at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Anyone not in a team is also welcome and all will be arranged.

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Last week's solution



'JM squared' regain quiz crown

SOUTHEND

A JOKER had all the answers for a quiz team in Southend.

The Dunaverty New Hall Fund's quiz saw familiar winners with previous champions 'JM squared' quizzing their way to back to the top.

Half a point

At half time the teams were close with 'The Brianiacs' in the lead by half a point from the 'Periodic Elements'.

The Joker proved to be vital for 'JM squared',

of two Johns and Margarets, as they used it during the musicals round when they answered every question correctly to gain a maximum 10 points that doubled up to 20.

This saw 'JM squared' take the win by a clear five-and-half points by the end of play, with only four points covering the scores of all the other teams.

The quiz was aimed at all the family, with

rounds as diverse as USA, dogs and more local subjects such as roads of Scotland and distilleries.

Insight

The roads round Scotland gave an insight into how many people travel without seeing road signs.

The trick question was: Name the number of the road from Campbeltown to Carradale, of which the answer was B842.



Quiz winners John and Margaret Bakes and John and Margaret McDowall.

TARBERT

Tarbert centre receives digital project funding

TEMPLAR Arts and Leisure Centre (TALC) has been successful in its application for £50,000 from Creative Scotland's TTS Digital Phase Two for its pro-

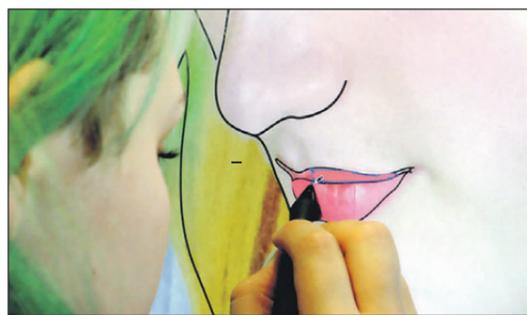
ject 'Sparks, drifts and rain'.

The project enables young people from Argyll and Bute to be involved in creating digital media projects. The

youngsters have chosen to create digital works on themes around the environment and seascape they are surrounded by.

Mary Smith, TALC chairperson of trustees, said: 'It is a superb result to get the opportunity to explore and expand the digitally creative minds of young people in such a remote, visually stunning and environmentally stimulating location as Argyll.'

Jacob Adair, 13, from Kilmartin, said: 'I am so excited and thrilled that we are going to be able to do more digital art.'



Drawing with a touch sensitive drawing tablet during a former TALC digital workshop.

Photo: Stefan Baumberger

CLACHAN

Clachan welcomes home Mary

A CLACHAN woman whose heart will forever be in Uganda has just returned to the village after six years in Africa.

Mary Mills spoke to primary pupils and told tales about Mirembe School, which the village has supported.

Joined

In the evening she joined Kilmallonell Guild members in the hall.

Although now 'home', her heart

is still with the many people she has been helping in Mukono, near Kampala.

Mary has vowed to carry on finding fees for 20 Ugandan children until they finish school, as well as helping many disabled people to receive operations and rehabilitation. Mary's inspiring stories were enthusiastically enjoyed by everyone present.

Several Clachan Scottish Women's Institute (SWI) members vis-

ited the stunning home and studio of Karen Beauchamp, who runs painting holidays in Whitehouse.

Taught

Karen, who has reproduced early wallpapers, created papers for use by the Queen and in the Houses of Parliament, taught the SWI members how she makes her prints.

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Sale of prized Kintyre herd exceeds estimates

A KINTYRE dairy farmer's need to buy pints of milk is just one of the more mundane consequences of his decision to sell a prized herd of Ayrshires.

Archie Millar, 52, of Ballygreggan Farm near Drumlemble, jokingly said that it was strange learning which coloured cap milk to buy after a lifetime on a dairy farm, founded by his grandfather. He has also found himself struggling to adapt to not needing to be up at 5.30am.

At the Pedigree Ayrshire Cattle – National Society Show and Sale at Borderway Mart, Carlisle last Wednesday November 4 there was one ray of sunshine for Mr Millar when he won a rosette for the show champion, which was the mother of this year's Kintyre Show champion.

Mr Millar averaged 1444 guineas for his herd comprising 70 cows and heifers in milk, eight in-calf heifers and one bull with a couple of animals coming back to Kintyre.

Mr Millar said: 'Anything over 1,000 guineas was a bonus for us. To get that average for older cows and in-calf heifers was great.'

'I was more than delighted with the price, they travelled well de-



Archie Millar, centre in green shirt, with the show champion.

spite my pre-sale concerns, and the three men employed by the market did a great job of turning them out.

'My dad came to the sale and I think in the end he was pleased with the price.'

'He said you will be glad you pedigreed them because that made them eligible for this sale.'

Two weeks ago when Mr Millar spoke about his decision to sell, he cited a combination of reasons including the then milk price of 18 pence per litre (ppl) in Kintyre, his health and a lack of a successor.

Mr Millar said: 'Every-

one I spoke to at Carlisle told me they were getting at least 24ppl.

'I spoke to a Marks and Spencer direct supplier, who lives right next to the motorway in England and gets 30.5ppl - we cannot compete with that in Kintyre.'

Mr Millar's best sale price for an individual animal was 4,000 guineas to A and S Lawrie at Kinross, Fife.

The largest number of cattle, nine and at the higher end of prices, were bought by A and R Paton of Easter Greenhill in Falkirk, a number went to Wigtonshire, Dumfriesshire, Peeblesshire and Aberdeenshire proving a demand

from other areas of Scotland.

In England the highest proportion of buyers was from Cumbria, as to be expected with the location of the sale, with one in Clitheroe and another in Huddersfield.

One even went to Askham Bryan Agricultural College in North Yorkshire.

This was the first sale to disperse the milking portion of Mr Millar's herd with a further sale due in spring 2016.

