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Lack of funding means 'asset to the town' has to close

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A VALUABLE asset to families in Campbeltown has been lost after the charity behind the soft play area has been forced to shut its doors.

Trustees of Home-Start Mid Argyll, Jura, Islay and Kintyre (MAJIK) decided to close the soft play and drop-in area, based at Aqualibrium, last month.

Children can play safely under the supervision of volunteers whilst families use Aqualibrium.

The Campbeltown breast-feeding peer support group, which started up earlier this year, also uses the facility regularly to hold meetings whilst their young children enjoy the soft play.

Isobel Cook, a midwife at Campbeltown Maternity Unit who runs the group, told *The Courier* they are all very disappointed that it's closing.

'It's definitely an asset to the town,' explained Isobel. 'Children can enjoy the play area while mums can watch them play in a safe environment.'

'I know a lot of mums are very disappointed,' she added.

Support

However, Eleanor Sloan of Home-Start MAJIK said they would be continuing to support families with children under the age of five in their own homes.

'We understand that the soft play facility and drop-in has been a valuable resource for the local community,' she said.

'Unfortunately, due to our present financial circumstances we now have to focus our resources on continuing our core activity, namely the support of families.'

'If members of the local community have some ideas of how to use the space, the trustees of Home-Start are happy to have a conversation but we will not be running any more public groups here.'

Volunteers will still be available for home visits and one to one sessions.

Argyll and Bute Council said it would still support Home-Start with the project and could help to identify potential sources of grant funding for the soft play project.



THREE-and-a-half year old triplets Skye, Charl and Islay Lavery enjoy Christmas at Dalnaspidal with their parents David and Lolita.

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The cast of Dalintober Primary School's nativity play.

Nativity play and Santa at Dalintober

PUPILS from Dalintober Primary were hard at work learning their lines for their nativity play.

As well as enjoying the nativity the pre-five children also got the chance to meet Santa Claus.



The pre 5 unit at Dalintober Primary School meeting Santa.

Council wants to hear views

ARGYLL and Bute Council wants to hear people's views on the council's spending and saving priorities over the year.

The council has identified it needs to save £6m each for the next seven years, which would be three per cent of their spending on services such as roads, education, social work or leisure.

People's views

The 2013-2014 budget decision meeting will be held in February and the council wants to listen to people's views on what services should be prioritised or reduced.

There will be a number of ways for people to express their views, including a budget consul-

tation document, which contains a breakdown of what services cost and a comparison with the Scottish average. This will be available from council offices. The council's website will feature a budget simulator and there is an email address for people to send their comments in.

Argyll and Bute Council leader Roddy McCuish said he was keen for people to get involved.

'Like other local authorities and public agencies, our resources will continue to be under pressure,' said councillor McCuish.

'However, the council has been successful in managing its budget and has saved £20m of costs annually over the past

few years.

'Over the next seven years, we will need to reduce our current costs by £40m while at the same time continuing to seek out opportunities to improve our organisation and be more efficient.'

Encourage

'We are keen to hear what the people of Argyll and Bute think as we work towards our budget decisions, and I would encourage everyone to look at our budget consultation document or visit our website and have their say about the 2013/14 budget.'

Views can be emailed to budget@argyll-bute.gov.uk or visit www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/budgetconsultation2013.

Thousands urged to stop smoking

THOUSANDS of smokers in Argyll and Bute are being urged to make 2013 the year they quit for good.

Giving up smoking is one of the most common New Year reso-

lutions but people are more likely to succeed if they get help, rather than going it alone.

A new national campaign starting from January 2, aims to make people more aware of the support available.

Minister for public health, Michael Matheson, said: 'Quitting smoking is the one of the best things someone can do to improve their health and for those who

are considering quitting the New Year is a perfect time to do so.'

'I would encourage anyone wanting to give up in 2013 to get the right support for them and make 2013 the year they quit for good - call Smokeline for free on 0800 848484 or chat online at www.canstopsmoking.com to speak to someone who knows all about quitting.'

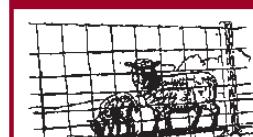
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Firefighter Graeme Harvey showing Katrina McCallum how elderly people can reach their smoke alarm to test it once a week as part of the fire service's home fire safety visits.

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Sea tours company wins contract with the Royal Navy

A LOCAL sea tours company has won a further three-year contract to deliver simulated hostile attacks on Royal Navy warships.

It was awarded to the Mull of Kintyre Seatours as part of the Navy's ongoing counter-terrorism training programme.

Michael Taylor of Mull of Kintyre Seatours said: 'We're very pleased to be able to continue this part of our contracts work which began in 2005. And while the exercises are serious training for the Navy crews, they are also enjoyable full-blast fun for us.'

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Working barge reassembled

A WORKING barge that had for the first time been split into three parts and transported to a new location by road was reassembled in Tarbert last week.

The Meerkat, a working barge with North West Marine in Oban, was taken apart in Skye and driven more than 200 miles for reassembling in Tarbert Harbour.

Andy McArthur from North West Marine said the operation had gone 'smoothly'.

'It would have taken a number of days to travel here from Skye,' he said. 'We split her into three sections in just a number of hours and we will lift her out of the lorries and pop her into the water. Only a few hours and she will be back together again.'

The barge, which has sailed to Portavadie to do maintenance work on the pier, has been used across Argyll for many purposes including dredging works and restoring pilings on piers.

Sleigh trips raise money for new playpark

NEARLY £900 was collected through 'sleigh trips' across Campbeltown to raise money for a new playpark.

The Kilkerran Playpark Group went around Campbeltown last weekend with Santa Claus and his sleigh to collect donations.

Over the two nights they managed to raise £870.72 and would like to thank everyone who donated money.

Christmas anagram winner

THIS winner of this year's Christmas anagram competition to raise money for the local lifeboat is Elizabeth Johansen.

The fundraising committee of Campbeltown Lifeboat managed to raise £100 through the competition, and would like to thank everyone who took part.

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Campbeltown Brass entertained last minute shoppers in the town on Christmas Eve by playing a number of festive songs. 08_c01brassband01

Wind turbine gets the thumbs down

ARGYLL and Bute Planning Committee has recommended the refusal of a controversial proposed turbine at North Beachmore.

The Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee met on December 19 to discuss the application for the 84m-wind turbine.

