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Work for Scottish Water reveals Campbeltown's past

EXCAVATIONS for the fifth and final phase of the improvements to Campbeltown's wastewater network have uncovered an important piece of the town's past.

The old, original red sandstone harbour wall has come to light as contractors Black and Veatch and Campbeltown firm McFadyens began the work by the roundabout by the Old Quay Head.

Iraia Arabadzala, of Guard Archaeology, is working alongside Black and Veatch. She will compile all her findings and present a report at the end of the project.

'As well as the wall, earlier we have uncovered the foundations of the old distilleries as we went across Park Square, including an old

brick well which supplied water to them,' she said.

The work in the town centre was due to begin in November last year but was delayed by bad weather.

Work at the roundabout is expected to last for up to four weeks. Temporary road markings are in place and traffic should give way to vehicles coming from Hall Street.

Due to the three metre depth required to lay the new sewer in Main Street the work is expected to take about 10 weeks to complete.

This final phase of work includes improvements to the sewer network and increasing the capacity in the Kinloch Road, Main Street and St John Street areas.



Archaeologist Iraia Arabadzala with Terry Edwards and Lewis Neish of Black and Veatch and Paul Donnan of McFadyens. 04_c03his01

Skykon talks at Holyrood

SKYKON went back to work last week and the talks continue to save the wind turbine tower manufacturer after the bankruptcy of its Danish parent company.

Argyll and Bute Council leader Dick Walsh and a team of officials met with First Minister Alex Salmond at the Scottish Parliament, to discuss the future of the plant at Machrihanish.

Also present were Tom Lamb, head of energy at Scottish Development International and Douglas Cowan of Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

During the discussions Councillor Walsh raised his concerns about the uncertainty of the plant's future and the potential impact any closure would have on the Kintyre economy.

Councillor Walsh said: 'It's good to know Campbeltown's economic future and Skykon have the backing of the Scottish Government.'

'Argyll and Bute Council has a strong track record when it comes to the promotion and development of renewable energy.'

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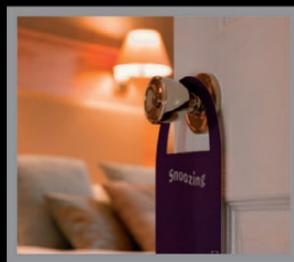
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Farewell to HMS Campbelltown

Towns on both sides of the Atlantic will miss her

HMS CAMPBELTOWN will sail out of Campbelltown Loch on March 14 this year for the last time. Commissioned in 1989, she has paid many visits to her named town, cementing the links that have united the ship and the community ever since.

Another community, across the Atlantic, has strong links with the ship and when Campbelltown Pennsylvania

celebrated the 250th anniversary of its founding in 2009, the bell from *HMS Campbelltown* was taken back to Campbelltown for the ceremony by two of the ship's crew, Lieutenant Commander Rob Welford and Chief Petty Officer Tommy Cooper.

Illustrious
The bell, which had come from the original *HMS Campbelltown*, had been handed back to

Campbelltown after the ship had played an illustrious role in the Second World War by being used to blow up the dock gates at St Nazaire, on the west coast of France.

HMS Campbelltown was originally an American ship, the *USS Buchanan*, and when the new *HMS Campbelltown* was commissioned in 1989, the people of Campbelltown held a

vote to decide whether or not the bell should go back to the Royal Navy's new frigate.

Agreed
They agreed by a majority of five votes and the bell has had pride of place on *HMS Campbelltown* for the last 30 years.

Unfortunately *HMS Campbelltown* has fallen victim to the government's cuts and will be scrapped this year. This



HMS Campbelltown

means that the bell will be returned to Campbelltown, PA as the inhabitants of Campbelltown decreed that, in the event of *HMS Campbelltown* being decommissioned, the bell would have to be given back.

Decommissioned
Lt Cdr Rob Welford said that *HMS Campbelltown* would visit Campbelltown for a final

visit before the ship is decommissioned.

Campbelltown Community Councillor Nancie Smith, who visited Campbelltown, PA in 2008 for the founding ceremony with her husband John McGlynn, said that Campbelltown would miss the ship from her named ship.

'The bell will be given a warm welcome home

from the people of Campbelltown, PA who hold it in the greatest affection,' she said.

Ceremony
Campbelltown Community Council will mark the final visit with a ceremony in Main Street, reminiscent of the parade to welcome the ship on her first visit to the town.

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Education Secretary defends schools closure involvement

THE EDUCATION secretary has defended his involvement in visiting Argyll schools on a list for closure in a special debate at the Scottish Parliament.

But his statement was not enough for Alan Reid MP who said it was time for Mr Russell to go.

Mike Russell MSP said the facts spoke for themselves. 'I for one am glad to be known as a defender of our rural schools, in Argyll and Bute and across Scotland. A defender who, I believe, has acted with propriety throughout.'

Mr Russell told the parliament he was 'involved in campaigning for rural schools. This is a cause I have championed for almost my entire political career.'

He was forced to make

a statement to parliament after being accused of interfering in school closure plans in Argyll and Bute, the constituency he hopes to represent after the next election.

A leaked email disclosed that he had been advising SNP councillors in Argyll to oppose previous plans to close or merge 25 schools.

It later emerged that he had also met concerned parents in Argyll in Luing, Mull and Barcaldine.

Opposition parties claimed Mr Russell should have been more cautious because of his role as education secretary.

The Labour Party has referred Mr Russell to the Scottish Parliament's Standards Commissioner.

Mr Russell claims he 'insulate[d] myself as a minister, and in keeping with official advice (which I had sought) put arrangements in place for another minister to take decisions on, and to act in all capacities concerning the matter. Those arrangements were then announced on the very day a formal process was started in that area.'

'In every meeting and in every conversation I made three things clear. Firstly, I could only speak in my capacity as a Prospective Parliamentary Candidate. Secondly given my governmental office I could not and would not take a position on the issue of closure of any individual school; and finally, the only help I could give was to make sure that everyone was fully familiar with the rights of parents and communities under the Schools Consultation Act.'

The statement was not enough for MP Alan Reid.

He said: 'It's high time he resigned.'

'Mr Russell was acting officially on behalf of the Scottish Government. This is unwarranted interference by the Scottish Government in council business.'

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Marine workshop hears of some serious omissions

The level of responses to their consultation had broken all records

THE MARINE Scotland workshop in Campbeltown last week was well attended by more than 60 people and in a meeting which lasted longer than three-and-a-half hours, not one voice was raised in support of the proposed Kintyre offshore wind farm.

Marine Scotland reported that the level of responses to their consultation had broken all records and over a third were about the Kintyre site. They summarised these and were told that they had made some serious omissions.

'They had ignored Loganair flight safety concerns reported in *The Courier* on September 10 last year,' said Judy Orr, who chairs Kintyre Offshore Windfarm Action Group, 'and they had omitted the response of the Campbeltown Sailing Club and were unaware of a meeting arranged with RYA on sea safety.'

Ignored

'They ignored comments on the effect of flicker which causes epilepsy, on coastal scour, and the Burnet moth habitat. Attendees were horrified to learn that their

analysis will lump the Kintyre site along with Islay and the Argyll array (Tiree). All are very different; the Kintyre one is far closer to shore.'

In terms of habitat assessment, Marine Scotland will only consider existing designated sites even though it is not yet possible to designate any sites as a Marine Protected Area.

In terms of socio-economic assessment, they will only consider existing evidence of impact on tourism. And Judy said: 'Yet the Reporter who refused the



Bob Tait Captain, Machrihanish Golf Club and Bob Miller, seen here, and also vice chairman of the Kintyre Offshore Windfarm Action Group were interviewed by Andreas Wolff of BBC ALBA about the proposed offshore wind farm near Machrihanish.

Black Craig wind farm on Cowal, stated this is because 'where outstanding scenery with high potential tourism appeal has been threatened by wind farm development, permission has been refused.

'Government policy for onshore wind farms does not support every proposed renewable energy project regardless of its impact on the natural and historic environment.'

Judy stressed: 'The same criteria should apply to offshore developments. They have given us one last chance to tell them about

other omissions.'

The Kintyre Offshore Wind Farm Action Group (KOWAG) is urging people to email offshorewindconsultation@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

And Judy concluded: 'All submissions to Scot-

tish Ministers have to be in by end of January. Please email them, sign the KOWAG petition and join our action group before then.' The group's website is: www.kintyreoffshorewindfarmag.co.uk.

'Large disturbance'

AFTER what police are calling 'a large disturbance' at an address in the Queen Street area of Campbeltown early on Monday morning five people were charged.

Four women, aged 16, 23 and two 19-year-olds and two men both aged 22 face a number of charges including breach of the peace, obstructing the police, and resisting arrest.

Men arrested

TWO men aged 18 and 19 were arrested for alleged offences of breaching the peace and possessing an offensive weapon on Main Street, Campbeltown, early on Friday morning.

Stolen

EQUIPMENT valued at £2,500 was stolen from a forestry site in the Dalsmirren area over the weekend.

Creamery - negotiations ongoing

WORK on the new Campbeltown Creamery at Snipefield is waiting on Tesco and Argyll and Bute Council concluding their negotiations.

'We are awaiting the conclusion of discussions between Argyll and Bute Council and Tesco regarding final planning procedures. Once these are completed, then we can look to move forward to the next stage of exchanging contracts on the current creamery site,' said a spokeswoman for First Milk, the farmers' cooperative that owns the creamery.

Legally agree

In September 2010 the council agreed to grant planning permission for the supermarket, but only on the understanding that Tesco would legally agree to prevent its original store being used for 'food retail purposes', either by them or by any subsequent occupier to

protect town centre shops.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'Tesco indicated at the local hearing into the application that such an approach was acceptable. When such an agreement is recorded in the Register of Sasines [records of the transfer of ownership of a piece of land or of a building] we would then simply proceed to issue the new supermarket permission, in line with the committee's decision.'

