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Town hall future in good hands

New group formed to secure future of building

THE FUTURE of one of Campbeltown's most prestigious buildings is looking brighter after the formation of a local action group.

Members from South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) and Campbeltown Community Council are working together with Argyll and Bute Council to find a sustainable use for the town hall.

Infestation

Just a few months ago users of the building were locked out on health and safety grounds due to pigeon infestation.

Emergency work carried out on the building cleared up the problem and the building is now back in limited use al-

though significantly more work needs to be done to ensure the future of the building.

Headed by Felicity Kelly, of SKDT, the recently formed group has been working closely with James Lafferty, project officer with the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) and Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI).

The 'B' listed town hall has been identified as a key building for both schemes and significant funding has been ring fenced for the refurbishment works.

A full condition survey has shown that, while some repairs are required, the building is in a relatively good con-

dition, given its age. A community consultation day held last year also proved the high priority placed on the building by the community. A strong desire was expressed that the building should remain open to the public in some form.

The new group is currently looking for funding to develop the project.

Very attractive

'A completely refurbished town hall would be very attractive to potential users,' said Felicity Kelly.

'This is a prestigious building and I am confident that there will be a demand for this excellent resource,' she added.



Bright future ahead for Campbeltown's Town Hall.

Please report any vandalism

WITH properties across the town centre of Campbeltown substantial amounts of money spent on them through a local regeneration project, people who witness incidents of vandalism are being urged to report them.

Campbeltown Town Centre Regeneration Project has over the past 12 months replaced or refurbished seven-town centre entrance doors to improve security and appearance.

Isolated incidents at 11 Main Street and 21 Main Street have seen particular problems with a camera now directed at 11 Main Street.

Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie said joint initiatives have been undertaken to tackle vandalism and anti social behaviour at problem locations.

'I would encourage anyone who has any information on persons involved in such activities, to contact the police. This will allow us to target our police patrols accordingly and inform the activities of our partners in housing and the council, to ensure we tackle the issues in a coordinated and robust manner.'

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Former lighthouse keeper Hector Lamont of Campbeltown at the Mull of Kintyre Lighthouse.

Hector's starring role in TV lighthouse special

MULL of Kintyre Lighthouse will be featured in a film to celebrate 200 years since the first light was lit in 1811.

Produced by Caledonia TV, the BBC Two programme is narrated by Denis Lawson and Campbeltown's Hector Lamont, who was previously a lighthouse keeper. His wife Esther also features on the programme.

The film takes viewers

through the remarkable achievements of the Lighthouse Stevensons over the course of five generations from the late 1700s to the early 1900s.

The programme also features Fair Isle South Lighthouse, which was the last in Scotland to be automated in 1998, with interviews from the keepers serving at that time.

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Campbeltown centre in country's top four

CAMPBELTOWN'S Tourist Information Centre is one of the top four centres in Scotland according to a mystery shopper visit last year.

The team at VisitScotland's office at the Old Quay, Campbeltown, was visited by a mystery shopper in August and scored 98 per cent.

VisitScotland told *The Courier* that the Campbeltown staff has always been consistent

in scoring at this high level.

The Mystery Shopper Programme is commissioned by VisitScotland but run by an independent body, Progressive.

Mystery shopping takes place twice a year in Campbeltown and the results from the August 2010 visit show that staff excel in selling Argyll to both locals and visitors.

Points identified and marked by the mystery

shopper include being acknowledged on arrival and being greeted with a bright and positive manner with a genuine interest in helping.

Taking pride in their local area and the competency of their assistance are also marked with the overall questionnaire including more than 60 questions.

Diane MacLeod, VisitScotland's Visitor Services regional manager said: 'Shirley and the team in Campbeltown are credit to themselves, to Argyll and to VisitScotland.'

Society boosts cancer trust

MONEY raised by Yorkshire Building Society's staff, including a £100 cheque they received after winning the Christmas window display competition in Campbeltown, has been donated to the Teenage Cancer Trust.

A total of £415.50 was raised for the charity, which was picked by the Yorkshire Building Society as its charity of the year.

Second ballot cost £30,000

THE SECOND ballot for the Machrihanish Airbase buyout cost £30,000.

The cost was met in full by a project grant from Highlands and Islands Enterprise, the December list of grant approvals shows. The ballot failed by 120 votes; law required a 50 per cent return of the ballot papers.

But the worst winter weather in decades and unprecedented chaos and delays in the postal service saw only 2,789 papers come back, not the necessary 2,909 for the count on Friday December 17, 2010; by the Monday another 244 ballot papers arrived in the post. The vote was an overwhelming 94 per cent in favour of the buyout.

GRADUATION



Graduated from Stirling University with a BSc in adult nursing. Amanda Louise Kerr – Daughter of John and Morag, North Connel and granddaughter of Willie and the late Flora Kerr North Connel and Gillian and the late Stewart McKenzie formerly of Furnace.

'Jewel in the crown' blighted by human rubbish

The amount of refuse and downright vandalism is totally unacceptable

LAND managers at one of the 'jewels in the crown' of South Kintyre have appealed for help to keep the beauty spot in tip-top condition.

The Forestry Commission admits frustration is mounting with those who are leaving an unwanted mark on Beinn Ghuilean.

Complaints

It follows complaints of 'many instances' of rubbish caused by some of those heading to the hill.

A commission spokesman said it was frustrat-

ing that extra time and money had to be committed to putting things right at Beinn Ghuilean.

'We are committed to making this a welcoming place and want to keep encouraging more people to the area.

'It would be very useful if the public could help be our eyes and ears and alert us or the police if they see anyone vandalising parts of the forest.'

