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Harbouring high hopes for slip

Work on Carradale project set to begin in the spring

CARRADALE Harbour could have a new slip by summer - offering a substantial boost for the village, watersports and tourism.

Delighted harbour group members hope work on the slip will begin in spring after securing key European funding worth £157,000 to add to backing from Marine Harvest Limited and East Kintyre Wind Farm Trust.

Carradale residents sought for some years to establish a slip but struggled to get the idea off the ground.

Now it is set to become a reality, offering a much-needed facility for sailors and kayakers and a neighbouring fish farm.

It would also open the possibility of a ferry link

to Pirmill in Arran, boosting tourism.

'I could see such a ferry being used by cyclists who could go from Carradale to Clonaig for the ferry to Lochranza and cycle around Arran before catching a return ferry from Pirmill,' said Malcolm Trott, of Carradale Harbour Group.

'If we get permission from Argyll and Bute Council, work on the slip could start in spring and be completed in time for our Harbour Day on August 2.'

Fellow member Alan Walker said: 'This slip would provide a much-needed facility for yachts mooring here and water sports.'

Mr Trott and Mr Walker praised the work of their group chairman,
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Happy as a sand boy

Glenbarr youngster Gregor Campbell, 10, cannot hide his delight as he finishes third in the 5k Slog in the Sand race won by older brother Cameron, 12, at Westport Beach last Saturday. Hardy runners also braved chill winds and ploughed through sand and icy burns in the 10k and junior 1.5k events. Full details on the back page. 08_c01frontpic01

Helping Nock on his journey

CHRISTIAN Nock, who has spent more than a year walking the UK and sleeping rough, has made a big impression on the people of Kintyre as he endeavours to highlight the plight of homelessness while raising funds for 'Help for Heroes'.

The 39-year-old has also sparked many acts of kindness by those following his journey.

Full story on page 3.

Education figures defended

COUNCILLORS have made an impassioned defence of the education system after figures revealed the number of students gaining qualifications in core subjects had dropped.

Full story on page 4.

Imperial medal for engineer

CAMPBELTOWN engineer Kenneth Anderson has been awarded with the Imperial Service Medal to mark working almost 28 years at the MoD jetty at Glenramskill.

Colleagues shared the special moment with him as he received his award from the chief executive of the MoD sponsored Oil and Pipelines Agency.

Full story on page 7.

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Despair at lack of action for Billy

UK Government attacked as Indian jail agony continues

THE family of a former Campbeltown man held in an Indian prison for more than two months without charge has accused the British Government of 'doing almost nothing' to secure his release.

Billy Irving's family also hit out at the Indian authorities after the anti-piracy guard was told on Boxing Day he would be released last Friday, only to have his hopes dashed once again by another deferral.

Now the ex-soldier's father, Jim Irving, has called for the British Government and the AdvanFort anti-piracy firm his son works for to do more to secure his re-

lease from the tiny cell at Puzhai Central Prison, near Chennai in southern India, he shares with three other men.

Jim says the lack of movement has been 'disheartening', adding: 'God knows how he's feeling. It is destroying us as parents.'

Billy, 33, a former Campbeltown Grammar pupil, is one of 35 crewmen being held by the Indian authorities in connection with allegations the captain of an anti-piracy vessel he was on, the US-owned MV Seaman Ohio, bought diesel and was carrying weapons without necessary licences.

His parents, Jim and

Margaret, who live in France, have been in constant contact with Billy's girlfriend, Oban's Yvonne MacHugh, with all saying Christmas was particularly tough knowing the conditions Billy was having to endure.

Jim said: 'He only went out there in July for a two-month contract and six months later we do not know what's happening.'

'If he had done something wrong it would sit a bit easier. This is akin to being charged with a crime because the bus driver took the wrong route.'

AdvanFort advised Yvonne on Boxing Day

that Billy would finally be released the following day, but she only

found out it had not been granted after reading Indian newspapers.



Billy Irving pictured before his arrest in India in October.

They reported police opposed bail because they claimed the crew 'may pose a risk to the public' and could abscond.

Jim said: 'We heard nothing from the British Government. We are looking for more support.'

'I'm ex military and a former police officer, my three sons served with the army. You spend your life serving your country, but in your hour of need you get nothing back.'

Billy's health is a worry for the family. He has suffered dysentery due to dirty drinking water and has developed mouth problems.

Under Indian law, charges have to be brought by January 15 or the prisoners released.

Meanwhile Yvonne has confirmed that, despite previous assurances, AdvanFort has not paid Billy while he has been in jail.

She said: 'We've been saving to buy a house up here and that money is dwindling to pay Billy's bills.'

'It's the company's responsibility he is in jail, so the least it could do is pay him.'

AdvanFort could not be contacted for comment. The UK Government's Foreign Office said it 'continued to provide consular support'.

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Fixed penalty fines

A FIFTY-two-year-old man was issued with a fixed penalty fine of £40 following his disorderly conduct in Cross Street, Campbeltown just after midnight on Monday.

Two men were issued with fixed penalty fines for urinating in public in Millknowe, Campbeltown in the early hours of Sunday.

A householder was issued with a fixed penalty fine following a noise complaint at a property in High Street, Campbeltown last Friday evening.

Careless driver fined £100

A MOTORIST caught careless driving in Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown at 1.20am on Monday has been given three penalty points and a £100 fine.

A similar penalty was also imposed on a motorist whom police caught using a mobile phone while driving in the town's Millknowe at 11.15am last Thursday.

Work on Carradale slip project set to begin in the spring



Malcolm Trott, left, Rhona Elder and Alan Walker of Carradale Harbour Group at the spot where the new slip will be created. 08_c01slip01

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Alan Milstead, in 'driving this forward'.

The harbour group was able to apply for the crucial European Fisheries funding from Fisheries Local Action Group for Argyll and Ayrshire (FLAG) because it is part of community business Network Carradale.

