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Road torn up and homes flooded in worst high seas for decades

SECTIONS of road in Southend were ripped up and Tarbert homes flooded last weekend by the worst high tides to hit Kintyre for decades.

In one part of the Southend road, huge chunks of stone were tossed into a neighbouring field.

A few hundred yards away, just below St Columba's Footprints, the relentless sea took a massive gouge out from under the road after destroying a defence wall.

Argyll and Bute Council now faces carrying out serious restoration work, and the C18 South-

end road remains closed.

Much of Dunaverty Golf Club was also under water, with the Conie Burn rising 12 feet.

Argyll and Bute Council was praised by John Bakes, Southend Community Council chairman,

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Part of the C18 Southend road washed away by the sea. 08_c02flood09

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man, for its quick response in clearing tonnes of sand from the damaged road before assessing its structural damage.

Mr Bakes added: 'Villagers are saying it is the worst flooding they have seen.'

'Hundreds of people arrived in the village over the weekend to see what had happened.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesman said on Monday: 'The road is damaged severely in two places.'

'As soon as the road is made safe, single way working will be introduced to allow the passage of traffic.'

'The road is accessible from either end, so nobody is cut off.'

'Permanent repairs may take several weeks and will depend on the weather and tides.'

Homes and businesses in Harbour Street, Tarbert were flooded when Loch Fyne breached the harbour wall on Monday and last Friday.

Under water

Sarah Coats of the Earra Gael craft shop, situated on the quayside, said the shop was under two feet of water last Friday but she had moved stock and damage was 'minimal'.

Ian MacIntyre, a native of Tarbert, said it was the worst flooding to hit the village for decades.

Tarbert Fire Brigade pumped water from homes and businesses, and residents praised their efforts and those of

police and council staff.

In Carradale, garages, sheds and gardens at Waterfoot by the River Carra were flooded but sandbags largely protected homes.

Resident Johnny Duran told the Courier: 'It left a fair bit of cleaning up to do.'

In Peninver last Friday, seawater reached the B842 which remained passable with care and parts of Peninver Holiday Caravan Park were under water.

Owner Eddie MacCallum said: 'Luckily, there has been no damage.'

A villager said: 'This is the worst flooding I've seen in 20 years.'

Almost submerged

Low Askomil Road in Campbeltown was closed to traffic briefly as water ran up the sailing club slipway and the Esplanade was closed to traffic. Nearby Dalintober Beach pier was almost submerged.

The council said it had more than 80 roads and amenity staff working 'in challenging conditions' over the weekend to keep roads safe and passable.

More than 2,000 sandbags were also made available for public use.



This bungalow at Waterfoot, damage. Inset: Dunaverty G



The Earra Gael craft shop on Tarbert's harbour front was flooded by high tides on Friday and Monday. 20_c08flood08

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John Robert Kennedy graduated Campbellsville University, Kentucky, USA. Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Marketing emphasis. John is the eldest son of Catherine and John Kennedy, Castleton, Lochgilphead. Grandson of John and the late Christina MacVicar Lochgilphead and Danny and the late May Kennedy Inveraray. John was also awarded NCCAA All American player and Academic All Conference for the second straight year.



Low Askomil Road, Campbeltown was closed off briefly. 08_c02flood01

'Worst flooding in decades'



Carradale was encroached by water on Friday but thanks to the use of sandbags there was no serious damage. Golf Club was under 12 feet of water in parts.



Seawater flooding the B842 at Peninver had motorists driving with care. 08_c02flood02



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Striking scene at Westport Beach



Steve Partridge of Dippen, Carradale took this striking picture during the Slog in the Sand race on Westport Beach on December as runners pass the newly-emerged boat ruins.

East Kintyre plea for internet solutions

People in the area are fed up with insufficient internet coverage

BUSINESSES and residents in East Kintyre are calling on Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) to solve their internet woes.

Those living in Saddell, Ugadale and Peninver have been left with a choice between satellite or dial up internet as BT do not provide a broadband service in the area.

Many have chosen to use the more expensive satellite internet but it is slower and comes with a very low download limit.

Roland Pullen, from Tree of Life Systems computer services at Ugadale Farm, told those present at a recent Kintyre Initiative Working Group meeting that people in the area were fed up with

insufficient internet coverage.

He said: 'We carried out a survey locally and everyone feels very strongly that what they are having to labour under is no good.'

'The response and browsing speeds are slow. We use our broadband almost exclusively for business - we don't download any videos or graphics or anything large because it would impact on the business.'

Mr Pullen explained that at one point residents' internet went off entirely after reaching their download limit. This was because of a massive influx of thousands of spam emails containing large viruses being downloaded by their systems.

He said: 'We're struggling because the size of the updates gets bigger and bigger. We're trying to get computers up to date for our customers which puts a strain on our limit.'

Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid, who was at the meeting, said: 'BT will only do things if there's a profit in it. They will only do it if someone gives them funding for it. I think it's Community Broadband Scotland you need to speak to.'

He added he would contact them to see if anything could be done.

Community Broadband Scotland (CBS) - led by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) - is an initiative to help kick start community-led broadband projects

in rural communities. Campbell Cameron of CBS said: 'While the project can't reach everyone in this initial stage, bringing the fibre network closer to all will improve the possibility of finding alternative solutions including satellite, mobile and wireless.'

'As part of the project there is an innovation fund to explore solutions.'

'Complementing this, Community Broadband Scotland is able to help communities which won't benefit from the initial deployment. As CBS adviser based in Lochgilphead I will be delighted to speak with the community in East Kintyre to discuss how CBS can help them improve their connectivity.'

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The New Year swim in Campbeltown Loch will raise around £1,000.

Icy loch dip raises a cool £1,000

A H-H-H-HAPPY N-n-new Y-year.

Fourteen hardy, sponsored souls of all ages plunged into the chittery waters of Campbeltown Loch on January 1 to raise around £1,000.

They were members and supporters of the Dalintober Beach Restoration Group, and the money will help the group fulfil its plans to restore the beach to its past glory.

'It was very cold,' said group chairman Jamie McLean, who was among those prepared to dive in for a good cause.

The event went really well. People are already talking about making it an annual New Year event, only bigger and better.'

Grateful

Jamie said the group, officially formed at the end of last year by local residents, was grateful for the support of Campbeltown Sailing Club and the use of its facilities, not least of all the hot showers.

He added: 'The club wants to work closely with us as we pursue our aim of cleaning up the beach, which is great.

'Our thanks also go to deep sea diver Dave Morris who stayed in the water to ensure everyone was safe.'

Last summer, group members cleared more than five tons of rubbish from the beach in a matter of hours.

Among their plans are to see fresh sand on the beach, regular clean-ups and the restoration of the neglected Dalintober pier.

The group is hoping for support from Argyll and Bute Council, local businesses and elsewhere.

Help Women's Aid, urges Campbeltown Rotary Club

TO assist Women's Aid in Campbeltown, the local Rotary Club is arranging a collection of unwanted toiletries and cosmetics.

Boxes will be placed in George McMillan's shop, Numero Dix hair salon, Millknowe shop and the vestibule of Southend Parish Church.