Serious concerns had been raised by Scottish Natural Heritage with regard to the position and scale of the turbine, while the West of Scotland Archaeologi-

cal Service believe there would be impact on important historical sites in the area.

Richard Kerr, head of planning, said the proposal was contrary to a number of local and national planning policies and contrary to the Argyll and Bute Wind Energy Capacity Study.

He recommended refusal of the application but due to the number of representations made, and to allow the committee to visit the site, a full discretionary hearing

will be held at the end of January.

A blimp is also to be flown at the height and location of the turbine to allow a better understanding of how the turbine will affect the surrounding area.

Those in support of the turbine believe it will bring job prospects to the area while also hitting renewable energy targets. A community benefit payment will also be made to the local area. This will be £5,000 per megawatt installed.

Expressions of interest for HMS Campbeltown

EXPRESSIONS of interest are now being tendered for Campbeltown's namesake ship.

The Type 22 frigate *HMS Campbeltown*, which was decommissioned in 2012, is currently being bid on for either further use, sinking for an artificial reef or recycling.

This along with *HMS Chatham*, *HMS Cumberland* and *HMS Cornwall*, are up for auction by the Disposal Services Authority.

The former warship ceased service on July 7, when a special farewell ceremony was held in Campbeltown, and is due to be tendered early in 2013.

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No connection issues when more customers come on stream say Scottish Water

DESPITE concerns from councillors, Scottish Water has reassured the local community there will be no issues when more houses and businesses are connected to Campbeltown's water supply.

Councillor Donald Kelly raised concerns at last month's Kintyre Initiative Working Group (KIWG) meeting that the water treatment works were already running to capacity.

He believes when homes in Sound of Kintyre and Machrihanish Airbase are connected there will be problems

with water pressure in the area.

'I am very concerned about the impact of this other supply connection to Campbeltown,' he said.

'Connecting up the houses at Sound of Kintyre and Machrihanish Airbase could put tremendous strain on the ability to provide treated water.'

Councillor Kelly added he was pleased the Sound of Kintyre has been connected, adding: 'But there needs to be something done with the Campbeltown water supply.'

Scottish Water, meanwhile, has said after reaching an agreement with several organisations, they will be connecting parts of the former Machrihanish Airbase to supply water from the existing public network in Campbeltown.

A Scottish Water spokesman said: 'We carried out investigative work before the agreement was reached and our existing infrastructure, including the water treatment works, will be able to supply water for the agreed number of properties.'

Balinakill House Hotel electric gates discretionary hearing to take place

A DISCRETIONARY hearing is to take place to decide whether controversial electric gates will be installed at a hotel near Clachan.

At the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee meeting last month, it was decided that due to public pressure and a specific human rights argument, a public hearing was the best course of action.

Balinakill Country House Hotel submitted planning permission for

the electric gates to be installed at the entrance to the hotel, which has prompted serious concerns amongst local residents who live off the driveway to the hotel.

Cut off

They believe they will be cut off from the rest of the village and worry

emergency service vehicles will be unable to get through.

Richard Kerr, head of planning, said he would recommend approving the application but with the condition the gates are to be permanently secured in an open position.

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Business Gateway on hand to help

WITH the festive period over many small businesses are using the start of the new year to review their activities and plan the year ahead, particularly in light of the continuing difficult economic climate.

Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway is on hand to help entrepreneurs develop their plans.

Small business owners know their own business better than anyone but the Business Gateway team can signpost additional sources of help that could be beneficial.

'Business Gateway can help busy small business owners keep updated about relevant additional help,' explained Kate Fraser of the local team.

'For instance, we can signpost what funding is currently available to help with staff training, or free specialist advice on a range of issues like exporting, branding or health and safety.'

Business Gateway can also help through personal meetings with an experienced business adviser for anyone wanting to discuss their plans in more detail.

The website www.bgateway.com provides a wide range of information and Business Gateway also offers a variety of business skills workshops.

To find out more, or to book an appointment with a business adviser, contact business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk or call 01546 605 459.

Self-assessment reminder for the self-employed

THE Business Gateway team is reminding anyone in self-employment that the deadline for self-assessment online submissions is midnight on January 31, 2013.

Normally anyone registered as self employed with HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) will need to complete a tax return, to tell HMRC about their income and capital gains or to claim tax allowances or reliefs. The local team can offer advice on completing self-assessment.

HM Revenue and Customs also offer webinars which provide a step by step guide to self-assessment. These are available at www.hmrc.gov.uk/webinars.

£100 fine if tax returns not in by end of January

THE ASSOCIATION of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) is warning anyone who submits an online self-assessment tax return to complete it by the end of January.

£100 fine

Those who do not send in their tax returns to HMRC by January 31 will face a £100 fine

whether they owe tax or not.

Chas Roy-Chowdhury, ACCA head of taxation said: 'There is no escaping the fact that if you do miss the deadline HMRC will fine you.'

'At a time when money is tight for the majority of people, the last thing you need is to pay for something that could be easily avoided.'

easily avoided.

'HMRC will take seriously any errors in your returns, so I would urge anyone to make sure they seek the help of a professionally qualified accountant.'

For more information on self-assessment tax returns visit: <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/sa/index.htm>.

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Dennis Breugelmans.

New managing director for Wind Towers

MACHRIHANISH-based Wind Towers (Scotland) Ltd have announced the appointment of new managing director, Dennis Breugelmans.

He will start in his new position on January 1, after leaving his role as corporate finance manager at Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE).

During his three years in the post, he worked on both of SSE's investments in the venture and became a board member of Wind Towers in May 2011. He said: 'I am delighted to be joining Wind Towers.'

'There is huge potential for growth as the UK establishes itself as a global leader in offshore wind.'

can manufacture and assemble any turbine in the world, and that makes us quite unique.

'We already employ around 140 local people in skilled jobs, and, if the sector fulfils its potential for growth in the coming years, we could see the creation of even more opportunities for local people and businesses.'

Congratulations

Margaret McSporran, senior development manager at Highlands and Islands Enterprise, said: 'Congratulations to Dennis on his appointment.'

'HIE looks forward to working with him and his highly skilled local team as they grow the business in 2013.'

Airport numbers on the increase

CAMPBELTOWN Airport has reported a 33.7 per cent increase in passenger numbers in the last month.

