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Community backs Clyde fishermen

'We are facing a huge enemy who knows nothing about community life on the West Coast of Scotland' - *Patrick Stewart*

by **MARK DAVEY**
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KINTYRE fishermen, who claim they face a conservation campaign which will wreck their livelihoods and ruin communities, have asked the public to support them in the battle for the Firth of Clyde.

Community members who met the Clyde Fishermen's Association (CFA) in Campbeltown on Monday evening and Tarbert on Tuesday, unanimously agreed to

back the fishing industry against proposed changes to regulations.

These changes include new rules governing Marine Protection Areas (MPA) and the Sustainable Inshore Fishing Trust's (SIFT) suggested regulating order in the Firth of Clyde.

Environmental and conservation groups have claimed for years that the Clyde is over fished.

This view is contradicted by the International Council for the Exploration of the Seas (ICES) which has recommended increasing the Clyde prawn catch quota by 41 per cent for 2016.

About 280 people attended the two meetings with approximately half not fishermen.

A prominent voice at the Campbeltown meet-



Fishing boats by Campbeltown Quay on Tuesday afternoon. 25_c48fishing01

ing was Argyll and Bute's Lord Lieutenant Patrick Stewart whose grandfather was one of the founder members and secretary of the CFA.

Mr Stewart said: 'We are facing a huge enemy who knows nothing about community life on the West Coast of Scotland.'

CFA chairman, Kenny MacNab, 60, from Tarbert and executive secretary Elaine Whyte told the meeting about well-funded, interconnected organisations

mounting a concerted effort to lobby the Scottish Government and influence any decisions.

Principle

A number of Argyll and Bute councillors attended the meetings.

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'Local fishermen are clear that they are not against MPAs in principle.'

'They are frustrated that what they believed had been agreed during the consultation was not reflected in the final proposals after Marine Scotland moved the

goalposts significantly.

'The fishing sector is very important to Kintyre's economy. The proposed restrictions, possible loss of jobs and income as a result could have a negative impact.'

'I am calling on local people in the wider community- who I believe should have been consulted themselves in the consultation process- to demonstrate their support for the fishermen of Kintyre.'

Not all councillors had the same view.

Councillor Michael

Breslin from Dunoon, who is also a SIFT director, said: 'The 'do nothing' option will damage the livelihoods of fishermen throughout the Clyde in my view and I do not wish to see that.'

'I believe that the proposed regulating order is in the best interests of the fishing community and of Argyll and Bute as a whole.'

'We need to take a view on those best interests looking at the immediate, medium and long term interests of our communities.'

Free Santa hats at Courier Christmas Market stand

BE SURE to visit the Campbeltown Courier table at this Sunday's Christmas Market in Springbank's Malt Barns between 11am and 4pm.

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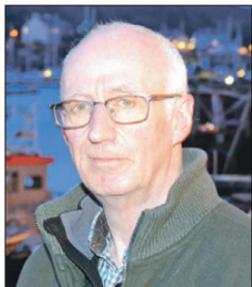
Santa and his elves will be making an appearance from noon to 3pm and there will be face painting and a fun fair to keep the children entertained.

In addition, there are musical groups from Campbeltown Brass Band and Campbeltown Grammar School playing throughout the day.

The money raised from the stall holder charge will go towards the fireworks display on Saturday at 7pm on the New Quay Campbeltown.

A spokesperson from Explore Campbeltown said: 'The Ardshiel Hotel has once again very kindly agreed to match the money raised from stall holders which means we can put on an impressive fireworks display for all the family to enjoy.'

See page nine for details of the Christmas lights switch-on.



Clyde Fishermen's Association chairman **Kenny MacNab**.

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Zero Waste Heroes shop set for grand opening

A NEW recycling and upcycling shop will treat customers to a festive opening this weekend

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November 28, will include Love Food Hate Waste tasters, delicious bites of festive food with a waste reducing twist and vegetable glut busting soup and chutney. Normal hours are Monday to Saturday, from 9am to 1.30pm.

Kintyre Recycling Ltd plan to have a retail space at the store.

Rotary gearing up for festive deliveries

KINTYRE'S unique post service run by Campbeltown Rotary Club is gearing up for its festive deliveries.

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Workers erect Campbeltown's Christmas tree on Tuesday afternoon.

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Longrow, McGeachy Butchers, Keiths Newsagents, Ralston Road Store, Machrihanish Golf Club Pro Shop, Muasdale Shop and Muneroy Stores Southend. Boxes will be in

place from December 1. The last collection will be Thursday December 17 with cards being delivered from the next day onwards and all cards will be delivered before Christ-

mas. The Rotary caravan will be on Main Street, Campbeltown on Saturday December 12 from 11am to 4pm, and Thursday December 17 from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Man drove from Campbeltown seven times over the limit

A DRINK driver, who crashed when seven times over the limit, escaped a prison sentence at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Ewan Miller, 42, of 127 Sound of Kintyre, Campbeltown was told by a sheriff, when he appeared for sentencing last Thursday, that the level of alcohol in his breath, 162mg of alcohol in 100 millilitres, would justify a prison term.

Due to Miller's early guilty plea the sheriff imposed a £400 fine, 60 hours of unpaid work and 18 months' disqualification from driving.

The sheriff added that if Miller took a rehabilitation course he would reduce the driving ban by a quarter.

Earlier the procurator fiscal told the court Miller was found, by two police constables, in an upside down Land Rover two miles north of Campbeltown on Thursday September 3.

He was unsteady on his feet and, at first, the officers thought it was shock, but when later breath tested he was found to have consumed a large amount of alcohol.

Miller, who did not have a legal representative, said: 'I am ashamed of myself. I made a monumental mistake.'

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(Photo by Bill Baillie Photography)

Asbestos removal not safe, claims cancer sufferer

by MARK DAVEY
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A CARRADALE couple has hit out at what the pair says is bodged work by Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) contractors.

Marjory and Peter Smith own their house at 3 Tormhor, Carradale East but it is next door to an ACHA house which is being upgraded.

The couple claims asbestos removed from the house was done in a dangerous way and that since workmen started power drilling, cracks have appeared in the ceiling of the shared close which is below cancer patient Peter's room.

Mr Smith said: 'A significant amount of asbestos was removed from the eaves of the adjoining house without protective screens and without warning or consideration of the health of the people in the neighbouring houses.'

'The workers wore no protective clothing and I understand asbestos is supposed to be disposed of safely.'

'Where did it end up? The asbestos was ripped off, which meant that particles were allowed to float in the air.'

Speaking about the cracks, Mrs Smith said: 'I have pointed this out to the contractor who

said he would have it rectified.

'However, when speaking to the workers on Saturday they insisted that they were not to touch it.'

'My husband has cancer and needs to go away for treatment but is worried about leaving the house in case he has no house to return to.'

ACHA chief executive Alastair MacGregor said: 'Asbestos removal is an issue that the association takes very seriously. Asbestos surveys were in place before the work started in the property.'

'I understand that all necessary tenting off by the licensed sub-contractor and testing was carried out and I have seen the paperwork

which complies with HSE notification.

'I have also been passed a copy of the consignment note which shows that the asbestos from Tormhor has been disposed of in line with Scottish Environment Protection Agency recommendations.'

'There was a crack in the ceiling of the close identified prior to any work starting. It was discussed with the private owner before the work went ahead.'

'It is conceivable that the crack could have widened and as a gesture of goodwill the association's contractor will remedy it by coating the ceiling.'

For more about ACHA works in Carradale see page seven.



Cancer sufferer Peter Smith points out a crack in his ceiling. 25_c48crack01

Citizens Advice advises council not to cut funding

AN ORGANISATION which helps Kintyre residents with monetary worries is facing its own financial headache.

The Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) in Argyll says it is 'difficult to understand' why the council would remove its core funding.

CAB currently receive £55,000 a year from the council, which al-

lows it to receive significant additional grant funding, which totalled £363,000 this financial year.

The funding is planned to rise to £532,000 next year, but the organisation cannot run without the council's core funding, which cannot legally be obtained from grant funding bodies. CAB claim that for

every £1 of council funding last year, there was a financial benefit to Argyll and Bute of £36.

CAB says that it

would like to have an office in Campbeltown as many of the calls to its Lochgilphead office come from people in Kintyre.

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At least 730 people enjoy free TV in Campbeltown

'The free licence is not granted automatically'

ANYONE who has just turned 75 years old is eligible to claim a free television licence worth £145 for a colour set.

Age Scotland, the charity which campaigns to help older people, has joined forces with TV Licensing to remind anyone celebrating their 75th birthday in the next 12 months that they are entitled to the perk.

The free TV Licence is for a main address and more than four million people across the UK already enjoy the benefits of the concession.

Currently, more than 730 people in Campbeltown have an Over 75 licence.

The number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 89 per cent since 1974, with this

age group now making up eight per cent of the UK population.

Comedian Bill Oddie, football manager Sir Alex Ferguson and Rolling Stones drummer Charlie Watts will all celebrate their 75th birthdays in 2016.

In addition, if younger people live with someone aged over 75, their free licence will cover all viewing in the property.

Brian Sloan, chief executive of Age Scotland said: 'The provision of a free TV Licence is a valuable concession which is very welcome to many at a time when the cost of living continues to rise.'

'We encourage anyone over 75 years old to apply for their free TV Licence if they have not

already done so.

'Applying is easy and TV Licensing will renew your licence automatically for three years once you have applied, cutting down on the need for paper work.'

Jason Hill, TV Licensing spokesperson, said: 'The free licence is not granted automatically so those who are eligible should apply and get in touch with TV Licensing directly.'