A £10,000 award from Big Lottery Investing in Ideas will finance the tendering process and

professional drawings of the slip.

Mr Milstead said: 'It's crazy that in an area like this there isn't a decent slip between Campbeltown and Tarbert.'

'There are places where you can launch a boat but not at all states of the tide.'

The next stage is for plans to be submitted to Argyll and Bute Council and for a contractor to be formally appointed.'

The slip is part of a master plan to regenerate the harbour car park area, with potential for new buildings and public artwork.

'We're aiming to make it a better place for locals and visitors,' said Mr Milstead. 'Planning

should take a few months and there shouldn't be any issues.'

The project received support from throughout the community as well as Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell and MP Alan Reid.

Mr Milstead added: 'With the FLAG application you have got to show you have other support. We had letters of support from the two ministers, from local councillors, businesses and residents. That's all part of the application to underline community need.'

Network Carradale will eventually take over the car park area under the council's asset transfer policy.

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Knocked out by Nock

by **GRAHAM CRAWFORD**
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THE man in the corner of Tarbert Hotel looked rough.

He had a ruddy, tired face and was eating a massive meal - very fast.

Campbeltown relief doctor Barbara Mundweil, in the hotel with her family, thought: 'He must have had a really heavy few days, probably drank too much over Christmas and ate too little.'

This week, Dr Mundweil told the Courier: 'I noted he wore shorts and had a large dagger tattooed onto his left calf.'

'Must be a wild one', I thought.

'Now I am hanging my diagnostic head in shame.'

The man turned out to be Christian Nock who is trying to highlight the plight of the

homeless and also raise funds for 'Help for Heroes' by walking along the entire UK coast and sleeping rough along the way.

'The weather and the exhaustion seem to have left their mark on his face.'

'I hope people will watch out for him as he continues his walk northwards.'

Website

'I have since gone on Christian's website to donate.'

The 39-year-old began his challenge in Blackpool more than a year ago after hitting rock bottom when he lost his business and was forced to sell his belongings.

The former soldier, inspired by war veterans and TV show Coast, embarked on his walk. Sleeping in door-

ways, caves and on toilet floors, he has so far raised more than £134,000 for the Help for Heroes charity.

He spent a week in Kintyre around the Christmas period.

On December 21 he was in extreme back pain and unable to sleep as he lay on bubble wrap on a garage floor.

Norma Grogan, who read his blog, took him a mattress, fresh fruit, painkillers and thermals.

She said: 'This was one of my most humbling experiences in meeting such a genuine legend...he has melted the hearts of so many in Kintyre.'

'David Allen and Jamie Hardie met him and walked the last three miles into Campbeltown with him and completed his next stage with him.'

'He had a fantastic welcome from Machri-



Christian Nock, left, with Robert Strang, Karen Willet and Norma Grogan with her daughter Freya and Karen's children Conner and Solana McMurchy at Carradale Fire Station.

hanish Golf Club, Muneroy Stores, Robert Strang at Carradale Fire Station, where he got his first shower in 12 days and his best night's sleep for weeks, and Donald and Sally Nicholson.

'Donald and his son Jamie walked with him

from Saddell to Carradale. Support also came from Lee Bastow and Diana and Hector at Skipness, and Andrew and Mark Charlwood who brought him new socks.

Clothes washed

'Many more people who have gone out

their way to help, especially Alan Frame, the Tarbert policeman, who had Christian spend Christmas and Boxing days with his family and gave him a chance to get his clothes washed.'

Christian has been on the road now for more

than 500 days.

* Has Christian Nock's endeavour made an impression on you? Write to Editor, Campbeltown Courier, Main and Longrow South, Campbeltown, PA28 6AE, or email editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

New sports clubs for children

ACTIVE Schools will be rolling out new athletic and gymnastic cluster clubs in the new year.

Sessions for both sports will be open to primary school pupils in P1 - P7. Fliers for the programme will be given out at school, on the first day on term, Monday, January 6 as bookings will open at the Aqualibrium the following day at 9am.

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Positive trend for school leavers

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar has seen a huge increase in the number of its school leavers moving onto further education, training or employment.

The increase marks a trend in Argyll and Bute schools over the past year. At Campbeltown Grammar and Rothesay Academy 10.9 per cent more school leavers went on to training, further education or employment this year than in 2011/2012.

Destination report

Argyll and Bute Council's annual leaver destination report shows it is above the national average and has improved its ranking among the 31 other Scottish local authorities moving from 15th to 13th. On Islay, 58 per cent of school leavers moved into employment.

Councillor Aileen Morton, the council's policy lead for education and lifelong learning, said: 'I am delighted to see such a high percentage of our

young people move on from school to positive destinations.

'This highlights the effort the council has made recently to support our young people to take advantage of all opportunities available to them. 'Campbeltown Grammar and Rothesay Academy have seen incredible increases, but it is also notable that our secondary schools in Tarbert, Tiree and Tobermory have seen one hundred per cent of leavers going on to further education, training or employment. 'The education service, working with our partners, can provide advice and guidance to each school leaver on how they can make the most of their potential through the Opportunities for All initiative.

'This is important not just for the young people but also for the communities who look to them to support the growth and development of Argyll and Bute.'



The pupils get ready to perform Gabriel's Big Break.

Gigha Primary plays raise £550 for Mairi Semple cancer fund

GIGHA Primary School's 12 pupils performed two plays in front of a large audience at the

village hall. They started with Gabriel's Big Break, before doing The Gigha Monster.

Their performances raised £550 for the Mairi Semple Fund for cancer relief and re-

search and parents and friends provided a buffet supper at the end of the performance.

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Councillors defend education in Argyll

COUNCILLORS have made an impassioned defence of the education system after figures revealed the number of students gaining qualifications in core subjects had dropped.