Agnes Stewart of the Rotary Club said: 'As Women's Aid caters for women and children who may have been abused in their homes, these victims have possibly had to leave their homes in a hurry without some of the

basic necessities. They are extremely vulnerable and in great need. Any help will therefore give them back some sense of belonging in a caring community.'

'Any unwanted Christmas presents will be welcome as will any toilet supplies that are surplus to requirement. These could be toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo, perfume or make-up. 'Members of Women's Aid are grateful for any help that can be given, and the Rotary Club is happy to be able to help in this way.'

Minor landslip on the A83

THERE was a minor landslip at Glen Kinglass, adjacent to the A83, overnight between Sunday and Monday.

A BEAR Scotland spokesman said: 'The debris was contained outwith the road and traffic has not been affected.'

'As a precautionary measure we will continue to monitor this location for signs of further movement.'



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Nature speaks

WITH the flooding around Kintyre last weekend we saw just an inkling of what nature can do when it flexes its muscles. When you see the extent of the impact, bad as it is, you have to ask what devastation a tide a metre higher would have caused? Or what about five metres higher, accentuated by a less favourable wind? What about the recent gale which hurled a massive fibreglass tank weighing tons across two miles of Campbeltown countryside, what if the wind had been another 10 or 20mph stronger? These things do not bear thinking about. We got off lightly.

Look at the devastation caused by the Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami in 2004. It claimed 230,000 lives. Japan is still recovering from its 2011 earthquake and tsunami which tore numerous coastal communities apart and claimed almost 16,000 lives. The shocking footage of these events will never be forgotten. And we should not feel complacent just because earthquakes and tsunamis are not a European problem. Recent articles have highlighted that the eruption of a 'supervolcano', hundreds of times more powerful than conventional volcanoes - with the potential to wipe out civilisation as we know it - is more likely than thought previously.

Of course, when things are on such a scale there is little we can do other than accept our fate. However, a little nudge from nature like Kintyre experienced last weekend should serve to remind us how delicately balanced life on this planet is. Nature can be a great awakener, telling us to take nothing for granted and be grateful for its gifts.

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Jobs myth of wind farms

Sir,
Power4Islay is a group of more than 150 people on Islay who are campaigning for transparency and honesty in the information regarding the development of the renewables industry in our seas. The halting of the Tiree Array is extremely welcome to us. The response from councillors Duncan MacIntyre and Roddy McCuish is dismaying to say the least. They seem to have swallowed the line from developers that this huge industrialisation of our wild seas will actually benefit our region economically. If they had just done a little research on existing schemes they would find that these claims of economic benefit are purely carrots for councillors like them to nibble at.

The Thanet Offshore Wind Array of 100 turbines was projected to produce 90 permanent and 200 indirect local jobs, it in fact produced only 21. This means the public subsidy for each job is £3 million per year.

Greater Gabbard Offshore Array of 140 turbines receives £1.3m in subsidies per new local job created. All paid for by us, the consumers. It is unbelievable.

And as one developer is quoted as saying in response to queries about few local jobs, 'These jobs aren't for gifted amateurs'.

Developers know that councils love to hear that there will be lots of jobs. When you actually look at the facts, the developers exploit our environment, take the gigan-

tic subsidies, employ workers and buy equipment from other countries. Research completed by Professor Hughes for Edinburgh University shows that the turbines themselves are proving to have only half the life projected by the developers at the time of building so, in effect, doubling the already huge costs.

Developers dangle these promises of how our region will benefit. There is no evidence at all that it will. In fact it is likely that tourism will suffer thus reducing our economic viability. Do visitors come to see arrays of man-made artefacts in our seas?

These developers must think we are idiots.

Stuart Graham, for Power4Islay

Turbines are taking over

Sir,
We agree wholeheartedly with Duncan Murchie's story in the Courier two weeks ago on wind turbines.

From starting with a fairly innocuous wind farm above Carradale these massive structures have slowly progressed down the spine of Kintyre, and although they do impinge on the landscape and favourite views we must accept that both visually - and for maximum efficiency - this is a good place for them. But there they should stay.

However, suddenly it seems that every second field is liable to sprout a turbine, to the delight of the landowners and the misery of the neighbours. Surely a much stricter policy on this proliferation is due before Kintyre, with its stunning

coastline and super beaches, is irrevocably spoiled.

Equally the fine new buildings replacing Park Square have been built around a new road network designed for the convenience of the tower manufacturers, and not the motorists and pedestrians who need to use it. The Longrow/Aqualibrium Avenue problem is one thing, but what about the polygonabout at the foot of Main Street? You need a GPS just to negotiate the expanse of tarmac.

However the last straw for those of us who live on the east side is the building of a £200 million electricity substation at Crossaig to get all this electricity out of the peninsula.

Adjacent to the single track B842 - a road that was barely fit for purpose even before the job started - we are now having to put up with mud on the road, lorries off the road, and this is very early days.

Large pylons need to be erected and the present construction traffic is positively lightweight compared to what may follow. Moreover, the community has not been properly consulted by SSE, and yet a project of this scale should involve a great deal of public information and discussion.

There are many businesses, and individuals, down here who rely on that road being easily passable at all times - hastily knocked together notices saying 'Beware of soft verges' seem a very amateurish way for a large construction firm to try and keep the show on the road.

Glenbarr has bravely taken a stand in the face of ob-

scene amounts of money offered, and I think it is time we all weighed up the pros and cons of being in an alternative energy paradise.

Mike and Trish Hurst Carradale

Traffic issues

Sir,
While I appreciate the concerns expressed by the residents around the Gobagrennan Road, it does not seem right that they can dictate something that affects us all.

I think that a 40mph limit from the lay-by to Gobagrennan Road end would be a sensible compromise. Would it be possible for the council to remove the 30-mile sign which is in an oil drum! What an awful impression it gives of the entrance to the town.

I don't suppose there is a glimmer of hope that the lights near the Factory Shop could be removed and traffic/pedestrian lights installed at the Main Street - Longrow junction as the present system causes build up of traffic at the roundabout. This is even worse in the summer when we have more traffic in the town.

I do not suppose we will see anything happen in the near future as the residents of Tayinloan have been asking for a 40mph speed limit on the A83 at Tayinloan for a couple of years and we are the only village not to have a bus shelter and we are still waiting.

Mrs N Galbraith, 30 Cara View, Tayinloan

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Too slow off your mark!

Entries for this year's MOK races snapped up in 36 hours

IT IS already too late for anyone slow off the mark in entering this year's Mull of Kintyre races.

Incredibly 900 places for this year's half marathon and 10k races in May were snapped up within just 36 hours.

Last year, it took a week for entries to fill up. This year it was a fraction of that time - despite the organisers making an extra 100 places available.

MOK entries may well be the most sought after in the UK's massive road and trail racing calendar.

The event could certainly claim to be the most popular, with the half marathon being named by Runners World as the UK's top half marathon for the past four years.

Uniquely, for its size, it attracts the bulk of its competitors from all over the UK. Last year around 200 starters were from Kintyre and mid-Argyll.

