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Campbeltown children from Castlehill Primary School have been getting all artistic See Pg 20/21

Distiller doubles number of workers over a decade

by Mark Davey
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Scotland's only family-owned whisky distillery has nearly doubled its number of employees in 10 years.

Campbeltown's Springbank, founded by John Mitchell in 1828 and the only distillery remaining where all processes are carried out in-house, has expanded from 42 to 83 employees.

The figures were revealed on Tuesday morning during a PowerPoint presentation about term-time internships, to S4 pupils at Campbeltown Grammar School (CGS).

Approximately half-hour talks, as part of the Foundation Apprenticeships' launch, were given by the distillery's sales and marketing director, a former CGS pupil and Courier reporter, Ranald Watson, and Springbank's director of production, Findlay Ross.

These apprenticeships are designed to 'close the gap between the classroom and the workplace'.



CGS head David Fyfe and some of the boys who breakfasted on Shrove Tuesday pancakes at the Foundation Apprenticeships event. 25_c10cgsapprenticemeeting01_David_Fyfe

Skills Development Scotland states: 'Foundation Apprenticeships are a work-based learning opportunity for senior-phase secondary school pupils.

'Lasting two years, pupils typically begin their Foundation Apprenticeship in S5.

'Young people spend time out of school at college or with a local employer, and complete the Foundation Apprenticeship alongside their other subjects, such as National 5s and Highers.'

Mr Watson told pupils about the distillery's term-time internships.

These are a way to introduce Campbeltown youths, aged 16 plus, to the world of work and run from August to March. The internships incorporate about two hours' work experience a week in all aspects of Springbank's work.

During the presentation there were many pictures

of workers and Mr Watson joked that it was easy to spot interns because at the start of the programme they are given yellow T-shirts.

Mr Watson said: 'At least 90 per cent of the workforce is from Campbeltown, although Findlay here, is from Oban.

'InaplacelikeCampbeltown, the more jobs we can create the better as it helps support other businesses.'

He added that jobs are more varied than ever, with more than 6,000 tourists visiting Springbank in 2018 from around the world.

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Springbank's director of sales and marketing, Randal Watson, and director of production, Findlay Ross, talk to CGS S4 pupils.

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Distillery doubles workforce during the past decade

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Mr Ross said that many employees start in the bottling hall, where the bottles are filled, labelled and packed and the work is fast-paced, and gives a great overview of the products.

He added that there are two bottling lines – one

automatic and the other semi-automatic.

The talk also revealed that Springbank is very forward thinking, planning up to 50 years into the future. It has more demand than the whisky in its warehouse, and sells to 42 countries with 80 per cent of production going to export.

The pupils were shown slides of much varied work and were told that the records department has more books than the school library.

The two directors agreed that the work can be physically demanding, such as in the malt barns, but Mr Watson added: 'That physicality can save on gym membership.'

Young rockers help raise funds for new hall

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Young Kintyre musicians supported a Glasgow rock band as Clachan Village Hall Development Fund stepped up its efforts to raise money for a new hall due to recent further deterioration of the venue.

Famous Last Words formed last year to play a few songs at the Clachan Harvest Supper and also performed at the hall's Eddi Reader fundraising gig in November.

Following their success, teenagers Raphael, Eilidh, Leo and Amber took to the stage ahead of new wave rockers The Ronains at a Tarbert Village Hall gig recently.

The youngsters, who are all Tarbert Academy pupils with links to Clachan, were delighted to support The Ronains and have been working hard to develop their sound.

Organiser Lesley Norris said: 'It was a brilliant night of rock and roll and we are



Famous Last Words joined The Ronains on Tarbert Village Hall's stage.

grateful to The Ronains for playing the show.

'Later this month (Sunday March 24) Scotland's five-star children's theatre group, The McDougalls, will be in Tarbert with its new safari show. The McDougalls were terrific last year and tickets are already selling really well for this one.

'We will round off our spring shows with a visit from Wrestling Experience Scotland on Saturday April 20. VIP tickets are almost

sold out already – we have sold out the hall every year for the visit of the biggest, baddest and funniest wrestlers in the UK.

'Many thanks to West Kintyre Wind Farm Trust for its continued support and to everyone who comes to our shows. It is appreciated.'

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Correction

As a result of incorrect information, supplied by the Rotary Club of Campbeltown, the Courier would like to

point out that Helen Gilchrist is Citizen of the Year 2018 and not 2019 as stated in last week's paper.

Man guilty of racially abusing Polish family

A man found guilty of racially abusing a Polish family after a six-month Campbeltown Sheriff Court trial has had his sentence deferred.

Graeme Robert Carlyle, 40, of 20 Shore Street, Campbeltown, shouted racially abusive remarks and made threats towards the family at Kilmashenachan Caravan Park, Southend, in June last year.

Evidence from the Polish couple, their son and another man corroborated that Carlyle made derogatory remarks in reference to the family's ethnicity, including referring to them as the site owner's 'f***** Polish friends' and 'Polish b*****' and saying

they'd 'been here too long'. Three police officers, who attended the caravan site after a disturbance was reported, also appeared as witnesses.

Carlyle's father, Graeme Thomas Carlyle, 59, of 99 Kirkwood Street, Clydebank, was co-accused with the offence but was found not guilty.

Sheriff Valerie Johnston said that taking into account Carlyle's language and the threats that were made, she would be 'falling down in her duty' if she did not order a criminal justice social work report and a restriction of liberty order assessment.

She deferred sentence until April 1.

POLICE FILES

Abusive behaviour

A 31-year-old male was traced, arrested and charged after a report of a man behaving in an abusive manner in Oakhill, Tarbert, at 9am on Monday February 25.

Cannabis possession

A 17-year-old woman was issued with a recorded police warning after she was found with cannabis when she was stopped and searched by police at 6.10pm on Wednesday February 27, in Millknowe, Campbeltown.

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Old Military Road opens for works

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Transport officials have bowed to pressure from Argyll business leaders and politicians to open a local A83 diversion rather than forcing drivers around a 50-mile-plus detour in the dark.

Trunk road management company BEAR Scotland plans to carry out carriage-way maintenance work at the traffic lights section through the A83 Rest and Be Thankful over three nights from Sunday March 10.

Work will take place between the hours of 8pm and 5am.

BEAR Scotland originally announced that the use of the Old Military Road, right next to the trunk road, was solely reserved for 'emergencies' on the landslide-prone A83.



The company instead advised that drivers would have to endure an overnight diversion of at least 50 miles on the tortuous A82 via Crianlarich and on to Inveraray.

Mid Argyll councillor Dougie Philand called the situation 'unacceptable', as constituency MSP Michael Russell wrote to Transport Scotland and the cabinet

secretary for transport over the matter.

Councillor Philand called the U-turn a 'coup for local democracy', adding: 'I am delighted that the residents of Argyll and Bute have made their feelings known regarding the forthcoming proposed closure of the Rest and Be Thankful. The Scottish Government has to be thanked for its pragmatic

The Old Military Road winds its way down from the Rest and Be Thankful below the A83.

decision. Thanks are also due to our MSP Michael Russell, who from the start of this issue lobbied his fellow ministers to allow this sensible decision to be taken.'

A BEAR Scotland spokesperson said on Friday March 1: 'Following responses from the scheme consultation for these essential resurfacing works, it has been agreed to use the Old Military Road as the diversion for this planned A83 closure.'

'To minimise disruption and to avoid conflict with the catch pit works at the Rest and Be Thankful, the resurfacing will be undertaken for three nights from Sunday March 10.'

Coatbridge engineer spared driving ban

A plumbing and heating engineer whose potential driving ban may have caused two job losses was spared at Campbeltown JP court.

Andrew Gallogly, 33, of 240 Kirkshaws Road, Coatbridge, had previously pleaded guilty to driving without insurance on April 2, near Stonefield Castle, Tarbert.

As Gallogly already had six points on his licence and with a further six would have been banned from driving under the totting up procedure, an exceptional hardship proof was heard on Monday, after many delays.

Procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty told the court Gallogly had been working in Lochgoilhead and while driving away ran out of diesel.

The fuel station at Lochgilphead was closed and, in desperation, Gallogly phoned 999. When the police arrived, they found Gallogly did not have valid insurance.

At the hearing, Gallogly

told the court he had set up in business after working for British Gas. He employs two others and he said they may lose their jobs if he could not drive and the firm failed.

Gallogly also told the court his elderly grandfather, James Gallogly, and his wife, who both suffer from Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, rely on him for transport to hospital appointments.

Wake-up call

Gallogly's solicitor, Stephen MacSparran, said the charge had been a real wake-up call for his client.

JP Margaret McDowall said that having listened to the evidence, she was minded to allow the plea to save the two employees' jobs.

Mrs McDowall fined Gallogly £500, because of the waste of the court's time and added six points to his licence. She said: 'You have nowhere else to go or you will be disqualified.'

As Gallogly left the dock he said: 'Thank you very much, madam.'



Zea Servant, a Hong Kong-built and registered vessel, is at Campbeltown new quay to transport 12 wind tower sections to Hull.

Injured Chinese sailor is airlifted to Glasgow hospital

Exclusive by Mark Davey
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Coastguard Rescue helicopter 199 flew a seriously injured Chinese cargo ship crewman to hospital in Glasgow.

Southend, Tarbert and Campbeltown Coastguards were tasked following an incident on board Zea Servant at about 11.30pm last Saturday.

From an 18-strong all Chinese crew, one member was taken to Campbeltown Hospital to be stabilised, before being transferred to

Glasgow where he is understood to be in an induced coma.

Zea Servant, a Hong Kong-built and registered vessel, is at Campbeltown new quay to transport 12 wind tower sections to Hull.

Since the incident, the ship has not moved and its cranes have remained stationary with the tower sections blocking the quay like a large log jam.

A Police Scotland spokesperson said: 'It is a health and safety-type issue and the Marine Accident

Investigation Branch (MAIB) is investigating.