The number of passengers at all of Highlands and Islands Airports (HIAL's) regional airports jumped by more than 10 per cent in November, with 101,702 passengers using their services. The energy sector is believed to be responsible for much of this growth. Inglis Lyon, managing director of HIAL, said: 'These are especially strong growth figures, particularly given the time of year and prevailing economic climate.'

Islay airport saw a 9.4 per cent increase in passenger numbers. From April to November passenger numbers across all airports increased by 2.3 per cent.

Highlands and Islands companies take home green energy awards

HIGHLANDS and Islands Enterprise (HIE) have walked away with the best public sector initiative at the Scottish Green Energy Awards.

'We recognise that it is not just the availability of resources that is making us the world leader in renewable energy,

Several Highlands and Islands companies took home awards at the ceremony, which took place at the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh at the beginning of December.

Calum Davidson, Director of Energy and Low Carbon at HIE, who addressed the guests during the opening reception, said: 'It's been another fantastic year for our region, with the Highlands and Islands winning four of the 11 categories at the Scottish Green Energy Awards.'

burgeoning offshore renewables sector.'

Niall Stuart, Chief Executive of Scottish Renewables, said: 'The winners reflect the huge strength we have in Scotland's home-grown renewable energy sector, in our supply chain and in the individuals that have all worked incredibly hard to make it another successful year for the industry.'

The Scottish Green Energy Awards were established by Scottish Renewables in 2002 to celebrate the contributions of individuals and organisations in the industry in Scotland.

Water Resources Bill could prevent whisky industry from increasing output

CONCERN has been expressed this week that the Scottish Government's Water Resources Bill will stall the country's burgeoning whisky industry.

Part two of the bill, which has not been included in the consultation process, seeks to limit the amount of water that can be extracted from the environment to ten mega litres a day.

Whilst no whisky distillery has yet exceeded the proposed limit, it is feared their demand for local water supplies will increase with the increased demand of whisky from Brazil, China and India.

Mary Scanlon, MSP for the Highlands and Islands said: 'Any limit by the Scottish Government on water abstraction could potentially prevent the whisky industry from increasing output.'

'Given the contribution of the whisky industry to our economy and the fact that two thirds of the water extracted is returned to the environment I hope the government, even at this late stage, will consider an exemption on abstraction for whisky.'

Shona dreams of becoming a Blue Peter presenter

A FORMER head girl at Campbeltown Grammar is well on her way to living her dream of becoming a Blue Peter presenter.

Campbeltown's Shona Angus has been working hard over the last few years to get herself known on television screens across the country.

Already, her tireless efforts have started to pay off. Not only has she started to make a name for herself as a determined and talented individual, but she has taken her first step to stardom with a new job on national television.

A dance enthusiast, Shona first took to the hobby at the age of 10, influenced by her big sister Judi, who died when she was just 17.

At the age of 13, Shona took to the screens as a Newsround presenter, reporting on the London Mini Marathon.

She graduated from Stirling University with a first class honours degree in physical education with professional education and sports, winning the university's prize for PE.

Enthusiastic

'I spent my summers managing and running kids' performing arts and street dance residential camps in England and won a UK universities dance competition in Edinburgh too,' explained the enthusiastic 25-year-old.

Now fully qualified as a secondary school PE teacher, Shona felt she had never fulfilled her dreams of becoming a professional dancer.

'I dreamt of having a life of performing in shows, being on stage and rehearsing every day,' said Shona. 'I therefore decided to change careers and I auditioned for a Christian Performing Arts Academy, New Generation Music (NGM) in Bristol.'

'In 2010 I moved there and completed an advanced development programme in dance as well as doing a communications course which included TV and radio presenting.'

Christian

'This was a point in my life where my faith grew. I had always been a Christian but at NGM I was able to see who God really was and that he had so many plans for me in my life.'

'I began putting God at the centre and committing my life to him.'

In 2011, she was accepted into Release Dance Crew – yet another dream which came true for Shona.

'I spent the year performing around the UK with a street dance crew,' she explained.

'Our biggest gig was performing at a festival near Brighton in front of 10,000 people!'



At this point she also lead a mission team to an orphanage in Mozambique where they helped with a feeding pro-

gramme, visited the prisons and hospitals praying for the ill and needy, ran dance classes and football coaching

sessions.

'During my year in Release, I began pursuing a presenting career,' Shona told *The Courier*. 'This was a passion I had had since I was a little girl and my dream job was and still is, to be a Blue Peter presenter.'

'I had never properly given it a good shot so I got my brain in gear and began making and producing mini children's TV shows with the help of my amazing friend Ben, who had experience working for the BBC.'

'I loaded them on to my website www.shonaangus.co.uk and started looking for opportunities.'

'I worked for two months, staying in a caravan, as an entertainer at a holiday park in Northumberland, presenting the live evening shows and running kids club, bingo etc.'

More recently, Shona was given a job as a new presenter for shopping channel Gems TV, and Gems Extra, making yet another dream come true for herself.

'I am leaving Gems TV for three months in the summer to tour the UK as a dancer in *High School Musical* stage show,' explained Shona.

'I love this musical, love the songs and it is another dream that is going to be fulfilled. We'll perform 56 shows at 28 venues.'

'When I look back at my life, I can clearly see the way God was working in every little detail and that he really wants me to succeed in everything I do.'

To find out what else is happening with Shona join her Facebook page, and search 'Presenter Shona Angus'.



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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Sheddell



FROM our front window I was watching the waves crashing off the rocks at Glenacardoch Point as the winter winds whipped the surf high into the sky.

It was cosy indoors with the log fire burning and the candles flickering.

The clouds were heavy and grey and white gulls were tossed like cotton wool by the blustering gales.

A solitary fishing boat battled bravely, buffeted and battered by the storm.

By late afternoon there was a wee break in the sky and a glimmer of light caught the end of Islay.

It was then that I realised that the sun was actually on its way back round again.

It is wonderful to watch the journey of the sun. In the summer months it sets late over Cara gifting us evenings of spectacular sunsets. Then it gradually makes its way down the Kintyre peninsula, setting earlier and earlier till it reaches that 'point' of return at Glenacardoch.

The light is greatly reduced as we become accustomed to the dark.

But winter provides us with the joy, not only of the night sky, but also the beauty of the morning stars.

