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Warnings about driving

POLICE in Campbeltown say several young motorists have been warned in the past week about anti-social driving in the town centre.

One was also charged with careless driving.

Threatening language

A CAMPBELTOWN man aged 28 has been charged under the Communications Act for using threatening language on a computer on Saturday, December 27.

Fixed penalty fines

THREE young men were given £40 fixed penalty fines by police for breaching the peace in Burnside Square, Campbeltown at 1.30am last Wednesday.

Ready to set sail on £1M project



It's a breeze on the beach for Cameron

When many people were still nursing festive hangovers last Saturday morning, 12-year-old Cameron Campbell, one of Scotland's many promising young athletes, was among dozens of hardy souls taking part in the annual Slog in the Sand races at Westport beach. Full story and pictures on page 16.

Campbeltown's marina improvements will boost local economy

A £1 million project to transform Campbeltown's marina is to start early in the new year.

GSS Marine Services, from Rosneath, has been appointed to deliver the vital infrastructure improvements by summer.

Berthing and on-shore improvement work should make the marina a more attractive sailing destination - boosting the local economy by an estimated £300,000 a year.

Respected

Councillor Rory Colville, chairman of the Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee, said: 'GSS is a respected marine engineering company which has successfully delivered a number of projects for the royal navy and the civil maritime

industry throughout the UK and across Europe.

'It's encouraging to have a firm with such a strong track record on board and I am confident we'll see the new marina open for business this summer.

Benefit

'These are exciting times, with this new facility estimated to benefit the local economy to the tune of £300,000 a year.

'I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Campbeltown Loch Berthing Company which has run the facility for the past 25 years. The retirement of the directors and the transfer of asset to the council will enable this significant improvement project to move forward.'

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Marina improvements will boost local economy

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A GSS Marine Services spokesman said: 'We are looking forward to giving the people of Campbeltown a high-quality berthing facility they can be proud of.'

'Work has already started with the removal of the existing pontoons and we are organising the fabrication of the new pontoons for delivery in February or March when we will be back on site with marine plant to complete installation by summer.'

'Work on the shore facilities is due to commence soon.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesman said the new pontoon layout will have a total of

54 berths - 10 at finger pontoons, 28 alongside berths and 16 additional berths by rafting - and provides a flexible layout which can accommodate larger craft.

This new layout will see the main leg shortened to bring the berthing more in to the lee of the quay as well as the addition of an angled concrete breakwater to protect the more northerly berths.

The new on-shore facility will include male, female and family toilets and showers as part of creating a more attractive contemporary offer for yacht owners as well as resident boat users.

The spokesman added:

'This represents a huge improvement to the current facility which provides lay alongside berthing for up to 18 vessels, up to 38 when including triple rafting, which is considered as an unattractive option for many visitors, is open to strong easterly winds and has very limited on-shore facilities.'

'By incorporating finger berthing, some potential berthing for larger vessels and an on-shore toilet and shower block the facility will be transformed into a small but credible transit marina that should appeal to a wide variety of visiting craft.'



Improvements to Campbeltown's marina will make it a lot more attractive for visiting sailors.

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POWER To The People Kintyre is offering a free home energy check service for households in Kintyre to help make their properties more energy efficient - and thereby cut bills.

A spokeswoman for the Campbeltown-based group said: 'After the energy check has been completed, we then submit it to Home Energy Scotland. The house-

holder may then require a Green Deal assessment or an Energy Performance Certificate for their home.

Assist

'Power To The People is there to help Kintyre residents through the process and assist with dealing with the other agencies that may be involved.'

'Whether someone is interested in finding out

whether they would be eligible for free insulation or a new boiler, or whether they are interested in renewable energy technologies such as solar, biomass or heat pumps, the home energy check and Power To The People Kintyre is the place to start.

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Woman had drug

A YOUNG woman was reported to the procurator fiscal after being caught in possession of a controlled drug following a police search of a property in Kirk Street, Campbeltown last Tuesday, December 23.

Charged for calls

A TEENAGER and a young man have been charged in connection with false 999 calls made in Campbeltown last Friday, December 26.

Fixed penalty fines

ON Christmas Day, a 37-year-old Glasgow man was given a £40 fixed penalty fine for a breach of the peace at 1.30am in Shore Street, Campbeltown.

A 31-year-old man was given a similar fine for a breach of the peace in the town's Longrow on Saturday, December 27.

Man tried to force open car door

A YOUNG man was caught trying to force open a car door in Main Street, Campbeltown at 11.30pm on Saturday, December 27.

He was taken into police custody and later released. A report will be sent to the procurator fiscal.

Warning over scam phone calls

Campbeltown woman targeted a dozen times in four months

SCAMMERS have tried a dozen times in the past four months to get access to a Campbeltown woman's computer.

Paula Milne, 42, who says her friend has also been targeted, is warning others to be on their guard.

'I'm particularly worried that older people might fall for them,' she told the Courier.

'I reported it to Sky, which provides my telephone, internet and television, and it said the scammers were trying to get access to online banking details.'

'Sky told me that a lot of people have fallen for the scammers and it has had to tell them to immediately change their bank account details and all their standing orders.'

Ms Milne said the scammers have called her on her mobile,

claiming that they are from the likes of Sky, BT and Talk Talk and insisting that there is a virus on her computer they need to look at.

'They try to get you to log on to your computer for them,' she said.

'I haven't fallen for it, despite receiving 12 calls in four months, but others will. It could cost them a lot of money or at the very least a lot of inconvenience.'

'I don't even bank online - I don't trust it. It would seem my lack of trust is justified.'

