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# Flexible space plan at CGS opens

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Thomas Ferguson and Lewis Blair of S2 working in the new space last week. 21\_c03cgs03

A STATE of the art, open plan space, has transformed the top floor of Campbeltown Grammar, influencing how the new school will be built in the future.

Last Friday the new 'try before you buy' area, which is part of a national project Argyll and Bute Council is involved with was officially opened.

The pupils and staff worked with the archi-

itects to input on how they would like the space on the top of the south block to look and how it would be used.

The project involves government funded body Architecture and Design Scotland, which is also carrying out a similar project at a school in Edinburgh.

The new space features three classrooms joined into a flexible open plan space.

There is an amphitheatre for teaching with a white board, coffee shop-style study booths and plenty of tables and chairs for working in groups, on laptops and for revision purposes.

Spokesman for third sector and communities, Councillor Rory Colville, a former pupil, said it was wonderful to see the bright, airy and

colourful fixtures and fittings, which he feels, have really transformed this part of Campbeltown Grammar.

### Provide ideas

'If this works it could provide ideas for the new school which will be built in a few years time,' said Councillor Colville.

It also features a 'chill-out' area with the new

space well suited to teaching the Curriculum for Excellence.

A group of 40-second year pupils were the first group to try out the new area, which could accommodate up to 90 students being taught in the space at once.

Design Advisor at Architecture and Design Scotland, Sam Cassels explained the pupils

have had a strong say in the process and have been listened to.

'We have worked hand in hand with them to get a design that is right,' he said. 'The children have a strong sense of ownership about the area which is fantastic. We will be evaluating how well the space works over the next couple of months.'

## Mull of Kintyre half marathon voted top event in UK

ORGANISERS of the Mull of Kintyre Run (MOKRUN) are delighted that the half marathon event was voted as number one in the UK.

The event continues to receive fantastic reviews and feedback about the 2011 races and the committee is very excited about this year's event.

'The review in Runners World was amazing and runners have been extremely positive about the race, the Campbeltown area and its friendly locals that create the buzzing atmosphere the event is famous for,' said a spokeswoman for MOKRUN.

The committee has been inundated with requests from people from around the UK and abroad since the 2012 race became full in December.

'We may investigate the possibilities of increasing the field next year but we will need to evaluate the success of 2012 first,' said the spokeswoman

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# Members past and present celebrate 40 years of Campbeltown Flower Club

OVER the last 40 years Campbeltown Flower Club has gone from strength to strength.

Iona MacNeill cut the

cake at the Seafiel Hotel on Tuesday evening to celebrate 40 years since she started the club.

Members past and present gathered for a meal to celebrate the special anniversary.

The first meetings were

held in the community centre and later in the guide hall, now they are held on a monthly basis in the Red Cross Hall.

After a few years Mrs Sayers came to the club, and eventually took over the leadership.

The club became affiliated to the Scottish Association of Flower Arrangement Societies, and started to get demonstrators from far afield to show the latest ideas.

Every year the ladies hold a coffee morning, which is our main exhibition, and arrangements are made to depict a chosen theme.

They also help with local flower festivals and has managed to keep going all these years thanks to a strong committee and all the members helping to make meetings fun.

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# New store too pricey for Tesco!

by RUTH McCLEAN

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INCREASING costs have caused Tesco to pull plans for a new superstore.

*The Courier* understands the increase in cost meant it was not viable for Tesco to invest in a new store in Campbeltown.

Although there was a mixed reaction from locals about the news, a new cheese-making facility was welcomed across the area.

Many locals are asking why, at this late stage, Tesco has pulled out, putting to waste the amount of time and effort that has gone in so far.

A Tesco spokesman told *The Courier* they had spent a lot of time and money on the plans

and share the disappointment.

'We are absolutely committed to the town. I'd pay tribute to our staff who continue to work hard for customers.'

Councillor John Semple said this was a welcome break for Kintyre farmers who depend on the creamery.

'Local traders who questioned the impact of a Tesco superstore on business can also breathe a sigh of relief, but it will be a disappointment for consumers who had hoped to benefit from the project.'

The revised plan will secure 100 jobs and 38 dairy farms, and the new factory will be funded with up to £2million

from the Scottish Government and funds from First Milk, the UK's leading dairy farming co-operative.

Councillor Donald Kelly told *The Courier* the continued success of the Campbeltown Creamery is vital to the local economy of Kintyre.

'I am delighted that finally a positive decision has been taken to refurbish the existing facility.'

Councillor Rory Colville said: 'I am delighted that the Scottish Government and First Milk recognise the importance of the creamery to the local economy and are committed to the continued production of Mull of Kintyre Ched-

**What do you think about the new creamery development?**

**Are you disappointed about not getting a new Tesco superstore?**

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## Something in the Tayinloan water - Sheriff

SHERIFF Ruth Anderson QC questioned whether there was something in the water in Tayinloan at the town's sheriff court on Tuesday.

In the dock was 41-year-old Barry Slattery who admitted acting in a disorderly manner, shout, swear, place customers and staff in a state of fear and alarm and commit a breach of the peace at Tayinloan Village Shop in August 10 last year.

The court was told the victim was fuelling up her car outside the shop when Slattery of Ferry Cottage, Ferry Road, Tayinloan, encountered her.

Procurator fiscal David Glancy told the court words were exchanged and the accused acted adversely to the victim not taking the bait.

The court heard that this was the latest in a number of incidents, which have been brought to the attention of the police and were ending up in the sheriff court.

'The reason I am taking the view of putting these cases into the sheriff court is to communicate that this conduct can't be tolerated,' said Mr Glancy.

Sentence was deferred on Slattery for three months until April 12 for him to be of good behaviour and to save up money to pay a fine.

'I don't know what has happened if something is in the water, or people have lost all sense of proper or civilised behaviour,' Sheriff Anderson said.

## Tarbert wind farm plans withdrawn

A PLANNING application for the erection of a three-turbine wind farm at Tarbert has been withdrawn. The application also involved ancillary structures, improvements to access and a temporary slipway on Loch Fyne on land south of Meall Mor, Tarbert.

## Deferred sentence for assault on woman

A CAMPBELTOWN man had his sentence deferred for reports after he admitted punching a woman.

James Deavy of 68B Longrow, admitted the assault in a stationary car at the Old Quay Head, Campbeltown on October 29.

At the town's sheriff court on Wednesday his defence agent Mike Creegan told the court it was a case where too much alcohol involved.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC deferred sentence on the 20-year-old until February 16 for reports.

## Police Files

### Warned:

A MAN was warned regarding his conduct on Queen Street, Campbeltown on January 10.

Whilst police were at his house they discovered his electricity meter was bypassed and he has been reported.

### Car windscreen smashed:

THE back windscreen of a car was smashed at Mafeking Place in Campbeltown on January 11.

Police are appealing for any information.

### Information:

POLICE are appealing for information after a report of fly tipping at the old fish farm at Tayinloan, Kintyre.

At about 2pm on Saturday police received a report that a white van was seen heading towards Tayinloan about half an hour before with Fisher Trucks Rental written on the side.



Left to right: Isobel Dalziel, Liz McCrimmon, Fiona Blake and Graham Paterson. 21\_c03cheque01

# Fiona raises funds for Breakthrough Breast Cancer

FUNDS raised at a prize bingo night and a donation from a local business were presented to a local lady as part of her fundraising for Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Fiona Blake has raised nearly £10,000 over the last three years for the cancer charity through the generosity of family, friends and the people of Campbeltown for the research team in Scotland.

This has been accomplished through a prize bingo run each year by Isobel Dalziel and Liz McCrimmon and an annual supper dance held in December.

In November Isobel and Liz raised £242 from their prize bingo night, and Graham Paterson from the Curiosity Shop, Campbeltown, donated £236.51, a total of £478.51.

They presented a cheque to Fiona earlier this week to add to her fundraising total.

In 2011, Fiona was unable to arrange the December dance but instead has arranged a Valentine's themed supper dance next month in St John's Recreation Club.

## Tribute to Nancie Smith

CAMPBELTOWN Community Council paid tribute to Nancie Smith at its meeting on Monday night.

