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First up and running

Campbeltown looks set to be one of the first towns to start work on its plans to revamp the waterfront

CAMPBELTOWN could be one of the first of the towns in Argyll and Bute to get its ambitious plans for the waterfront up and running in 2009.

Following the historic decision by Argyll and Bute Council to increase the level of funding available for town centre and waterfront projects, Councillor John Semple, chairman of Campbeltown's Project Board said: 'It is important, in times of recession that local authorities do what they can to support the local economy by investing in infra-

structure.

'Increasing the level of investment from £10 million to £30 million over the next five years is a measure of this council's intent in this regard'.

Improve

He said that the Campbeltown Board carefully identified projects, which would also improve the economic wellbeing of the town for future generations

as well as improving the image of Campbeltown.

'There is potentially a difficulty in taking forward five projects in that scheduling time spent developing full business cases and progressing with works will be more complex. However, a high level management board has been formed to oversee the development of full business cases.'

Councillor Semple said: 'Over the next year or so each Project Board will put together the detail required for

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Steffan Cox with Eilidh Clark enjoying the Campbeltown Lifeboat Station kids' Christmas party. For a full round up of Christmas party photographs see page six. c52lif01

House broken into
POLICE inquiries are continuing following a house on Lady Mary Row in Campbeltown being broken into on Sunday morning.

Tractor vandalised
A TRACTOR unit on the Broad Street building site, Campbeltown, has been extensively vandalised. The damage was reported to the police on Monday morning.

Noisy parties
POLICE in Campbeltown warned two householders about noisy parties over the Christmas holiday at properties on Albyn Avenue at 3am on Saturday and at Queen Street on Sunday at 8.05am

Search
POLICE on Islay were joined by the island's coastguard team and the force's helicopter after a patient went missing from hospital at Bowmore on Boxing Day. The man was found safe and well.

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Address clarification

FOLLOWING a report in last week's *Courier* we have been asked by the occupiers to point out that Carly Girvan does not live at 18 Castlepark, Campbeltown.

Drivers warned

THREE drivers were warned after speed checks on the A83 at Clachan on Boxing Day.



Computer crooks strike in Kintyre

Two cases of internet fraud reported to police

AFTER two Kintyre people helped fund Christmas for crooks, the police have urged everyone to take care with their personal and financial details.

A woman in Carradale was the victim of identity theft and found to her horror that someone had taken out a loan on line for £600.

'The first this lady knew of it was when a letter arrived from the

loan company,' a police spokesman at Campbeltown said.

The crooks will have set up a bogus bank account in her name and then applied online for the loan.

In a separate incident a Campbeltown man came to the police station and reported that his credit card had been fraudulently used online

and goods worth more than £400 had been

bought.

His bank and the police are now carrying out an investigation into the matter.

'We cannot urge people enough to be vigilant when making purchases on the internet,' said the police spokesman.

'Do be careful about keeping your computer security up to date and be vigilant at all times when giving out information about yourself.'

Farewell to Woolies

CAMPBELTOWN said a fond farewell to Woolworth's this week, with the planned closure of the town's Main Street store.

Built on the site of the Old Quay Head the store was, believe it or not, a controversial decision in its day.


The old block of properties was considered beyond renovation, and demolished. The original plan was for a modern municipal building, but this proved to be too expensive.

The site then sold at a

price agreed by the District Valuer of £2,100; which was considered by some in the property market as a laughably low sum.

The store took only months to build and opened in August 1963; at the time it was thought by many to be too modern and out of keeping. In the next 45 years it gained a firm place in the affections of the town.

The staff gathered for a farewell photo taken by Malcolm McArthur, shown above.



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ARGYLL & BUTE COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Council Chambers, Kilmory, Lochgilhead

1.00 pm – 3.15 pm on Friday, 9 January 2009

The above mentioned meeting is open to the public concluding with a Question and Answer session between 3.15-3.45 pm

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

6 March, 2009 – Victoria Hall, Campbeltown
Committee Meeting 1.00-3.30 pm Public Q&A 3.30-4.00 pm

8 May, 2009 – Queen's Hall, Dunoon
Committee Meeting 1.00-3.15 pm Public Q&A 3.15-3.45pm

For further information/copy of the agenda and papers for the meeting please contact David Ritchie, Communications Manager, Tel: 01436 655040; Email: davidritchie@nhs.net

The papers will also be made available on the Argyll & Bute section of NHS Highland's website: www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk

Argyll & Bute CHP is one of four CHPs within NHS Highland and manages acute, primary, community health and mental health services across Argyll & Bute

Campbeltown waterfront revamp first up and running

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their projects to make progress; this will include engineering plans, planning permissions, negotiation and consultations to the point where tenders can be prepared to carry out works.

'I am fairly confident that much of our project can be brought to full business case fairly quickly; the Townscape Heritage Initiative element is already well worked up and could easily be the first element across the five projects.

Engineering

'The Marina element is fairly straightforward but will require a fair bit of engineering design work to be carried out, as will the realignment of Kinloch Road.

'The developments on Kinloch Road are the most complex element of our project as there is land in multiple ownership and a great deal of detailed back-room work to be done. Compared to many of the other projects across the five towns it is by no means the most difficult or complex.

'I am sure we will be one of the first Project Boards to see our plans move forward to works in 2009-10.'



Where could you find the Spice Girls, The Wizard of Oz, a doctor's waiting room and a detective mystery all on the same stage? The answer is Tayinloan Village Hall variety concert. As we reported in last week's edition, there were two great performances and the hall was packed each night.

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Charged with possession of a sword

SCOTT James Paterson, aged 31, of Burnbank Place, Campbeltown, appeared in private at the town's sheriff court on Saturday before Sheriff Craig, charged with possession of an offensive weapon, namely a sword, in Burnbank Place, Campbeltown, on Boxing Day. No plea or declaration was made.

Thanks for the party

THE patients and staff of Campbeltown Hospital's Bengullion ward would like to say a big thank you to everyone who made their Christmas concert such a success.

A raffle at the event raised an amazing £265 for ward funds.

Roger Gillespie and his band played and Krystal McLean sang and there were performances from children's choirs from schools around the town.