'Customers with a free TV Licence are also reminded to contact TV Licensing if there is a change to their name, address or telephone details.'

Applications can be made online at www.tvlicensing.co.uk/over-75info or by calling 0300 790 6073.



Shopper-Aide staff celebrate their well-earned victory.

Shopper-Aide bags national award

A CAMPBELTOWN community project has won a prize for its excellent social work.

Shopper-Aide was judged to be the Older People's Project of the year 2015 by the Herald Society Awards.

Spectacular

The Herald called it 'a spectacular social enterprise, nominally there to assist older people with

their groceries, but also offering befriending, prescription pickups, help in the garden, social clubs for men and much more.'

The ceremony at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Glasgow was attended by Director Susan Paterson, Project Manager Joan Stewart, Advisor Eric Spence and Elderberries Sessional worker Gayle Barrett.

Susan said: 'We are delighted and surprised with the win. Reaching the final was fantastic and having our work recognised and winning is the icing on the cake.'

'We hope this award will help provide recognition of how much we are needed and how important it is to value older people in society.'



The young unit looking snazzy in their new gear.

Young fire-fighters ready for action

CAMPBELTOWN Young firefighters have just received brand new fire-fighting kit.

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Buildbase's charity cash for Gambia

Buildbase and Campbeltown Community Fire station have donated £200 to CGS4Gambia. Grammar School S5 pupil Scott Souden, 16, collects a cheque for £100 from Steve Partridge of Buildbase.

The other £100 was donated as cash. 20_c46gambia01

Industry veteran pilots airline's safety mission

LOGANAIR has appointed an aviation expert to oversee its servicing.

Operations director Maurice Boyle takes over in the wake of recent instances of technical faults and disrupted flights.

The former operations director, Phil Preston, had been absent from the role since June due to health reasons, with Lorna Bruce holding the

role on a temporary basis.

Loganair have been struggling through turbulent skies, with the Courier recently reporting that flights from Campbeltown to Glasgow experienced faults on the outbound and return trip on the same day.

Elsewhere a Loganair plane travelling from Glasgow to Sumburgh made an emergency landing, while an Inverness-bound flight had to turn back to Manchester due to a warning light.

A damaged propeller also grounded a plane at Stornoway.

Boyle has 35 years of commercial aviation experience and his past jobs including general manager of DHL Aviation Middle East and managing director of Thomsonfly.



New director of operations Maurice Boyle.

Campbeltown champion at SQA awards ceremony

A CAMPBELTONIAN, who has spent her career championing care professionals, has been honoured in Glasgow.

Kate O'May from Drumlembie was named Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) Champion at the 2015 Scottish Qualifications Authority Star Awards. The SQA Star Awards

recognise both the individuals who work towards – and the organisations that deliver – SQA qualifications, rewarding those who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to learning.

Kate was recognised for dedicating her career to supporting learners in her community, and has



Kate O'May with Graham Houston, SQA Chairman and Angela Constance MSP, cabinet secretary for education and lifelong learning.



Fiona with Joe Wilson, chief executive of the College Development Network.

championed SVQs for more than two decades.

After completing her own SVQs at levels 2 and 3, she became a SVQ assessor and supported the career progression of dozens of care professionals across Argyll and Bute.

Celebrating with Kate on the night was Fiona Lang of Kilkerran Road, who was Highly Commended in the College Candidate of the Year category.

Dr Janet Brown, SQA chief executive, said: 'This year marked the

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Fishermen are a prawn in the battle for the Clyde

THE WHALE has long been a symbol for conservation groups and Kintyre's fishermen are like a minnow in comparison.

The Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust (SIFT) has had large funding in the last three years and, according to the Clyde Fishermen's Association (CFA), SIFT is able to have lobbyists at Holyrood pushing its views to MSPs.

CFA is run by two people and survives on one per cent gross of its 67 fishing members' take.

Since July the chairman has attended 100 meetings and written many consultative papers.

As well as pursuing a tough way of life CFA's members have to contend with an official government organisation, Marine Scotland, which is in control of the Marine Protection Areas and a raft of other self-appointed bodies all trying to manage a small patch of sea.

Argyll and Bute council is keen to stem the tide of depopulation but helping to create the conditions that could potentially see more people leave is not the way forward.

Already Kintyre's dairy industry is facing a tough future due to forces from other parts of the country.

Once again the fishermen, just like the farmers, are trying protecting a way of life which has been chipped away at for years.

Although it is a bit late in the day to mobilise, the meetings, held up and down the west coast this week, are a step in the right direction of gaining public support to level the playing field.

It will be necessary to maintain the pressure, get letters written to papers, create written petitions, like the A83 submission with 10,000 signatures which helped gain an audience with the government and keeps that issue on the

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Machrihanish is best for spaceport

Sir,
Machrihanish is clearly the best choice for Britain's first spaceport. I always pushed Machrihanish's case when I was the local MP, and I welcome the cross-party support from MSPs (Courier, 13 Nov).

However, it's not all good news.

Highlands and Islands SNP MSP Mike MacKenzie has signed two Scottish Parliament motions calling for the spaceport to go to Prestwick.

The local SNP must support him in this because they have re-selected him as one of their candidates to represent Campbeltown in the Scottish Parliament.

Unlike SNP MSPs, I can assure your readers I will continue to argue the case for Machrihanish.

On police pensions (Mr Crossan's letter, November 13), actuaries calculated how much it would cost the SNP Government to provide the pension scheme that the SNP said it wished to provide for its police officer employees.

The SNP then refused to make the employer contributions required to fund the scheme.

Alan Reid,
Dunoon,
(Liberal Democrat
Candidate for Argyll
and Bute).

Argyll and Bute Council proposed service cuts

Sir,
As this process to consult with the public on service

choices is now under way we would urge our constituents to contribute to this process and while doing so consider how any proposal might impact on other services.

We appreciate that it may be difficult to assess how funding reductions influence alternative services and if information is not readily available your local councillor should be able to provide this for you.

Councillor John Armour,
Councillor Anne Horn –
Kintyre and the Islands.

'We must not lose the history of our past'

Sir,
I note, from the consultation document from Argyll and Bute Council concerning possible ways of saving money to cover the large deficit in council funds, that the closure of Campbeltown Museum is an option being suggested.

The alternative being community ownership of the museum.

It is stated this would save the council £37,000 per annum.

This is a considerable sum of money, but, in the context of £18million of a deficit, it is a drop in the bucket.

Considerable sums have been spent in the immediate past on the museum part of the Burnet Building to bring the museum environment up to date.

As the rest of the building does not appear to be for closure, the above sum of savings is difficult to understand without seeing a breakdown of the figures. Campbeltown

Museum is, I understand, the only museum owned by the council.

It houses many exhibits of the archaeology of the area over several thousand years as well as a great deal on more recent social history and fine art.

There is also, in store, a vast number of specimens both ancient and modern and a wonderful collection of fine art. It would be very sad if all this were lost to future generations.

The Friends of Campbeltown Museum is a voluntary charitable organisation which raises funds from memberships and donations to support the museum.

Recent contributions have been the cleaning and general refurbishment of a portrait of James Stewart: the chairman of The Distillers Association in the Campbeltown distilleries' 19th century heyday and buying a painting by Archibald MacKinnon and its re-framing and that of another of his works.

The Burnet Building was donated to the citizens of the Royal Burgh of Campbeltown for their free use over one hundred years ago.

We must not lose the history of our past.

Robert Abernethy,
Chairman,
Friends of Campbeltown
Museum.

Mixed messages on bombing Syria

Sir,
Two years ago Cameron lost a vote in the Commons when he wanted to bomb Syria - that is to bomb Assad's Government in support of the rebels.

Had he won that vote he would have then been fighting alongside forces some of whom became Daesh.

Now he wants another vote to back bombing Daesh in support of Assad.

Who will he want to bomb in two years' time?

Perhaps he should just blanket Syria with Trident to be sure of hitting the right targets.

Tony Williams
Muasdale.

Third sector providers worried by threat

Sir,
As a coalition of leading independent and third sector providers we are deeply concerned by the threat of potential funding cuts to vital children's services across local authorities in Scotland and have launched a major campaign to protect these.

As local authorities consult on their budget proposals, the potential to cut services is set against a backdrop of increasing demand for children's services, with the number of those identified with Additional Support Needs (ASN) standing at more than 140,000, around one in five of the school population.

Local authorities are however finding it increasingly difficult to provide the necessary services due to budget cuts.

Cutting already diminished resources is simply not an option and we would urge local authorities to protect services for children and young people.

The Scottish Children's
Services Coalition.

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Health and social care services receive £1.84 million cash injection

THE ARGYLL and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is to gain substantial extra funding. The recently formed HSCP will receive £1.84 million from the Integrated Care Fund (ICF) next year, with £800,000 directed to local community initiatives.

The funding will be available from April 2016, when the health and social care integration scheme between Argyll and Bute council and NHS Highland officially goes live. It will obtain two more ICF payments over the following two years.

The funds have been injected to support health and social care services across the region, including exercise programmes to prevent falls, and self management and reablement to help people manage their illnesses at home.

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay were allocated £200,000 of the £800,000 set aside for locality funding. There were a total of 90 bids across the whole of Argyll and Bute.

Examples of the local initiatives which were successful include installing alarms at home as part of an anticipatory care plan, feedback improvements and exercise classes.

HSCP believes the funding will help it deliver its vision that 'people in Argyll and Bute will live longer, healthier, independent lives'.

Tesco food collection

WITH Christmas around the corner, Tesco is running its second food collection of the year.

One of the biggest in the UK, the three-day nationwide collection begins on Thursday December 3.