'The first night police were standing by was late Saturday, at about 11.30pm. Two officers attended and the ambulance was called.

'CID officers attended on Monday and were assisting MAIB with its investigation.

'Campbeltown police officers were stood down on Tuesday morning.'

An MAIB spokesman said: 'MAIB is aware of the incident but it is not logged on our website.'

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Kelly is critical of censured councillor

The censured deputy leader of Argyll and Bute Council should 'consider his position'.

This is the view of south Kintyre Councillor Donald Kelly, speaking before full council about fellow Tory Councillor Gary Mulvaney.

Mr Mulvaney was subject to a reprimand by the Standards Commission for Scotland, last month, after failing to declare a non-financial interest in plans to introduce parking limits near a housing development in Cardross.

The breach arose after the authority's Helensburgh and Lomond area committee, including Mr Mulvaney, discussed parking restrictions at the Scott Gardens sheltered housing unit – run by Dunbritton Housing Association, of which Mr Mulvaney is a board member – in December 2017.

The censure was discussed at the council's meeting on Thursday February 21, with

Mr Mulvaney leaving the chamber while talks took place.

Mr Kelly said: 'I feel it does bring the council into disrepute. I think that Councillor Mulvaney should, in the best interests of Argyll and Bute, consider his position.'

Astonished

Liberal Democrat Councillor Ellen Morton who is chairwoman of the area committee, said: 'I am astonished at these remarks.'

'They [the Standards Commission] have imposed the minimum sanction that they could under legislation. They have made it clear it was a finely balanced judgement.'

'It never crossed my mind at that meeting that Councillor Mulvaney had any interest to declare. It was entirely a road safety matter on the A814.'

'He has nothing to be ashamed of, nothing to apologise for, and I am bitterly disappointed in the remarks made.'

Healthy messages on info screens

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The hospital has joined forces with a Campbeltown entrepreneur to promote health and wellbeing messages.

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) has agreed to install three hospital information screens, provided by Jason McCallum, of community social enterprise Keeping it Local in Campbeltown.

People in the hospital and health centre during the next few weeks will spot the information screens funded through an award from the hospital endowment fund.

They will be used to keep people up to date with Kintyre health and social care issues and national health and well-



Tina Watt, Jason McCallum of Keeping it Local in Campbeltown and Alison McGrory, with the screen behind them.

being messages.

The three screens will be located in the out-patients' waiting room, Accident and Emergency and the GP waiting area.

The screens are connected to the internet and are regularly updated remotely and in addition carry a ticker-tape style revolving news feed from the Courier.

There are already many businesses and organisations, including Glenbarr Café and

Garden Centre, Numero Dix and Keeping it Local in Campbeltown itself in Main Street using similar information screens in Kintyre.

HSCP local area manager, Tina Watt, said: 'The HSCP recognises how important it is to engage and communicate effectively with people about health and social care matters.'

'These screens are a new way of providing a wide range of information in an accessible format to people.'

HSCP health improvement principal Alison McGrory said: 'We have worked in partnership with community representatives throughout Kintyre on this project and I am delighted to see the new screens are now up and running.'

'People can tell us what they think about the screens and what information they would like displayed through the Kintyre HSCP page on Facebook.'

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Mairi Semple fund's 2018 round-up

Volunteers and past and present committee members are the backbone of Kintyre's only completely local cancer charity.

Ahead of a sponsored walk along Westport Beach and free afternoon tea for all walkers in Machrihanish Hall on March 16, the Mairi Semple Fund for Cancer Relief and Research has issued a statement on its year.

Committee member Margaret Sinclair said: 'It has been another busy, successful year for the fund, which has only been made possible because of the generous

donations and help at our fundraisers.

'Whether it was by baking, giving of time, a raffle prize, selling tickets, flower arranging, buying a 200 Club share, holding an event for us or by supporting someone raising funds, we thank you for helping.'

The fund gave special thanks to the following: Kintyre Craft, Glenbarr Abbey, The Agnes Goddard Darts Competition, Kilcalmonel Church, Dorothy McMurchy, Grammar Lodge, Tarbert Collection Box hosts, Helen Gilchrist, the Kintyre Way Ultra, Lochend Community Church, the Katherine Kennedy Norremark Tea Dance, Tarbert Christmas Sale Table and Campbeltown Salvation Army.

On-going fundraising includes the 200 Club monthly draw and the Peninver Hall craft fair in July.

Mrs Sinclair added: 'As we are a charity for cancer relief and research, and because people from Kintyre go away for treatment and hospital appointments, we donate to charities, including the Beatson, named after its Campbeltown founder Sir George Beatson, CHAS, the Royal Hospital for Children and Oban and Mid Argyll Cancer Centres.'

Sponsor forms for the walk are available in Tarbert, Clachan Filling Station, Glenbarr Stores and The Kintyre Larder.

Mairi Semple holds its AGM on April 29 in Tayinloan Hall at 8pm and all are welcome.

Race night's punters raise an RNLI jackpot

Australian videoed horse racing helped raise the stakes for Campbeltown's lifeboat at a Masonic race night.

More than 70 punters, in the St John's 141 Campbeltown Recreational Club, at the Masonic hall bet on eight horse races during the recent evening.

In addition, more than £160 from one pig race helped raise a total of £1,600 for the RNLI.

On Wednesday evening of last week, three members of



At the cheque presentation were from left: Carla Jackson, Gary Milloy, Gregor Menzies, Jim Parr, David Mullin and Hugh Wilson. 25_c10rnlicheque01_Lifeboat_Lodge

St John's Masonic Lodge, Tim Wilson, presented a cheque at the lifeboat station.

Coffee morning's spring bloom



Bunches of daffodils sold at £1 each were fast movers at the Highland Parish Church coffee morning. Last Saturday's event, in Kirk Street hall, was the sole social fundraiser that morning and with a lull in the weekend's high winds and rain attracted a large crowd. Homebaking added to the funds raised which totalled £600.10. Highland Parish Church Sunday school pupil Lucy McNair, eight, is pictured holding large bunches of daffodils.
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Supermarket bags boost youth football

Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA) is the latest charity to seek help from a supermarket funding scheme.

CDJFA chairman Rhys Blair is urging the public to vote for the association with their blue tokens for using 10 pence plastic bags when shopping at Tesco.

Equipment

On social media, encouraging people to participate, Mr Blair wrote: 'Our revenue costs to continue to develop children's football in the area are met by fees. However, we have little capital for new equipment.'

'With an annual spend of more than £20,000 we are looking to purchase new footballs, goals, nets, training gear and equipment.'

'We are also looking to fund further coaching courses for our volunteers.'

'CDJFA is the largest voluntary community group in Kintyre with approximately



Action from CDJFA's 2017 Football Festival.

180 children from three years old to 17.

'CDJFA has more than 30 qualified coaches and has achieved the Community Award from the Scottish Football Association Quality Mark scheme.'

A Tesco spokesperson said: 'The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £4,000.'

For more CDJFA news, turn to pages 16 and 17.

Kintyre Care Home issued with 'weak' report

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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An inspection report has branded Kintyre Care Home's (KCH) management and leadership, care and support, and staffing as 'weak'.

The Care Inspectorate (CI) report, published on February 24, re-evaluated the three categories, which were rated 'adequate' at the previous inspection in July last year.

A fourth category, environment, was changed from 'good' to 'adequate'.

The care home now has until March 31 to address a requirement to make proper provision for the health, welfare and safety of service users, which was raised in the previous inspection.

The report stated that KCH had made 'minimal progress' towards meeting the requirement.

A spokesperson for KCH said: 'We are addressing the issues identified and have made good progress following the implementation of



A spokesperson for KCH said the home was making good progress following implementation of its action plan.

our in-depth action plan.

'After positive feedback from the council, all parties are happy with the improvements the home has made and the moratorium has been lifted.'

'We continue to work on embedding these improvements so we can ensure that the kindest care is delivered every day to residents.'

'We are working closely with the CI and local authority on the implementation of our action plan and are sending them weekly updates.'

'We look forward to welcoming the CI back in the near future to show them the

progress we are making.'

An Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) spokesperson told the Courier: 'The HSCP has been working with HC-One, Argyll and Bute Council Procurement and the CI addressing the concerns raised in the report for KCH.'

'A detailed action plan has been developed and reassuring progress has been made.'

'The moratorium was reviewed last week and a decision was made to start a phased admission programme to KCH while ongoing support and review will continue.'

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Kintyre Care Home moratorium lifted

It is great news that Campbeltown's Kintyre Care Home is once again able to accept admissions.

We are told improvements have been made despite three areas still being deemed 'weak' and due to be reassessed at the end of this month.

Elderly care dominates the health agenda. Most people tend not to think about its precarious finances and staffing till they have a family member needing round-the-clock attention.

The Courier has been told that one of the biggest issues for care homes in Argyll and Bute is staffing and the availability of bank staff.

It is well known that pay is low in the care sector and the hours can be antisocial.

When there are no Kintyre staff available they have to come from Glasgow.

Many staff apparently are reluctant to travel at least 270 miles for perhaps a couple of shifts.

This was a problem at Auchinlee and staff accommodated in hotels increased the costs.

Proper government funding is needed and perhaps if Brexit ever frees up cash this is one way some could be spent.

Islands should not be sidelined

Sir,

I was happy to join Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor at the latest Argyll and the Islands strategic group meeting.

With Scottish Government representatives in attendance, many pressing local and national issues were discussed, from the road equivalent tariff, air flights to and from the islands, infrastructure challenges fuelled by our huge industrial growth, fuel poverty in rural Scotland and much more.

Seventeen per cent of Argyll and Bute's population live on islands and Argyll and Bute has more inhabited islands than any other constituency in the United Kingdom. This means we should not be sidelined by central governments that can, at times, seem indifferent to the challenges island communities face.

Since the last local elections, island communities have councillors such as Sir Jamie McGrigor and myself fighting hard for our constituents and their concerns all year round and I can give my proud assurance of that continuing.