The Salvation Army singers and performers also took part. As well as a wealth of music and entertainment the relatives of the patients helped with teas and the patients had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

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Council criticised for 'insufficient' progress

A NEW report has criticised Argyll and Bute Council for making 'insufficient progress over-all' in putting Best Value practises in place. Following the Accounts Commission for Scotland's report

in February 2006, which said the council had made limited progress the latest report says the authority still has much to do and 'must increase its pace of change to establish Best Value for local people'. Best Value involves

the council working in such a way that its services are improved and made efficient.

Publication

The report said: 'Over two years on from the publication of the original Best Value report and five years after the

statutory duty of Best Value came into effect, many of the council's systems for achieving continuous improvement remain at the early stages of development.'

It said there was concern over the council's ability to effectively

manage its own performance and it did not have an adequate system for this.

On the positive side, the report recognised that there had been improvements in the political structure of the council and there were

early signs that the new chief executive was making a positive impact.

Councillor Dick Walsh, leader, said: 'We recognise there is more to be done but are confident that we are moving in the right

Get cultural in 2009

Kintyre Cultural Forum hosts arts seminar in February

THE Kintyre Cultural Forum has announced that its second arts and cultural seminar will be held on Thursday March 19 in Campbeltown Heritage Centre.

The results of its cultural needs audit will be announced and people and organisations can contribute to the discussions with architects and cultural representatives from across Scotland as well as workshops and discussions on other cultural issues.

Refreshments

There will be a social area with free refreshments where those attending and exhibiting can get a chance to find out more about what is happening in the area and discuss ideas for future events. The first seminar was

held in September 2007 and identified a need for further research into the potential for a local arts and cultural centre and a culturally-based website.

Workshops

The forum is also helping to organise fiddle and percussion tuition workshops and concerts in the Heritage Centre and the Kirk Street Hall, Campbeltown in the run up to the seminar.

These are being held in partnership with Kintyre Fiddlers, Kintyre Music and Arts Tuition Group and KADAS.

Evaluation from these events will also be included in the needs audit. The forum has had a busy year, producing six issues of its newsletter and conducting a research visit to various

cultural centres around Scotland.

Details are still being firmed up for the seminar but look out for more information in *The Courier* and in on-line notice boards for updates and programmes for the event will be available shortly beforehand.

The event will provide an excellent opportunity to discuss the potential for the centre and website and members of the public are encouraged to come and join in.

There is still time to contribute to the cultural needs audit; contact Project Worker Iain Johnston by Monday February 23 and if you have already have a questionnaire please return it as soon as possible.



Southend's Christmas present

ARGYLL and Bute Council's road department, not Santa's little helpers, delivered the best Christmas present to Southend.

The new Dunglass Bridge arrived by low loader, not by sleigh, to replace the one washed

away by heavy rain. After diverting the water mains and telephone cable a temporary crane platform had to be built to lift the bridge deck into place and build the abutments.

The bridge was re-

opened to traffic, cutting out a lengthy detour. More remedial work is needed and when this takes the road's opening and closing times will be publicised in advance. The council expects to finish this work soon.

Fire fighters on stand by

FIRE fighters in Campbeltown received an early morning Christmas turn out after being called to stand by for Tarbert Fire Station at 5.50am on Christmas Day.

One appliance was called to cover the Tarbert area whilst their forces were needed to assist Lochgilphead Fire Station after a refrigerator went on fire in a smoke house near to Ford, by Lochgilphead in the early hours of the morning.

The Campbeltown crews returned back to the town at 9am.

False alarm

ON Boxing Day two appliances from Campbeltown Fire Station were called to a false alarm on Hall Street at 7am.

Phone fine

A MAN was given a fixed penalty fine by police after using a mobile phone whilst driving on Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, on Sunday.

Treatment work finished at Tarbert say Scottish Water

SCOTTISH Water has just finished improvements to the Tarbert Water Treatment works, which cost £220,000.

The works serves more than 1700 people in the area many more during the tourist season.

The investment at the plant was done to improve its performance to make sure it continues to meet regulations on water quality.

Contractors

GMJV were the contractors for the project, which was started in the spring of this year, for Scottish Water Solutions.

The work included the provision of new pumps, valves and associated pipe work and software modifications for the controls.

Toni Ferretti project manager for Scottish Water Solutions, said: 'The work was done in a way that ensured there was no disruption to the water supply in the area or to local traffic.'

Blackface judging at Glenbarr

GLENCREGGAN Farm, Glenbarr, will host the annual stock-judging competition of the Kintyre branch of the Blackface Sheep Breeders Association of Friday January 9.

The competition, which has now been running for over 10 years and always attracts a good attendance, is being held by kind permission of Adam Armour.

There will be eight classes of sheep to judge with an overall championship at the end.

There will be an open competition with separate classes for ladies and juniors with an overall team.

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After school care for your children

TRYING to find someone to look after your child whilst you work can be hard in Campbeltown but the After-school Club is on hand to help.

The club now has vacancies.

It is based at the Community Centre and

started in 1999. Last year they were caring for 16 kids but now the numbers have gone down to five children on average, per day.

They are open five days a week and require funding to cover their fees. The club is a charity and under a

new government initiative to encourage more people to go back to work the town must be seen to provide this care.

The club is part-funded by the Childcare Partnership and the shortfall has to be made up either through fund-



During the summer holidays this was one of the trips the kids were taken on to the lifeboat station.

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The kids had their Christmas last week with games and cake to keep them entertained.

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raising or donations.

As well as the after school care the club also sometimes provides on-the-spot cover during club hours.

It is run by qualified carers Karen Cox, Sharon Baikie and Susan Power. Karen and Susan both have an SVQ III and Sharon is working towards her SVQ IV. They re-

ceive help from four Grammar School girls Rebecca Russell, Rebecca McPherson, Leslie Hume and Louise Mitchell two days per week.

Karen said: 'We are open to all the schools in the area and cater for Primary 1-7. We are trying to get people to realise we're here so our numbers can grow.

'As well as providing care during the school term we also do the majority of holidays, excluding Christmas. We take the children for trips around the area including to the lifeboat station and the paddling pool when the weather is good.

'Some days there are structured activities, and others it is more re-

laxed but the kids have the choice of whether they want to join in. We have lots of arts and crafts stuff and different materials to keep the kids occupied.

'Some parents can get help through tax credits and can get some or all of the care paid for them. For more information contact us on 01586 552606.'

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Castlehill calendar is tops

School beats 63 others to take road safety prize

CASTLEHILL Primary School has won one of the most hotly-contested competitions in Argyll and Bute.