Mr Millar said: 'It is a weird feeling going out and finding no cattle in

the shed. After 30 years it is not something I ever thought I would experience.'

'We have 212 acres of fields and I shall aim to rent that out.'

In his youth Mr Millar was a fine football player, reputed to be the best of his generation, with Campbeltown Pupils although he always found it difficult to fit in with dairying life.

Mr Millar, who owns Wee Toon Sports shop in Campbeltown, said: 'I am a keen Hibs supporter and now I might have some time to get out and follow my team.'

Sirloin steaks sold out as beef returns to Argyll Country Market

A KINTYRE farmer is very pleased with buoyant beef sales in his first venture at direct selling.

William Taverner, who farms 30 Galloway cattle at Gobagrennan near Campbeltown, sold three quarters of a 300 kg carcass as beef cuts at Argyll Country Market.

Mr Taverner said: 'We had a great turnout considering it was such a wet day and sold out of sirloin steaks. My son

Nathan thoroughly enjoyed himself on the stall.

Five stars

'A German lady has given us five stars for the sausages which is praise indeed. We have just sent the beast away for the December sale when, due to customer demand, we will have rib eye steaks.'

'It has been very exciting although it is always nerve-racking taking on a new venture.'



Ann Norrie with a wide selection of beef from William Taverner's stall. 20_c46beef01

Kintyre faces lowest milk price since the 1980s

AS THE Courier has reported, a Kintyre farmer has sold his prize herd of Ayrshires. The milk price per litre in the region is at its lowest point since the 1980s accordingly to a local councillor.

National headlines

Since Archie Millar sold his herd, in Carlisle last week, the plight of Kintyre's dairy farmers has made national headlines and even Prince Charles has once again appealed for people to

buy British food whenever possible to save farmers' livelihoods.

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'The milk price for Kintyre farmers is not sustainable. Farmers in the central belt of Scotland have other choices of markets but here the farmers are tied to Campbeltown Creamery and the price offered by First Milk.'

'It is particularly bad as we are coming into the winter with its higher costs of feed for animals kept indoors.'

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Tarbert Holiday Park preparing for higher visitor numbers

A HOLIDAY park that has been welcoming guests for nearly 20 years is undergoing a growth plan which will see even more lodges available, as well as a touring caravan and camping park.

Malcolm MacDonald set up West Loch Shores in Tarbert after buying the former Escart Caravan Park in 1996. Inspired by his parents'

experience of running self-catering accommodation, Malcom wanted to provide visitors to the area with a range of accommodation options in a stunning location.

Business plan

West Loch Shores currently offers guests four star holiday accommodation in a range of two and three bedroomed timber lodges as well as static caravans

and is implementing a five-year business plan which will result in an expansion of services.

Malcolm said: 'Over the years West Loch Shores has firmly established itself as a quality place to stay while visiting Argyllshire. We have always been very flexible with our customers with many returning the same week each year which is always a real boost to any business.'

'We are now looking to create further plots on our grounds and develop a new touring and campsite park. We are also working in collaboration with another local business to provide water sport activities for our guests, so it's a very exciting time for West Loch Shores.'

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The stunning view over West Loch.

Business Gateway, West Loch Shores now has an updated business plan and cohesive marketing strategy in place in order to implement these growth plans successfully.

Marketing strategy

Malcolm added: 'Business Gateway has been great in helping us cre-

ate our new business plan as well as supplying the tools and research to put together a marketing strategy which will help us going forward. We also received a Business Gateway Plus growth grant which will go towards our new touring park which was a massive help.'

Barbara Halliday, the Business Gateway adviser working with Malcolm, said: 'We can provide new and existing businesses with one-to-one advice and information. Our support can help successful businesses like West Loch Shores plan for the future, improve perfor-

mance and achieve their growth plans.'

For more information visit www.westlochshores.com

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More lodges to be built at West Loch Shores in Tarbert

Business Gateway workshops expand programme

ADVICE expert Business Gateway is expanding its free business skills workshops in Campbeltown.

Argyll and Bute Council's business advisors are mid way through their autumn workshop schedule, in Campbeltown as well as right across Argyll and Bute. They have now introduced new workshop topics, and any small business owner looking to boost their skills should book now to ensure they get a place.

'Business Gateway has increased the range of workshop topics available, based on feedback from local businesses,' said Councillor Aileen Morton, Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for sustainable economic growth.

'All the workshops are free of charge and I would encourage any small business owner to get in

touch to find out how they could benefit. Last year there were more than 800 attendees across more than 100 Business Gateway workshops delivered in this area and the programme of support will be even more varied this year.'

The 'Better Business Websites' workshop running in Oban on November 25 is a half-day workshop for businesses already online but looking to get more from their website. It examines how to make a website better through design, content, usability and search engine optimisation.

This new workshop is being delivered for Business Gateway by Gary Ennis, founder of NS Design Ltd, an award-winning digital agency. Gary has delivered hundreds of digital workshops for Business Gateway across Scotland

and is a former 'CEO of the Year' at the Digital Technology Awards.

The 'Introduction to Trading Online' workshop has been updated and will focus on the basics required for businesses wanting to sell products online. The workshop covers how to trade online, including the various tools, payment options and online marketplaces available such as eBay, Amazon, and Etsy. This workshop will run in Inveraray on December 1, also delivered by Gary Ennis.

The 'Managing and Developing Staff' workshop running in Inveraray on December 10 will help business owners recruit, induct, manage and develop staff in a way that helps their business grow.

It will focus on the skills and processes required to help get the best out of staff, rather than the legal as-

pects. It is being delivered for Business Gateway by Karen Morrill of Morrill PMC Ltd. Karen is qualified through the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development and has extensive business and people management experience.

As well as the new workshops, other established topics are back by popular demand. Anyone thinking about starting their own business should join the 'Business Start-up' workshop in Campbeltown on November 17 and 18 to help develop their ideas into a practical and effective plan.