'Negotiations are ongoing between the council's solicitor and Tesco's solicitor relating to the wording of that legal agreement'.

First Milk is proposing to sell its site on Witchburn Road to Tesco, to help pay for the new creamery on the Snipefield Industrial Estate.

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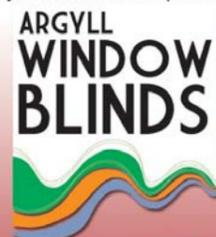


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Yachts on the horizon?



A relief boat *Osier* was brought to Campbeltown from Buckie whilst the *Ernest and Mary Shaw* is away for her five-yearly refit at Nobles of Girvan. 04_c02lifeboat01

Re-fit time for Campbeltown lifeboat

CAMPBELTOWN'S all-weather lifeboat (ALB) *Ernest and Mary Shaw* was taken to Nobles of Girvan, on Saturday January 8 for mandatory maintenance.

A relief boat *Osier*, another Severn class was brought from Buckie by Campbeltown Lifeboat crewmembers.

The Campbeltown ALB will be in for work for four-to-five weeks before she is returned to the town.

This is classed as a 'mandatory maintenance event' by the RNLI, taking place between her five-yearly refits, for work that can't be done while in service or alongside. The hull will be power washed, a

Relief boat from Buckie brought in to cover

THE *Ernest and Mary Shaw* is a Severn class lifeboat; these were brought into service with the RNLI in 1995 and they share the same hull shape as the Trent class.



Launched and recovered

Like all Severn class boats she carries a powered Y boat that can be launched and recovered by a lightweight crane to enable rescues close to shore. Its propellers are protected so it can take ground without damage.

Weighing 41 tonnes, with a length of 17m. Severn class lifeboats have a range of 250 nautical miles and a top speed of 25 knots.

new crane control box is being added along with the fitting of a new deck

camera and a new bow-thruster clutch.

John Hill, one of the coxswains and Trevor Scott-Dodd, mechanic, Fraser McNair navigator, and Stephen and Greg Scally brought *Osier* from Buckie.

They had hoped to make a three-day journey through the Caledonian Canal; at a leisurely and obligatory seven knots through the canal but it was iced over. Instead they had to take the longer and tougher way round via Cape Wrath.

The journey took an extra day and the weather, even though it is January, could have been better they said.

New boat named on April 2

ON APRIL 2 Campbeltown's new inshore lifeboat will be officially named.

Campbeltown Lifeboat Station received the boat during October last year and the naming ceremony will take place at the lifeboat station and the name revealed nearer the time.



Campbeltown Lifeboat crew: Willie Livingstone, coxswain David Cox, Grant Kennedy and David Mullen sailed the *Ernest and Mary Shaw* to Nobles of Girvan, last Saturday, photographed with the Ailsa Craig in the background. 04_c02lifeboat02

Quieter year for lifeboat station

LAST year was much quieter than previous years for Campbeltown Lifeboat Station with only 18 call-outs.

The 18 call-outs, including 11 for the all-weather lifeboat, and seven for the inshore lifeboat, were mainly to leisure crafts, which were in difficulty.

Operations manager George Bradley told *The Courier* that there have been no calls since September, but that there were more calls to the areas of the Mull of Kintyre and Southend in the last 12 months.



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The lessons from Auschwitz

With Holocaust Memorial Day approaching, Tarbert Academy pupils Rachael MacFarlane and Jamie McKinlay share their experience of a remarkable school trip

AS OUR plane lifted off the runway, we had no idea what to expect from the day ahead. The two of us were given the opportunity, through our school, Tarbert Academy, and the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET) to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps.

The experience is one that will be with us for a very long time, and will have a bearing on our thoughts and opinions of matters of race and genocide in the future. By taking part in the Lessons from Auschwitz project, we feel responsible to share these lessons, after bearing witness to the horror of the holocaust.

One of the goals of the HET was to put a human face on the whole aspect of the Holocaust, and recognise that each one of the people to perish at Auschwitz, and all other concentration camps, was an individual. It was chilling to think, as each of us stood and looked at 700 pairs of shoes through a

thin pane of glass, that each pair of shoes symbolised one life. Each of these people had been stripped from a family, job and community. We were shown around the camps by a Polish guide, and were shown every aspect from the inmates cramped sleeping chambers, to the gas chambers themselves.



Jamie McKinlay and Rachael MacFarlane.

To be standing in the exact place, where innocent people from 70 years ago (1.2million in Auschwitz alone) had met their deaths was simply numbing. These were people merely born in the wrong place, at the wrong time, into the wrong religion.

Why?

Many people would ask why we would travel so far to see the camps at Auschwitz. The truth is that as well as the 270 individuals who flew to Poland in October with us, the rest of the world can also learn from such experiences. In some ways the world has not progressed. The harsh

reality is that genocide is still very much alive around the globe today, as has been seen in the last few decades in places like the Sudan, Rwanda and Kosovo. People of all walks of life must be educated, and not be bystanders, in order to prevent heinous crimes such as the Holocaust from happening again.

As our time in the second camp, Birkenau, came to an end, head of the London synagogue, Rabbi Barry Marcus presented us with a short service, within the grounds of the camp. The aim of the service was to put our experi-

ence into perspective, in order to comprehend the places and things that we had just seen. Rabbi Marcus revealed to us the grim observation that in order to hold a minute's silence for each of the individuals who perished as a result of the holocaust, we would have had to stand in silence for more than three years.

Although this is a mark of respect impossible to ask of anyone, we ask that on the January 27, Holocaust Remembrance Day, you spare a thought for the six million human beings, who because of their creed, were murdered.

Rural library service under threat

IT IS not just Tarbert Library that is under threat from closure, the whole of the rural library service is threatened, Tarbert and Skipness Community Council feels.

Patrick McCann, culture and libraries manager for Argyll and Bute Council attended the community council's meeting on Thursday in the Templars Hall; he said he wished he wasn't there to tell them the bad news.

The suggested cost cut would close the part-time library and with it its free Internet service to save £11,300. This cut still has to be agreed by the council.

In return the 300-plus regular users of the library would get a visit from the mobile library service.

But, and it is a big but, Argyll and Bute Council plans to cut one of its mobile library vans as well to save cash. So the mobile library service will be stretched ever thinner.

John Hutchison, from Skipness told his fellow councillors about the village's monthly service: 'The last visit Skipness had was in the beginning of November; December was cancelled because of the snow.'

Jenny Carlisle, who chairs the community council asked: 'Will the library van be able to cope with over 300 Tarbert borrowers all turning up at the same time? Even if it stays here in Tarbert all day long,

thereby depriving other borrowers on the west coast mainland, this is a huge throughput to have to deal with.'

Mr McCann admitted that closing Tarbert Library, along with the libraries in Cardross and Rosneath, and the removal of the Lorn Mobile van, is part of a package of savings designed to save the council around £150,000 each year. The deci-

sion to put forward the smaller libraries and one land-based mobile service as savings was done to protect the larger libraries in the main population centres of Argyll and Bute.

'Essentially, rural Argyll is losing its library service,' said a member of the public at the meeting.

The community council wants to know why the proposed cuts can-

not be made more fairly across the library service as a whole, with the larger libraries all losing some hours.

'It's a horrible decision to have to make,' Mr McCann admitted but felt that protecting the larger libraries was the best move and this was the recommendation going before councillors at February's council meeting.

See letters page.

THE IRONY is that of the £11,300 it costs a year to run Tarbert Library, £5,200 goes to British Telecom for line rental for the Internet service.

The free service, part of the Pathfinder Project was started with government funds but the running expenses were passed to local authorities after a period of time.

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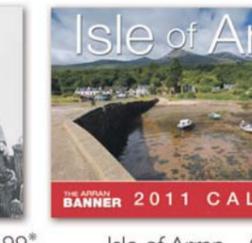


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Campbeltown's world first

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The sum of £400,000 is being spent on the most up-to-date machinery to drain, salt and press the cheese curds in a continuous operation.

'It is a remarkable fact,' Mr Rupert Cooper, managing director explained, 'that the new system will be the very first of its kind. Though both the new systems of draining and pressing are well proven in their own right, no one has ever had an installation with both systems designed and operated together.'

To achieve this the company have brought together engineers from New Zealand, Ireland and the UK. Work is well advanced, and the new equipment should be in operation within a few weeks, with local craftsmen also participating.

Automation comes to wee town

CAMPBELTOWN'S telephone exchange in Glebe Street is to be fully automated within the next three years – and the result of the move will be the loss of at least a dozen jobs in the town.

The automation of the work presently carried out by the telephone operators is part of a package involving similar work at 14 telephone exchanges throughout Scotland.

A spokesman for the western area of Telcom Scotland said this week that the Campbeltown exchange would become fully automated in January 1984.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



'LET'S meet at Loch Lomond Shores for lunch' suggested my friend Alastair.

What a great idea! It was the most beautiful drive through the snow-covered hills and from Loch Lomond the view was stunning.

A white Ben Lomond was bathed in the rosy glow of the setting sun, and The Maid of The Loch waited patiently at her berth. It was lovely to meet up with all the family and the conversations never ceased. But all too soon it was time to go.

Another day and another time, a knock at the door heralded the arrival of an unexpected visitor. What a delight and surprise to see our friend standing on the doorstep. He was in the area and called to see us.

The visit was all too short, but we made the most of the time together.

We are blessed with the technology of communication from phones to e-mails, from Facebook to Twitter, but there's nothing like being with someone in person.