Each year schools compete to design the annual road safety calendar; as well as being

an art lesson it is also an important way to bring home the road safety message to children.

All 82 schools in Argyll and Bute are invited to enter the competition and this year the judges were overwhelmed with



The P1 pupils at Castlehill wear their new cycle helmets with pride, with left to right, June Graham, assistant road safety officer, Argyll and Bute Council, Laura Johnston, Connaught partnerships Ltd, Councillors John Semple and Duncan MacIntyre and Carol-Anne Spence of Connaught. c51ca102



Castlehill head teacher Ann Littleison with Councillor Duncan MacIntyre. c51ca101

a total of 1,941 entries from 63 schools making it extremely difficult for them to choose a winner to be printed on the calendar given away free around the council area.

The overall winners were Mrs Brown and Mrs Reid's P1 class at Castlehill.

As well as a trophy and a £50 voucher for the class each child was given a cycle helmet, thanks to the involvement this year of Connaught Partnerships Ltd.

Connaught is currently working in Campbeltown refurbishing

homes owned by Argyll Community Housing Association.

South Kintyre's Councillor John Semple, who is also the deputy spokesman for transport for Argyll and Bute, was at the prize giving ceremony held at the school with spokesman Councillor Duncan MacIntyre.

Councillor Semple said: 'Road safety is a very important issue and something that this council takes very seriously. The calendar competition has been running since 1983 and is hugely popular.

A pupil from Castlehill Primary won it in 1997 and I am delighted that 11 years on the school is still taking part and is as successful as ever.'

Laura Johnston from Connaught Partnerships Ltd said the firm was delighted to support the competition.

'The primary one pupils' drawings were fantastic and look great on the calendar. By presenting each pupil with a cycle helmet we hope to further encourage the pupils to put into practise the road safety measures learnt at school,' she said.



At Carradale Primary School Kieran Dandy received a highly commended certificate for his individual entry in the competition. c51ca102

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Round the Rurals

Doll's house talk for Bellochantuy

ELAINE Hemmings, president, welcomed members of Bellochantuy SWRI to a transformed Glenbarr Hall.

The speaker for the evening had brought a wonderful display of goods available at Holly's Den.

Fiona Kirkland explained how her hobby of doll's houses had become a business. She told how much she enjoyed her work and meeting customers in her shop.

All exhibits including many made by Fiona were very much admired.

Judith MacRae proposed a vote of thanks and business matters were discussed, the raffle was drawn followed by tea and coffee.

Competitions were judged by Fiona and results as follows, cooking: Granny's birthday item: Alice McLean, gold, Margaret McKinnon and Susan Turner, silver; Any craft, Granny's birthday: Patricia Fair, gold, Margaret Campbell and Margaret McKinnon, silver; Margaret Park and Susan Turner, red. Fun competition, an apron: Pam Francis, Janet Hamilton and Nettie Semple, silver, Jill Lines, Judith MacRae and Barbara Young, red.

Perfect evening at Southend

A LOVELY Christmas meal was enjoyed by 25 of the Southend SWRI ladies at their Christmas meeting at Muneroy Tearooms.

The meal was fol-

lowed with Eve Taylor showing the ladies how to make a beautiful Christmas table centre, and Josephine Milligan presenting a beautiful tall floral display.

A tiebreaker decided the winners of the quiz which were Margaret Bakes, Trish Pearson, Nancy Armour, Lynda Smith and Margaret Bateman.

Results from competitions: Favourite jewellery necklace: gold: Jen Ronald, Fiona Rowland, Marion Warlock; silver: Doris Bateman, Trish Pearson, Inez Ronald, Margaret Bates; red: Margaret McIsaccs, Janet Ferguson, Margaret McLean, Patricia Jones. Wrapped gift: gold: Jen Ronald; silver Margaret Bateman, Eve Taylor, Trish Pearson; red Margaret McLean, Kathleen Martin.

A hearty vote of thanks to Frances, and staff for a perfect evening,

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Christmas plays and parties



Home-Start held a Christmas party on Friday when children got to meet Santa and play games. c52san01

As the festive season draws to a close school children from across Kintyre celebrated with their Christmas plays and Santa making special visits to Christmas parties in Campbeltown.



Children from Glenbarr put on their Christmas plays last week. The first was the *Sugar Plum Fairy* and shown here are the kids in their Robin Hood outfits. c51gln01



Gigha children singing their final song. The children performed two plays, *Christmas Around the World* and *X-Factor*, which was win by Phoebe Brown.



Santa with all the children at Campbeltown Fire Station. c52fir01



The Innkeeper's Breakfast was the subject of Rhunahaorine Primary School's Christmas Play.



All the children from Tarbert Academy who took part in *Hosanna Rock*.



Lifeboat crew member's children enjoyed entertainment from the Funky Chicken group and a visit from Santa. c52lif02



Adam McPherson. c52fir02



Pupils from Primary 1 to Primary 3 gave a performance of *Hosanna Rock* in Tarbert Academy. Pupils were praised by the audience and their teachers for an excellent production.



London lass moves to Lorn

A LONDON lass who turned her hand to farming in Argyll has been named among Scotland's top apprentices.

Jenn Jones grew up in London but moved to Ford near Kilmartin with her mother when she was 11.

Moving at such a crucial stage in her education was difficult for Jenn, she moved from a school with 400 pupils to a rural school with only 27 children. At high school things got worse for Jenn and she didn't bother going to school most of the time.

'I just felt unsettled and unhappy being away from the rest of my family.

'I simply hated school,' she said.

Despite her poor attendance she achieved four Highers. She admits that her academic success shocked her: 'Imagine what I could have done if I had put my mind to it.'

Jenn decided to follow

'I love what I am doing in a such a beautiful place.'

her love of animals and went to college to study horse management but things did not work and Jenn moved back home to Ford.

It was then that life began to change for the better for the 22-year old.

'We were very proud of the progress that she made.'

Neil McCorkindale

Jenn said: 'A friend of mine from college got a job in Glasgow and I stepped into her life. I moved in with her parents and began working on their farm, Scammadale near Kilninver south of Oban.'

It was then that Neil McCorkindale, her current employer and chairman of the Lorn branch of the National Farmers Union Scotland, decided to help the young woman gain qualification in agriculture.

Neil said: 'She worked on the farm for about a year so that she would have some practical experience of farming - she would have been out of her depth at college with people who had grown up on farms.'

'I was amazed by the speed with which she learned, especially handling tractors and machinery, and her enthusiasm for working with animals was incredible.'