Donations are handed to Trussel Trust food bank and Fairshare charity, with Tesco adding 30 per cent on top of all contributions.

Carradale roof still not finished

'The workmen come and work hard when they are here but they are constantly being moved between jobs'

TWO weeks ago the Courier reported that Carradale residents had slated a housing association after repairs had stretched into five months.

One house now has a roof although the works are not complete. A second house at 3 Toshs Park, where Cheryl and Robert Strang live is still under a partial temporary roof. Due to work on the chimney the couple are unable to use their multifuel stove which provides heating and hot water.

Mrs Strang said: 'We can not use the radiators and are being forced to heat the water with an immersion heater which is very expensive.'

'Luckily there's a coal fire in the living room so there's some heat.'

The work started in July and according to Robert Strang should have been completed long before November.

Mr Strang said: 'They did not strip the roof off till the middle of October. ACHA should be making site inspections once a week.'

'The workmen come

and work hard when they are here but they are constantly being moved between jobs.'

'There is dampness in the house and we have had the kitchen flooded.'

'ACHA has not given us a completion date although it says the works should be complete by Christmas.'

'My daughter has put pictures on Facebook and sent them to the ACHA chief executive Alistair MacGregor.'

Mr MacGregor said: 'The roof replacement was added to the contract at a late stage. There were delays on specification with building control and in getting the specialist sub-contractor to do the works required by the tile supplier.'

'After the work commenced bats were discovered in the roof which required inspection by a specialist survey company and a licence obtained.'

'The delays were exacerbated by poor weather.'

'The roof is almost complete and I appreciate our tenant's frustration at the delays, which

in the main, were caused by unforeseen circumstances.'

'Hopefully our tenants will appreciate the benefits that these works will bring.'



The unfinished roof at the Strang's house in Toshs Park. 20_c48carrarroof01

WEDDING



Susan Houston, only daughter of Archie and Audrey Houston, married Stuart MacDougall, elder son of James and June MacDougall, on 16th May 2015 at The Lodge on Loch Lomond.

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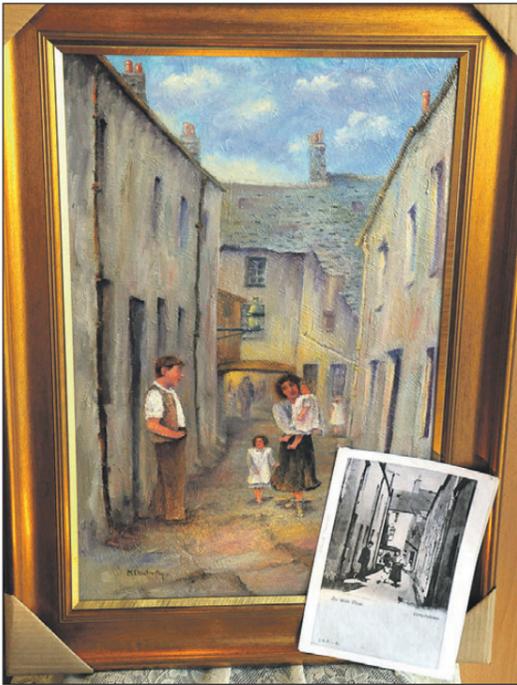
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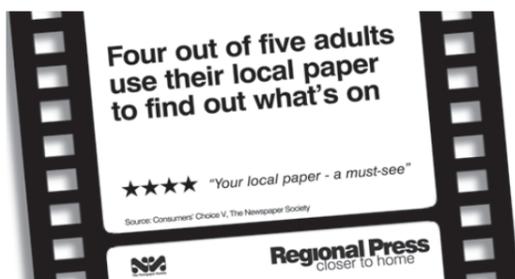


Painting Wide Close Campbeltown with the photo which inspired it. 20_c48wideclose01

Unique painting raffled for dialysis funds

SUNDAY'S Christmas market will be the last time to be in with a chance of winning an oil painting.

The Wide Close by Morag Docherty of Links View Gallery in Southend is being raffled at £1 a ticket in aid of the Kintyre Dialysis campaign and the winner will be drawn at the market.



Fiery Flamenco ignites cultural bash

ON ANOTHER chilly night, some Spanish heat was just what Campbeltown needed.

The hottest ticket in town gave the lucky holders front row seats to some flaming Fla-



Organisers Pamela Galbraith and Ria Johnston, Stronvaar Bowling club president. 04_c48spanish01

menco dancing, provided by Chilean Marcela Riquelme and Spaniard Ana Garrido.

The night was designed to showcase a blend of Scottish and Spanish tradition, which was kicked off by Ronal Togneri with a look at the cultural connections between the two countries, which spanned art, sport, music and alcohol.

Organised by Pamela Galbraith and Ria Johnston and hosted at Stronvaar bowling club, participants were also treated to tapas dishes, whisky samples from Springbank Distillers and music from The Wee Toon Amigos.



The duo were presented with flowers after their performance. 04_c48spanish03

Pamela also gave a rousing rendition of Scottish folk classic 'Crianan Canal for me', which had the whole hall joining in.

One of the flamenco aces, Ana, is hoping to start teaching the dance to Campbeltown residents, and the display from herself and Marcela, who already teaches in Lochgilphead, may well have fired up some

Marcela Riquelme and Ana Garrido.

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Skirts sent flying. 04_c48spanish05

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Campbeltown Christmas lights extravaganza evening

WHEN Campbeltown's streets are illuminated at this year's Christmas switch-on a very special light will be unveiled.

Mairi Kennedy, a founder member of the Campbeltown Christmas lights tradition, will be remembered when the tribute display is lit up.

Live music to kick start the evening's entertainment is due to start at 6.15pm and five minutes later the streetlights will be turned off.

The Christmas lights committee has urged everyone to take care in the time before the official switch-on.

Floats for the parade should be assembled at Hazelburn and Millknowe by 6.30pm sharp before the parade starts, led by the pipe band at 7pm.

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

Special guests will dismount with the floats and Santa's sleigh will continue to park. Two



The 2015 Christmas lights committee from left: Lorraine Gillespie, Caroline Armour, Raymond Harvey, Will Anderson, Gail McKay and Mandy Robertson. 20_c48lights01

children will see their lights unveiled after winning the annual 'design a light' competition. This year's winners, as chosen by light suppliers Blachere Illuminations, are Isla McKinnen from Dalintober P5 and Emma Millar from Castlehill P3.

A Christmas lights committee spokesperson said: 'Well done to all the many Campbeltown young people for entering the competition this year.'

'It was a very difficult decision to only choose two designs.'

'Both girls will join our celebrity - or it could even be celebri-

ties - to press the button that lights up Campbeltown.'

'Members of the community, local businesses and organisations have, once again, made generous donations throughout the year to finance the lights.'

'There is no council or private body funding and it is a huge testament to the community that we are able to put on a grand scale event solely through public and business donations.'

'We would like to take this chance to thank the Royal Hotel for hosting the lights committee's meetings all year.'

The committee looks forward to seeing crowds at the start of the Winter Festival weekend.

This includes the ice rink funded by the Kintyre Club in Burnside Square, Santa's Grotto in Food for Thought,



Police officers on the street in 2012 during the parade evening.

fireworks from the Ardsheel Hotel and, for the second year, the highly successful Winter Market on Sunday organised by Explore Campbeltown and held at Springbank Distillery's Malt Barns from 11am to 4pm.

The committee added: 'Wrap up warm, join in the music and dancing and continue to support our local shops, businesses and the Winter Festival, as only the true community spirit of the people of Campbeltown and Kintyre can!'



The lights are all in position ready to be lit up. 20_c48lights02

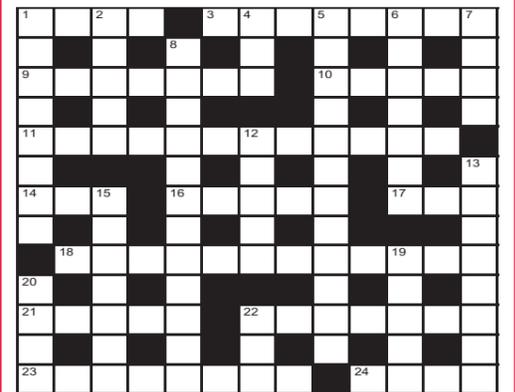


The HM Coastguard vehicle taking part in the 2012 parade.



Santa with his helper, Morgan Irwin, during last year's procession. 20_c49lights06

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Across

- 1 Small whirlpool (4)
- 3 Usually (8)
- 9 One who has lost a body part (7)
- 10 Categorize (5)
- 11 Between (12)
- 14 Type of tree seed (3)
- 16 Alpine call (5)
- 17 Bathroom item (3)
- 18 Inflammatory condition needing an operation (12)
- 21 Baking ingredient (5)
- 22 Make lifeless (7)
- 23 Do better than (8)
- 24 Fastener (4)

Down

- 1 Avoidances (8)
- 2 Cache (5)
- 4 Be in debt (3)
- 5 Great variety (12)
- 6 Generous behaviour (7)
- 7 Canine sound (4)
- 8 Bringer of trouble (6,6)
- 12 Broke off (5)
- 13 Unfortunate squint (4-4)
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Last week's solution



SOUTHEND

Kintyre recycling at Southend Scottish Women's Institute

'DO NOT let anything go to waste' was the message from the boss of Kintyre Recycling at Southend SWI's November meeting.

President Kathleen Martin welcomed Amanda Card, business manager for Kintyre Recycling Ltd (KRL) to St Blaas's Hall.

KRL is a social enterprise and charity which employ's 22 staff including 11 with disabilities.