We may think on the words in the psalms, 'Be still and know that I am God'

Sometimes in the morning sky we can see the sun, moon and stars all at once and we know with wonder and humility, our place in the universe.

Soon the mornings will be brighter and the darker nights will gradually give way to light again.

Nature will stir throughout land and sea, and this ordered creation would keep faith with time and tide.

So whatever this year may have in store for you, I wish you the blessing of God's company in every sunset, in every sunrise, in every star, and especially in the storms.

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Down Memory Lane



CLACHAN'S Ruth Rubin sent this lovely photograph of Tarbert Harbour in the winter.

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Kintyre peninsula or the Mull of Kintyre?

Sir,
I am an occasional visitor to your warmly hospitable and interesting town.

So, I was pleasantly surprised to be able to buy, in Maidstone, Gigha Fruit Cheeses made in Campbeltown.

To find out more, I went on to the internet and was surprised to read that it is made on the Mull of Kintyre.

I was taught that the Kintyre peninsula and the Mull of Kintyre are not one and the same and that the Mull is the Southwestern-most point, with its lighthouse.

Is it now common practice to call the whole peninsula, 'the Mull of Kintyre'?

Keith Ferris,
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Thanks for Christmas celebrations

Sir,
May I through the facility of *The Courier*, thank all those involved in the Campbeltown Day Hospital Christmas celebrations.

Particular thanks go to the staff of the Day Hospital for a traditional Christmas meal, to the staff and students of Dalintober Primary School for their accomplished playing and singing and to senior students of Campbeltown Grammar School for their generous hamper.

An appreciative octogenarian,
GF Page,
Benbecula,
Carradale.

Information wanted

Sir,
I am writing to you for help. In August 1858, a

famous German novelist visited Oban with a friend, on the trail of Sir Walter Scott.

He stayed at the St George Hotel, or George Hotel, run then by a Mrs Mackay or Mackall.

Could you please help me finding out more about the hotel and its then owner?

Also, I would be very happy to get a photo of that hotel, as old as possible.

Could you please pass on my request to any other people who may know more about the history of Oban?

Thank you very much in advance.

Claus Cartellieri,
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Often their hard work and dedication goes unnoticed as we have become so used to their unwavering presence and often forget all their efforts for society.

But, they are always there, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, dealing with crime, injuries and accidents.

A clear example is the fishing boat incident of two weeks ago. Whenever someone is in difficulty our emergency services are there to help, whether police, ambulance, coastguard, firefighters or lifeboat.

So at this time of year for being thankful for those around us, let's take time to think about those who will constantly be there when we need them.

These are the people who will be there if we call and never forget it is their duty to care for their community.

bidding for grants from the Coastal Communities Fund.

The money will be used to extend the Kintyre Way and to redevelop the old harbour on Gigha.

I am delighted that the UK coalition Government is now returning profits from the Crown Estate to coastal communities instead of it ending up in the coffers at Westminster and Holyrood.

Another £2 million will be available next year to groups in the Highlands and Islands, so local groups should be getting their bids ready.

At the Trust we're dedicated to helping all those people who have experienced meningitis rebuild their lives and have a better future through our range of free specialist support services.

These services include home visits, counselling, financial support grants, creative therapy sessions, family days and our 24-hour freephone nurse-led helpline. We need £8,000 a day, or more than £5 every minute, to keep our life-line open.

For those of you who have given so generously to us this year, thank you for helping us to help others who need us.

Our free 24-hour helpline is open 365 days a year, so readers can call us if they need us right across Christmas and the New Year, on 0808 80 10 388, or visit our website at www.meningitis-trust.org.

Kerry Ross and Jo Stephenson, Meningitis Trust.

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NEW YEAR, new photos and new headaches for our judges with some striking images entered in to our Photo of the Year competition.



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This week, the west coast's stunning skyline is a popular choice as amateur photographers demonstrate why they love the west coast so much. Remember you can vote for your favourite by sending a text to 88010 using the keyword POY followed by the code below your favourite photograph if you think it's worthy of a prize.

For example, if the number below your photograph is 123, your message would read POY 123.

Ruth Reid, Glenbarr: Oban Sealife Centre August 2012. T01ruthreid1no

Bob Goodman, Campbeltown: Westport Beach Kintyre, taken on a late August evening 10 minutes before the sun set. T01bobgoodman1no

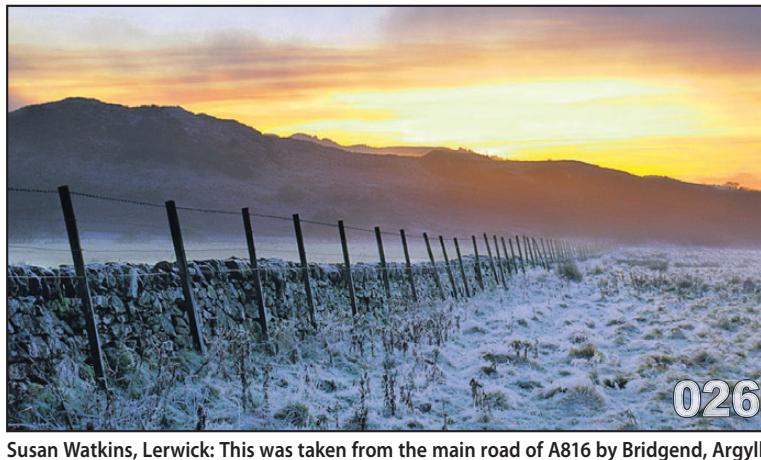


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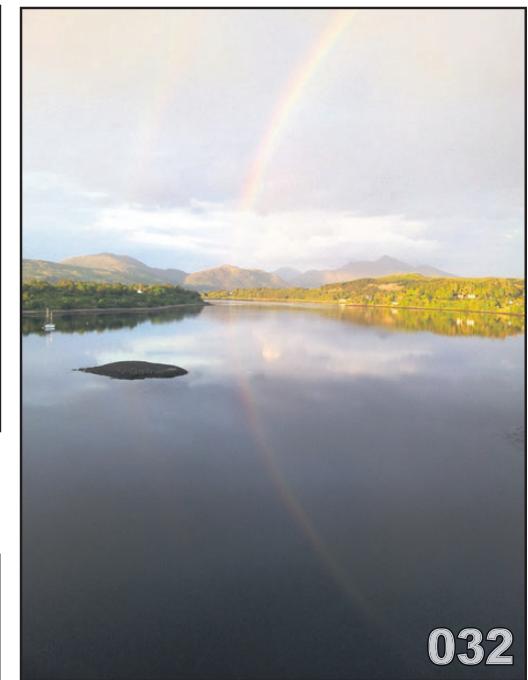
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Alasdair Paine, Cambridge: Mull and the Firth of Lorne from a kayak off Little Ganavan, Oban, 14 August 2012, with the sun setting at around 8pm. T01alasdairpaine1no