Councillor Alastair Redman,
Islay.

21st century library borrowing via app

Sir,

A new chapter in library borrowing has

opened for bookworms using Campbeltown's Aqualibrium.

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Being a great listener can make all the difference

Sir,

As a proud Scout ambassador I am always looking for ways to help young people develop the skills they need to succeed. One of the most essential of these is active listening.

Today, according to new YouGov research, 86 per cent of UK adults who had a view said we do not listen to each other enough

in UK society. That needs to change. In my profession, on the set of a Hollywood movie, if actors don't listen to each other, the scene doesn't work.

The same applies in real life – it's about taking the time to understand different points of view and showing respect.

Good listening is vital at both home and at work. Some 94 per cent of those with a view believe active listening is important in creating a productive work environment.

The good news is that the Scouts in Argyll and Bute are leading the way in this area. More than 90 per cent of UK adults say that the Scouts are helping young people to develop this important skill by working together with different kinds of people in small teams.

When young people learn listening skills, it encourages them to develop empathy and understand more about the needs of others.

So whether you are an adult looking for a great volunteering opportunity in Argyll and Bute this year, or a young person looking to develop your skills, then visit www.scouts.scot to find out how to get involved.

Thanks to all our great Scout volunteers and thanks for listening.

Warwick Davis,
Actor, director and
Scout ambassador.

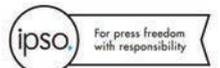
Lanzarote meeting

Sir,

During a recent visit to Lanzarote I had the pleasure of meeting a gentleman and his charming wife who I understood came from

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Campbeltown and during our meal we managed to converse on a number of subjects.

The aspects covered were varied including our views on a certain TV programme currently being shown about Scotland but sport was a particular area of interest, especially rugby and how much Bill McClaren's voice was missed in the coverage of international matches.

At the same time I was somewhat fascinated by the fact that the gentleman was a keen follower of TMS – Test Match Special – and somehow I think there was probably some Yorkshire blood in his veins.

I would be obliged if you could mention this meeting in your paper and assuming the gentleman concerned reads the Courier, and I am sure he does, I would be happy to forward him a couple of DVDs which would provide much sporting pleasure. I can be contacted via email at spuddy63@hotmail.com

Oh, yes, Brexit was discussed, but of course we were unable to decide what would be the outcome.

David Coulston, Lancashire.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This bovine beauty, Bundy, was snapped by Carradale man Steve Partidge last month.

The High Bellochantuy Highland bull stares directly into the lens in the atmospheric photograph taken just before 9am.

Steve told the Courier: 'The shot was not planned – I was visiting the farm, saw the bull and snapped it with my phone.'

'I am a keen photographer and I own several cameras but my phone is the only one I have with me at work. My job takes me all over Argyll so I tend to take several photographs per day.'

If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk, send it via the Courier's Facebook page or bring it into the Courier office to be copied.

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday March 6, 2009

Special birthday present for a special baby

Celebrating his first birthday this month, Gregor Craig had a special visit from the company that helped save his life after he was born almost 16 weeks prematurely.

Quick-thinking doctors from Campbeltown Hospital wrapped Gregor in bubble wrap to help retain his body heat, and despite being given only a 10 per cent chance of survival, Gregor is now fighting fit a year on.

Now at 16lb 10½ oz, Gregor was presented with a gift from Stuart Roberts, European director of marketing at Sealed Air, the company which is the leading manufacturer of bubble wrap, who met with parents Martine and Keith last week.

A money box marked with Gregor's name containing £250 worth of bonds inside was presented to the family to mark the occasion.

Martine said: 'We are really touched by this generosity and it is very nice of Stuart to make the journey all the way here to meet us.'



Gregor, pictured with his parents, was presented with a gift from Stuart Roberts, European director of marketing at Sealed Air.

A total of 35 officers were involved in the secret combined operation late last Thursday night – and police warn that the drugs crackdown will continue.

The operation was launched, police this week indicated, on the basis of information received on the alleged usage of drugs in the town – and five reports have been submitted to the procurator fiscal as a result of the exercise.

Thorough searches were carried out of those

within the popular Campbeltown nightspot. A warrant had been granted on the Thursday afternoon.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday March 6, 1969

Model maker finds a buyer

Following a Courier appeal two months ago,

Campbeltown's renowned model-maker Mr Sweeney McGeachy has managed to sell his model of the Campbeltown lifeboat, 'City of Glasgow'.

The news was given to members of Campbeltown Town Council by Provost D. McKinven at their special meeting on Monday evening.

He said that a local man, Mr Alastair Greenlees, has bought the model. And Mr Greenlees asked the council members if they would act as caretakers of the boat if it were put on show in the local museum. The council agreed unanimously to do so.

Commented the provost: 'This is a very generous gesture indeed.'

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday March 8, 1919

Navy allotments and separation allowances

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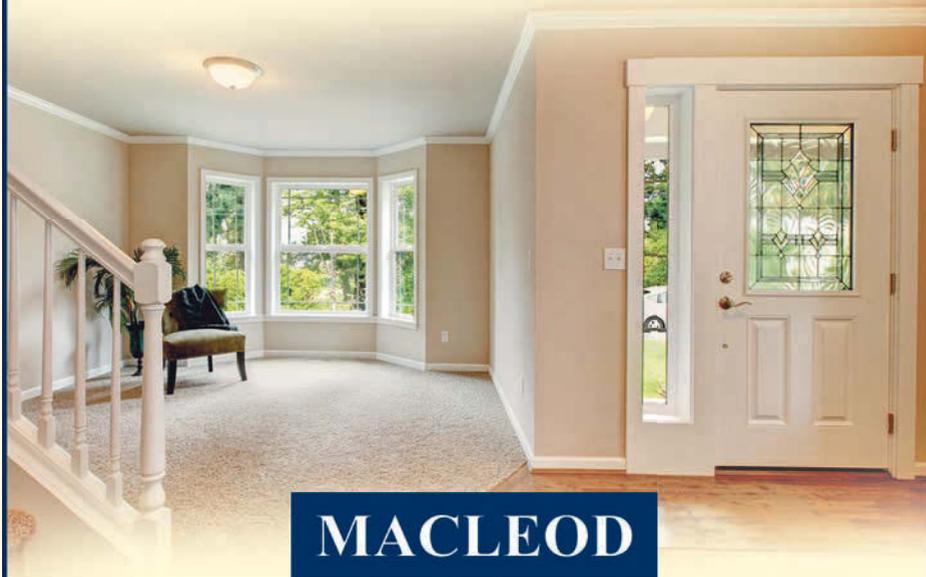
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A regular Courier correspondent was taken back to the past by last week's two page regeneration feature.

In an email, former Courier reporter, Malcolm Speed, wrote: 'The George McMillan story struck a chord with me, because when he was Town Council housing convener, good housing for local people was his mantra.

'In the Strathclyde years, from 1973 to 1996, when Campbeltown was a burgh of the sub-region of Argyll and Bute, Mr McMillan was well respected and liked in the massive council, as was John McCorkindale of Southend.

'It is a strange decision to demol-

ish houses instead of renovating them. Also last week, goldsmith Grant Logan's retirement made me feel my age.

'He must be the son of a C & D Mactaggart lawyer, JWG Logan.

'I recall he once took me to a Kintyre Presbytery meeting in Inveraray.'

Grant confirmed this and said his dad JWG came to Campbeltown from Uddingston and, despite being a keen golfer and often seen in the town on his bicycle, passed away, after a sudden heart attack, in September 1978, aged 57.

Also last week, the pupils from Dalintober Early Learning Centre, who had an outside lesson in

Craigowan Woods, found some graffiti carved on a tree trunk.

It referred to possibly a pair of sweethearts and while it looked very fresh, was apparently carved in 1958.

There was much discussion among the youngsters and the nursery assistants.

Who were MMS and JW, the artists who left their mark 61 years ago?

There has been much work on the Courier Centre roof recently.

During the work a store room was partly cleared to reveal two walls complete with graffiti of names and dates.

Its authors, who probably never expected their efforts would be revealed in the Courier's pages, were: C McAllister 1985, P Docherty, RMC 1953 and the prolific R Armour March 4, 1954, Robert Armour 1953 to 1954 and R Mc C 1953.

If any of these artists are still living, perhaps they would like to pop by the Courier Centre.

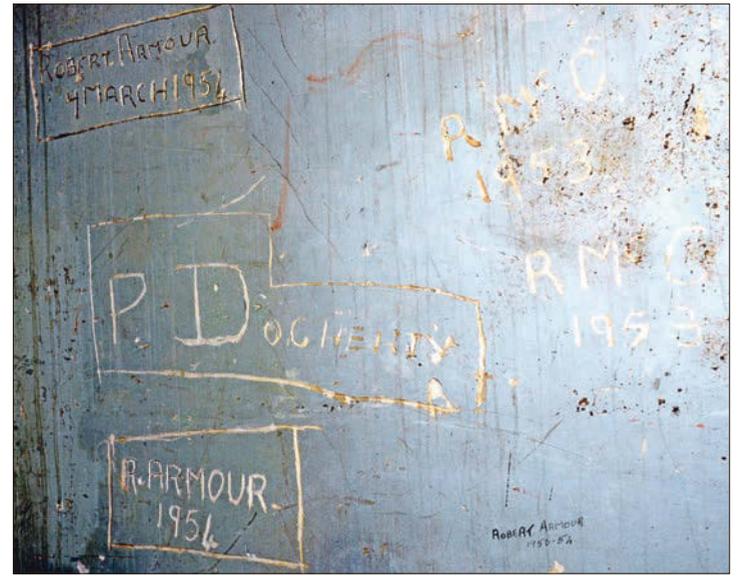
They may be offered a paint brush to remove their works or perhaps would reveal details about their messages recorded for posterity.