'We were very proud of the progress that she made.'

Jenn eventually took up her place at Oatridge College, in West

Lothian where she qualified with a Modern Apprenticeship.

College tutors described the young farmer as 'dedicated, skilled and knowledgeable - capable of protecting our countryside and its vital industries'.

She was nominated for the Young Apprentice of the Year, narrowly missing out on the top prize at a ceremony held in Glasgow.

Talking about her plans for the future, Jenn is committed to staying in Scammadale for the time being.

'I love what I am doing in a such a beautiful place.'

'I hope that in the future I can become a farm manager and continue to work on the land.'

'I doubt if I could ever afford a farm of my own but you never know.'



Jenn Jones aboard her tractor with Fly on the farm at Scammadale 15/1jenn02

Maw Broon's winner comes from Tarbert

A TARBERT shop owner and his staff were delighted to be told they

had won first prize in a national shop window display competition.

Ian Macintyre has scooped the best displayed window for the Maw Broon's But An' Ben cookbook competition.

Mr Macintyre was presented with a hamper full of luxury goodies, worth £250 for his efforts.

The competition saw entries from across the UK with only two shops able to scoop the top prize.

'I am highly delighted at winning the competition,' said Mr Macintyre. 'It's not every day you get a luxury hamper delivered. It was a nice early Christmas present,' he added.

The competition was run for all booksellers in the UK as a way of promoting Maw Broon's cookbook.

The Broon's have been printed in the Sunday Post newspaper since March 1936 and were created by publishers, DC Thomson.



Pictured is Ian Macintyre of Macintyre's in Tarbert who won first prize in Maw Broon's But An' Ben window display competition.

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Thought for the week with Irene Howat

Well, that's it. 2008 is over and gone and a new year stretches out in front of us – 365 new days, none of them ever lived before.

We have our dreams for 2009, and many of us have our fears.

If we are honest, the loud cheers of 'Happy New Year!' sometimes sound a bit hollow because we all know that happiness is like a butterfly: we enjoy it when it's there but when we try to hold on, it dies in our hands. So I'm not just going to wish you a happy new year.

There is a prayer near the beginning of the Bible that means so much more at this time of year, or any time of year.

'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.'

Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you ... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.' Whatever 2009 has in store for you, may God be with you and may you know his peace.

(see Numbers 6:24-26)



Down Memory Lane

This evocative old photograph was shown to *The Courier* by Teddy Lafferty from Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, and shows Neil McArthur and the workers at his building firm. Teddy is the young lad, kneeling on the right at the front. 'I'd only be 17 or 18, I was serving my time as a bricklayer and I'm going on 75 now; I'm the only one in that photo still alive.' The photograph was taken in McArthur's Yard, which is the site of a car park at the Campbeltown Creamery today; in the background is the old Witchburn Hospital, now a council office. The men are, on the back row, the boss Neil McArthur, leaning on the bonnet of his Morris 1000 car, Maurice McSporran, another Neil McArthur who was the foreman, Sandy O'May, Colin Gillies and James Boyd the storeman, who used to brew up for tea breaks on a primus stove. Alongside Teddy on the left is Angus Maloney.

Excellent hospital

Sir,
Contrary to reports of a lack of hygiene and an uncaring attitude in the NHS, I found the care my father received recently in Campbeltown Hospital to be of an excellent standard.

Over the years, my late grandmother and great-aunt also experienced the same care.

The staff at Campbeltown Hospital are highly efficient and very kind.

Letters to the Editor

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Campbeltown should be proud of its hospital and caring staff.
**Miss R Rubin,
1 Longrigg, Clachan.**

House proud

Sir,
I read with interest in last week's edition of *The Campbeltown Courier* about Glenbarr Abbey opening its doors to visitors over the festive period in aid of charity.

I attended this event and I must agree that the decorations and entertainment were both great.

But I was shocked when I saw Lady Glenbarr walk up to an elderly lady in a wheelchair and turn her away from one of the rooms for fear that the wheelchair may 'mark her floor'.

I then watched in dismay and utmost disbelief as the lady and those who were with her turned around and left the room, not wishing to make a scene.

The Disability Discrimination Act was

introduced in October 2004 to put a stop to these sorts of attitudes yet, over four years on, disabled people are still being treated unfairly.

The last place I would have expected this to happen though was at a local community event such as this.

I just hope that Lady Glenbarr never has to experience what it is like to be in this situation herself.

I strongly suggest that she thinks about her actions and the way she made this elderly lady feel. Perhaps she should reconsider opening the abbey again next year if she is that house-proud.

**Concerned,
Stewarton.
Name and address supplied.**

Not ferry good

Sir,
Like many Scots, I welcomed the news that the ferry service from Rosyth to Zeebrugge was to be restored next year.

And, sensing the possibility of a travel bargain for some Belgium Beer Tourism, I surfed to ferry operator Norfolk Line's website as soon as booking opened only to discover that no foot passengers are allowed and I would need to travel by car, motorcycle or bicycle.

So much for environmental friendliness and a kick in the teeth to those who can't, for reasons of health and mobility, use a bicycle!
**John Hein
78 Montgomery Street
Edinburgh.**

Community service

Sir,
Following the ongoing major road flooding incidents it is becoming increasingly obvious that essential maintenance to roads drainage infrastructure is not being funded adequately.

If public resources were a problem I would suggest that the Justice Secretary's much-publicised Community

Those Were The Days

Campbeltown Courier
Friday 31 December, 1993

'Optimistic' at emergency RAF meeting

FOLLOWING the announcement of the Ministry of Defence cuts at RAF Machrihanish with the loss of 120 jobs, Argyll and Bute District Council held an emergency meeting to assess the impact on the economy of the local community.

RAF Machrihanish which was also a US navy base, will be out on a 'care and maintenance' basis from June next year following a two month run-down. It is expected the annual income to the community of £2.5 million will be reduced to £1 million.

Personnel will be reduced from 195 to 70 and will be in the command of Squadron Leader Slater when Wing Commander Stewart Heppenstal leaves.

Furniture sales hit

ROAD safety concerns stopped councillors approving furniture sales at a Campbeltown motor dealers.

Planning officials had recommended varying planning permission to allow furniture sales to go on a Mr Neil Ellis's premises in Longrow.