The 'Practical Basic Book-keeping' workshop will run in Campbeltown on December 8.

Those new to business and with little or no formal training in book-keeping will benefit from this workshop, which provides the

starting point for good record keeping and understanding financial information.

Lastly, businesses wanting to find out more about becoming a supplier to the public sector can join the Supplier Development Programme's 'What the Buyer looks for in your Tender' workshop in Lochgilphead on November 24.

This provides an insight into buyers' needs and expectations and can help in getting the highest score possible in a tender process.

To book a place or to find out more contact the Business Gateway team on 01546 604555 or email business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk

The workshop programme is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund under the European Structural Funds 2014-20 Programme.

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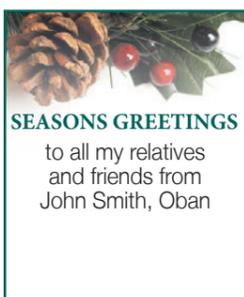
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CAMPBELTOWN will go Christmas crackers at the end of November when the three-day winter festival marks the start of the festive season.

The centre of the Wee Toon will be lit up on Friday November 27 when the traditional parade, including an appearance by Santa and the Christmas lights switch-on heralds the winter weekend.

By the time the switch is flipped to illuminate the streets in their festive glory, skaters will have been enjoying the Burnside Square ice rink for more than six hours.

Other headline events dur-

ing the weekend include a fireworks display, sponsored by the Ardshiel Hotel and Explore Campbeltown, on the New Quay at 6.30pm on Saturday November 28. For the third year in a row a 50-stall Christmas market will be held in the Springbank Distillery's Malt Barns on Sunday November 29 from 11am to 4pm.

A spokesperson from Explore Campbeltown said: 'Feedback from the 2014 event suggests that everyone liked that both malt floors were in use so we plan to do the same again this year.'

'All the craft stalls will be on

the lower floor of the Malt Barns and the food providers and cafe area will be on the upper floor, accessible from a staircase inside the Malt Barns and an external staircase from the lane, close to the main entrance of the barns.

'Like last year, on the upper floor we will have all the food and drink stalls round the edges and have tables and chairs in the middle for peo-

ple to rest and enjoy a bite to eat.'

Stalls for this event have all been let to a wide diversity of stallholders, and for the first time there will be a dedicated Campbeltown Courier stall. Be sure to come and say hello.

Explore Campbeltown will decorate the Malt Barns and have designed Santa's Grotto to keep young children occupied.

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Santa Claus and his little helper Morgan Irwin were among the special guests for Campbeltown's Christmas Lights Switch-on last year. They were part of a parade that saw hundreds of people descend on the town centre to enjoy the lights and fun.

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For the Wee Toon's winter festival the girls have teamed up with photographer Raymond Hosie and eyedoreu makeup artist Claire Dryden, who will be in Campbeltown from November 26. Claire will finish with a stall alongside Numero Dix Hair Salon at the Christmas market on Sunday November 29.

On Friday November 27 from 4pm onwards Numero Dix Hair Salon will have a Frozen theme hair, face painting and a photo shoot in the salon, from £5.

There will also be charity cupcakes and cocktails for the adults in aid of Breast Cancer Now.

Numero Dix Hair Salon would like to thank everyone for their fund-raising support, as follows: Gail McKay for the homemade bramble jelly, Mairi

McKillop for the FBX class, Gayle Durnin for the candlelight party, Ella McKinven for the donation of tablet, Footnotes Dance Company for the do-

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See below for a timetable of events on Friday November 27: 12 noon to 10pm - ice skating in Burnside Square, except during switch on; 6.00pm - Late night shopping and Stewarts fun fair; 6.15pm - Live music; 6.20pm - Street lights off, please take care; 6.30pm, sharp - All floats to be assembled at Hazelburn or Millknowe; 7.00 pm - Parade commences along with pipe band; 7.20pm - Switch on; 7.30pm until 8.30pm -

Santa's Grotto in Food for Thought.

The parade route is as follows: From Hazelburn or Millknowe, turning left heading to Longrow, it will continue and turn left onto Main Street, heading towards the roundabout onto the dual carriageway, down to the ferry terminal. It will then turn back on itself past the care home, continuing to the roundabout where it will turn left onto Main Street and then up to the town hall for the switch-on.

The special guests will dismount and the floats will then continue to a safe location along with Santa's sleigh and the special guests' transport.



Campbeltown Christmas Lights Committee of 2014 from left, Mandy Robertson, Jamie McIvor, Caroline Armour, Lorraine Gillespie, Will Anderson, vice-chairman, and Raymond Harvey, chairman.



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While it may be tempting to just give cash, taking the time to choose a personalised gift will mean so much more. Gifts don't have to be expensive, often it's the simple things that people remember most. If in doubt, gift vouchers are always appreciated. Or consider making a gift, such as a batch of sweet treats or a handmade card.

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Introduction to Trading Online - A workshop that will focus on some of the basics required for trading online, and will look at the various tools, platforms and payment options available to everyone and will include some information of the legal requirements. 1 December - Inveraray

Practical Basic Book-keeping - A half day workshop shows how book-keeping is used to generate the financial information needed for Income Tax, VAT, Corporation Tax, PAYE and National Insurance contributions. 8 December - Campbeltown; 10 December - Oban

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To find out more or to book a place please contact Business Gateway on 01546 604555 or email business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk



LOOK A LITTLE FURTHER THIS CHRISTMAS

“ Whatever the season there are a lot of great places to eat, drink and shop in Argyll. My particular favourite is always seafood and with oysters, prawns, crabs and salmon all plentiful, good eating is guaranteed. What’s more, the rise of food businesses in the local area means that local food for giving as presents is more and more available and affordable.”

