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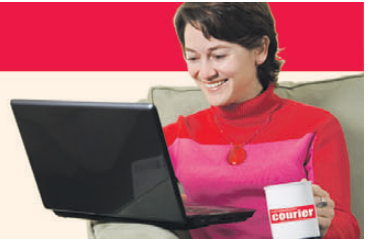
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Anger grows over plunging milk price

'Carnage' warning as Kintyre farmers fear for future

by **GRAHAM CRAWFORD**
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ANGER and uncertainty is growing among Kintyre's 38 dairy farms as they continue to be hammered by plunging milk prices.

All are members of the First Milk co-operative which last week hit them with a further cut in the price of their milk while asking for increased investment in the business from 0.5p to 2p a litre.

Payments due to farmers for January 12 were deferred until January 26, a move expected to continue for months to save millions of pounds for the cash-strapped business.

Machrihanish farmer

Sandy Pirie, First Milk's area representative, told the Courier: 'I took 40 calls in a single day from worried farmers in Kintyre and around Scotland.'

'They wanted to know if they were being asked to throw good money after bad.'

Agony aunt

'I was like an agony aunt trying to allay people's fears, but I fully understand their frustration and anger.'

With milk prices having plunged from 32p to 20p a litre in the past six months, Mr Pirie admitted: 'Some businesses, particularly smaller pro-

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Pupils' pictures raise a snappy £111

The children from primary 1 and primary 2/1 in Dalintober school presented Lieutenant Mark Scouling, pictured centre, with a very generous donation of £111 for the work of the Salvation Army. The children raised the money by inviting all the school's pupils to have a photograph taken in their specially made photo booth. Each child was dressed in a variety of accessories for pictures which were added to a calendar and sold for £1 each. The Salvation Army thanked the children for the kind donation.

Power lost in 200 homes

UP to 200 homes in Kintyre and Islay were affected by power cuts during recent bad weather.

A SSE spokeswoman said: 'There have been power failures due to widespread small faults due to stormy weather experienced in the past ten days.'

'Our engineers worked hard to repair them quickly.'

Kintyre appears to have got off lightly. SSE has had to restore power to more than 120,000 homes throughout Scotland.

BT, meanwhile, has begun the process of restoring internet and landline phone services which have been lost for more than a month in parts of Kintyre, with Southend hit badly.

Woman caught drink driving

A WOMAN was caught drink driving in Lochend Street, Campbeltown on Monday evening.

A report on the 53-year-old has been sent to the procurator fiscal and she is due to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court next month.

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'Carnage' warning as Kintyre dairy farmers fear for their future

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ducers, will be getting fragile.'

Criticism is growing of First Milk's bosses over strategic decisions taken in the past year.

In Kintyre, there is also frustration over First Milk's alleged failure over a number of years to market properly the once renowned Mull of Kintyre cheese.

That is produced at Campbeltown Creamery, which supports around 30 jobs. Promised large-scale investment in the ageing plant has not happened - creating another cloud over Kintyre farmers who provide its milk.

The area's largest producer, John Smith, of Drumalea, a candidate for the forthcoming NFU Scotland election, said: 'I'm very concerned about the future.

'Many think First Milk's senior management have not been doing their job properly and have misread a lot of the market signals.

'They have to come up with answers soon or we are facing total carnage.'

He added that the brand profile Mull of Kintyre, 'a bloody good cheese once marketed in Harrods', had been neglected and allowed to decline.

One Kintyre farmer, who did not want named, said: 'Many farmers are worried. People are cancelling new machinery, and obviously jobs could be at risk. You can see the knock-on effect happening.'

A NFU Scotland spokesman said leading union officials were due to meet First Milk bosses this week.

He added: 'We will want to hear the facts and the company's strategy to support farmers.

'Peripheral milk fields like Kintyre will also be discussed and we will want to know what the long-term vision is for Campbeltown Creamery.'

Returns from globally traded milk products, at record levels a year ago, have fallen by more than half.

Outstripped

As supply has outstripped demands, prices paid to farmers have dropped around a third in the UK.

Sir Jim Paice MP, the First Milk chairman, said: 'Our priority is to make the business and our manufacturing assets as secure as possible in order that we can continue to process



Concerns have been raised over the lack of promised investment in Campbeltown Creamery and marketing of its Mull of Kintyre cheese. 08_c46creamery01

and market every litre of members' milk.'

A First Milk spokesman said the market-

ing of Mull of Kintyre cheese was being improved.

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Russell and Reid speak out for Kintyre farmers

ARGYLL and Bute MSP Michael Russell raised the plight of Kintyre dairy farmers in the Scottish Parliament on Tuesday.

He also gained a commitment from Richard Lochhead, the cabinet secretary for rural affairs, to meet with the farmers and to intervene with the banks to seek support for the local dairy industry.

Mr Russell was critical of First Milk, which has cut the price per litre to its 51 suppliers in Argyll and Bute by 12.5p a litre since last June.

He said that on February 1 those under contract to First Milk will

be receiving 5.5p pence per litre less than the next lowest price from a milk company - and 7p less than the lowest cost of production.

Mr Russell also asked Mr Lochhead to look at ways in which the Government's food policy could be used to encourage supermarkets to sell milk at a realistic price, and to allow better marketing of local products such as Kintyre cheddar.

'These farmers need help as a matter of urgency,' he added.

Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid has asked First Milk chief executive, Kate Allum, what steps are being taken to help ease the problem for dairy farmers in Kintyre and keep the Campbeltown Creamery as competitive as possible.

He has also asked for an update on plans to refurbish the creamery.

Overtaken lorry closes road

THE A83 north of Clachan was closed on Tuesday morning for two hours after a lorry ran off the road in snow and overturned.

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Fewer caught drink driving

Clean sheet for Campbeltown area

MOTORISTS in the Campbeltown area heeded warnings about the lower drink driving limit introduced last month.

No one was caught drink driving from the town up to Whitehouse between December 5 and 29 - compared to two for the same period last year. It reflects a festive drop by almost a third in Scotland compared to last year.

However, in the Lochgilphead police area, which takes in Tarbert, three drink drivers were caught compared to two last year.

Inspector Mark Stephen said: 'While it was heartening to see the response in Campbeltown, it was disappointing to see three motorists over the legal alcohol limit in the Lochgilphead area.

'Unfortunately, two

of them were well over, even the old limit.

'The other driver, who was under the old limit, was stopped for a speeding offence on the A83.'

A total of eight drink drivers were caught in Argyll. Statistics from Police Scotland showed 255 people stopped by officers in the final three weeks of December were under the influence of drink or drugs - compared to 348 in 2013. In all, 13,346 motorists were stopped and breathalysed.

In Argyll road blocks were set up. At Inveraray, 104 vehicles were stopped and a number of road policing and drug offences detected.

The legal limit in Scotland is now 50mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood, compared with the old limit of 80mg,

which remains in England and Wales.

Assistant Chief Constable Bernard Higgins, of Police Scotland, said: 'It is good to see fewer drink drivers.

'The fact 255 people still put themselves and others needlessly at risk, is entirely unacceptable.

'There is no doubt the new limit is challenging people and we shall continue to reinforce the message, prevent deaths and collisions and make our roads safer.'

Justice secretary Michael Matheson MSP said: 'Alcohol at any level impairs driving.'

Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid, who has argued for a shorter ban for offenders caught under the old limit, said eight people caught in Argyll was still too many. 'Every driver over the limit is a tragic accident waiting to happen.'



Cara Browning and Norman Thomson are proud parents to Lily, the couple's fourth child. 20_c03lily01

Lily is a very special delivery

A CAMPBELTOWN couple had more reasons than most to celebrate on New Year's Day with the birth of their fourth child Lily.

Cara Browning and Norman Thomson were delighted to have daughter Lily delivered in Campbeltown Hospital at 2.14pm.

Cara said: 'Lily was due on December 23. To try and get things going the midwives said I should stay active, so around

Christmas we did a lot of walking on the beach. I was even climbing sand dunes.

'It is a special feeling having her in the town - there is more of a personal touch and the midwives on duty, Becky Scott and Helen Fairbairn, were fantastic.'

Norman said: 'It was crazy, we were in the hospital over lunchtime and home having steak pie at dinnertime. It all happened so fast.

'Cara and I would like to thank Alan Shaw who took time out of his day to fuel up my car when it seemed like we would have to drive to Paisley, it was very kind.'

Cara said Lily, who weighed almost nine pounds, is 'very contented, and sleeping a lot'.

She added: 'Our other three, Nicole, 14, Hannah, 12 and Nathan, two, couldn't wait to see her and were so excited when we arrived back home.'

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The Silent Man

A DCI Daley short story by Denzil Meyrick - part 3

The snow had stopped. The bright winter sun sparkled on the white mantel that clothed roofs, fields and roads; almost an Alpine scene, as the large yellow heli-

copter soared into the air above Kinloch.

The naval pilot chatted to Daley via the headset as they flew over the town.

Those coordinating the

search had been sceptical when Daley had first mooted the idea of looking for John Sweeney at Sorn Bay.

However, with all hopes of finding the man



Denzil Meyrick

virtually dashed, and nothing else to go on, they had let the policeman follow his instinct.

He looked down as a flock of sheep, a dirty cream colour against the white snow, scattered as the helicopter passed

overhead. They made heavy progress through the thick snow, leaving pockmarked tracks in their wake.

Explained

'Inspector Daley, look!' exclaimed the pilot, his voice tinny

through the headphones. 'There, smoke!'

Sure enough, a thin line of black smoke spiralled up from a little shack below them, plain against the white ground.

'I can see footprints in the snow,' shouted Daley. 'Can we land here?'

The pilot brought the helicopter gently to the ground, its downdraft scattering snow into the air like another mini flurry.

Daley, after being helped out of the aircraft, saw a small line of footprints that led away from the shack and over a small rise. He followed them, and on reaching the top caught his breath at the beauty of the scene before him. The vast Atlantic appeared almost motionless beneath sheer cliffs. And there, dwarfed under the huge sky, Daley could see a figure in the distance.