Statistics presented to an Argyll and Bute Council meeting showed the percentage of pupils achieving at least a Level 5 (credit Standard Grade or Intermediate 2 A - C) in English and maths had dropped from 95.2 per cent in 2012 to 91.7 in 2013. Meanwhile, the Scottish average rose from 94.5 per cent to 94.9 per cent.

However, over the past five years Argyll and Bute pupils have generally performed better than the national average and the area compares well with the rest of Scotland when it comes to pupils going onto further education.

William Crossan, the council's Church of Scotland representative and a former Campbeltown Grammar head teacher, suggested the drop in the English and maths pass rates was linked to a shortage of teachers.

Much better

He said: 'I think our schools are performing much better than this report suggests but there is a downward trend in English and maths against Scotland as a whole and we need more detail about that.'

Councillor John Semple added the exams report did not do justice to the good work in Argyll's schools and wanted more to be done to promote their successes.

Councillor Duncan MacIntyre stressed the importance of education in maintaining Argyll's population, add-

ing: 'In 2009 we were well above the national average for English and maths and now it is three per cent lower. Is our education system fit for purpose? Is it doing what we want it to do?'

'A business would look at what it wants to do in 10 or 20 years and change its training methods accordingly.'

But council leader Dick Walsh defended the status quo, saying: 'You can nit-pick these

papers and focus on the negative but that doesn't help.

'There is lots of good work in our schools. We are looking at this paper in isolation but there are annual reports that make excellent reading.'

Councillors agreed a recommendation, proposed by Councillor Ellen Morton, to look at how best to report the full scale of educational achievement at future meetings.

Nursery care boost

PARENTS in Argyll and Bute have been given a £842,000 nursery care boost. The Scottish Government is providing an extra £50 million to councils in 2014/15 for more free and flexible nursery care.

It says the move will save parents of two, three and four-year-olds up to £700 a year, by providing more free time in nursery.

Councils will also have to ask parents about the nursery care they want for their child and offer a choice - for example two full days instead of a few hours every day - to help parents who want to return to work.

On the right road for A83 improvements

ROAD improvements are on the way for the A83 between Kennacraig and Campbeltown.

The stretch will officially become the responsibility of the Scottish Government on April 1, 2014 - sparking safety works such as cats eyes and white lining, as well as a programme of road improvements.

It was announced during the Scottish Cabinet meeting in Campbeltown in August that the 30-mile stretch of road would become a trunk road, meaning its ownership passes from Argyll and Bute Council to the Scottish Government.

There have been campaigns for a number of years to have the road trunked, because of safety concerns. Local councillors also felt it was important to have the road upgraded after the start of the Campbeltown to Ardrossan ferry service in the summer.

The money used by the council to maintain the A83 will be given to BEAR Scotland, which will carry out future repairs and work on the road.

Councillor Donald Kelly told the Courier the improvements would not happen overnight, but must be welcomed.

He added: 'It should free up the existing council staff to concentrate their efforts on the remaining B and C class roads in Kintyre, many of which are in urgent need of repair.'



Lara Sinclair, 11, with Christmas Cracker, Carol and Pudding. 08_c01lamb01

Three helpings of lamb for Christmas

'We called the triplets Christmas Cracker, Carol and Pudding'

FARM manager John McLachlan had to make do with lamb for Christmas.

Well, he did not actually eat it but he certainly missed out on his turkey after Christmas day brought a special surprise - lamb triplets.

Deliver

'I had only just managed my starter when I had to deliver them,' said John of Kildallig Farm, Campbeltown.

'They were difficult births and I was away

for three hours.'

John had bought the Suffolk mother as a Christmas present for wife Jean, a keen breeder who collected a first with a shearling tup at last summer's Kintyre Agricultural Show.

'I wasn't expecting the lambs this early, I thought it would be another week or so,' he said.

'The mother came from Jimmy Douglas of Caithness, one of the country's top breeders.

'I thought it would be an ideal Christmas present for Jean, knowing how much she likes to bring animals on for the Kintyre, Oban and Mid-Argyll shows.

Called

'We called the triplets - two ewes and a tup - Christmas Cracker, Carol and Pudding.

'Mother and offspring are doing well and Jean's granddaughter, Lara Sinclair, 11, is enjoying helping to look after them.'

Man in court over assault

A MAN appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Monday in connection with an assault on police officers and a disturbance in Sound of Kintyre in the early hours of Sunday.

The 36-year-old was released on bail pending further inquiries.

A 21-year-old woman appeared in court the same day charged with assault following a disturbance in Shore Street, Campbeltown at 2.20am last Friday. She was released on bail.

Pub window smashed

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Christian message

WAS there 'room at the inn' for Christian Nock in Kintyre over the Christmas period? Yes, thankfully there was. As our story on page three relates, the good people of Kintyre responded with warmth, kindness and concern for a man who is taking a road less travelled to get his messages across. He is willing to endure daily hardships and privations to focus minds on the plights of the country's homeless and Britain's servicemen and woman injured in recent conflicts.

Christian's message is a simple one: 'If you think I have got it tough, then I want you to appreciate there are many others out there who are struggling and suffering through unfortunate circumstances. Show compassion and think what you can do to help them.'

Many people have clearly been touched by the endeavours of Nock who understands how fate can suddenly turn against you. He lost his business and was forced to sell his possessions. However, he has turned that misfortune into something hugely positive and transformational, both for himself and for those who, by his efforts, have been humbled and made to think of someone other than themselves.

There may be a lot wrong with the world today and as things change at a pace faster than ever, there is no shortage of casualties. However, it is not all about collateral damage and survival of the fittest. Difficult times and circumstances can serve to stir the soul, invite us to look inward and examine how we view the world and our fellow man, and how we treat others. Christian Nock is seeing that in practise every day.