Tree graffiti at Craigowan Woods.
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Mr McAllister's Courier Centre wall. 25_c10memorylane03



Mr Armour's Courier Centre wall. 25_c10memorylane02

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Dalintober early learner

Words and photographs
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All three-, four- and eligible two-year-olds will receive an extra 540 hours a year of free Early Learning and Childcare (ELC), from August 2019 and a chunk of that will be outdoors.

Argyll and Bute Council has already begun increasing ELC, in advance of the Scottish Government's 2020 deadline and, from last October, Dalintober ELC has been giving children enhanced access to the outdoors at the Glen's woods off Craigowan Road.

The increase in hours is known as 1140, the total time that will be free and on the council website a statement says: 'It is intended to support child development, help close the attainment gap, through the provision of high quality services; and support parents and carers to return to work, train or study.'

Last Wednesday, one of the warmest February days on record, the Courier joined Dalintober's morning class of 14 nursery children during their time in the Glen's woods.

The class is led by Lori Silvan, who took a week-long training course last year before the outdoor education programme started.

In addition, Mrs Silvan is assisted by Barbara Donnan, Carol Alibone and Liz McDonald and, last week, work experience student Claire Soudan.

A crocodile of children and staff



The children listen to a story while sitting in a meadow of daffodils. 25_c10dalintoberelc04; and right, Lori Silvan waves her magic wand over the group. 25_c10dalintoberelc07

leave Dalintober at about 10am and head up to the Glen. There is excitement on the journey when the children have to cross a shallow burn on stepping stones.

Mrs McDonald said: 'We already had one-piece waterproof suits for the children and it is good to be using them properly but we had to buy reflective vests.'

Ms Silvan added: 'We try to go in any weather and are not put off by wind and rain, unless the burn is impassable due to being in spate, or when it snowed and we could not get along the High Street pavement

safely. Before we started coming to the Glen, Calum Black and I cleared five bags of rubbish and two shopping trollies.

'It is very important that people who walk in the woods keep it clean for the children and take their rubbish home, which makes it a nicer environment for everyone.'

Four of the youngsters said their favourite part of the morning was crossing the burn, although all were in favour of the morning snack of milk and a biscuit.

'There's a big push in early years education for lots of outdoor expe-

riences,' said Mrs McDonald. 'It is perfect in the Glen. In recent weeks they have seen the shoots from bulbs and this week the daffodils are flowering.'

'It is good for the children and it is great for us to get out of the building.'

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Children's walk on the wild side



The fairies tea table in the roots of a tree.
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The children find a 'fairy tea table.' 25_c10dalintoberelc01



Liz McDonald pours the milk at break. 25_c10dalintoberelc09

Carol Alibone and children uncover some wood lice which are commonly known as slaters because of the grey colour of their carapace.
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The mid-morning break beneath a tarpaulin.
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Blasthill ploughman obliterated



The ploughing judges, James Colville and Malcolm Ronald. 25_c10ploughing05

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Ploughman Stuart McConnachie's fabulous furrows gave him the overall win at Glenrioch farm and his first ploughing match medal.

Mr McConnachie beat 16 other competitors, in very high squally wind and sharp heavy rain-showers, to win the coveted Kintyre Agricultural Cup and the Royal Highland Agricultural Society Medal.

In addition, he won the John Cullen Cup for the Reversible Class winner.

The Kintyre Agricultural Society secretary, Councillor John Armour, said: 'A great dry week leading up to the day meant that, despite unsettled weather, Kintyre Agricultural Society's Annual Ploughing match went ahead.

The competition was held on an excellent field at Glenrioch farm by kind permission of the McKendrick family.

Malcolm Ronald and James Colville were the judges for

the day and host Margaret McKendrick presented the prizes at the end of the competition.

Kintyre Agricultural Society would like to thank the McKendrick family for hosting the ploughing match, Malcolm Ronald



The best looking ploughman was Jake Ronald.

and James Colville for judging, D McNair and Sons, Gavin Reid, Willie Reid, Donald McKay and Drew

McKendrick for sponsorship, Carole and Christine for providing the refreshments, and to all competitors and helpers for making the day a success.

The full results were as follows: Class one (under 12 inch): 1 Michael Mayberry; 2 Jake Ronald and 3 Gavin Reid. Extra prizes: best break: Michael Mayberry, straightest: Gavin Reid, best first six furrows: Michael Mayberry, best last six furrows: Michael Mayberry, best ins and outs: Ben Bannatyne, best finish: Michael Mayberry. Class two (12 inch and over): 1 Jamie Reid, 2 Thomas Ralston, 3 Paul Newall. Extra prizes: best break: Thomas Ralston, Straightest, best first six furrows, best last six furrows and best finish: Jamie Reid, best ins and outs: Murray Barbour. Class three (reversible): 1 Stuart McConnachie, 2 Richard McCrindle, 3 Ian Barbour. Extra prizes: best break and best first six furrows: Richard McCrindle, straightest and best last six furrows: Stuart



McConnachie, best ins and outs and best finish: Drew McKendrick. Class four (horse): 1 Stephen Jones, all extra prizes: Stephen Jones. Special prizes: first on field: Michael Mayberry, first finished: Jock Sommerville, least experienced: Ben Bannatyne,

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The winners from left: Richard McCrindle, Stuart McConnell, Stephen Jones, Michael Mayberry, Jake Ronald with Mr and Mrs McKendrick's daughter, Castlehill pupil Alice McKendrick, 11.



High winds and heavy showers did not dampen enthusiasm at the annual KAS ploughing match. 25_c10ploughing02

youngest competitor: Ben Bannatyne, furthest traveled; Richard McCrindle, oldest competitor: Jock Sommerville, best looking ploughman: Jake Ronald, hardest luck: Jake Ronald, worst plot Murray Barbour, tidiest yoke: Ben Bannatyne. Highest placed from outwith Kintyre: Richard McCrindle. Tractor prizes: best maintained: Paul Newall, second best maintained: Gavin Reid. Oldest tractor Gavin Reid, newest tractor: Fraser MacPhail. Cup winners: Kintyre Agricultural Cup and win-

ner of the R.H.A.S. medal Stuart McConnell, Messrs Ralston cup for winner in non-medal class: Michael Mayberry, John Cullen cup for winner of reversible class: Stuart McConnell, John McKay cup for best lot by a 25-year-old, older or younger: Jake Ronald, Glenside cup for most points using a Case/International tractor: Stuart McConnell, Hamilton Bros. cup for most points using a Massey Ferguson tractor: Richard McCrindle, Ford cup for most points using a Ford tractor: Michael Mayberry.



A technical adjustment. 25_c10ploughing06



Grandpa, Willie Reid, gives his grandson Jack Reid, 4, a lesson. 25_c10ploughing03



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Slovenian women honoured on World Day of Prayer



Words and photographs by Hannah O'Hanlon
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West Kintyre, Gigha and Southend parishioners were greeted with red carnations at a World Day of Prayer service honouring the women of Slovenia.

The national flowers of the Balkan country also adorned a table of symbolic items, including wine, water, bread and salt, around which the ladies sat in A'Chleit Church Hall last Friday.

Event coordinator Pat McMillan opened the informal afternoon service, titled 'Come - Everything is Ready',

by welcoming everyone and saying 'Dober dan', meaning 'good day' in Slovenian.

She explained the significance of the symbolic items and the traditional Slovenian red and white colour scheme.

Jessie Macdougall and Anne Littleton began by reading the Parable of the Great Banquet before opening hymn 'Moj Psalm' or 'My Psalm' was sung, with accompanist Maggie Young playing the keyboard.

Another hymn, 'Le mi' meaning 'Just Us' was performed, after which Elizabeth Ball explained some of the history of Slovenia, one of Europe's smallest and youngest countries.

Mrs Ball explained how World Day of Prayer's bible-based trauma healing will help those women who need it most in Slovenia.

Mrs McMillan invited everyone to offer 'their treasures in thanksgiving to God', which raised £140.

After two songs, 'Pridi' meaning 'Come' and 'Zahvala' meaning 'Thank you', the ladies performed an act of commitment, joining together to read a passage before reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Marilyn Shedden gave some information on Feed The Minds, the organisation to which the ladies donated,



The congregation sat round a table of items symbolic to Slovenia. 50_c10wdop01



Elizabeth Ball gave a history of Slovenia, one of Europe's youngest countries.

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Marilyn Shedden spoke about Feed the Minds, the organisation to which the ladies donated.

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and how it helps marginalised people transform their lives through adult education.

Another hymn was performed, after which local worship leader Marion McDonald gave a blessing.

A vote of thanks was given by Pat Rawson, convener of the church guild, who paid tribute to the women of Slovenia, as well as the women of west Kintyre - 'the bakers, tea-makers and welcomees' - and all those who organised the event.

After the service, an array of home-baked goodies were brought out and the ladies enjoyed a cuppa and a blether.



Maggie Young accompanied hymns on the keyboard.

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Dazzling Dixieland jazz distraction

A Dixieland quartet's hot jazz and gospel hopes to strike a chord with a Campbeltown crowd.

Kintyre Music Club welcomes Quattro MacJazz, comprising Alastair McDonald, banjo and vocals, Lennie Herd, trumpet, Hamish McGregor, clarinet and vocals, and Roy Percy, bass, to Lorne and Lowland Old Church Hall on Friday March 15 at 7.30pm.

Alastair first appeared in the late 1950s with the George Penman band and carved out a highly successful career

with his breezy folk and gospel oriented shows.

Never forsaking his first love, jazz, he has become one of Scotland's most loved, most talented and versatile showbiz personalities.

A full-time bassist since 1972, he has performed not only in his native Scotland but also in the USA, Canada, Germany, Denmark, Israel, Thailand, East Africa and the United Arab Emirates.

He plays a mean banjo – as Billy Connolly said once in a radio interview: 'Alastair McDonald...he's a REAL



Quattro MacJazz.

banjo player!' For more than 40 years, Lennie Herd has been the first choice Dixieland trumpeter in the country.

At the start of the Scottish trad boom in 1959, he was one of the founders, along with

Alastair, of the much-admired George Penman Band.