Ms Milne, who has alerted the police, says the scammers numbers usually start with 0203 or 0121.

Area commander Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie said: 'Any person who has concerns regarding such telephone scams should contact their local police office on 101.'

'These types of scams

are becoming highly sophisticated and are occurring across the length and breadth of the country.

'People should never give out their banking details under any circumstances and where a call is received from somebody alleging to be from a reputable company, the person receiving the call should ask for the name of the caller and inform them they will contact them back.'

'They should then attempt to do so via a recognised telephone number or email address previously provided by the company on the likes of a utility bill or statement.'

A Sky spokeswoman said: 'We would urge customers to exercise caution when they take unsolicited calls. 'Sky would never call about a problem on someone's computer.'



Class acts at Dalintober school show

Dalintober Primary's P4 class are pictured performing one of the school's three sell-out shows at its Winter Wonderland Christmas concert. Along with the show entry fees, a raffle was held which helped raise an incredible £2,152 towards school funds.

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The Silent Man

A DCI Daley short story by Denzil Meyrick - part 2

'It's a wean's drawing, Jim. I can't understand why you've been staring at it for the last hour,' said DS Brian Scott, taking a sip from his pint of ginger beer and lime and grimacing.

'You're just fed up that's not a pint of lager, Bri,' Daley replied. 'I don't know . . . there's something about it – about the boy. Just a feeling, I suppose.'

'You and your bloody feelings, Jim. They're not right this time. You know as well as I do there's no way that old man will survive out there tonight. Aye, and that's if he's not dead already.' Scott spoke quietly, anxious that the other customers in the County Hotel bar wouldn't overhear his understandable pessimism. 'It's been freezing or thereabouts for most of the day. Well below it, now. The man's no' in

his right, mind. Dementia, a terrible thing. You know the score, Jimmy.'

A red sleeve appeared in between the policemen as Santa placed a small glass of whisky on the table, then sat down heavily.

Frazzled

'I don't know whoot they pay Father Christmas, but whootever it is, he deserves every penny o' it,' declared Hamish. 'I'm fair frazzled effer dealing wae a' these weans.'

'It's your age, man,' said Scott. 'Why did you volunteer?'

'Och, my faither used tae dae it every year. I suppose it's a family tradition. Aye, and that little elf o'er there's quite handy wae a dram or two once it's all over,' replied Hamish, gesturing to Annie, who was in a short green dress and busy pouring drinks for her customers, most

of whom were already brimming over with festive cheer. 'Whoot's that ye have, Mr Daley?'

'This?' Daley lifted the boy's picture from the table. 'Och, Calum drew it. Said it was the old man's special place.'

Hamish looked at the picture, took his pipe from his pocket and sucked at it, unlit. 'And is this supposed tae be a cross, by any chance?'

'Yes,' replied Daley, 'how did you know?'

'It's Sorn Bay, jeest along the coast fae Machrie. A sailor was washed up there in the First World War, and the locals buried him on the shingle and erected a cross in his memory. I recognised it straight away,' said Hamish with a self-satisfied smile.

'So, it's a real place? I thought it was just something the wee boy had made up. Hmm.'

'See what you've done



Denzil Meyrick

'There's somethin' else about Sorn Bay. I jeest canna bring it tae mind'

now,' said Scott. 'He's got that look in his eye again. It'll be another mad idea, that no doubt I'll be up to my ears with any time soon.' He watched as Daley walked over to the bar to buy a round. 'Mind you, you'd be amazed how many times he's right.'

'There's somethin' else about Sorn Bay. I jeest canna bring it tae mind,' declared Hamish thoughtfully, scratching his head with the end of his unlit pipe.

She slept fitfully, her father's face in every dream. He never spoke, though; she wasn't sure if she could even remember what he sounded like. It seemed so long since she had heard him say her name.

Suddenly, she felt the hairs stand on the back of her neck and a tingle ripple down her spine – an ancient instinct that somebody – some-

thing – was behind her, watching her. She heard her heart pound in her ears, but she could hear something else.

'Come with me. Come with me.' The voice was soft, no more than a whisper.

She held her breath, too frightened to move.

'Come with me. Come with me.'

Unable to restrain herself, Helen Duncan screamed at the top of her voice.

'Helen!' shouted her husband, who, now sitting straight up in the bed, turned to reach out and hold her in his arms. It w2as then he noticed something. Across the room a shadow moved, illuminated suddenly by a shaft of white light coming through a chink in the bedroom curtains.

'Has Calum walked in his sleep before, Mrs Duncan?' enquired Daley. They were back at the incident room in the town hall. It was sev-

en in the morning, and the woman before him looked shattered. Her eyes were bleary and circled with dark rings.

'Once or twice, but nothing like this. Usually he just gets up and starts crying on the landing and I take him back to bed,' she said. 'This time, he spoke. He just wouldn't wake up.'

'He was staring straight ahead, Mr Daley,' added Mr Duncan, 'just saying the same thing over and over again.'

'Which was?'

'Come with me,' she said quietly. 'Come with me.'

'He didn't remember anything about it this morning,' added Mr Duncan.

As Daley left the distraught couple, he spotted Hamish waving at him from the entrance to the hall.

'I knew I remembered something else about Sorn Bay,' he

said breathlessly. 'It jeest came tae mind this morning when I woke up. I came straight ower tae tell you.'

'Tell me what?'

'When John Sweeney was a wean the family stayed at Machrie. He had an older sister, Maggie, a wee red-haired lassie. He doted on her – they went everywhere together.'

Daley brought the older man a chair, and they both sat down. 'Take your time, Hamish.'