A young woman told me that she had travelled from Australia to Campbeltown to arrive on Christmas Eve at her mother's door as a surprise. What a Christmas card that must have been! How much better than an e-mail!

It is so good to be with family and friends in person – when they come in the flesh.

God sent the equivalent of lots of e-mails via the prophets and patriarchs, but he knew he had to put flesh on his words to make them real – to make them live. So he sent his son, and 'the word became flesh and dwelt among us'.

We may plan to meet him, or perhaps someday he might just come knocking on our door totally unexpectedly.

Thank God for the meeting times.



Down Memory Lane

Can anyone put a date on this photograph for us of Millknowe School? By the look of things, we're thinking pre Second World War. With the threat of closure hanging over primary schools in Kintyre we'd like to invite readers to share their photographs from primary school days, especially Southend, Rhunahaorine, Glenbarr and Skipness, the schools which were recently targeted for potential cuts.

Absolutely astounded

Sir
I am absolutely astounded by the letter from Alan Reid, which was published across the Argyll and Bute local Press last week.

Firstly his welcoming of the abandonment of the school closure proposals is both dumbfounding and disingenuous. The proposals, which he refers to as 'fatally flawed' were supported by his own Lib Dem Councillors to be put to consultation.

Mr Reid then goes on to apportion blame for the massive cut in Argyll and Bute's budget to the SNP Government. Again this is at best a severe twisting of the truth.

Whilst forgetting to refer to the overall cuts (too fast and too deep) being imposed on Scotland from his party in Westminster he also omits to tell the reader that the local govern-

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ment settlement is calculated using a series of formulae agreed by COSLA, and that changes to that formulae, which have led to a reduction of £6m for Argyll and Bute were agreed to by the Council Leader and COSLA representative LibDem Councillor Alison Hay, a member of Mr Reid's own party.

If anyone has cost Argyll and Bute £6m it's the Liberal Democrats, either because they didn't understand what was going on or that Mrs Hay was simply asleep at the wheel.

Finally Mr Reid attempts to suggest that Michael Russell should have kept quiet and then decided as Education Secretary not to have

closed any of the schools, as the local candidate he wouldn't 'have been the final court of appeal' as Mr Reid puts it, Mr Russell's position as local candidate means that for transparency and fairness that any decisions would be transferred to another Minister, which Mr Russell had consistently made very clear from very early on.

Perhaps instead Mr Reid could engage with all of us who are trying unstintingly to improve Argyll and Bute's position. He could perhaps use his place at Westminster and any influence he has to address the many concerns of Argyll and Bute residents including the high taxation on fuel, energy costs, privatising

the Royal Mail and the rise in VAT but to name a few.

**Councillor
Robert MacIntyre,
Argyll and Bute
Council**

Misleading explanation

Sir,
Alan Reid's explanation of events and culpability regarding the lower than anticipated budgetary figures allotted to Argyll and Bute Council are somewhat misleading! (Letters January 13).

As a Westminster MP he really ought to communicate with his LibDem colleagues before going in to print on Scottish Government

and Council issues.

Did he not know, for instance, that his colleague Councillor Alison Hay (LibDem PSC for Argyll and Bute) was one of three Argyll and Bute representatives at the COSLA meeting on November 19, 2010 who approved the apportionment of the 2.6 per cent cut in Scottish Council funding.

If she was not aware that the Argyll and Bute cut as ratified by COSLA was to be the highest in Scotland, approaching five per cent, then this smacks of incompetence.

As Alan Reid will know, the cuts are some seven per cent in England and the Scottish Government has done it's best to limit the damage to 2.6 per cent cuts in Scotland.

His attempt to smear the Scottish Government should be seen for what it is!

**Dot Macdonald,
Crannag A Mhinisteir,
Oban.**

Rising prices at the pumps

Sir,
With Campbeltown motorists reaching breaking point as petrol prices nudge £1.40 a litre now is the time for the London Tory/Lib Dem government to tackle rising prices by bringing in a fuel duty regulator that would bring tax duty down when oil prices go up.

Introducing a fuel duty regulator would support the recovery, increase consumer demand and strengthen growth in our economy. On top of the fuel regulator the SNP government is pushing for an immediate discount on fuel duty for rural and island communities.

It is a national scandal that in energy rich Scotland – currently pumping more than £10 billion in oil revenue into the Treasury's coffers – Scots are paying the highest petrol prices in the world.

Westminster, where the power to act currently resides, has failed to step up to the plate, and is a key illustration as to why the Scottish Parliament needs full financial powers in order to act in the interests of our communities and the travelling public.

**Ron Wilson, secretary,
Kintyre Branch SNP**

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Politicians of all parties backing the fight to save Skykon

The resumption of work was 'an encouraging move'

POLITICIANS of all colours are backing the fight to keep the Skykon factory at Machrihanish open.

Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands MSP and Donald Kelly who represents South Kintyre on Argyll and Bute Council this week pledged their continued support towards efforts to secure the jobs at Skykon.

Mr McGrigor said: 'This news will come as a tremendous relief to those locally who are employed at the factory and their families. This is a lifeline for Campbeltown and Kintyre and all of us hope that this development with Siemens will lead to a sustainable future that will guarantee existing employment and indeed

perhaps lead to extra employment at this state of the art facility in the future.'

Argyll and Bute Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'This is a welcome short term measure but I would be hopeful that a more permanent solution can be found in the weeks ahead and we will endeavour to make sure this is the outcome.'

Uncertainty

Alan Reid MP for Argyll and Bute told *The Courier* this week: 'The continuing uncertainty at the Skykon factory is very worrying. Without this factory the Kintyre economy would collapse.'

'The Scottish Government must make every possible effort to find another company willing to take over the

factory. With a state of the art factory, a skilled workforce, modern port facilities, and a worldwide demand for wind energy, surely the Scottish Government can persuade a new company to come to Machrihanish.'

Jim Mather MSP for Argyll said the resumption of work at Machrihanish was 'an encouraging move'.

'The present arrangement covers the work on 30 towers for which steel is already in situ at the factory and is based on satisfactory performance.'

'A further 30 towers are required for the same project which have not been included in the present agreement.'

'This is a clear demonstration of the ability



A 'can' coming off the roller, moving along by crane for processing. 04_e03sky08

and goodwill from the Scottish Government, SDI, HIE and the local council and local representatives to work closely with the involved parties towards a solution. The long term future of the facility is not yet resolved. The company remains in administration and a buyer is still being sought to secure the future of the Machrihanish factory. That work is ongoing.'



Part of the Skykon complex. 04_e03sky09



Work underway in one of the factory buildings. 04_e03sky07



Hard at work in the tower fabrication building, a fabricator joining two 'cans' together. 04_e03sky01



Building a tower section, one operator is receiving training from a experienced member of the team. 04_e03sky03



Tower sections, made up of 'cans' sit waiting to be painted. 04_e03sky05

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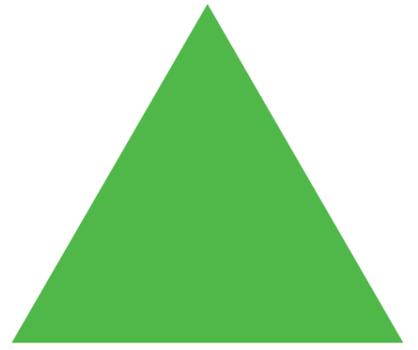
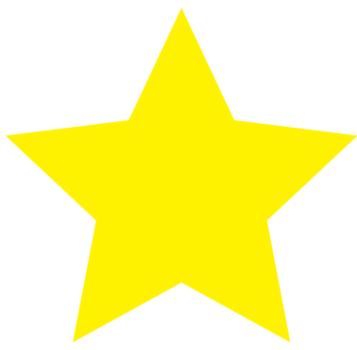
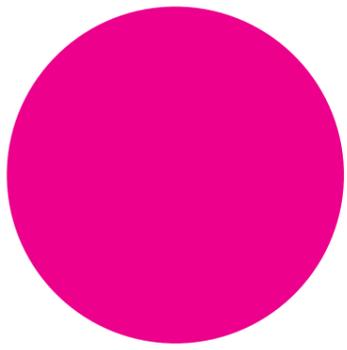
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Guide to Childcare



Tarbert Academy Pre-5 Unit
Open Day – Thursday 9th June 2011

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Please Telephone 01880 820269.
 Head Teacher, Tarbert Academy – Catriona Hood



Tarbert Academy Pre-5 Unit

Our Pre-5 unit is happy and successful! "Play is the child's work." Our children learn effectively through play as they explore, observe, listen, talk, respond, think and experiment. We cater for our children's individual needs in a bright, busy, secure and stimulating environment by working in partnership with parents/carers. Previous learning is valued, so we have enthusiastic and confident learners eager to learn more when they start school. We provide opportunities for children to develop:

- Emotionally – gaining independence, confidence and self-assurance.
- Socially – learning to work with others and show consideration.
- Physically – developing motor and manipulative skills, co-ordination, balance and body awareness.
- Intellectually - problem-solving, questioning, observing and discussing.

Our children enjoy using Tarbert Academy's facilities - which enhances and eases even tual transition to Primary One.



Key contacts: May Taylor – Head of Unit – Depute Head Teacher, Tarbert Academy.
 Catriona Hood – Head Teacher, Tarbert Academy.

LOCHGILPHEAD PRIMARY PRE 5 UNIT

OPEN DAYS
 Monday 21st February 2011
 Wednesday 23rd February 2011
 from 1.30 – 3.00 p.m.