It is the race so many want to run, regardless of how difficult it is to get here. They come in numbers from the likes of Brighton, London, Bristol, Manchester and

Newcastle as well as all corners of Scotland.

It boosts the local economy, with many competitors taking up rooms in local hotels and guest-houses for two and three nights.

Each year since the first MOKRUN in 2006, the response succeeds in surprising race director Elaine McGeachy.

'I thought entries would fill up in around a week again, even with the extra hundred places,' she told Courier this week. 'But 36 hours.....!'

'I have had to deal with loads of phone calls and emails from disappointed runners.'

'They knew entries opened last Thursday. I don't think they could believe they'd filled that quickly.'

Around 550 participants will take part in the 10k on Sunday, May 25, with the rest in the half marathon. Both races will start simultaneously.

Despite the widespread interest, Campbeltown Running Club hopes its Kenny Campbell will be able to retain his half marathon title, while track specialist Matthew Turner from Tangy will seek to again win the 10k.

Entries are also filling fast for the junior races starting from Kinloch Green, Campbeltown on Saturday, May 24.



Some of the competitors at the start of last year's MOK runs.



Southend's Kenny Campbell winning last year's MOK half marathon.

Library in information appeal

FROM aardvark conservation groups to zumba exercise classes, Campbeltown Library would like to hear from you.

Organisations and groups in Kintyre are being invited to bring information on what they do and how people can join their group or use their service, including times and any cost.

Campbeltown Library is working with Argyll Voluntary Action to put together community folders of information where groups can leave information on what they do.

The library will be starting a diary for organisations, groups and individ-

uals to add their events for 2014. This will help people in preventing events clashing and increasing the number of people who might attend, as the diary will be available for anyone to view.

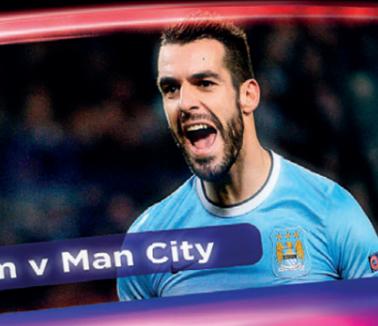
Linked into this information gathering, Argyll Voluntary Action will be transforming one of its windows with a visual weekly calendar of events in the area.

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new year new you



Get your life in order!

AS THE New Year dawns there is never a better time to get your life in order.

Resolutions made in the echo of the bells shouldn't be dismissed out of hand, why not try a bit of self improvement this year.

You don't need to go to extremes. There's no need to take steroids to get the body you've always wanted – just eat healthily and do more exercise. The weight will fall off in no time.

Do more exercise

There is a range of classes available in most towns that will help you get fit and healthy. You could head to those that support healthy eating and weight loss in a group environment. This will encourage you to throw those grotesque ready meals in the bin and start the year with fresh and healthy home cooked meals.

Or you could take up a new exercise class. If you don't fancy pedalling on a bike for an hour or doing aerobics you could try something a bit more fun such as Zumba or even pole dancing – don't worry though this is just for the purposes of getting fit, you're not expected to be a stripper.

Learn something new

But if you're happy with the body you have

maybe it is your mind you want to work on. You could learn a new language or study for a change in career. Many colleges will accept you for night classes if you can't afford to study full-time.

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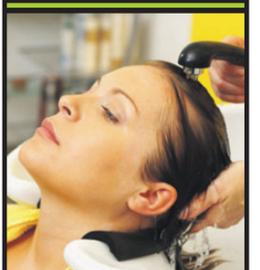
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Top quartet have many strings to their bow

A STRING quartet described as 'one of the front runners in young chamber music groups in the UK' is set to entertain audiences in Campbeltown next Friday.

The Maxwell String Quartet hails from Scotland, where it is now based. Members Liam Lynch, George Smith, Asher Zaccardelli and Duncan Strachan studied at various institutions including the Royal Academy of Music, Guildhall School of Music, Sibelius Academy and Oxford University.

The quartet was formed in 2010 at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, where the members worked regularly with Robert Irvine, cellist and senior professor of cello and cham-



The Maxwell String Quartet, who will be performing at Campbeltown's Lorne and Lowland Church Hall next Friday.

ber music. Other mentors include members of the Brodsky, Allegri and Belcea quartets, Krycia Osotowicz, Erich Hobarth, Steven Osborne and William Conway.

The Maxwell Quartet was selected in 2011 as Enterprise Music Scot-

land Residency artists, allowing it to perform at venues and chamber music festivals throughout the UK.

Busy diary

In addition to a busy concert diary, the quartet has featured in broadcasts for BBC Radio

Scotland and its members were Young Artists in Residence at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland 2011-2012.

It is now the most sought after chamber ensemble in Scotland, while Classical Music Magazine recently

called it 'one of the front runners in young chamber music groups in the UK'.

In March 2013 Michael Tumelty of the Herald described one of the performances as 'brilliantly fresh, unexpected and exhilarating ... an enlightening and enthralling musical experience'.

The group will be performing Fellow Traveler by Adams, Six Bagatelles for String Quartet, Op. 9 by Webern, String Quartet in F major by Ravel and String Quartet in D minor (Death and the Maiden) D.810 by Schubert next Friday at the Lorne and Lowland Church Hall.

For more information visit kintyremusicclub.co.uk.

Tributes to three Kintyre men in new book

A NEW book is paying tribute to some of Argyll's lesser-known heroes, including three hailing from Kintyre.

Jock Gallagher, a former journalist and broadcaster, has written Scotland's Global Empire, which explores the contributions of lesser-known Scots.

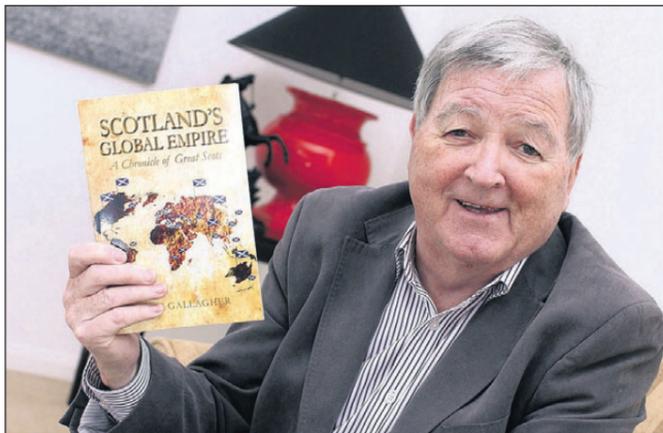
The pen portraits within the book cover around 1,000 Scots who made their mark throughout the world.

Physician Dr Lionel Chalmers from Campbeltown is one of those listed for his work linking health to the environment in Charleston, South Carolina in

the 18th century. He combined general practice and battling to fight disease in the town with extensive research.

Also listed is Professor John MacVicar, who was part of a trio of obstetricians who, through accident and coincidence, developed ultrasound in the 1950s.

Hugh Brackenridge, also from Campbeltown, makes an appearance as a chaplain during the American war of independence. He moved to America aged just five and went on to be a supreme court judge, journalist, politician and writer.



Author Jock Gallagher with his new book, Scotland's Global Empire.