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In search of Campbeltown McCallums

Sir,
I am carrying out some family research for a friend who is seeking to make contact with the family, if any, of a John McCallum of Campbeltown. We only have sketchy information on John, other than around 1949 his address was given as 2 Union Place, Campbeltown, and he may have been a baker or employed by a baker.

I am also looking for another McCallum called John Calderwood McCallum. He was born in Campbeltown in 1903 and died in 1993 in Surrey.

Any information from anyone who has memories of these two men or their families would be excellent.

I am happy for people to contact me on ianjfwler@hotmail.com.

Ian Fowler
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Food for thought on independence

Sir,
Many people will be outraged that over this Christmas, in Scotland, the eighth richest country per head of the OECD club of nations, people have had to depend on food banks to get by. The number of food banks has tripled over the past year with 23,000 Scots, including families and their children here in Campbeltown, receiving emergency aid, and many more, in work, only a paycheck away from disaster.

There is no mystery why this grim situation has arisen. Westminster's damaging cuts to welfare and its poor handling of the economy are seeing thousands of people being driven into poverty, with measures like the deeply unfair bedroom tax being a major factor behind the rise of food banks.

Yet while the poorest and most vulnerable are targeted and made scapegoats by all three of the London parties, their MPs grab an 11 per cent pay rise mocking the unemployed, the sick and hard working people marooned on stagnating wages. What a disgrace.

Make no mistake, we are at a fork here. One way lies in Scotland coming together for the common weal, using the economic tools that independence gives us to do things differently and tackle the root causes of poverty; in the other direction, the despair of Westminster-imposed sanctions and the Dickensian outcomes that people thought had been left behind a century and more ago.

On September 18 this year, a Yes vote for independence offers us a vital chance to take responsibility and choose a different future for our country, a future shaped by all living in Scotland. It is time to go for it.

Ron Wilson
Yes Scotland - Kintyre
Sincere thanks

Sir,
I would sincerely like to thank everyone who supported and contributed to the success of National Adoption Week, which is run by the British Association for Adoption and

Fostering (BAAF).

I would particularly like to thank those who felt inspired to come forward and potentially offer families to children in need of a secure and loving home.

If you are considering whether adoption is for you I urge you to contact your local adoption agency or visit www.nationaladoptionweek.org.uk for further information.

Aileen Campbell,
Minister for children and young people.

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It is a stretch of road which has caught out more than a few drivers, but a bid to relax the 30mph speed limit on the A83 entering Campbeltown from the north to 40mph failed following strong objections from Gobagrennan residents. We asked if it is unreasonable to ask drivers to drop from 60mph to 30mph in what is not a built-up area.

Bert Russell: If you agree with the Gobagrennan residents that it is so dangerous a piece of road, surely everybody should sound their horn as they pass that area. Day and night.

Julie Galbraith: As a Gobagrennan resident I personally think 40mph is perfectly acceptable. 60mph is too fast to come down that bit when someone is coming out the junction. However I don't mind it being 30mph at the moment.

Shane Paterson: It's a massive drop in speed and the police use that to their advantage

trying to catch 'speeders'. Should be granted.

Jim McGregor: Well they take it down to 20mph near rural schools, so what's the problem. It is not the only area.

Gordon Graham: So, a handful of residents get their preference while the majority of the town don't get the slight increase they want. There was nothing wrong with the road before the 30mph was introduced there.

Ian Docherty: I want a 30mph speed limit from town to the Moy.

Fraser McFadyen: How much of a difference is 10mph for the distance involved? Seems pointless.

Fiona Gillies: I travel that stretch of the road every day and have no problem with the speed limit. Visibility from the Gobagrennan Road and the call centre is pretty poor. I think the speed limit should be kept at 30. It may be an inconvenience for some but it does not make a great deal of difference to travel times. Better safe than sorry.

Gavin McCormick: Maybe they should put street lights where the 30 mph starts.

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Imperial Service Medal for Campbeltown man



Kenneth Anderson, second left, with his colleagues at the MoD-owned Campbeltown jetty. 20_c52medal02

'I have enjoyed the job, I could be in worse places!'

ACAMPBELTOWN engineer has been awarded an Imperial Service Medal after nearly 28 years at the MoD jetty at Glenramskill.

Kenneth Anderson was presented with a certificate and medal last week at an informal ceremony at the jetty.

The medals, established in 1902 by King Edward VII, are given for 25 years of service, but are usually only presented when a person is retiring.

However, as Kenneth, a depot engineer, joined the MoD sponsored Oil and Pipelines Agency he was eligible for the

award having completed nearly 28 years of service.

Charles Price, chief executive of the agency, visited Campbeltown to present Kenneth with his award which comes from the Queen's official residence at St James' Palace.

Quite different

Kenneth said things were quite different when he started at the Campbeltown jetty in 1986.

Then, he had 24 colleagues - now there he has seven.

His work involves maintenance of the jetty and fuel tanks and he



Kenneth Anderson, right, receives his Imperial Service Medal from Charles Price, chief executive of the Oil and Pipelines Agency. 20_c52medal01

has remained at Campbeltown since the day he started.

Enjoyed

He said: 'I have en-

joyed the job, I could be in worse places! I still have a good few years left in me.'

The jetty is used for

ship refuelling and has been visited by warships and other vessels from the UK, USA and Belgium.

Residents warned about doorstep callers

A WARNING has gone out to Argyll and Bute residents to take extra care about doorstep callers who are active in the area. The council's regulator services advises that householders should think twice before agreeing to any household repair or maintenance work.

Best advice

A spokesman said: 'The best advice is to only deal with traders that you know, or can confirm the details of and who give you written cancellation rights.

'It is always best to get more than one quote for work and to take advantage of your legal right to a seven-day cooling off period.

'If you agree work at your home the traders should not start work before the end of the seven-day cooling-off period, and you can cancel the contract at any time within those seven days.