One regular hill walker said urgent action was needed to put a stop to the problem.

'I think that this is an issue that needs to be addressed urgently, and before the harm currently being done becomes irreparable,' said the Campbeltown man, who asked not to be named.

Unacceptable

'In a nutshell, the amount of refuse blatantly left behind, dangerous fires being lit, and downright vandalism that is now occurring on Beinn Ghuilean, and its surrounding area, is unacceptable.'

As well as empty plastic bottles and fires be-



Beinn Ghuilean is covered in rubbish with benches and bridges ripped out to be used as firewood or thrown down the hill.

ing lit, he said he was saddened by the debris left behind on the lower slopes by campers.

Last summer, he said he cleared an area of rubbish lower on the hill, and added: 'They left the tent, many empty alcohol bottles, the

obligatory used toilet paper and various other odds and ends strewn over a large area.

With more and more people using Beinn Ghuilean and with better access to the hill, the Campbeltown man is concerned about what

tourists will think about the mess left behind. He also expressed concern about the state of benches and bridges provided by the Forestry Commission and how many have been ripped out and either used as firewood or thrown down the hill.

Firefighters kept busy

FIREFIGHTERS from Campbeltown Fire Station attended three calls in the last week.

On January 19, officers went to an address on John Street, Campbeltown, which was a false alarm with good intent.

Two days later there was another false alarm, at Lorne and Campbell Court, Campbeltown.

The final call was on January 23, at 8pm, to the Drumlemble area after reports of an electricity transformer on fire.

The fire service attended but was stood down shortly after once it was realised the box was only smoking.

Full details of the incident at Drumlemble - page 13.

Mother and son deny assault and abduction

A MOTHER and son went on trial at Campbeltown Sheriff Court this week to deny they assaulted and abducted a woman.

Alan McMaster, aged 27, c/o HM Prison Greenock and Joanne Josephine Mahood, aged 47, of 63 Dalaruan Street deny that on October 5, last year at Lady Mary Row, Campbeltown, during a journey between there and Ralston Road, and at Ralston Road, they assaulted their victim before forcing her into the rear of a motor vehicle where the attack continued.

It was further alleged the victim was then pulled from the car and again repeatedly struck on the body to her injury.

The victim told the sheriff and jury trial that she was standing talking to McMaster on Lady Mary Row when she felt someone punch her neck and turned round to see Mahood. She said Ma-

hood's car was nearby.

She said she wanted to retaliate but said McMaster grabbed her hands and put them above her head.

Mahood started to 'land' punches on the victim, who said they hit her arms but not her face, as well as scratching her whilst McMaster held her arms.

She said Mahood got into the driver's seat of her car, and another man who was at the scene got into the front passenger seat.

'McMaster pushed me towards the car; he was standing pushing me on the shoulder. I was scared to resist. I just said 'I am not going'.

'When I got in McMaster got in beside me. I went in on my own accord I didn't want to go but I had to. He was right behind me.'

During the journey the victim said she felt scared and that she asked where they were going but didn't get an

answer.

'It was just after being beat up I wasn't in a good frame of mind I was frightened. I was crying.'

She said that after passing Castlehill Primary School, McMaster started to punch her 'really hard on the face'.

The car carried on past the school and when Mahood saw the victim's brother, she beeped the horn and stopped.

'I was leaning forward and I was pushed out of the car. I landed on my feet. McMaster was shouting at my brother and hitting me on the chest.'

The victim's brother told the court his sister was 'flung out'.

'She was crying and she had a big bump on one side of her head,' he said.

An off-duty police of-

ficer who was passing by Ralston Road at the time described the victim as 'petrified' and 'shaking'.

Giving evidence, Mahood claimed she tapped the victim on the shoulder, but accepted it could have been harder.

'It just blew into a cat-fight. She swung around and grabbed me by the hair and I grabbed her hair.'

'We were pulling and scraping and at that point the victim punched me in the stomach.'

She said she was trying to get the victim away from her and said: 'I flipped and I pushed her and I think she hit her head off the wall.'

She said she started walking back to the car and as she got in the victim and McMaster got into the back seat.

The trial continues.

Dental centre site tops for recycling building waste

CAMPBELTOWN'S new dental centre has achieved nearly 100 per cent performance for recycling its waste materials during construction.

Some 96 per cent of waste generated during construction of the new single storey complex and car park was recycled.

BAM Construction, the project team behind the work, believes it to be the best performance for recycling and the highest diversion rate from landfill recorded by a construction project in Scotland.

It meant more than 3,000 cubic metres of waste materials has avoided environmentally unfriendly disposal in landfill sites.

BAM's project manager Colin Hardie said: 'Our target was 80 per cent so we have smashed that by some distance and we're aiming for near 100 per cent diversion from landfill by 2015.'

'Our performance here at Campbeltown shows this can be achieved. We can do this by reducing the amount of was materials, re-using them creatively and recycling whenever we can.'

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Digital final countdown

THE final countdown until Kintyre switches to digital TV is on. There is now less than three months to get ready for the digital TV switchover that starts in Argyll and Bute on May 11, 2011.

The Darvel and Rosneath transmitter groups, which serve parts of central Scotland and Argyll and Bute will start the switch in May.

Those still watching in analogue are now being advised to get ready for switchover or risk being left with a blank screen.

For more information on the switchover or for help visit www.digitaluk.co.uk or telephone 08456 50 50 50.

'Readathon'

CLACHAN Primary School will be holding a 'readathon' tonight (Friday).

The children will be taking part in the event from 7pm until midnight.

To see how the children got on see next week's *Courier*.