'Aye, well, naebody knew how it happened. But one day the two o' them were out, jeest playing, the way weans do. John came back home hysterical, no sign o' his sister. Their folks were up to high doh. The whole village was oot lookin' for the lassie.'

'Did they ever find her?'

'Aye, they did.' Hamish looked at the floor. 'That's jeest it, her body was found on the beach at Sorn Bay. They reckon she fell off the cliff, lookin' for bird's eggs. Poor wee thing, she wiz only nine. John wid be six at the time, the same age Calum is noo.'

'And why has no one mentioned this, Hamish?'

'Och, well, you know how things are. In wee places like this, when tragedy strikes we a' dae oor best tae move on. I know John wid never speak about it. I'm a bit older than him so I mind it happening – that's the only reason I know anything about it.'

Survived

'But even if he's gone back there, he'll never have survived the night,' said Daley.

'Aye, well, there's the thing. There's a wee hut up on the hillside. It wiz used by shepherds in the old days for shelter – if the weather closed in, ye understand. They tell me walkers use it noo. There's a wee stove, some wood likely. If John Sweeney's gone there – aye, and he'll know about it – he could have got through the night . . . Jeest a theory,' concluded Hamish.

For the concluding part of The Silent Man don't forget to pick up a copy of next week's Courier.

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Delight as work starts on saving historic building

‘It has been a long and complicated process to save this building, so it is wonderful to see it finally reach this stage’

WORK has finally started on rescuing one of Campbeltown town centre’s oldest buildings.

The repair of 50-52 Main Street/2 Cross Street will complete a lengthy battle to save the delapidated B-listed building.

Its flats have been vacant for more than 20 years, and Argyll and Bute Council tried unsuccessfully to work with the owners a decade ago.

The building continued to decline - the ground floor shops closed two years ago - and it was recently close to being demolished in the interests of public safety.

Now it is being fully repaired and brought back to life. Four flats and two shops will be available for lease at the end of a year-long restoration project by new owners McLeod Construction Ltd.

‘It has been a long and complicated process to save this building, so it is wonderful to see it finally reach this stage,’

said Councillor Rory Colville, chairman of the council’s Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee.

‘This and the simultaneous £1.8 million upgrade and renovation of the neighbouring town hall are exciting projects which should see two historic buildings restored to their former glory.’

‘It has taken some time to get everything in place - the funding packages, the asset transfers, the developers - but it’s great to see them going on-site.’

‘Both projects are funded through the council’s Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI).

‘The THI has committed the last of its funding to the town hall renovation and the repair of the vacant tenement at 50-52 Main Street/2 Cross Street.’

‘With owners’ contributions and other funding, more than £7 million will have been spent on historic build-

ings in Campbeltown town centre since 2009.’

Councillor Colville added: ‘The THI has been a huge success, with more than 40 buildings repaired, flats repaired and rented out, more than 40 local contractors used, historic buildings brought back into use and a community backpacker hostel opened.’

‘These final two grants have resulted in a further £2.5 million of construction contracts being awarded to local firms, creating new jobs and safeguarding existing ones.’

‘We also have a second Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) bid in to Historic Scotland for additional funding to carry out urgent repairs to key tenements in the town centre. If this funding is secured, it will safeguard the future of shops, homes and more than 40 jobs. A decision is expected very soon.’

An added benefit of the 50-52 Main Street/2



Work has now started on saving the building at 50-52 Main Street/2 Cross Street.

Cross Street work is the repair and reinstatement of the store and cellar of nearby Macgochans Bar.

Hawthorn Leisure Ltd, the bar’s new owner, is involved in the THI-led project and has indicated a willingness to bring the bar back into use.

The construction work on both projects is set to take around 12 months and will lead to some disruption for users of the town centre.

‘Those involved will be working to keep that to a minimum,’ assured a council spokesman.

‘Cross Street will

be closed to vehicles from Monday, January 5, with pedestrian access to Burnside Square and Union Street being maintained as far as possible by way of a covered walkway.

‘There may be an odd

occasion when the street will be closed for safety reasons, and the contractor will inform those affected at the earliest opportunity.’

‘On Main Street the scaffold will occupy the parking spaces on

the road in front of the building, with pedestrian movement also provided under a covered walkway. The taxi rank, which was previously outside the town hall, has moved to the bottom of Main Street.’

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Favourable wind

IT is great news that work will start soon on the £1 million project to improve berthing and other facilities at Campbeltown Harbour. It has been a complicated and protracted process to reach this stage but now there should be a favourable wind from here on. Dalintober beach aside, this will complete the extensive improvements to the town's seafront in recent years. Millions of pounds have been spent thus far on the front and it has been money well spent if comments from return visitors are anything to go by.

A sparkling new marina with facilities to fully meet sailors' need should complete the picture. Once Campbeltown makes itself a genuinely attractive place to put down anchor, the sailors will come in their numbers - and spend money in the town.

Equally good news for a town very much down at heel in recent years is the work now started - again after a complicated and protracted process - to restore the delapidated building at 50-52 Main Street/2 Cross Street. In a year's time, it should also have a rather dapper neighbour in the form of Campbeltown Town Hall where work has also started on a large-scale upgrading and refurbishment project.

These two buildings will follow other very successful restoration projects guided and part funded by Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative, however it is a process which must continue apace elsewhere in a town centre described by Councillor Donald Kelly as a 'ticking timebomb' in terms of its deteriorating structures.

Campbeltown has come a long way in the past five years, however the voyage in some way from being complete.

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We can call the tune on our policing

Sir,
Unusually, I find myself in agreement with MSPs Dave Stewart and John Finney in their concerns over the police service we now receive in Argyll.