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agreed, the price, and the trader's full contact details, including an address.

Unable

'It is against the law for the trader not to give this paperwork, but without these details you may also be unable to contact the trader should you need to.

'If the workmen don't give you the paperwork, or want to start before the seven days have expired the advice is not to agree a contract.'

'Legally, if you ask a person to leave your property they must do so immediately, aggressive sales tactics, harassment and coercion are prohibited and you are not obliged to pay any amount of cash before work is carried out.

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Review of the Year

JULY



It's an exciting finish in this heat during the lifeboat gala day raft race. 08_c29raft07

PRESSURE grew on police to tackle young drivers with noisy car exhausts over fears Campbeltown's fragile tourism trade was being damaged.

Disgruntled hotel guests complained in writing to senior police officers.

Sleep-deprived visitors staying at the popular, refurbished Royal Hotel were among the worst affected by cars doing circuits up and down Main Street until 4am.

Campbeltown Lifeboat Gala Day proved a great success with hundreds

of spectators turning out on a sunny day to watch the thrills and spills of 16 rafts and crews.

Sell-out gigs

Musicians and music fans turned out in force for the Gigha Music Festival. The attendance over the whole weekend was 740, with sell-out gigs on Friday and Saturday.

The organisers of Southend Highland Games were delighted with what they believed to be a record crowd of more than 1,000.

AUGUST



Many hands make light work as more than five tons of rubbish are removed from Dalintober Beach. 08_c34beach01

CAMPBELTOWN and Kintyre are 'on the up'.

So declared Scotland's First Minister Alex Salmond as he and his government cabinet swept into Campbeltown bearing good news for the

area, including the trunking of A83 between Kenacraig and Campbeltown. This is expected to lead to 'more effective route management'.

Good weather, good music and great fun summed

up Mull of Kintyre Music Festival in Campbeltown.

United

A group of Campbeltown residents, meanwhile, united to begin the process of bringing

the dirty and rubbish-strewn Dalintober Beach in Campbeltown back to its former glory.

In the space of a few hours they had removed five and a half tons of rubbish.

SEPTEMBER

WIND turbines are threatening to make some properties in Kintyre impossible to sell - at any price.

That was the stark warning given to the Courier by one of the area's estate agents.

He said: 'The threat of turbines is not simply devaluing homes. Potential buyers are losing interest altogether because of them - even when they might be two or three miles away.'

Remarkable

A remarkable Campbeltown lady celebrated her 100th birthday.

Miss Mary McMillan, who made a big impact on the lives of many hundreds of people in the town as a primary schoolteacher, was joined by family and friends for her special day.

She told the Courier how she continues to stay one storey up in her Campbeltown flat,



The group of 19 pupils and nine members of staff from Campbeltown Grammar School at the summit of Ben Nevis.

still cooks and bakes for herself, does the Herald crossword every day, is a keen reader and plays

bridge up to twice a week. Nineteen Campbeltown Grammar S6 pupils and nine members of staff

took on Britain's highest mountain to raise money for the school's volunteering trip to Gambia.

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OCTOBER



Ryan Sargent, Kirk Lang, Bradley Macmillan, Campbell O'May and William Megson, who were cycling in their onesies. 20_c42mokbike04

A £1 MILLION Lottery 'win' had Campbeltown celebrating.

The Big Lottery funding award was for the proposed refurbished and modernised town hall owned and run by the community.

It is a remarkable turnaround in fortunes for the rundown B-listed hall, which only four years ago

Argyll and Bute Council was set to mothball and possibly sell on.

The town's Wee Pictures cinema was also in the money - awarded £51,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) towards its centenary project.

Plans for the project include conserving the interior and bringing the

annex back into use by joining the two buildings together, building a new kiosk and café bar, creating an exhibition space and working with local schools, groups and attractions for other activities.

Cyclists from across Kintyre and beyond descended on Campbeltown to take part in the

third annual MOK Bike event.

Raising money for Macmillan Cancer and other local causes, the cyclists battled a cold wind to take on routes ranging from the gentle family ride around Campbeltown Loch to the gruelling 97-mile 'killer' route around the whole of Kintyre.

DECEMBER



The fibreglass tank crashed into the porch of Inveroran in Witchburn Road. 08_c50damage01

THE month began with councillors approving plans for a massive onshore salmon fish farm near Tayinloan. It promises up to 20 jobs for the area, but Perthshire-based FishFrom says its success could lead to a much bigger operation at the former Machrihanish airbase creating up to 120 jobs.

The Courier also reported on a historic Scottish Amateur Cup fourth round tie between Campbeltown Pupils and Carradale AFC, with the former winning 3-1 courtesy of a first-half hat-trick from Gary Grumoli.

Winds of up to 147mph were recorded across Scotland and the devastating power of nature was shown in Camp-

beltown when a huge fibreglass tank weighing many tons was hurled two miles across farmland from Dhurrie, near Campbeltown Airport, before coming to rest at the home of the Sudan family at Inveroran in Witchburn Road.

Part of stonedyke wall was demolished before the Sudan's house porch and the family car bore the brunt of the impact. Fortunately no one was hurt.

It was revealed that rally drivers from around the country are set to descend on Machrihanish airbase next July as part of the Scottish Tarmac Championship.

NOVEMBER



Cheers! Staff at the Ardshiel raise a glass to celebrate the prestigious Scottish Field Whisky Challenge win. 08_c45whisky01

JUBILANT Ardshiel staff celebrated in style when they learned their hotel had been declared Scotland's Whisky Bar of the Year.

Public vote

It beat nine others, mainly big city bars, shortlisted by whisky experts for the prestigious Scottish Field Whisky Challenge in a final decided by public vote.

Helped by the Ardshiel's numerous fans and supporters in Campbeltown, Kintyre and around the world, the hotel 'won by a country mile'.