He has since featured with countless bands across the UK, including the Scottish Jazz All Stars, the New Orleans Joymakers and Alastair's Clan MacJazz.

Lennie has played with a number of Britain's best musicians including George Chisholm, Alan Barnes, Terry Lightfoot and Humphrey Lyttleton.

Hamish McGregor – playing his famous white clarinet – is undoubtedly among Scotland's most charismatic jazz performers and his playing career now in its sixth decade.

Self taught, he quickly found a liking for Dixieland music and started his first band aged 19.

In 1984, he formed the iconic Fat Sams Band, known for its high octane, toe-tapping '30s, '40s and '50s era jazz covers. Fat Sams spanned three decades before being 'put to bed' in 2015 and Hamish has now returned to his roots in Quattro MacJazz.

Roy Percy is probably the

hardest-working bass player on the British jazz scene. For 20 years he has been an integral part of Swing 2008, the fine Django-inspired Edinburgh quartet.

He has played with Fat Sam's Band and Ken Mathieson's Classic Jazz Orchestra.

He is the exception to any moan about the absence of a desire to play among upcoming generations, being a quarter of a century younger than the rest of Quattro MacJazz.

Roy can also be found playing in Scottish country dance bands, Rock-a-Billy bands and as part of a group specialising in 19th and early 20th century Italian love songs.

His speciality is the rarely heard 'slap' technique but says that his main criteria in any performance is to 'keep things swinging and drive the rhythm along'.

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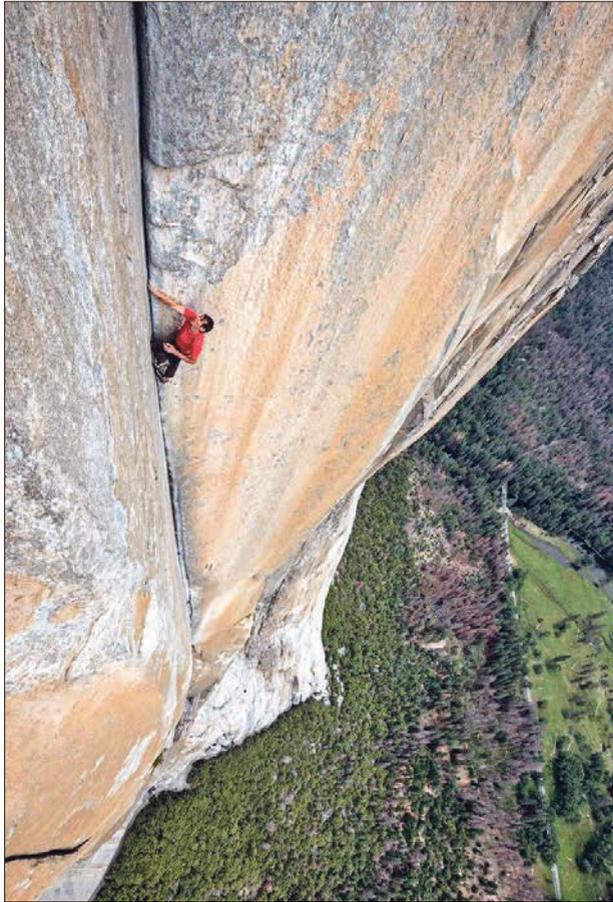
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Transfixed by Oscar-winning documentary



A still of Alex Honnold during his climb. A royalty free image by National Geographic.

Review by Mark Davey
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This year's Oscar-winning best documentary feature *Free Solo* screened for one night only at Campbelltown Picture House.

The film is about rock climber Alex Honnold's obsession with solo climbing, without ropes, of El Capitan's 3,200ft route named Freerider in America's Yosemite national park.

Humans have always pushed their boundaries in many fields of endeavour and constantly look for innovative ways to do things differently.

In conventional sport, such as athletics and cycling or in team games like football, hockey and netball, advances nibble away at the impossible.

Before Roger Bannister broke the four-minute-mile, it was considered a step too far.

Endeavour which risks human life, though, falls into a different sphere and can polarise opinion.

Into such categories must fall the space race. After

his first two space launch attempts ended in failure, it is no surprise that Elon Musk's SpaceX recently took a dummy to the International Space Station.

Solo ocean crossings in a sailing boat are another example of a sport that seems too risky to many.

Free Solo tells of Honnold's perfectionism but ultimately he relies on practice, friction, magnesium carbonate chalk for his sweaty palms and his wits.

Ascent

Throughout the ascent, and the preamble which leads to it, including romance and his girlfriend's struggle 'to understand', Honnold is filmed by his friends, some of whom cannot bear to watch the final solo.

Extreme solo feats have existed as long as humans. The marathon developed in Ancient Greece as a solo running challenge and people still die in the 21st century emulating those barefoot warriors.

Climbing and mountaineering has a long history of solo risk-taking and many of

its protagonists live relatively short lives. Some, though, such as legendary Italian Walter Bonatti, were hard wired for solitary ascents.

He shot to fame in the 1950s with a solo ascent of a climb on the Dru, renamed the Bonatti Pillar, in the French Alps.

Bonatti finished his hard climbing career in 1965 with a solo in winter of the north face of the Matterhorn for the centenary of that mountain's first attempt. He passed away, aged 81, in bed.

Up until *Free Solo*, many films about climbing have only been of real interest to climbers and have not made it into mainstream cinema.

Using the latest techniques, including drones, remote cameras, huge telephoto lenses on digital cameras from the valley floor and cameras wielded by dangling climbers has created a National Geographic movie which has transfixed audiences.

Even climbers emerge after an-hour-and-a-half with sweaty palms after the glimpse into Honnold's seemingly nihilistic world.



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Football association quiz nets huge amount



The winning team of James McCorkindale, Louise Mackay, Catherine Mackay and Alistair Mackay with Rhys Blair and Claire Michell of CDJFA.

A team led by the Rotary Club of Campbeltown's Citizen of the Year helped Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA) raise £1,643.50 at a quiz.

Quizmaster Helen Gilchrist, who was crowned Citizen of the Year last week, ran the Campbeltown Bowling Club event, jointly organised with CDJFA.

The club was packed with 34 teams of up to four people battling across six rounds of questions with fun activities thrown in the mix.

The Courier's Rebecca Harvey said: 'They gave each team a lump of modelling clay and told us to make our favourite animal or sea creature. The bar ladies judged it and the winning team gained a bonus 10 points.'



Musical chairs.

In addition to a huge raffle, Helen organised a game of musical chairs, which was won by Warren Harvey and a dance off, won by Richard Semple.

The winning team was The Red Panda, made up of Alistair Mackay, Catherine Mackay, Louise Mackay and James McCorkindale, who won the £100 cash prize, donated by T A Blair Ltd, but handed it back to CDJFA funds. A CDJFA

spokesperson said: 'Special thanks to Rhys Blair and Claire Michell of CDJFA and a massive thanks to everyone who turned up for our CDJFA quiz.'

'The total raised, £1,643.50, is more than we ever aimed for.'

'The following businesses and individuals made donations: Machrihanish Dunes, Kelly Souden, Tree House, Fresh Connection, CS Wind, Campbeltown Picture House,

Cross Street Barbers, Tin Roof Diner, Morrisons, Jean Farmer, Serenity Spa, Wee Toon Sports, Co-op, Hair by Iona, Numero Dix, Snips hairdressers and Springbank Distillery for the bottle that raised £180.

'Thanks also go to all the parents, friends and family who contributed to the raffle which was split for tonight and the festival. Apologies if I missed anyone.'

'Our biggest thanks go to

Helen Gilchrist for all the organising and her team for setting up, Louise for checking all the sheets, Stronvaar for the venue, Wee Toon Sports for selling the tickets and Mairi, Karen and Fiona for selling the raffle. Thanks to TA Blair Ltd for the £100 prize which, thanks to Louise Mackay, Catherine Mackay, Alistair Mackay and James McCorkindale, was handed back to boost our total by £100.'

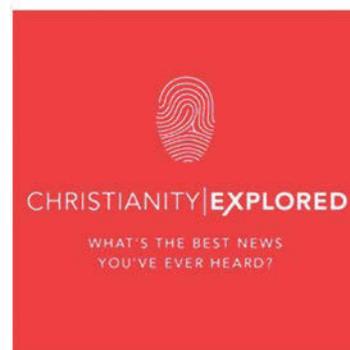
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Fiona Mitchell, with her back to the camera, maintains the beat during rehearsal. 25_c09KSPBnoviceB09



Above: KSPB's Novice B band at a practice evening. 25_c09KSPBnoviceB02



Right: Tommy Blue, in the background, one of the Campbeltown players who helps at tuition evenings. 25_c09KSPBnoviceB03

Kintyre's Novice B band marches to Scottish schools championships

Bingo players drummed up more than £1,000 to help send Kintyre's Novice B pipe band to the Scottish schools championships.

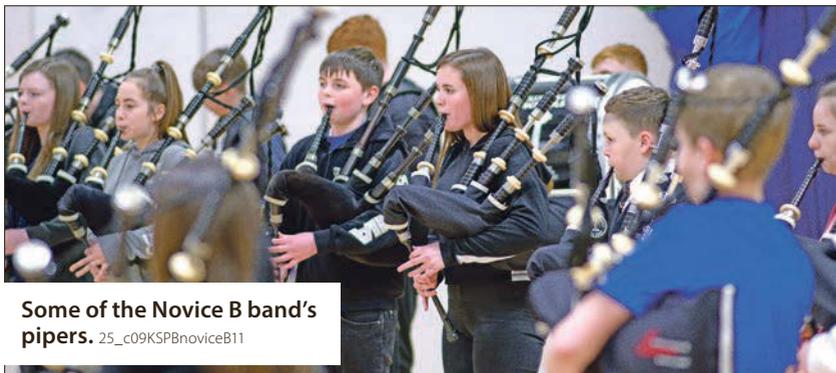
Kintyre Schools Pipe Band (KSPB) Novice B band has been practicing at its regular Tuesday and Thursday evening tuition sessions in Campbeltown

Grammar School, under the direction of Pipe Major Fiona Mitchell, for this weekend's competition.