Nancie, who passed away in December, was a member of the community council for 36 years.

'Nancie did a lot of work in Campbeltown and for Campbeltown. She will be sorely missed,' convenor Jim Martin told the meeting before a minute's silence took place to remember Nancie.

## Electricity meters tampered with

SEVERAL people are being reported after a number of electricity meters were found to have been tampered with in Campbeltown.

Following checks to properties there has been six occasions in the last week where electricity meters were found to have been bypassed.

The first was on January 10 at Queen Street, followed by Davaar Avenue on January 12.

People from four properties on Burnside Street were also reported on January 11, 15 and 16.

Regular checks will be carried out on properties across Campbeltown to crack down on this sort of crime.

# Islay man found guilty of putting sand in fuel systems

by RUTH McCLEAN  
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AN ISLAY man has been found guilty of putting sand into the fuel systems of two machines.

John Adamson, aged 61, of Coullabus Keeper's Cottage, Bridgend, denied putting sand in an Argocat motor vehicle and a grass cutting machine on June 11 last year at a garage occupied by Islay Estate, Bridgend.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Tuesday the trial against Adamson continued.

The court previously heard one of the workers had used the mower on Friday June 10 and it was running 'ok'. He had gone to get the mower on the Sunday but had difficulty starting it up.

When it was inspected, sand was found in the fuel tank. When other machinery was checked sand was also found in an Argocat motor vehicle.

On Tuesday a crown witness, the land agent for Islay Estates, showed closed circuit television (CCTV). He said what looked like a water bottle appeared in Adamson's pocket when he was going into the shed. He was seen coming out of the shed screwing the lid back on the bottle before going round the back to his car.

In his evidence Adamson said he had gone to the shed to look for an

ex-colleague who used to be the gardener for the estate.

He said he was planning on cutting the grass for a local bowling green and he had forgotten his keys to get the machinery out.

Instead of going back 10 miles to his house he thought he would see if the ex-colleague was at the shed as he had a set. He said he didn't recall having a bottle in his possession.

After hearing all the evidence Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said she found him guilty and didn't believe his explanation.

She deferred sentence until February 16 for reports to be carried out on Adamson.

## Campbeltown man remanded in custody

A CAMPBELTOWN man made no plea or declaration when he appeared at the town's sheriff court on Monday charged with an assault to severe injury and permanent disfigurement.

George McAllister aged 30, c/o HMP Greenock, was also charged with breaching the peace and attempting to pervert the

course of justice.

He was remanded in custody for a full investigation after appearing at court in private following the alleged incident at the weekend in Campbeltown.

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## Penalty points

A TARBERT man had five penalty points put on his licence after he admitted driving carelessly.

Alexander MacNab, aged 20, of 17 Mealdanoch, Tarbert pled guilty to the offence on September 12 at Pier Road, Tarbert.

Procurator fiscal David Glancy told Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Wednesday MacNab had stopped his car deliberately in front of another car which was coming towards his, causing a collision.

He said he wanted to question the man about comments made on Facebook about him.

MacNab's defence agent Jim McKeown said the facts spoke for themselves.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson fined MacNab £250 and put five points on his driving licence.

## Pot holes and damaged roads discussed at East Kintyre Community Action Plan workshop

BETTER promotion of the council's inquiry line for pot holes to allow road repairs to take place more often, was one of the issues discussed at the East Kintyre Community Action Plan workshop on Saturday.

### Importance

More than 35 people attended at the Carradale Hotel to cast their votes on issues of importance that they wish to see addressed within the area.

What actions the community will take to help address them in future years was also addressed.

The economy, local services and facilities,

and roads and transport were the top three issues being discussed.

Some of the actions to be taken include: better promotion of the local inquiry line for potholes and road damage to allow road repairs to take place more often, investigating ways to provide better elderly services for the ageing population, and the creation of a community owned fuel station in Carradale.

Full results of the consultation process and action plan will be published in the East Kintyre Community Action Plan in late February 2012.



Malcolm McMillan of South Kintyre Development Trust at one of the three stations during Saturday's workshops in Carradale. 21\_c03skdt01

## Too much time being wasted on marina project

COUNCILLOR John Semple is urging that no more time is wasted on implementing the consultants for the Campbeltown Marina project.

Following a private session of the Campbeltown CHORD project board, the future of Campbeltown Marina still hangs in the balance, and is the second of such a meeting, Councillor Semple said sees its fate being delayed.

'There has been a lot of beating about the bush over which option for the marina should be progressed.

Consultants advised the board last year on the most economically beneficial format for the marina, which would bring the most in jobs and spending locally.

'The issue for the board now is how it prioritises its projects. The CHORD project must focus on delivering economic benefits, I call on the chair of the project board, Councillor Rory Colville, to waste no more time in implementing the consultants preferred option.'

Councillor Semple said it was a shame the discussion involved commercially sensitive information as he is sure the public would be interested in some of the arguments being put forward behind closed doors.

# Landfill sites strike averted

by Steven Flanagan  
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PLANNED strike action at Shanks' landfill sites across Argyll and Bute over pay and conditions was averted at the last minute on Friday.

Staff at the waste disposal company had voted through the GMB and Unite unions to take industrial action in a row over a significant cut to sick pay entitlement and a one per cent pay increase offer, spread over three years.

Workers had intended to close the gates at Campbeltown dump site at the Roding, Campbeltown on Monday morning, but Shanks' decision to return to the negotiating

table meant the action was cancelled.

However, the company has been warned that the 30 workers affected will hold the two-hour strike on February 6 from 8am to 10am if a satisfactory agreement cannot be found.

Shanks operate in five of the county's burghs, Oban, Lochgilphead, Campbeltown, Dunoon and Rothesay.

Further disagreement would result in a two-day strike.

Tom Connarty, whose Unite union represents 11 of the employees, said: 'Until now, staff at Argyll and Bute's landfill

sites have been entitled to six months' full sick pay and six months half. Shanks have offered 18 weeks on a sliding scale of rate.

'The offer of a one per cent pay increase over three years is derisory anyway, but across the central belt the increase has been between two to 2.75 per cent.'

Alex McLucky of GMB said: 'The company has agreed to have a further round of negotiations and we're quite happy with that.'

'We've given them four weeks to come to a satisfactory conclusion. If there's still no satisfactory conclusion, we'll look at taking action again.'

## GRADUATIONS



Lisa Hanna graduated from the University of Arizona on 17/12/2011 with the degree of doctor of nursing practice. She is currently employed as a Nurse Practitioner in charge of Palliative care in Orange County, California. Lisa is the daughter of Roy and Liz Johnston, Campbeltown.



Mairi Cowan, younger daughter of John and Lesley Cowan of Oatfield House, Campbeltown, has successfully achieved her PhD in Fish Reproductive Physiology at the Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling.

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# Superfast broadband work to start in 2013

by RUTH McCLEAN  
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WORK to deliver superfast broadband to the area will begin in 2013.

A planned rollout of the broadband across the whole of the Highlands and islands is progressing according to plan according to the region's development agency.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) posted an open tender invitation for a partner to co-invest in next generation broadband in June last year, attracting interest from four bidders.

Three of those companies, Cable and Wireless,

Fujitsu, and Commendium, are no longer part of the process, and HIE is now negotiating with BT as the sole bidder. Detailed costs and timescales for each phase of the project will be the subject of negotiation.

However, HIE currently anticipates that total costs are likely to fall somewhere in a range between £200m and £300m.

Funding will come from both the private and public sectors, and is expected to include a contribution from the

European Regional Development Fund.

Andrea Rutherford, HIE's senior development manager for telecommunications, said: 'This is a highly ambitious initiative, and the largest rural broadband project in the UK.'

'It requires a technically proficient commercial partner to invest significantly in a superfast broadband infrastructure which will benefit businesses and communities across the Highlands and Islands.'

If negotiations are successful, HIE anticipates signing contracts by August 2012.

## Passenger numbers up at Highlands and Islands airports

PASSENGER numbers for Highlands and Islands Airport Limited (HIAL) are up for December 2011, compared to the same time in 2012.