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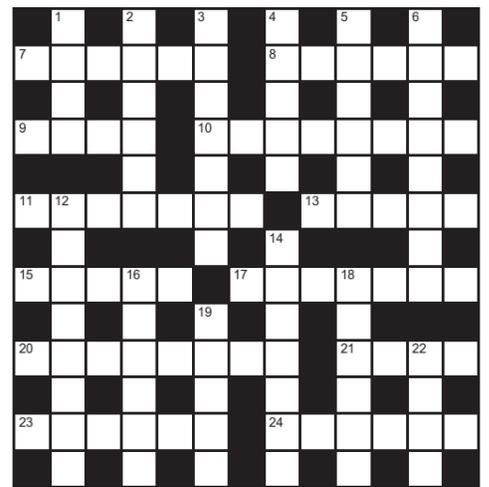
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Synopsis: Gravity
Bullock plays Dr Ryan Stone, a brilliant medical engineer on her first shuttle mission, with veteran astronaut Matt Kowalsky (Clooney) in command of his last flight before retiring. But on a seemingly routine spacewalk, disaster strikes. The shuttle is destroyed, leaving Stone and Kowalsky completely alone—tethered to nothing but each other and spiralling out into the blackness.

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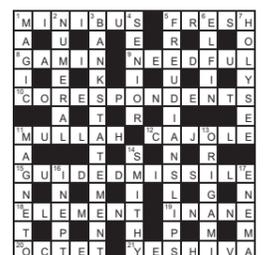
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- 10 Haggard (8)
- 11 Paint (7)
- 13 Affirm condition? (5)
- 15 Cliffside dwelling (5)
- 17 Dare to go (7)
- 20 Fizzy drink from fruit (8)
- 21 Dip between hills (4)
- 23 Floodgate (6)
- 24 Spring (6)

Down

- 1 Alpine transport or a shoe type (1-3)
- 2 Senseless behaviour (6)
- 3 Rope another in (7)
- 4 Slow speech (5)
- 5 Exit (3,3)
- 6 One who leaves without permission (8)
- 12 Astutely (8)
- 14 Pull the wool over someones eyes (7)
- 16 Representative (6)
- 18 Alehouse (6)
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Last week's solution



We can make a difference, say new bar and restaurant owners

'Already the move feels right, we had 150 people for Christmas lunch'

THE new owners of the Glen Bar and Restaurant in Carradale reckon they have a recipe for success where others have failed.

The place has seen a number of owners in the past 20 years, so Fife-based couple Bill and May Currie thought long and hard about how they could make a difference.

'We are putting a strong emphasis on the quality of food, using local produce as much as possible,' said Bill, 56, a qualified chef who has worked all his life in catering.

'We are also aware that the tourist season is too short in Scotland to depend on that alone, so we know we have to make the bar and restaurant the kind of place that locals will want to frequent regularly.'

The couple re-opened the bar and restaurant, which had lain vacant for two and a half years, on November 30, when more than 100 people turned out for the occasion.

Bill said: 'My brother, Iain, and his wife, Anne, used to own a bed and breakfast in the village, so we knew the area and that the locals were keen to see the place open again.'

'We have had really good feedback since opening. The villagers have told us they want us to succeed and that it is good to see lights on in the place again.'

'It is up to us to give them what they are looking for - a place with a

good family atmosphere they enjoy eating in.

'With the exception of our Puddlebug buffalo burgers from Fife, we are trying to use as much local produce as possible. This is our first venture in running our own place and is all very exciting.'

May, 51, previously a practice nurse, said: 'We reflected on our lives when on holiday in France, and realised we wanted a change of lifestyle. Then we heard that the Glen was for sale. Already the move feels right and we had 150 people for Christmas lunch.'

The couple have already had a lot of work carried out on the property.

Very popular

The restaurant and bar has new flooring, central heating and furniture and the cosy atmosphere created by a log burning stove is already very popular. The kitchen is also new and the function room is the next project. A facelift is planned for the outside of the building come better weather.

Longer term plans include converting an empty building to the rear into letting accommodation with five to six en suite rooms.

Bill's golfing mates in Fife have already indicated they are keen to make trips to Kintyre.

'I'm sure we could attract all kinds of outdoor people,' he added, 'but in the meantime the focus is on creating a great place to eat.'



May and Bill Currie have found themselves in business in Carradale after thinking it was time for a lifestyle change.

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Self assessment deadline looming

FOR both established businesses wanting to take a fresh look at how they operate and those thinking about making the move into self-employment for the first time, Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway team is on hand to help with advice, information and training.

Businesses in the Kintyre area can access a wide range of advice and support through the local office and one of its experienced business advisers, Donald Melville.

Councillor Duncan

MacIntyre, Argyll and Bute Council policy lead for European affairs, sustainable economic growth and strategic transportation, explained: 'From signposting sources of funding and free specialist advice, to exploring ideas for marketing, improving profitability or developing staff, the team at Business Gateway is well placed to offer support to existing businesses looking to grow.'

Vital elements

'Guidance is also available to help those looking to start up a busi-

ness to make sure that they have considered all the vital elements and give themselves the best chance of success.'

Anyone considering starting up a new business can book a place at the free one and a half day start-up workshop running in Lochgilphead on February 11 and 12.

Feedback from the Campbeltown start-up workshops that took place in November was excellent with every attendee rating the workshop excellent.

'The business planning and book-keeping that were covered were

the best part,' said one. 'As a result of the workshop I identified actions I need to take.'

Book a place

To find out more or to book a place at the workshop contact the Business Gateway team on 01546 605 459 or email business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Donald is available to meet in Campbeltown at least fortnightly and can also visit business owners at their own premises. Anyone looking to meet with Donald should contact 01546 605 459.

Self-Assessment dead-

line looming: Business Gateway is reminding anyone in self-employment that the deadline for self-assessment online submissions is midnight on 31 January 2014.

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



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CALEDONIAN (Stirling) Ltd sold 147 live cattle at its weekly primestock sale last Thursday, comprising 86 bullocks and heifers, eight young bulls, 7 OTM clean and 53 cast cows and bulls.

Thirty-seven bullocks averaged 237p per kilo and sold to 260p per kilo, 575kg Limousin from Shields Farm, Lochwinnoch or to £1,704 per head for 675kg Limousin, Easter Mye Farm, Buchlyvie.

Forty-nine heifers averaged 231.5p per kilo and sold to 256.5p per kilo, 500kgs Limousin, from Knockhouse Farm, Dunfermline or to £1,584 per head for 640kg Limousin from Howkerse Farm, Grangemouth.

Twenty butchers cattle sold in excess of 250p per kilo to average 253p per kilo and sold to 256.5p per kilo (twice) Limousin bullocks, from Craigton Farm, Clackmannan and Wester Coldrain, Kinross.

Eight young bulls sold to 220.5p per kilo 700kg Charolais, Kirkton Farm.

Seven OTM clean cattle sold to 233.5p per kg or £1,588 per head, 680kg young cow from Westwoodlane Farm, Blairdrummond.

Also forward were 53 cast cows, bulls and OTM cattle. Limousin cows sold to 159p or £1265 from Messrs Lindsay, Easter Frew Farm, Blairdrummond.