Off-duty officer spotted crash

A SOUTHEND man has been disqualified from driving for 18 months after he was found guilty of drink driving and crashing his father's car down an embankment.

Paul Armstrong, of 25 Wallace Cottages, denied driving on the B842 close to Southend with 125 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood on May 15, 2010.

He admitted driving without insurance.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court was told Armstrong was spotted with blood on his face walking towards the town by an off-duty police officer.

The officer, who had spotted mud on the road, checked the embankment and saw a vehicle up against a tree.

Police later caught up with Armstrong at his home and a breath

test was carried out before an ambulance was called to take him to Campbeltown Hospital for treatment to a cut on his head.

Armstrong told officers he had swerved to avoid a deer, crashing the car.

Giving evidence, the 28-year-old told the court he'd had only one bottle of beer before driving and left to go into Campbeltown when he crashed.

He said on his way back home after the crash he stopped at his mum's boyfriend's house and it was there he had consumed more alcohol.

'I had vodka, three halves in a pint glass. I think there was coke in the glass too. I drank the whole lot and went straight home after that.'

Armstrong's defence agent, Gillian Allardice,

said the accused was asked specifically what he'd had to drink pre-driving and in the 20 minutes prior to taking the breath test.

'This is his reason why he didn't give them information about vodka.'

'He was specifically asked about the certain periods of time of what was consumed,' she added.

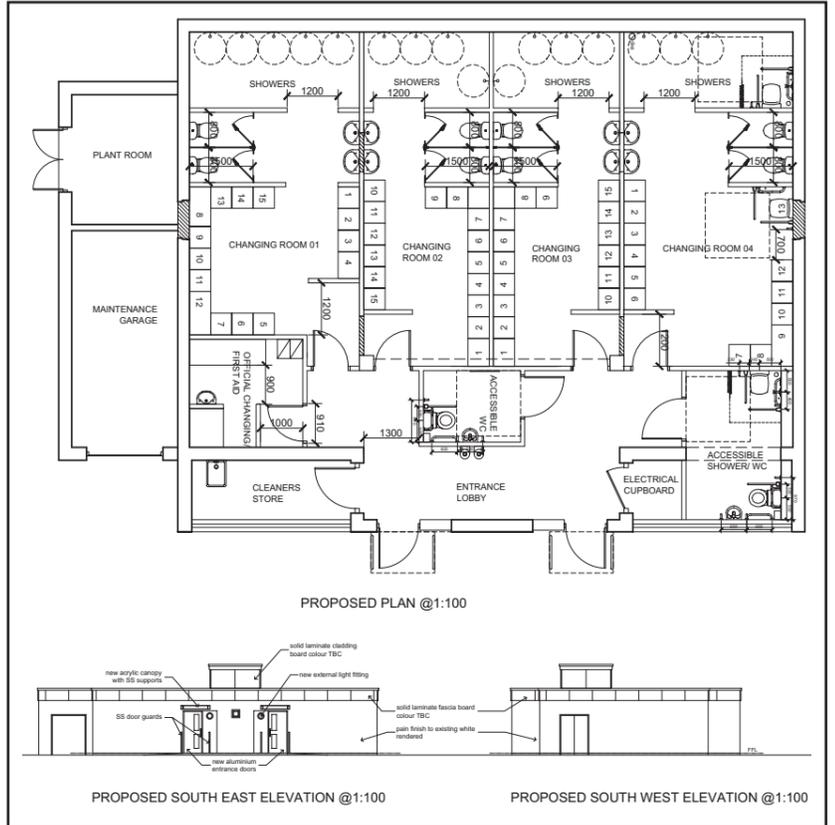
'If he were trying to avoid it however he'd have said nothing. He was quite open.'

However, Sheriff Paul Reid told Armstrong: 'I do not believe you when you say you visited the address of a neighbour.'

'I am quite satisfied you crashed your car on the evening because you were drunk at the time.'

'On that basis I find you guilty.'

Sheriff Reid disqualified him from driving for 18 months and fined him a total of £700.



The proposed plans for the new changing pavilion at Kinloch Green

Single storey extension to sports changing rooms approved

PLANNING permission for a single storey extension to the sports changing pavilion on Kinloch Green has been approved.

The application is part of PMR Leisure's bid for an all weather pitch on Kinloch Green.

Argyll and Bute Council employed community sport and leisure consultants PMR Leisure to carry out the application for the facility.