Michael Russell, MSP Argyll and Bute



TAKE time out during the festive season to get off the beaten path for Christmas shopping, dining and lodging that is out of the ordinary and out of this world. The Argyll countryside is teeming with unique gift shops, fanciful art galleries and wonderful eateries, all featuring the best of the west.

With a plethora of mass-produced gift ideas out there, finding that one-of-a-kind item is easy when you look a little further. Artisan crafters and producers offer everything from paintings to textiles to candles, all made with love in Argyll, and inspired by the beautiful light, magical landscapes and fresh air that makes this area so famous.

To get away from it all without going too far, consider a weekend away in Argyll.

Whether it's a rustic country inn or a stately manor, indulging in fine food and luxurious comfort is the best Christmas present you can give yourself. If Christmas means plans with family and friends, how about a Hogmanay holiday package at one of Argyll's fine hotels? The food, lodging and party are all taken care off, so you can let your hair down and ring in the New Year.

Look a little further this festive season. You might just discover your new favourite hidden gem.

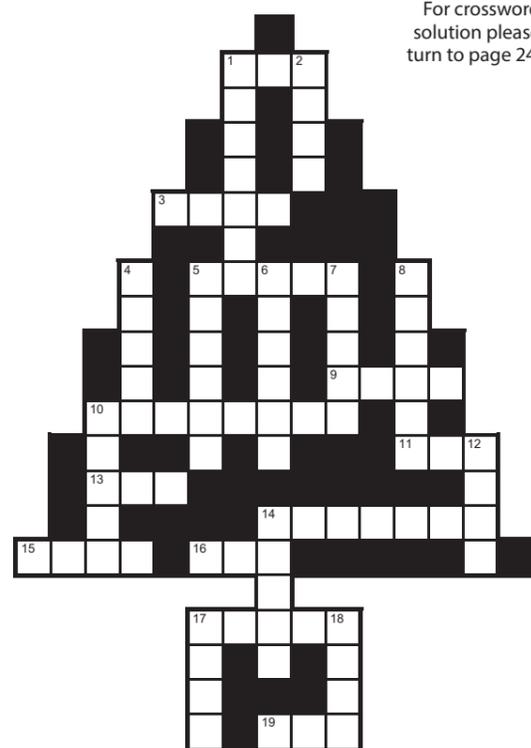
Christmas Crossword

Across

- 1 Pleasure (3)
- 3 Gift from a wise man (4)
- 5 Chest material (5)
- 9 Snow transport (4)
- 10 To be toasted on the fire (8)
- 11 Roast for Boxing day (3)
- 13 Berries or wine (3)
- 14 A Reindeer (7)
- 15 Sacred (4)
- 16 One of mince (3)
- 17 Money off in January (5)
- 19 Christmas tree (3)

Down

- 1 Rejoicing season... (7)
- 2 ...Christmas season (4)
- 4 The happening that Christmas is celebrated for... (5)
- 5 ...and the reason for its name (6)
- 6 Celestial (6)
- 7 Certain tribute (5)
- 8 Father of the one born in a stable (6)
- 10 Song (5)



For crossword solution please turn to page 24.

- 12 Mother who gave birth in the stable (4)
- 14 Ringers (5)
- 17 Sound to make in Church (4)
- 18 Northern leading one (4)

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PLANNING

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk. Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/02458/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 2 Mid Auchans Dunmore Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6XZ	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
15/02464/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 3 Mid Auchans Dunmore Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6XZ	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
15/02465/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 4 Mid Auchans Dunmore Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6XZ	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
15/02890/PP	Formation of access and car parking area and associated works	Ardrihaig Parish Church Tarbert Road Ardrishaig Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
15/02963/PP	Erection of wind turbine (24.9 metres high to blade tip)	Taigh Mhor Creaganterve Kilmartin Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8RQ	Mid Argyll Area Office

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

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD.

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.

Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website.

Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

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Saturday 28th
November
1pm
Lodge Loch Fyne
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GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

Mr. Ian Wishart trading as Taylor Wishart Scaffolding of 50 MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead, PA31 8TE is applying for a licence to use Highbank Collection Ltd, Lochgilphead, PA31 8NN as operating centre for one vehicle. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

First Registration of a Croft

Terrence Glenn and Mrs Helen Glenn have registered the croft WHITESTONE, SADDLE AND SKIPNESS, on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland.

Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 7/10//2016.

Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home. The croft registration number is C1589.

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- Ice scraper and de-icer
- Warm clothes and blankets for you and all passengers
- Torch and spare batteries or a wind-up torch
- Boots
- First aid kit
- Jump leads
- A shovel
- Road atlas
- Sunglasses (the glare off winter sun can be dazzling)

In addition, when setting out on journeys during the winter season remember to take with you:

Food and a flask with a hot drink

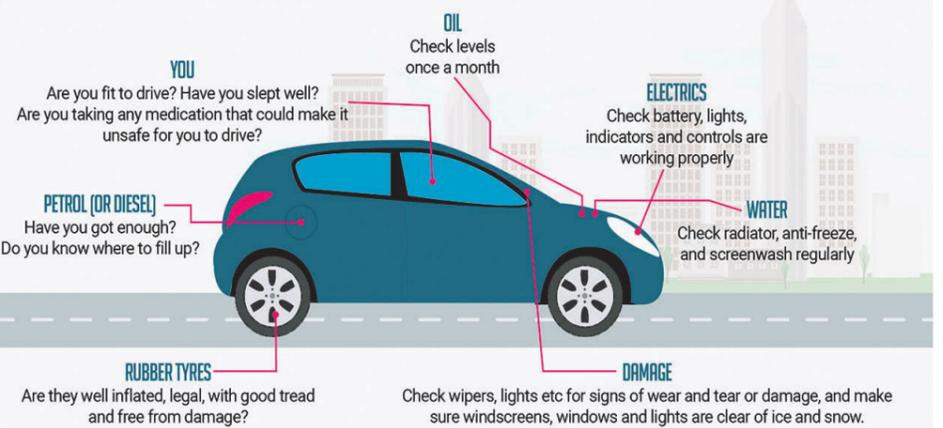
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11 Renault Clio DYN, T/tom DCi Est 1.5, Blue, 52,500 miles.....	£6,500
11 Peugeot 308 Access SW HDi Est, 1.5, Black, 46000 Miles.....	£6,500
60 Ford Focus Zetec, 1.6 Est, Grey, 20,000 Miles.....	£6,500
09 Renault Clio DYN DCi 106, 3dr Blue 57,000 miles.....	£3,950
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Happy 40th Birthday Lindsay Kenny!