Originally it has been planned to use the building as a car showroom, but plans to operate the sales franchise for a major maker fell through. Access to the showroom is through a narrow close. Mr John McKerral, who represents Kilkerran, said he believed the furniture sales would lead to more traffic using the close. He was supported by Mr Archie McCallum, South Kintyre, who said: 'It is only a matter of time until there is a serious accident here.'

The calm after the storm for Tarbert ferry

SOME of the gloom hanging over Kintyre has been lifted by news of the go ahead being given for the Tarbert to Portavadie ferry.

Argyll and the Islands Enterprise announced that negotiations with the receiver Stoy Hayward, concluded successfully just before Christmas.

The entire project has been hanging in the balance over the winter period.

The work will now be commissioned to start in the spring of 1994, and it is hoped that the ferry will be in service in time for the summer trade.

Spokesperson for the LEC said: 'This is really good news for the area and we are sure that this will have the required affect on the local economy.'

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Service Programme incorporates drainage maintenancesquads who with appropriate training could clear drainage programme backlogs, visibly demonstrate their debt to society and possibly create a long-term career opportunity.

**Dave Petrie,
Ardbeg, Oban.**

Thank you

Sir,
On behalf of our daughter Alex, we would like to thank all the people who so kindly took the time to vote for her in the recent S1 competition she entered, as featured in last week's *Campbeltown Courier*.

We would especially

like to thank all the pupils, parents and staff of Drumlemble Primary School for their support and also whoever it was that wrote about it on The Kintyre Forum.

Not only did Alex's idea of an 'inspiring day out in Scotland,' reach the top ten of approximately 6000 entries, but we now understand that she was only around 150 votes behind the winner.

The £5000 prize was won by Eaglesham Primary School in Glasgow, following a joint entry by three of their pupils.

**Lachie and Fiona
Wotherspoon,
Eriskay, Drumore,
Campbeltown.**

Brass as busy as ever

By Mark Good
IT has been a hectic but enjoyable period for Campbeltown Brass of late.

The band made the journey (with usual necessary overnight stay) to Perth, to compete in the Scottish Challenge Shield.

This contest is part of a 3-tier event, sandwiched between the Scottish Open and the Challenge

Cup (the latter of which the band was victorious in last year, before moving up to the Shield for this year's competition).

The band secured a very credible fifth place, ahead of bands much more established in the contest such as Lochgelly, and Tullis Russell Mills.

The eventual winners of the Shield were the Kirkintilloch Kelvin Band. The band would



Andy's army, the younger players at the band's Christmas concert. c01etb01

like to thank the parents and supporters who also made the journey to Perth for the enjoyable weekend.

As well as preparing for the contest in Perth, the band has been busy with their seasonal festivities.

This included playing at the switching on of the town's Christmas lights, the town's Carol Service in the Lorne and Lowland Church and their own Christmas concert and mince pie supper in the Community Centre. They also provided a musical

background for Christmas shoppers around the town in the days leading up to Christmas.

The band also has its own radio show. Stay tuned to the Brass Band Show with me, Mark Good, on Argyll FM every Sunday morning at 9am repeated Monday evenings at 7pm, for more news about Campbeltown Brass and Scottish banding in general.

In the meantime, Campbeltown Brass would like to wish everyone a very happy new year!

Top fiddler comes to Campbeltown

Fiddle workshops followed by concert

THE KINTYRE Music and Arts Tuition Group and the Kintyre Fiddlers have confirmed that Cape Breton Fiddle icon Jerry Holland will tutor two workshops and perform at a nighttime concert on Friday January 16 in the Heritage Centre, Campbeltown.

Jerry who is in the country to perform in two concerts at Celtic Connections will travel down to Campbeltown to tutor an intermediate fiddle workshop at 4.30pm and an experienced workshop at 5.30pm.

He will follow this up by performing in a specially arranged concert starting at 8pm, which will feature many guest performers including Ross Kennedy, Archie McAllister, Rebecca Brown and Jennifer Austin.

The organisers who ran

their first successful set of workshops on November 13 with Rebecca Brown were delighted when Jerry stated his wish to perform again in Campbeltown.

Jerry who headlined the MOK Fest in 1998 lives on Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia, Canada.

Workshops

The organisers intend to run a series of workshops and concerts throughout the year in partnership with both the Kintyre Cultural Forum and KADAS.

If you are interested in booking onto a workshop please phone Iain at 01586 552034 or email kmatg@hotmail.co.uk

Tickets for the concert at night cost £6 and are available for AP Taylors Main Street and the Volunteer Centre, Longrow, Campbeltown.

Southend Burns Supper

THIS year sees 250 years since Robert Burns was born and to celebrate the Argyll Arms Hotel in Southend will be holding their annual Burns Supper on January 23.

It was take place at 7.30pm for 8pm and people are asked to get their names to the committee by contacting 830256.

Kenny on television

CAMPBELTOWN'S Kenny Thomson will be the focus of a television programme to be aired on New Year's Day.

The programme, scheduled to be shown at 8pm, will mark his 25 years as conductor Glasgow Gaelic Musical Association (GGs).

Kenny, who now lives in Glasgow, has been a member of the GGs for 40 years and has actively promoted Gaelic language and music during that time.

The programme, to be shown on BBC Alba, will feature Kenny's early life in Campbeltown, his work with the choir, and a visit to Lucca in Italy, where he attended a concert to mark the 150th anniversary of operatic composer, Puccini.



Musical extravaganza!

A MUSICAL extravaganza was held in Lochgilphead School Campus on Friday December 12. Members of the wind band are pictured as they nervously prepared for the evening's entertainment. a51band01



The younger members of Kintyre Schools Pipe band played for visitors to the band's coffee morning, held in December in the town hall. C51pip01



Jerry Holland

An Comunn Gàidhealach Meur Loch Fin
Ceilidh na Calluin
Old New Year Ceilidh
Friday 9th January 2009 Argyll Hotel, Lochgilphead 7.30pm
Bean an Taighe: Catriona Fair
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Sheena Walker
Music for dancing from Dalriada Ceilidh Sound
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Tickets to include Haggis Supper £12.50
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SOUTHEND BURNS SUPPER
Friday 23rd January 2009
Argyll Arms Hotel Campbeltown
7.30 pm for 8.00 pm
Names to the Committee or Telephone 01586 830256

Kintyre Blackface Sheep Breeders Association
ANNUAL STOCK JUDGING
Friday January 9th - 7.30pm
Glencreggan Farm, Glenbarr
By kind permission of Adam Armour
Usual Classes Refreshments
All welcome