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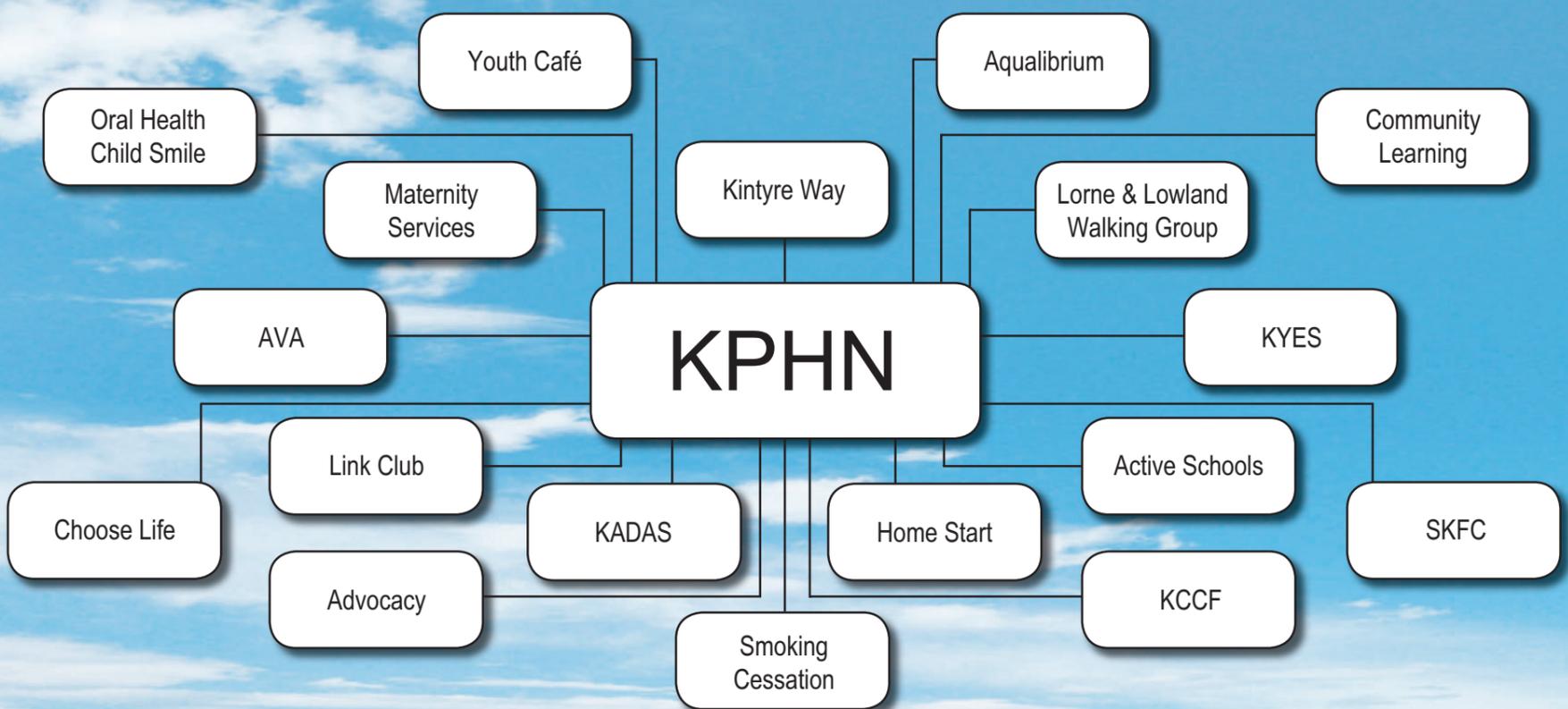
For the latest news on the all weather pitch see page 24.

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Peggy is 90 years young

PEGGY Brodie, a former Miss Campbeltown, has celebrated her 90th birthday at her home in Cumnock.

Peggy's birthday is on Christmas Day and she enjoyed an early birthday dinner with four generations of her family, 11 adults and two children at St Cuthbert Golf Course in Prestwick.

Sons John and Michael and their families hosted this birthday party and the next day Peggy was escorted on a flight to Truro, Cornwall to have another party on Christmas Day with daughters Jane and Zena and their families.

Peggy is remarkably fit for her age; she still cooks and cleans her own house. Her fitness is something



Peggy surrounded by her family on her 90th birthday.

she puts down to being a hard worker all her life.

Peggy, née McIntyre, was born in Campbeltown and enjoyed many a day watching submarines and other boats coming in and out of the harbour during the war.

But it was the ships in the harbour that almost cost Peggy her life.

She and a pal were walking by the harbour when it came under attack by the Germans.

Peggy explained: 'A low flying plane came over our heads and it was so close we could see the pilot's face.'

'My friend said to me 'what if that was a Gerry?' The words were no sooner out her mouth when they dropped a bomb.

'We ran as fast as we could and ducked into a close. When we came out, my coat was blackened.'

But Peggy and her pal lived to tell the tale and Peggy went on to spend much of her life dedicated to the Salvation Army.

It was while dressed in her smart uniform in 1942 that Peggy was crowned Miss Campbeltown at the town fair.

As a beautiful 29-year-old she married Maxie, a miner, in 1951, who was five years her junior. The couple went on to have four children; Zena now aged 58, John, 57, Michael, 54 and Jane, 50. When the pit closed in 1964, the family moved to Cumnock and Maxie went to work at Killoch Pit.

In her adopted home Peggy volunteered with the Brownies as a Brown Owl and didn't retire until her 70s. Sadly, Maxie died five years ago at the age of 79.



Peggy with one of the many cards she received.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court

Resisting police arrest

A TEEANGER from Campbeltown has been fined £60 for resisting police arrest.

Jamie Craig, of 16F Davaar Avenue pled guilty to obstructing and hindering three constables in the execution of their duty and struggling violently to resist arrest on October 16, 2009 on Longrow, Campbeltown.

Sentence on the 18-year-old was previously deferred on January 21, 2010 for him to be of good behaviour for one year.

Depute procurator fiscal Rebecca Hoskins reported to the court that Craig had not been of good behaviour during this time and had received three fixed penalty tickets.

'Police witnesses were called to attend an incident on October 16 in relation to the accused shouting and swearing; he did not take kindly to be spoken to about it.'

Defence agent Chris-

tian Kane told Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Wednesday: 'This is a case where my client should have held his tongue. This was his first foray into the criminal courts.'

Sheriff Paul Reid fined Craig £60.

Man fined for racist remarks

A CAMPBELTOWN man, who repeatedly made racist remarks towards overseas navy personnel visiting the town, has been fined a total of £200.

John McTaggart, of Macharioch House, Macharioch Farm, Campbeltown, admitted acting in a disorderly manner, repeatedly making racist comments and breaching the peace on October 17, last year at a bar in the town.