Parents and children are very welcome.
 Please come and visit us!
 Telephone: 01546 602747

Lochgilphead Primary Pre-5 Unit

Lochgilphead Primary Pre-5 Unit provides a happy, caring and stimulating environment for our pupils. We benefit from custom built facilities that provide extensive opportunities for indoor and outdoor play. Staff are qualified and experienced in the delivery of the early years' curriculum and provide children with well-planned and exciting learning experiences. They have been trained in the Forest School Programme and children regularly benefit from visits to nearby Kilmory Woods where they are given opportunities to learn first hand about the environment, develop literacy skills, take responsible risks and develop confidence, self-esteem and interpersonal skills. The Pre-5 unit has close links with the Primary 1 class, working together on some topics, thus offering an enhanced transition process into Primary education.



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We pride ourselves on being an Eco Nursery, and in September 2009 we were delighted to be awarded our 1st Eco Green Flag - testament to the hard work and commitment of the staff, parents, children and Eco Parent Committee. We aim to achieve our 2nd Green Flag this year.

Staff are currently involved with Forest Schools training and the nursery will be able to offer more varied outdoor experiences to our children and enhance their individual learning.

We very much welcome and encourage parent involvement in all our plans for the nursery.

We have a large outdoor play area / garden and greenhouse for the children to grow their own fruit and vegetables.

The children often go out for many walks and visit the hens and our four lovely donkeys. Our fantastic staff group have worked hard to create a nursery with the very highest of care standards, of which we are all very proud.

We would warmly welcome parents to visit the nursery at any time.

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All staff are qualified and plan a wide range of stimulating activities to enhance the children's development and learning. We are based in the community centre and have access to a safe outdoor and nature area where we can plant and look after minibeasts and birds. We can use a large room for physical activities such as P.E, football, ball games, racing and dance. We go on regular trips in the community and local woods. We have regular liaison with local primary schools and visit Lochgilphead Primary. We have received our Bronze Award in the Eco schools Awards. We are a small, family friendly group and welcome parents.

For further information call Heather Young on 01546 605342 or 07876735876 or call into the Community Centre for more details.



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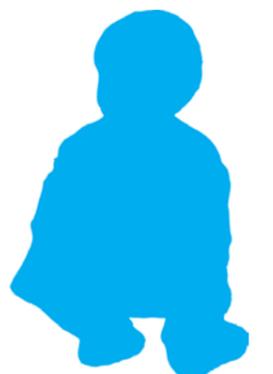
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Valid from 24 January 2011

Home-Start MAJIK

Home start has moved back into it's premises in The Aqualibrium, where soft play drop in, creche and outdoor play area are provided. In January and February the weather can be awful, but children still need to get out and about and enjoy themselves - so - come and use our CRECHE and SOFT PLAY FACILITIES, special offer with the attached voucher, a place to play and learn and have fun, for parents and children. New volunteers are always required, both to assist with play sessions and for family visiting throughout Kintyre, Mid-Argyll, Islay and Jura. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer then please contact us on 01586 551140.



Big 100th birthday party on the way

Open Day to hear about centenary plans for The Picture House

IT is one of the oldest cinemas in the world and to celebrate its centenary in 2013 Campbeltown Picture House is planning something special.

Picture House Open Day

THE planning phase of a project to enhance Campbeltown Picture House begins in earnest with a programme of consultation, starting with an open day to discuss ideas and proposals on Tuesday February 1.

Jura Consultants, a consultancy firm specialising in the improvement of historic and cultural buildings will be holding a public consultation event at the Council Chambers in the Campbeltown Town Hall.

Members of the community are welcome to stop in at 2pm, 4pm or 7pm that day to hear a short presentation about the project, ask questions and contribute their opinions and ideas on the options being considered to improve the Picture House.

Anyone who would like to comment on the proposals but is unable to attend the consultation can contact Jura Consultants direct by e-mailing admin@jura-consultants.co.uk (using Picture House Consultation in the subject line) or by filling out the online questionnaire at www.tinyurl.com/weepictures

With the Centenary Project, the Campbeltown Community Business (CCB) hopes to celebrate 100 years at the Picture House by conserving the interior of the cinema and bring the annex back into use.

The work would improve the cinema-going experience for the public with the potential for a new sweets kiosk, café bar and the introduction of digital projection.

The project will increase the daytime use of the building by creating an ongoing exhibition using the iconic MacGrory Photographic Collection to display and interpret the social history of Campbeltown and Kintyre at the turn of the 20th century.

Plans also include proposals to provide equipment to show additional films, historical audio-visual presentations, meetings and functions. This will provide a further income to ensure the survival of the Picture House.

In December, contracts for the development phase of the Centenary Project were awarded to Martin Hadlington, for the Architectural Design Plans, Jura Consultants for the Activity and Business planning and Campbell and Co. for the Interpretive and Exhibition plan. A programme of work for this phase is now beginning to refine and solidify the plans for the project, provisionally costing at £1,740,000.

In the coming months, this team will be looking to develop the designs for the reorganisation of the buildings, consult with the community and cinema-goers, organise a sustainable business plan and create an interpretive strategy for the

photographic collection and other subjects of interest.

Last autumn, CCB happily announced its success in winning a first-round pass from the Heritage Lottery Fund for £700,000 towards the restoration and upgrade of the Picture House in Campbeltown.

This award also included development funding to assist the CCB in putting together the necessary documents and plans that would be required to take the project forward. A further £23,623 was granted to the CCB from the Argyll and the Islands LEADER programme towards development.



Campbeltown Picture House

Book Review

FROM the authors of *Fishing Boats of Campbeltown Shipyard* comes a new book, *Sputniks and Spinningdales*.

Leading fishing boat historians Peter Drummond and Sam Henderson have set out the background to the construction of these two types of cut-down side trawlers: the Sputnik and the larger Spinningdale.

The book also records some of the vessels' successes as fishing trawlers in a variety of waters and goes on to address the major conversions of some vessels for different fisheries.

The authors cover a much-neglected part of the history of the fishing industry and includes a vessel-by-vessel list which features photographs, technical specifications, modifications and news of the fate of each vessel with many previously unpublished photographs.

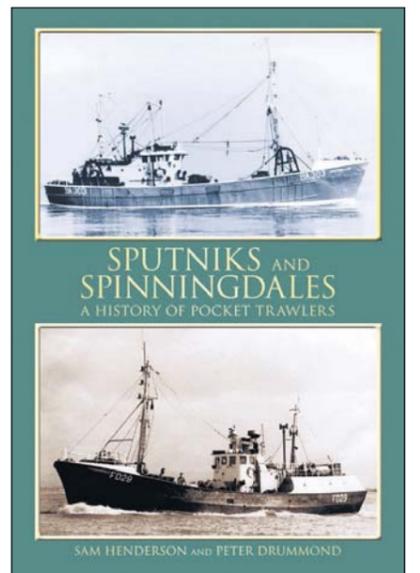
Peter told *The Courier*: 'The Sputnik and Spinningdale trawlers were mostly built as demersal

side trawlers so in their early years there is no Clyde connection; they were too big to legally bottom trawl or seine net in the Clyde.

'Once they changed from their original roles you could run across them in Clyde ports, usually Ayr.

'I distinctly remember the sputnik *Monica Croan* landing hake in Ayr after she had changed from trawling to seine netting and she had some thumping big ones too. In view of her size it might be better not to ask questions about exactly where she had been fishing!

'You could also find these boats at the herring pair trawl in the Clyde (perfectly legal) in the mid to late 1970s when this was still a fishery of consequence.'



Do you want to 'ava go?

ARGYLL Voluntary Action is hosting an AVA GO on Wednesday January 26 between 10.30am and 2.30pm in the Kinloch Hall.

The idea is to promote volunteering as fun and raise awareness that people can come to ask for help from a volunteer as well as volunteer themselves.

Pat Dean and the team at Argyll Voluntary Action invite everyone along to find out for themselves.

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Parish Church Hall
Lochgilphhead
Saturday 22nd January
2011
10am - 12noon
All welcome

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Shop window is a winner

CAMPBELTOWN'S Christmas window competition was a great suc-

cess, with a total of 53 businesses taking part. The event was organ-

ised by Town Centre Manager Aileen MacLennan in a bid to

promote Campbeltown, encourage people to explore their own town centre and encourage community spirit.

Leaflets were produced and widely distributed, marketing the competition as a walking tour for families and voting slips were published in *The Courier*.

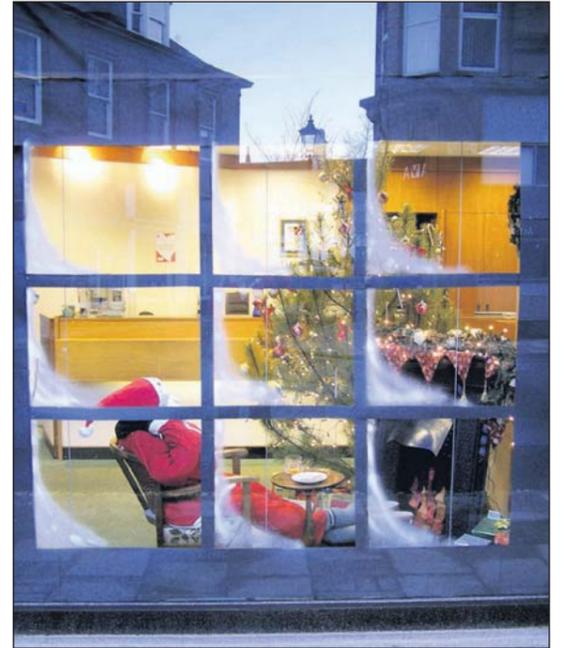
Around 500 votes were cast and the winners were The Yorkshire Building Society and Property Shop in Longrow South for the wonderful display of Santa toasting his feet by the fire.

The winners were presented with a cheque for £100 by Susan Paterson, who chairs the South Kintyre Area Devel-

opment Group, which kindly agreed to sponsor the event.