I can go even further than the politicians and say that I believe that both Strathclyde Police and The Police Service of Scotland - or Police Scotland as they would prefer to be known as - have been disastrous for policing in Argyll.

What we presently have in policing looks increasingly more like an army of occupation than a bone fide service to the people who pay for it. Our parents and grand-parents fought two world wars to keep us free and we have a duty not to dishonour their sacrifice and to speak out against any attempt to take our freedoms from us.

So, I am saying that what we need in Argyll is to return to local control over our policing, where police officers take their instructions from the people of Argyll and can be held to account for their actions by the people of Argyll. And would there be anything at all unreasonable about that?

The last thing we - as opposed to politicians and police careerists - need is more centralising or divisional merging where all the big decisions are taken by people living in 'a different world' and where no one really has to take responsibility for policing in 'our world'.

If enough of us in Argyll insist on proper, socially responsible and democratically

controlled policing in Argyll we will get it. We are the ones who pay the piper and who can call the tune.

Arthur McFarlane
Mount Pleasant
Tarbert.

ADP service is designed to fail

Sir,
It is ironic that the arrogant shenanigans of the Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) should come to light at the very time the police launches its Shop A Dealer campaign to try and improve the lives of the community.

Some basic lessons in honest and transparent commissioning would not go amiss, but perhaps I am too optimistic; nevertheless I wish Michael Russell MSP every success in his quest to involve Audit Scotland in a thorough independent investigation into this deplorable state of affairs.

As it was decreed that Campbeltown is to have these services, the least the ADP can do is to implement them responsibly, compassionately and with adequate resources. A service designed to fail is not going to help anyone and will prove extremely wasteful.

The commissioners do not seem to have grasped that those service users who have decided to positively turn their lives around need rapid interventions at a time when they are motivated. They do not need dawdling and delayed appointments with professionals who are many miles out of reach - people deserve better.

The ADP could start by re-engaging with service users and the local service providers as these people are the true experts who could point them in the right direction.

Andrew Hemmings,
112 Sound of Kintyre,
Machrihanish,
Campbeltown.

Three wishes for the New Year

Sir,
There is a traditional toast to 'the year that's awa' and looking back 2014 was a momentous, action packed year in Argyll and Bute and across the country with the independence referendum, the Commonwealth Games, and many Homecoming events.

I have been in every part of this very large and diverse constituency over the past 12 months and I have found an overwhelming sense of optimism about the future. Argyll and Bute is a good place to live and work but we could make it even better in 2015.

Here is three ways in which we might do that: Firstly it is disappointing that the present administration of Argyll and Bute Council is so negative in all it does.

My first New Year wish would be for Dick Walsh and his colleagues to work closer with myself and communities in order to overcome the problems of depopulation and strengthen the services which the council is there to provide. We all share a concern for where we live and together we need to make it the best place it can be.

My second wish would be to see an acceleration of investment in some essential, much needed services. High speed

broadband is not a luxury, it is a necessity and the first communities in the constituency to get it should be switched on during the spring. Many others will follow over the next two years but it would be good to see that process taking place faster and reaching out further to the small number of places that are not presently on the ambitious, Scottish Government-backed plans. Investment in the inadequate mobile phone network by the very profitable companies that supply our connections must follow and the long-term problem of the 'Rest and Be Thankful' must be resolved.

Thirdly I would love to see a more compassionate government at Westminster, keen to lift the burden from our poorest people. Shameful welfare cuts are cutting deeply into communities and households across Argyll and Bute but all the London-based parties share an agenda that is committed to more cuts and even worse austerity.

Land reform and the environment will be big issues for me this year and the continuing concerns that my constituents have about transport, health, housing, rural and island services and employment will go on occupying the time of myself and my staff working across the constituency. However, there is always time to step back and relax at this season, so we should remember and thank all those who are working on our behalf at this time while wishing all our fellow citizens here and across the world a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Michael Russell MSP
Argyll and Bute.

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Don't miss Tarbert's big senior citizens' party

THE organisers of this year's Tarbert's Senior Citizens' Christmas party have announced that the popular annual event will take place on Friday, January 16 at Tarbert Village Hall.

With this festive dinner dance still a few weeks away, experienced volunteers are already busy with arrangements for catering, entertainment and transport.

Qualifies

The committee wants anyone who qualifies to come along to the popular cabaret-style

evening. The invitation extends to everyone aged 60 and over who lives in Tarbert and the surrounding area bounded by Meall Mhor, Kennacraig, and Dunmore. Partners of whatever age are included automatically.

A four-course dinner with coffee or tea is offered, plus entertainment, and admission is free-of-charge. All bar proceeds help to pay for the following year's bash.

As always, professional entertainment will en-

sure that the evening goes with a swing and the event will also host the Tarbert Citizen of the Year award ceremony.

Warm welcome

On behalf of the organisers, Sheena Ferguson said: 'We want everyone to know that there will be a warm Tarbert welcome for them. We want as many people as possible to benefit from the event.'

Sheena appealed for party-goers to add their name to the guest list, which will be main-

tained by Tarbert Post Office.

She explained: 'Simply tell the staff at the post office that you'd like to go, and they'll add your name to the list. Also let them know if you are looking for a lift to and from the party.'

Guests are offered free transport to and from the village hall.