026

Susan Watkins, Lerwick: This was taken from the main road of A816 by Bridgend, Argyll. The freezing fog was just coming down in the month of December, it was freezing but I was glad to be able to take this wonderful scene. You cannot beat the Sunsets on the West Coast of Scotland, they are fantastic. T52susanwatkins1no



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Shane Rodwell, North Connel: Double reflected full rainbow over Loch Etive from Connel Bridge this summer. Only hung around briefly but luckily I was in the right place at the right time. T01shenerodwell1no



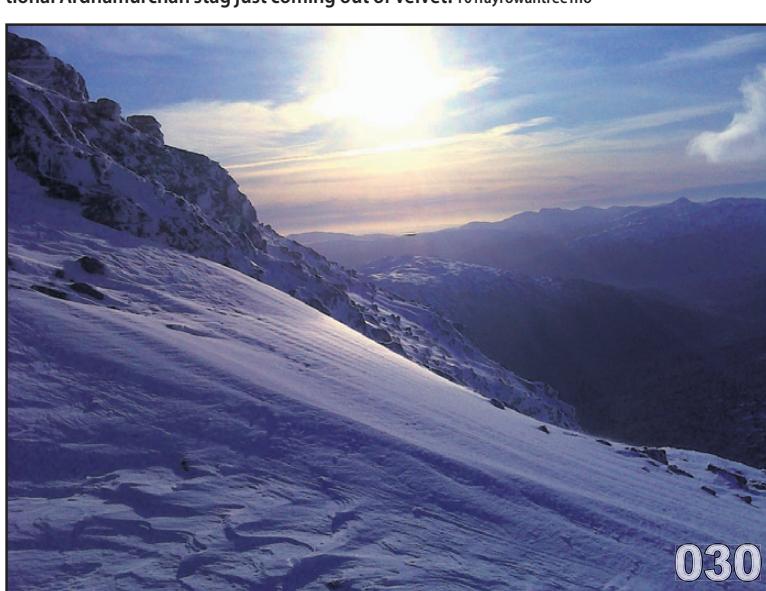
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Fay Rowantree, Acharacle: Whilst running my tour business, we came across this exceptional Ardnamurchan stag just coming out of velvet. T01fayrowantree1no



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Marion Tinney, Oban: Oban Bay sunset. T01mariontinney1no



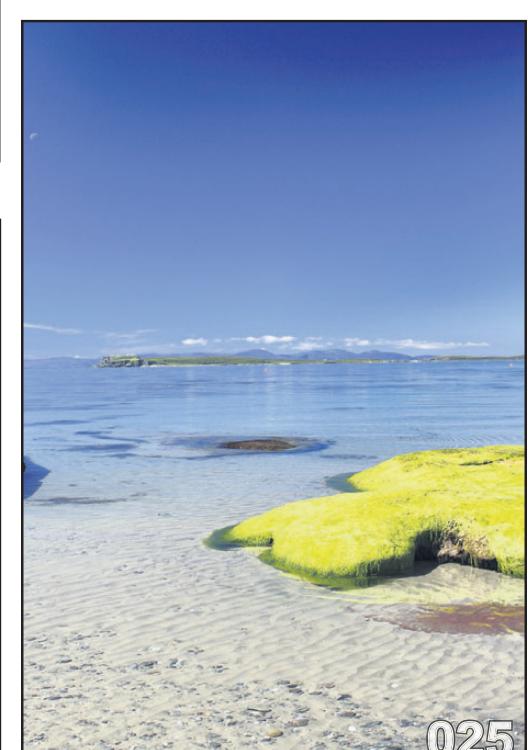
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Leon Durbin, Lochailort: From just below summit of Gulvain, Lochaber on 16 November 2011. T01leondurbin1no



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Rachael Tyrrell, Oban: Dalavich Falls, December 2012. T01rachaelyrell1no



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Sarah McFadzean, Campbeltown: View towards Isle of Cara from Muasdale. T52sarahmcfadzean1no



The Salvation Army children singing at the carol service.



The children involved in the nativity play.

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Carol service raises £692 for Salvation Army

THE LOCAL Corps of The Salvation Army have been busy this Christmas.

The Salvation Army children sang at the recent town carol service.

They managed to raise £692 on the night and the local corps would like to say a big thank you to the public for this fantastic amount.

The children also performed The Sleepy Shepherd Nativity Play at the Family Christmas Service.

This was the first nativity play to be held in the Salvation Army for many years.

Inveraray & District Accordion & Fiddle Club

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A LOCHGILPHEAD woman is the lucky winner of Wyvex Media's competition for £500 worth of Lidl vouchers, courtesy of the Oban store.

Laura Gray visited the store last week to receive her winnings from manager Alex MacLeod.

This is the second time Lidl has put up vouchers in the Wyvex Media publications, *The Campbeltown Courier*'s parent company.

She said: 'This came at a good time, my husband

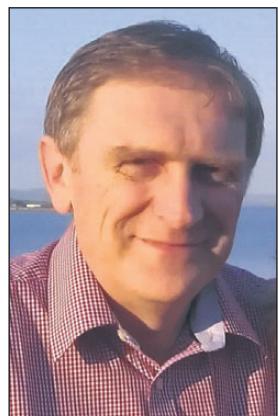
is self employed and got ill recently so these will come in handy.'

'We're going away for Christmas so we'll wait until after then to spend the vouchers, I really like the look of the donuts in the bakery though so we'll be getting some of them.'

Mr MacLeod added: 'We have been in the town for eight years now and are proud to serve the community – we thought this would be a good way to mark that.'



Laura receives her vouchers from store manager Alex MacLeod. 16_t52lidl01



Finlay Mackenzie.
Free Church linked with Glasgow City

FROM the beginning of this month Campbeltown Free Church will be linked with one of the larger Free Churches in Glasgow.