Aileen said: 'I am really pleased that so many people took part in the competition and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone for their fantastic efforts and thank them for taking part. I'm sure everyone will agree that the displays were all great and the feedback I've received to date has been extremely positive and encouraging, both from people within Campbeltown and from further afield.'

The Christmas Window Competition was funded by Argyll and Bute Council and Argyll and the Islands LEADER.



The winning window.



Staff in the winning shop received their prize from Susan Paterson.

An enjoyable evening with Jimmie Macgregor

AN EVENING of wonderful entertainment is guaranteed when the well-known Scottish folksinger and broadcaster Jimmie Macgregor makes a welcome visit to Campbeltown on Friday February 4.

Jimmie Macgregor is perhaps best known for his 21-year partnership with Robin Hall. For many years they appeared regularly on the BBC Tonight programme and Scotland's flagship TV programme *The White Heather Club*.

The partnership also recorded over 20 albums and among their best-known songs is the football anthem *Football Crazy*.

As resident performers on the *Tonight* programme Jimmie met some famous people such as John Wayne and Tarzan among others.

In addition to his music career Jimmie Macgregor hosted *Macgregor's Gathering* on BBC Radio Scotland for many years. He also featured in many television programmes and among the most popular was

his walking of The West Highland Way and *In the Footsteps of Bonnie Prince Charlie*.

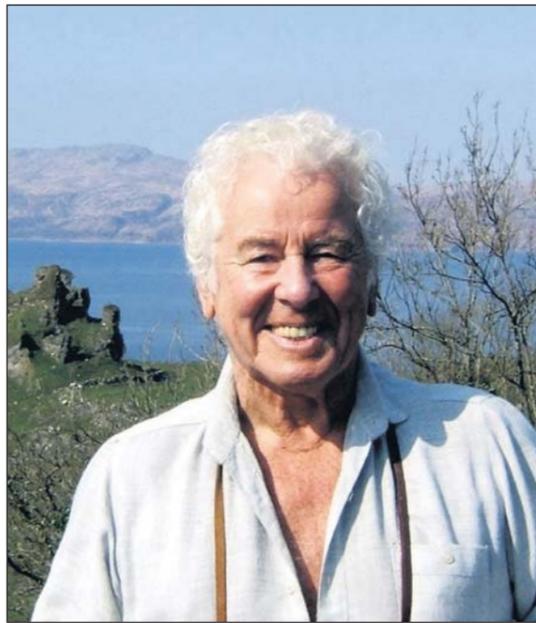
A tribute to Jimmie Macgregor was recently broadcast on BBC television and if this programme is anything to go by then patrons are in for a most enjoyable evening.

The evening with Jimmie Macgregor, which is being hosted by the Highland Parish Church,

will be held in the Kirk Street Hall at 7.30pm on February 4.

The entertainment will consist of songs, lots of laughter and anecdotes of his encounters with the famous people he has met during his long and distinguished career.

Tickets are priced at a very reasonable £5 and can be obtained from Numero Dix, Campbeltown.



Jimmie Macgregor.

Argyll Voluntary Action

'AVA GO EVENT'

Wednesday 26th January
10.30am – 2.30pm
Kinloch Guide Hall, Kinloch Road

Have you ever needed a volunteer? – maybe for some gardening, help at an event etc
Have you ever thought about being a volunteer? – you never know what you have to offer.

Argyll Voluntary Action is hosting an 'AVA GO' event to promote the idea of volunteering and to show that it can be fun and rewarding for all parties.

Why not come along, enjoy a cuppa and meet some of the people who can offer volunteering opportunities or the people who can help you find a volunteer. Discover more about Timebanking.

We will also be having some interesting workshops and some fun activities for everyone to join in. Enter the 'rogue item' quiz with the chance of winning a prize.

For more details please ring Pat, Clare or Maryanne on 01586 554744

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Visit the wee pictures website for more what's on and coming soon.

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CAMPBELTOWN

Flower theme at SWRI

THE president of the Campbeltown SWRI, Helen Watson, welcomed members to the new session then introduced guest speaker Marilyn Moffat from Kintyre Design, whose theme was flowers.

Marilyn brought many cards using flowers and showed members how to cut out using a machine and also using various stamps and how to make bows.

Members enjoyed the talk and tried using the different techniques.

Before tea was served Marilyn judged the competition.

Decorated bottle: Emily Davidson, gold; Agnes Nichol, Jane Millar, silver; Margaret McIntyre, Isobel Scally, blue.

Favourite scarf: Helen Watson, gold; Morag Johnston, Jane Millar, silver; Emily Davidson, red.



Tarbert folk know how to have a good time!

Callum Millar, Hugh MacLean and Duncan Crawford travelled all the way from Tarbert to the Argyll Arms, Inveraray last Wednesday night to the January gathering of the Inveraray Accordion and Fiddle Club.

Guests for the evening were the Ian Anderson Trio from Gartocharn, 0_a03inv09

CLACHAN

SWRI hear about Big Green Tarbert

CLACHAN SWRI members and friends met in the village hall on January 12 and wel-

comed Neil Donaldson, leader of the Big Green Tarbert Project. He explained that his work is to make people of North Kintyre more aware of strategies to cope with climate change and the diminishing supply of

oil worldwide. His approach is to encourage individuals and communities to make better use of the resources that we have available to us here in Kintyre.

He discussed wind and hydro energy, house insulation, the use of buses and car sharing, composting and vegetable growing, starting a food cooperative, and many more topics. A lively discussion followed, and Neil was thanked for his help.

He then judged the winners of the competition of a recycled item as follows: 1 Barbara Bell, 2 Pat Dean, 3 equal Pauline Simson and Jane Griffiths.

SOUTHEND

Joint training exercise

SOUTHEND Coast-guard team members joined their colleagues from Kintyre team for a joint training exercise on Sunday, along the west coast of Kintyre.

The scenario of the exercise was a shoreline search for fishing vessel wreckage and injured crewmembers from the boat.

TARBERT

Change of use of land

THE TARBERT Harbour Masters Office has been given planning permission by Argyll and Bute Council for a change of use of land to site a Portacabin for use as yacht and boat chandlery for a temporary period including alterations and extension to existing stone wall.

Planning permission

ARGYLL and Bute has given planning permission for the demolition of a shed and erection of a garage Uppertown Cottage, Baluachrach, Tarbert.

CARRADALE

History under the hammer

HISTORY is going under the hammer at Lloyd and Turbull in Edinburgh with the auction of an important archive of material by Scottish amateur photographer Andrew Begbie Ovenstone (1851-1935)

showing rural life across Scotland 1880-1890.

Amongst the works are many captioned in pencil, to include views of Carradale, Clyde, Bute, Loch Fyne, and many others.

Ovenstone was a well-

respected photographer and a founding member of the Glasgow and West Coast Photographic Association. He won several medals for his work, including a silver medal awarded by Amateur Photographer

in 1885 for his piece At the pool.

Other accolades include one silver and two bronze medals from the Glasgow and West Coast Photographic Association.

The auctioneers think that the majority of Ovenstone's views of late 19th century Scotland have never been seen before and, alongside their strong artistic merit, represent an invaluable record of rural and coastal life in Scotland in the 1880's.

The collection features in Lyon and Turnbull's auction of books, maps and manuscripts, in Edinburgh, on January 26. The estimate given in the catalogue is £10,000-£15,000.

JURA

Passenger ferry service

JURA Development Trust is currently seeking funds to re-launch its successful passenger ferry service from mainland Argyll.

The ferry has completed its three-year pilot operation, carrying over 7,200 passengers between Craighouse and Tayvallich, 25 per cent of whom were Jurachs.

The development trust now wants a new contract to operate the ferry between Easter 2011 and September 2013 and will met with repre-

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ARGYLL building company MacLeod Construction has presented second year bricklaying apprentice, James McMillan, from Oban, with the company's Apprentice of the Year Award for 2010.

James was nominated by site manager Gordon Ram for the quality of his work and his positive attitude.

James is one of approximately 20 trainees and apprentices currently employed by MacLeod Construction throughout Argyll, with others working in trades such as joinery, roof tiling and cement work, administration, management and computer aided design. James is pictured receiving his certificate and a cheque for £50 from director, Kenny MacLeod.

representatives of Argyll and Bute Council's transport department yesterday (Thursday) to discuss the future of the service.

The trust's Deborah Bryce said: 'The ferry has been recognised as a great success. The service is very much in its infancy but a new contract would allow the service to become even better known and used by more passengers.'

The trust has also contacted the Scottish Transport Minister Keith Brown.

The project qualifies for support from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), which will be represented at today's meeting.

A decision on whether

the service will go ahead could be made by the end of February.

MACHRIHANISH

Maintenance work

MAINTENANCE work is taking place at the Machrihanish Bird Observatory while it is closed for winter.

The observatory will be opening a new extension in March.

PENINVER

Peninver bonfire

PENINVER hopes to light its bonfire at last!

The bonfire was built for the traditional No-

vember 5, Guy Fawkes Night festivities, but it's now January and it's still there.

The bonfire can only be lit when the wind is blowing out to sea and that, coupled with other bad weather has seen numerous delays.

The plan now is to light the bonfire and have refreshments in the village hall on February 12, weather permitting, and if not, on February 19.

Planting water pipes

CHRISTINE and Livingston Russell have been hard at work over the winter at their beautiful garden An Ceardach, The Smiddy, Peninver, but they've been planting water pipes rather than vegetation.

Christine reports that they are thinking of opening the garden to the public again this summer.

STEWARTON

Megan's off to Sri Lanka

MEGAN Green of Burnside Cottages, Stewarton, will be going to Sri Lanka in July to work as a volunteer in an orphanage and in a centre supporting people who still need help after the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami.