Gulls screaming

He crunched through the thick snow, which was almost up to his knees, soaking his trousers. 'Mr Sweeney!' he shouted, the echo sending gulls screaming into the clear air.

Closer now, Daley could see the man turn around, look at him for a heartbeat, then step nearer the edge of the cliff, facing back out to sea.

'John, please! Come on, let's get you back

into the warmth. We'll freeze out here.' The old man took another step forward, now only a few inches from oblivion.

Daley was struggling to think what to say to prevent John Sweeney taking his own life, when a small voice rang out behind him.

'Grampa, come with me!' shouted the little boy, out of the helicopter now, and wrapped up in a thick coat and hat, in his father's arms.

Wordlessly

The old man didn't move, and for a moment Daley thought he was about to step over the edge of the cliff. But, slowly, he turned. Daley could see his jaws working, as he opened and closed his mouth wordlessly, then shook his head.

'Grampa, please!' Calum wailed.

John Sweeney looked up again. 'Calum, my wee lad, you're so bonnie,' he said, as he sank to his knees in the thick snow.

The wee boy had wriggled free of his father's grip and was doing his best to plunge towards them, his hat fallen off in the snow and his hair seeming even more red against it. Daley scooped him up in his arms and took him across to his grandfather.

'Grampa,' said Calum, holding his hand out. 'I don't mind if Santa doesn't bring me a bike. Don't worry.'

Tears coursed down the old man's face as the little boy clung onto his grandfather.

'See, Daddy. Grampa does speak to me. I wasn't telling tales.' Calum beamed at his father.

Just as they were about to climb into the helicopter, John Sweeney stopped and turned to face the cliff once more.

'Maggie, I canna come with you, not now - one day, but not now.' He took a deep breath and hugged his grandson.

'Don't worry, Grampa,' said Calum, his face sincere. 'The girl with the red hair is waiting for you.'

Andrew Duncan looked, astonished, at the boy. 'He doesn't know anything about Maggie,' he said to the detective.

All Jim Daley could do was shrug his shoulders.

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Beinn Ghuillean, overlooking Campbeltown, is already popular with walkers, runners and cyclists.

New group looks at creating a community woodland

BEINN Ghuillean, overlooking Campbeltown and popular with walkers, runners and cyclists, could become a community woodland.

Corranbuie, south of Tarbert, has also been identified as another possible site.

Transition Kintyre, a new community-led group, is looking at the possibility of taking over land, by buying it or leasing it, from Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS).

A spokeswoman for Transition Kintyre said:

'We have already met up with the forestry commission which manage the National Forest Land Scheme; the mechanism by which community woodlands can be started.

'The commission is keen for us to talk to it further with a view to setting up woodlands anywhere it manages land in Kintyre.

'Beinn Ghuillean and Corranbuie are possible sites.

'A strong local team is needed to develop this

idea. Transition Kintyre will be exploring the possibilities at a meeting in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown on Wednesday, January 21 at 7pm.

'To help people build up their skills and confidence in taking on a community woodland, there are a number of free events being organised by Argyll Small Woods cooperative.'

They are: Assessing Hard Woods on February 12; Woodland Planning: the Basics, Febru-

ary 26; and Thinning for Wood Fuel, March 12.

Attendees can be picked up free from various locations across Kintyre. Bookings need to be in by Friday, January 23 and can be made at the meeting two days earlier.

Anyone who cannot attend that meeting can book by calling at the Energy Advice Centre, Longrow South, Campbeltown, telephone 01586-550384 or go to www.transitionkintyre.org

Free school meals not always possible

SOME pupils in Argyll are missing out on the newly-introduced free school meals. Instead, they are to be given £2 a day to have a lunch provided at home.

Primary one, two and three pupils throughout the country should be getting a hot meal every day as part of the government's healthy reforms for infants.

Argyll and Bute Council decided last year to provide meals at local hotels if there was no school kitchen available.

However, some rural schools lack a nearby hotel.

Despite protests from parents, councillors decided fitting kitchens in schools would cost too much. Instead parents will receive £2 a day in some instances and be asked to provide a meal at home.

Jamie McGrigor secures debate on population decline

THE 'alarming' population decline in Argyll and Bute is making the debating chamber of Holyrood.

Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands list MSP, tabled a motion on the subject after attending Argyll and Bute Council's population summit in Dunoon in November. The debate will be heard at 12.30pm on Thursday, January 22.

Mr McGrigor said: 'I am pleased to have secured time to allow my motion to be debated in Parliament. I thank those fellow MSPs from

across the political spectrum who have supported my motion.

'I am confident many MSPs representing our area will want to speak in what I hope will be a positive and constructive debate.

'Within the debate there are many issues I will raise, with transport infrastructure being one of the key ones - it is fundamental to future economic expansion.

'Argyll and Bute's alarming population decline simply must stay on the agenda.'

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Farms need help

OUR front page this week about the plight of dairy farmers in Kintyre and the rest of the UK is no scare story. The situation is serious and there is no signs of it improving.

NFU dairy board chairman Rob Harrison has declared it could be the worst crisis the industry has seen and said being a dairy farmer is like being a boxer - 'on the ropes and taking body blow after body blow'.

In ten years, the number of dairy farmers has fallen from 20,000 to 10,000 and there are fears that number could half again. Sixty farms closed last month alone.

The amount paid to farms for their milk is at its lowest level for eight years but production costs are up by more than a third.

Supermarkets continue to put the squeeze on what they pay, and returns from globally-traded milk products have fallen by more than a half in the past year.

This is all bad news for Kintyre where around 40 farms are part of the First Milk cooperative and play an important part of the area's economy, supporting more than 100 jobs including those at Campbeltown Creamery.

Worryingly, First Milk has no reserves and is putting all the financial pressures onto beleaguered farmers by asking them to receive less for their milk but pay more into the business.

Barring a massive shake-up, Kintyre farmers are stuck with First Milk but fear they are 'throwing good money after bad'.

An essential industry may be at stake here. Put bluntly, the same politicians so quick to bail out banks should be equally keen to support farmers.

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UK economy is the real worry

Sir,
I suggest Alastair Redman steps back and carefully reconsiders his ill-advised comments on Scottish oil if he is to be taken seriously as the Tory candidate in May's general election.

The Scottish Government has never claimed that a land of milk and honey would appear with control over our own hydrocarbon reserves. The performance of the Scottish economy without oil is similar to the rest of the UK's but with the oil bonus would enable Scotland to turbo charge jobs and investment. Self evidently, oil revenue, even at a lower price, goes far further among five million folk than 64 million.

With an oil fund Scotland, like other oil-producing countries, would be able to iron out the normal fluctuations in price - a fund that if set up 32 years ago would be worth more than £100 billion rather than squandered by successive Tory and Labour Westminster governments.

The real worry, Mr Redman, is the state of the UK economy, with a £1.3 trillion debt, that's an eye popping £40,808 per taxpayer, plus an ongoing £100 billion year-on-year deficit. It is functionally bankrupt, but with a further hole punched in the accounts by a fall in Brent crude oil prices. That is real jobs and services, and people's lives, something Alastair Redman might reflect upon before gleefully and clumsily 'sticking it to the Scots'.

The austerity policies favoured by all three of the

Westminster parties have failed, just as they have wasted our oil wealth. Rest assured that if the SNP is in a position to hold the balance of power after the general election we will demand a re-think of economic policy and ensure Scotland has access to our own oil resources.

Ron Wilson
Campbeltown.

Rural areas need better infrastructure

Sir,
Following on from the broadband/phone article in last week's Courier, our phone is back to normal but the broadband is 0.3MB speed when it can be 0.9MB max. We have needed to put a new request in for a broadband engineer as they are different to phone line engineers apparently.

I have spoken to someone else behind our prioritised position still waiting for their phone and broadband to be sorted out. We were one of the first places visited after New Year thanks to contacting our MSP, Michael Russell.
In the past month we have enjoyed one full day of our broadband/phone and electricity all working. Since last Thursday our electricity has been on and off like a yo yo which is very problematic and depressing.

I wonder with the Government and utilities companies knowing that remote and rural areas have a disproportionately older, more vulnerable population is it not time to put all utility cables underground, especially as new fi-

bre optic lines are coming to Argyll? Moreover, we know that the population is living longer, more often alone, and with multiple long-term health conditions.

To me the weather is causing lines to come down more frequently, so should rural areas have to put up with second class infrastructure?

Does anyone have a plan to prevent increased power/phone line losses?

Deirdre Henderson
Southend.

Ferry vow must be kept

Sir,
Since 2000, several groups in Kintyre and Mid-Argyll, have campaigned for a restart to the vehicle ferry link with Northern Ireland on an all year basis. Despite elected representatives, local and national, having expressed their continuing support, it has failed to materialise.

In reply to letters sent to Alex Salmond and Nicola Sturgeon, August 18, 2014, an official of the Scottish Government's Ferries Unit, cited 'the dramatic reduction in public spending imposed on Scotland by the UK Government'. Mike Russell, MSP in reply to a similar letter, stated that the Northern Ireland executive 'remains unwilling to contribute the resources required'.

The letter from the ferries unit also referred to 'ongoing investment' and in particular to the Kintyre Express ferry, and the pilot service between Campbeltown and Ardrossan.

It has long been recognised that a direct vehicle ferry link between

Campbeltown and Ballycastle would benefit a wide area on both sides of the Irish Sea.

New businesses, whether to service tourist needs, or taking advantage of a new opportunity, will help to reverse the depopulation trend.

It has been claimed that the new Forth road crossing is due to be completed under budgeted cost, with a saving of some £50 million. A small proportion of this saving would be sufficient to provide the necessary subsidy for the re-establishment of a vehicle ferry service between Kintyre and Northern Ireland.

The pledge given by the SNP in 2007 to restart the Campbeltown/Ballycastle ferry service, was unequivocal. Largely dependent on tourism, a vehicle ferry link between Northern Ireland and Kintyre, was seen as 'a vital component of future success' for these areas.

The press release at that time recognised that Kintyre and related areas had been 'badly let down in the past'. It was further stressed that the SNP 'keeps its promises'.
With the prospect of new and increased powers for the Scottish Government, this is an opportune time to press for the ferry's reinstatement.