Under this new arrangement, the new assistant minister of Glasgow City congregation at St Vincent Street, Reverend Finlay MacKenzie, and his wife Christine, will spend part of each month in Campbeltown helping the congregation.

The Campbeltown congregation is delighted to have been taken under the wing of Glasgow City and especially delighted that Finlay and Christine will be working with them.

This will be Finlay MacKenzie's first Sunday in Campbeltown and the congregation extend a warm welcome to any who wish to join with them for worship at 12.45pm.

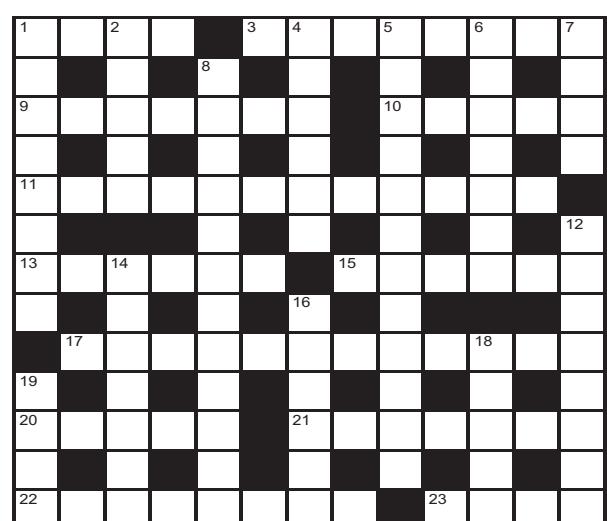
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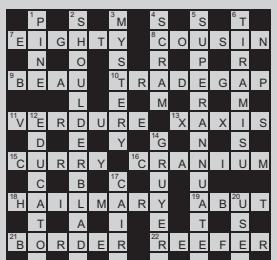
- 1 Become tiresome (4)
- 3 Though not named as such, it can be used to cook vegetables too! (8)
- 9 Celebrate noisily (7)
- 10 Eminent (5)
- 11 In line for a ticket (6-6)
- 13 Keen (6)
- 15 Misbehave (4,2)
- 17 One who has been here for four score years (12)
- 20 Part of Gothic architecture (5)
- 21 Moulded, as metal (3-4)
- 22 Words to glorify God (8)
- 23 Back (4)

Down

- 1 A very large battle! (5,3)
- 2 Leaving word (5)
- 4 Short (6)
- 5 Where to direct from (7,5)
- 6 Rot and stink (7)
- 7 Art subject (4)
- 8 Sharp end of footwear (8,4)
- 12 She's never married (8)
- 14 Container for munchies (4,3)
- 16 Old sailor (3,3)
- 18 Seen through the viewfinder (5)
- 19 Ancient (4)



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ing in this paper.

What you need to know is how you can heat your home economically, with the least bother. You really have to think of the implications of the heating system you choose and it's worth asking the following questions:

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ties will I have to provide? All but electricity and mains gas will require storage for fuel. There are rules governing the locating of tanks and you may even need planning permission to have one installed.

- * What are the maintenance requirements of the system? Some need more regular cleaning and maintenance than others.

- * How often will the flue need to be swept?

- * Is a sweep available in the area?

- * How often should the system be serviced and how much will it cost? To neglect this is to risk carbon monoxide poisoning which can be fatal.

- * Will the boiler fit into the available space?

- * Will the radiators or pipework have to be changed? Only a time-served central heating engineer will be able to tell you this.

- * How easily adjustable is the system? With some solid fuel boilers, you cannot set them to 'come on' at pre-set times, or to go off again when the temperature has risen sufficiently, as you can with oil, gas or electricity. Once alight, they remain alight till you let them to out or all the fuel is consumed

- * How much will the system cost to run?

- * How much will the system cost to install?

- * What are the snags? Every system has some and you should know these before you make your final decision.

These are only a few of the questions for which you might want the answers before changing your heating system, and they must be asked.

Review of the Year - September - December

SEPTEMBER


The forecourt of Clachan Filling Station was flooded, causing concern for the owners that water may have entered the fuel tanks. Fortunately, checks over the following days showed this was not the case.

New all weather pitch opens in Campbeltown

BALLOONS the colours of the Olympic rings created a spectacular climax to the official opening of Campbeltown's new all weather pitch on September 21.

Local primary children set the balloons flying high into the sky, something hopefully the sporting success of the area will now do as well.

All who spoke agreed it was a day when the kids took centre stage, with four of the most promising youngsters co-ordinating the balloons' release by primary aged children.

Clear up operation after Clachan flash floods

A LARGE clear up operation took place in Clachan after flash floods devastated the village.

Canadian rapids

Local man Calum MacLean described the torrent rushing down the hill as 'like Canadian rapids in full spate'.

The grounds of Clachan Primary School were inundated, with teachers and children unable to leave when classes finished.



Athletics was one of the five sports children took part in before the opening ceremony. 20_c39swp07



Balloons were let off by school children to mark the opening.

OCTOBER
Time to get on your bike

NEXT year's date for the Mull of Kintyre Bike event has been set already, following on from the great success of this year's event in October.

More than £1,700 has been raised for Macmillan Cancer Support as 88 people took to the roads of Kintyre.

Organised by Russ and Ros Wilkes, the event was once again a success, with the weather

good on Sunday to help make the day even better.

New routes

There was three new routes this year, the 103-mile Kintyre Killer completed by Jamie Morris and Ross Campbell, the viable Kintyre Ultimate ride and the inaugural Lussa XC mountain bike ride.

A provisional date has been set for October 13, 2013 for the next event.



John Barton and Patricia Jones. 20_c42mokobike03

Jones. 20_c42mokobike03

Family celebrations for Mary's 105th birthday

SURROUNDED by four generations of her family Mary McIntyre celebrated her 105th birthday at the start of October.

Mrs McIntyre, a resident at Auchinleck Care Home celebrated her birthday in style with a special party and birthday cake. Lord Lieutenant for Argyll and Bute, Patrick Stewart was on hand to deliver a birthday card from Her Majesty the Queen who described it as a 'splendid achievement'.



Mary's cake on the day. 20_c51mary01

McIntyre. 20_c5

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The strengths of this school lie in high-quality teaching, a wide range of subject choices and exceptional opportunities for participation and excellence in sport, music and the arts. Pupils can choose from over seventy different clubs and activities. Together with the excellent resources and facilities available, this enables the provision of a unique educational experience for every pupil.