The band will leave at lunchtime on Saturday and spend the night at Bathgate's Premier Inn.

When they compete on Sunday, it will be the first time a Campbeltown band has taken part in this competition.

The young musicians will be up against novice bands from across Scotland.



Some of the Novice B band's pipers. 25_c09KSPBnoviceB11



Left: Two of the Novice B band's drummers. 25_c09KSPBnoviceB10



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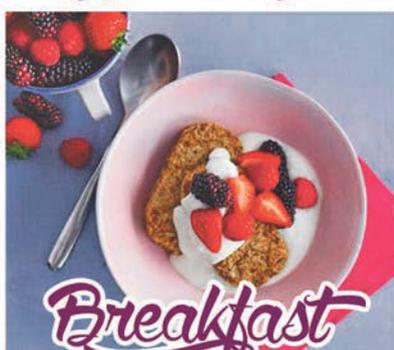
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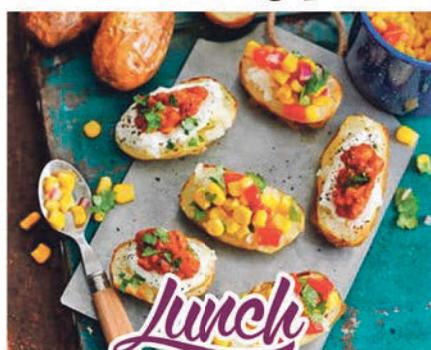
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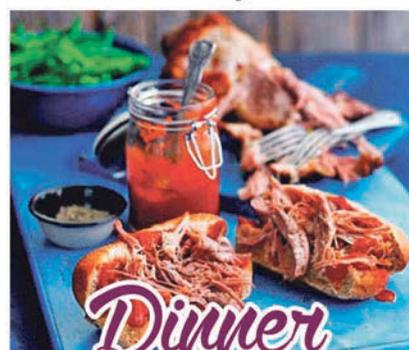
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Ceol Campbeltown welcomes Celtic singer-songwriters

A pair of musicians who blend Celtic folk and roots, Americana and a brush of gypsy jazz play Campbeltown on Saturday March 9.

Ceol Campbeltown hosts singer-songwriters Chris Sesar and Gill Halliday at the Seaford Hotel from 7pm for less than £10 a ticket.

The duet have gained recognition for their genre-defying repertoire for effortlessly blending music.

Publicity for the pair states: 'Chris Sesar's songs paint the landscape of human relationships with gentle colours and delicate detail, sometimes bittersweet, sometimes dark and with a comic twist.'

'Since March 2016, Chris has been touring Scottish and European venues with Angus-based singer-songwriter Gill.

'Her intuitive use of wind instruments adds a layer of depth and versatility to the performance, while her powerful voice delivers her

'Their harmonies, however, are nothing short of mesmerising.'

Right: Chris Sesar and Gill Halliday.



songs with heartfelt honesty. Individually, the pair are brilliant vocal performers. Their harmonies, however, are nothing short of mesmerising.'

They recently played Leith Folk Club and a spokesperson said: 'We saw how fabulous they were last year, so of

course, we just had to invite them back.'

Sheena Wellington added: 'I could have listened to Gill singing all night.'

Stage
Chris Sesar and Gill Halliday have shared the stage with Phil Cunningham and Aly Bain, Paul Anderson,

The Old Blind Dogs and Dougie McLean.

Although this new venture has a different feel to previous projects, it retains a Celtic influence which can be heard throughout the haunting melodies and clever lyrics.

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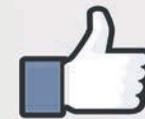
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With February out of the way, farmers are soon able to begin calving and lambing season – a vital source of income and production for many Scottish farmers this year, as Scotland's

beef industry brought in £657m in 2015.

Gauley further advises that farmers should not be "tempted to overfeed, instead build up the ewe's condition throughout the year".

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With farming income

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The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be in excess of 50 MW comprising 17 turbines with a ground to blade tip height of up to 136.5 metres. The proposed development is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment and an Environmental Statement has been produced.

Blarghour Wind Farm Ltd at the request of the Scottish Ministers has now submitted additional information to Scottish Ministers relating to ornithology, peat, peatland habitat, protection of the water environment and private water supplies.

Copies of the additional information are available for public inspection in person, free of charge at

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Dalmally Post Office	Monday: 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 5.30pm Tuesday: 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 5.30pm Wednesday: 9am - 1pm Thursday: 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 5.30pm Friday: 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 5.30pm Saturday: 9am - 12.30pm	Main Road, Dalmally PA33 1AX
Argyll and Bute Council Offices	Monday to Friday from 9am - 12.30pm, and from 1.30 pm to 4pm.	1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD

The additional information can also be viewed at the Scottish Government Library at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ; on the application website at (www.blarghourwindfarm.co.uk); or at www.energyconsents.scot.

Copies of the additional information may be obtained from Blarghour Wind Farm Ltd (telephone: 0141 202 0625 or email info@blarghourwindfarm.co.uk) at a charge of £50 hard copy and £10 on CD.

Any representations to the application may be submitted via the Energy Consents Unit website at www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx; by email to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at representations@gov.scot; or by post to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals), full return email and postal address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to representations@gov.scot will receive acknowledgement.

All representations should be received not later than 8th April 2019 although Scottish Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Any subsequent additional information which is submitted by the developer will be subject to further public notice in this manner, and representations to such information will be accepted as per this notice.

As a result of a statutory objection from the relevant planning authority, or where Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, Scottish Ministers can also cause a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) to be held.

Following examination of the environmental information, Scottish Ministers will determine the application for consent in two ways:

- Consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the proposal.

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Forestry experience is desirable but not essential for this key role, so we are looking for a candidate with the following skills and experience:

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For enquiries or information please contact the Centre Manager, Nicola MacKechnie;
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Job Title: Chief Executive Officer
Reporting to: Board of Directors

Appointment

Mallaig Harbour Authority is seeking to appoint a Chief Executive Officer following the retirement of its present CEO. Reporting to the Board of Directors, this is an exciting opportunity for a self-motivated and ambitious leader who will join us as we embark on a major harbour redevelopment.

The chief executive officer will have responsibility for providing strategic leadership for the Authority by working with the Board of Directors and staff to establish long-range goals, strategies, plus implementation of the recently published Mallaig Harbour Authority Masterplan.

Main Responsibilities:

- Provide effective leadership demonstrating the core values of the Authority at all times
- Provide leadership and direction with regard to the Authority's strategy and its implementation
- Ensure that all systems and processes are effectively implemented and utilised to provide accurate management information
- Ensure compliance and adherence to all Government and Trust Port legislative requirements
- Build effective relationships with key stakeholders, port users and customers and liaise with them to influence the future ways of working with the harbour authority, endeavouring to enhance the customer experience.

Person Specification

- Previous experience operating at a senior management level
- Proven record of leading operational teams and engendering a culture of continuous improvement through the use of excellent interpersonal and leadership skills
- Ability to lead by example and coach others to improve performance
- Educated to degree level or equivalent demonstrable work experience
- Previous experience in developing, planning and implementing successful business strategies
- Knowledge of maritime commercial activities
- Proven experience of holding financial accountability
- In-depth knowledge of corporate governance, finance and budgeting
- Outstanding organisational and time management skills with the ability to think creatively and innovatively
- Excellent communication skills both written and oral that connects with all levels both within and external to the Authority

Salary

Salary to be in line and commensurate with ability and experience

To Apply:

Applicants should write, using no more than two sides of A4, explaining how they fit our person specification and enclosing a CV.

Applications should be sent to:

Mr Charles King, Chairman, Mallaig Harbour Authority, Harbour Office,
Mallaig, Inverness-shire. PH41 4QB
Or emailed to: kingcraigrossie@aol.com>

To be received no later than Monday 25th March 2019 at 5pm.

Interviews will be held in Mallaig week commencing 15th April 2019.

MALLAIG HARBOUR AUTHORITY
Appointment of Non-Executive
Board Members

Mallaig Harbour Authority is seeking to make appointments of two non-executive members to its Board and individuals with an interest in public service are being sought.

Mallaig Harbour Authority is a Trust Port which differs from company or local authority owned ports by its constitution and powers. All port investments are funded from trading revenues supplemented by commercial borrowings.

The main duties of the Authority are to maintain, improve and develop the Port.

The appointments will be for a period of three years with both appointments commencing in April 2019. Posts will be part time, typically a few days per month. A modest remuneration is payable.

Competencies/Skills

Applicants must be able to demonstrate the following:

- That they have achieved results in demanding situations and can demonstrate ability and a proven track record in their chosen profession (or other activities);
- That they have the ability to contribute effectively in group discussions involving a wide range of people, including specialists and professionals. This includes the intellectual ability to extract the essence of an argument from papers and to analyse problems and assess evidence impartially;
- That they have been able to earn the respect of colleagues and been influential as a member of a team working over a sustained period of time towards demanding goals;

Applicants should make clear the level and depth of management or specialist expertise (if any), and of any other experience which demonstrate knowledge and interests relevant to this post e.g. management of harbours, financial management, human resources and industrial relations, laws relating to Scotland.

Residence within a reasonable distance of the port, and familiarity with local issues in the region surrounding the port, are highly desirable.

The Authority is committed to equality of opportunity and encourages a diverse range of applicants and to the principle of appointment on merit with independent assessment, openness and transparency of process in accordance with the Guide To Good Governance for Trust Ports.

Further details and application forms can be obtained from:

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4x4 Magazine also recognised that Subaru's new Global Platform, which will underpin all new model introductions going forward, results in further improvements to the sure-footed combination of grip, feel and sharpness for which Subaru is famed, giving XV exceptional ride and refinement.