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NFU presidential team remains unchanged



Allan Bowie has been a vice president of NFU Scotland since February 2009.

NFU Scotland's presidential team will remain unchanged this year after no other candidates came forward for vice-presidential posts.

The NFUS vice-presidents, Allan Bowie and Rob Livesey have both been nominated. The positions are one-year terms.

Mr Bowie has been a vice-president since February 2009 while Mr Livesey was elected at the AGM last February.

The post of president, held by Nigel Miller, will be open for election in 2015.

Although there will be no voting for the vice-presidents, the formalities of having candidates proposed, seconded and elected will take place at the union's council meeting on February 11 in St Andrews following the union's AGM the previous day.

A round of regional AGMs is scheduled for this month, which the president, vice-presidents and chief executive will attend.

The Argyll and the Islands AGM will take place next Friday, January 17, at Tarbert Village Hall at 2pm.



Rob Livesey was elected as vice president of NFU Scotland last February.

Farmers union to meet with ferry operators

NFU Scotland members of the Argyll and the Islands CalMac/NFUS liaison group will be holding a meeting about ferry issues next week.

The group will be meeting with Graham Laidlaw, head of ferries at Transport Scotland; Guy Platten, chief executive of Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd; David Cannon, group public affairs manager CalMac and Brian Fulton, operations director at CalMac, to raise issues relating to ferries, timetables and ports in the Argyll and islands area.

If members have an issue they would like the group to raise contact Lucy Sumsion on 01499 600154 or lucy.sumsion@ngus.org.uk.

Get involved in consultation, urges MSP

JAMIE McGrigor, MSP for the Highlands and Islands, is urging farmers and crofters to take part in a Scottish Government consultation on the new Scotland Rural Development Programme (SRDP).

He said the programme is vital to many of his farming and crofting constituents.

The Scottish Government has launched a formal consultation on the seven-year programme

which is worth more than £1.3 billion between 2015 and 2020.

The previous programme featured a range of economic, environmental and social measures to develop rural Scotland.

Mr McGrigor said: 'I have consistently argued that the support options contained within the programme must be practical, simple and user-friendly so that farmers and crofters in

my region of the Highlands and Islands can benefit from them.

'In terms of crofting, there must also be accessible and appropriate options for small producers.

'Many crofters have previously been put off applying by what they perceive as the complexity, labour or anticipated time required, or believed the options were not appropriate for smaller-scale producers.

'I would encourage farmers and crofters to give their views in the consultation process which runs until February 28.'



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The ongoing turbulent weather has caused as much damage as much as it has confusion outside, but there is no need to fret if you take the proper precautions to ensure your home is as cosy as can be.

Better still, it doesn't have to cost the earth - and you can have your home warm enough for even a giraffe to feel at home without consulting the bank.

Start by checking all your insulation, from windows to walls, ceiling to under your floors. Akin to putting a big woolly jumper on your home, it is one of the most cost effective ways to stop the cold creeping through the house.

Make sure your pipes and boilers are properly lagged too. Something as simple as foam wraps can be picked up for just a couple of pounds to put around the pipes - but make sure you put them on when the pipes are cool

as the last thing you'll want to do is leave your fingers blistered!

Maintenance on heating equipment is important too so make sure all your radiators are bled and working efficiently. A working radiator should be warm evenly across the panel. If it isn't, there could be air trapped inside and bleeding the radiator will ensure it returns to maximum efficiency.

Once those basics are done, you can start to have a more overall view of your home's heating requirements. Is your boiler fired in the most efficient way possible? Are you buying from the cheapest source? Could a change save you pounds and make your home warmer?

These things are relatively simple to check and you'll find numerous tools online to help you estimate your costs and your potential savings with alternative heating sources. Remember, the right heating source can vary depending on how you use your home. Those who spend all day in the house may wish to consider the cheapest for prolonged use, while some occasional systems, such as wet radiators, provide instant heat, although aren't always ideal to be left on all day.

Think too about future costs. Heating from fossil sources is likely to become more expensive as resources dwindle and taxes increase, so perhaps consider moving to a renewable source.

Once upon a time such options were only affordable to the rich and famous, but items such as air and ground source heat pumps are reducing in price - meaning you don't need to have paparazzi following you before your bank balance can stretch to the investment.



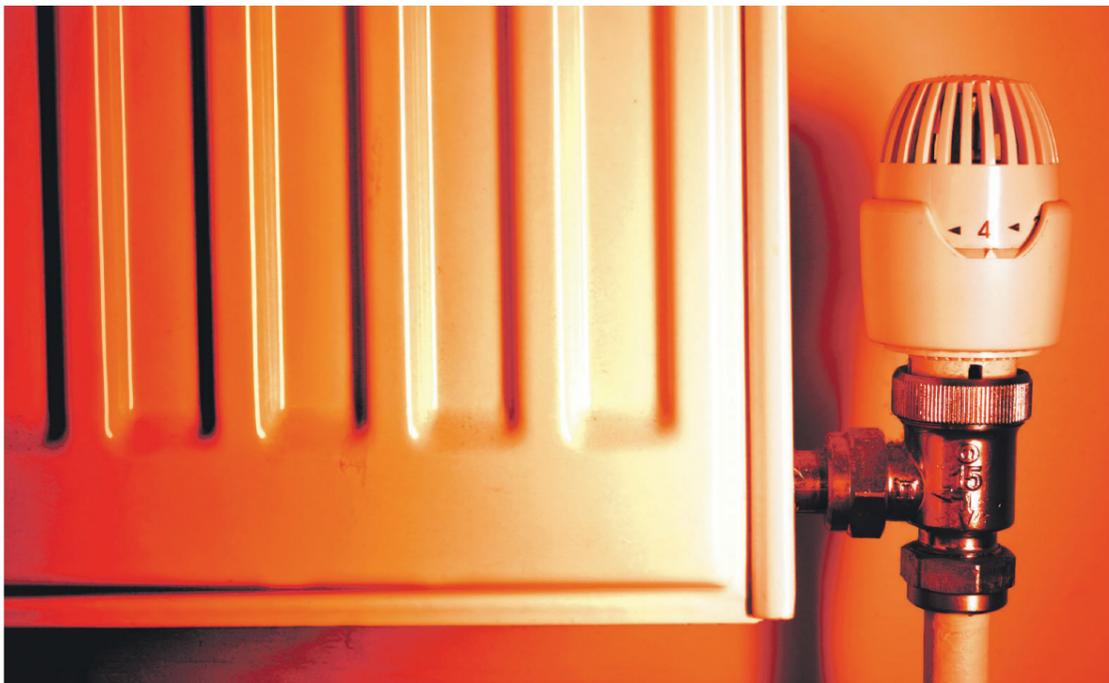
If, after all this, you feel you still aren't getting the most for your money, perhaps try speaking to your energy supplier to see if you're on the best rate or tariff for your circumstances. Some may move you on to a cheaper option, if available. If not, it might be time to consider switching to make sure you're not being ripped off.