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Guess Who Is 18

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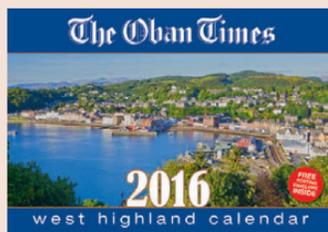
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



SOMETIMES God uses the most unlikely people and places to make things happen.

Bethlehem wasn't exactly the centre of the universe, but our faith was born in that small town.

Craignish is not exactly the centre of the universe, but something very interesting is going to happen there.

Usually theatre premieres take place in New York or London and so many of us never have the chance to see them.

However, a small village hall in Craignish at Ardfern, will host the Scottish premier of an exciting new play.

The subject of this play will also be top of the international agenda at next month's UN conference in Paris.

The people at both these venues will focus on the very same issue.

They will focus on the biggest threat to our planet since its birth.

They will focus on the huge problem of climate change.

'Baked Alaska' is a very clever, vibrant and moving story by the group Riding Lights

It uses sketches, puppets, live music and story telling to highlight its message. It takes its audience through a journey of questions, laughter and tears.

The play is a catalyst, it's a stepping stone to get us to walk a common journey.

It's a plea to us all to reflect on the creation of our planet; to think of the beginning when the spirit of God brought order out of chaos; it's to stop us in time before our ordered world limps back to chaos; it's a cry for help for all the people and animals who are gasping for the fresh air of hope.

It's a call to start a church-wide and community-wide conversation.

'Baked Alaska' doesn't have all the answers but it does enable us to ask better questions.

It may not be the centre of the universe, but something important might just begin at Craignish village hall on November 17 at 7.30pm.

Great turnout for Gambia ceilidh

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar School's CGS4Gambia group raised £4,884 through a charity auction and ceilidh.

The event was described by organiser Agnes Stewart as 'very successful'.

The ceilidh, which included a fully-licensed bar, live music from Ceol an Aire and Kintyre Keltics, a raffle and a charity auction, was organised in order to raise funds for the group's upcoming excursion to Gambia in February 2016.

The auction alone raised £3,181 and was particularly popular.

People in attendance at the ceilidh had the opportunity to bid for fantastic items such as: a hot stone massage and facial from Bliss, dinner at the Ardsheel Hotel, two tickets to see Kevin Bridges, a make-over from EyeAdoreU and much more.

The group has recently decided which pupils out of the 30 who volunteered are going to take part in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

This decision process was based on what contributions the pupils have made to the group over the past year and also on interviews which determined who would be up to the challenge.

The pupils who have been selected will travel to Gambia during the February break next year and will be involved with building a nursery and playground in Jarrol, Gambia.

Buildbase and Campbeltown Community Fire station have donated £200 to CGS4Gambia.

Recently Grammar school S5 pupil Scott Souden, 16, collected a cheque for £100 from Steve Partridge of Buildbase and another £100 was donated as cash.

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From our files:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

November 16 1990

Fine karate show by Campbeltown postie

CAMPBELTOWN postie Steven Jordan gained third place in a national karate competition in Nottingham recently - despite a 14-hour journey and very little sleep.

Steven had set off for Nottingham at midnight on Friday October 26 and was sharing the task of driving with instructor David Shaw. The journey was almost over when, with only 30 miles to go, the fighters encountered that destroyer of brave men - the M1 traffic jam.

Three hours later the fighters reached Nottingham only to find that the finals of most of the categories had already taken place - it was now 2 p.m.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

November 11 1965

Message stick gift from namesake town

AN INSCRIBED Aboriginal message stick was presented to Provost Duncan McMillan on Friday by a representative of the municipality of Campbeltown, New South Wales, who had flown up to London to hand over the gift - a token of the continuing links between the namesake towns.

The two townships have already exchanged plaques and a former Mayor of the Australian Campbeltown, Alderman Percival, visited Argyll's Campbeltown almost four years ago. Then this year, Councillor W S Craig paid a short visit to

the New South Wales town during a world tour.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

November 13 1915

Carradale and District Mail Service Petition to Postmaster General

In connection with the present position of the mail service to this district, a meeting was held in the Mission Hall, Carradale, on Monday, the 8th inst.

Rev J. A. Argyll Baker, M.A., presided and stated that he had convened the meeting as chairman of the Parish Council, in order that steps might be taken to improve the present unsatisfactory mail service, outside mails only received on three days in the week.

After a discussion in which were emphasised the inconvenience and hardship of being cut off from communication with relatives on service at this time, and the inconvenience to business, especially to the fishing industry and the regular dispatch of herring, owing to the want of a regular steamer, it was resolved on the motion of Mr Semple, seconded by Mr Mackenzie of Carradale, that a Committee be appointed to draw up a petition for presentation to the Postmaster-General, and also to confer with the Committee appointed by Campbeltown Town Council to consider the steamboat arrangements.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

The Bible says, 'If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone' (Romans 12:18).

BIRTHS



MILLAR

Tom and Alison are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, Thomas, on October 30, 2015, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. A wee brother for Hannah and Emma. Thanks to all midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit, especially Isabel.