Alan Kidd, Editor of 4x4 Magazine, said: "The new XV builds on the company's already formidable strengths. It's a very,

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Subaru UK Managing Director Chris Graham commented: "We are delighted that the XV has won 4x4 Magazine's Crossover Estate of the Year 2019. This award is testimony to a great product that our customers love and trust to get themselves, and their families, safely from A to B, whatever the conditions. We're proud to produce some of the safest, most capable and reliable vehicles on the market today."

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The reasons for the current undersupply are numerous, but RICS has long called for the government to explore other avenues for housing development to widen house building participation, across all tenures, to meet demand.

Making meaningful inroads to tackling the housing crisis cannot be done through intensifying the current 'business as usual' approach. For Scotland to make serious headway into building the quantum of homes required to meet demand, there needs to be innovation in government policy and parliamentary legislation.

The Scottish Government's flagship housing

measure is undoubtedly the £3bn investment in 50,000 affordable homes.

Whilst commendable, bold and unique, it is not producing the required numbers to tackle the supply crisis and backlog adequately. As such, a new approach, with new measures, is required.

RICS hopes these measures can be introduced through original policy and legislation; or emulating existing legislation in other jurisdictions.

Two recent English Acts have greatly assisted those wishing to self- and custom-build their homes: The Self-Build and Custom House Building Act 2015, which was amended and enhanced by the Housing and Planning Act 2016.

The principles and intentions of these Acts are to increase the opportunity of custom and self-build through the establishment of local authority-held registers of individuals or groups with an interest in self or custom-building projects. The local authority then has an obligation to find plots of land for those on the registers.

Similarly, two sections of Part 9 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act

2015 require local authorities to provide allotments to those with a registered interest. There is no reason why these sections cannot be imitated, with 'allotment' being replaced by 'self- or custom-built home', or words to that affect

Emulating any of these pre-existing Acts, and providing financial assistance and advice, could open up another avenue for housing development, whilst not hindering or replacing existing forms of supply

The UK is far behind its European and American counterparts when it comes to self- and custom-build developments. In the US, 45

per cent of new housing is self or custom built, with the European average around 50 per cent. The estimate for self and custom-built homes in the UK lies between seven per cent and 10 per cent.

Despite this low contribution from self- and custom-build to the UK housing market, demand in the UK is increasing. Ipsos Mori reported in 2016 that one in eight Britons expected to research or plan how to build a home for themselves over the following 12 months.

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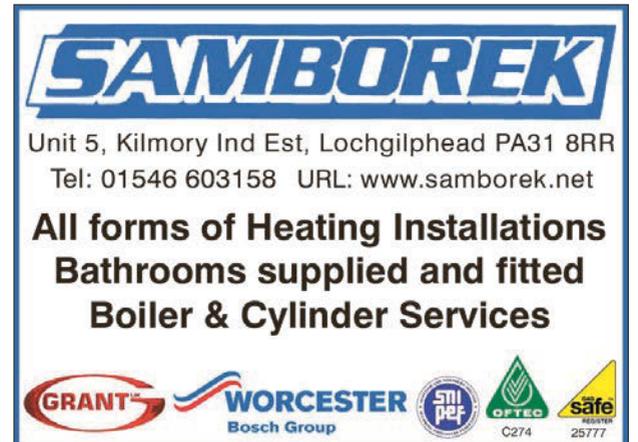
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Tayinloan's taxing quiz for play park funds

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Members of varying ages was the winning team's key to success at a quiz to raise money for Tayinloan's play park.

Poppy's Team, comprising Sheila MacSporran, Briony and David Avery and 12-year-old Lewis Gilchrist, who has since turned 13, picked up the most points in the recent quiz.

With 12 rounds of five questions, and each table able to play a joker to double their points



The hall was packed with quizzers.
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on one of the rounds, there were 65 points up for grabs.

Under the guidance of the school's new acting head teacher, Catriona Brown, the youngsters compiled the questions themselves, five each on a topic of their choice.

Categories ranged from crab fishing, cycling and books to capital cities, World War Two and Minecraft – with a gentle reminder that 'Minecraft is a video game,' halfway through that round!

The consensus in the hall was that it was a very challenging quiz, with any queries about answers settled by the child who wrote the question. Poppy's Team, with mascot Poppy, a Border collie, sleeping under the table, scored 46 points, just four ahead of the second placed team.

A raffle was drawn during the quiz and a light supper, provided by the children's parents and family, was served.

Organisers were astounded by the turn-out at the event, considering there was a quiz in the hall the night before and are thankful to all who supported it.

The event raised £295, and an anonymous donation boosted the total to £450.



Poppy's Team: Lewis Gilchrist, Sheila MacSporran, Briony Avery and David Avery, with Poppy under the table.
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The money will go towards a fund to build a new play park in Tayinloan, with the previous facilities lying broken and disused.

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

Some may say it would be wise to sleep through the winter and miss the gales, the rain, the sleet and the cold. They may have a point.

I am fascinated by hibernation.

Our two tortoises had been hibernating for five months and we were sure the warm weather would tempt them to face the world again.

Zak emerged first and stomped over Zoe for several days before she gave up and emerged to join him.

She had only been awake for a day, keeping within the shelter of their house most of the time, when storm Freya struck.

The wind was so strong that it damaged the gate to the tortoise enclosure and we found it swinging open the next morning.

All seemed well and Zak was under his sun lamp while a little bump in the corner indicated Zoe was there, or so we thought.

That afternoon when we went out to see that all was well, our collie Jazz refused to come back into the house and was desperately trying to tell us something about the bushes. We could see nothing and insisted he come in.

However he wouldn't give up, and with an 'I told you so' look about him, emerged from the bushes with Zoe in his mouth.

Jazz knew she shouldn't be there and if he hadn't found her, we would have had no idea what had happened to her.

After all this adventure, Zoe has gone back into hibernation.

I never cease to be enchanted by the wonders of the natural world and when I see it all in all its glory, I fail to see how it could possibly have happened by chance.



Winning team, Dunaverty Divas: Fiona Rowland, Moyra Paterson, Jean Ives and Karen Twynham.

Dunaverty Divas take Tayinloan quiz title

A group of ladies from Southend proved their general knowledge was unbeatable at a Largieside SWI quiz night.

Quizmaster Helen Steel fired a range of general knowledge questions to visitors from around Kintyre at the recent Tayinloan Village Hall event, keeping everyone on their toes.

The winners were the Dunaverty Divas, also known as Fiona Rowland, Karen Twynham, Jean Ives and Moyra Paterson, from Southend. After the quiz, tea was served and the raffle was drawn bringing a 'most enjoyable' evening to a close.



There was a good turnout.

A spokesperson said: 'Many thanks to all who turned up or helped make the night such a success.'

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FOR THE WEEK**

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DEATHS

CAMERON - Suddenly, but peacefully, whilst on holiday in Bulgaria, on February 25, 2019, Nicoll Cameron, aged 77 years. A lifelong supporter of Scotland and the SNP. Beloved husband of Diana, loving father of Ewan and Lewis, a respected father-in-law of Nicola and Katriona, dear grandfather of Mia, Arran, Brody and Iona, brother of Donald and of the late Douglas, and a good friend to many. Funeral service to take place at Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh, EH7 4HW, on Tuesday, March 12 at 3.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only, but donations if so desired, may be made to the RNLI as you leave the service. Tartan colours may be worn.

RUBIN - On March 4, 2019, peacefully, at Campbeltown Hospital, Barbara Ann Rubin, née Butterworth, in her 75th year, wife of the late John Rubin and loving mother to Ruth and Robert Aaron. (Private funeral). "Seek and ye shall find" Mathew 7:7.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ELKIN - The family of the late Colum Ross Elkin would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for their great kindness and expressions of sympathy, for the cards, flowers and letters received during their recent sad loss of Colum. Thank you also to the Rev Dr Roderick Campbell for his comforting words and thanksgiving service, to Donald MacDonald

Funeral Directors for their understanding and professional guidance and to Crarae Gardens Visitor Centre for their hospitality. Thanks to all who attended the service, graveside and gave so generously in Colum's memory, especially to those who travelled considerable distances to pay their respects. Your support was greatly appreciated at this immensely difficult time. Thank you.

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MCWHIRTER - Madge and the family of the late Francis McWhirter would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to friends and relatives for all support and kind expressions of sympathy following their sad loss. Thanks to Father Tony for a personal

and uplifting Mass, to Kenny and Rhys Blair, funeral directors, for their compassion and professional handling of all arrangements, to all Francis's carers and regular visitors while he was housebound, and to all who paid their respects to Francis at the graveside. Finally, thank you to the staff at the Argyll Hotel for their excellent catering and service.

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- Margaret and family xx.

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- The Burton family, Oban and East Kilbride.

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- All the family.

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Of all the many blessings, However great or small, To have you in our lives, Was the greatest gift of all.

- From all the family, Lochgilphead and Carlisle.

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- From all the family.

WARDROP - Our beautiful Lynsey, Somewhere over the rainbow, We love you.
- Mum, Dad and Fallon xx.

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Cumlodden and Lochgair
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Top Kintyre athletes race to Argyll athletics final

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Kintyre's top indoor athletes will compete against youngsters from across Argyll at the final of the Sport Hall Athletics in Oban.

The results from the Kintyre heat are: Under seven girls: 1 Emma Johnston, Castlehill, 16 pts; 2 Eleyna McEachran, Castlehill, 12.5 pts; 3 Louise Ralston, Castlehill, 11 pts; 4 Niamh McSparran, Dalintober, 5 pts; 5 Alana Lewis, Castlehill, 4 pts. Under nine girls: 1 Lucy McFadzean, Castlehill, 18 pts; 2 Taylor McMillan, Castlehill, 15.5

pts; 3 Ailie Renton, Castlehill, 11.5 pts; 4 Cara Macpherson, Dalintober, 6 pts; 5 Korri McMillan, Castlehill, 3 pts. Under 11 girls: 1 Kirstie Renton, Castlehill, 22 pts; 2 Cara McFadzean, Castlehill, 14.5 pts; 3 Ruby Dunlop, Ardrishaig (qualified at Mid Argyll heat) 7.5 pts; 4 Beth Johnstone, Tarbert (qualified at Mid Argyll heat) 6 pts; 5 Niamh Quinn, Castlehill, 5 pts; 6 Emma Millar, Castlehill, 3 pts; 7 Erin Ralston, Castlehill, 3 pts. Under 13 girls: 1 Violet Campbell, Castlehill, 12 pts; 2 Rianne Coffield, Dalintober, 6 pts.