He also pleaded guilty to kicking a police constable on the leg at Campbeltown Police Office.

Depute procurator fiscal Rebecca Hoskins told Campbeltown Sher-

iff Court last Thursday that on October 17 at approximately 10.50pm there was foreign navy personnel visiting Campbeltown.

She said the 32-year-old was sitting at the bar when some of the sailors went to the bar to get served and McTaggart said to one of them 'you've got an upside down head'.

'He continued to repeat this until he was told to be quiet by a member of the public. He then began shouting at some of the sailors calling them Polish ***** and swearing in general; he was ignored by the sailors.'

Ms Hoskins explained police witnesses on foot patrol entered the bar and overheard the accused shouting the racist remarks.

McTaggart's defence agent told the court: 'At the start it was more good humour and banter but there was an inappropriate comment made to McTaggart's girlfriend and it excelled from there.'

'This was unacceptable in the circumstances

and he fully accepts his behaviour.'

Sheriff Paul Reid fined McTaggart a total of £200.

Sentence deferred

A SHERIFF branded a young Campbeltown woman's 'complete disregard' for the law as 'appalling' when she appeared before him at the town's sheriff court last week.

Pamela Sloss, aged 20, of 2E Mafeking Place, admitted conducting herself in a disorderly manner, screaming, shouting, swearing and committing a breach of the peace on August 22, 2010, at Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown.

She also pleaded guilty that on the same date on Main Street and Milknoe, Campbeltown, she resisted arrest, obstructed, hindered, and molested two constables in the execution of their duty.

Sheriff Paul Reid deferred sentence on Sloss until February 16 for reports to be carried.

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Those Were The Days

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Shipyard flies in customers

TWO Eyemouth fishermen who have become top of their league since they teamed up a year ago to go pair-trawling have ordered new boats from Campbeltown Shipyard.

Skipper Jim Aitchieson, of the wooden 50-foot vessel, *White Heather V*, joined forces with his nephew, skipper Billy Aitchieson, of the similar-sized *Heather Belle II*, grossing £403,000 in just 66 days fishing as a pair in 1980.

When he heard they were thinking about buying new boats, the shipyard's managing director, Mr Leslie K Howarth, chartered an aircraft and flew them to Campbeltown to see *Polonia II*, the first vessel built to a new design – the Campbeltown 60 – then nearing completion.

Today, he announced that the yard has won contracts to build both boats, valued together at £750,000.

A new factory

THE Highlands and Islands Development Board's programme of encouraging industry to come to Argyll and Bute took another step forward this week with planning approval for a new advance factory in Tarbert, similar to the two being built at Campbeltown's Snipefield Industrial Estate.

And another one closes

THE Campbeltown factory of the light engineering firm, Leo-Cut, is to close with three young apprentices being made redundant.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I THINK Jesus would have loved living in Kintyre!

You may think this a strange statement and wonder how I come to this conclusion.

Well, when I think of all the hospitality that is the hallmark of this community, I think Jesus would feel really at home.

I think he would love to sit by the fire with us on a dreich morning looking across Campbeltown Loch eating warm scones, as stories are told of days gone by.

I think he would love to sit round a table on a cold winter's night when friends invite us to share food as well as friendship.

I think Jesus would be delighted to take part in the informal songs and ceilidhs that happen spontaneously on the west coast.

I think he would enjoy the fun and the laughter when people gather with no other reason than to be in each other's company.

I think he would enjoy the company of those who would bring the gift of friendship into our own homes, and who would be at our door at the first sign of trouble.

I think he would enjoy the exuberance of the children's visits, which leave us exhausted, but all the richer for the blessing of their company.

Jesus was the great 'seanchai' or storyteller, and I think he would so enjoy the stories from the folks here who have such wonderful tales within them.

I'm sure he would relate to the story of the sheep that were lost in the big snow, or the time the boat had to bring supplies to a snowbound Southend, or the time the flash floods washed away fences and gates and fields at Muasdale.

We know from scripture that Jesus loved being with people that he rebuked those who failed to show hospitality and welcome, and that he told a good story.

I think Jesus would love Kintyre.



Down Memory Lane

We have just finished celebrating the centenary year of the Guiding and one of our readers, Margaret McIntyre of Millknowe had kindly brought this photograph into *The Courier* office to remind everyone of the 75th anniversary, back in 1985. To celebrate the 7th anniversary, 'The Guiding Light' left London to travel all over the UK and this symbolic light was brought into Argyll on June 28 that year by the Scottish Chief Commissioner and handed over to the 1st Campbeltown Ranger Unit at a ceremony in Tarbert Village Hall, attended by Commissioners, Guiders and Friends of Guiding from Kintyre. On its way to Campbeltown the light was met at Tayinloan, and at Glenbarr and escorted through these villages by the Largieside Guides and Brownies and finally arrived at the Campbeltown boundary to meet up with the rest of the Guides to march to the Victoria Hall led by the pipe band, where the 75th birthday party was held. A huge cake in the shape of the Trefoil Badge, with 75 candles was baked and decorated by Red Tie Guider Bina McLean for the event. This photograph was taken in Tarbert Village Hall: back row, from left: Joyce Gardiner, Margaret MacIntyre, Elaine Howarth, Mrs Maxwell Macdonald of Largie, Lindsey McSporrnan, Leslie Campbell, Anne Littleton, Annie McLachlan, Margaret Turner and Joan Davies. Front, from left: Jane Smith, Gail Wilson, Fiona Bell, Moira Ann Sims, Dawn Blake and Ailie Kincaid.