Sheena added: 'Anyone who would like to submit a nomination for the citizen of the year award can do so by dropping it in, in

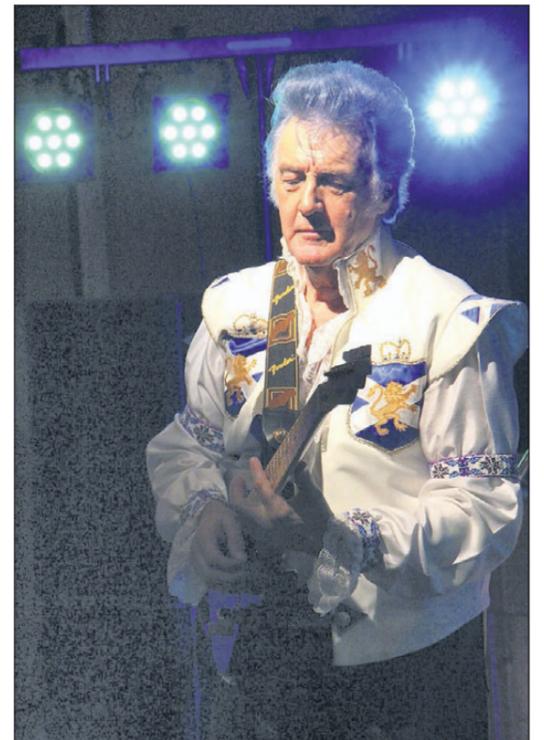
writing, at the post office too.

'We want this to be Tarbert's biggest Christmas party for years. It's great fun for guests and we all enjoy helping at it.'

'We'll see you at the village hall at 6.30pm on Friday, January 16.'

Kindness

The party is made possible by the kindness and generosity of donor individuals, organisations, and businesses in and around the village, including Tarbert Enterprise Company.



Ayrshire-based singer Jesse Garron wowed the partygoers at last year's event.

Picture courtesy of Colin Hunter freelance.



These P4-7 pupils performed Treasure Island.



The school's pre-five unit and P1 pupils performed the Nativity.



CLACHAN and Skipness pupils entertained audiences in both schools with their wonderful performance of Snow White. The children had written an alternative Christmas ending and Santa Claus even made an appearance. The show also featured instrumental pieces and Christmas carols.

Fayre play to Drumlemble Primary School pupils

PUPILS at Drumlemble primary made Christmas crafts and mini cakes for the school's Craft Fayre held at Machrihanish Village Hall.

The youngsters also performed three plays at its Christmas concert. The youngest group made up of pre-five and P1 pupils told the Nativity story, P1-3 pupils entertained watching families with Santa's Hat and the P4-7 pupils performed Treasure Island.



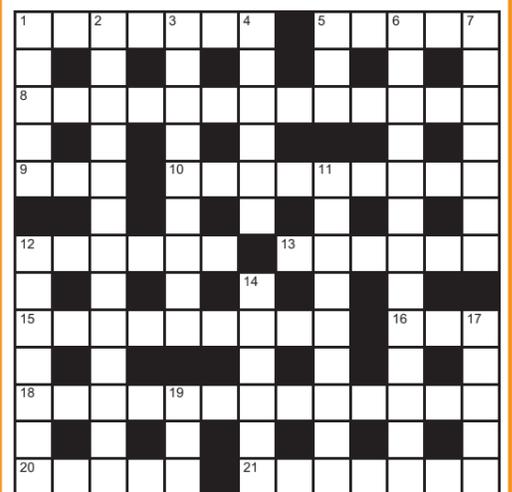
Youngsters are bowled over by Santa and Rudolph

Santa and his lead reindeer Rudolph made lots of friends when they delivered presents to the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Campbeltown Bowling Club members. The event was run and funded by the ladies' section and was greatly enjoyed by the 70 children who attended.

Kintyre Antiquarian & Natural History Society
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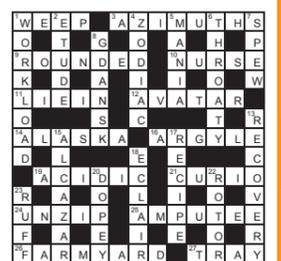
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Last week's solution



Review of the Year

JANUARY



January storms wrecked this stretch of road near the Keil Cemetery at Southend. 08_c02floodfront01

JANUARY 2014 began with a crash when sections of road in Southend were reduced to rubble by violent winter storms producing powerful, destructive waves.

The Mull of Kintyre 10K and half-marathon's 900 spots sold out within 36 hours making it one of the

most eagerly-anticipated races in the country. Meanwhile, there was concern as renewables company Wind Towers Scotland, based at the Sound of Kintyre, announced a shorter working week as a measure in reaction to, 'a temporary slow-down in manufacturing activity'.

FEBRUARY



Dunaverty Players won the Kintyre Drama Festival with the play, Easy Stages. 20_c09drama03

IN FEBRUARY, the Courier reported how friends and family of Billy Irving organised a raffle to raise funds for his legal battle with Indian authorities.

Billy was jailed in India in October 2013 with other crew members after the owner of the ship on which he was working was accused of having illegal weapons on board and wrongfully obtaining fuel.

The Kintyre Drama Festival took place at Campbeltown Grammar, with every genre represented from comedy and drama to thrilling suspense and fantasy.

There was anger among residents at the introduction 'by stealth' of a methadone service in Campbeltown.

The A83 road was beset by further closures at the Rest and Be Thankful, with landslide pre-

vention measures introduced failing to stop tonnes of mud from blocking the road.

Machrihanish Airbase Community Company announced plans to host a car rally at the former RAF base in the summer, and Campbeltown Pupils AFC's exciting Scottish Amateur Cup run which took them to the last 32 ended after a narrow 1-0 defeat to Harestanes AFC.

MARCH

THE Courier reported in March how after months of fundraising CGS4GAMBIA - a party of teachers and students from Campbeltown - built a school in Gambia's Kalaji region, having raised enough money to provide building materials for new school and toilet facilities for the children living there.