There can be no justification for further delay in honouring the pledge given in 2007.

It is important that, following the referendum, all parties work together in the best interests of Scotland as a nation within the United Kingdom.

Ian Y Macintyre
Tarbert.

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Belated apology for festive water shortage in Carradale

Carradale is surrounded by water but it lacked the kind you can drink on Christmas day.



‘Having no water was quite an inconvenience as you can imagine’

THEY were two festive surprises that Carradale’s 300 residents could have done without - being left without running water at Christmas and Hogmanay.

Now Scottish Water has finally apologised.

‘There was a lot of grumbling among villagers about it,’ said Stuart Irvine, chairman of East Kintyre Community Council. ‘Not so much about the circumstance - these things happen - but about the lack of communication.’

Inconvenience

‘Having no water was quite an inconvenience as you can imagine, especially on Christmas.’

‘It soon becomes a problem when you can’t cook, shave, flush toilets or wash up. Everyone in the village seemed to be affected some way or another.’

‘We had the same situation on Hogmanay.’

A villager, who did not want named, said: ‘Carradale had no water from 10am until 8.30pm on Christmas day and from 7am until 3.30pm on Hogmanay.’

‘Telephoning Scottish Water and speaking to engineers gave us different accounts of what had happened.’

‘No water was delivered on these two days. Most houses were full with families and the toilet situation was horrendous.’

‘There are a lot of fed-up residents who would appreciate some feedback from Scottish Water.’

A Scottish Water spokesman said: ‘We apologise to customers in Carradale who experienced disruption to their water supply on December 25 and 31.’

‘The first disruption followed a valve failure at our water treatment works and a problem with the alert system at the works.’

‘Unfortunately after carrying out repairs, we had an issue with an airlock in the system. A tanker was despatched to assist and supplies were restored as quickly as possible.’

Airlock

‘There was an unrelated interruption to supply at around 9am on December 31. This followed a power dip at the treatment works that tripped the electric pumps during the previous evening. Again we carried out immediate action to repair the pumps. Unfortunately we experienced a similar airlock in the networks. We are investigating this for a permanent solution.’

GRADUATION



CLARE MCCARTAN

Graduated from Scotland’s Rural College, Aberdeen on 7th November 2014 with an HNC in Countryside and Environmental Management with Distinction.



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Rotary seeks nominees for annual awards

THE Rotary Club of Campbeltown is seeking nominations for its Citizen of the Year and Most Promising Young Musician of the Year awards.

Agnes Stewart, rotary club chairman, said: 'We would like to hear about anyone who has gone the extra mile to help a neighbour, worked really hard to raise funds for a worthwhile cause, or given any kind of outstanding service to the community.'

'Even if a nomination was not successful last year, it could well be worth repeating a previous nomination.'

'The Rotary Club is also looking for nominations for the most promising young musician of 2014. It should be a person still in full-time education and involved in any branch of music.'

'Anyone interested in making a nomination can find forms at George McMillan's newsagents in Main Street, Campbeltown.'

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Machrihanish features in Kenny's debut book

KINTYRE is an extremely dangerous place - in the world of debut author K J Graham.

Kenny Graham's new book *Friends or Foes* depicts an area under threat with hero of the story Adam Macdonald, an ex-SAS munitions expert, trying to foil some powerful enemies.

Set in Kintyre and on Arran, the fast-paced thriller makes good use of the area's geography, a feature of the west coast the author is familiar with.

Kenny, from Alva in Clackmannanshire, knows Kintyre well, having visited many times while visiting family living on Arran.

A keen reader, the 51-year-old mechanic set himself a challenge of writing his own book. He said he found inspiration in the conspiracy theories surrounding Machrihanish Base.

With more than 1,000 sales already and very positive feedback, he has been encouraged to write a follow up.

'I found it mind blow-

ing when I was told I had sold my first book in Japan,' he said. 'It is

hard to believe that people all over the world are reading something

I have written. In my head I am just a mechanic who thought he

would see if he could write something.'

Friends or Foes starts with a chance encounter between the hero Adam and a young woman, Kay, on Blackwaterfoot Beach, a rendezvous that will change the course of his life forever.

As a retired SAS soldier, Adam's interest is piqued by Kay's work for the British Secret Service.

She is conducting radiation readings from the US military base at Machrihanish, and through an old MI6 contact Adam discovers the Americans are building a top-secret, highly controversial spaceship prototype recently transferred from Area 51 in New Mexico.

Adam joins Kay on her journey, which turns into a full-scale reconnaissance mission to dig up the base's dark secrets.

Taking a boat from Arran to Machrihanish and the dangerous base, there is even a fire-fight between Adam and US special forces and a hasty escape from a pursuing Apache helicopter.

Friends or Foes unravels the ruthless world in which two of the world's most secretive and specialised agencies operate.

The book is available in paperback from Amazon books and also electronically on Kindle.

Fergus Kerr will judge band competition

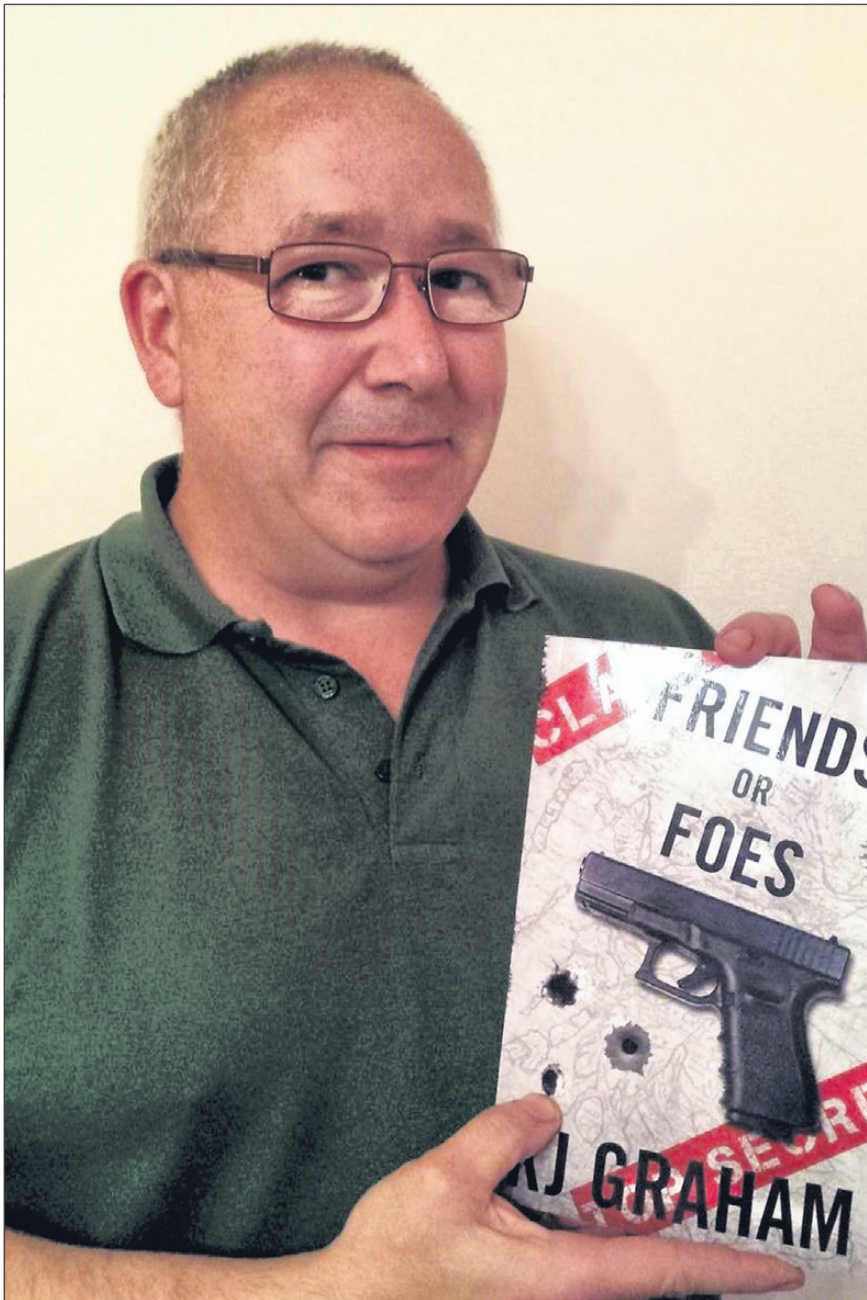
WITH the Christmas carols and numerous engagements during November and December done and dusted, the members of Campbeltown Brass are now preparing for a new year of music making, starting with their own solo and ensemble competition in Campbeltown Community Centre on Sunday, January 25 at 12.30pm.

Adding to the occasion will be the return to the town of former band member, Fergus Kerr, as the adjudicator. He is now a highly respected professional French horn player and the band is delighted he was able to accept the invitation to officiate at this popular event.

Besides his official role as adjudicator, he will also perform a short recital prior to the results and prize-giving.

Among the awards will be trophies in memory of former band members Jenny Ralston, Lynsey Wardrop and Emma Paterson and band manager Jimmy Taylor.

A band spokeswoman said: 'The best encouragement for any competitor is for a large audience to cheer them on and we hope parents, family, friends and the general public will be encouraged to come and support this very important and enjoyable occasion.'



Kenny Graham with his book *Friends or Foes* which is set partly in Kintyre.

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Usual Stalls
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Surfing at Westport has come along way since the 1930s. Many surfers now use kites to move at great speed. 08_c37surf02

Surfing on boards made by an undertaker

ONE woman reckons her family were Westport beach's first surfers - back in the 1930s and on boards made by the local undertaker.

Neva MacDonald-Haig, from Drumnadrochit on the shores of Loch Ness, holidayed every summer at Westport beach between 1933 and 1938 with her parents and three siblings Peter, Margaret and Davis.

Spending much of their time by the water, with the Atlantic waves crashing in, she and her siblings used primitive wooden boards to lie on and 'surf' the incoming swell.