MOLLER

Gareth and Sally are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Samuel Richard Harry, on October 21, 2015. A brother for Grace, Hannah, Thomas and Nathaniel. Seventh grandchild for Jill and thirteenth for Graham and Leonie. 'Children are an heritage from the Lord'.



WESCHE - GREEN

Nathan and Julie are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Richie John, born on October 20, 2015, at Peel Health Campus, Mandurah, Western Australia. A brother for James.

ENGAGEMENTS



CARR - MCFARLANE

Both families are very happy to announce the engagement of Laura, only daughter of Barbara, to Charles, middle son of Maxwell and Lorna.

DEATHS

CRAWFORD - Suddenly, but peacefully, on November 5, 2015, Catherine (Cathy) Crawford, aged 81 years, of Myrtlecrest, Kilduskland Road, Ardrishaig, beloved wife of the late Don Crawford and much loved mother of Archie, Donald and Karen. Adored Nana of Holly, John, Kelly and Ryan and a much respected mother-in-law of Julie. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Friday, November 13 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only or donations, if desired, to Alzheimer Scotland. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MCCAIG - Peacefully at home, 24a Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, on November 9, 2015, Mary Teresa McCaig, in her 83rd year, dearly beloved wife of the late Neil McCaig, much loved mother of June, Peter, Wilma and the late Martha and a loving grandmother and great grandmother. RIP. Service will take place in St Kieran's R C Church, on Friday, November 13, 2015 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 the District Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

MCGOUGAN - Suddenly at home, 26 Burnside Street, Campbeltown, Malcolm Mathieson McGougan, in his 46th year, much loved father of Michael and Stephen, dearly beloved son of Gus McGougan and the late Elizabeth McSporrnan and a loving brother of William, Archie and Dorothy. Service in the Highland Parish Church, on Monday, November 16 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCALPINE - The family of the late Marilyn McAlpine would like to thank most sincerely, family, friends and colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support, for cards, flowers and acts of kindness shown following the sad loss of Marilyn, after a short illness. Special thanks to Cathanna at Tarbert Surgery, Dr Hicks, Dr Davidson, Barbara, Allison and the staff of Ward 7B at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Glasgow for nursing and kind care and attention. Thanks also to Matthew Ramsay for a personal and fitting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Tarbert Parish Church raised £1402.

RIDDELL - Ulla and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers, phone calls and visits received following the sad loss of Jim. We are very grateful for the support given to us all at this difficult time. Thanks to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient arrangements. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at Cardross and Tayvallich Inn to pay their respects. The retiral collection has raised £230 for Re-Konect.

IN MEMORIAMS

GALBRAITH - Willie, died November 13, 1996. Always in our thoughts. - Maureen and family.

MACNICOL - In loving memory of Ishbel, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed away November 14, 2013. We know a smile we would love to see, A loving face so dear, We know a hand we would love to hold, A voice we long to hear, We know a heart, thoughtful and true, We know them all because we loved you. - Hamish, Donald, Lesley and families.

MCLELLAN - In loving memory of our dear mum, Jenny, passed away November 16, 1982.

Time is quickly passing, But memories are everlasting.

- Neil, Margaret and families.

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MITCHELL - In loving memory of our dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother (Jeannie), died November 15, 1996. Forever in our hearts. - From all the family, home and away x.

CHURCH NOTICES



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 15th November
 11.15am Worship Service
 Mr Calum Ferguson
 2.00pm Explorers Club for all Primary School children
Wednesday 18th November
 12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
 2.00pm Water of Life Café
Saturday 21st November
 10am - 12 noon
 Coffee Morning
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Sunday Service
 11.00 am
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 11.15am
 Family Communion Service
 What on Earth are we here for?
 What matters most?
Thursday 19th November
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 Prayer and Bible Study
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 Followed by the Sacrament of Holy Communion at 1.15pm
 Rev P Wallace
Tuesday 17th November
 Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
 Boys' Brigade Church Hall
 Anchor Boys 6.00pm
 Junior Section 7.15pm
Thursday 19th November
 Choir 7.30pm
Friday 20th November
 Lunch Club 12.00 noon
 New Hall



SCO02493
Sunday 15th November
 The service will be conducted by Rev. G. Middleton in the Church at 11.15am.
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Wednesday 25th November
 at 7.00pm.
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 Tuesday evenings in Kirk Street Hall
 Primary 1 - 5: 6.30pm - 7.30pm
 Primary 6 & 7: 7.30pm - 8.30pm

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
 Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 15 November
 Tayvallich Church 11 am
 Joint Service followed by light lunch in Church
 Rev. C. Acklam
Monday 16 November
 Prayer meeting 10 am
 Tayvallich Church
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Sunday 15th November 2015
 Speaker Andy Bell
Tuesday
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SUNDAY 15th November 2015
 11.00am
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 'Embrace'
THURSDAY 19th November 2015
 7.30am
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 Prayer, Word and Sharing
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Sunday 15th November 2015
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
 Charity No. SC016097
 Morning Service
 in Cumlodden Church at 10 am (Service of Communion)
Glenaray and Inveraray
 Charity No. SC016665
 Morning Service
 in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
All Welcome

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 15th November 2015
 11.00am WORSHIP SERVICE
 Dr. John L. Morrison
Saturday 21st November 2015
 10am - midday
 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall
Sunday 29th November 2015
 3pm
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Pupils fail Oban derby test

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils were left to rue missed opportunities after their trip to Oban.

In a 'typically' competitive derby game there were chances aplenty for both sides, but it was Oban Saints who took them running out 2 - 0 winners.

Within two minutes Pupils almost took the lead from a corner, with Saints only just managing to clear the ball past the near post.

Pupils were aiming to hit Oban on the counter attack, one of their main tactics in recent years, and were proving diffi-

cult to break down.