Many asked questions before Mairi

McBranyne's vote of thanks, the raffle draw and tea.

Competitions: Item made from recycled material: Christine Jardine, Gold; Marion Warnock, Silver; Alison Eynon, Margaret Bateman and Karen Twynham, Green.

Vegetable cake: Jen Ronald and Marion Warnock, Gold; Kathleen Martin and Margaret McLean, Silver; Margaret Penman, Alison Eynon and Jean Ives, Red and Marga-

ret Bateman and Fiona Rowland, Blue.

Three Potato scones: Marion Warnock, Gold; Alison Eynon and Kathleen Martin, Silver and Jean Ives, Red.

Special competition SWI/YFC bake-off at the 2016 Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh: Fiona Rowland provided a beautiful display of two scones, two raspberry tarts and two biscuits, and now goes forward to the area final in January 2016 at Lochgilphead.



A group of Royal Marines in on Southend beach last week. 20_c47marines02



Royal Marines battle through the breakers at Southend beach. 20_c47marines01

Commando training on Southend beach

A WILD day at Southend beach provided the ideal training ground for 70 Royal Marines from the Faslane-based 43 Commando Fleet Protection Group.

The commandos are on a two-week exercise to test a range of boarding and surf drills.

The drills are designed to offer realistic conditions that the unit's fleet contingent troop might encounter on operations around the world, mostly in support of counter-piracy and counter-narcotics work carried out on board Royal Navy and Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessels.

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CARRADALE

Christmas cards created at Guild

CARRADALE Guild members made greetings cards after a demonstration session.

On Tuesday last week, at the Guild's second meeting of the season, Joy Bidemead gave some creative card instruction.

The Guild's Christmas fayre is tomorrow (Sat-

urday) at 2.30pm in the village hall.

There will be the usual stalls including baking, produce, tombola and bottles and guessing games.

Entry which includes refreshments served with mince pies, is £3 for adults and £1.50 for children.

LARGIESIDE

Traveller's tales from around the world at WI

A CRUISING circumnavigation of the world was the subject of a talk at Largieside Women's Institute.

Enid Williams showed slides and displayed photographs and postcards of her journey at Tay-

inloan Hall on Thursday evening last week.

Vote of thanks

The vote of thanks was given by Mary McDonald and the hostesses for the evening were Helen Steel and Jessie Main.

Results from the competitions were as follows: Decorated cracker: Adrienne Bradley 5; Lesley Thomson 4, Jessie Main and Zandra McDougall 3. Three treacle scones: Jessie Main 5; Lesley Thomson 4; Helen Steel 3.

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MSP candidate backs farmers union over government payment delay

ARGYLL and Bute Scottish parliamentary candidate Alan Reid has come out in support of farmers who are facing delays to government funded payments.

According to National Farmers Union Scotland (NFUS), Scotland's farmers face a 'payment run lottery' after the Scottish Government recently announced its plans for delivering Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) support.

Following EU reforms

of the CAP, the Scottish Government has been required to implement a new Basic Payment Scheme (BPS), at the same time as moving to a system where payments are based on area, rather than historic production.

Distributed

BPS is the means by which EU funding under the Common Agricultural Policy is distributed to UK farmers.

The current timings mean that farmers won't receive the entirety of

their 2015 payment until April 2016, which NFUS claims is causing significant cash flow problems.

The change means that the Scottish Government now has around four million payment entitlements to issue, covering around 400,000 fields, and around 21,000 Single Application Form (SAF) applications to process, as well as 1,300 farms to inspect.

The majority of farmers should receive their initial payment by the

end of January 2016, with all first instalments expected to be paid by the end of March and balances due to be settled by April.

Mr Reid, Liberal Democrat candidate, said: 'The SNP Government's plans leave farmers unclear whether crucial payments will be made in December, January, February or March.'

'The SNP had 18 months and spent £180 million on a computer to pay farmers and crofters before Christmas. They

have failed.

'The agriculture unions are right to demand answers on why farm businesses facing real cash flow challenges are being let down by this government.'

NFUS President Allan Bowie said: 'For some considerable time, NFUS Scotland has informed the industry that Scotland's traditional payment timetable would not be met and now the cabinet secretary has come clean on what is likely to be delivered.'

'The installation of a flawed computer payment system, and the lumbered approach to delivery, consigns farmers and crofters to a payment run lottery in which they may know what level of payment they will receive, but they have no idea if they will get it in December, January, February or March.'

'That is categorically unacceptable and does nothing to assist those who face huge challenges to their cashflows

this winter, regardless of what sector of agriculture they are in.'

Mr Lochhead said: 'Against the difficult background of these complex EU reforms, the Scottish Government is on track to begin making direct farm payments in December, with the first payments due to start reaching bank accounts by the end of the year.'

'This is the first year of the new CAP reform we are implementing and it is the biggest and most complex reform in a generation. There can be no doubt the three payment regions and coupled support schemes requested by industry, as well as the move to area-based payments required by Europe, have greatly added to our enormous administrative challenge.'

'But, the message I always got was that this is a price worth paying to deliver a better policy for Scotland.'

Pesticides linked to butterfly decrease in the UK

THE USE of neonicotinoid pesticides may be contributing to the decline of butterflies in the UK.

A new study by the Universities of Stirling and Sussex, in partnership with Butterfly Conservation and the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, has found the first scientific evidence of a possible negative impact on widespread UK butterflies.

The chemicals remain in the environment and can be absorbed by the

wildflowers growing in field margins, many of which provide a nectar source for butterflies and food-plants for their caterpillars.

Harmful effect

The European Commission banned three neonicotinoids, clothianidin, thiamethoxam and imidacloprid, back in December 2013 due to their perceived harmful effect on bees, and is set to review the ban next month.

French researchers also recently found that

neonicotinoid pesticides harm other insects, such as individual honeybees.

Researchers found population trends of 15 species showed declines associated with neonicotinoid use, including Small Tortoiseshell, Small Skipper and Wall species.

The study is based on data gathered by volunteers from more than 1000 sites across the UK as part of the long-running UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme (UK-BMS). Previous studies

have demonstrated that these chemicals appear to be harming bees, birds and other wildlife.

Worrying

Ecologist Dr Andre Gilburn of the University of Stirling, who led the study, said: 'Our study not only identifies a worrying link between the use of neonicotinoids and declines in butterflies, but also suggests that the strength of their impact on many species could be huge.'

Dr Tom Brereton, Head of Monitoring at



A brown Wall butterfly. Photo courtesy of Bob Eade.

Butterfly Conservation, said: 'We are extremely concerned with the findings of the study and are calling for urgent research to see whether the correlations we found are caused by neonicotinoid use, or some other aspect of intensive farming.'