Neva, now 91, said: 'The boards we used were rounded, not like the modern surfboards which are pointed, and made by the local undertaker. Unfortunately I cannot remember his name.'

'The geography of the area was always a fascination too. My father used to look out to sea and say to us, "there is nothing between us and America".'

'Me and my siblings used to ride these boards mostly lying down, but my brother Peter can be seen standing in one of the old family photos.'

During the summer Neva

made a nostalgic trip back to Kintyre, visiting her old holiday cottage near Westport. By amazing coincidence, it is now lived in by surf instructor Peter Ellerton, to whom she recounted stories of summers spent 'surfing' in Kintyre.

Peter said: 'I was working in my garage one afternoon when Neva and a couple of her family members appeared. She had an album of family pictures taken decades ago on Westport beach and started showing me photos of nearby buildings that have vanished.'

'Her stories about surfing on wooden boards made by a lo-

cal undertaker were just incredible.

'I remember as a young boy on holiday in Cornwall bodyboarding and surfing on plywood boards, but we are talking decades after Neva and her family were out on the water trying this.'

'It was so fascinating, she just appeared with this amazing story to tell.'

Surfing as an activity originated in Hawaii, before exploding in the United States and Europe in the early-1970s, so Neva and her family can consider themselves among Scotland's surfing pioneers.

Increased Gaelic opportunities in Argyll and Bute

MORE people are learning about Gaelic language and culture in Argyll and Bute thanks to an increasing number of opportunities being driven forward by the Furan Gaelic Language Centre.

Based in Oban, but rolling out activities to the wider Argyll community, Furan is approaching the first anniversary of being

officially launched by Argyll and Bute Council and is increasingly being regarded as a drop-in centre for everyone.

A council spokesman said: 'With the emphasis on reaching as wide a range of participants as possible, activities are aimed at Gaelic speakers and learners, children and adults, and

provides a fun, informal setting for learning and taking part.

'The council established Furan - which means 'a very warm welcome' - in January 2014 in recognition of the integral part the Gaelic language has played in the formation of Argyll and Bute's history and culture, and to promote the preserva-

tion of the language and the encouragement of its usage.

'Argyll and Bute Council's Gaelic Language Plan aims to expand and promote the range of Gaelic services and resources which are available, and to increase the number of people who can speak, read or write Gaelic.

'Plans include ex-

tending opportunities to Mull and Campbeltown in the near future. There are already regular bi-lingual Gaelic Bookbug sessions being held in Lochgilphead.'

For information on the wide range of activities organised by Furan please call 01631 567886 or email Duncan.macneill@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Young artists can shine again at festival

EDINBURGH Fringe organisers are calling on budding young artists in Argyll and Bute to come up with a unique and eye catching design for its 2015 poster.

Almost 198 schoolchildren from Argyll and Bute entered last year's competition and 14-year-old Tabitha Broatch from Campbeltown Grammar was named regional winner.

Kath M Mainland, chief executive of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society, said: 'The society has been inviting schools from across Scotland to take

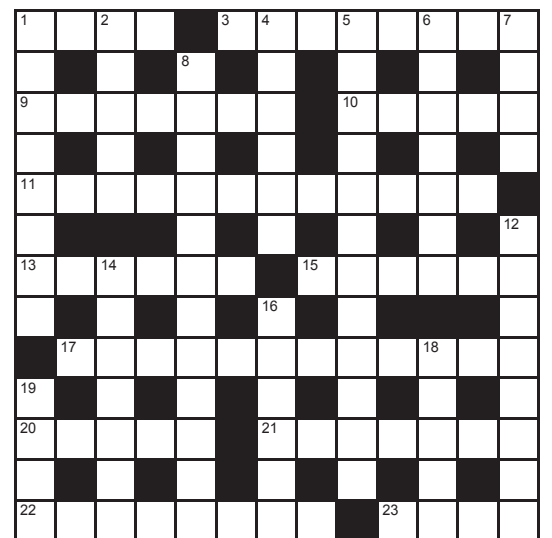
part in the poster competition for the past 34 years. The winning poster design is used across Edinburgh and Scotland to promote the festival fringe so this really is a massive opportunity for schoolchildren to get their artwork seen by thousands of people.'

Creative

'I hope pupils in Argyll and Bute will take this opportunity to be as creative as possible and get their entries in before the March 2015 deadline.'

There are prizes of up to £750 for the top three artists and their schools.

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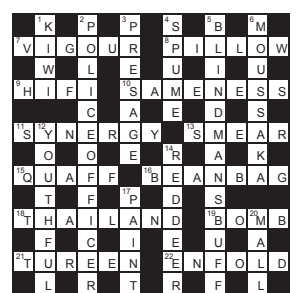
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- 17 Compliment paid for a selfish reason (12)
- 20 Adult insect (5)
- 21 World wide belt (7)
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- 23 Small harp (4)

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- 7 Burst of wind (4)
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The Forest Schools area also boasts a Fire Hut complete with a 'child safe' open fire where the children are offered different experiences from simple science to cooking lessons.

The nursery had a particular successful year last year when we were finalists in both of the categories we entered in the Scotland wide Nursery of the Year competition run by Nursery Management Today. A real achievement and acknowledgement of the hard work and very high standards the staff aspire to.

We warmly welcome and encourage parental involvement with the nursery in all areas, and especially with all our Eco and Forest school endeavours.

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Please call Jennifer or Jean on 01546 600072



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We pick the children up from school and as well as providing a snack we do various activities and

games. This year, through funding, we were able to get iPads for the children. They have enjoyed fun educational apps. We also made a calendar of children's photos taken around Tarbert. We're busy planting vegetables in our garden in the community healing garden.

Tarbert Academy Early Level Class

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 Head Teacher – Neil McKnight



Last summer the Pre 5s moved up into an Early Level classroom built specifically for them within the Primary department. Tarbert Academy is a successful 3-18 school. We believe that a nurturing environment is vital for children to learn and develop through structured play. "Play is the child's work" within the Early Level. The Early Level has an established outdoor area designed specifically for the children and it is this year's aim to develop it further to establish a well-equipped area with lots of opportunity for 'outdoor learning' to take place.

We cater for our children's individual needs in a bright, busy, secure and stimulating environment with experienced and committed staff who work in partnership with parents, carers, both in the school and in the wider community thus benefiting from many well-established links. We understand the value of prior learning and our aim is for the children to be enthusiastic and enquiring when they start progressing through the school.

- We provide opportunities for children to learn:
- Emotionally – gaining independence
 - Socially – learning to work with others showing kindness and consideration.
 - Physically – developing motor and manipulative skills.
 - Intellectually – problem solving, questioning, observing and discussing.

Our aim is that transition through a 3-18 school is smooth and as informed as possible.

LARGIESIDE

Christmas dinner for WRI

LARGIESIDE WRI enjoyed some festive cheer with a Christmas dinner at the Argyll Arms hotel in Bellochinty.

Enid Williams, Largieside WRI secretary, said: 'We had a lovely meal which was followed by a quiz with prizes for the winning team. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their evening.'

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Rural parties till midnight

JANE Griffiths invited Clachan SWRI members and friends to hold their Christmas Party in her house.

The whole ceiling was decorated with branches from which hung stockings, robins and all sorts of Christmas decorations.

It was a lovely welcome and Jane had thought up a number of games which kept members laughing all night.

There was a buffet supper part-way through, and the evening ended with the Secret Santa parcels being given out.

Jane was thanked for giving such a fun evening yet again.

One member reported that when she got home her family asked, 'What's happening to the rural, with you getting in after midnight from the party?'

CLACHAN



Clachan and Skipness youngsters learn beach skills

CLACHAN and Skipness primary pupils took part in a six-week block of 'beach schools' through the GRAB Trust. Carrying out a beach clean and a treasure hunt, the youngsters made mobiles using different types of shells which they learned to identify. They also listened to a brilliant story-teller and made pictures on the beach, especially enjoying building shelters, making fires, having hot chocolate made in a Kelly Kettle and toasting marshmallows. Clachan and Skipness primary pupils with Aisa Nebreda from the GRAB Trust, second from left.

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Carradale Golf Club donates £1,000 to CGS4Gambia

CARRADALE Golf Club helped CGS4Gambia end another incredible year with a huge £1,000 donation, presented to the charity at this year's Captain's Day.

CGS4Gambia was founded in April 2013, raising £23,000 in nine months through various

innovative ideas - including the biggest success, 'Flamingo Flocking' - to allow a group of Campbeltown Grammar pupils and staff to go to Africa.

No connection

The bird has no connection to Gambia but due to the money it helped raise for the

group is now part of the official CGS4 Gambia logo.

Fourteen students and four staff embarked on an amazing trip to Gambia in February last year, carrying out first aid training, dental care workshops and sports days in three schools in the city before moving

'up country' and camping out for six nights. In the village of Kalaji, they carried out similar projects but also undertook construction work, building a bantaba, an outdoor shelter from the sun which can double as a learning space.

The group also built a playground, painted blackboards, fixed tables and chairs and filled a 'dream corner' full of learning materials and sports equipment. Building the bantaba, local tradesmen taught the group to weave grasses for the roof, mix cement and lay a tiled floor.

Agnes Stewart will travel to Gambia next month to check on the projects and help source new activities for the next CGS student visitors in February of next year, with 16 S6 students set to make the trip.



Agnes Stewart of CGS4Gambia, second left, receives a cheque from Roy McMurchy, Carradale Golf Club men's captain, ladies' captain Margaret Richardson and club president Alan Walker.

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Great turnout at winter show

KINTYRE Agricultural Society's winter show at Machrihanish Airbase last month saw a tremendous show of 18 calves, 28 cows and heifers and 17 horses compete in front of a large crowd of spectators.

Keith Rennie judged the dairy section and Johnny Bonnar the horse section.