Dollar Academy specialises in bringing out the best in young people. Dollar pupils have a reputation for combining a quiet confidence with enthusiasm and ambition. They are well balanced and down-to-earth: the school is very proud of their achievements.



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Sixth Formers enjoy the comforts of a purpose-built boarding house. Sixth Form takes boys through their A levels and prepares them for the gradual progression to university.

Merchiston has effective approaches to develop each pupil's personal achievements and boasts an impressive record of helping boys excel far beyond their expected results at GCSE and A level. However, the excellence extends beyond exam results.

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• The U13 Tennis Team reached the UK Finals of the AEGON Schools Team Tennis competition, finishing third overall.

• The School has achieved a flush of four 'Excellent' ratings in the recent Care Inspectorate Inspection.

• 12 boys took part in the British Physics Olympiad competition, in which the level is above the standard required for an A* at A level. Two boys achieved Gold, two achieved Silver, two more gained Bronze awards and six pupils received Commendations.

• There has been great success in the UK Senior Mathematics Challenge, with pupils gaining: 13 Gold, 11 Silver and 9 Bronze Awards. Pupil William achieved a near-perfect 120 points, placing him in the top 50 in the UK!



Lomond School is one of Scotland's most modern and progressive independent schools. Situated in Helensburgh on the edge of the Loch Lomond National Park, it was founded in 1977 building on the traditions of two previous independent schools in the town. Helensburgh has excellent road and rail links with the West Highlands and is only 35 minutes from Glasgow airport.

Facilities at the school are first class. A notable feature has been extensive investment in ICT and other facilities to enhance the learning environment. The school prides itself on its' extra curricular provision with outstanding opportunities in sport, music/drama and outdoor education. In October 2009 a £3.5 million Sports Hall was opened. Exam results are outstanding with pupils in S5 performing at almost four times the national average for Higher passes and five times the Argyll and Bute average.



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Boarders at Lomond come from many parts of Scotland. The school has long associations with the Highlands and Islands through its' bursaries in traditional music. Other means tested financial assistance may be available. Headmaster Simon Mills would be pleased to welcome families wishing to visit the school in the coming months.

Questions to consider about independence



Choosing an independent school for your children's education is a big step so it's important to know the right questions to ask.

Scottish Council of Independent Schools (SCIS) gives information, advice and guidance about choosing an independent school. For more information, visit scis.org.uk/for-parents



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Questions to consider when visiting an independent school

Visiting a school is the only way to gain a true sense of what's on offer. Appointments can be made throughout term time by contacting the School's Admissions Secretary or Registrar.

What are your first impressions of pupils and staff?

Do pupils look happy? Are they friendly and courteous? Is their appearance smart? How do they interact with staff and visitors? You should receive a warm, friendly welcome from a senior member of staff who shows a genuine interest in your child's needs and abilities.

What about the curriculum and co-curriculum?

Is the curriculum broad? What outdoor activities are on offer? What proportion of pupils study sciences, languages and the arts? How are pupils prepared for university entrance?

Are the exam results consistently good?

Ask about leaver destinations and the proportion of pupils who secure a place at their first choice of university.

What is the pupil : teacher ratio?

Pupil : teacher ratios give a more accurate indicator than average class sizes. Be mindful that the learning environment in independent schools is purposeful and children are usually well behaved and keen to learn.

How is good conduct and discipline maintained?

How are any problems resolved? Does the school foster a "partnership" with parents, to ensure that there is a consistent approach at home and school?

How does the school keep parents informed about children's progress?

Ask how the school will communicate with you about your child's progress.

At boarding schools, what are the bedrooms and living spaces like?

Are the bedrooms warm and comfortable? Ask what activities are offered at evenings and weekends. What are the arrangements for seeing parents or guardians?

For more information visit www.scis.org.uk

Freedom and Success

Students at Bridge of Earn's Kilgraston School again achieved outstanding success in the 2012 SQA examinations.

Kilgraston, Scotland's largest girls' boarding school and the UK's Independent School of the Year in 2011, continues its long run of academic success.

Kilgraston has an impressive record of placing its pupils in the top universities throughout Scotland and the UK, with over 70% obtaining places in Russell group universities in 2012. Results are well above national averages, particularly in languages and science.

Pastoral care is at the centre of school life. Guided by the goals of the Sacred Heart, it is a community welcoming all faiths and one which cares for every individual. The school seeks to inspire all its girls to become caring, capable and confident young women. Volunteering in the community has developed strong local links and belonging to an international network of schools has broadened their outlook.

In recent years Kilgraston has invested heavily in its facilities,

skills and music and drama offer opportunities to develop confidence.

Kilgraston is a busy, happy community preparing girls to become young women who can shape the future.

The school offers bursaries and scholarships. Scholarship papers are taken on Saturday 2nd February 2013.

Scholarship examinations: 2nd February
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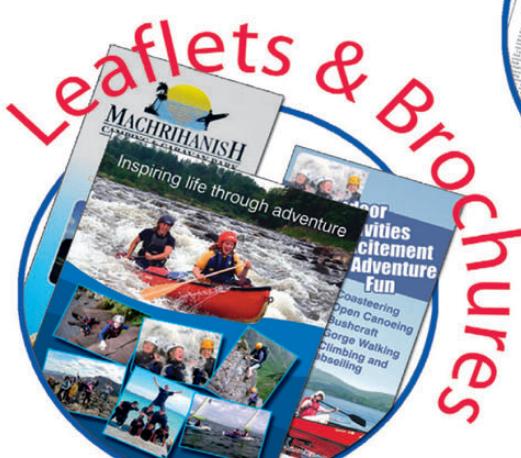
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- MCMILLAN**

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Lynn, eldest daughter of Danny and Lorna Galbraith, Carradale, to Malcolm, eldest son of Malcolm and Anne McMillan, Balloch Cottage, Campbeltown.

**GILLIES -
MACFARLANE**

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Craig and Collette on Christmas Day 2012.

DEATHS

BURKE – On December 31, 2012, peacefully at her home, Balinakill Farm Cottage, Clachan, Pauline Burke, née Wilkinson, in her 72nd year, beloved wife of Denis Burke, much loved mother of Karen, Allison and Liam and dearly loved grandmother of Kristian and Dennis. Funeral private.