It all feels like it will be rather difficult until you actually start to check, so don't delay and have a look at how you're heating your home today. You'll be surprised how even making one or two of the above changes can make a significant difference to your home.



Better still, funding is available from the government for some of these sources, so check and see what you're eligible for before you take the plunge.

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Dalintober primary raises £2,400 for school funds



The school's pipe band were part of the performance, which consisted of a mixture of instrumentalists and singers as well as tributes to musical icons.



Dalintober Primary School choir performed on all three nights.

school funds

DALINTOBER Primary School raised an impressive £2,400 at its sell-out show last month.

Parents and family members flocked in their hundreds to the three performances at the school.

As well as traditional Christmas items from instrumentalists and the school choir, the audi-

ence was entertained by each class paying tribute to some icons and idols - including Elvis Presley and Katy Perry.

Raffles held by the parent council and ticket sales helped to raise the excellent total of £2,400 which will go towards school funds.

The school would like to thank everyone for their continued support.



Youngsters are pictured performing a Nativity play during the Christmas celebrations of the Salvation Army in Campbeltown on Sunday, December 22. A 'Messy Christmas', a family event, was held in the afternoon before a meal and the corps' carols by candlelight service including the Nativity play.

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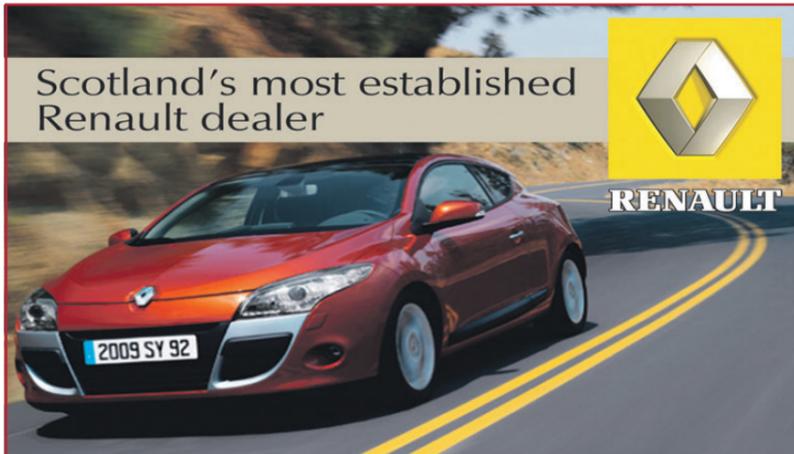
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xxx

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I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and for the flowers and presents received on my 90th Birthday.

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Duncan and Malina are delighted to announce the engagement, on December 25, 2013 of their daughter, Julie to Andrew, son of the late Andy and Fearn Cargill.



MACMILLAN - DURBAN

Sienna is delighted to announce that her daddy, Calum, son of Willie and Margaret, Southend and mummy, Michelle, youngest daughter of Johnny and Eila, Carradale, got engaged on Christmas Day. Both families are delighted.



MACPHAIL - MACINTYRE

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Garry, eldest son of David and Christine, GarCal-Fra, The Moy, to Lynsey, eldest daughter of Iain and June, Gleneherve, Southend.



MCNAUGHTON - CONNELLY

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on Christmas Day, of Murray, only son of Laurie and Mairi McNaughton, Clachan, to Liza, only daughter of John and Beth Connelly, Lochgilphead.



MURPHY - GARTON

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on Christmas Day, of Ross, son of Brian and Lesley, Ardtalla, Lochgilphead, to Nicci, daughter of Ken and Margaret, Croxley Green, by Watford.

MARRIAGES

HOGG - COLVILLE - Both families are happy to announce the marriage of Lewis Fraser, elder son of Mr and Mrs W F Hogg, Brechin, and Lucy Emma, second daughter of Mrs E M Colville, Campbeltown, at Balbirnie House, Fife, on January 4, 2014.

DEATHS

KELLY - Suddenly at home, Allt-na-Tigh, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, on December 30, 2013, Fen Kelly, in his 71st year, devoted husband of Hazel Allan, much loved father of Reid and loving granddad of Clyde and Harris.

LECKIE - On January 2, 2014, peacefully, at Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban, John, in his 88th year, beloved husband of Flora, much loved father of Janne and Irene, a dearly loved Pap, great Pap and a dear brother and uncle. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church (today) Friday, January 10 at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection if desired, for Tarbert Parish Church Clock Fund.

MACKAY - Suddenly, on December 28, 2013, Lorne Graeme Mackay, aged 47 years, of 24 Kilmory Road, Lochgilphead (formerly of L & A Mackay Ltd), beloved son of Pat and the late Matthew Mackay (Corranmore, Ardfern), much loved father of Anne-Marie and Laura and father-in-law of Ryan. Cherished brother of Orville and Adrian, dear brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good friend and respected work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern, today, Friday, January 10, 2014 at 11.00am, thereafter to Kilvaree Cemetery, Ardfern. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be offered at service.

ROBB - Christopher Andrew "Tiff", retired farrrier, died in Royal Alexandra Hospital, on January 2, 2014, aged 75. Tiff is survived by Peta, his wife of 51 years, three children, their partners and seven grandchildren, also his brother Alasdair and family. A family only cremation will be followed by a celebration of his life at Carloanan Lodge, Inveraray, at 5.00pm on Monday, January 13. All friends and neighbours welcome.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

LAMBIE - George, John, Christina and their families would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, visits, cards and flowers received following the very sad loss of their mum, Jessie. Grateful thanks to Dr Helliwell and all GPs

for their care and kindness to Jessie. Thanks to the district nurses, ICT, Marie Curie nurses, Glenarary Ward and Accident and Emergency staff, social work and Argyll Home Care for their care and support to the family and especially to Christina over the past months. Special thanks to Charles and Joan Haycock for all their support. Our thanks are also extended to the Rev Hilda Smith for a personal and comforting service, to Roddy and staff of MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient services and to the Stag Hotel for their excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at the church and graveside to pay their respects, especially those who travelled a distance. The retiral collection for Marie Curie and Mid Argyll Hospital raised over £600.

IN MEMORIAM

MACKINNON - In loving memory of our mum, Margaret, died January 6, 2011 and a dear dad, Alasdair, died April 9, 2007.

Always in our hearts. - Lynda, George, Lyndsay and Claire, and Marie, Jim, Amy and Andrew. **MACMILLAN** - In loving memory of Norman, who died on Friday, January 15, 2010. You were the music, while the music lasted... Yet now, for a moment, The timeless touches time, You are still the music. - Ae fond kiss, Kate.

MCLEAN - Agnes. Promoted to Glory on January 6, 2008. Our dearest nana, we miss you so much and think of you always. - Love, Senga, Sean and Millie, and Maureen, Eddie and family xxx. Precious memories of our dear mum, forever in our hearts. - Rene, Flora and Carolin xxx.

TURNER - In loving memory of our grandson, Jonathan, died January 10, 2008. Today, tomorrow, our whole life through, We will always love and remember you. - From Gran and Papa, Tarbert.

TURNER - (Jo Jo) Jonathan, January 10, 2008. Always in our thoughts Forever in our hearts Never forgotten. - Love, Uncle Colin, Aunt Margaret, Jacquelyn and Emma xx.