The awards were as follows:

Ayrshire section, calf born after April 1 (junior section) - 1 Jack Ralston, East Drumlemble; 2 Cameron Ralston, East Drumlemble. Handler - 1 Cameron Ralston; 2 Jack Ralston. Calf born after April 1 (senior section) - 1 Blair McCallum, Clochkeil; 2 Scott McLachlan, Clochkeil. Handler - 1 Scott McLachlan, 2 Blair McCallum. Champion Ayrshire calf - Jack Ralston. Heifer in calf - Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh. Heifer in milk - 1 and 2 Archie Millar, Ballygreggan; 3 J and M Barr, Clochkeil. Cow in milk - 1 Thomas Cameron, 2 J and M Barr, 3 Archie Millar. Champion Ayrshire - Archie Millar with heifer Ballygreggan Clover 7 by Willsbro Razzle Red.

Holstein section, calf born after April 1 (junior section) - 1 Jane Scott, Killegruer; 2 Erin Ralston, Dhurrie; 3 Jordan Todd, Drumalea. Handler - 1 Alison Wylie, Machrihanish, 2 Jane Scott, 3 Jordan Todd.

Calf born after April 1 - senior section, 1 Neil Littleton, Killegruer; 2 Toby Welch, Machrihanish; 3 Jenny Semple, Kilkeddan. Handler - 1 Maryann Wylie, Dhurrie; 2 Toby Welch; 3 Kathryn Sem-

ple, Kilkeddan. Champion calf - Jane Scott.

Best calf and handler - Neil Littleton. Heifer in milk - 1 and 2 Sandy and Joan Pirie, Machrihanish; 3 Gavin Semple, Kilkeddan. Cow in milk - 1 Peter Littleton, Killegruer; 2 Sandy and Joan Pirie; 3 Peter Littleton. Champion Holstein - Peter Littleton.

Horse section, Clydesdale foal - 1 David and Callum MacPhail, Gargalra.

Clydesdale (any other age) - 1 David and Callum MacPhail; 2 Sarah Bateman, Langholm; 3 David and Callum MacPhail. Champion Clydesdale - David and Callum MacPhail. Horse and pony (small) - 1 Beth McEachran, 2 Keren Nicholson, 3 Caitlin Ronald. Horse and pony (large) - 1 Kerry Hopes, 2 Sarah Bateman, 3 Lesley Black. Champion horse and pony - Kerry Hopes with Freddie. Overall champion in horse section - David and Callum MacPhail.

Trophy winners:
County Garage Cup for overall dairy section champion - Peter Littleton. S.A.I Cup for Ayrshire champion - Archie Millar. Duncan McKerral Cup for Holstein champion - Peter Littleton. Levelers Cup for best calving/calved Ayrshire heifer - Archie Millar. Davidson's of Shotts Cup for best calving/calved Holstein heifer - A and J Pirie. James Barr Memorial Cup for best Ayrshire bred by exhibitor - Archie Millar. Society Cup for best calf - Jane Scott. Presidents Cup for best Ayrshire calf - Jack Ralston. Holstein Breeders' Cup for best Holstein calf and handler - Neil Littleton. McKerral Cup for champion Clydesdale - David and Callum MacPhail. Gigha Cup for best foal - David and Callum MacPhail.

John is hungry for NFU success



John Armour is NFU Scotland's new food policy manager.

KINTYRE'S John Armour is looking forward to getting his teeth into his new role as NFU Scotland's food policy manager.

John, 23 and raised on a farm just outside Campbeltown, said: 'It is a great privilege to be joining the farmers' union.'

'Growing up on a dairy farm has meant that I've always had a direct tie to NFU Scotland and I value the important work done to improve the lives and business opportunities available to Scottish farmers. 'After studying inter-

national politics at Stirling University this is a fantastic opportunity for me to use skills I have developed through my studies and hands-on farming experience. 'Representing our members' interests in supply chain and food retail discussions is a thrilling prospect and I look forward to grappling with the key issues, working with everyone at NFUS to effect positive change to benefit the Scottish agricultural community.'

Scott Walker, NFU Scotland chief executive, said: 'John will continue to build on the success of his predecessor in being an active advocate for the farming industry in the supply chain; ensuring the country's farmer's voices are heard in a rapidly changing retailer environment is critical. 'It is important that we press for fair contracts and prices in the domestic market and look to maximise export market opportunities.'

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MAC Pool: ma

Youth group aims to build confidence

A YOUTH group in Tarbert has become the latest to start using the MACPool with the aim to build children's confidence in the water. Heather Bellshaw is the project co-ordinator of Tarbert Youth Group and regular pool user. She said: 'I think it's important for young people to get out and enjoy activities. It's also good for their health, fitness and well-being. 'When we go swimming we are all together and having fun, it's gives

the kids something to look forward to every other week. 'The parents are also keen for them to come along to swimming sessions.' The youth sessions began in December and look set to run for a year. Heather, a keen swimmer, also hopes that they can continue beyond the year. She added: 'The kids live in a place that is surrounded by water and it's good for them to be confident in the water and able to look after themselves.'



Dolphins swimming club provides essential life s

A KILMICHAEL girl's confidence has soared thanks to children's swimming club at the MAC Pool. Dolphins is year-round club for young people aged nine up to 16. The classes, which are led by swimming teachers and assistant, teach children movement and breathing techniques. For thee past year Gilly Lefebvre, 10, has been taking the lessons and her mum Lizzie expressed her pride in her daughter's newfound confidence since attending Dolphins.

Lizzie said: 'Gilly though she was a good swimmer until she started going to Dolphins. She has gotten ten times better, having gone from being able to swim just eight lengths to now swimming up to 80 during one session. Her confidence in the water is just amazing, she has come on leaps and bounds since. 'As a family we go surfing a lot, and are surrounded by water where we live, so knowing that she can swim gives me confidence that if she did find herself in danger she could get herself out of it.'

The club runs junior and senior sessions and has a competitive element. Children often go on to compete in school swimming competitions and there is room to progress further. Roz Way is the senior Dolphins coach. She said: 'It is a serious swimming club, but the children are welcome to use it purely for fitness and to get better at swimming. It is providing them with life skills and they could end up going on to teach or life guard anywhere.'



TAKING THE PLUNGE: Seniors and Juniors together. Roz Way and Melanie Chmielewka.

Timetable 5th January to 5th April 2015

	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	15.00	16.00	17.00	18.00	19.00	20.00
Mon			SCHOOL SWIMMING From 26th Jan	SCHOOL SWIMMING Public Swimming until 25th Jan			PUBLIC SWIMMING					LEARN TO SWIM FOR ADULTS		
Tues	EARLY BIRDS		SCHOOL SWIMMING				PUBLIC SWIMMING			LEARN TO SWIM with MACPOOL		PUBLIC SWIMMING	MAYDS GIRLS ON THE MOVE	
Wed	EARLY BIRDS	PUBLIC SWIMMING	FIT FOR 50	PUBLIC SWIMMING			AQUANATAL	SCHOOL SWIMMING	PUBLIC SWIMMING	LEARN TO SWIM with MACPOOL		LADIES ONLY	PUBLIC SWIMMING	
Thurs	EARLY BIRDS	OVER 50's	SCHOOL SWIMMING	HYDRO-THERAPY			PUBLIC SWIMMING	SCHOOL SWIMMING	PUBLIC SWIMMING	LEARN TO SWIM		Mid Argyll Dolphins	SWIM FIT	PUBLIC SWIMMING
Fri			PUBLIC SWIMMING				PUBLIC SWIMMING			TARBERT YOUTH GROUP		MAYDS BOYS IN ACTION		
Sat		SWIM FIT	SWIM FIT	ADULT & CHILD LESSONS	LEARN TO SWIM with MACPOOL		PUBLIC SWIMMING	FAMILY FUN	PUBLIC SWIMMING	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE				
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Hydrotherapy sessions are a hit



A WOMAN who beat breast cancer will attend the latest swimming class to be launched after she found confidence in the 'No Limits' classes which ran last year.

Hydrotherapy sessions launched last week at the MACPool will replace the No Limits class at the pool and Caroline Abernethy, from Tayvallich, want to tell people why it works for her.

After being treated for breast cancer in 2011 Caroline has been left with long term health problems.

She has lymphedema, a fluid condition of the arms and chest caused by the removal of lymph nodes during surgery, and now wears medical compression sleeves on her arms to reduce swelling.

She said: 'When I had breast cancer I had all the treatments; including chemotherapy and radiotherapy, which

left me with other health issues and chronic fatigue. I started swimming to get fitter and increase my energy, but I didn't have the courage to wear my sleeves and then I found the 'No Limits' class. Now I feel that I can wear them with confidence. The more that I exercise the more it helps the fatigue, but I get so tired. With this class I feel better that I can swim in a relaxed and supported environment.

'I just needed someone to show me what to do. Now I have my own routine, that's because the tutors have shown me what to do.'

Hydrotherapy sessions will run for 12-weeks and are led by Sally McLeod.

Caroline and her archaeologist husband Duncan moved from Glasgow to Tayvallich after she took early retirement following her illness.

New members sought for rewarding role



A CURRENT board member from Mid Argyll Community Swimming pool is keen to remind people of the highs of helping to run the local enterprise smoothly.

Kim Ritchie has spoken out as it emerges that the board are seeking new members.

She has been volunteering as a board member for more than four years. Kim said: 'The pool is in a good place and we have an excellent management team, which means now the board can afford to take a back seat with the day-to-day running. I am particularly involved with customer services and staff development. I step in

to support the pool managers, but I am not that often involved, just on hand for a advice.

'Some years ago being a board member was really tough and it was a time demanding job, but the pool is being so well run now, thanks to a great team of staff.'

'Now as a board member we spend more time planning strategies and developments. It is more rewarding.'

Members of the MACPool board are particularly keen to draw in the attention of people who are financially or legally skilled.

For more information see below.

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MACPOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Mid Argyll Community Pool is a social enterprise enabling the community to swim and take part in sports, leisure and social activities in support of health and well-being. We deliver this through quality in our facilities, service and partnerships

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THIS month we will be treated to a wonderful astronomical display.

Venus and Mercury come out briefly after sunset; Mars lights up the early evening hours; Jupiter is out from mid-evening until dawn and Saturn is found in the predawn/dawn sky. All five visible planets can be seen in January.

Also in the sky till the end of January is the comet Lovejoy which can be seen near the tip of Orion's belt. If you miss it this year you will have to wait another 8,000 years for its return, so maybe better catch it now.