The HIAL group has seen an increase of 24.7 per cent, 17,971 passengers, across all of its airports, which includes Campbeltown and Islay.

### Positive

Overall in 2011 passenger numbers remained positive with a 9.6 per cent increase on 2010.

Commenting on passenger results for December 2011, Inglis Lyon, Managing Director for HIAL said: 'We have been fortunate to enjoy a far milder festive period than the previous year - it is predominantly due to this that we can attribute the 24.7 per cent group increase. December 2010 was exceptional in terms of winter weather conditions which saw cancellations and snow closures throughout the HIAL group.'



## Dalintober Primary get on their bikes!

**ALL Dalintober's primary seven pupils who did their cycling proficiency training this session passed their tests with 'A' passes which is a first for any school in Argyll and Bute. Caroline Armour, P7/Principal Teacher, and all the pupils involved would like to thank the dedicated team of parent helpers who gave up their valuable time to train the pupils: Mrs I Shaw, Mrs C Kane, Mrs F Kay, Mrs J Thomson, Mrs I Semple and Mr A Kenny. They would also like to thank June Graham and Kay McGhee, Road Safety Unit, Argyll and Bute Council for providing lots of excellent resources including interactive whiteboard activities on the schools' GLOW network. c03dalintober03**

## Pioneering technology could be fitted at Campbeltown Airport

PIONEERING technology which guides aircraft through poor visibility when landing could be fitted at Campbeltown Airport.

Highlands and Islands Airports (HIAL) hopes to install the EGNOS satellite navigation system at

Campbeltown as well as Barra and Benbecula airports.

### Measure

The system works with GPS-style equipment on the planes to accurately measure its location in relation to the landing strip.

Loganair, who run flights to the airports, say its smaller aircraft have the equipment needed to work with the new technology, making a trial run viable.

If successful, the equipment could be introduced across all HIAL's sites.

## Lochgilphhead driver twice the legal limit

A 33-YEAR-old man has been disqualified from driving for 18 months after he admitted being twice over the legal alcohol limit in Tarbert.

Richard Johnston, of 63 Highbank Park, Lochgilphhead, pled guilty to driving on Barmore Road and Harbour Street, Tarbert, with 69 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath on

July 1 last year; the legal limit is 35.

Johnston had previously denied the charge and changed his plea on Tuesday at Campbeltown Sheriff Court after the crown case of the trial against him had been closed.

As well as banning him from driving Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC also fined him £500.

## Penalty points for speeding

A TEENAGER from Campbeltown has had three penalty points put on her licence after being found guilty of driving at excessive speed.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Wednesday Kerry MacDougall, aged 18, of 117 Sound of Kintyre denied driving without care, losing control and colliding with an oncoming vehicle on June 22 on the Pollywilline Road near Ballmenach Drive.

A crown witness told the court she could see the accused's car coming towards her 'quite fast' and was able to try to swerve to try avoid a collision.

In his crown evidence a police constable told the court that there were locked tyre marks on the road for 15.3 metres.

### Apparent

'Having looked at length of the marks there, it was very apparent to me the vehicle had been driving at an inappropriate speed.'

In her evidence MacDougall said she remembers going between 35 and 40 miles per hour.

She said when she saw the other car she applied the brakes, her car skidded and went into it; she denied being responsible for the accident.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC found the accused guilty and said it was as a result of her inexperience and going too fast for the road conditions.

Sheriff Anderson also fined her £100.

### GRADUATION



Ailsa MacNab graduated recently with a BA in Business Studies from the University of the West of Scotland, Paisley. Ailsa had previously gained an HND in Administration and ICT from Glasgow College of Nautical Studies where she was course prize-winner. She attended Ardrishaig Primary and Lochgilphhead High School and is the younger daughter of John and Jennifer MacNab, Ardrishaig.



Eleanor Macpherson, Dunblain, Southend was awarded a honours degree in Community Health Nursing by the University of the West of Scotland.

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## Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



THE last rays of the late afternoon sun had left the sky bathed in a rosy winter glow, and the islands had already become silhouettes on the horizon.

The sea had become calm as the waves lapped gently to the shore

It was then I spotted it – a great dancing, twisting, drifting cloud of starlings.

I was fascinated by this acrobatic ballet in the sky and soon became engrossed in the beauty and precision of the dance of the starlings.

There must have been more than 200 birds in perfect harmony moving gracefully as one.

I've seen this often on TV and I believe there is a place in Denmark where over a million starlings dance this amazing dance.

They twist and turn with no apparent signal or leader, and as two groups merge, there is never a collision or disruption to the formation.

It is indeed a wondrous sight.

I watched as they swept across their invisible motorways in the sky to roost.

There was quietness when the whirr of wings had gone and I was left with a sense of wonder in the stillness.

A solitary heron broke my thoughts as he too made his way to rest for the night.

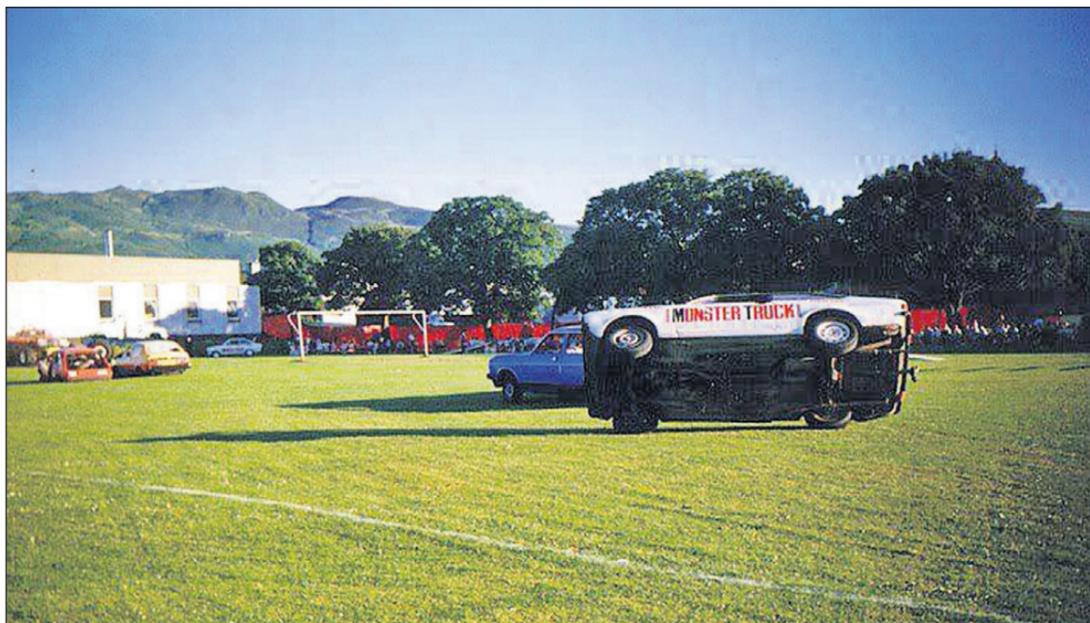
It seemed as if all of creation was going to sleep.

The smoke drifted from my chimney and as I turned to go into the warmth, I gave thanks again for the wonder of nature, and the beauty that is on our own doorstep.

The fire crackled its welcome and the first star came over the hill behind the house.

All of Nature appears to be at peace after the storms and seems to almost sigh with relief.

The winter gales have done much damage, but the new green shoots have broken through to remind us that the dance of spring will enchant us once again.



## Down Memory Lane

**ADAM Boyd of Millknowe, Campbeltown sent in this old photograph from 1989 when the Monster Truck Show came to the town. He said the event took place on July 18, 1989. Do you have any photographs from the event, or have any more details to go with this photograph, if so, then please get in touch.**

### Support for the RNLI

Sir,  
We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Campbeltown area who so generously supported the RNLI during 2011.

The RNLI is a charity which relies on donations from the public to keep the service afloat and we were delighted to be told that the amount raised in the area has increased by more than £7,000 to £27,000 in 2011.

The public raises money for us through a variety of fundraising efforts and the RNLI is always appreciative of any contribution no matter how small - every penny counts.