Two Kintyre fishermen, Mark Sheldrick and Darroch Fulton, who kept their crewmate alive were named Scotland's real heroes in the RBS Finding Scotland's Heroes Awards.

The two men were fishing aboard the Blue Angel, off the coast of Gigha, in January, 2011 when crewmate Sean Taylor, 24, was pulled overboard by an automatic creel shooter.

Winning

Skipper Mark, 55, from Tayinloan, and Darroch, 24, from Clachan, sprung into action, winning Sean back to the boat and

carrying out CPR until the Royal Navy air ambulance arrived.

Arrested

Meanwhile, the Courier revealed how Billy Irving, 33, a former Campbeltown Grammar pupil, was one of 35 crewmen arrested and jailed in India after authorities claimed their US-owned boat was carrying weapons illegally.

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Notice is hereby given that Creggan Wind Farm Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Burcote Wind Limited), company registration number 06850950, 15 Pitreavie Court, Queensferry Road, Dunfermline, Fife, KY11 8LU has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent to construct and operate a wind farm to the north-east of Glenbarr on the Kintyre Peninsula within the Argyll and Bute Council area (central grid reference NR 693 381). The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be around 62.7MW comprising 19 wind turbines with a ground to blade tip height of up to 125 meters.

Creggan Wind Farm Limited has also applied for a direction under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the Environmental Statement discussing the Company's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for inspection, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

| Ref | Proposal | Site Address | Location of Plans |
|--------------|--|---|------------------------------|
| 13/02896/PPP | Site for the erection of dwellinghouse | Land West Of Acarsaid Barbreck Ardfern PA31 8QW | Sub Post Office Ardfern |
| 13/02897/PP | Erection of dwellinghouse and formation of vehicular access (amended design to application reference: 11/00747/PP) | Land South West Of Ballochgair Farm Campbeltown Argyll And Bute | Burnett Building Campbeltown |

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

| Ref | Proposal | Site Address | Location of Plans |
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| 13/02835/PP | Erection of 15 wind turbines of up to 111m in height to blade tip, including permanent foundations, associated hardstanding and electrical transformer buildings; construction of approximately 12.5km of new track and widening and upgrading of existing access tracks and road junction; erection of electrical substation and control building and temporary construction compound; erection of one permanent and two temporary anemometry masts up to 80m in height; and associated ancillary development | Ardchnonnell Windfarm Approx 6.5Km North West of Inveraray and 1.5Km East of Loch Awe Argyll and Bute | Sub Post Office Inveraray |

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 18

PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE NUMBER: 13/02835/PP
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT ARDCHONNELL WINDFARM APPROX 6.5KM NORTH WEST OF INVERARAY AND 1.5KM EAST OF LOCH AWE ARGYLL AND BUTE

Notice is hereby given that an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by RWE Npower Renewables Ltd. relating to the planning application in respect of Erection of 15 wind turbines of up to 111m in height to blade tip, including permanent foundations, associated hardstanding and electrical transformer buildings; construction of approximately 12.5km of new track and widening and upgrading of existing access tracks and road junction; erection of electrical substation and control building and temporary construction compound; erection of one permanent and two temporary anemometry masts up to 80m in height; and associated ancillary development, notified to Argyll and Bute Council.

A copy of the environmental statement and the associated planning applications may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, at Whitegates Office, Whitegates Road, Lochgilphead, PA31 8SY; Post Office Inveraray and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and going through the 'Online planning and Building Standards Application Information' system during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

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

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Whitegates Office Whitegates Road Lochgilphead PA31 8SY.

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

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 "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!" (Romans 11:33).

BIRTHS

Cameron

 On November 24 2013, to Katy (nee Welch) and Duncan a beautiful daughter, Lilly Karen. First grandchild for Karen and David and third grandchild for Susan and Sandy. Thanks to the midwives and doctors at the Mid-Argyll and Royal Alexandra hospitals.

ENGAGEMENTS

BROWN - PARKER
 - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Stephen, only son of Anne and Neil, Meadows Avenue, to Fiona, only daughter of Helen McEwan, Kilmarnock.

McLENNAN - CRAIG

 Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on December 21, of Cameron, son of Cameron and Angela, Lochgilphead, to Lyndsey, daughter of Ian and Cathy Craig, Glasgow.

DEATHS

MCDUGALL-Suddenly but peacefully at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee on Thursday December 19, 2013, Catherine Myra (Nee Dargie) of Drumoig, Fife. Dearly loved wife of Ian, a much loved mum of Duncan, Moyra and Neil, mother-in-law of David and Kecia, a proud and loving grandma to Tom, Mary, Harry and Ally, a dear sister of Kenneth and Jennifer and a good friend to many.

PASCOE - On December 29, 2013, peacefully at home, Lieutenant Commander, Neil Deighton Pascoe, R.N. (Retired), in his 83rd year, beloved husband of Anne, much loved father of Antonia and Sarah and a dearly loved grandfather. A Service of Remembrance, will take place at Kilchrenan Parish Church, Argyll, on Wednesday January 8 2014, at 11 am, followed by a Cremation at Cardross Crematorium, on Thursday January 9, at 11-15 am, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to King George's Fund For Sailors, 8 Hatherley Street, London SW 1P 2QT.

RICHARDSON - Peacefully, at The Stables, Achnamara, with his family by his side, on December 27, 2013, Nigel Ian Richardson, aged 76 years, of Hazelwood, Carrick Castle, Loch Goil, and formerly of North Gate Cottage, Burwash. Beloved husband of Jane, much loved Dad of Colette, Hazel, David and Heather, and loving granddad to Caitlin and Natalie. A dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium, today, Friday January 3, 2014, at 2.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The Brain Tumour Charity.