Under seven boys: 1= Murray MacKay, Drumlemble, Craig MacMillan, Castlehill, and Graham

Brown, Dalintober, 11 pts; 4 Charley Gilchrist, Dalintober, 10.5 pts. Under nine boys: 1= Kian Campbell, Dalintober, and Isiah Doxsey, Drumlemble, 19 pts; 3 Richard Giffen, Castlehill, 15 pts; 4 Harry Reid, Dalintober, 4 pts; 5 Sandy MacKinnon, Castlehill, 3 pts. Under 11 boys: 1 Jack Green, Dalintober, 22.5 pts; 2 Robert Kerr, Dalintober, 15 pts; 3 Jake Anderson, Castlehill, 14.5 pts; 4 Ryan Johnston, Castlehill, 8 pts. Under 13 boys: 1 Oliver Reid, Campbeltown Grammar, 18 pts; 2 Kris Fleming, Dalintober, 10 pts; 3 Daniel Semple, Castlehill, 8 pts.

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Twins Emma and Hannah Millar compete in the speed bounce. 50_c10athletics05



Niamh Quinn in action in the triple jump. 50_c10athletics08



Emma Johnston competes in the triple jump. 50_c10athletics13



Craig MacMillan eyes up the competition. 50_c10athletics11



Lucy McFadzean, right, in racing action. 50_c10athletics24



Jack Green throws the javelin. 50_c10athletics21



Competing cousins: Ryan Johnston and Robert Kerr race to the finish line. 50_c10athletics18



Jack Green and Jake Anderson in a close competition. 50_c10athletics19



Joint under nine boys' champions Kian Campbell, front, and Isiah Doxsey. 50_c10athletics35



Oliver Reid prepares to throw the shot putt. 50_c10athletics30



Campbeltown mini-rugby players and coaches.

Kintyre-Campbeltown mini-rugby news

Kintyre-Campbeltown mini-rugby players scrummed down for their first Dalriada of the season in Lochgilphead.

At last Sunday's tournament, between Mid Argyll, Lochaber, Oban Lorne, Etive Vikings and Kintyre-Campbeltown, the club fielded a full team of P4/5 and, with some players not able to travel, seconded a couple of players for P6/7 from Oban to make up a 6/7 team.

Despite Saturday's downpours, the Lochgilphead pitches stood up to the constant pressure and every club played five games each, refereed by various coaches.

The club's P4/5, having not played a proper game since last year's Dalriada, had a shaky start but grew in stature with each game played.

Club spokesperson John Forster

said: 'Confidence was key and believing in themselves.

'All the games were close and the net result was that P4/5 drew three, lost one and won one.

'The first P6/7 game was closely contested ending in a draw.

'The second game against a well drilled team saw a loss, however undeterred the players came back in their third to draw.

'In the final P6/7 game, a quick score at the end pipped the opposition to give a well deserved win.

'For both teams, the coaches can now concentrate on improving the skill base and above all brushing-up the tackling.'

The next mini-rugby Dalriada is in Oban this Sunday and there will be a Campbeltown Dalriada at the Meadows on Saturday March 30.

Darts results

Monday evening's darts matches saw triple tops from Gavin McLachlan for the Burnside, Raymond Rutherford for the Kinloch A and Jamie McGougan, for Kilbrannan A, who also hit a 15-dart leg.

John MacIntosh had a finish of 120 for Ailsa A, Donald Stewart 110 finish for the Fiddlers.

The full results were: Kilbrannan C 4 Fiddlers 4, Burnside 8 Kinloch B 0, Ailsa A 4 Ailsa B 4 and Kinloch A 1 Kilbrannan A 7.

Dunaverty's winter league

Dunaverty's winter league is drawing to a close with only two scoring rounds left to count.

Alistair McConnachie leads the league with 197 points. It started in October and finishes on March 17.

The format is individual scores with the best five to count and only nine points cover the top five players.

McConnachie is just one point ahead of Robert Coffield, but David MacBrayne, on 192, cannot be

discounted and he is chased by Alex Arkle on 190. A little adrift is Don Hardman and vice-captain John Brown, both on 188, competing for fifth although captain John Morrison, 184, may catch them.

A close finish is expected and all will be striving during the last two rounds.

The final day is March 24 when, after a Texas scramble, there will be a presentation meal in the Tea Box at Dunaverty clubhouse.



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SAFL results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Premier Division - Goldenhill 1, Oban Saints 2; Dunoon 2, Rutherglen 6; Premier Division One - Lochgilphead Red Star 2, Kings Park Rangers 2; Campbeltown Pupils, no game; Premier Division Two - Houston United 9, Tarbert 3.

Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Rutherglen v Oban Saints; Premier Division One - Hillington v Lochgilphead Red Star; Campbeltown Pupils, no game; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v Parkhall.

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The two entries who got nearest the ball and each receive £25 are:

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Lochgilphead



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Kintyre-Campbeltown
mini-rugby news

Kirstie Renton is Kintyre's answer to Laura Muir

Sixty-five athletes compete in Kintyre athletic championships

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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The same day as Scots runner Laura Muir achieved the 'double-double' at the European Indoor Athletics Championship, several Kintyre athletes raced to their own sports hall victories.

Bill McCallum, organiser of the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics, urged competitors in Sunday's Kintyre heat to go home and watch Laura compete in the biennial track and field competition.

Those who followed his instruction would have seen Laura, 25, winning gold in the 1,500m and 3,000m events in Glasgow, two years after claiming both titles in Belgrade.

After three hours of competition, the star of Kintyre's Victoria Hall contest, in which 65 young athletes competed, was arguably Castlehill Primary School's Kirstie Renton.

Kirstie won four of the six events in the under-11 girls' section and impressed spectators in both running events, recording 18.5 seconds for the two-lap race and an amazing 39.9 seconds in the four-lap race.

These times were not bet-

tered by any of the boys or older girls.

Kirstie also won the javelin, throwing 15m, and the speed bounce, recording 80 jumps in 30 seconds, close to the Argyll age record of 83 jumps.

Runner-up Cara McFadzean, also Castlehill, won the standing long and triple jumps, leaping to an impressive 5.64m in the latter event.

Lucy McFadzean, Castlehill, was the under nine girls' champion ahead of two other Castlehill girls, Taylor McMillan and Ailie Renton.

Lucy won the long jump, speed bounce and four-lap race in a time of 44.6 seconds. Taylor and Ailie tied for first place in the two-lap race in 21.5 seconds.

Ailie also won the javelin while Taylor excelled in the triple jump, clearing 4.38m.

Castlehill provided the under-seven girls' winner in the shape of Emma Johnston who won both running events and the speed bounce.

Eleyna McEachran, Castlehill, was runner-up to Emma just ahead of Louise Ralston, Castlehill, who won the javelin and triple jump.

In the same age category Alana Lewis, Castlehill, won the long jump.

Violet Campbell completed



Trophy winners – back row, from left: under-nine girls' champion Lucy McFadzean, under-11 girls' champion Kirstie Renton, under-13 girls' champion Violet Campbell, and under-13 boys' champion Oliver Reid. Front from left, under-seven girls' champion Emma Johnston, joint under-seven boys' champion Murray MacKay (Graham Brown and Craig MacMillan are missing from the photograph), joint under-nine boys' champion Kian Campbell (Isiah Doxsey is missing from the photograph), and under-11 boys' champion Jack Green. 50_c10athletics01

a clean sweep for Castlehill by winning the under-13 girls' age group and was dominant in all six events.

Violet ran 18.8 seconds in the two-lap and 40 seconds in the four-lap and her shot putt mark of 6.97m impressed.

In the boys' events there was a three-way tie for first overall in the under seven contest.

Murray MacKay, Drum-

lemble, Craig MacMillan, Castlehill and Graham Brown, Dalintober, all finished on 11 points just ahead of Charley Gilchrist, Dalintober, who scored 10.5 points.

All four boys won at least one event but most impressive was Craig McMillan's wins in the two-lap race in 22.1 seconds and four-lap race in 46.7 seconds.

Murray MacKay won

the speed bounce, Charley Gilchrist won the triple jump and Graham Brown had success in the long jump and javelin.

It was a tie for first overall in the under-nine section with both Kian Campbell, Dalintober, and Isiah Doxsey, Drumlemble, scoring 19 points.

Kian excelled in the two-lap race, winning in 21.8 seconds, and later in the four-lap.

Isiah won the triple jump, javelin and speed bounce and third placed Richard Giffon, Castlehill, won the long jump.

Jack Green, Dalintober, was the under-11 boys' champion, thanks to outright wins in two-lap, four-lap and javelin.

Jack tied for first in the speed bounce with Jake Anderson, Castlehill, who was third overall, just behind second placed Robert Kerr, Dalintober, who excelled in the long and triple jumps.

Jack's mum, Laura Paterson, was the Argyll under-seven girls' champion in 1994, the first year the indoor competitions were held in Argyll.

Oliver Reid from Campbeltown Grammar School won the under-13 boys' contest ahead of Kris Fleming, Dalintober, and Daniel Semple, Castlehill. Oliver was dominant in all six events.

This was the last of four area heats held in Argyll this winter, with successful athletes from Sunday's competition invited to compete in the Argyll final at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Sunday March 24. The final starts at noon, with registration from 11am. There is an entry fee of £2 for each competitor.

Turn to pages 38 and 39, for full results and more photographs.



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