THE PICTURE HOUSE
Saturday 3 January for 6 days at 7.00pm
The Tale of Despereaux (U)
With the voice talent's of Matthew Broderick, Dustin Hoffman, Emma Watson, Sigourney Weaver
Small Hero. Big Heart
Children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult of 18 years or over.
Please note the earlier start of this film
Coming Next - Saturday 10 January
The Day the Earth Stood Still (12A)
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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE
The Tale of Despereaux (U)
Once upon a time, in the faraway kingdom of Dor, there was magic in the air, raucous laughter aplenty and gallons of mouth-watering soup. But a terrible accident left the king broken-hearted, the princess filled with longing and the townsfolk despondent. All hope was lost in a land where sunlight disappeared and the world became dreary gray. Until Despereaux Tilling was born...
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Visit The Wee Pictures website for more what's on and coming soon.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE DOUBLE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- John, composer of 'silent' piece 4'33" (4)
- 1958 novel by Lawrence Durrell (10)
- Joe, baseball star married briefly to Marilyn Monroe (8)
- '— Dick', novel by Herman Melville (4)
- Country of North America whose capital is Ottawa (6)
- Game bird of the northern hemisphere of the family Tetraonidae (6)
- Richard, Austrian tenor who died in 1948 (6)
- 'The — Book', 1996 film by Peter Greenaway (6)
- Marcus Porcius, Roman politician appointed censor in 184 B.C. (4)
- Plant which is the national emblem of Ireland (8)
- August, playwright who authored Miss Julie (10)
- Desert of China and Mongolia (4)

DOWN

- Capital of Ethiopia (5,5)
- 1816 novel by Jane Austen (4)
- Recently extinct member of the horse family of southern Africa (6)
- '— Poison', novel by Dorothy L. Sayers (6)
- The — line on a ship indicates safe loading limits (8)
- Collective noun for a group of quails (4)
- Wrestling hold in which a wrestler seizes their opponent's legs, turns them face downwards and exerts pressure over their back (6,4)
- In classical mythology, the food of the gods (8)
- Genus of plants of the Mediterranean including mignonette (6)
- Gary, 1962 USPGA golf champion (6)
- Pat, 1987 Wimbledon's men's singles tennis champion (4)
- Diana, actress who appeared in the 1969 Bond film On Her Majesty's Secret Service (4)

QUICK CLUES ACROSS

- Intellect (4)
- Ungainliness (10)
- Happy-go-lucky (8)
- Gain by work (4)
- Sweet (6)
- Granting (6)
- Mallet (6)
- Destitution (6)
- Experience (4)
- Two-wheeled carriage (8)
- Anxiety (10)
- Recess (4)

QUICK CLUES DOWN

- Spotless (10)
- Eat (4)
- Rue (6)
- Pick (6)
- Grief-stricken (8)
- Sharp (4)
- Unmindful (10)
- Murmur (8)
- Spring back (6)
- Spongy (6)
- Ado (4)
- Concept (4)

SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE - Across: 7 Hulme; 8 Herring; 9 Blondel; 10 Copra; 12 Gooseberry; 15 Eric Ambler; 18 Thing; 19 Nairobi; 21 Thomson; 22 Congo.

Down: 1 The Big Heat; 2 Bloom; 3 Lead; 4 Whales; 5 Crucible; 6 Airport; 11 Any Old Iron; 13 Of August; 14 Silicon; 16 Banana; 17 Doone; 20 Inca.

QUICK - Across: 7 Delve; 8 Consume; 9 Imperil; 10 Taboo; 12 Astringent; 15 Newsmonger; 18 Leave; 19 Tension; 21 Shearer; 22 Gloss.

Down: 1 Additional; 2 Slope; 3 Seer; 4 Ocular; 5 Instance; 6 Tumbler; 11 Obtuseness; 13 Symmetry; 14 Sweater; 16 Nature; 17 Divot; 20 Nigh.

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Graduations



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Steven Scott

Steven Scott graduated from the Royal College of Glasgow with a HNC in Electrical Engineering. Steven is son of Mike and Anne Scott, Sound of Kintyre, Campbeltown.



Peter Minshall

PETER Minshall from near Tarbert has graduated Master of Arts with distinction from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama - Arts in Social Contexts: Arts in Education.



Alan Millar

ALAN Millar graduated from Strathclyde University with a Diploma in Local Authority Management.



Margaret Jenkins

MARGARET Jenkins graduated from University of the West of Scotland with a Diploma of Higher Education in Nursing - Adult Nursing (Open Learning). Margaret is the elder daughter of Alex and Margy McCuaig. She works as a staff nurse in both Glenaray Ward and the Accident and Emergency Department, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead.



Donna Wilson

Donna Wilson recently graduated from Paisley University with a diploma in Nursing. Donna is currently employed as a staff nurse at Campbeltown Hospital. Derek and the kids are all very proud of her.



Iain Galbraith

Iain Galbraith graduated from Stow College with a HND in Civil Engineering. Iain is the son of Hugh and Elizabeth Galbraith, Coledrain Farm, Southend. Iain is working as a Site Engineer with Farrens Construction in Glasgow.



Elaine Glover


Elaine Glover graduated from the Open University with a diploma in higher education (adult nursing) and now works at Campbeltown Hospital. She would like to thank her husband and children for their support and encouragement and also the tutors and mentors Isabel Milloy, Karen McAlister and friend and colleague Joan Grady.