Last year was a notable one for us in Campbeltown with the happy occasion of a ceremony to name our new inshore lifeboat, and the station also celebrated 150 years of saving lives at sea.

Thanks again.

**The crew at Campbeltown Lifeboat Station.**

## Letters to the Editor

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### Thanks to Kintyre Express

Sir,  
I feel compelled to write a letter of gratitude to *Kintyre Express* and all associated with the company, for their outstanding service.

Unfortunately, we got word late on Monday night that a relation had passed away and on receiving this sad news, I decided the best and possibly easiest means of transport over to Ireland was to try and see if it was possible and viable to charter the *Kintyre Express*.

So on Tuesday morning I went into their office to check the possibility of this option. Even though it was short notice and the threat of inclement weather at this time

of year was a distinct probability, the girls in the office managed to reassure me that we would manage to depart early on Thursday morning in time for the funeral.

Thanks to Skipper Haydn Chambers and his 'first mate' John McCallum, we managed the crossing there and back in just over an hour each way.

Therefore, it is without hesitation, I would like to recommend this service to anyone, whether it is an organised excursion, or like ourselves, a last minute need to get somewhere in a hurry, to consider this option available on our doorstep.

Finally, I would just like to reiterate and thank all involved, from the initial inquiry in West Coast Motors, to the journey itself and special thanks must go

to Karina, for her particular helpfulness and courteous manner.

**John McKinlay, Campbeltown**

### Quesada tragedy

Sir,  
In response to the anonymous OAP's letter in last week's edition of *The Campbeltown Courier*.

The *MQ Quesada* left Campbeltown on a pleasure cruise with 18 on board on Sunday May 22, 1966 and ended up being one of the worst disasters in local maritime history with the loss of eight men.

My father Hugh was one of the lucky ones rescued due to the sheer heroism of two well-known local fishing boat skippers Jim Meenan and Neil Speed.

I have in place all relevant permission and support to erect a memo-

rial plaque on the pier head and hope to have this completed during the summer time.

Anyone wishing to contact with me with any stories, memories or donations can do so on 07733114690 or by email [dobster@tangy-place.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:dobster@tangy-place.fsnet.co.uk).

Incidentally, there is a very fitting memorial on Carradale Pier that marks the tragedy of the *Antares* and respects the memory of the crew perfectly.

**David Colville, Brookfield, Campbeltown**

### More support for the A83 campaign

Sir,  
As a community body currently finalising proposals to purchase the former RAF Machrihanish Airfield for the economic benefit of Kintyre we fully support the campaign to upgrade the A83.

Machrihanish Airbase Community Company view the infrastructure network of deep-sea harbour and runway being very attractive to future business opportunities and in order to serve future business the A83 is of strategic importance also.

The impact of the A83 closure and having to take alternative routes has a detrimental impact on businesses that may utilise the airbase in the future if they cannot guarantee to get to Kintyre.

Finally the A83 from Kennacraig to Campbeltown is the main artery to Campbeltown that is in need of upgrading to trunk road status and improvement works carried out for the longer-term viability of the Kintyre economy.

**Tom Millar, Director, Machrihanish Airbase Community Company**

### Correction

WE HAVE been asked to point out that in last week's Campbeltown Courier the heading of the article 'Panned gold engagement ring will be fashioned by Grant Logan' is incorrect.

Grant has already made the ring for the man, as was stated in the article.

Apologies for any confusion caused by this error.

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# Carradale piper has the busiest year of his career

by RUTH McCLEAN  
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A WELL-known local piper has had the busiest year yet in his career.

Carradale's Lorne MacDougall has had a number of highlights over the last 12 months, which could change his career for the

better. He took the Lorne MacDougall band out for the first time to the Celtic Connections in Glasgow.

This is something that continued throughout the year, taking in vari-

ous venues including the local music festival and Piping Live as well as a radio session on BBC Radio Scotland's Take the Floor and Radio 3's World on Three.

Lorne told *The Courier*: 'I enjoyed being a finalist in the BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year for

the third, and last time at the end of January and once again got a lot of enjoyment out of it.'

He had a short English tour with Bodega in February and was lucky enough to perform at the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band's tenth anniversary concert in March.

In the Spring he said

there were a lot of great experiences including 10 days spent teaching and playing on Islay as a guest with Manran.

During the summer, he continued playing various festivals with bands like Bodega, his own band and The Muckle Loons and also recorded an album with the TMSA Young Trad Tour, who are the finalists of this year's Young Trad award.

'I also had the honour of being a solo piper in Stavanger, Norway for the Tall Ships' Race finale, which was massive and involved playing solo pipes over a heavy metal band to 75,000 people,' he said.

### Tours

Autumn was almost entirely spent between two tours, a month touring Austria, Switzerland, the Czech Republic and Slovenia with Bodega which was totally thrilling, then back to a tour with the TMSA Young Trad lot which ended in Campbeltown and another excuse to party, but this time in Carradale.

November had two trips to London, the first for the recording of *Brave* - the new Disney Pixar film, then the second to perform with a Tuvan Throat singer Albert Ku-



For the latest on Lorne visit his website [www.lornemacdougall.com](http://www.lornemacdougall.com).



Lorne on stage with his band at Oran Mor, Glasgow.

vezin, who is a bit of a big deal in the world's music scene.

'Throughout the year, I've also been regularly teaching between Tarbert Music Centre and Glasgow Fiddle workshop,' he said. 'I also produce and present a podcast called PlanetPipe online and a few wee guest spots presenting on Radio Scotland.'

In 2012 he hopes to carry on with more of

the same, action-packed schedule.

'I will be trying to work and play even harder. I am continuing my involvement with the Red Hot Chilli Pipers and we are starting to rehearse on some new pieces. I've also formed a new band after Bodega disbanded with two of the members, we've recorded a demo but not got a name yet so look out for that later this month.'

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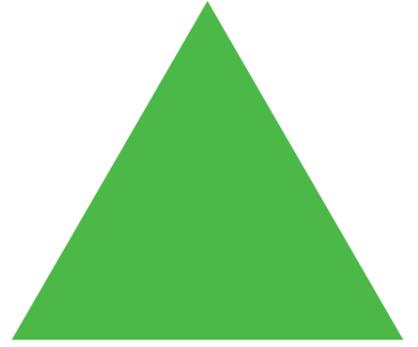
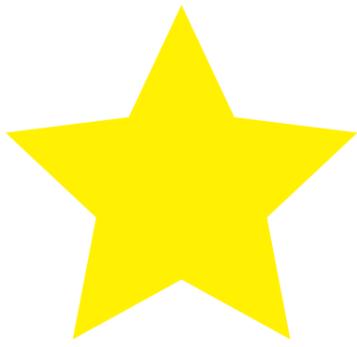
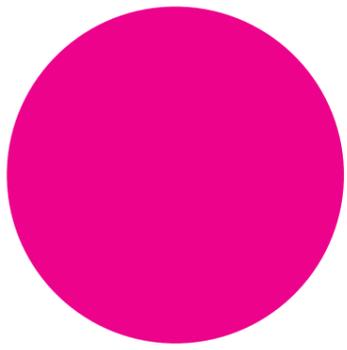
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- 13 Fancy (6)
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- 21 Campaign (7)
- 22 Remorseful (8)
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- 1 Special time (8)
- 2 Poison plant from the Rhus family (6)
- 4 Sudden increase in population (6)
- 5 In music, use an organ a few times, playing wind (6-6)
- 6 Chaos (7)
- 7 Level (4)
- 8 One who meets (12)
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- 14 Buff material (7)
- 16 Guiding light (6)
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- 19 A pile of rubbish (4)

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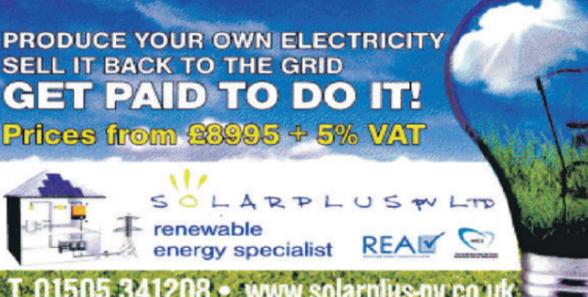
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## Learning about the island's past

CHILDREN on Jura and Gigha are getting the chance to learn more about their island's pasts.