They did have to thank goalie Reid Anderson for keeping them in it early on though with a terrific save over the bar from an Oban header.

Reid again came to the rescue before Pupils best chance of the first half fell to John McCallum. From a corner in the 19th minute he glanced a header goalwards from six yards out, only to be denied by a superb save by Saints netminder Thomas McCulloch.

Anderson made two more excellent stops in the second half and with

some resolute defending from Grant and Burns particularly Pupils managed to get to half time all square.

They could have been leading at the break when McCallum latched onto a defensive mix up in the Oban back line minutes before the break, but the Saints keeper kept the tie level with an excellent save.

Pupils paid the price for their profligacy in the second half, with Oban taking the lead in the 56th minute. After some neat build up play Saints Scottish Amateur international midfielder



Campbeltown Pupils keeper Reid Anderson pulled off a string of great saves during the game, this one from Ross Maitland. 15_t46saints01

Donnie Campbell slotted the ball past Anderson at his near post from a very tight angle for a well-taken goal.

Six minutes later Oban stretched their lead from a corner which had resulted from yet another sublime save from Anderson. A wicked

in-swinging corner was whipped into the Pupils box where Fraser Wylie could only head the ball into his own net while attempting to clear.

Two more terrific Anderson saves kept Pupils in touching distance, before substitute Ellis Robertson almost pulled

one back. Unfortunately he lost his footing as he rounded the Saints keeper, and the chance was gone.

Pupils left-back Keith Mitchell had two half chances near the end of the game, from a free-kick and a break into the box, but couldn't con-

vert either which saw the visitors return empty handed.

A spokesman for Pupils said: 'It was a typically derby contest and although we created a few chances Oban were the better team on the day and deserved the three points.'



All of this year's Campbeltown bowling club trophy holders including championship winners Shirley Bannatyne and Archie Johnston (centre).

Bowls winner Shirley's super six

SHIRLEY Bannatyne was the green queen with an incredible six titles at Campbeltown Bowling Club's prize ceremony.

The awards ceremony was held at the club house last Saturday,

Shirley took the ladies title and Archie Johnston was the men's

championship winner, with Jimmy Anderson also taking three titles.

The full list of winners and runners-up is as follows: Championship: Archie Johnston and runner-up Jimmy Anderson. Ladies' Championship: Shirley Bannatyne and runner-up Catherine McEachran.

President's Prize: Jimmy Anderson and runner-up Alan McCormick. Lady President's Prize: Shirley Bannatyne and runner-up Catherine McEachran.

Hoynes Cup: Archie Johnston and runner-up John Scott. Fisherman's Trophy: Shirley Bannatyne and runner-up Susan Gilchrist. Centenary Cup: Bobby Dalziel and runner-up John McLean.

Blue Trophy: David Brown and runner-up Alistair Munro. A Johnston Cup: Gavin McLachlan and runner-up Gary Anderson.

Joyce Ramsay Cup: Shirley Bannatyne and runner-up Catherine McEachran. Past Presidents' Cup: Jimmy Anderson and runner-up John McLean.

Ladies' Past Presidents' Cup:

Shirley Bannatyne and runner-up Catherine McEachran

Senior Citizens' Trophy: Dugald Graham and runner-up Hugh MacDonald. Novices' Cup: Peter Colville and runner-up Duncan MacInnes.

Men's Pairs: Jimmy Anderson and Peter Paterson and runners-up Steven Dickson and Brian Leishman.

Helan McArthur Pairs: Susan Gilchrist and Ria Johnston and runners-up Jessie Andrew and Marie Maguire. Wednesday night league: Shirley Bannatyne.

Kilbrannan A team soar to Eagle darts title



The winning Kilbrannan A team (left to right) Eric Ross, Jamie McGougan and John McLatchie.

A PAIR of 180s were the highlight of the Eagle darts competition in the Kilbrannan Bar.

After close matches between 18 competing teams, the finalists were Kilbrannan A: Eric Ross, Jamie McGougan and John McLatchie and the Burnside's Martin Coffield, Kenny Docherty and Charlie Robertson.

Kilbrannan took the

first leg of 1001 triples, but Burnside hit back to take the 701 doubles and force a 501 singles game of three legs to decide the winners.

Trophy

The final games were fought between Charlie Robertson and Jamie McGougan, and after some great darts Jamie came out on top to bag the trophy for Kilbrannan A.

Campbeltown runners race down to awards night

RUNNING club members swapped spikes for sequins at a glitzy awards night in the Ardshiel hotel.

Top performing youngster, Oliver Reid, ran away with the Campbeltown Courier Cup for the winner of the Junior Handicap Race series - the final event was featured in last week's paper.

The cup was donated to Campbeltown Running Club last year and Oliver will be the second runner to see his name engraved.

The top three boys were: 1 Oliver Reid; 2 James Reid and 3 William McLean.

The top three girls

were: 1 Caryn Kerr; 2 Rianne Coffield and 3 Kirstie Renton.

Best effort, (girl) was Annabel Semple and (boy) Euan Charlwood.

The club's chairman, Robert McDonald, made a speech to open the seventh annual presentation of what is now known as the South Kintyre Sports Council Race Series.

Speaking about the juniors, Mr McDonald said: 'I can almost remember when I was your age but we were running about in rain and mud, thinking: 'Am I daft,' but I was not and you young athletes are not and I think it is a calling.'

'It is not easy to compete - it is hard. It looks for regular training, effort, commitment, endurance, but most of all I think that it takes determination.'

Senior men results: 1 Sandy MacLean; 2= Ruairidh Campbell and Will Bowman. Senior ladies results: 1 Emma Morran; 2 Jackie Graham and 3 Elaine McGeachy.

The overall winner of the South Kintyre Sports Council Race Series, with 154 points, between the men and ladies was Sandy McLean.

Campbeltown Running Club's most improved runner for 2015 was Kerry O'May.