Plans to make the lights along Hall Street a permanent feature of Campbeltown harbour were pursued by Campbeltown Community Council. At Campbeltown Grammar, pupils offered a resounding 'Yes' during a debate on whether Scotland should become independent.



Kate Cameron from Southend helps with construction of a bantaba, a structure designed to offer shelter from the stifling Gambian heat.

APRIL



John Semple criticised the 'size of the proposed new' 08_c17semple01

APRIL saw Islay host its first enter from Glenbarr, a monitor farm Meat Scotland, talked about the way he farmed forever.

There were some amazing and Hall committee held its traditional figures dotted in and around Southend.

John Semple, then councillor, criticised the 'lack of ambition' shown by the size of Campbeltown's proposed



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- January to June

MAY



‘Lack of ambition’ implied by
Campbeltown Grammar.

marathon, and Duncan Macalister for three years with Qualia to show the experience had changed

and funny creations as Dunaverty and the annual Scarecrow Challenge, with the village.

for South Kintyre, criticised the council and Bute Council over the new grammar school.



Donald Kelly, left and Jamie McLean sought the revival of Dalintober beach and pier. 08_c18shore01

MAY saw Campbeltown’s Commonwealth Games wrestling twins Donna and Fiona Robertson talk to the Courier about growing up in the area, and their chances of a medal at the Glasgow showpiece.

Dalintober Beach Regeneration Fund announced plans to return the beach and its historic pier to being a ‘safe, useable facility’.

A group, largely made up of mothers and children, cleared five and a half tonnes of rubbish from the beach to make it a safer and cleaner place to play for youngsters.

Explore Campbeltown held a fashion show at the Tasting Room, featuring a wide variety of apparel from businesses around Campbeltown.

JUNE



A three-tonne Minke whale was brought to shore at Campbeltown’s New Quay after getting itself caught in Campbeltown boat The Crest’s nets. 20_c21whale03

IN JUNE there was great excitement at Campbeltown Harbour when a dead three-tonne Minke whale was caught in the nets of Campbeltown lobster boat The Crest.

There was more marine-life excitement when Eddie Maguire’s amazing picture of an

otter on rocks near his Machrihanish Bird Observatory made the front page.

Stuart Irvine, chairman of East Kintyre Community Council, branded the B842 Carradale to Campbeltown road ‘appalling’ and ‘full of potholes’ because of

damage by heavy goods lorries working on the new substation at Crossaig. One broken-down lorry blocked the road for five hours.

A team from Springbank Distillery won Machrihanish Golf Club’s popular Am-Am competition.



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 Both families are delighted with the engagement of Heather, eldest daughter of John and Nona, and Peter, only son of Peter and Christina.

DEATHS

COOK - On December 23, 2014, peacefully at home, Mary MacKinnon Cook, née MacEachran, in her 86th year, beloved wife of the late Donald MacIntyre Cook, much loved mother of Anne and Fiona and a dearly loved grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at Greenock Crematorium, on Saturday, January 3, 2015, at 11.00am, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Alzheimer Scotland, 22 Dremshugh Gardens, Edinburgh, EH3 7RN.

KNOWLES - Suddenly at home, Craglan, Southend, on Tuesday, December 23, 2014, Alan Knowles, in his 71st year, dearly beloved husband of the late Julia Knowles, much loved father of Justine, Georgina and Oliver and loving gangs of Holly, Megan, Rowan, Bosley and Buster.

STEVENSON - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, after a long illness, on the December 23, 2014, Mr Thomas (Tom) Pettigrew Stevenson, aged 83 years, of 11 Wallace Way, Lochgilphead, and formerly of Coronation Mansions, Lochgilphead. Beloved husband of Chris, much loved father of Fiona and the late Iain, and dear grandpa of Grant and Clarissa. A much respected father-in-law of Jim. A dear uncle and great uncle. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Friday, January 9, 2015 at 11.00am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. All friends are respectfully invited to attend. Chris would like to thank all doctors, nurses and district nurses at the Mid Argyll Hospital, the Argyll Home Care Team and ambulance staff for the great care and support they have received.

STEWART - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on December 23, 2014, Wendy Stewart, aged 50 years, of 16 Seaside Park, Ardrishaig. Daughter of the late Alexander and Joan Stewart, much loved sister of Alex, David and the late Marilyn and a dear sister-in-law, aunt and cousin to all the family. Funeral service will take place at Lorne Street Funeral Parlour, Lochgilphead, today, Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at 11.00am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Mid Argyll Hospital.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GILLESPIE - Stuart, Stuart, Lyle and family would like to thank all relatives and friends for their expressions of sympathy following their sad loss and are overwhelmed with the kindness shown. Special thanks to T A Blair Ltd for their excellent professional service and to the Ardsheel Hotel for the fine purvey. Lastly, thank you to all those who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiral collection for the Kintyre Kidney Dialysis Campaign raised £2,208.86. Thanks to everyone.

MACKINNON - The family of the late Duncan MacKinnon would like to thank all family and friends, many travelling a long way, who came to pay their respects and celebrate the life of a dear dad, father-in-law, grampa and great grampa. Special thanks are given to Dr Norrie and all the staff in the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital who cared for dad with compassion and dignity and tended to all his requests without complaint. Thanks also to the Rev Wallace and Mrs Nettie Semple for a beautiful service and music accompaniment, to Argyll Hotel for funeral tea. Particular thanks to Kenny Blair and his staff for assisting with the arrangements in a seamless and efficient manner, removing all the stress and distress from the family and to Helen, a special friend. Thanks to all who contributed to the collection of £1,280.70. A great send off for a great man.