Contractual obligations

Sir,
It is now two years since the Developer at the Sound of Kintyre dissolved his company (Anglohouse Scotland Ltd) in London, without informing the 137 homeowners or the factors and without assigning the contractual obligations for the water and sewerage services to another company.

These actions have consequently absolved Defence Estates of their long running contractual duties to provide these services to the estate.

The Sound of Kintyre Homeowners Association fully supports the crucial points Mr Brown made in his letter to you on January 7.

Homeowners are in a very vulnerable posi-

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tion. Defence Estates is ultimately the responsibility of the Westminster Government. Scottish Water is ultimately the responsibility of the Scottish Government. Definitive action is certainly way overdue and we are coming up to an election.

We would like to see some urgent joined up thinking with the situation resolved before the Base is sold.

Otherwise, a golden opportunity will be lost in ensuring Defence Estates faces up to its moral responsibilities without the ensuing ex-

pensive mess being left for the local authorities to pick up in these fiscal times.

Because MoD Machrihanish has been wound down gradually over the years in an insidious way, there has been a lack of investment and neglect with the consequent deterioration in the infrastructure and services.

However the water and sewerage services on the Base could be a great asset to the overstretched provision to Campbeltown and surrounding villages if there was some forward thinking

and fast action.

It is not like the closures proposed at Moray where there is now much public attention and publicity. That inertia has been lost to us. Mr Brown is quite right. We need answers.

It is now time for us as individual homeowners to write to our politicians to ask what is being done and how do they intend to address this appalling situation?

Yours sincerely
Andrew Hemmings
For and on behalf of
The Sound of Kintyre Homeowners Association.

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Setting the record straight

Sir

You gave the whole of last week's letters' page over to the SNP to spread misinformation about the Liberal Democrats. The following sets the record straight.

I never criticised Education Minister Mike Russell for trying to save rural schools. What I did criticise him for was secretly handing the Council a list of 8-9 schools to close, whilst saying publicly that he would have nothing to do with the school closure process. During the Parliamentary debate Mr Russell was asked several times to name these schools, but he wouldn't. What does he have to hide?

The UK Government cut Scotland's grant by less than any other part of the UK. The SNP Government at Holyrood have cut Argyll & Bute Council's grant by £5.5 million more than the Scottish average. This obviously means far more cuts in services here than in any other part of Scotland. It is complete nonsense for the SNP to say that Liberal Democrat Councillor Alison Hay agreed to these cuts. This is simply not true.

I urge the SNP Government to change their mind and give Argyll & Bute our £5.5 million back.

The recent fuel duty increases were part of the previous Labour Government's Budget. I voted against these increases and am trying to persuade the new Government not to put up fuel duty whilst the price is so high. The Government has asked the EU for permission to implement a pilot scheme on the Atlantic islands which will see fuel duty cut by 5p a litre. If this pilot scheme proves successful I will campaign for the scheme to be extended to the Clyde islands and remote parts of the mainland.

Yours sincerely
Alan Reid MP





Dalintober's primary four pupils performed their Wild West themed concert. 04_c04west01



Primary 1 pupils show off their costumes. 04_c04west02

Wild West comes alive at Dalintober

PUPILS from Dalintober Primary School performed their wild-west themed concert recently to a packed audience of friends and family. The children dressed up for the occasion and decorated the hall. The concert was postponed during December due to the bad weather.



Left to right: Post master from Tarbert Post Office Duncan Henderson with Nicola Monks and Ricky Graham.

Tarbert duo voted top village citizens

TWO COMMUNITY workers from Tarbert have jointly been awarded the citizen of the year award for the village.

Partners Ricky Graham and Nicola Monks were given the 18th Tarbert Citizen of the Year Award, sponsored by Post Office Ltd, as recognition of their work in Tarbert. It was presented at the annual Tarbert Senior Citizens' dinner on Friday January 14.

Ricky is a locally based Strathclyde Police Officer who spends a lot of his own time training and promoting local sports for the youth – and not so young in the village. He has built up a very good rapport with local residents and along with others has been instrumental in raising considerable amounts for various charities.

Nicola, who works in the care sector, was recognised for her efforts beyond her duties. She has also worked with others to re-establish a lunch club for senior citizens and fund raise for Mid Argyll Chemotherapy Centre and other charities.

Kintyre minister is new oil industry chaplain

A KINTYRE minister has been appointed to one of Britain's most prominent chaplaincy posts.

The Reverend Martin Grashoff, minister at Kilcalmonell, Killean and Kilchenzie churches, takes over as chaplain to the UK oil and gas industries on the March 1.

The Dutch Church of Scotland minister said: 'It will be painful to leave the people in Kintyre, but I'm pretty sure this is where I can serve God's kingdom best.'

His predecessor, the Reverend Andrew Jolly MBE, passed away, aged 54, last year after losing his battle with cancer.

His new role will entail being a pastor to workers on the British oil and gas rigs and installations, as well as to their families, and connecting with the industry onshore and with the churches.

The Dutchman was relishing the new challenge: 'Instead of waiting till people come into my church I will have to go out and meet them.

For me it is a strong and positive challenge to find God out in the world.'

Mr Grashoff's post will be fully funded by the UK oil and gas industry, through the Aberdeen Oil Industry Chaplaincy Trust.

The 54-year-old, originally from Zeeuws-Vlaanderen, close to Flanders' Fields in the Netherlands, had been a minister with the country's Protestant Church PKN before serving for three years with the Iona Community between 2004 and 2007. Mr Grashoff spent 18 months with two churches in Glasgow, before receiving a call to Kintyre in 2009.



The Rev Martin Grashoff.