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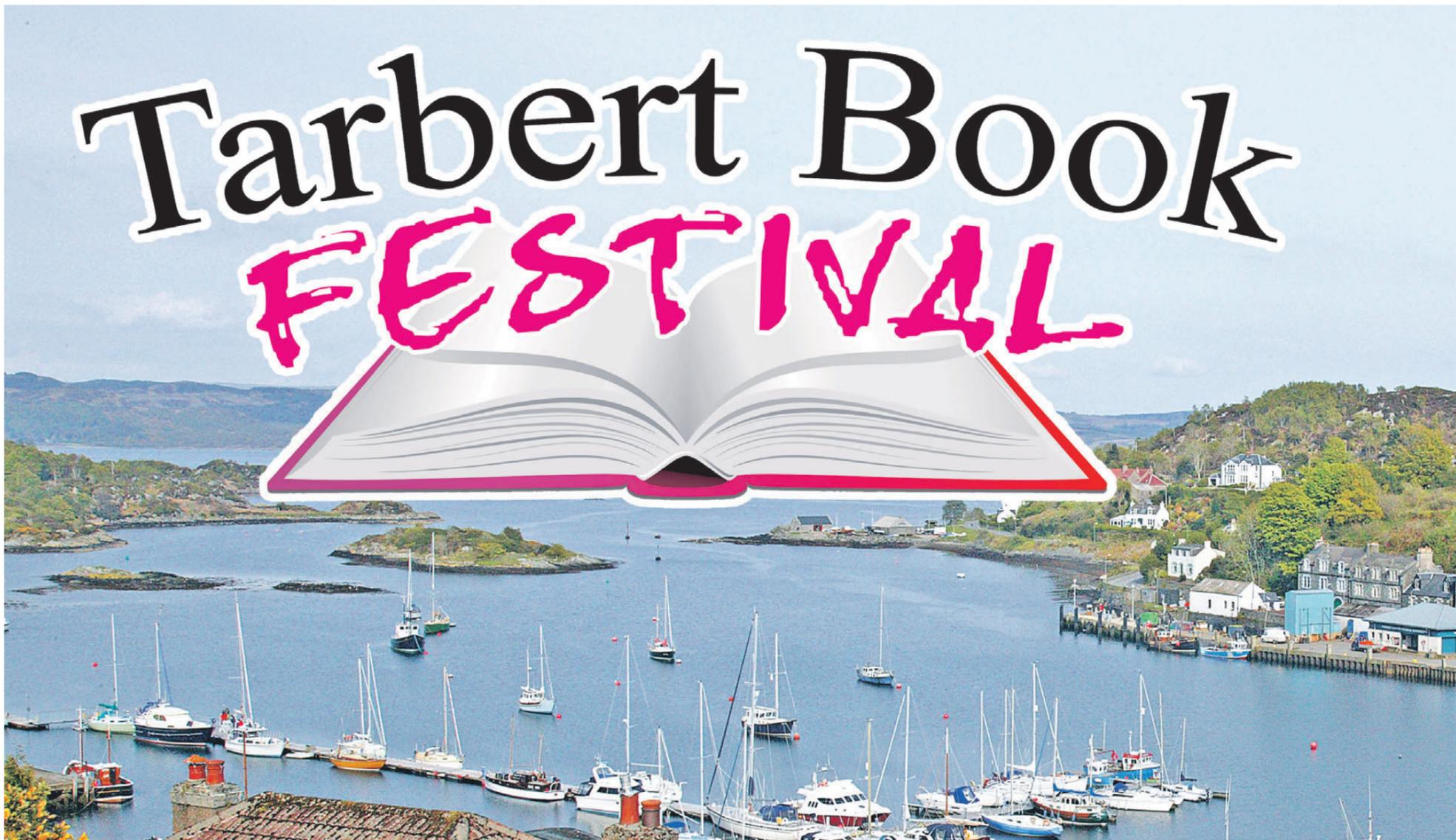
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2.00 pm Galley Café Science Fiction, Poetry and Working with Iain Banks
3.15 pm Anchor Hotel Doubling Back: Ten Paths Trodden in Memory
7.00 pm Stonefield Hotel Whisky Tasting
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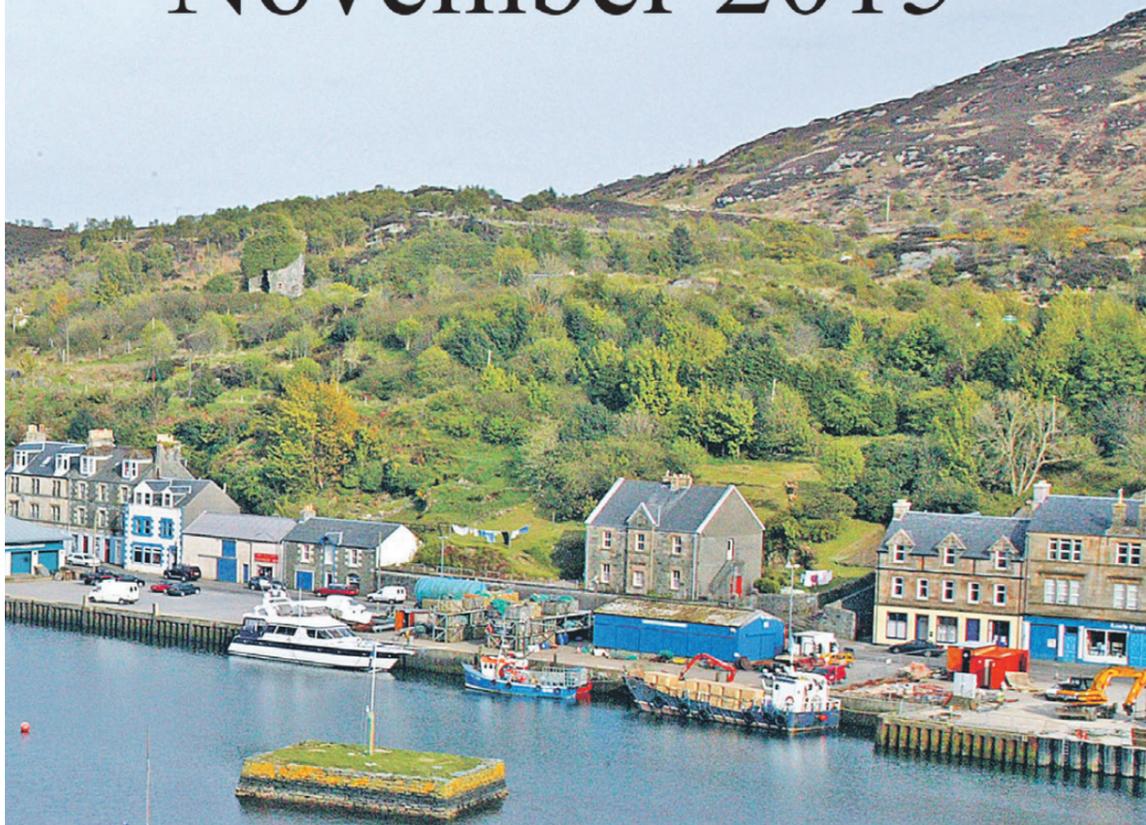
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27th & 29th November 2015



AUTHORS, poets, performers and book lovers will come together for the third annual Tarbert Book Festival November 27-29, packed with events for literary fans of all ages and genres.

Pupils at Tarbert Academy will receive a literary treat on Friday, as Julie Bertagna talks about John Muir Earth - Planet Universe, and storyteller Claire Hewitt shares tales inspired by her travels in a programme called 'It's Geography, Jim, But Not as we Know It!'

In 'Between Mountains and Sea,' at the Tarbert Hotel on Friday at 7.30pm, Andrew Greig talks about and reads from 'At the Loch of the Green Corrie,' his homage memoir to Norman MacCaig, and 'Found At Sea,' a book of poems.

Saturday's events get in full gear at the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre at 10.30am

and 1.30pm, when families will enjoy an action packed session from Beano writer and artist Kev Sutherland.

At the Anchor Hotel at 11am, prize winning author, dramatist and creative writing tutor Lesley Glaister will talk about the difficulties of writing her haunting novel, Little Egypt: Big Problems.

Come sit at the feet of storyteller Claire Hewitt at 11am at the Galley Café, where she will take the audience to the magical land where stories grow, a programme for the young and young at heart.

Ken McLeod will be at the Galley Café at 2pm called 'Science Fiction, Poetry and Working with Iain Banks,' in which he talks about the genre and the book of poems he wrote in collaboration with Iain Banks.

In 'Doubling Back: Ten Paths Trodden in Memory,'

award-winning writer of short stories, radio drama and creative non-fiction, Linda Cracknell, will talk about links between walking, writing and memory at the Anchor Hotel 3.15pm.

There will be a BookBug Session for younger children in the library at 1.30pm.

The Stonefield Hotel will hold a Springbank whisky tasting session at 7pm, followed by author Mark Douglas-Home in conversation with Lisa Tuttle about his novel, 'The Sea Detective.'

On Sunday at 11am at An Tairbeart, medieval Tarbert Local historian Robert McPhail will talk about the medieval royal castle. Weather permitting, a guided walk will follow. Antiquarian books and collectibles will be on sale at TALC on Saturday and An Tairbeart on Sunday.

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Argyll's islands pay extra for education

DESPITE having hundreds of pupils in off shore schools, Argyll and Bute Council receives no extra funding towards island education costs.

This is despite having the highest number of inhabited islands of any Scottish local authority.

It is in stark contrast to the three island-only authorities in Scotland, Shetland, Orkney and the Western Isles, which share more than £11 million between them.

Argyll and Bute Council actually pays out £89,000 towards this, despite having 675 pupils in island secondary schools. This money contributes to the island authorities receiving more than £3 million each as a 'remoteness allowance'.

Rory Colville, South Kintyre councillor and policy lead for educa-

tion, raised the issue at this month's Campbeltown community council meeting.

Mr Colville said: 'We are doing analysis on the grant aided expenditure (GAE) allocations for education that Argyll and Bute Council receives in comparison with the three island authorities (Shetland, Orkneys, Western Isles).

'Whilst that is not fully complete, one element was the GAE allocation under the heading of 'remoteness and distant island allowance'.

'This redistributes £11m from the 29 'mainland' councils to the three island councils. Western Isles receives £3.4m, Orkney £3.1m and Shetland £4.6m and as we are regarded as a mainland authority (despite having more inhabited islands than the others), we actually con-

tribute £89k to those authorities as part of that redistribution.'

The second factor in play is an 'island adjustment' aspect which redistributes £3.4m across the three island councils. This is a fixed amount that has not changed since 2001-2002.

Colville said: 'At the 2014 pupil count, Argyll and Bute had 675 pupils in island secondary schools, 209 on Islay, 302 on Rothesay, 25 on Tiree, 139 on Mull. This compares with 1,545 in Western Isles, 1,190 in Orkney and 1,448 in Shetland.

'No additional GAE is received by Argyll and Bute Council for our island secondary school pupils, however we contribute £58k of GAE to the three island councils. I feel we may not be getting our fair share.'

Business leaders

GRAMMAR school pupils found that employment is not all about cash during a business-led insight into work-based learning.

Three Campbeltown businesses - Numero Dix Hair Salon, Springbank Distillery and Wind Towers Scotland - took part in Skills Development Scotland's national Learning through Work week from November 16 to 20.

On Monday last week the three firms sent staff members to talk to three groups of S3 pupils about modern apprenticeships and the types of employment which may be available.

It was the second year of the project and Kerry Dickson from Numero Dix Hair Salon said it was well worth taking the time to go and talk to the pupils. Kerry said she had been given lots of positive feedback.

Interactive

Kerry and her daughter Louise ran an interactive session, demonstrating equipment, with plenty of laughs to keep their young audience interested.

Kerry emphasised that some of the best hair stylists in the world were male and that it was not just a career for the girls.

Kerry said: 'Whenever a young person you



Andrew Johnson works with Kerry Dickson during the



Kerry and Louise Dickson speaking to the group. 20_c48skills04

have trained is successful, it is lovely to know that you have given up your time to help.'

Fabrication trainee Ellis Robertson is one of 142 employees at Wind Towers Machrihanish.

He spoke about many aspects of his work including the fact that he had applied on spec for the job with a curriculum vitae and asked if

there were any vacancies.

During the presentation from Wind Towers, it was emphasised that engineering was not just a career for boys and girls were urged to apply.

Pupils were told about the three-shift working pattern in a 24-hour continuous production environment.

Trainees are put on a three-year training plan with specific goals.