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SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

- **Ref No: 08/02177/DET**
 Applicant: Mr David Watson
 Proposal: Site for erection of dwelling house and installation of septic tank.
 Site Address: Plot 4 Ardnacross Farm Peninver Campbeltown Argyll And Bute
 Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
 Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 08/02082/DET**
 Applicant: Mr A Glendinning
 Proposal: Alterations to shop front.
 Site Address: 27 - 29 Main Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6AD
 Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
 S60 Setting of Listed Bldg Ad - 21 Days
- **Ref No: 08/02082/DET**
 Applicant: Mr A Glendinning
 Proposal: Alterations to shop front.
 Site Address: 27 - 29 Main Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6AD
 Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
 Development on Conservation Area - 21 Days
- **Ref No: 08/02131/COU**
 Applicant: Angus And Susan MacDiarmid
 Proposal: Alterations, extension and change of use of dwelling house to guesthouse and restaurant
 Site Address: Crossaig House Skipness Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6YU
 Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
 Section 34 Advert - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 08/02216/DET**
 Applicant: Scottish Water
 Proposal: Temporary extension to waste water treatment facility
 Site Address: Sewage Works Slaty Farlan Campbeltown Argyll And Bute
 Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
 Section 34 Advert - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 08/02225/DET**
 Applicant: Henry And Rosie Dargie
 Proposal: Alterations and extension to dwelling house (amended proposal).
 Site Address: Point House Lochgair Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8SD
 Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
 Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days

Area Team Leader Development Control, Planning Services, 67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX
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PERSONALS

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 Happy 18th Birthday Megan**
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 And can't believe how time has flown
 It seems like only yesterday
 We held you both when you came to stay.
 Through the years we gave advice
 You took it on board cos' you're both so nice
 But now you've grown and moved away
 From time to time come home to stay.
 Man and woman now you are
 Can't believe you've come so far
 Special birthdays you're having this time
 So have a ball in 2009.
 Bestest wishes, Paps and Granny.

Mary and Peter MacPherson

139 Ralston Road,
 hope their relatives and friends had a lovely Christmas and wish them good health and happiness in the years to come.

CONNIE DOHERTY
 Wishes peace and joy of Christmas to all those (too numerous to name) who prayed for, visited me, sent cards, during my recent stay in hospital. Each sign of concern helped the healing process.
Thank you



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 xx

HAPPY 40TH!




NEWS

Stephanie would like to wish all her customers a Happy 2009!

Happy Birthday Peter Alexander 18 today




Love Mum and Mark



A mum's got to do what she's got to do
 So I'm writing this ode about my special two
 Graham and Megan you're my greatest joy
 Couldn't have a better girl or boy
 We've had our ups and we've had our downs
 But they didn't last those little frowns
 So special birthdays you will celebrate
 Graham twenty-one and Megan ten plus eight
 So Happy Birthday to the pair of you
 I love you both you know I do
 The bestest mum I've tried to be
 So celebrate but come home to me.
 Love you both, today and always.
Mum xxxooo

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Do you know this young lad with stick in hand
 For way back then Isle of Islay was his land
 Here he gazes at the water between the rocks
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 But if a pound's to be made he'll travel anywhere
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 Because nothings a problem for Willie the Leak
HAPPY 50TH

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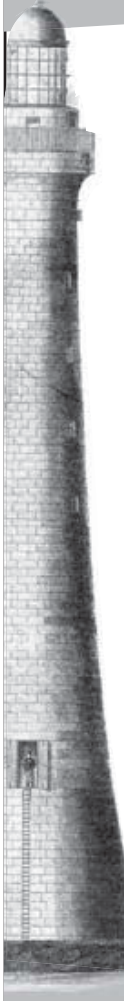
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK
 'OH, THE DEPTH OF THE RICHES OF THE WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE OF GOD!' (ROMANS 11:33).

BIRTHS
CHRISTIE - At the Bays Hospital, Mornington, Victoria on December 12, 2008, to Stewart and Sandra (née Dowd) a son, James Iain Stanley, a wee brother for Lauren Emily, a grandson for Margaret and Brian, Lochgilphead and Coll and Cath, Crib Point, Victoria, Australia. All well.

MACKAY - Alastair and Susan (née McNair) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their lovely son, Lewis, at Stirling Royal Infirmary on December 9, 2008. First grandchild for John and Norma, High Smerby and second grandson for Alastair and Catherine, 99 Ralston Road.

HENDERSON
 Dougal and Ishbel are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Morgan Eilidh, born on Friday, December 19, 2008, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. Third granddaughter for both Danny and Margaret, Tarbert and Barbara and the late John McCormick, Ardrishaig.

ENGAGEMENTS
MACLEAN - LINDSAY - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Donny and Donna on Christmas Day.

RUBY WEDDING
THOMSON - GILLIES - At the Highland Parish Church on December 30, 1968, by the Rev C M Henderson, Graham to Esther. Present address, 98 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown.

DEATHS
ANDERSON - Peacefully at home, 6 Flemings Land, Castlehill, Campbeltown on December 27, 2008, Margaret Morris, in her 62nd year, dearly beloved wife of Jimmy Anderson, much loved mother of Jimmy, Campbell and Karen and loving granny of Loren, Lewis, Jack and Mark.

PHILIPS - Suddenly, but peacefully, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, on Christmas Eve, Isa Philips née Smith, aged 58 years, of 23 Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig. Beloved wife of the late Derek and much loved mum of Robert, Susan and Kenny and much-respected mother-in-law of Alison. A dear sister and aunt to all the family. A good friend and neighbour to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at 1pm,

thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital.

SMITH - Suddenly in Campbeltown, on December 26, 2008, Jeanie Barclay Graham, in her 86th year, Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late David Colville Smith, much loved mother of Catherine, Marjorie, Graham, Elizabeth and the late William and a loving granny and mother-in-law.

IN MEMORIAMS
MACFARLANE - In loving memory of my dear mother, Margaret, passed away on December 26, 2007. I think about you every day. With so much love and pride. I miss you so. And wish that you were still here by my side. - All my love Celia.

McLEAN - In loving memory of our dear mother, mother-in-law and nana, Agnes who fell asleep on January 6, 2008. Our mother is gone. What can we say. Words can't express. How we feel today. Always in our hearts. - From all the family home and away.

McLEAN - Agnes. Promoted to glory on 6 January 2008. We thank God for giving us such a wonderful Nana. Dearly loved and sorely missed. Until we meet again. - Senga, Sean and Millie xx

- Maureen, Eddie and Family xx
McKINLAY - Barbara (née Paterson). Those we love don't go away. But walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved and missed and very dear. - From William and all the family.

MARTIN - In ever loving memory of our dear mum, nannie and granny, Jean, who passed away December 29, 2001. When we think about the old days. We want them back again. Our house was always happy. And full of laughter then. We'd all be there together. Content in every way. Then the mainstay of the family. Simply went away. We all of us do the best we can. But it will never be the same. We can't tell you how often. We all still speak your name. All we wish is that once more. Before we lower the light. We could only kiss you on the cheek. And say we love you Mum.... Goodnight.

- Isabel, Fay, David and grandchildren.