It is amazing to think this comet can be seen all around the world and photos have been posted on the web from Singapore, Madrid, Hong Kong, Australia, North Carolina and the UK to name but a few.

There is a wonderful order in the night sky and it is quite remarkable to think we can predict something that will happen in 8,000 years.

I sometimes wonder just what the world will be like in even 80 years the way things are going.

Every day the news brings more stories of war, of terrorism, of disasters and we can easily sink into a feeling of despondency about it all.

How good to see world leaders united in Paris - walking with arms linked in solidarity against the forces that threaten us.

In the beginning God made order out of chaos, but sadly we are now living in a time where many choose chaos and confusion to violate that order.

We are a fragile planet and we are dependent upon each other.

We cannot afford the fragmentation that is eroding the order that God intended for his world.

The heavens declare the glory of God.

Let us pray that his glory will also prevail on earth.

MSP and council leader in war of words

'Where there are opposing views, the right decision will not be popular with everyone'



Michael Russell MSP.



Argyll and Bute Council leader Dick Walsh.

THE relationship between Argyll and Bute's MSP Michael Russell and council leader Dick Walsh plunged to a new low this week.

It follows letters between the pair in the Dunoon Observer last week over the possible sale of Castle Toward.

Mr Russell thinks Argyll and Bute Council should accept a £750,000 offer for the former outdoor education facility from South Cowal Community Development Company (SCCDC), citing the £22,000 monthly cost to the council of keeping it

maintained and secure.

The council values the property at £1.75 million and has offered to sell it to SCCDC if it pays a further £1 million to the council within three years.

Under the community buyout plan, the baronial mansion house would

be leased and developed by a national outdoor education company.

This week, Mr Russell stated: 'Dick Walsh responded to me in the columns of a local paper last week with a series of foolish and inaccurate statements which are easily rebutted.'

In response to a claim by the council leader that he was 'promoting the area negatively', Mr Russell replied: 'In reality the disastrous promotion of the area which had led to the worst depopulation in Scotland is being done by Councillor Walsh.'

The MSP added: 'If I can put it bluntly between old friends - if you did your job properly you would give me the opportunity to get

on and do the positive things in mine.'

This week Mr Walsh said: 'Where there are opposing views, the right decision will not be popular with everyone. The fact is this council is focused steadfastly on putting resources to best use in building a prosperous future for Argyll and Bute.'

'The investment we are making in Campbeltown alone, more than £7m in regeneration and even more in a new grammar school, is just one example of the progress we are making. The more everyone who cares about Argyll and Bute works constructively together, the more we can all achieve for the benefit of all our communities.'



The future of Castle Toward has been at the centre of intense debate.



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Learn about social care support in Argyll and Bute

ANYONE who is receiving or thinking about seeking social care support is invited to Argyll and Bute Council's self-directed support roadshow in the seminar room of Campbeltown Hospital on Wednesday, January 21, 10am to noon.

Visiting the main towns during January and February, the roadshows will provide an informal setting with the opportunity to ask questions about self directed

support, find out more about it, how it works and how it may affect individuals and families.

Councillor Jean Devon, said; 'This is a new way of working and aims to offer each person the opportunities to help them achieve their aspirations and ambitions. I'm sure people have many questions, so I would urge them take the time to come along and find out the answers.'

A council spokeswoman said: 'Self-directed support can be used in many ways. You can get support to live in your own home, such as help with having a bath or getting washed and dressed. Out of the home it could support you to attend college, to continue in employment, to take a job, or to enjoy leisure pursuits more.'

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Marion Warnock was at the front with games and quizzes this year and everyone really enjoyed a fun evening.

The raffle was drawn, with the competition judged by Frances Hill, and Kathleen Martin.

Results are as follows: handmade Christmas card - Christine Jardine, Margaret Penman and Jen Ronald, gold; Fiona Rowland and Margaret Russell, silver.

Favourite Christmas photograph - Margaret McDowell, Margaret Russell and Jean Ives, gold; Margaret Penman, Jen Ronald, Fiona Rowland and Margaret McLean, silver.

Raspberry Jam - Margaret McLean, gold; Jen Ronald and Fiona Rowland, silver.

Watch out

KINTYRE Turbine Watch is holding a meeting at Tarbert Village Hall on Tuesday, January 20 at 7.30pm.

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PLANNING

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk. Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/02537/PP	Upgrading of 1.2 km of existing temporary access tracks to permanent road, construction of approximately 3.3 km of new sections of permanent road and construction of four watercourse crossings.	Access Road Serving Crossaig Substation Crossaig Forest Skipness Argyll	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/02779/AMSC	Approval of conditions 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9 relative to planning permission in principle reference 11/02334/PPP for the erection of 9 dwellinghouses and formation of new vehicular access	Land South West of Whitecraigs The Avenue Inveraray Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Inveraray
14/02829/PP	Erection of three wind turbines (maximum blade tip height of 135 metres) together with associated hardstandings, access tracks and other related infrastructure	Land 1.5km North of Blackmill Loch Adjacent to Consented A'Chruach Windfarm West of Minard Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
14/02969/PP	Re-powering of Tangy windfarm comprising 16 turbines (125 metres high to blade tip), erection of control building, sub-station, 3 anemometer masts, formation of access tracks and ancillary development, including dismantling of Tangy I and Tangy II windfarms.	Tangy Windfarm and Land North Thereof Kilkenzie Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6QD	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/02983/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage, installation of heat source pump and formation of new vehicular access.	Land 50 Metres East of 2 Knockruan Way Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/03008/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle 12/00127/PPP (Site for the erection of one dwellinghouse and formation of associated access road).	Land North West of Bayview Carradale Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS)(SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/02894/PP	Erection of canopy over front door	Top Flat Old Police House Harbour Street Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6UD	Sub Post Office Harbour Street

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 18

Planning Application Reference Number: 14/02829/PP
 Proposed development at Land 1.5km North of Blackmill Loch, Adjacent to Consented A'Chruach Windfarm, West of Minard, Argyll and Bute
 Notice is hereby given that an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by A'Chruach Phase 2 Wind Farm Limited (subsidiary of Inifinis) relating to the planning application in respect of Erection of three wind turbines (maximum blade tip height of 135 metres) together with associated hardstandings, access tracks and other related infrastructure.

A copy of the environmental statement and the associated planning applications may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, at the Council Offices, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and going through the 'Online planning and Building Standards Application Information' system during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Additional copies of the Environmental Statement can be provided to third parties, subject to printing costs, details of which are available on request. A CD containing an electronic copy of the submission can also be purchased for a fee of £10.00. For further information please contact Mr Peter Lamb, Savills, Wessex House, Priors Walk, East Borough, Wimborne, BH21 1PB.

Any person who wishes to make representations to Argyll and Bute Council about the environmental statement should make them in writing within the period to Planning Services, Development and Infrastructure, Argyll and Bute Council, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD.

Planning Application Reference Number: 14/02969/PP
 Proposed development at Tangy Windfarm and Land North Thereof, Kilkenzie, Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute PA28 6QD
 Notice is hereby given that an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by SSE Generation relating to the planning application in respect of Re-powering of Tangy windfarm comprising 16 turbines (125 metres high to blade tip), erection of control building, sub-station, 3 anemometer masts, formation of access tracks and ancillary development, including dismantling of Tangy I and Tangy II windfarms.

A copy of the environmental statement and the associated planning application may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, at the Council's Offices, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD; and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and going through the 'Online planning and Building Standards Application Information' system during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from Mr Noel Cummins, SSE, Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3AQ at a cost of £450.00 (paper copy) and £10.00 (CD).

Any person who wishes to make representations to Argyll and Bute Council about the environmental statement should make them in writing within the period to Planning Services, Development and Infrastructure, Argyll and Bute Council, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD.

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

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD.

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

Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website.

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COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES

Councillor Sandy Taylor (Ward 3 Mid Argyll)
 Councillor Taylor will be holding a drop in surgery in the Community Centre, Lochgilphead on Monday 19th January from 4.30pm to 6.00pm. He can also be contacted by e-mail - sandy.taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk and by telephone - 01546 604184. Councillor Taylor will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

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 - Call in the professionals. Ask friends or relatives who have moved recently to recommend removal firms.
 - Get at least three estimates from different firms and don't automatically accept the cheapest.
 - Establish a written timetable with the removal firm and check the foreman has all the necessary details.
 - Make sure the removal firm has a clear map showing how to find your new home.
 - Ensure your possessions are insured for transit. Most removal firms provide such insurance. Check what it covers and whether there are exclusions. Remember that anything you pack yourself may not be covered by the removal firm's insurance. If you are planning to transport any precious items yourself, check that these are covered when in transit by your contents insurance.
 - Hire professional cleaners to give your new place a thorough going over before you move in. Some removal firms will arrange to do this. This will make the whole move a more comfortable process.
 - Before the big day, have a clear out. Valuable items that are no longer needed can be auctioned or sold to a dealer in second-hand furniture. Other items can be donated to charity shops or recycled.
 - Get someone to look after the children for the day. The same goes for pets - or book them into kennels or a cattery. Make sure they have identity tags with their new address.
 - Compile a fact file for the people who are moving into your property, such as instruction leaflets and service information for the heating system and appliances you're leaving, together with details of rubbish collection etc.
 - Round up all the keys to your home, including those left with neighbours, nannies and relatives, and give them to your solicitor or estate agent.
 - If the move is going to be spread over a couple of days, arrange accommodation and pack a bag for an overnight stop.
 - Make a scale plan of each room in your new home to give to the removal team so, in theory, they know exactly where everything is to go. Colour-code packing cases and furniture in the hope that this will mean it ends up in the right rooms.
 - Make a complete inventory of everything to be moved.
 - Advise the post office to redirect your post.
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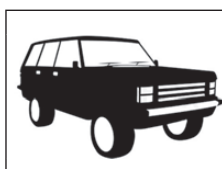
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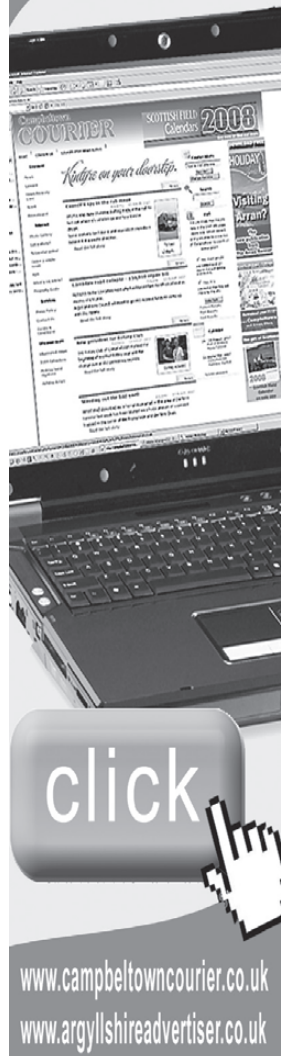
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The Scottish Salmon Company



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Pool Staff and Processing/Plant Maintenance Vacancies – Salmon Processing Plant Cairndow, Argyll
 Ref: 01/PS/15 Pool Staff
 Ref: 01/PRO/15 Processing Supervisor
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As a result of an exciting growth and investments in new equipment and processes, we are delighted to be holding our recruitment drive for numerous additional staff across several departments at our Cairndow Processing Plant.