Modern Apprenticeship sch

YOUNG people are being given the opportunity to gain valuable work experience through Ar-

gyll and Bute's Modern Apprentices scheme.

The scheme aims to teach youngsters new

skills and work towards national qualifications, as well as gain vital practise in the workplace. The added bonus for youngsters is the chance to earn while they learn.

Eleven young people have already been employed as Modern Apprentices with Argyll and Bute Council over the past year, with a further six heading for the recruitment stage.

Plans are already in place to expand the scheme to create 10 additional posts.

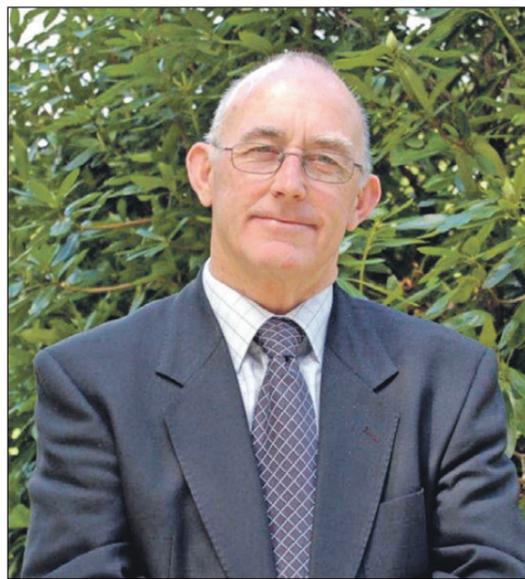
The council's policy lead for human resources, Councillor Dick Walsh, said: 'Young people are the building bricks of Argyll and Bute, and the Modern Apprentice scheme

gives them the skills, qualifications and confidence to help build a strong future for our communities.

'I am sure that as well as gaining valuable skills and work experience, our Modern Apprentices will also prove to be a real credit to the council.'

Last year the council committed to providing at least 25 Modern Apprenticeships in Argyll and Bute's major towns, covering a broad range of skills and services.

Modern Apprentice posts are advertised at Argyll and Bute Council's page on the myjobscotland website, which can be found at - www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/argyll-bute-council



Councillor Dick Walsh has welcomed the success of the scheme.

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promote work based learning



Numero Dix session. 20_c48skills03

A spokesperson for Wind Towers said: 'The point of training through work is that we all have to learn while at work and learning never really stops.'

Ideas

The Courier spoke to two pupils about the day but both already had ideas about what they might do.

Imogen Houston said: 'I would like to do something technical, perhaps teaching in

a secondary school.

'I really like wood and metal work.'

Biologist's daughter Shona Bassett said: 'I am thinking about something to do with medical science looking at illness and different ways to treat it.'

Springbank intern Abbie Clements, a former grammar school pupil, is taking business stud-

ies at Glasgow Caledonian and working for Springbank for the third year of her course.

Abbie spoke about how she has been placed in every department of the company and answered many questions from pupils.

Future

Springbank human resources manager Linda McAulay said: 'Spring-

bank is continually looking ahead and when taking on a young person the firm is looking for people for its future.

'So it is not just about how people are now but how successful they might be in the future.'

Kay Johnston from Skills Development Scotland said: 'Caroline and Kay at SDS would like to thank the employers who took part as their input was interesting, informative and invaluable.'

'This visit was one of hundreds taking place in schools across Scotland for Learning Through Work Week.'

Highlight

'The week itself aims to highlight to young people and their parents the benefits of Modern Apprenticeships and other work-based learning routes into a career.'

To find out more go to www.apprenticeships.scot, the website for those applying for Modern Apprenticeships and www.our-skillsforce.co.uk for employers who want to find out more or to recruit a Modern Apprentice.

Or contact the local Skills Development Scotland Centre at 4 Castlehill or phone 01586 552795.



Springbank intern Abbie Clements, 19, and the firm's human resources manager Linda McAulay. 20_c48skills05



Imogen Houston. 20_c48skills01



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Fringe Festival poster competition calls for budding Argyll artists

THE search is on for an Edinburgh Fringe Festival artist to follow in the brushstrokes of a Tarbert Academy pupil. Last year Sara Sinclair, 12, was crowned the regional winner and the search is now on for a 2016 winner from Scotland's schools. The winning masterpiece will be the official poster for next year's festival, the largest arts event in the world. It will have a worldwide audience and there is a cash prize for the artist and their school. The winner and runners-up also receive six tickets each for the world famous Hogmanay fireworks concert in Edinburgh.

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Boys' Brigade's intergalactic mission starts in Glasgow

CAMPBELTOWN Boys Brigade's night at the museum took them to space but the exhibits did not come to life. The youngsters joined more than 400 members of The Boys' Brigade from across Scotland in a giant sleepover at Glasgow Science Centre recently. The event, for junior section members aged

eight to 10, from 37 BB companies saw them try out the hundreds of interactive displays and exhibits.

Planetarium

They also experienced a live science show demonstration called 'destination space', enjoyed the 'Wonders of the Night Sky' in the brand new state-of-the-art planetarium and built



Scott Graham on the robotics stand.



Drew Cunningham, Scott Graham and Ross Gorman enjoying Saturday breakfast.

their own stomp rockets and robots. Alister Nimmo, from the 1st Campbeltown company, said: 'All the boys enjoyed the week-end and returned home

exhausted.' Bill Stevenson, director of the Boys' Brigade in Scotland, said: 'Having exclusive use of the planetarium, displays and activities has

brought the BB family together in a fun and educational way.' 1st Campbeltown Boys' Brigade company meets in Lorne and Lowland Church

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Uniform free day boosts Children in Need

DALINTOBER Primary School and Early Learning Child Care's dress down day raised £430 for the BBC's Children in Need appeal. In addition, the young fundraisers held events including a discothon, cake stall and face painting to rake in the charity cash on Friday last week.



A Dalintober pupil dressed up for the day.

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AT 10.30A.M. - WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2015

Members of the public are welcome to attend and a public question time will take place for 30 minutes during the meeting. Questions can be asked on the day or can be submitted in advance to the Area Committee Manager, 45 West Princes Street, Helensburgh G84 8BP. Telephone: 01436 657605.

The Agenda for the meeting is available to view at the Servicepoint, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead and at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

Douglas Hendry, Executive Director - Customer Services

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A copy of the additional information together with the environmental statement, the associated application and other documents submitted with the application may be inspected during normal office opening hours during the consultation period specified in this notice at:

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We are looking for your views on the **proposed re-alignment of the catchment areas of Achahoish and Tarbert Primary Schools.**

The document can be viewed online at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/consultations

Closing date for responses: Friday 18th December 2015.

Public meetings will be held on:

Tuesday 1st December 2015
Achahoish Primary School - 7pm

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Tuesday 8th December 2015
Tarbert Academy - 7pm

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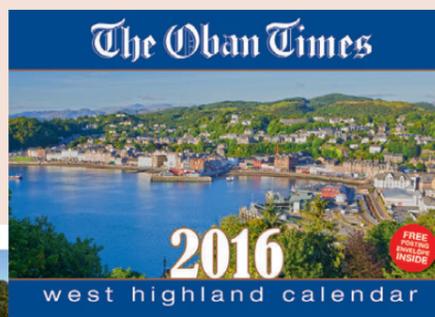
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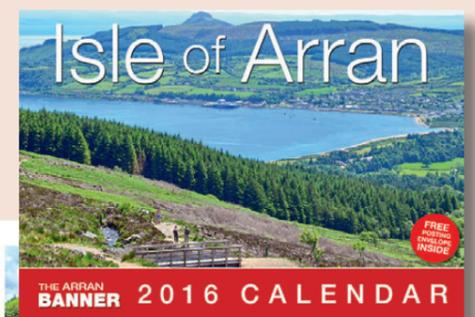
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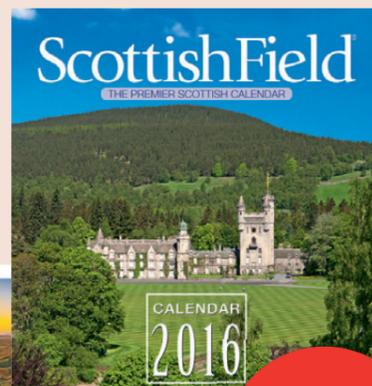
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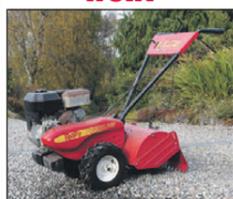
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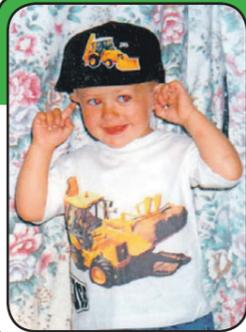


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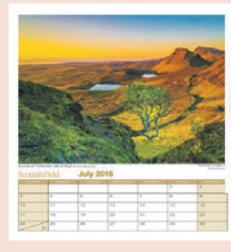
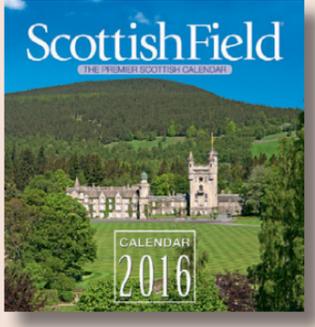
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



HE is often there, standing by the water's edge at Kennacraig.

He stands motionless for ages gazing into the still waters of West Loch Tarbert – waiting.

I am always impressed by the patience of this heron.

He is alert but attentive, as he waits for a fish to come his way.

He waits patiently regardless of what is happening around him.