A pupil at Campbeltown Grammar School, Megan, aged 16, is also



PRIMARY 6 and 7 pupils from schools across Argyll and Bute attended the Primary School Badminton Championships, which were held in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown. The event was held for the first time in several years and for the first time in Campbeltown.

After a very competitive day's play the following awards were presented: Girls Singles: Iona Reid, Glenbarr Primary; runner-up Kyra Lamont, Castlehill Primary. Boys Singles: Alasdair Shaw, Rothesay Primary; runner-up, Neil Littleton, Glenbarr Primary. Girls Doubles: Nicola Wareham and Iona Reid, Glenbarr Primary; runners-up, Emma Bannatyne and Kyra Lamont, Castlehill Primary. Boys Doubles: Louis Ware and Alasdair Shaw, Rothesay Primary; runners-up, Alastair Sneddon and Neil Littleton, Glenbarr Primary. Mixed Doubles: Rachel Hendry and Alasdair Shaw, Rothesay Primary; runners-up: Iona Reid and Neil Littleton, Glenbarr Primary



Wow! Is the only word to describe a visitor this week to Carradale Pier. The massive Viktoria Viking live fish transporter for the fish farm industry was alongside Carradale Pier. Rachael Grant who took this photograph thinks this must be the largest vessel to come alongside the pier since the PS Waverley.

an active member of the Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service (KYES) and helps by volunteering there.

To help fund her trip Megan will be entering the Mull of Kintyre 10K and is also on a sponsored slim with Slimming World, with people pledging a £ per lb; there will also be a fund raising concert held.

If you would like to help support Megan on her trip to help people in Sri Lanka contact her through KYES on Main Street, Campbeltown.



Megan Green.
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ISLAY

Back to normal after the thaw

AM FAOILLEACH is sometimes translated from Gaelic as 'wolf-time', the hungry and vulnerable time of year for wild animals and livestock.

After such a cold and frozen start to the New Year, Islay's pretty much back to normal after the thaw. With water again in its usual liquid form

and most burst pipes mended, it's just about business as usual.

The island has so far been spared the winter gales which often hit at this time of year.

Outwintered livestock have been coping well with the winter, providing they're well fed and have access to plenty of drinking water.

The cold weather which froze water supplies in many places made much extra work for farmers. Some had to transport water to ensure their stock had enough.

Obituary: Alec McKerral, a tribute

ALEC McKERRAL, a true son of Campbeltown, passed away this month after a period of ill health. A lifetime of service to the community was his gift to Campbeltown and his love of Campbeltown and Scotland was evident to all who knew him.

To many people, Alec was synonymous with Scottish and Irish music and, along with Baldy McCallum, he ran promotions agencies for over 30 years, bringing Irish showbands and Scottish acts like Andy Stewart, Sydney Devine, Alastair McDonald and the Corries to the Victoria Hall.

Alec and Baldy became legendary in musical circles for bringing Manfred Mann to the Victoria Hall when they

were at number one with *Do Wah Diddy Diddy*.

Alec also organised numerous fundraising events for local charities including Erskine.

Alec himself wrote five tunes one of which, *Home to Davaar*, was played by Pipe Major Ian McKerral at the graveside.

Born at Bleachfield, Alec held down several jobs after leaving school before starting up his own taxi business, AMK Taxis.

His community spirit led him to Campbeltown Community Council where he served for a number of years.

Alec is remembered there for his determination to help others less fortunate than himself.

Alec's friends in Scottish show business never

forgot him and Ronnie Browne of the Corries acknowledged Alec's professional expertise: 'A Corries' concert in Campbeltown would never have been the same without the presence of Alec McKerral.'

'He never failed to be there at the door of the hall on the day of the show, having made sure

that everything was in order so that we could set up immediately when got there.'

Similarly, Alastair McDonald paid his own tribute: 'It has been my privilege to have known and worked with Alec McKerral, who has dedicated so much of his life to the promoting of Scottish entertainment

around his own area and beyond. 'I join many of my colleagues in expressing our gratitude for his enthusiastic efforts on our behalf.'

And from Joe Gordon and Sally Logan: 'It always seemed to us that when the Good Lord dished out enthusiasm he gave Alec an extra share. His obvious love of Scottish music always shone through, whether he was booking a performer, arranging a show or playing himself. Many, many people must have benefited from Alec's enthusiasm and love of Scottish music.'

Alec is survived by his wife Joan and the sympathy of the community is extended to her at this sad time. NS



Alec McKerral

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Nursery trials at Ronachan

Third of five selection trials held at Meinan Farm

THE third of the five nursery trials to pick the Arran and Kintyre Nursery Team for the Scottish championships was held at Meinan Farm, Ronachan, on Sunday, courtesy of the Pollock family.

Judge

Judge for the day was Andrew Ronald Jnr, Campbeltown, with Richard Semple as timekeeper.

The next trial will be on Saturday February 5 at Skipness.

Results: Nursery: 1 Lorne Clark's Moss, Meinan, with 85pts; 2 Kenny Grieves' Bett, Skipness, 79pts; 3 Peter Clark's Jill, Stewarton, 78pts; 4 Mike McNally's Finn, Invergarry, with 71pts; 5 Alec McCuish's Rock, Skipness, 69pts; 6 Brian Strachan's Robbie, Roybridge, 64pts.

Class two: 1 Brian Strachan's Mac, Roybridge, with 91pts; 2 Peter Clark's Vic, Stewarton, 82pts; 3 Jesse Main's Roy, Largie, 80 pts.



Show us the sheep! Brian Strachan brought five dogs to the trials; three were running in the nursery class and the others in class two. 04_c04shep08



Jessie Main and Roy, penning. 04_c04shep06



Brian Strachan and Mac, winners of class two. 04_c04shep03



Richard Semple, timekeeper, and Archie Ronald. 04_c04shep09

Ayrshire Breeders stockjudging competition

KINTYRE and District Ayrshire Breeders Club members will hold their annual stockjudging

competition on Monday January 24 at 7.30pm at Ormsary Farm, Southend, by kind permission

of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Ronald and the master judge will be Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh.



Judge and timekeeper Andrew Ronald Jnr and Richard Semple. 04_c04shep10



Jimmy Barr, Jessie Main and Lorne Clark, whose Blackface sheep were used for the trial. 04_c04shep05

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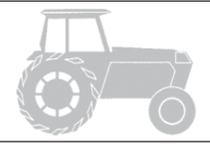
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Happy 50th Birthday Ann Marie



Love, Mum & Dad

THANK YOU
Mhairi, Kyle, Kelan, Fraser, Tala, Anya and family would like to thank Campbeltown Fire and Rescue for their quick response, ultimately preventing the loss of life and for everything they did in the aftermath. We would also like to thank Campbeltown paramedics and Campbeltown police, CID, Dr Villalba and nurses in attendance. We're very grateful also to everyone who helped in the house, donated clothes and toys, sorry we can't mention you all by name as there are too many to mention, and for the many anonymous people who kindly donated money for the loss of the children's Christmas presents. It has been an extremely traumatic event but once again, thank you to everyone.

FLORA WILSON would like to thank family and friends for cards and gifts at Christmas and wish everyone all the best for 2011

Thanks
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DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

(C38, KILMICHAEL GLEN ROAD) (TEMPORARY 18 TONNES MGW WEIGHT RESTRICTION) ORDER 2011

On Monday 17th January 2011, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven any motor vehicle whose maximum gross weight exceeds 18 Tonnes, on that length of the C38 Kilmichael Glen Road, extending from its junction with Am Baile Mor Housing Scheme Road to Socach Farm access road, a distance of 7065 metres or thereby.

This restriction is required to prevent further serious damage to the structure and surface of the road. Exemptions will apply to fuel delivery vehicles or any vehicle which is being used in connection with the delivery of farm supplies and movement of livestock.

This Order, which will be effective when indicated by signs, will come into operation from 0001 hours on Monday 24th January 2011 and will remain in operation until 2400 hours on Monday 18th April 2011.

Alternative Route: There is no alternative route.

Sandy Mactaggart, Executive Director, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD

THE ARGYLL AND BUTE, THE CUT, ACHNABA, BY LOCHGILPHEAD, ARGYLL, TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 13/09

Take notice that the above Authority in terms of the powers conferred upon them by Section 161 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 has confirmed the above Tree Preservation Order which took effect on 8th July 2011, modified to the following extent: under the description heading on page 4 of the said order the following words have been inserted after the word "hereto" occurring on the third line of the said description "between points X and Y marked on the said map the Order will be restricted to trees lying between the burn and the access road to Achnaba Quarry which leads from the A83 for a distance of 20 metres only, declaring that there are no trees growing on the ground lying to the east of the said Quarry access road. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Order visibility splays to Highway or Trunk Roads Standards will be kept clear of obstruction to visibility at Points A and B on the said map" and under the situation heading on page 4 of the said Order the following word have been inserted after the word "ground" occurring on the fourth line of the said situation "shown outlined in red and hatched in green between points Y, X and B on the said map".

A Certified Copy of the said Tree Preservation Order and map, as confirmed, have been deposited at Argyll and Bute Council's Development Services Office at 67/69 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, Argyll and may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 28 days from the date of this advertisement.