WARDROP - In loving memory of our dear husband, dad, granda and great granda, Robert, died on January 16, 2011. Miss you so much. - Helen and family, at home and abroad.

WAREHAM - In loving memory of a much loved husband, father and granda, Jake, died January 4, 2012. Lovingly remembered and sadly missed. - Peggy and family.

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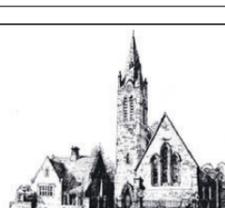
Charity No. SC016665 11.30am Inveraray Church

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 12th January Morning Worship Ford 10.00am Rev. Cliff Acklam All welcome SC0 02121

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome Pastor Rev Derek Gibson Sunday 12th January 2014 11.00am Morning Service At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae Scottish Charity SC015187



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2014 11.00 am Worship Service, Rev. Hilda Smith All Welcome Further information (01546) 606218 Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311



George Street, Campbeltown **Sunday 12th January** 11.00am Sunday School 12.45pm Worship Service Rev Finlay Mackenzie **Thursday 16th January** 12 noon Prayer & Bible Study All Welcome Scottish Charity Number: SC009980



Sunday Service 11:00 am with Sunday school Tea & coffee after the service **Baby & Toddler Group** 10:00 - 11:45 am Every Thursday We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

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TARBERT LOCHFYNESIDE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 12th January 2014 Tarbert Service 11.45am to be held in Tarbert Free Church Kilberry Service 2pm Rev. Tommy Bryson For all church enquiries and pastoral care Telephone 01880 821012 Everyone very welcome SC002622

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Highland Parish Church



SCO02493 **Sunday 12th January** 10.45am Session Meeting 11.15am Rev. C. Hood **Tuesday 14th January** Badminton Everyone very welcome

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75 Longrow, Campbeltown **Sunday 12th January 2014** 11.15am Family Communion with crèche Mr George Stewart, Kilmartin Coffee from 10.45am **Wednesday 15th January 2014** 10.00am Toddler Group 7.30pm Christianity Explored - The Christianity Explored course gives you time and space to think through who Jesus is and why it matters. http://www.christianityexplored.org/course For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary 01586 551237 www.springbankchurch.co.uk SC014646



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Cameras explored under the waves disguised as a dolphin, a turtle, a clam, a squid and a tuna, to enable us to experience life in the ocean as never seen before.

Dolphins have enchanted human beings for thousands of years with their innate intelligence, their sense of fun, and that wonderful half smile.

They are capable of imitation and memorisation. They demonstrate foresight, learn from observation, communicate experience, solve complex problems, perform elaborate tasks and learn multiple procedures simultaneously.

They will also leap 10 feet out of the water just for the sheer joy of doing it – and just because they can.

They live in families and the mother nurtures her calf with the most tender love and care.

Dolphins have enjoyed a relationship with humans throughout the centuries and there are many reports of dolphins rescuing people from drowning.

Because of the quiet, gentle understanding of these lovely creatures, they have been used to help autistic children gain confidence in expressing themselves.

They are sensitive souls and under great stress in captivity, have been known to commit suicide by starving themselves to death, battering against walls or drowning.

What a privilege to have the technology to witness the life of these creatures in their own habitat.

Surely now there will be no excuse whatsoever to keep them in captivity.

Human beings were commissioned by God to be stewards of this earth, and with that command comes responsibility.

The dolphin leaping in the ocean is a symbol of freedom – kept in captivity it is a sign of our failure.

Oban Times' editorial director stands down

THE OBAN Times' editorial director, Stewart MacKenzie, has decided to stand down from his position.

Mr MacKenzie had been with the company for 25 years and was one of The Oban Times' longest serving editors, taking up the role in 2001.

He said: 'Following a series of tragic family incidents I can no longer devote the necessary time to the role. I have had to devote all of my time to my family.'

Mr MacKenzie began working for The Oban Times in sales, working on the Scottish World title, before becoming involved in

print buying and editing the farming and sport sections.

As editorial director he had responsibility for The Oban Times and its sister titles The Argyllshire Advertiser, The Campbeltown Courier and The Arran Banner.

His achievements included producing The Oban Times' 150th anniversary supplement in 2011.

Mr MacKenzie, whose father Donald and uncle Alex both worked for The Oban Times before him, said: 'I was always surprised by the wide coverage that The Oban Times enjoyed. The newspaper has allowed me to speak to

both local communities and those further afield.

'The stories I remember most are not always the big events. I can immediately think back to the train crash at Cruachan and a burning boat at Glensanda but the community stories are the ones that tend to stick in my mind.

'It was a privilege and an honour to have been asked to direct editorial operations at the company.'

Howard Bennett, chairman of The Oban Times, added: 'We are all sorry to hear of Stewart's resignation under very difficult circumstances but understand the rea-



Stewart MacKenzie is standing down as The Oban Times' editorial director.

sons for his decision. I have known Stewart throughout his long career with the company as indeed I knew Donald and Alex as valued

members of the team and it was a great pleasure to work with them. Stewart leaves us with all our good wishes.'

Budget web chat with council leader

MEMBERS of the public are being encouraged to get involved in an online conversation with the leader of Argyll and Bute Council.

Councillor Dick Walsh will be on hand to answer questions on the council budget and services at 7pm next Thursday, January 16.

People can submit questions in advance or join the conversation on the night.

Web chat

The web chat is part of the council's ongoing communication and consultation exercise.

Councillor Walsh said: 'The next two years will be relatively stable

in terms of our financial planning. However we anticipate significantly reduced funding from 2016 onwards.

Keen to hear

'I am keen to hear any views, questions or concerns that people have about our budget and services, in the short and longer term.'

For information on how to participate or submit questions in advance, visit argyll-bute.gov.uk/budget.

The budget consultation includes an online survey which can be accessed at argyll-bute.gov.uk/budget.

It will be available until January 24.

Help show the Way

ORGANISERS of the 2014 Kintyre Way Relay on Saturday, May 10 are looking for people to help with scoring and marshalling as well as providing a welcome to runners from all over the UK.

A planning meeting will be held in Hazelburn Business Park, Campbeltown on Tuesday, January 14 at 7.30pm and anyone interested in helping out on the day is warmly invited to come along.

More details can also be found at www.kintyrewayrelay.co.uk/ helpers

Two men arrested

TWO men were arrested in the early hours of Sunday morning for breach of the peace in unrelated incidents.

A woman, arrested by Campbeltown police last Friday after allegedly breaching a bail order, was due to appear in court on Monday.

Drink driver caught

A MAN was arrested in Drumlemble last Saturday for drink driving and assault.

Fun, food and a special award

TARBERT'S unusual 'Christmas dinner' for senior citizens is this evening (Friday) and those aged 60 and over are encouraged to turn out and have some fun.

The event will see the award for Tarbert citizen of the year presented after guests tuck into a four-course meal and enjoy musical entertainment.

Sheena Ferguson from the organising committee said all those aged 60 and over who live in Tarbert and the surrounding area, bounded by Meall Mhor, Ken-

nacraig, and Dunmore, and their partners were invited.