I thought about this quiet waiting as my thoughts turned to the 'waiting' season of Advent.

This Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent when we prepare for the wonder of the birth of Jesus once again.

Advent is meant to be a time of preparation for the arrival of God himself.

I thought of the stillness of the heron's waiting contrasted with the frenzied activity of our Advent waiting.

We tend to rush through this special time.

We worry that we have not written these all too many Christmas cards, and instead of a pleasure it becomes a chore.

We worry about what gifts to buy, what meals to prepare, when to put the tree up.

We rush through this waiting time.

It should be a time of quiet reflection; of pondering and questioning; of stilling our minds and refreshing our souls.

We rush through this quiet time.

We have four weeks to consider the enormity of the message of the manger.

It is not a time for rushing; it is a time for waiting; it is a time for being still; it is a time to pause.

A wise biblical scholar once said that there was a time for everything.

This is the time for waiting.

We will not feel the peace and the wonder of Christmas if we rush through the next four weeks.

Let us take time to be. Then when we come to the manger we can thank God for the waiting time.

From our files:

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
November 30 1990**

End of an era
THE COURIER went out on the streets of Campbeltown to capture impromptu reactions to the change of Prime Minister.

General opinion was that Margaret Thatcher had been in power long enough and the resignation was the best thing for Scotland. However, there were some who believed that she had done a good job for Britain, including Scotland.

Of the three candidates for the succession, Douglas Herd was preferred to Michael Heseltine or John Major but many regarded it with disinterest as an internal Tory election rather than the appointment of a new Prime

Minister.
Comments taken at random were: 'Great news, brilliant. Give her the same send off as Joan of Arc.' 'She shouldn't have resigned at all, she's done a good job for the country.' 'Should have been ages ago but I don't want Labour in either.'

**FIFTY YEARS AGO
November 25 1965**

Argyll Colliery put on N.C.B closure list

KINTYRE'S economic future suffered a severe blow on Thursday with the announcement by the National Coal Board that Argyll Colliery, Machrihanish, was one of more than 30 pits which will be closed down by 1970.

The only consolation in this

shock news was that no date for the closure of Argyll's only colliery was given. The announcement was in fairly general terms and was more in the nature of a statement of long-term policy than one of 'sudden death'.

Provost Duncan McMillan was in London when the announcement was made but Senior Magistrate, Bailie Archibald McCallum, was swift to give the assurance that the Town Council would 'fight all the way' to get the board to change its mind.

**ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO
November 27 1915**

Irish Life and Humour

THIS formed the subject of an interesting lantern lecture given on Friday evening last by Mr Alfred H. Coulter,

Belfast, under the auspices of the Campbeltown Branch of the Red Cross Society.

The lecture was advertised to be given in the Christian Institute, but on account of the lantern arranged for not being available as a result of the steamer's delay by the fog, which prevented the gas cylinders being forward in time, it was delivered in the Picture House, which was kindly placed by the management at the disposal of the promoters.

Clachan Military Wedding

A military wedding was solemnised in Clachan Parish Church on Friday, 19th inst., the contracting parties being Sergeant H.O. Lee, Royal Field Artillery, and Miss Bella M'Kechnie, youngest daughter of Mr Arch M'Kechnie, carrier.

Funds needed for new Free Church minister

THE Campbeltown Free Church hosted its first ever coffee morning in order to help raise funds for its first full time minister in 20 years.

While some of the proceeds will go to local and international charities, some will go towards church funds which include a prospective new minister.

There were seven volunteer helpers on the day, which saw steady business throughout with coffee and cake sales, as well as the sales of donated books and gifts.



Nikki Galbraith, volunteer and Callum Ferguson, Elder in the Church. 04_c48church01



Star brewers Flora Gillespie and Liz Ferguson. 04_c48church02

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask of God ...' (James 1:5).

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - At Athelston House, Malmesbury, on November 19, 2015, Nancy (née Langcake), aged 89 years, formerly of Campbeltown, beloved wife of the late Donnie Campbell. Much loved and missed by Catherine, Keith, Bruce and Anne and their families.

GILLIES - On November 19, 2015, peacefully at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Coll, formerly of British Waterways, in his 93rd year, beloved husband of Jean Gillies, much loved dad of Colin, Billy and the late Sally, a dear father-in-law, grandfather, uncle and former work colleague and friend of many. Funeral service was held at Ardrishaig Parish church, on November 25, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery.

LYNN - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 22, 2015, Helen Orr Morrison, in her 53rd year, 75 Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Frankie, much loved mum of Donald and Stuart and a loving granny and great granny. Service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, today Friday, November 27, 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 Cancer Research.

MACKAY - On November 20, 2015, peacefully at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, Jean MacKay, née Johnstone, in her 85th year, beloved wife of the late Ian MacKay, much loved mother of the late David, a dearly loved sister and aunt of the family. A graveside funeral service will take place at Carrick Cemetery, (today) Friday, November 27, at 12.00 noon, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited.

NAPIER - Peacefully at home, The Old School House, Clachan, on November 23, 2015, William Melville Napier (Willie), in his 79th year, dearly beloved husband of Anne Miller, much loved father of Lorna and Martin and a dearly loved grandfather. Service will take place in Clachan Church, on Saturday, November 28, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Clachan Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

PATON - Robert. Peacefully, at Eastbank Care Home, Glasgow, on Sunday, November 22, 2015, Bob,

dearly loved brother of Tommy and the late Billy (Australia) and a very dear uncle who will be very sadly missed. Funeral service at Daldowie Crematorium, Broomhouse, Glasgow (G71 7RU), on Tuesday, December 1 at 1.00pm, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Any enquiries to Co-Operative Funeral Care on 0141 778 3028.

SINCLAIR - On November 24, 2014, peacefully at home, Pat Sinclair, née MacAlister, in her 66th year, beloved wife of Donald Sinclair, much loved mother of Fiona and Donnie, and a dearly loved sister, aunt and granny. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, on Tuesday, December 1, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired for Tarbert Parish Church.

TAYLOR - Tragically, on November 15, 2015, Craig Dixon Taylor, aged 21 years, of Barsloisnach Farm, Poltalloch, Kilmartin, loving son of Sheila MacCallum, née Dixon, and Grant Taylor, a much loved brother and grandson, and a dear nephew and cousin to all the family. A good friend and former work colleague to many. Proposed date for funeral service is Tuesday, December 1 at 12.00 noon, at Kilmartin Church and Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations to Mid Argyll Agricultural Society (Show Gate Fund).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MATHIESON - Angie and family would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers, cards and messages. Also thanks to everyone who joined us to say goodbye to Archie. Thanks to all the nurses for their kind care towards Archie, with a special thanks to Kitty Millar. Finally, thanks to all the staff at the Argyll Hotel for an excellent farewell 'party'.

MCCAIG - The family of the late Teresa McCaig would like to thank all relatives, friends, colleagues and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, cards and flowers received following their recent sad loss. Sincere thanks to Dr Lazarus and Dr McGovern and the Acute Ward staff for excellent care when Teresa was in hospital. Also to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their support, guidance and excellent professional service, to Father Connor for a warm, uplifting service and to the Argyll Hotel for fine purvey. Special thanks to Macmillan nurses, Maggie and Kitty, and the district nurses who afforded us the privilege of nursing our mother at home, thank you to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiral collection for the district nurses raised £280.

MCGOUGAN - Gus and the family of the late Malcolm McGougan would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many cards, letters, phone calls and floral tributes received following their sad loss. Thanks also to the emergency services, to Alasdair Blair and his colleagues, to the Ardsheel Hotel for their hospitality and finally, to all who attended church and graveside. All your support has been gratefully appreciated, The McGougan Family.

MCLARTY - The family of the late Alex McLarty would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support, and for cards and flowers received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and nursing staff at Mid Argyll Hospital, district nurses, OT, for their outstanding care and attention, Liz and Gail for their great support, Robert Cameron for his eulogy, and Charlie Ferguson for piping. Thanks also to Dr Roddy MacLeod for his comforting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, to the Stag Hotel for catering, to The Larder for excellent floral arrangements and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations for the Arms and Dochas Centre raised £244.

WATSON - Liz, Ranald and Mary really appreciate all the help given to their mum, Helen, over the years. Thanks to all who attended church and graveyard, to Rev William Crossan, to D McEwan, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair who made the service one which Mum would have approved of.

IN MEMORIAM

MACKAY - In loving memory of Sheena, who died November 26, 2005. Forever remembered, Forever missed. - Iain, Marion and family.

MACLELLAN - Treasured memories of a beloved husband and father, Neil, Nursing Officer, brutally murdered at Carstairs State Hospital on November 30, 1976.

A few more steps along life's way
Perhaps a few more years
But by God's grace we will meet again
Beyond the vale of tears.
- Marion.
Lovingly remembered.
- John.

STEWART - Inserted in loving memory of my dear grandmother, Agnes Mitchell McMillan, who died November 29, 1978.

A heart of gold stopped beating
Two willing hands lie still
The one who did so much for me
Is resting at God's will.
Remembering not just today but every day.
- Johnnie.

TODD - In loving memory of Geordie, who died November 25, 2000. A much loved husband, dad

and grandad. Forever in our thoughts. - Lorraine and family.

YOUNG - In loving memory of Billy, who died on December 12, 1985 and his dear daughter, Shona, who died on November 26, 2013. Always in our thoughts. - Love from all the family.