IN MEMORIAMS

MCLEAN - Betty, December 30, 2011. Precious memories always of a mum, gran and great gran. Gone but never forgotten. Missed every day.
 - Love, Aileen, Gemma, Jamie, Craig and Conor.

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.
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75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 4th January 2015
 Jesus, He's the Reason for the Season!
 11am Family Service with Communion and Songs of Praise
 Pastor Ross Ferguson
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George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 4th January
 11.15am Worship Service
 Rev Finlay Mackenzie
Wednesday 7th January
 12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
The Water of Life Café will resume on Wednesday 14th
All Welcome
 There will be no Water of Life Café for the next three weeks. It will resume on Wednesday 14th January
 www.campbeltownfreechurch.com
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CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 4th January 2015
 11.00 am
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 We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
 www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

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Services 4th January 2015 - all welcome!
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 Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
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 Charity No. SC016665
 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
 Short Service in Chalmers Court at 2.30 pm

lochgilphead baptist church

All Welcome
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 4th January 2015
 11.00am
 Jumpstart
Friday 9th January
 From 10am
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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
 St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
 Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 4th December
 The Epiphany
 10.45am Morning Prayer
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Sunday 4th January 2015
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 Rev. Tommy Bryson
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Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden



THE frost clung to every branch as it adorned the trees with a myriad of sparkling white crystals.

The raindrops of the previous days had frozen and transformed the land into a Christmas card scene.

The loch at Tayvallich was also frozen and we watched with interest and admiration as a lonely rower tried to break the ice with his oars.

We wondered how far he would get in the ice-bound water.

The other boats reflected in the late morning sun and offered comfort around him.

The wee church stood above him.

It was a truly beautiful picture.

Later on I thought of this rower and his battle with the ice.

Normally he would glide through the waters and come safely to the other side, but would the ice impede him today?

Would he get safely to the other side?

Once again we stand at the door of a new year and wonder what awaits us on the other side.

Will we cross safely?

Some of us may feel excitement at the thought of going through, while some of us may wish to stay firmly where we are as we fear what lies ahead.

There may be icy roads and cold winds, and we might struggle.

We may fear to open the door of yet another year.

We have wounds from this past year which still hurt and we are not ready.

But there is one who waits outside that door and quietly knocks.

He waits outside and whispers our name.

He knows what we have been through, and he waits.

He will wait till we are ready to open the door.

He tells us not to be afraid as he will go into the next year with us.

He will hold us till the ice of our disbelief melts in the warmth of his love, and we will be safe.

Pair rewarded for decade of service

TWO counsellors who have supported hundreds of crime victims and witnesses were rewarded for a decade's loyal work with Victim Support Scotland.

Gordon Caskie from Muasdale and Eva MacDonald MBE from Campbeltown were delighted to receive a long service certificate from the volunteer service.

Danny Longwill from Victim Support Scotland said: 'Gordon and Eva have worked with countless witnesses and we wish to thank them for ten years' hard

work and all the effort and commitment it involves.'

Mrs MacDonald, who was awarded her MBE for services to nursing and extensive volunteer work, said: 'We have worked with many people who really need our help and by providing this role we can give something back to the community.'

Appreciated

'Because of the confidentiality involved it is not something spoken about often but we see first-hand how much the service is appreciated.'



Danny Longwill, centre, presented Gordon Caskie and Eva MacDonald with long-service certificates after ten years with Victim Support Scotland. 20_c51support01

Mr Caskie said: 'It is just nice to be able to help people pre-

pare for what can be a nerve-racking experience. Even the obvi-

ous things like taking the oath need to be prepared for.'

Midwife Crisis at Rhunahaorine show

RHUNAHAORINE Primary and pre-five unit performed A Midwife Crisis when the school held its Christmas concert in Tayinloan Hall. Rhunahaorine head teacher Ruth Reid said: 'Many thanks to everyone who came along to support us and to the parent council for all their help and lovely baking, which helped raise £200 for school funds.'



Rhunahaorine Primary pupils took to the stage for their Christmas concert and performed A Midwife Crisis.

Assault charge

A YOUNG woman was charged with assault following an incident in Campbeltown last Tuesday, December 23.

The 17 year old was then charged the following day with an alleged breach of a bail condition and kept in custody pending a court appearance.

Jackpot goes up to £500

THERE were no winners of the Machrihanish Golf Club lotto on Monday.

Numbers picked were 1, 10 and 15.

The jackpot for the next draw on January 5 goes up to £500.

Whale on beach

A SMALL whale was washed up onto Westport beach during the past week.

Campbeltown Police say efforts are being made for the carcass to be removed.

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New director for NHS Highland

A NEW director of public health and health policy has been appointed by NHS Highland.

Dr Hugo van Woerden,

51, director of innovation and development in Public Health Wales, will take up the post on February 1, succeeding

Dr Margaret Somerville who has retired after five years in the post.

The new director has strong Highland connections, having attended Inverness Royal Academy and having practised as a GP in Mallaig from 1993-1998. His father, two sisters and brother all live in Inverness.

With a Dutch father and a mother from Dingwall, Dr van Woerden was born and raised in Zimbabwe, where his parents were working with a church charity.

He moved to the Highlands with his parents when he was in his early teens and from school he went to the University of Aberdeen, where he studied medicine. He subsequently worked as a junior doctor in Raig-

more Hospital and then as a GP in both Highland and Grampian.

Dr van Woerden has worked as a consultant in public health medicine in Scotland, England and Wales.

Specialised

Roles in recent years have included deputy medical director for the Welsh health specialised services committee and director of health and healthcare improvement in Public Health Wales.