SELFRIDGE - After a brave fight, at the R.A.H Paisley, on December 26, 2013, with his family by his side, Fred Hunter Selfridge, in his 80th year, of 29 Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead. Beloved husband of Myra, much loved Dad of James, Alex, Carol, Angel and Calum. A devoted grandfather and great-grandfather, and brilliant father in law. A dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium, today, Friday January 3, 2014, at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to I.C.U, RAH Paisley and the Black Watch.

SINCLAIR - On December 27, 2013, peacefully with her family by her side, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Emily Simmons Sinclair, in her 84th year, beloved wife of the late Archie Sinclair, much loved mother of Evelyn and Charles, dear gran of Suzanne, Gavin, Danny and Joshua and a loving great gran. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, on Monday January 6, 2014, at 12 noon, interment thereafter at Tarbert Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection if desired for Tarbert Nursing Aid.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

CAMPBELL - Sheena and family would like to thank most sincerely, all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, phonecalls, visits, cards, flowers and gifts received following their recent sad loss of Herbert. Special thanks to Doctors Helliwell, Ward and Philips for care and kindness to Herbert and support to Sheena and family; District Nurses for visits and support.

Thanks also to Rev. Hilda Smith for a personal and comforting service; special thanks to Ryan McGlynn for playing specially selected accordion music - Herbert would have so enjoyed it; to Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for efficient arrangements and compassion at a very difficult time and to the Stag Hotel for excellent purvey.

Finally, our thanks to all who attended the church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection for Prostate Cancer UK and Mid Argyll Chemo Unit raised £550.00.

MACKAY - Isa and family would like to thank all the family friends and neighbours for phone calls, cards, flowers and baking following the sad loss of Bobby. Special thanks to doctors and staff of the Acute Ward, Campbeltown and doctors and staff of Ward 11, Southern General Hospital. To all the district nurses for the special care to Bobby. To the Rev Philip Burroughs for a comforting service. To Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional service. To Argyll Hotel for the lovely purvey. To all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection raised for both hospitals was thanks to everyone who donated £470.25.

IN MEMORIAMs

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

The years pass by, but memories stay, Loved and remembered every day.
 - From his wife, Mary and sons, Robert and Laurence.

CHURCH NOTICES

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Sunday 5th January 2014
 11.00 am
 "Immanuel - God with us"
 Communion Service
 followed by tea & coffee
 Baby & Toddler Group
 Starts again on Thursday 9th January 2014
 10.00 - 11.45 am
 We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
 www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

Highland Parish Church

 SCO02493
Sunday 5th January
 11.15am Rev. C. Hood
Tuesday 7th January
 Badminton
 Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
 Scottish Charity Number SCO11686
Sunday 5th January
 Morning Worship 11.15 am
 Mr. W. Crossan
Tuesday 7th January
 Parents and Toddlers 9.45am
 BB Anchor Boys 6-7pm
 BB Junior Section 7.15-8.30pm
Thursday 9th January
 Prayer meeting 4pm
 Choir practice 7.30pm

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 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
 Lt. Mark Scoulding

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 2.30pm short service in Chalmers Court

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



AS we begin a new year there are always various reviews and quizzes of the past year to see how much we can remember of the year that has flown so quickly by.

I particularly like to see the wonderful photographs which have been captured throughout the year and some of the nature ones are quite spectacular.

However it was a photograph in the Guardian which caught my attention.

It was a black and white photograph of a young Syrian woman.

In one arm she carried her son, and in her other she carried a Kalashnikov rifle.

It was a powerful picture, and indeed affirmed the saying that 'a picture is worth a thousand words'.

I wondered if she and her young son were still alive or if some other rifle had taken life before it had even a chance to blossom.

Christmas is over, but the wise men have not yet arrived at the stable.

They are still journeying to the stable, but we are on to our plans for New Year – we can't wait for them.

I wonder if your Christmas decorations are put away yet.

Is the baby Jesus safely packed away with the nativity set for another year?

Does the Prince of Peace hide away in the loft till next Christmas?

In our world, will the message of the manger be lost in a hail of bullets and the words of war?

Will we put our trust in that Prince of Peace, or will we just keep safe by raising the arsenal by getting bigger and better weapons?

Love came down at Christmas to reach the places where hate had taken residence.

Hope came down at Christmas to bring light to the darkest parts.

Peace came down at Christmas - but people raised their guns and built their weapons, and put the baby Jesus away for next year.

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The following day,

Thursday, December 19 the school was joined by 40 members of the community for the Christmas lunch. A lovely meal was enjoyed by everyone.

On the Friday, the school had its Christmas party where they had a special visitor, Santa.

This year the pupils organised Christmas hampers to be delivered to members of the community, and the school thanked everyone who donated items to the hampers.



Tubby Snowmen performed by Pre5-P1.



Carradale's Pre5-P6 with Santa at their Christmas party.



Gnome Alone performed by P3-P6.

Age and experience wins the day

It was a tough shift for the young side

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| Friendly match | |

A MATCH played on a windy day in the festive period might not have seemed a likely source of 10 goals, but the Campbeltown and District Community Club's under-18s side and their older West of Scotland amateur opponents Carradale produced exactly that in a friendly with plenty of quality.

Carradale's front pairing of Cammy Maguire and Adam Graham, aided by overwhelming power on the flanks proved too streetwise for an inexperienced Campbeltown defence.

It was a tough shift for the young side, albeit one full of talented prospects.

Johnny McCormick opened the scoring with a low shot nestled accurately in the corner before Dale added another two through Maguire who was thwarted on more than one occasion by goalkeeper Matthew Armour putting in a brave performance against frequent attacks.