Kilmartin House Museum are visiting schools on the islands in the Spring with a host of activities and replica artefacts to help the children better understand where they live.

Kate Moody, Education Officer at Kilmartin House Museum said: 'We are really excited about visiting these islands as they have lots of fantastic sites and monuments which tell us a great deal about how our ancestors lived and worked there.'

'As part of our visit we plan to take the children out to some of the sites, show them replicas of some of the tools and equipment their ancestors would have used and explain why it is important to protect the unique archaeology of the islands.'

Part of the visit will also involve working with local artists in the schools to create artwork that will represent the children's understanding of their island's history and

its importance today. Kilmartin House Museum is asking artists from the islands to contact them if they are interested in working with the school on their island on the project.

For more details please contact contact Ailsa Raeburn or Kate Moody at Kilmartin House Museum on 01546 510278.

## Fishing boat rescued

GIGHA Coastguard Team and fishing vessel, *Blue Angel* assisted in the rescue of a fishing boat and her crew on January 10.

The fishing vessel *Highland Queen*, with three people on board, suffered engine failure and started to take on water at 4pm.

She was towed back to Tayinloan by *Blue Angel*.

**WEST KINTYRE**

## Wind turbine projects

CHAIRWOMAN of West Kintyre Community Council Elizabeth Ball explained individual wind turbine projects in the area are a growing concern.

She told a meeting of the community council last week that any individual with concerns about projects should

**GIGHA**



**FIVE children from Gigha Primary School were successful this year in the Argyll and Bute Road Safety Calendar competition. Amelia Steele won first prize in the Primary 2 category and her sister, Daisy, won first prize in Primary 4. They each received £25 in Amazon vouchers. Bryce Harvey and Finn Beagan, Primary 5, were presented with Highly Commended certificates as well as Amanda Clements in Primary 6.**

contact the council to relay their views, in support or against.

Elizabeth said there were mixed feelings about some of the projects which have popped up in the West Kintyre area and said it is going to be a 'controversial issue'.

'It is up to the individuals to make their feelings known to the council,' she told the meeting. 'Whether this is for or against individual projects.'

## Increase in assaults

THERE has been an increase in assaults and vandalisms in West Kintyre.

During the last three months of 2011 there were six reports of assaults, compared to the same period in 2012.

There were also three reported cases of vandalism, compared to just one in the last three months of 2012.

There was a decrease however in the amount of thefts.

In October, November and December 2010 there were 10 thefts reported during that time, with less reported in that period in 2011.

Sergeant Heron told the meeting that the figures are still concerning none the less.

He said there had been a spate of vandalisms in the Tayinloan area which is an ongoing issue.

**WHITEHOUSE**

## Plans renewed

A PLANNING application for the erection of

a house on land north west of Home Farm, Whitehouse has been renewed.

The application also included the installation of a septic tank.

## Mast approved

A PLANNING application for an 80-metre high meteorological mast for Whitehouse, near Tarbert has been approved.

The planning application was approved by Argyll and Bute Council this week for the mast to be erected for a temporary period of two years.

The mast is to be put on land south east of Loch Freasdail, south of Whitehouse.

**TARBERT**

## New house

ARGYLL and Bute Council permitted a planning application last week for a house to be erected at Bruce Hill, Tarbert.

**BELLOCHANTUY**

## Storage shed

A STORAGE shed has been approved planning permission for land north of Killocrow Cottage, Bellochantuy.

The retrospective application was permitted by Argyll and Bute Council last week.

**ISLAY**

## New master blender

A NEW master blender has been appointed for Morrison Bowmore Distillers (MBD).

Rachel Barrie has taken up the post immediately for one of the major names in Scotch whisky and producers of Auchentoshan, Bowmore and Glen Garioch Single Malt Scotch Whiskies.

Rachel will also head up the company's Spir-

it Quality Control and laboratory functions. She will join Morrison Bowmore's Operational Senior Executive Group and report directly to Andrew Rankin, MBD Operations Director and Chief Blender.

She joins the company bringing a vast amount of knowledge and experience having served many years in a similar role within The Glenmorangie Company.

Commenting on the appointment Andrew Rankin says: 'Rachel is one of the most experienced Master Blenders in our industry and I am extremely delighted that she will be joining our team here at MBD.'

'We have a very strong blending team within the company and this appointment will massively strengthen and reinforce our commitment to producing the ultimate in quality Single Malt Scotch Whiskies.'

## Choir holds first practice

Còisir Ghàidhlig Ìle held its first practice of the New Year in Bowmore Hall last week.

The choirs, Mixed Voice, Ladies and Male Voices, will be starting work on the 2012 National Mòd prescribed pieces.

Last night (Thursday) the choir's annual general meeting, postponed from December 8 due to severe weather, was due to be held in Bowmore Hall.

## Ramsay Hall roof torn off

IT IS not known how long Port Ellen's iconic Ramsay Hall will be closed after its distinguishable roof was torn off by stormy weather on Islay.

Argyll and Bute Council said it was too early to say when it could repair the hall, which hosts a number of community events.

Following the storm, the council said its priority had been to make the building safe.

A council spokeswoman added: 'We are taking steps to make sure the building is protected from further damage.'

'We are speaking with our insurers to agree a way forward to fix the damage.'



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**RHUNAHORINE**



**RHUNAHORINE Primary School was busy over the festive period. Its Nativity was one of the many things the children were involved in.**

# Good turnout for Blackface breeders' stock-judging event

KINTYRE Blackface Sheep Breeders' Association had a good number of entries for its stock-judging last Friday evening.

Held at Langa Farm, Kilkennie, the event attracted a large contingent

from across Argyll.

Sheep were provided by the association's Kintyre members and master judge for the evening was Sybil MacPherson, Brackley, Dalmally.

With a total of 73 individual entries, the

overall competition was won by Iain Shaw from Mid Argyll with Grant MacPherson and Archie Armour in joint second place.

### Junior prize

The junior prize was won by Alastair MacArthur from Arnicle with Grant MacPherson winning the Young Farmers prize.

The ladies were led by Mairi Barr. The McArthur family won the team prize.

Thanks are due to Rory and Mary Colville for allowing use of the sheep shed at Langa, and many local businesses that provided prizes.

Full list of prizewinners

Open competition: 1 Iain Shaw, Mid Argyll, 2 equal Grant MacPherson, Mid Argyll and Archie Armour, Ballybrennan; ladies: 1 Mairi Barr, Lochgilphead, 2 Janice McKendrick, High Dalrioch, 3 Margaret Bate-man, Langholm; Junior 1 Alastair McArthur, Arnicle, 2 equal Katherine Semple, Kilkeddan and Nathan Armstrong, Ballywilline.

Young Farmers: 1 Grant MacPherson, Mid Argyll, 2 equal Alec MacPherson, Mid Argyll and Graeme MacMillan, Mid Argyll.

Team prize: Iain McArthur, David McArthur and Alastair McArthur.



Dalmally's Sybil MacPherson was judge for the evening at the stock-judging at Langa Farm. 21\_c03sheep01



Farmers from across Argyll travelled to compete in the event, including the regular locals from Kintyre. 21\_c03sheep02

## Wiseman Dairies agrees takeover bid

ROBERT Wiseman Dairies, the UK's biggest milk supplier, has agreed to a £280m takeover by German dairy company Muller Group.

Robert Wiseman said more than half of its shareholders have accepted the offer from the German-owned yoghurt maker best known for Muller Corner and Muller Rice.

Although shareholders have yet to officially vote, it is being seen as a done deal by analysts, and will trigger a £98m windfall for the Wiseman

family, who own 35 per cent of the shares.

Wiseman produces about a third of the fresh milk consumed in the UK and counts the Co-operative Group, Sainsbury's and Tesco among its customers.

### Reported

In November, Robert Wiseman reported a fall in its full-year profits.

The company said the

deal complements its positions in the yoghurt, potted desserts and fresh milk markets.

Robert Wiseman reported total sales of £917.5m for the financial year ended April 2, 2011.