Campbeltown Running Club senior winners. 20_c46running01



Campbeltown Running Club junior winners, Oliver Reid and the Courier cup, front right. 20_c46running02

Wee Toon man muscles in on 'Insane Wrestling'

AN HND in music performance is an unlikely qualification for a wrestling promoter.

For former Campbeltown Grammar School pupil Jamie Kennedy, 27, it was just the ticket for ringside stardom in the pantomime world of professional 'Insane Wrestling'.

Jamie has no qualms about describing his role as being the villain of

the piece, acting as the spokesman for men who have more brawn than brains and being prepared to take the knocks when he is dumped on the canvas.

At the age of three, he came to Campbeltown with his parents, who settled in Lime Craigs Road in the 1990s and attended Castlehill Primary and the Grammar School until 2005 when he left for James Watt college in Glasgow.

Great place

Jamie said: 'Campbeltown was a great place to grow up and I really thank my parents for coming here, often I think Campbeltown is underrated as a place.'

'It was also the place where wrestling came on my radar.'

'I became fascinated by wrestling when I was four or five years old and a neighbour showed



Jamie, on the left, in his role with some of the wrestlers.

me videos of the World Wrestling Federation bouts.

'Latterly it became known as World Wrestling Entertainment after a protest by the World Wildlife Fund.'

'It inspired me because matches mix music, pantomime and combat sports, the result is pre-determined. I cheat through matches until I

get my comeuppance. It is surprising how much it hurts. Looking at me, you can see I do not have the muscles to be the wrestler.'

The current form of Insane Championship Wrestling was dreamt up by a man called Mark Dallas in 2006 and started life in Glasgow's Maryhill Community Halls.

There Dallas put on

shows to family and friends with a maximum capacity crowd of 100.

Jamie said: 'At first it was not a hot ticket and Dallas faced a lot of resistance.'

Arms and legs

'But it grew arms and legs and very soon he had capacity crowds for the £10-a-ticket events.'

'This year we have been on a UK tour in-

cluding Insane Wrestling events in London, Southampton, Newcastle, Dundee and Liverpool.

'It now has its own magazine entirely funded by its advertising mix.'

Jamie said that four years as an assistant sound technician, when he left college was ideal training, although

he was just a glorified tea maker. Jamie said: 'There is a back stage operation with Triple G Music putting the show together and a core team of 35 people orchestrating the events.'

'Our next event at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow, on Sunday is sold out with 4,000 tickets at £25 each.'



Jamie Kennedy looking mean in Main Street. 20_c45wrestle01

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Muddy masochistic mayhem - that's the MACC Challenge

WET windy weather was the least of the worries for the wannabe commandos who braved the Machrihanish Airbase Community Company's Challenge.

The event, in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care, has nearly doubled in size and this year saw 180 entrants up from 100 at the inaugural day in 2014.

The four-mile military-style obstacle course included a hosing from the fire tender at both start and finish, numerous dank slimy muddy ditches to be variously crawled, swum and waded through, a

jump over blazing logs and many tests of agility.

Based on similar events world wide such as 'Tough Mudder' few can claim to take place on a site which once housed US Navy SEALs.

This year's £30 entry fee included a MACC Challenge T shirt, dog tag medals and refreshments after the event.

Many Kintyre businesses supported this year's event in a variety of ways.

Jewson Campbeltown, Machrihanish Dunes and Kintyre Club, Peter Mckerral and Co, Wind

Towers Scotland Limited, Alistair Graham, T and W Scaffolding and Kintyre Firewood Supplies all played a big part in providing the necessary materials and manpower to construct the course.

A spokesperson said: 'We would also like to thank the Co-op Campbeltown, Argyll Bakeries and the Marie Curie team for the hot food and post-race hospitality. Also all participants, marshals, helpers and spectators who supported the event this year. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.'



SOS Fitness team. 20_c46macc04



Tarbert man Derek Watson (left) with Pauline Kirton and John Allan from Renfrew. 20_c46macc01



A Campbeltown team, from front left: Mark McKinnon, Iain Cameron, Scott MacLellan, Matthew Armour, Aiden Laing, Liam Graham, James Arbuckle and Ruben Adair. 20_c46macc03



Campbeltown pals Sweeney Cunningham, Graham Menzies and Jimmy McCallum. 20_c46macc05



Braving the flames. 20_c46macc09

One of the organisers, Claire McFadzean, practises what she preaches.



A final hosing down. 20_c46macc14



A competitor samples a watery ditch. 20_c46macc12

Scottish AFL results/fixtures

LAST Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Oban Saints 2, Campbeltown Pupils 0; Premier Division One - Kings Park Rangers v Lochgilphead Red Star, postponed; Premier Division Two - Bridge-water 7, Tarbert 2; Division One - Dunoon Athletic 4, FC Argyll 5.

This weekend's fixtures: West of Scotland Cup, third round - Campbeltown Pupils v Auchinnairn Star; Dunoon v Haldane; Maryhill Thistle v Tarbert; Oban Saints v Springhill; Premier Division One - Lochgilphead Red Star v Busby. Division One - Ross-vaie v Dunoon Athletic.

Lottery draws

THERE was no winner of the Machrihanish lottery drawn on November 9. The winning numbers were 2, 11 and 14. Next week's jackpot on November 16 will roll over to £300.

There were also no winners in Dunaverly Golf Club's draw on November 8. The winning numbers were 8, 14 and 17. Their next draw will take place on November 22, with a jackpot of £200. Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Munero's Stores and Burnside Bar.

Darts results

WEEK Four Results: Kilbrannan C 3 Ailsa 7; Fiddlers B 5 Southend 5; Burnside 9 Kilbrannan B 1 and Kilbrannan A 6 Fiddlers 4.

Jamie McGougan scored 180 for Kilbrannan A and he also had a finish of 116.

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