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LOCHFYNESIDE (Minard) 12 noon
LOCHGAIR 3 pm
 Rev. Roddy MacLeod
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ALL WELCOME

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 Monday 5th January
 Lochgair Church Hall
 7.30 pm

CUMLODDEN & LOCHFYNESIDE GUILD
 Wednesday 7th January
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Sports Hall Athletics in Mid Argyll

Brings excitement of Track and Field into sports halls

THE SPORTS Hall Athletics contest for the Mid Argyll area is being held on Sunday, January 11, 2009 in the Sports Centre at the new joint campus school in Lochgilphead.

Specialist equipment is used for various running, jumping and throwing events in the indoor arena and the organisers are hopeful that schools in the Mid Argyll area will encourage youngsters to take part at the local event in January. This version of indoor athletics brings

the excitement of Track and Field into sports halls and gives youngsters the opportunity to try athletics in a warm and dry atmosphere.

Competition

The Lochgilphead competition is the fourth and last of a series of local area contests in Argyll this winter and starts at 1.30pm with entries on the day from 1pm.

Age groups are from under 9 up to under 17 for boys and girls with age as on the September 1 2008. There will be an

entry fee of £1 per competitor.

There will be awards for first, second and third overall in each age group and successful athletes will qualify to compete in the Argyll Final to be held at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Saturday January 24, 2009. At the Argyll Final in Oban qualifiers from the Lochgilphead contest will compete against young athletes who qualified at the earlier events held in Tobermory, Campbeltown and Oban.



Tarbert sevens return in January

THE successful seven-a-side football league run by Tarbert AFC will start again in January.

The games will be played at the 3G pitch in Tarbert and after last year's league went so well the group are looking for more teams to join in on the action.

Games will be played for 40 minutes, 20 minutes each way and depending on the amount of teams entering it may be one game being played per night apart from the odd occasion.

Teams can have as many or as few substitutes as they like, with the only rule being that the player coming off the pitch has to leave the field before the other substitute can come on.

Fire cadets visit Ibrox

CAMPBELTOWN'S Fire Cadets took a visit to Glasgow last weekend where they visited the main control unit in Dumbarton and as a treat for their efforts since the group started in May took a visit to the Rangers match before going shopping at Braehead. Shown are Ashleigh Macmillan, Chris Blair, Stephen MacKenzie, Scott Morrison and Ronan Currie outside Ibrox Football Stadium.



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George regains Heidbangers Cup

Unlucky 13 only play 12 holes as the weather wins again

DUNAVERTY Heidbangers met on a wet and very windy day for their last game of the season recently.

Due to the inclement weather the 13 competitors wisely decided to play only 12 holes.

George Bradley and Stan Uttley were first out but were forced to abandon play after seven holes whilst the rest struggled on manfully. Leader in the clubhouse with 20 points was Alistair Brown followed by Bill Brannigan on 19 but they were soon overhauled by Robert Allan, Pop Scally and Hamish Taylor on 21 points.

Finishing

Pop was the winner on the day by finishing one point better in the inward half.

Robert and Hamish had recorded exactly the same score on the last six.

Robert was awarded second place by one point at the sixth hole.

The race for annual Heidbangers Cup was very tight throughout the year.

At the halfway stage George and Sandy Watson were level on 11 points with Alan Duncan and Pop on eight.

By October Alastair Brown and Sandy Watson had edged into the lead both on 14 points, one ahead of George who now shared second with Pop Scally.

Duncan Watson II was next on 12 followed by Stan Uttley, Alan Duncan and Bill Brannigan all on 11.

By mid-November Alan was on 19 points, George was on 18 and Sandy 17.

A late surge by George recording a first and second through December took his total to 23 and secured his fifth win in

nine years. Sandy's second place in December put him on 19 points with Alan who finished runner by virtue of scoring more points on his first and second placing. Final results are based on the number of wins.

Participating

Points are awarded as follows: win three points, second two points, and then each player is awarded one point each time they participate, and can earn up to 26 points from participating.

The final positions for 2008 are: 1 G Bradley five wins, three seconds, total 308 points; 2 A Duncan five wins, two seconds, 278 points; 3 S Watson five wins, two seconds, 261 points; 4 A Brown four wins, two seconds, 225 points; 5 P Scally four wins, two seconds, 210 points; 6 D Watson II two wins, five seconds, 260 points.



Junior winners at Machrihanish

Left: Graeme McKillop with his Machrihanish Junior Scratch Championship trophy and Marjorie Leighton who presented the main prizes. Graeme also won the junior winter league 2007/08. Right: Winner of the Junior Handicap Championship Andrew Wallace with Marjorie Leighton.

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Teams back in action

NOW the festive season is over teams in the Scottish Amateur Football League (SAFL) are getting ready to take to the pitches next weekend.

On Saturday January 10 the Campbeltown Pupils will play away to Duncanrig FP at 2pm with referee J McKeown.

The Campbeltown Boys will also play their postponed fixture away to Clydebank College with kick-off at 2pm, referee M Auld.

Tarbert will play at home in division one against Rosehill Star at 2pm, referee J Scott.

This will be the first match all the three teams will have played since November.

Campbeltown clubs enjoy success in 2008

By John McCallum
IN 2008 Campbeltown's two amateur sides enjoyed some excellent results.

Promotion success for Campbeltown Pupils came after winning 2-1 in Dunoon in their last fixture of the season, booking their place in the SAFL Premier Division after a two-year absence.

However Campbeltown Boys' league form was poor, seeing them finish bottom of Premier Division Two, despite a great 3-2 win over promotion chasers side Castlemilk.

They reached the Jimmy Marshall Trophy Quarter Finals, before a close 2-1 defeat to Dunoon.

During the close season, the Campbeltown and District Amateur Football League took precedent in Campbeltown and beyond.

Campbeltown United under coaches Stanley Irwin, John Gillespie and Craig Robertson were 2008 champions.

A number of serious injuries, and the exclusion of amateur players over 18 are two issues still clearly needing to be discussed further.

Defeat

In August the new Scottish Amateur Football League season began with defeat for both local teams, and this trend has largely continued, with the Pupils and Boys on three points and one point respectively at Christmas.

The Pupils had some joy in the West of Scotland Cup with a fine 4-0 second round win in Ayrshire.

Hopefully the two sides will see their league form pick up into 2009, seeing them progress up their respective league tables.



THIS old photo taken in 1912 is of the Rangers reserve team and officials having a picnic in Southend. In 1912 Rangers were Scottish Champions and according to a person at Rangers Football Club this team looks too young to be the first team.

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