Muller, which is owned by privately held Theo

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North Argyll Carers Centre's commitment to Equal Opportunities is reflected in our selection process. The post is fixed term for 1 year • CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 3rd February 2012 at 12 noon Interview date 15th February 2012 Registered Charity no:SC040902



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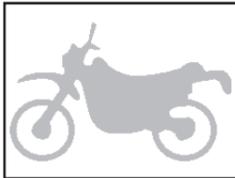
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12/00002/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and garage and installation of septic tank (renewal of planning permission 06/02328/DET)	Land North East of Home Farm Whitehouse by Tarbert Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Tarbert
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A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.

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The closing date for applications for a decision in April is 24 February 2012.

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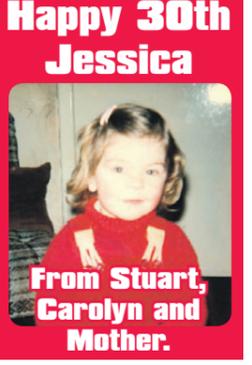
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**Happy 18th Birthday Leanne**



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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

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

**BIRTHS**

**BARRETT** – Both grandparents are delighted to announce the birth of Stella McAulay Barrett, to Gemma and Mark, on January 1, 2012 at the Royal Maternity Hospital, Glasgow. First grandchild for Mandy and Duncan McGowan and second for Malina and Duncan McAulay.

**MCCARTNEY** – Callum and Zara are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Lacey, on January 9, 2012. First grandchild for Jim and Ailsa. Thanks to all the midwives at Royal Alexandra Hospital and Mid Argyll.

**PATERSON** – Neil and Sonia are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter, Rosie, born on December 30, 2011. A first granddaughter for Graham and Denise Anderson and Jock and Flora and the late Sheila Paterson. A great granddaughter for Anna and the late David Anderson and Shirley and the late Malcolm McMillan and Sandy and the late Betty Paterson.

**WIKE** – Jamey and Ashleigh are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, Joey Andrew, at Campbeltown Maternity Unit on January 4, 2012. A wee brother for J.J. Special thanks to all midwives for their care.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**BLAIR – ROBERTSON** – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Tommy Blair, Manchester, to Karen Anne Robertson, Inveraray on December 28, 2011.

**CAMPBELL – MACKILLOP** – Both families have great pleasure in announcing the engagement, on Christmas Day, of Scott, eldest son of Kenneth and Nannette, Crossibeg Cottage, and Laura, only daughter of Gilbert and Audrey, 12 Bumbank Cottages, Drumlembie.

**MARRISON – DARGE** – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on Christmas Eve, of Iona, daughter of Graham and Mary Marrison, Kilbarchan, to Andrew, son of Andrew and Jackie Darge, Johnstone.

**MILLOY – DUNCAN** – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Tracie Michelle, daughter of Donna Harvey and Shaun Harvey, to Donnie Duncan, son of Donald and Florence Duncan.

**DEATHS**

**CASH** – Peacefully, at the Lorne and Islands District General Hospital, Oban, on January 17, 2012, Annie MacIntyre, in her 82nd year, Erans, Kintyre Gardens, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Fredrick Cash, much loved mother of Valerie and the late Freddie. Service in the Lorne and

Lowland Church on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 2.00pm. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. A cremation service will be held in Clydebank Crematorium on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 2.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

**CLIMSON** – Anna Vettes. Peacefully at Golfhill Nursing Home on January 15, 2012, Anna, much loved mum, mother-in-law, gran and sister. Will be sadly missed by all the family. Funeral service on Friday, January 20, at Daldowie Crematorium at 10.15am.

**GILLIES** – Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 14, 2012, Angela Jean McMillan, in her 56th year, Cara View, Tayinloan, loving mother of Fiona, sister of Catherine, a loving and much loved aunt and daughter of the late Angus and Jean McMillan. Service will be held in A'Chleit Church, on Friday, January 20, 2012 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Patchan Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A Retiral collection will be held in aid of the MS Society, Campbeltown Branch.

**HUTTON** – Suddenly, but peacefully, after a short illness, borne bravely, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on January 12, 2012, Geoff Hutton, aged 61 years, of Dunaven, Victoria Park, Minard. Beloved husband of Marion, loving father of Michael and step-father to Linda, Maureen and Jane. Adored grandpa and papa. Cherished brother of Diana and a dear uncle and cousin to all the family. A good friend and work colleague to many. Funeral service was held on Thursday, January 19 at Christ Church, Lochgilphead. Sadly Missed.

**LEYS** – Peacefully, at the home of her daughter Karen, on January 14, 2012, Jane, beloved wife of the late Donald and much loved mother, mother-in-law and granny and a dear friend.

**MACDONALD** – Peacefully in the Sun Room at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 13, 2012, Flora McKenzie Docherty, in her 90th year, 54 Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Hughie, mother of Hugh, mother-in-law of Mairi, sister of Moira and the late Angus, Phemie and Margaret and a treasured aunt, great aunt and great great aunt.

**MACNICOL** – Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead on January 8, 2012, Netta MacNicol, aged 87 years, of 39 Highbank Park, Lochgilphead. Beloved daughter of the late William and Christine MacDonal. Loving sister of Catherine MacDonal (Tayness, Kilmartin). Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Thursday, January 19, 2012, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery.

**MCINNES** – Suddenly at home, 43 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, on January 11, 2012, Margaret Catherine Campbell, in her 78th year, dearly beloved wife of John McInnes, much loved mother of Elaine and Caroline and a loving and much loved granny and great granny.

**MCKENZIE** – Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 15, 2012, John Coffield McKenzie (Ian), in his 80th year, 135 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Lily McIntyre, much loved father of Nan, Heather and Ruth, loving granda of Morag, Iona and Islay and a loving brother of Rita and Nan.

**MCKERRAL** – Peacefully, with his family at home, 11 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, on January 17, 2012, Alistair McKerral, in his 72nd year, dearly beloved husband and dearest friend of Jean McLeod Weir, much loved father of Andrew and Alistair, loving father-in-law of Marie and loving granda of Jamie, Scott and Nicola. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Church on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of MacMillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**CAMPBELL** – The family of the late Isabella Campbell wish to thank all family and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and support at this time. Special thanks to all staff at Auchinlee for their excellent care of Mum over the last three years and also Dr Lazarus. Thanks also to the many people who attended the church service and graveside on Friday. Our deep gratitude is extended to Rev Catriona Hood for an uplifting service, David McEwan for lovely music and Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for efficient and professional service and also to Ardshiel Hotel for an excellent purvey. Christina, Anna and Emily.

**MCLEAN** – Aileen and family wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for all their support and kind expressions of sympathy following the sad bereavement of Betty. Heartfelt thanks to all the medical staff in Campbeltown and Beatson hospitals, especially Dr Lazarus, MacMillan nurses, in particular Kitty Millar, district nurses, ICT team, OT team and all her carers and the Telecare team whose support, dedication, care and friendship allowed us to have her wishes acknowledged. Rev Philip Burroughs for his comforting services here and Glasgow, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professionalism and sensitive support shown to all the family during the funeral arrangements, the Seafield Hotel for excellent catering. A retiral collection of £260 will go to MacMillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**COLVILLE** – In loving memory of James Colville (Jimmy), a dearly loved son, nephew and cousin, who died January 19, 2008. "Loved and remembered always".  
- Family at home and away.

**COOK** – In loving memory of my wife, Elizabeth. A much loved mum who died on January 25, 2007. Forever in our hearts. Loved and remembered always.  
- Malcolm, Steven and Darren.

**HARKNESS** – In loving memory of a dear husband and dad, Chris, who died January 20, 2000. Never more than a thought away  
Loved and remembered every day.  
- From your loving wife, 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.

**MACDONALD** – Cherished memories of a much loved mum, gran and great gran, Netta, died January 16, 2009.

Though absent you are always near,  
Still loved, still missed, still very dear.  
- All the family, home and away.

**MACLELLAN** – Treasured memories of our parents and grandparents, Norman, who died on January 10, 1990 and Isabella, who died on January 17, 2008.