CHARLES REPPKE, Head of Governance and Law, Kilmory, Lochgilphead 7th January 2011

PLANNING

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

Applications for planning permission listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at 67/69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX and the location detailed below between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and by logging to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications. Written comments for the following list of applications may be made to Planning and Regulatory Services 67/69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX by the 11/02/2011

● Ref No: 10/02031/PP

Applicant: Holt Leisure Parks Ltd
Proposal: Erection of shed for marine repairs
Site Address: Marina Craobh Haven Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8UD
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office, Ardferr

● Ref No: 10/02057/PP

Applicant: Mr And Mrs K Campbell
Proposal: Formation of 2 dormer windows, 3 roof lights and formation of new window
Site Address: 2 Brae Road Ardrishaig Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA30 8EB
Location of Plans: Council Office Manse Brae Lochgilphead

● Ref No: 11/00015/PP

Applicant: Mr Kenny MacLeod
Proposal: Erection of garage and workshop
Site Address: Barvaltair Castleton Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RU
Location of Plans: Council Office Manse Brae Lochgilphead

● Ref No: 11/00037/PP

Applicant: Mr And Mrs S McKinlay
Proposal: Erection of car port with deck over (retrospective)
Site Address: Coul-Na-Mara Peninver Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6QP
Location of Plans: Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

Argyll and Bute Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST. An extant list of planning applications can be viewed on the Councils website www.argyll-bute.gov.uk.

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST and Argyll and Bute Council Libraries.

Any letter of representation the council receives about a planning application is considered a public document. Please therefore note that representations will be made available for public inspection and, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, will be copied on request. They will also be published on the council's web site.

The author of such a representation is solely responsible for its content and accuracy.

Anonymous representations will be "shredded" and those marked confidential will be returned to the sender. Neither will be taken into account when the application is being considered.

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If you are interested in this vacancy, please send a CV and covering letter to recruitment@brogans.co.uk. Shortlisted candidates will be notified within 2 weeks after the closing date. If you are not contacted, you should assume that you have not been shortlisted.

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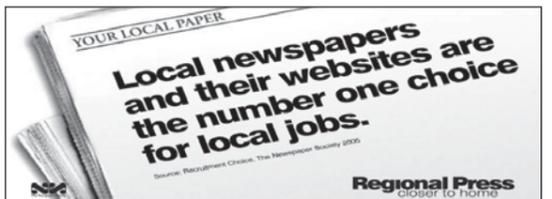
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HR Department, The Scottish Salmon Company Ltd, Ardkinglas Estate, Cairndow, Argyll, PA26 8BH

Tel. No. 01499 600 415

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'When I said, "My foot is slipping," your love, O Lord, supported me' (Psalm 94:18).

BIRTHS

MCGOUGAN – Gary and Tina are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Euan, on December 23, 2010, at Aberdeen. A little brother for Lewis and fourth grandchild for Gus and Kathleen.

WYLIE – BROWN – Paul and Lorraine would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Courtney, born on December 21, 2010 at the Southern General Hospital. A wee sister for Connor. Thanks to all staff at the Campbeltown and SGH maternity units for all their help.

ENGAGEMENTS

MCCABE – MORRISON – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on December 25, 2010, of Philip Cairns of Downfield, Dundee, elder son of William and Christine, to Kirsty Margaret, also of Dundee, formerly of Greenock, younger daughter of Calum and Margaret, Bellochantuy.

MCINTOSH – CRETTON – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Laurene, elder daughter of Duncan and Gail McIntosh, Carradale and Jim, younger son of Colin and Margaret Cretton, Farnham, Surrey.

**SMITH – PATERSON**

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Roseanna and Mario on January 1, 2011.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

CRANSTON – CORBETT – At St Margaret's Church, Glenrothes on January 21, 1961, by the Rev David L Levison, Andy to Jessie.

DEATHS

COWAN – Christina. Suddenly but peacefully, at the Western Infirmary on January 18, 2011, Chris, beloved wife of the late Thomas, dearly loved mother of Christine and Irene and a much loved grandmother. For funeral arrangements please contact Wylie and Lochhead Funeral Directors on 0141 954 4488.

LIVINGSTON – Helen Park Livingston, née Morrison. Peacefully on January 15, 2011, at Lynn of Lorne Nursing Home, Benderloch, in her 87th year. Wife of the late Jimmy Livingston, Seafield Farm, Achnamara. Dear mother of Chrystine, Jeffrey, James, Anne and Margaret; mother-in-law, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Funeral service will be held in Inverlussa Parish Church, Achnamara, by Lochgilphead on Monday, January 24, 2011, at 12 noon. Thereafter a private family service will be held at the crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimer Scotland (Action on Dementia).

MACCORMICK – Jill Margaret. Much loved wife and friend of Coll. Loved daughter-in-law of Dugie and Dorothy (Campbeltown, Scotland). Loved sister-in-law of Neil and Maureen (Prestwick, Scotland), Euan and Margo (Perth, Scotland). Loved Auntie Jill of Duncan and Marie. Messages to; The Mains Farm, Carradale, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6QG. Macdonald and Weston Funeral Home, New Zealand.

MILLAR – Peacefully at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on January 15, 2011, Catherine Isabella Margaret Finlayson, in her 91st year, Gartholm, Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, formerly of Killivan Farm, dearly beloved wife of James G Millar, much loved mother of Bobby, Elizabeth and the late Anne and a loving granny and great granny.

SHELDRIK – Peacefully at Kintyre Care Centre on January 19, 2011, Joan Sheldrick, in her 83rd year, Port Ban, Kilberry, by Tarbert. Dearly beloved wife of the late David Sheldrick and loving mother of Jonathan, Peter, Mark, Nigel, Vrecca, Cheryl, Morar, Fiona, Jeanette, Timothy and Elenor. Sadly missed. Celebration Service at Church of Scotland, Lochgilphead on Saturday, January 22 at 10.30am, followed by Interment at Achnabreac Cemetery, followed by refreshments at Living Stones Christian Centre, Kilmartin. Flowers not necessary. Donations are invited for Living Stones School and Church Centre in Pakistan. "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain".

WARDROP – Suddenly at home, 34 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, formerly of Machrihanish, on January 16, 2011, Robert Wardrop, in his 91st year, dearly beloved husband of Helen McCormick Mitchell, much loved father of Jean, Ian, Rosemary, Rhona and Kerry and a loving and much loved grandfather and great grandfather. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Church, on Friday, January 21 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. Aretiral collection will be held in aid of the Lorne and Lowland Church.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BRODIE – The family of the late Lionel wish to thank all family and friends for their support during this sad time. Also thanks to all staff at Auchinlee for their care, to Rev P Burroughs for the service and to Alasdair Blair for all his help. Also to all staff at the Argyll Hotel for the tea.

KELLY – Elizabeth and family wish to thank relatives and friends for the many cards, calls, flowers and help in so many ways after their sudden loss of Willie. Our thanks go to the ambulance men for their kindness and efficiency, to Dr J Leftley and Dr J Leask of the A&E Department, to staff of Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, to Rev M Lind for his touching and uplifting service and Lodge St John's 141 and Alex Russell for the excellent purvey, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their help and efficient handling of Willie's funeral. Last but not least to everyone who attended church and graveside. Retiral collection of £776.89 was donated to the Highland Parish Church.

KING – The family of the late Billy King, would like to thank everyone most sincerely, for the many kind expressions of sympathy received, in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead and at Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban for their care, to Dr Roddy MacLeod for a comforting service at Lochgilphead Parish Church and to Rev Ian Miller for an uplifting service at Cardross Crematorium, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Coach House Inn, Cardross, for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at church and crematorium. The collection for the Helicopter Retrieval Team raised £260.

MACKINNON – Lynda, Marie and families would like to thank everyone for their kindness, cards and flowers following the death of their mother, Margaret. Special thanks to Dr Villalba and staff at the Acute Ward, to Rev Lind, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair and the Argyll Hotel and to everyone who attended church and graveside. Retiral collection for Acute Ward raised £370.21.

MCCLYMONT – My family and I would like to thank all the people, schools and organisations who gave so generously at the funeral service of my wife Sheila McClymont. The sum of £1,180 was given to the charity Children First, who have asked me to convey their appreciation and thanks. My wife was dedicated to the welfare and safety of children and this was a wonderful tribute to the memory of a very wonderful lady.

MCKERRAL – Joan would like to sincerely thank all family, friends and neighbours for their support and kind messages of sympathy, including cards, phone calls, visits etc after the loss of her beloved husband, Alec. Special thanks must go to the following – Dr Ian Norrie for his exceptional care for both Alec and Joan; the staff of Campbeltown Hospital for their care and understanding; ambulance drivers and paramedics; members of the Integrated Care Team; staff of Ward 23 of Southern General Hospital who were so supportive of Alec and Joan; Rev Philip Burroughs for his truly personal tribute and comforting service; David McEwan for his beautiful music; Ian McKerral for his rendering of 'Home to Davaar' at the graveside; the staff of Argyll Arms Hotel for their hospitality and last but not least, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional and personal service. The community of Kintyre has been a great support to Joan in her sad loss. The sum of £429.88 was raised for Campbeltown Hospital. Thank you.

MALONEY – Janette, Hazel, Lorraine and families would like to thank family, friends and colleagues for their support after the sudden loss of Campbell. Special thanks to Rev M Lind and Rev C Hood for spiritual comfort, Mr D McEwan for apt music in church and Craig and Iain Campbell for piping at cemetery. Thanks to Dr Lazarus for attending Campbeltown for the years, Drs Leftley and Villalba and staff at the Acute Ward for caring in his last week and Seafield Hotel for excellent service. Last but not least, thanks to

Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for professional service. Retiring collection for Highland Parish Church was a very generous £1678.36. Sincere thanks to everyone who attended Campbell's service in church and at the graveside.

MILLER – Flora and family of the late Robert Miller (Robbie) express thanks for the messages of sympathy and support they have received at this sad time. Sincere thanks to all who attended the service and for all the cards, flowers and donations received from family, friends and neighbours and for the service conducted by Margaret Sinclair at the High Church, Tarbert.