HOUSTON – At the Campbeltown Hospital, on December 22, 2012, Margaret Armour (Rita), in her 83rd year, a dear sister, sister-in-law and aunt. Cremation private.

MASTERTON – Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on December 23, 2012, John Masterton, in his 93rd year, 8 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Sarah, much loved father of Grace Rae, devoted grandfather to Gillian and Jenny and a loving great grandfather. Service in Clydebank Crematorium on Friday, January 4, 2013 at 1.30pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

SINCLAIR – On December 30, 2012, peacefully at Lynne of Lorne Nursing Home, Benderloch, Dugald (Dougie) Smith Sinclair, in his 89th year, beloved husband of the late Ishbel Muir, much loved father of Douglas and the late Sandra, dearly loved grandad of Tracy and Martin and great grandad of Liam, Sean, Tony and Anna. Funeral service at Ardrishaig Parish Church, (today) Friday, January 4, 2013 at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection if desired, for Cancer Research UK.

SHAW – Suddenly, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow on December 24, 2012, Douglas Boyd Shaw, in his 76th year, 140 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, much loved father of the late Douglas Shaw, dearly beloved grandfather of Linzi and Douglas and a loving great grandfather of Ruby. Funeral private.

IN MEMORIAMS

GIRVAN – Treasured memories of Nancy, a much loved mother and granny, died January 4, 2003.

Much is taken with the years,
But memories remain.
The best and brightest of the past,
Comes back to us again.
- Jimmy, Cathy and family.

MCLEAN – Agnes. Promoted to Glory on January 6, 2008.

Our dearest Nana, we miss you so much and think of you always. Love Senga, Sean & Millie and Maureen, Eddie & family xxx

Precious memories of our dear Mum - forever in our hearts, Rene, Flora, Stuart & Carolin and families xxx

MCMILLAN – In loving memory of my dear husband, William (Bill), who died January 5, 2000.

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Loved and remembered every day.

- From his wife Mary and sons Robert and Laurence.

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Church Services 6 January
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Church at 11.30 am
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Short service in Chalmers Court
at 2.30 pm

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Sunday, 6th January, 2013
Glassary, 11.30am.
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Thursday 10 January 2013
7.30pm
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CHURCH**

Sunday 6th January
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Thursday 10th January
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Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys
- 6:00pm
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Friday 11th January
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Meeting

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A variety of concerts and nativity plays took place

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This was followed by the school's Christmas concert, which was packed with a variety of performances.

The school put on two plays, the whole school, including pre-five unit

performed *Little Baby King* and P2-7 performed *Sugar Plum* as well as playing *Deck the Halls* and *Jingle Bells* on the bells, recorders, ocarinas, guitars and xylophones.

Variety

There were a variety of singing performances from the school choir, solos, duets and quartets.

The concert was a huge success with the audience thoroughly enjoying the night.

On December 20, pu-

pils went and sang songs at Abbeyfield House.

The children enjoyed performing for the residents and wish to thank them for asking them to come along and sing. Pupils and community members donated items to be put in hampers.

The school made 12 hampers which were delivered to members of the local community. The school Christmas party was held on December 21, where pupils received a special visit from Santa.



Santa Claus with all the pupils.



Pupils who performed *Sugar Plum*.



Little Baby King was performed by the whole school.



P7 pupils Niamh Baxter and Harry Gemmill with the Christmas hampers.



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Runners brave the elements for a Slog in the Sand

AROUND 50 people took part in the third annual Slog in the Sand race, braving the strong winter winds. The event is organised by the Campbeltown Running Club and is open to everyone, young and old alike, with the finishing line at Westport Beach. Kenny Campbell once again won the men's race,

beating Gary Turner to the post for the second year in a row. Dan Sheldrick came home in third.

On top

In the women's race, Jennifer Martin came out on top, followed by Donna Robertson in second and Fiona Robertson in third.



Second and third place finishers Danny Sheldrick and Gary Turner. 08_c01slog03



Rebekah Gallagher and Rachel MacPhail. 08_c01slog04



Alan Reid, Charlie Dott and Thomas Cameron. 08_c01slog05



Maryann Wylie, one of the younger runners in the Slog in the Sand. 08_c01slog01



Men's winner Kenneth Campbell after crossing the line. 08_c01slog02

Golden Oldies turn on the style to raise football funds

FORMER players of Campbeltown's two amateur teams took to the all weather pitch on Kinloch Green on Saturday to enjoy a trip down memory lane whilst raising money for football in Campbeltown.

Enjoyed

Those who played in the Scottish Amateur Football League for Campbeltown Pupils and Campbeltown Boys enjoyed an afternoon of football with the Pupils

side running out 10-2 winners. Despite an even contest in the first 20 minutes and the Boys taking a 1-0 lead, the introduction of younger legs from the Pupils stunned the Boys with four rapid goals to take a 4-1 lead at half time.

This continued in the second half as the Pupils notched up a further six goals to one from the Boys.

Both teams enjoyed the afternoon, which

was played in the spirit of the game with around £400 raised.

Split

This will be split between Campbeltown Pupils AFC and Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association.

Both teams would like to thank the Feathers Inn for their post match hospitality and Darren McGillivray and Archie Johnston for organising the day.



Action from Saturday's match. 16_t01football01



Campbeltown Pupils Youth FC in their new kit before their game against Carradale, with coaches Neil McSporran, Stanley Irwin and Ian McGeachy.

Pupils youth team defeat Carradale

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils Youth recorded an excellent 7-2 win over Carradale in treacherous wet and windy conditions last Friday.

The players were sport-

ing generous funding

from UNISON Argyll

and Bute.

Thanks

The match took place on the all weather pitch and the team would like to thank Carradale who agreed to play the game

at the last minute despite missing a number of first team regulars.

There were three goals from Donald McCallum, two from Ryan McConachie, one from Martin McCallum and one from Stuart McBrayne.

Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association is also on the look out for any possible funding streams or sponsorship that will allow the association to purchase kit for the various age groups.

Dunaverty Golf Club lottery

THERE were no winners in last week's Dunaverty Golf Club three-number lottery.

The numbers were one, 16 and 18. The next draw will take place this Sunday January 6 with a jackpot of £500.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Commercial Inn and Muneroy Stores.

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