Forever in our thoughts.  
- Norma, Alex and family.  
- Alister and family.  
**MCLELLAN** – Loving memories of a much loved mum and nana, Agnes, who died on January 23, 2000.

Mum, it's twelve years since you were taken away  
But you're loved and remembered every day.

- Loving daughters Margaret, Sandra and families.  
**MUIR** – Fondest memories of our dear mum, Bessie, died January 22, 2011.

No farewell words were spoken  
No time to say goodbye  
You were gone before we knew it  
And only God can tell us why.

- Love Jean, Willie, Jessie and Bill xx.  
We can't have the old days back

When we were all together  
But secret tears and loving thoughts  
Will be with us forever.  
Miss you x.

- Love from all the grandchildren.

**ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH**  
Sunday 22nd January 2012  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
Tarbert Art and Leisure Centre  
Kilberry Service 2.00pm  
Rev Tommy Bryson  
For all church enquiries and pastoral care  
Telephone 01880 821012  
Everyone very welcome  
SC002622

**ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
Sunday 22nd January  
"Stand on your feet and I will speak to you"  
(Ezekiel 2:1)  
Services in  
Ardishaig at 11:00am  
Achahoish at 12:30pm  
Scottish Charity Numbers  
(SC010713 & SC010782)

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
Sunday, 22nd January, 2012  
Kilmartin Church 10a.m.  
Rev. Cliff Acklam  
Communion  
Kirk Session Thursday,  
26th Jan. 2012  
in Kilmartin Hall at 7.30p.m.  
All welcome  
SC002121

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
Sunday 22nd January 2012  
10.00am Breaking of Bread  
Mr Bobby Holden Ardrishaig  
10.50 Coffee  
11.15am  
Family Service with Sunday School and Crèche  
Mr Bobby Holden Ardrishaig  
7.00pm Youth Group  
Wednesday 25th January  
10.00am Jellytots – Parent and Toddler Group  
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
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**LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
All Welcome  
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
Sunday 22nd January 2012  
11.00am Morning Service with communion  
Monday 23rd January  
Ladies Meeting  
Mrs Margaret Parfitt  
Ardrishaig  
Wednesday 25th January  
Messy Church  
5pm  
Jumpstart Group  
Friday 10.00 – 11.30am  
Scottish Charity SC015187

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
Sunday 22 January 2012  
11.00am  
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch  
Speaker: Graham McLean  
"Breakthrough Prayer"  
Thursday 26 January 2012  
7.30pm  
Praise, prayer & sharing  
All Welcome

*Highland Parish Church*  
SC002493  
Sunday 22nd January 2012  
Pending replacement of church heating system. Sunday services will be held in Kirk St Hall.  
Duty officebearers please set up hall at 10.30am sharp.

11.15am Morning Worship  
FunDay Club (3yrs – P5)  
JaM (P6+)  
6.30pm  
Evening Service in Stewarton Village Hall  
Monday 23rd January  
2.00pm  
Guild Concert for Senior Citizens – Kirk St Hall

Tuesday 24th January  
Badminton Club – Kirk St Hall  
6.30pm – 7.45pm P1 – P5  
7.45pm – 9.00pm P6 – P7

Wednesday 25th January  
7.15pm  
Bible Study Fellowship  
- Manse  
Luke's Gospel: DVD  
Rev Michael J Lind  
Everyone always welcome

**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**  
Church Services  
Sunday 22nd January – all welcome!  
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair  
Charity No. SC016097  
Morning Service in Lochfyneside (Minard)  
10.00am  
(Louis Bezeidenhout)

Glenaray and Inveraray  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service in Inveraray Church 11.30am  
(Louis Bezeidenhout)  
Sunday Club starts – all children welcome to join!

**THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown**  
Saturday  
21st January  
Coffee Morning  
10am – 12 noon  
Sunday Services  
10.30am  
Morning Worship  
5.45pm Prayer Meeting  
6.30pm Evening Worship  
Tuesday  
12.15pm Over 60's Luncheon Club  
1.30pm Adult Home League  
Thursday  
11.30am Meet 'n' Eat Café  
New to you Stall  
7.00pm Bible Study  
Major Dolores Thomson

**FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
George Street  
Campbeltown  
Sunday 22nd January  
12.45pm  
Rev David Meredith (DVD)  
'Jesus - the Messiah'  
(John 1:29-34)  
All Welcome  
Scottish Charity Number: SC003847

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
Charity Number SC001002  
Sunday 22 January 2012  
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Scottish Charity No  
SC023277  
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Third Sunday after Epiphany  
8.30am Holy Communion  
10.45am Family Communion  
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**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number  
SC011686  
Sunday, 22nd January  
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.  
(Crèche, Triple C & Bible Class)  
Rev. Philip Burroughs  
Monday, 23rd January  
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, 24th January  
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.  
Thursday, 26th January  
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, 27th January  
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon.

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# Sports Hall Athletics event

by RUTH McCLEAN  
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ATHLETES start back their training this week in preparation for the area qualifier next weekend.

Taking place at Campbeltown Grammar School the competition is one of four area events promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club and is sponsored by a Communities 2014 Lottery Grant.

Those who qualify from the Kintyre contest will go onto compete at the area final in Oban next month.

Specialist equipment is used for various running,

jumping and throwing events in small arenas and this indoor 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 organisers are hopeful that schools in the Kintyre area will encourage pupils to take part next Sunday, January 29.

Competitors are reminded that the Kintyre contest starts at 1pm and entries will be taken on

the day from 12.30pm at the grammar school.

Age groups start from under nine, under 11, up to under 17 with age taken as on the September 1, 2011.

There will be awards to the first, second, third and fourth overall in each age group for both boys and girls.

The entry fee is £2 per competitor or £5 for families of three or more members. Successful athletes from Sunday's competition will qualify to compete in the Argyll Final to be held at Atlantia Leisure in Oban on Saturday February 25.



**JOG Scotland started its new block last week for 2012. The beginners to improvers group met on Monday and Thursday, with the half marathon training starting on Saturday too. People of all levels of fitness joined together to start training after the festive season. On Mondays and Thursdays the groups meet in the Aqualibrium Bistro and on Saturdays outside Aqualibrium.** 21\_c03jog01



All the girls after the run.



Alison McGeachy, Gail Williams, Moira McLellan and Fiona Irwin. 21\_c03jog02

## Well done girls!

A GROUP of runners has raised thousands of pounds for charity after completing the Great North Run in September.

Fiona Irwin, Moira McLellan, Karen Cox, Alison McGeachy, Joan Bissett, Frances Arthur, Agnes Stewart and Gail Williams took part in the run to raise funds for Get Kids Going.

A final total has been calculated and the ladies would like to thank everyone who helped them

to raise £4059,80. They had originally hoped to raise £2,500 to buy a wheelchair for one child to compete in this year's Olympics.

For some of the girls it was their first half marathon and they soaked up the atmosphere along the route and enjoyed the experience.

They would like to thank everyone who helped this to raise this fantastic sum and to all the businesses who donated.

## Tarbert Golf Club winter league

ROUND six of the Tarbert Golf Club Winter League got underway at Glenralloch last weekend, with members keen to play some golf and take advantage of the dry weather.

The course was surprising dry underfoot, following the recent storms, and Kenny MacFarlane was quick into his stride carding 21 points, the best score of the day,

which will surely help slash his handicap at the end of the season.

Keith MacTaggart took second place on 15 points, putting in a good effort after a hard day on Saturday.

### Damage

The remainder of the crew failed to make much of an impression with Gordon almost running out of balls and 'Deets' almost doing damage in

the car park at the ninth hole.

Result: 1 Kenny MacFarlane, 2 Keith MacTaggart.

Staff at Tarbert Golf Club would like to thank all those who took part in the course clean up last weekend. There was a great turn out and a great effort from everybody. The club hopes to have another workday before the end of the month.

## Festive fun day at equitation centre

BARRGLEN Equitation Centre held its annual Christmas Fun Day on Friday December 23 with a fantastic turn out.

Everyone took along some party food and once everyone was well and truly stuffed it was time to get all the ponies organised.

All the children picked their favourite pony to dress up and decorate in a Christmas theme,

needless to say, Harley was the favourite with the younger ones.