Tarbert road safety plea

MSP demands prompt action on A83 through Tarbert

PETER Peacock writes: 'At Tarbert the A83 becomes very narrow at the Barmore Road section and allied to this there is a lack of a safe pedestrian crossing. There is considerable local concern at this situation and there have apparently been a number of 'near misses' over recent months.

Mr Peacock's plea comes after he was contacted by a constituent who believes there is a need for effective traffic management on this busy route to balance the needs of motorists and local residents.

In his letter to Mr Brown, Mr Peacock

writes: 'At Tarbert the A83 becomes very narrow at the Barmore Road section and allied to this there is a lack of a safe pedestrian crossing. There is considerable local concern at this situation and there have apparently been a number of 'near misses' over recent months.

'I would be very grateful if you would be able to outline what steps the Scottish Government is taking to enable improvements to be made to the A83 at Tarbert Village to

ensure that the risk of serious accidents will be minimised. I know you will agree with me that even in times of difficult public finances public safety must not be compromised.'

Local community councillor Bob Chicken said: 'Tarbert and Skipness Community Council have, for many years, been trying with little success to improve the safety of this stretch of the A83 and are grateful to Peter Peacock for taking up the case with the minister.'

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NFU Mutual and NFU Scotland welcomes new partners



NFU Mutual



Throughout the country NFU Scotland members benefit from a dedicated team of branch secretaries, head office staff and office bearers. In Argyll & the Islands this team was strengthened in 2010 by the addition of two new branch secretaries, ensuring an even better level of service for their members.

Donna MacDougall and Catherine Gallagher joined the four other branch secretaries who cover Arran and Argyll & Bute, along with Lucy Sumsion, Regional Manager. Lucy was delighted to welcome the pair to the team, saying their appointment is an indication of the Union's commitment to supporting all our members across the area.

Donna MacDougall joined the Union in April last year, having spent two years working for NFU Mutual senior partner, Euan Warnock at Oban's Livestock Centre. A local to the area, Donna grew up on a croft on Seil and returned to live there after going to university to complete a degree in politics. Her two years working with

Euan allowed her to build a good relationship with many of the members she now looks after on a day-to-day basis. Since becoming a group secretary Donna has looked after the Lorn and Mid Argyll branches from the Oban office.

Like Donna, Catherine Gallagher became a branch



NFU Mutual representative for Oban, Donna MacDougall, is pictured with Cameron MacFarlane of Oban Argyll Agricultural Engineering. 15_t04nfu1

secretary in April last year. Originally from Campbeltown, Catherine moved to Dublin after leaving Campbeltown

Grammar School to work towards a degree in sociology and social policy at the city's Trinity College. She returned

to her hometown in 2009 for a job with a housing association, before joining the NFU Scotland team at the Campbeltown

office. Catherine is responsible for the Kintyre area.

All the branch secretaries have a



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Cathrine Gallagher has joined the partnership and is now working at the Campbeltown office.

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In addition the head office team of specialists gives members instant access to agricultural expertise, helping out with all manner of business issues. NFU Scotland have helped countless members with subsidy appeal cases and returned huge sums of money to the industry. Lobbying activity takes place at every level of the Union. All issues,

no matter how big or small, are discussed from consultation at Branch level through the Union's Committees and Head Office.

And it works! In June last year Scottish Government's decision to adopt NFU Scotland's proposals for improvements to the delivery of the Less Favoured Areas Support Scheme (LFASS) will secure a significant uplift in funding to all those receiving LFA payments from the 2011 scheme. The LFASS modifications will now ensure LFASS payments, from the 2011 scheme, are targeted at those actively farming in LFA areas, wherever they are in Scotland.

However, there are issues that still need to be resolved. NFU Scotland joined other

industry stakeholders in briefing European Commission officials in October over continuing problems relating to the controversial electronic tagging (EID) rules for sheep. A paper prepared by NFU Scotland for the event tackled ongoing concerns around farm inspections and cross-compliance requirements with regards to the regulation. The Union also took the opportunity to call again for European tagging requirements to change so that they only need apply when an animal is leaving its holding of birth.

Members through the local branches raise many of the issues that NFU Scotland tackles, which is why the role of the branch secretary is so important in gathering your views. So whatever

issue you would like to raise the local branch secretary is the first port of call.

NFU Scotland and NFU Mutual are historically linked and have a strong working relationship to this day. NFUS Group Secretaries act as the local representative for both NFUS and NFU Mutual. Group Secretaries work with new and existing customers on NFU Mutual insurance and financial services, as well as promoting NFU Scotland membership and supporting existing members.

So if you live in the Argyll and the Islands area and would like to find out more about the benefits of membership, why not get in touch today with a branch secretary.

NFUS - 9000 members and growing

FOR almost a century, NFU Scotland (NFUS) has been the lead organisation representing and promoting the interests of farmers and crofters. Since its formation in 1913, the organisation has been committed to influencing government, the supply chain and consumers in order to secure a

better future for all its members, the length and breadth of the country. Faced with falling farm incomes and an ever-increasing burden from paperwork and regulation, the need for strong, effective representation has never been greater. And the good news is that although

the number of farmers in Scotland is falling, the membership of NFUS is growing as more and more come to value the work the Union does on behalf of all those farming the land. Those 9,000 farmers and crofters who are members of NFUS get help and support on any issue affecting

their business with access to information and advice on all major policy and legislative matters. They also get the opportunity to influence government and, through NFUS, they have a voice. That voice can be heard nationally, using the policy staff at the Union's headquar-

ters near Edinburgh, or locally through the Union's unique network of 52 group secretaries and local offices. Your Regional Manager for Argyll and the Islands, Lucy Sumsion, is also on hand to help with any queries or raise any issues that you have. If you are already a member of NFUS,

thank you for your support. If you would like to join NFUS and want more details on what NFUS can do for you then please contact the local offices at Oban (01631 567036), Arran (01770 840235), or Campbeltown (01586 552428) or go to the Union's website at www.nfus.org.uk