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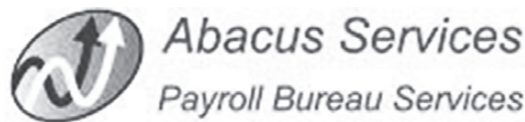
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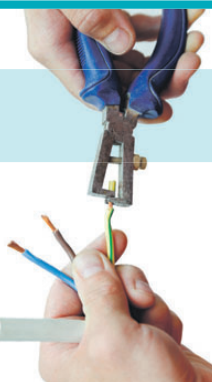
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Wheels turn smoothly for bike venture

A COUPLE who set up their own business hiring out electric bikes are now looking at ways to expand their venture after a successful first year.

Mary Ireson and Jamie Fisher launched Mull Electric Bikes last April allowing people to explore Mull and Iona in an environmentally-friendly way.

They have received support from Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway service with their plans.

Over the winter Mary and Jamie are developing their package options and looking to grow in time for the summer season.

Mary said: 'Jamie is a fisherman and I was a youth worker but we both liked cycling and being outdoors.'

'While I was on maternity leave I was getting fed up from not being able to cycle far with two children so my dad lent me his electric bike.

Initially I was sceptical, but I was hooked once I had a go and realised I could cycle a good distance with the girls in the trailer.

'People were interested in the bike and we were looking at ways of combining our work with our family life. After we came up with the idea we did some test hires and consequently bought four new bikes and launched Mull Electric Bikes.

'The bikes offer an excellent yet cost effective way to tour the island and are more eco-friendly than driving.'

The couple have been thrilled with the positive reviews on Trip Advisor and Facebook and are delighted with how business has been going. The company recently featured on BBC 1's Grand Tours of Scotland with host Paul Murton using one of the electric bikes to get around the island while filming.

A new base for the



Mary Ireson on an electric bike with a trailer.

company, situated close to three forestry trails, is planned and Jamie is completing his CY-TEC Bike Maintenance Training so he can maintain the bikes and offer out servicing and repairs for regular bikes also.

Mary added: 'We will be moving to a new base in the middle of Dervaig which will allow people to visit us and try out the bikes before they hire.

Having premises means that eventually we can sell bikes too.

'Being located in the village will make us more visible and hopefully this means we can pick up passing traffic. We are developing other ideas including putting together cycle trips for groups with suggested routes and accommodation for the islands as well as further afield.

'One of the best things about going to Business Gateway was their start-up course which I found invaluable.

'It was great to learn the basics and talk through ideas with others who were also looking at starting a business.

'Our adviser helped us work on our business plan and projected figures and recently I com-

pleted the bookkeeping workshop which was another great help.'

Adviser Angela Vernel said: 'Mary and Jamie combined our workshops with one-to-one to advice to ensure they were in the best possible position to set up a business. Mull Electric Bikes is a fantastic addition to the island with potential to grow.'

Meet The Buyer is coming to Kintyre

KINTYRE businesses are being encouraged to find out how they can benefit from a multi-million pound new school programme at a 'Meet the Buyer' event.

Argyll and Bute Council, in partnership with Hub North Scotland, is planning a new secondary school for Campbeltown, with the main contract for delivery of the new schools awarded by Hub North Scotland to Morrison Construction and opportunities for the area's companies to get involved either as sub-contractors or suppliers for the project.

Councillor Aileen Morton said: 'Our new schools will bring big benefits for our young people and our communities.'

'Through the Meet the Buyer events, we hope to extend these benefits and opportunities to the local business community, whose expertise, knowledge and capacity can play a part in a large-scale project.'

The meeting is to be held in Aqualibrium, Campbeltown on Thursday, January 22 between 1pm and 5pm.

Interested businesses can meet the Morrison Construction procurement team as well as representatives from the council, Business Gateway and industry body Construction Industry Training Board (CITB).

One-to-one sessions must be pre-booked at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CVDZPCZ> or visit www.morrisonconstruction.co.uk to find out more.

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Preparing all businesses for the new year

WITH the festive celebrations over, now is the perfect time to set some New Year business resolutions - and get help from Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway to keep them.

Whether you are a first-time entrepreneur looking to start a business or an experienced business owner looking to expand an existing venture, the Business Gateway team can help you get your business into shape.

Offer advice

It can also offer advice and support for those considering becoming self-employed.

Those with a growing business can also tap into some

expert help from a range of specialist advisers covering marketing, eCommerce, HR and growth strategy development.

Advisers can also signpost other sources of help with particular issues such as manufacturing, exporting, intellectual property or tendering.

A wide range of free business skills workshops is available. These include business planning, marketing, basic practical bookkeeping, managing staff, improving marketing, customer care, getting more from your website and social media.

Business Gateway advisers can also flag up a range of

loan and grant funding initiatives.

The Business Gateway Plus Growth Grant is available until March and offers funding of 50 percent of costs up to a maximum of £3,000. This fund is aimed at businesses trading above £70,000 with a specific growth project planned.

Loan funding

The West of Scotland Loan Fund can provide loan funding assistance of up to £100,000 for small and medium-sized growth businesses.

Start-Up Finance Scotland offers unsecured personal loan funding of £1,000 to £25,000 for business purposes,

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To find out more contact the local Business Gateway team who can also provide support with developing an application.

Business Gateway can also signpost sources of discretionary funding such as the SJ Noble Trust or the Prince's Trust Youth Business Scotland.

Business Gateway's website is packed with information relevant to both new start and growth businesses. The guides, event section and oth-

er resources at www.bgateway.com will ensure that entrepreneurs across Argyll and Bute have all the information they need at their fingertips.

Advice and support

Adviser Angela Vernel said: 'Traditionally, figures show that the first few months of the year is a busy one for us as people consider making changes to their lifestyle, including setting up their own business, and existing businesses prepare for the year ahead. Our services ensures that new and existing entrepreneurs are given the advice and support they need to help run their venture successfully.'

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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



GRIFFIN - SHAW

Ross and Laura are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful son, Harrison, born November 23, 2014. A little brother for Bryce, Connor and Reece. Special thanks to all midwives at the Mid Argyll Maternity Unit.



MCMURCHY

At the University Hospital, Singapore, on January 9, 2015, to Shaun and Rachael, a daughter, Rhona Elizabeth. First grandchild for a delighted Bruce and Jean McMurphy and Hugh and Connie Ferguson. First great grandchild for Archie and Pearl Kelly, and Bruce and Marion McMurphy.

ENGAGEMENTS



MARTIN - STEELE

Both families have pleasure in announcing the engagement of Kirsty, daughter of David and Morag, to Alan, son of Elsie and Billy, Renfrew.



MCNAUGHTON - GILCHRIST

Both families have pleasure in announcing the engagement of Seona, daughter of Sandy and Christine, to Graham, oldest son of Kevan and Jennifer.

MARRIAGES



KELLY - STEWART

On January 2, 2015, at Polnoon Cottage, Eaglesham, by the Reverend Linda Stewart, Lucille, daughter of the late Betty and John Kelly, to Ewan, son of Martin and Reverend Linda Stewart. A really enjoyable day, with thanks to our families, especially Laura and Graham who made it all come together.

DEATHS

MACPHERSON - Ernie, in his 69th year, passed away very peacefully, at home with his family, beloved husband of Irene (Irene) née Russell, much loved father to Laura and Douglas, adored papa to John and Calum and a dear father-in-law to Ronnie and Marina. Sorely missed. The funeral service will take place in Kilmorich Parish Church, Cairndow, on Friday, January 16, 2015 at 11.30am and thereafter to Kilmorich Cemetery, Cairndow, to which all are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

MCSPORRAN - John, peacefully on January 7, 2015, dearly loved husband of Chrissie, much loved and loving father, grandfather, brother and uncle.

IN MEMORIAM

ARMOUR - Treasured memories of Archie Armour, who passed away on January 19, 2014. A loving husband, dad and papa. Always in our thoughts. - Sheena and family.

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of our beloved son, Kenneth, who died so tragically on January 14, 2006.

We miss you now, our hearts are sore, As time goes by we miss you more, Your loving smile, your gentle face, No one can ever fill your vacant space. Remembering you every day. - With all our love, Mum and Dad xxx.

COURIER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of our dear brother, Kenneth, who was taken from us on January 14, 2006. My brother, my friend, Thinking of you every day. Missing you x. - David and Anne.

MACMILLAN - In fond memory of Norman, who died on Friday, January 15, 2010. With sails brave set you crossed the bar, Your pilot did not fail. So westering on to that sweet place, Where peace and joy prevail. You are still the music. Ae fond kiss. - Kate.

WARDROP - On January 16, Robert, beloved husband, dad, granda and great granda. Miss you so much. - Love, Helen and family, at home and abroad.