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Panel Night - "Any Questions"
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Thursday 3rd December
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Friday 4th December
Lunch Club 12.00 noon
New Hall

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10.30am Morning Worship
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6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
Lunch Club - 12.15pm
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Wednesday
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Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
All welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 29 November 2015
11.00am
Family Communion Service
Mr Kelvin Moller, Clachan
Thursday 3 December
12.15pm Prayer and Bible Study
Thursday 2-4pm
Cup of Peace - Coffee Afternoon
Friday 4 December
7.30pm Kintyre Christian Fellowship
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Sporting fundraiser feels like the 'Wizard of Oz'

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A KINTYRE sports-woman found five days on the Great Wall of China to be her yellow brick road.

After 20 months of tough training, Alison Millar has just returned from China after completing her Great Wall MOK Triple Challenge.

Alison said: 'Walking the wall in China was a fantastic experience, I had assumed we would start on day one at point A and keep walking along the wall for five days until we reached point B, but we were driven to a completely different section of the wall each day.'

'Some days I felt like I was in the Wizard of Oz walking the yellow brick road, other days we walked along un-renovated sections where it was hard to see the path on the wall because of all the vegetation.'

'The variety each day made the walk challenging but extremely enjoyable.'

Alison's aim was to raise as much money as she could for Auchinlee, The CrossReach (Church of Scotland Social Care) run home in Campbeltown, which specialises in caring for older people with dementia.

Three days before departing for China, Alison ran the Mull of Kintyre (MOK) half marathon and cycled 150 kilometres around the peninsula.

While in China she joined 25 other charity fundraisers in a 31-mile trek along the Great Wall.

On her return to Campbeltown she finished her physical challenge by running a second half marathon again using the MOK route.

Alison said the phys-



Alison taking a break on the Great Wall.



Alison running with her boyfriend Kenny Ralston and nieces Iona Renton and Ailie Renton.

ical challenge was helped by the great October weather.

Alison added: 'I was so lucky with the weather here; my two half marathons and my two days of cycling were made a lot easier in the mild weather. I had to set off early every day which was physically tough but I ended up seeing some beautiful sunrises.'

'The toughest part of my challenge was running the second half marathon the day after I got home from China.'

'I had not realised just how tight my calf muscles had become climbing all those steps. I also hadn't taken into account how queasy the jet lag would make me feel.'

Alison said: 'I would

like to thank; Kenny Ralston, Darren Renton, Davie Sinclair, James Murdoch and Elaine McGeachy for supporting me on the Kintyre legs of the challenge.'

'Also thanks to family and friends for supporting all the training activities in the past two years.'

'Finally a big thanks to everyone who has donated.'

Alison's current total stands at £3557.64, however she is going to continue raising money for Auchinlee up until Christmas Day. Anyone who would like to sponsor Alison can do so using her Just Giving fundraising page at www.justgiving.com/AliMillar, or type Alison Millar into the Just Giving search.



Alison on the cycle stage of the challenge.



Alison pounding along China's Great Wall.

Senior girls' footballers top the table

A SEVEN-a-side senior girls' football team from Campbeltown led the league after the first leg of a regional competition.

Active Schools hosted the matches, in Campbeltown, attended by more than 120 pupils from across Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay.

The games were fast paced and a lot of skill was displayed from both girls' and boys' teams.

A MAKI spokesperson said: 'Well done to all the participants and finally thanks to all teachers and volunteers who helped out on the day. The scores reflected the high calibre of play.'

The results are as follows: Junior boys: 1 Lochgilphead, 2 Campbeltown, 3 Islay and 4 Tarbert. Junior girls: 1 Lochgilphead, 2 Campbeltown, 3 Islay and 4 Tarbert. Senior boys: 1 Lochgilphead, 2 Campbeltown, Joint 3 Tarbert and Islay.

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Some of the assistants who took bets on the evening with master of ceremonies Councillor John Armour. 20_c47racenight01

Race night horses jump for cancer charity cash

PUNTERS enjoying the spills and thrills of a day at the races raised £623 for the Mairi Semple Cancer Fund.

Nine races, featuring well fancied horses such as Duncan Macalister's 'Badly Bred,' Liz Young's 'Old Nag,' and Sally Anderson's 'Davaar' were

run during the evening event at Campbeltown's Argyll Bowling Club on Friday of last week.

Pointers

Presenters, including the legendary Clare Balding, gave some pointers to the form of every runner in each race.

Races run on the night included the Glenbarr Gallop, Muasdale Derby and the Mairi Semple Challenge.

Bets were just 50p per horse meaning that even if every horse was backed in a race occasionally, such as in the first with a prize pot of £10, it was

possible to more than make up the stake money. As well as the satisfaction of being first past the post, winning owners received a bottle of wine.

In addition, raffle tickets, on sale since the summer, were drawn and proceeds totalled £969.

No winners in Dunaverty lotto

WINNING numbers drawn in Dunaverty Golf Club's lottery on Sunday November 22 were 7, 12 and 13.

There were no winners so the jackpot for the next draw on Sunday December 6 increases to £300.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Muneroy Stores and Burnside Bar.

Darts results

CAMPBELTOWN District Darts Association week 6 results: Kilbrannan C 7 Fiddlers B 3; Burnside 10 Ailsa 0; Kilbrannan A 6 Southend 4 and Fiddlers 9 Kilbrannan B 1.

Billy McLean hit a finish of 126 for the Fiddlers and Lee Mathieson a finish of 115 for the Ailsa.

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Prentice bags brace as Dookers climb the table

Millbeg Villa 3
Tarbert 5
SAFL Premier Division 2

TARBERT returned home from Glasgow with all three points after a thrilling game against Millbeg Villa.

The Dookers knew a good result would propel them into the top three, and they fought back from a half time deficit to shoot up to second in the league.

The game was open from the start, with Tarbert adopting an offensive 3-5-2 formation and the home side also attacking in great numbers, making a high scoring affair very likely.

Tarbert's pressing paid off as they took the lead early after a surging attack led to a foul on Johnson 20 yards out.

James Prentice stepped up to take the free kick and fired expertly into the bottom corner to give the visitors a well deserved lead.

The Dookers were undone soon after when Millbeg capitalised on some poor defending, which left their striker with a free header to even up the tie.

With half time fast approaching Tarbert lost the ball in attack and a

swift counter from Millbeg put them through on goal. The pass across looked suspiciously off-side, but nevertheless the striker tapped in for 2-1 to give the home side the half time lead.

The second half began in similarly open fashion with chances at both ends. Millbeg thought they had extended the lead when a fantastic long range shrike hit the underside of the crossbar and came down on the line and bounced away to safety.

Protested

While Millbeg protested the ball had crossed the line, Tarbert rightly played to the whistle and youngster Blair raced through one-on-one before beating his man and composedly firing high into the net to bring the tie level again.

The parity did not last long though, as Millbeg caught Tarbert out again with a swift counter attack to take a 3-2 lead with around 25 minutes left.

Far from losing hope having gone behind again, the Dookers rallied and began to dominate proceedings. Their

mental strength was rewarded when Johnson burst into the box only to be crudely brought down for a penalty. Talbot calmly stepped up to send the keeper the wrong way and make it all square once again.

This took the wind out of Millbeg's sails and, sensing this, Tarbert pressed for all three points. With just 15 minutes to go, a clever move down the Dookers' right came back to Blair, who pinged in an enticing cross which Prentice met with an audacious flick that nestled into the far corner of the net.

Lead

Tarbert refused to sit back on their lead and continued to press, making the result certain just a few minutes later when a ball across the box was met by Andy Guy. His effort from just a few yards out deflected into the net off the despairing Millbeg defender.

The home side tried to press and get back into the game but some fine defending saw the Dookers return home from Glasgow's East End with all three points.

Tarbert host Clydebank this weekend at Cil Andreis, hoping to consolidate their lofty new league position.



James Prentice.

Scottish Amateur Football League results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - Goldenhill 4, Oban Saints 4; Campbeltown Pupils no game; Premier Division One - Dunoon 3, Lochgilphead Red Star 2; Premier Division Two - Millbeg Villa 3, Tarbert 5.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Inverclyde v Campbeltown Pupils; Oban Saints v Finnart; Premier Division One - Lochgilphead Red Star v Motherwell This-tle; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v FC Clydebank. Division One - Dunoon Athletic v Carlton YM; Centenary Cup - Dunoon v Ferguslie Star.

Lottery draw rollover

THE winning numbers in Machrihanish Golf Club's lottery drawn on Monday November 23 were 9, 14 and 18 there were no winners.

The jackpot for the next draw on Monday will be £500.

Wild and wet for Tarbert winter league opener

WINTER officially started for Tarbert Gun Club as the first shoot of the winter league season was held last Sunday.

The conditions were wet and windy, but that failed to affect the shooting too much, with Archie Currie in particular demonstrating some exceptional shooting in the wild weather.

With down the line, sporting

and team events, the 45 competitors enjoyed a great day of sport.

The down the line section was won by Ian Winward, Ormsary, while the sporting winner was Ally McDonnell.

On top

Out of the nine competing teams, the group containing Norman MacDonald, Andy Peden, Jonathan Gargan, Ar-

chie MacGilp snr and Jennifer Campbell came out on top.

Second in the team event were Brian Baird, Niall Wilson, Archie MacGilp jnr, Stephen McSporrán and John Winward.

In the different classes, the A section was won by Ally McDonnell, with Brian Baird second and John Weir third.

Other results:

Class B: 1 Andy Peden; 2 Ian Winward; 3 Stewart MacAllister.

Class C: 1 Lynn MacDonald; 2 Ronald Jenkins; 3 Andy Wilson.

Class D: 1 Archie MacGilp snr; 2 Jack Campbell; 3 Stephen McSporrán.

Class E: 1 Archie Currie; 2 John Winnard; 3 Jennifer Campbell.



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