In his current role, as director of innovation and development in Public Health Wales, Dr van Woerden works to promote a culture of innovation and evaluation, and supporting national strategic developments.

He is also an honorary senior lecturer at Cardiff University.



Some of the Southend youngsters who did a great job in Our First Nativity.

Southend plays are just magic

THERE was a bit of magic in the air when Southend Primary held its annual Christmas concert.

Pre-fives and primaries 1-3 performed Our First Nativity, with P1-7 performing Aladdin.

The watching families were entertained by instrumental woodwind and chanter performances, followed by coffee and mince pies, after which parents were invited into the classrooms where the pupils sold their Christmas crafts.



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Dialysis fund wins in football festival

£350 raised for Kintyre campaign

VETERANS of football in Kintyre dusted off their boots for a four-team tournament last Saturday - and did their bit for charity by raising a fantastic £350.

Held at Kinloch's all-weather pitch in aid of Kintyre Dialysis Campaign, the competition featured over-35s from Campbeltown Pupils, former club Campbeltown Boys, Tarbert AFC and a team from the Rangers supporters club Campbeltown Loyal.

With some battle-hardened players on show the matches were extremely competitive, if not quite as fast-paced as a Pupils versus Boys derby from years gone by, but the knocks and scrapes were all worth it as the dialysis fund enjoyed another boost.

Organiser

Darren McGillvary, of the winning Pupils team and a tournament organiser, said: 'It was a good tournament; competitive but played in the right way, and helps the Kin-



Campbeltown Pupils defeated Campbeltown Boys 2-0 to win the competition. 20_c01pupils01



Campbeltown Boys over-35s deny Campbeltown Loyal a late equaliser, ensuring a 1-0 victory for the veteran side. 20_c01boys02

tyre Dialysis Campaign which was the most important thing.

Retired

'Once the idea for the tournament was talked about a lot of the now-retired amateur players in the area got right behind it.

'We are especially grateful to Tarbert for travelling to Campbeltown at a busy time of year, and to the Feathers Inn and Kilbrannan Bar for their post-match hospitality, it was greatly appreciated.'

In the tournament, a

round-robin format pitted the former rivals Campbeltown Pupils and Campbeltown Boys against each other in the deciding match.

Undiminished

Former striker Andy Robertson showed an undiminished appe-

tite for goals in a Pupils shirt by heading them into the lead, before his brace sealed a 2-0 win in an evenly contested match.

The Loyal managed to recover from two defeats to beat Tarbert and claim third place.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £2600

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:
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Lochgilphhead
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All you have to do

We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright.

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Easy to enter

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Campbell slogs out a new record



Cameron Campbell leads the way in the male junior race. Picture courtesy of Catherine McLean



Elaine McGeachy finished third in the women's race.



These youngsters enjoy a welcome hot drink after the race.

Kenny makes it four wins out of five in sand race

KENNY Campbell from Southend showed why he is Argyll's leading distance runner when he set a course record at the annual Slog in the Sand 10k race at Westport beach last Saturday.

Kenny clocked 36mins 05secs to finish more than two minutes clear of his Campbeltown Running Club teammate Stuart McGeachy whose 38.24 was well ahead of third place Daniel Sheldrick from Tayinloan.

It was Kenny's fourth win in five years running the race.

In what were the best conditions for the race to date, there was a close finish in the ladies' race with just seven seconds separating winner Fiona Graham from her Campbeltown clubmate Jennifer Reid after 44 minutes of running.

Fiona's daughter, Claudia, won the girls' two-mile junior race, with Cameron Campbell an impressive winner of the boys' race.

Boys - 1 Cameron Campbell, 2 Hugh Teesdale, 3 Gregor Campbell. Girls - 1 Claudia Graham, 2 Violet Campbell, 3 Emily McMurchy.

Elaine McGeachy, one of the Slog in the Sand organisers, said: 'Well done to everyone who took part, the conditions were a lot more favourable than in previous years and it was a very



Ewan Smith from Tarbert trains weekly with Campbeltown Running Club.

enjoyable day. A big thank you goes out to all our helpers, timers and home bakers.'

All the 10k finishers: Kenny Campbell 36:04, Stuart McGeachy 38:35, Dan Sheldrick 39:59, Ewan Smith 41:48, Andy Law 42:14, Fiona Graham 44:25, Jennifer Reid 44:32, Darren Renton 45:05, Robert McKinnon 45:05, John Teesdale 45:38, Ralph Hill 46:05, Ian Cameron 48:19, Elaine McGeachy 48:39, Alistair O'May 49:18, Sarah McFadzean 49:41, Richard Barrie 49:55, William Halliday 50:10, Sid Gallagher 51:06, Jocelyn Richard 51:12, Paul McWilliams 52:12, Lindsay King 52:33, Elaine McCann 53:06, Robert Semple 53:51, Malcolm McMillan 54:29, Ian Graham 54:38, Douglas McMurchy 55:39, Ron McDonald 55:54, Chantal Geyer 58:13, Jackie Fulton 58:56, John Burridge 58:59, Lisa Mansell 64:34. Junior two miles: Cameron Campbell 13:13, Hugh Teesdale 14:14, Gregor Campbell 14:25, Andrew Renton 15:20, Euan Charlwood 16:43, William McLean 19:32, Max Graham 19:34, Ruairidh Campbell 20:10, Douglas McMurchy (adult start) 20:15, Claudia Graham 20:38, Shuan Charlwood 20:45, Violet Campbell 21:45, Emily McMurchy 28:56, Annabel Semple 34:04.



Kenny Campbell bounds across the sand on his way to a course record and another win at Slog in the Sand.

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