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Winning year for sport in Kintyre

THE year 2014 proved a vintage one for sport in Kintyre - capped by bowlers Jimmy Anderson and Johnny McLean becoming Scottish Pairs champions. It was Campbeltown Bowling Club's first national title in 108 years of existence.

The town also had strong home interest at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow when wrestling twins Fiona and Donna Robertson competed. Unfortunately, they were unable to replicate past games' performances when they had picked up medals.

Campbeltown Pupils AFC clinched the Scottish AFL Premier Division One title, their second consecutive league title - ensuring a return to the league's Premier Division for the first time in five years.

The Pupils also made the last 32 of the Scottish Amateur Cup before losing a goal in the last 10 minutes to go down 1-0 to top side Harestanes.

Carradale AFC had their own success with promotion to the top division of the West of Scotland AFL.

In June, Argyll - featuring four Pupils players (Paul and Gary Grumoli, John McCallum and Keith Mitchell) and three from Tarbert AFC - took on the cream of the Scottish Amateur Football League at

Lochgilthead, winning 4-2 to retain the prized Joe Patterson Trophy.

Tarbert's goalscoring sensation James Prentice set a new club record by scoring eight goals in an 11-0 rout of Millerston Thistle.

Kilbrannan won the Campbeltown and District League Cup with Cammy Maguire netting five goals in a 7-2 win over Kintyre Select.

Campbeltown Grammar School S1-3 pupils dominated the MAKI badminton league, finishing ahead of their Is-



Catherine Dobbie won the South Kintyre Sports Council coach of the year award for her outstanding work with youth and adult tennis players in the area. 20_c52review06

lay, Tarbert and Lochgilthead rivals in all three age groups.

In darts, there were 180s galore in March when Charles Robertson clinched victory in the Alex McKerral Trophy in Southend, win-

ning from a field of 27 darts players.

Machrihanish Golf Club's young Dane Valdemar Hundebøll achieved a marvellous third-place finish at the Stephen Gallagher Foundation tournament in North Berwick, with a gross 34 over nine holes.

Campbeltown's George McMillan won the Machrihanish Golf Club championship for the fifth time thanks to a two-shot victory over defending champion Oliver Armour.

Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club's youngsters continued to excel, with members impressing at regional meets and being picked for the Argyll and Clyde squad.

The Mull of Kintyre 10K and half-marathon races in May were an enormous success for the area once again, with 900 runners taking part and home favourite Matthew Turner winning the 10k in 33 minutes and 36 seconds.

Southend's Kenny Campbell was unable to retain his half marathon title because of injury but returned to form in September to smash his marathon best when fourth in the Robin Hood Marathon in Nottingham in 2hrs 38mins 05secs.

He also won the Tarbert 10k in August, the Tin Farm 5 at Ormsary Estate and the end of year Slog in the Sand race at Westport beach, the latter in a course record.

Cameron Campbell, 13, showed he is a face for the future by finishing a close fourth in the junior boys race at the West District cross



Jimmy Anderson and Johnny McLean, Campbeltown's Scottish Pairs champions for 2014. 20_c52review05

country championships.

The South Kintyre Sports Council 5K handicap race series saw Southend's John Galbraith and Darren Renton from Campbeltown appear in every race - making it a full set of 30 over the past six years.

Grant Grant enjoyed a brilliant summer, picking up a Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club treble of men's singles, doubles and mixed doubles titles.

Campbeltown Grammar's under-15s girls rugby team excelled in their first ever tournament in September, getting to the final of the West Schools 7s and losing that by a single try.

In October there was double joy as twins Stephen and Vince Jordan from Campbeltown, along with their cousin Stuart Ashley, won a relay category of the prestigious London Duathlon.



Darren Renton, left, Alisdair O' May and Ryan Sharp give it everything as they prepare to cross the line in May's MOKrun 10k. 08_c52review02



Another sport was introduced to youngsters in Campbeltown with archery lessons through the Active Schools programme. 20_c52review01



Brothers and Campbeltown Running Club members Jamie and Johnny Girvan from Campbeltown ran in their first marathon in April, the world-famous London Marathon. 08_c52review03



Four players from Campbeltown Pupils and three from Tarbert AFC were involved in Argyll's Joe Patterson Trophy win.

Youth football restarts

TRAINING for youngsters in the Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA) will get underway again tonight (Friday) after bad weather saw sessions delayed by a week.

The starting times for the different age groups over the next week are as follows: tonight the P5-6 age group will meet from 5.30-7pm with the P3-4 age groups from 6-7pm, both on Kinloch's 3G pitch. The under 13s will meet as normal.

On Sunday, P2-4's session will be from 12-1pm at Kinloch 3G.

Monday coaching sessions will also resume with P5-S2 training from 5.30-7pm and S3-S4 from 7-8.30pm.

Mini Kickers and P1-2 sessions will start indoor on Friday, January 30 at Campbeltown Grammar School.

No lotto winner

THERE were no winners of the Machrihanish Golf Club lotto drawn on Monday. The numbers picked were 5, 13 and 17.

The next draw is on Monday, January 19, with the jackpot at £200.

HOLDERS bag Morrans triples again on the carpet



The Archie Morrans Triples, Campbeltown Bowling Club's first carpet competition of the winter, was won by holders John McCormick, David Brown and Steven Dickson. The losing finalists were the Hills, father Ralph senior, Ian and Ralph junior. Meanwhile, the clubs Tennents Pairs last month was won by John McCormick and Elma McLean, overcoming the challenge of Shona Anderson and Simon Rochford in the final.

McMillans win after three nights of bowls

EIGHTEEN pairs keenly contested the Tayinloan Hall Committee's 2015 annual indoor bowling pairs competition over three nights last week. The final, over nine ends was a nip and tuck affair until the very last bowl which earned victory for Mr and Mrs Stewart McMillan of Campbeltown, with Archie and Agnes Weir the runners-up.

Darts results

WEEK ten results for the Campbeltown and District Darts Association: Fiddlers B 4 Kilbrannan A 6, Commercial 3 Burnside 7, Ailsa 7 Kilbrannan B 3, Fiddlers v Kilbrannan C postponed. Southend - bye.

Lee Mathieson and Alistair MacKerral scored 180 each for Ailsa, Martin Coffield and Bobby Mathieson doing the same for Burnside.

Bobby also hit a 104 finish.

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Big day for Campbeltown's young sporting talent:

Two minutes to savour

Donald McCallum makes his league debut against Hearts

TWO minutes last Saturday will never be forgotten by young Campbeltown footballer Donald McCallum.

He gained his first experience of senior league football when he was brought on as a substitute for Dumbarton in the 90th minute of their clash against Hearts.

The 18 year old told the Courier: 'I've never been so nervous in a football game as I was after assistant manager Guillaume Beuzelin called me over.

'I knew then that I was going to get on. He ran through the tactics and where I was playing,

and I tried desperately to take it all in.'

Donald was kept waiting but was finally sent onto the pitch when SPFL Championship leaders Hearts already had the match sealed at 5-1.

'It was an amazing experience even though it was all over in a flurry,' he said.

'I did manage a few touches on the ball.

'I had the Hearts right-back Callum Paterson trying to tackle me. He was huge, so I was glad to keep possession.'

Despite impressing in pre-season friendlies against English

League Two outfit Carlisle United and SPFL Premiership team Partick Thistle, and inclusion in squads for league matches against Alloa Athletic and Rangers, Donald was still surprised to be brought on last Saturday.

The former Campbeltown Grammar pupil lives in Glasgow and plays weekly with Dumbarton's under-20 development team.

He added: 'You could see why Hearts are so far ahead at the top of the league. They are powerful across the pitch and their movement is brilliant. I'm delighted to



Donald McCallum, in white, pictured playing for Dumbarton against Partick Thistle in July, made his competitive debut against Hearts last Saturday.

have made my competitive debut against them.'

Donald signed for

Dumbarton FC in 2012 and has played for their under-17, under-19

and under-20s youth sides, having played for Campbeltown Pupils

youth, Lochgilhead Red Star under-16s and Oban Saints youth

Cameron glows on freezing day



Cameron Campbell, seen winning the Tarbert 5k road race last August, is beginning to shine at cross country.

IT may have been bitterly cold at the Scottish inter-district cross-country championships at Holyrood Park, Edinburgh last Saturday - but a scorching run left young Cameron Campbell from Glenbarr with a very satisfying glow.

Despite a recent chest infection, he crossed the line in fourth place in the under-13 boys' race - and helped the west to team gold against east and north selects.

'He was determined to go,' said his dad, Donald, also his coach.

'He wasn't well for a wee while there but nothing was going to stop him gaining his first representative vest.

'To run so well in the circumstances, and be part of a winning team,

was a huge bonus. He was delighted with the result.'

The Edinburgh run was another massive leap forward for a raw, young talent.

He was a surprising fourth finisher at the West championships in early December when the aim for his first proper cross country race was a top-ten place.

Last Saturday, he was the second West runner home.

'His confidence is growing, he is starting to believe in himself,' said his father. 'He now knows he can go off with the leaders and hang in there.'

Cameron, 13, a member of Campbeltown Running Club and a grammar school pu-

pil, showed grit and determination on a typically tough and muddy cross-country course.

As for the horrible weather - in cross country, you just have to get on with it. Football and rugby matches may be called off, but come rain, hail, snow and freezing, gale-force winds - and Edinburgh had all of that - cross country goes ahead.

Being picked for Holyrood also gave young athletes like Cameron a chance to be inspired by the top class senior runners taking part in the day's televised international races.

Double Olympic champion Mo Farah called off after a recent illness set his training back but there was still

immense talent on show including the world's leading 1,500 metre runner Asbel Kiprop, world cross country champion Japhet Korir and former world 1,500 and 5,000 metre track champion Bernard Lagat.

A very interested spectator was Cameron's younger brother, Gregor, 11. 'He is desperate to take part in age group races, like his older brother,' said his dad. 'He will be able to do

that later this year.

'In the meantime, he is enjoying coming along to the races and cheering on his brother.'

Cameron's next big race will be the Scottish junior boys' cross-country championship at Falkirk on February 22 when up to six of his Campbeltown club-mates, including Keny Campbell and Stuart McGeachy, are set to take part in the senior race.

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