Team Harley consisted of Hannah Black, Imogen O'Hanlon, Lucy McKinven, Niamh Reppke, Caitlin Russell and Elsie and Alistair McArthur.

There was also Team Max with Aifric Pirrie and Kathryn McBrayne, Team Rory with Kathryn McCorquindale, Rebecca McPherson and Sally

Chute, Team Bruain with Caitlin Ronald and Iona McVicar and Team Bruce with sisters Cerys and Evie Baird.

### Effort

All the children put a great amount of effort into dressing up the ponies, tinsel, baubles and also hand made decorations galore.

All the ponies were extremely well behaved when taking part in the

parade even with a slight wind blowing and tinsel starting to go everywhere.

Needless to say, as all the ponies looked great and all the children had put so much effort in, the judges decided that everyone was a winner and deserved a prize.

The next pony club is on this Sunday January 22 from 10.30am to 4pm. Everyone Welcome.



The children with their dressed up ponies at the Christmas fun day.

## Coaching champions courses are filling up fast

COURSES have been filling up fast for the Argyll and Bute Council coaching champions event next month.

The deadline for course entries is Monday January 30 with the event becoming increasingly popular over the last few years.

The coaching weekend takes place on February 4 and 5, and Oban will play host for the fifth annual event.

This year 56 different courses ranging from badminton to shinty are being offered.

New courses for 2012 include triathlon, Nordic walking, water-sports, and swimming master classes.

Some of the courses offered are for familiar sports but others have been introduced to encourage diversity in sport in Argyll and Bute and challenge people to try something different.

Spokesman for third sector and communities Councillor Rory Colville said: 'We hope that this year the coaching champions event will be bigger and better than ever before. Course bookings are already up on this time last year.'

'We have expert sports coaches ready to share their knowledge and the biggest number of courses we have ever offered. Coaching champions provides the tools but it is the inspirational people who want to lead others to fulfil their dreams who provide the magic ingredient.'

## Results from Islay GC

ISLAY Golf Club's January Medal results: 1 Graeme Hamilton 86 less 13 net 73, 2 Angus McAllister 94 less 21 net 73, 3 Neil Johnston 86 less 11 net 75. CSS 71.

Winter League Week 8: 1 Robert Shaw 42 points, 2 Samuel Graham 40 points, 3 Iain MacCuaig 37 points.

Overall winter league after week 8: 1 Alister Blair 186 points, 2 Graeme Hamilton 162 points, 3 Neil Johnston 162 points.

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## Big shots at Tarbert Gun Club

TARBERT Gun Club held its first shoot of 2012 recently with the January leg of the winter league.

Once again the wind caused problems for shooters, making the targets dive. The crossing clay was the downfall for most competitors except John Weir, who was the only shooter to break all 25 sporting targets and take the High Gun Prize.

In the team competition two teams are leading far ahead of the others – Ally McDonnell's team and Bob McColl's team, with Bob's boys piping Ally by a single target in the January shoot.

Results: Class A: 1 John Weir, 2 Ivor Ferguson; 3 Bob McColl; Class B: 1 Akram Khan, 2 John Paton, Andy Peden; Class C: 1 Alisdair MacCallum, 2 Johnathan Gargan, 3 Stewart MacAllister; Class D: 1 Euan MacDonald, 2 Malcolm Holder, 3 Pierre Godts; Class E: 1 Michael Harvey, 2 Shaun Johnson, 3 Phil Robertson.

Teams: 1 B McColl, A Khan, J Gargan, P Godts and B Peterson; 2 A McDonnell, A Peden, A MacCallum, I Winnard and M Harvey; 3 B Baird, R Jenkins, H McLean, S MacAllister and A Currie.

## Martin scores 180 for the Burnside

WEEK nine results in the Campbeltown and District Darts Association: Kilbrannan 3 Burnside 7, Fiddlers B v Kinloch (postponed), Argyll Bowling Club 6 White Hart 4, Commercial 8 Ailsa 2 and Southend 1 Fiddlers 9.

Martin Coffield scored 180 for the Burnside.

# Young Pupils side march on in Scottish Cup

## This was a victory for teamwork on a very heavy surface

Scottish Amateur Cup  
Third round  
**Campbeltown Pupils 2  
Blantyre Celtic 1**

THE McFadyen-sponsored Campbeltown Pupils deservedly reached

the fourth round of the Scottish Cup after a competitive 90 minutes at Kintyre Park, Campbeltown on Saturday.

Probably the youngest squad ever to repre-

sent the club turned up trumps when the going got tough.

The home side started brightly and closed down the opposition at every opportunity, with



Gary Grumolli is taken down by a Blantyre Celtic defender. 21c03pup02



Gary Grumoli takes on three Blantyre Celtic players to score the first goal of the match. 21\_c03pup01

striker Gregor McFadyen going close as early as the fifth minute with a shot that flew wide of the post.

The home side looked in the mood during the early exchanges, a warning to Blantyre of what was to come.

Missing key players in defence, the Pupils rearguard was hardly turned during the whole 90 minutes and can be rightly proud of their day's work.

A long through ball to Gary Grumoli broke the deadlock in the 32nd minute, the home side's top scorer weaving one way then the other, before driving the ball into the bottom corner of the net.

The Pupils had the ball in the net minutes later

when Gregor McFadyen fired home from close-range after a Ryan Gilchrist headed cross, but the goal was ruled out for offside.

Blantyre started strongly in the second-half, pinning the home back in determined fashion with good possession football; however, the home side still managed to hit the outside of the post on the counter.

The visitors were unlucky when a fine shot struck the bar; however, the equaliser was only delayed.

A free kick from 30 yards was saved by Craig Colville at his left hand post; the goalkeeper having the cruellest of luck when the ball squirmed from his grasp and crossed the line.

As the game swung one way, then the other, the home side fought back in determined fashion to score a fine second goal.

A perfectly weighted cross by John McCallum found the onrushing Ryan Gilchrist, the midfielder's parting header flying past the rooted goalkeeper to find the net.

There was no way back for Blantyre, and the Pupils deservedly marched into the fourth round of the competition, on the day, a victory for teamwork on a very heavy surface.

Pupils will play Denniston in the fourth round of the competition tomorrow Saturday January 21 at Kintyre Park with a 2pm kick off.

## McMurphy hits new heights

FOR the first time in many weeks there was a full programme of games in the Saturday Winter League at Machrihanish Golf Club, with everyone managing a full 18 holes, even short course specialist Simpson.

### Meteoric rise

With only one thing on his mind, ensuring he continued his meteoric rise up the table, Hector Tuesday McMurphy sent Terry Mundie to Tenerife for some practice and enlisted Iain Reid the second, aka sub Gavin McLachlan,

for his game against title challengers Donnie MacLean and Brian Findlay.

Proved to be a wise decision as wee Hector romped to victory and into contention for a place in Europe.

At the top of the table Ian MacKinnon and sub red Jock McPhee stormed on with another super victory whilst nearest contenders, veteran campaigner Hector Thomson and sub Ray Mitchell, issued a dog license to club captain Frank McHardy and

Charles Reppke.

Elsewhere, stung by recent press criticism, Davy Rankin bounced back and earned a hard fought half match against an inspired performance by past captain Stephen Kelly and Willie Miller.

### Slumped

At the bottom of the table, despite pre match optimism, Norman The Mighty Gwynne and vice captain John Biggins slumped to another defeat, John's jokes failing to have the desired effect.

## Andrew and Neil come out on top at Tayinloan pairs

AFTER three nights of bowling last week in Tayinloan Village Hall, Andrew Ronald and Neil MacPhail were announced as winners for the second year running.

A total of 18 pairs entered the Annual Tayinloan Hall Pairs Bowling competition.

Many extremely competitive matches resulted in many close results.

In the semi-finals Messrs L and P Clark and Mrs M Sinclair and part-

ner Mrs M McDonald were beaten by Messrs J McCallum/A Graham and Messrs A Ronald/N MacPhail respectively.

The final over nine ends

was a keenly fought to and fro match with John and Archie eventually losing out to the worthy winners Andrew Ronald and Neil MacPhail.

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