RALSTON – Maggie and the family of the late Willie Ralston would like to thank relatives and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards and floral tributes. Special thanks to Dr Lazarus and all staff at Campbeltown Hospital for excellent care and compassion shown to Willie and ourselves, to all the nurses who attended at home before going to hospital, to Rev Philip Burroughs for his very comforting service, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for a most efficient and professional service, to the Argyll Hotel for catering, to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside and contributed so generously to the collection for Campbeltown Hospital.

IN MEMORIAMS

COLVILLE – Precious memories of Jimmy, a dearly loved son, nephew and cousin, who died January 19, 1998.

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- Family at home and away.

HARKNESS – In loving memory of Chris, a dear husband and dad, who died January 20, 2000.

The day is remembered and quietly kept

No words are needed we shall never forget.

Forever in our thoughts.

- Ellen and Tina.

HARKNESS – In loving memory of a much loved dad and special papa, of David, Joanne, David, Christopher and Leanne, taken from us on January 20, 2000. Forever in our hearts.

HARROGATE – In loving memory of my husband, Norman, died January 22, 1991.

Sad is my life without you

Silent are the tears that fall

Living my life without you

Is the hardest part of all.

- Mary.

MACKENZIE – Cherished memories of parents, grandparents and great grandparents, Ian, who died November 22, 1990 and Jessie, who died January 21, 1994.

- Sadly missed by Jennie, Yvonne, Eddie, Susan and grandchildren.

MCLELLAN – Loving memories of a much loved mum and nana, Agnes, who died on January 23, 2000.

Mum, it's eleven years since you were taken away

But you're loved and remembered every day.

- Loving daughters Margaret, Sandra and families.

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10.30am Morning Worship
5.45pm Prayer Meeting
6.30pm Evening Worship

Tuesday
12.15pm
Over 60's Luncheon Club
1.30pm Ladies Home League

Wednesday
7.00pm House Group

Thursday
11.30am Meet 'n' Eat Café
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Tea to follow
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in Lochgaire
Sunday 30th January
6.30 pm

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Sunday, 23rd January
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
(Creche, Triple C and Bible Class)
(Rev. Philip Burroughs)

Monday, 24th January
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 25th January
Mothers & Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, 27th January
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 28th January
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

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St Hall
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meeting after service
6.30pm
Service at Stewarton Hall

Monday 24th January
2.00pm
Guild – Afternoon for Senior
Citizens
Kirk St Hall

Tuesday 25th January
Badminton Club
6.30pm – 7.45pm: P1- P4
7.30pm – 9.00pm: P5 – P7

Wednesday 26th January
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Young player's prize-giving at Machrihanish

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Daniel Kane and Grant Westerman, juvenile and junior sections winter league winners 2009-10. 04_c03jun05

This was followed by a Texas scramble and the winners were Ken Campbell, Thomas Jordan and Daniel Kane.

Medal winners: April 11, William McKinnon, 41; April 18, Grant Westerman, 39; April 25, Mitch Graham, 23; May 2, Ryan Deans, 22; May 9 R Deans, 21; May 16, Mitch Graham, 23; May 23 William McKinnon, 36; May 30 Mitch Graham, 46; June 6, William McKinnon, 37; June 13, G Westerman, 19; June 20, Mitch Jamieson, 38; June 27, Daniel Kane, 13; July 4, Cameron Wylie, 12; July 18, Bruce Cowie, 32; July 25, R Deans, 41; August 1, Campbell O'May, 41; August 8, Bruce Cowie, 38; August 22, Thomas Jordan, 36.

Winter League warm-up: Andrew Wallace. Juvenile championship 2010: Daniel Kane. Junior handicap championship 2010: Mitch Graham. Junior scratch championship 2010: Thomas Jordan.



Back row, left to right: Andrew Wallace, William McKinnon, Bruce Cowie, Grant Westerman, Thomas Jordan. Front: Daniel Kane, Campbell O'May, Mitch Graham. 04_c03jun01



Daniel Kane, Thomas Jordan and Mitch Graham, Junior Handicap championship winner 2010. 04_c03jun04

SAFL results and fixtures

SATURDAY'S results: Premier Division - Arkleston 2, Oban Saints 2. Premier Division One - Kings Park Rangers v Campbeltown Pupils A, postponed. Premier Division Two - Port Glasgow OBU 1, Tarbert 0 Division One - Lochgilphead Red Star v Duncanrig, postponed. Division Three - Campbeltown Pupils B v Bothwell and Uddingston Albion, postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: - Aikenhead Thistle v Oban Saints; Campbeltown Pupils v Kilbowie Union; Celtic CA v Tarbert; Lochgilphead Red Star v Duncanrig; Millerston v Campbeltown Pupils B.

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Tarbert Gun Club

TARBERT Gun Club members held their first competition of the New Year last Sunday and it was also the January leg of the Winter League Team Shoot.

Despite the snow and the icy conditions most of the teams were at full strength and the Christmas break seemed to benefit the shooters as most improved their scores, especially on the sporting layout.

Billy Bergant cleaned it and Ally McDonnell used his second barrel once to win the DTL section; his lads also won the team event.

Campbeltown's Brian Thompson made the journey up the road worthwhile by winning his class.

Niall Wilson is making a habit of beating his dad, taking class D and Archie MacGilp Snr was also winning again.

Winners
Class A: 1 Ally McDonnell, 2 Ivor Ferguson, 3 Brian Baird. Class B: 1 Ian Wilson, 2 Ronald Jenkins, 3 Malcolm Holder. Class C: 1 Brian Thompson, 2 Nicol Ferguson. Class D: 1 Niall Wilson, 2 Roy Laird. Class E: 1 Archie MacGilp Snr, 2 Ross MacDonald, 3 Andy Wilson.
Teams: 1 A McDonnell, A McCallum, A MacGilp Jnr, D Thorburn, A MacGilp Snr. 2 A Khan, J Gargan, N Ferguson, A MacDonald, R MacDonald.

Santas makes a dash for it

THERE are Easter eggs in the shops and Santas on the streets. Welcome to Campbeltown in January!

Heavy snow led to the cancellation of the Santa Dash fun run before Christmas and so it was rearranged for Saturday.

Santas of all ages turned up at Aqualibrium to enjoy a warm up session run by Fiona Irwin before the runners followed the course round the town and ended up back at Aqualibrium and all were given medals.



Wee Isla Anderson went round the course in her pram, with mum Eilidh doing all the legwork

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The pushchair entrants brought up the rear.

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The Santas get ready to dash. 04_c03sant07



Aileen MacLennan, town manager, Lindsay Ramsey and Fiona Irwin. 04_c03sant04



The Santas make a dash for it. 04_c03sant09



Santas on Longrow. 04_c03sant13

Calum extends his lead

A STERLING performance from a determined Calum MacLean saw him extend his lead at the top of the Saturday Winter League at the Machrihanish Golf Club.

In second place are past captain Stephen Kelly and soon to be Octogenarian William Miller.

At the other end of the league there was an important win for Simpson and Campbell.

Unfortunately, despite desperate efforts to calm his nerves the night before, Norman 'the Mighty' Gwynne suffered another crushing defeat to leave him and Mr Biggins stranded at the bottom of the league.

Soccer Centre starts up again

CAMPBELTOWN Soccer Centre's next training sessions begin again on January 28 at the Victoria Hall. They run until March 11. There will be no session on February 11.

Primary one and two session runs from 6pm to 7pm; Primary three to six runs from 7pm to 8pm and the Primary seven and Senior one and two session runs from 8pm to 9pm. The sessions are open to boys and girls of all abilities and cost £12. Booking forms available at McIlchere's, McKellar's and Roland Butter, all on Main Street, Campbeltown.

Sports Hall athletics come to Campbeltown

THE Sports Hall Athletics program is underway once again in Argyll this winter and comes to Campbeltown on January 30. This form of indoor athletics has been promoted in the district since 1994 and Mid Argyll Athletic Club, in co-operation with all the local athletic clubs, are organising four local area competitions followed by an Argyll Final to be held in Oban at the end of February.

Specialist equipment is used for various running, jumping and throwing events in small arenas and this version of athletics brings the skills and excitement of track

and field into sports halls giving youngsters a taste of athletics in a warm and dry atmosphere.

The successful promotion of the competitions is very dependant on the co-operation from schools with most of the schools in the district contacted in advance of the local area competitions in the hope that teachers will encourage pupils to take part.

The first three competitions have already been held on Mull, Lochgilphead and Oban. The local competition for the Kintyre area will be held on Sunday, January 30 in Campbeltown Grammar School.

This will be the first year the event takes place in the Grammar School, as the Victoria Hall has been the venue since first introduced back in 1994.

Revised date

Successful athletes from the four area contests will qualify to compete in the Argyll Final to be held at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Saturday, February 26. Please note: this is a revised date as the original date was the February 12.

Boys and girls entering the Kintyre competition at Campbeltown Grammar on Sunday, January 30 are reminded that the events start

at 1pm with entries on the day from 12.30pm. There will be an entry fee of £2 for each competitor or £5 for families of three or more taking part.

Age groups start at under 9-nine, under-11, under-13, under-15 and under-17 for boys and girls. For all age categories it will be age as on September 1, 2010 in line with Scottish Athletics rules. Awards will be made to the first 4 athletes in each category at all the local area competitions.

The organisers wish to point out that this is an open competition for the local area with no restric-

tion on entry.

To create some extra interest this year the organisers are introducing incentive awards in the form of money prizes for the two boys and two girls achieving the most Argyll Age Standards in the local area competitions and the Argyll Final. In addition there will be a £50 prize for the best school with one boy and one girl counting. Hopefully this award will prompt schools to take an interest and the schools will encourage talented pupils to take part.

For more information on the Argyll Sports Hall events contact 01546 602664.

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