She said: 'So that we know how many to expect for dinner, Tarbert Post Office keeps track of the guest list. Those planning on going should inform its staff.

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David conquers the wind

DAVID Irwin proved he was the man up to the task last week as he conquered the strong winds at Dunaverty Golf Club's New Year competition.

First off the tee, David compiled 35 over the front nine and had an impressive back nine.

His 30 shots over this nine included a 2, 2, 3 finish.

Campbell McCallum was also in top form carding an excellent 31 on the front and, despite a five at the short 17th, came back in 34. The Captain's Prize for the best aggregate handicap score of the Christmas and New Year competitions was won by Campbell, who finished three shots clear of Alex Arkell.

New Year results: 1 David Irwin 65-6-59, 2 Campbell McCallum 65-4-61, 3 Peter McCallum 78-16-62 (BIH), 4 Alex Arkell 75-13-62, 5 Hayden Chambers 68-4-64, 6 John Dreghorn 81-16-65. Course par 65, CSS 63.

Scratch: 1 David Irwin 65 (BIH), 2 Campbell McCallum 65, 3 Hayden Chambers 68.

Combined handicap: 1 Campbell McCallum 69+61=130, 2 Alex Arkell 71+62=133, 3 Donald Taylor 66+67=133, 4 Hayden Chambers 71+64=135, 5 John Ronald 63+74=137, 6 Ian Docherty 72+69=141.



Hall to play for again

Final will be held in Oban on March 22

Sports hall athletics brings the excitement of track and field indoors.

SPORTS hall athletics - bringing the excitement of track and field competition indoors - is returning to Argyll this winter and will be at Campbeltown Grammar School on Sunday, February 9.

Specialist equipment is used for various running, jumping and throwing events in a warm and dry environment.

Area events

The first competition for the Mid Argyll area is at Lochgilphead Joint Campus on Sunday, January 19 and will be

the first of four area events being promoted jointly by Argyll and Bute Local Athletics Partnership and Mid Argyll Athletic Club.

Other area competitions are in Oban and Mull.

Successful qualifiers from the four local area competitions will be invited to take part in the Argyll final at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on March 22.

This winter marks the 20th anniversary since sports hall athletics was introduced in Argyll using sports centres, schools

and town halls.

Many of the young athletes taking part have gone on to win Scottish national age group track and field titles.

Awards

There will be awards for the overall winners in each age category and medals for all competitors. Age groups start at under 7, then under 9, under 11, under 13, under 15 and under 17.

Age is taken as on September 1, 2013 and entry is £2 per competitor.

This year the organisers have introduced an under 7 category at all the local area competitions for the first time but there will be less events for this age group. There will also be an under 7 competition at the Argyll final.

Organiser William McCallum said: 'This year should be special for sport in Scotland with the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and hopefully the young people of Argyll will respond by getting active early in 2014.'

No lottery winners

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lottery on Sunday when the winning numbers were 2, 11, 15.

The next draw is on Sunday, January 19 with a jackpot of £400. Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Commercial Inn and Muneroy Stores.

Pupils at home

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils are at home tomorrow (Saturday) for a league clash against Rutherglen, 2pm kick-off.

Away day

CARRADALE AFC are away to Erskine Thistle tomorrow (Saturday) in a West of Scotland first division fixture.

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Pupils keep up their great form



Campbeltown Pupils celebrate finishing the 2012-13 league campaign undefeated to become SAFL Premier Division Two champions.

ALEX MCKINVEN, chairman of Campbeltown Pupils AFC, looks back on an excellent, enthralling year for an improving young side

WHEN Campbeltown Pupils AFC launched into the new 2013/14 football season, it certainly was a case of follow that if you can.

The young Kintyre side had excelled beyond their wildest dreams to finish the previous year's league campaign undefeated and SAFL Premier Division Two Champions.

The bar had been set, and everyone looked forward with anticipation to the new Premier One season that lay tantalisingly ahead.

The management would obviously demand further improvement; however, could a side with an average age of just 22 maintain progress in an ever-improving level of competition?

The initial test was demanding to say the least; an away game on opening day of the season against old adversaries, a

game the team took in its stride to record a fine 2-0 victory.

Next up was a team recently demoted from the league's top division, EK Rolls Royce.

As the rest of the population celebrated the annual music festival, the visitors led the home side a merry dance to deservedly lead 1-0 at the interval, but the young Kintyre side battled back to equalise in the second period and but for fortune could have ended the day with full points.

The local favourites then travelled to Shawlands on the last Saturday of August, only to find themselves 2-0 down after a forgettable first half display.

However, with a wave of the magic wand the fixture was turned on its head with a stunning four-goal, second-half recovery to win 4-2.

The demolition of Du-

noon followed on the all-weather surface at Kinloch, with eight goals recorded without loss as the Pupils hit the top spot for the second year in succession.

By now, Campbeltown Pupils had gone 22 league matches undefeated, but this proud record came to an end with a numbing 4-2 reverse at Eaglesham – the



Pupils' leading goalscorer Gary Grumoli was in top form to put three goals past Carradale's highly-rate goalkeeper Reid Anderson to clinch the Scottish Cup fourth round tie for his club. 08_c49pupils02

gauntlet thrown down as 'the Eagles' replaced their rivals in top spot.

The club recorded a 1-1 draw at Hillington the following week, anything but a bad result in a fiercely competitive league, but draws can be damaging when three precious points are up for grabs.

The Pupils bounced back immediately to complete the 'Argyll double' with a fine 2-0 away win against Du-

noon, however, this was followed by a less than auspicious 4-4 draw against Paisley. Leading comfortably at half time, most of the damage was disappointingly self-inflicted in a forgettable second half performance. Nevertheless, the Pupils remain top on goal difference at the end of the year, and with the benefit of two additional home fixtures have everything to play for.

The Scottish Amateur Cup always provides a little bit of excitement and the second round tie, with the useful Uddingston Anvil, proved no exception.

After a goalless draw

the previous week, both sides squared up in a winner-takes-all confrontation at Kinloch Park, a match which will be remembered for many years to come.

Despite taking the lead, the home side found themselves 3-1 down and almost out at half time – but no-one could have anticipated what was to follow.

In the game of the season so far, a blistering second-half performance saw the locals come from behind to win 4-3.

After the drama of the previous game, the Pupils dominated the next round against Glenmuir Thistle from Cumnock, winning the away tie comfortably 7-2.

What happened next was certainly unexpected, as the fourth round draw produced an all-Kintyre tie against Carradale.

Interest in the game was such that 550 people turned out to watch a match decided by a first-half hat-trick from Pupils top scorer Gary Grumoli.

The home side marched forward with a 3-1 victory, and will now play away against EK Whitehills or Rhu Amateurs in the last 64 of the competition.

So, the first half of the season ends with the Pupils sitting top of the division and in the fifth round of the national cup - fine form in any man's language. What will the remainder of the season bring? Usually a free-scoring side, attention to what happens behind the ball will determine the team's success or failure, something important in all levels of football. The rest of the season promises to be interesting to say the least.

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