Dipping shot
Donald McCallum replied with a dipping shot from all of 25 yards to make it 3-1, but despite some combative play from Daniel Docherty in midfield, it proved difficult for the youth side to attack in numbers in the swirling wind and the expansive



Campbeltown and District Community Club's under-18s side stood up well against the older and more experienced Carradale. 08_c01young01

pitch and it was 4-1 at the interval. More goals followed with Maguire

taking his tally to four well-taken goals and Adam Graham scoring

twice. Donald McCallum did the same, but a special mention should

go to Scott Souden, who at just 14 was asked to play as the lone striker

in a 4-2-3-1 formation and deserved the young side's third goal.



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The start of the Slog in the Sand races. Extreme right is Cameron Campbell, winner of the 5k. 08_c01sand03

O'May shines bright in icy December

THE weather again made golf very difficult for those brave enough to turn out for Dunaverly's December medal.

Strong icy winds combined with a couple of freezing showers made this event a test of endurance and perseverance.

Vice-captain Alastair O'May rose to the occasion and with the help five threes on the outward nine and two on the inward overtook the early leader Bobby Millar to finish two shots clear.

The 17th fairway was still unplayable and the par three practice green was used reducing the course par to 65. CSS was 65.

Results: 1 Alastair O'May 76-12-64, 2 Bobby Millar 77-11-66 (bih), 3 John Docherty 77-11-66 (bih), 4 Ian Docherty 82-16-66, 5 Donald Taylor 73-6-67 (bih), 6 David MacBrayne 67 (bih).

Donald Taylor had the lowest scratch score with 73.

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Kenny slogs out another victory

SOUTHEND runner Kenny Campbell concluded 2013 the way he hopes to go on in the New Year - unbeaten in Kintyre and Mid-Argyll road and trail races.

He romped home a minute clear of his nearest rival in the Slog in the Sand race over 10km at Westport Beach last Saturday.

With his training sights already fixed on preparing for another bash at



First woman in the 10k race was Fiona Graham of Campbeltown Running Club.

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the London Marathon in April, the 38-year-old fisherman clocked 39mins 7secs after battling icy, near gale-force winds on the out-and-back course.

Almost 60 hardy souls, competing in 10k and 5k races as well as a junior 1.5k, braved the chill winds.

Next home in the 10k after Kenny was former MOK 10k winner Duncan Cochrane, of Cambuslang Harriers, happy with his run on training curtailed by work and family commitments.

Another minute back was the improving Stuart McGeachy, a Campbeltown Running Club (CRC) teammate of Kenny's.

Fourth across the line was Danny Sheldrick who paid the price for storming into an early lead into the wind.

In fifth was Alasdair Campbell, 42, another relative latecomer to the sport, who is now based in the north of Scotland and shares his young-

er brother's potential to improve enormously over the next few years.

With a marathon best of 2hrs 53mins, he intends to be on the start line in London with Kenny as the latter seeks to improve on his 2hr 40min best time.



Andrew Dott finishing a close second in the 5k race. 08_c01sand04

First woman was CRC's Fiona Graham in 48.06, just over a minute ahead of club-mates Rachel Edwards and Jennifer Reid who were split by just 13 seconds.

In the 5k race, just five seconds was the difference between the first

two, youngsters Cameron Campbell, 12, and Andrew Dott, 10, after more than 23 minutes of running. Cameron's younger brother Gregor, 10, took third in 26.25.

Ashleigh Connor was the first female in 26.49.

Ross Connor was first in the junior 1.5k, 20secs ahead of Ruairidh Campbell and first girl Violet Campbell.

Full results: 10k - Kenny Campbell 39.07, Duncan Cochrane 40.04, Stuart McGeachy 41.09, Danny Sheldrick 41.47, Alasdair Campbell 42.25, Matthew Osbourne 42.43, Stephen Wiston 44.14, James Murdoch 44.41, Eogain Smith 44.44, Christopher Teesdale 45.14, Allan Reid 45.45, Fiona Graham 48.06, Colin McFarlane 48.18, Thomas Cameron 48.27, Rachel Edwards 49.25, Jennifer Reid 49.38, Ralph Hill 49.57, Alasdair O'May 50.25, Sarah McFadzean 52.09, Cam Matthews 52.43, Darren Renton 53.22, Unknown 53.53, Elaine McGeachy 54.20, Campbell Reed 56.20, Elaine Fraser 56.28, Robert Semple 57.07, Ron McDonald 57.12, Charles Anderson 57.13, Jocelyn Richard 57.19, Rachel Helliwell 61.37, Gail Losh 63.13, Ali Miller 63.57, Jackie Fulton 64.00, Don McKay 65.04, Margaret Sinclair 67.06, Joanne Tiffen 67.22, Liz Richardson 71.46.

5k - Cameron Campbell 23.27, Andrew Dott 23.32, Gregor Campbell 26.25, Ashleigh Connor 26.49, Andrew Renton 27.26, MaryAnn Wylie 28.07, Hugh Teesdale 30.30, Hazel Wiston 31.53, Isla Binnie 32.08, Mairi McKillop 32.16, Mairi McMillan 38.40, Helen Harrison 38.40, Gordon West 38.54, Janet West 40.04.

Junior 1.5k - Ross Connor 8.55, Ruairidh Campbell 9.15, Violet Campbell 10.20, Alison Wylie 10.21, Max Graham 10.50, Claudia Graham 11.26, Jennifer Wylie 11.35, Bryony Connor 11.42.



Kenny Campbell crosses the line at Westport Beach's Slog in the Sand 10k a minute ahead of his nearest rival. 08_c01sand01

And they're off - MOK entries now open

ENTRIES for this year's half marathon and 10k MOK runs on May 25 opened yesterday (Thursday) and are expected to fill up fast.

Last year, all the places were taken in just over a week.

To enter visit www.q-buster.co.uk

Ceilidh tickets are also available from this site.

Junior races will be on Saturday, May 24 and entries will also be available online.

Campbeltown Running Club is also organising a sprint distance triathlon on July 20. Entries will open next month and there will be places for individuals and teams.

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