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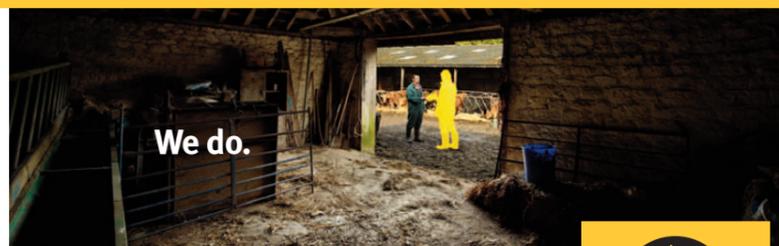
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Hotel hosts charity comedy night

HOSTED by Choose Life to mark Breathing Space Day, a comedy night has been organised in the White Hart Hotel next Friday.

Three comedians from Glasgow, Gary Little, Susan Morrison and Bruce Morton, will be entertaining crowds on Friday February 4.

Tickets for what promises to be a fantastic night out are £7 with all proceeds from the night going to Campbeltown Young Farmers Group and the recently launched Gatepost service, a listening and support service for the agricultural community provided by RSABI.

As well as great comedy, there is a buffet provided in the ticket price. Some great prizes will be up for grabs in a raffle that will benefit Homestart too. The evening is also supported by The Co-Operative. This is going to be a fantastic night out and a bit of light relief at what can feel like a bit of a bleak time of year. For tickets contact Tracy Preece on 07748 740939 or tracy.preece@nhs.net.



Organisers are seeking new talent to take part in this year's Kintyre Songwriters Festival, which is now in its fourth year. Some of the performers from the festival in 2008 take part in the open mic session.

Songwriters chance to hit the high notes at Kintyre festival

ORGANISERS of the annual Kintyre Songwriters Festival are on the look out for new talent for this year's event.

Held in Campbeltown at various venues from May 27 to 29 this year, performers with all styles of music, including past performers, are invited to get in touch with the committee.

Over the three nights there will be free events as well as ticketed events so everyone can get involved and enjoy the local talent.

Friday night will be 'bands nights' and will be held in Whisky

Macs and will be free. This will be followed by ticketed events in the White Hart Hotel on Saturday and Sunday nights which will showcase solo artists and bands; it will also see the return of some regular festival artists.

Open mic

On Saturday afternoon there will be open mic session in the White Hart, which provides a perfect platform for new artists who may not feel confident enough to perform at one of the main evening events.

The festival is now in its fourth year and it aims to showcase and

promote the song writing and music talent in Kintyre.

It also aims to encourage a new generation of local songwriters and musicians, by means of donations to local musical groups/organisations and the presentation of an annual memorial quach at Campbeltown Grammar School for original folk song.

Anyone interested in playing at this year's festival should email the organisers at info@kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk.

For more information and regular updates visit www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk.

New chairwoman for cultural forum

MAUREEN Johnson has taken over as chairwoman of the Kintyre Cultural Forum (KCF) from Dierdre Henderson after a recent annual general meeting.

Maureen who has been involved in various cultural projects in Kintyre, most notable with the drama told *The Courier* that she was very pleased to be elected as chairwoman and is looking forward to being part of many exciting projects in the future.

Deirdre has now stepped down to work with project worker Iain Johnston and help with the KCF's development work towards a cultural arts centre in Campbeltown.

The KCF is currently developing projects in the area including a Kintyre cultural and social archive, creating national and international cultural links including a Dalriada Trail, a youth theatre, art exhibitions and fundraising events.

The KCF will also be

involved in the inaugural World Book Night on March 5 this year.

The organisation is honoured to have been asked to represent the cultural and arts community on the decision board of the Argyll and the Islands LEADER Local Action Group (European Funding) for the area.

It has also received funding towards their ongoing project work from Awards for All and the local Common Good Fund.

Revamped

The KCF newsletter is also currently being revamped to be published in conjunction with their new cultural website for Kintyre which the forum will launch later this year.

More details on the KCF's activities including how to become part of World Book Night can be obtained from Iain or Deirdre at kintyreculturalforum@hotmail.co.uk or phoning 01586 552034.

Rotary gears up for Sale of the Century

A TEAM from the Rotary Club of Campbeltown is busy gathering and sorting out items to be offered for sale at its next Sale of the Century in February.

Taking place on Friday February 11 and Saturday February 12, all hands will be involved in transporting and arranging the items in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown.

There is a huge amount of work involved, and without the help of many friends who are not Rotarians, it would be almost impossible; but as has been said before, these sales are important fundraisers for the club, and help to provide for the ongoing support of various needy groups, locally, nationally and internationally.

As usual, the hall will be open for viewing on Friday afternoon from 3.30pm to 5pm, and

during that time, the bric-a-brac stall will be open for sales.

On Saturday February 12, tea, coffee, soft drinks, biscuits and filled rolls will be on sale, courtesy of the Inner Wheel Club of Campbeltown.

This is a useful, and much appreciated service, and usually generates some funds for the Inner Wheel Club.

The sale itself will be conducted by Rotary's resident auctioneers, the ever popular Cecil Finn and John Kerr, and even if you do not want to buy anything, it is worth coming along to hear the patter of these auctioneers.

Please do come along and support this worthwhile sale.

The Rotary Club is always grateful for the support received from the public in Campbeltown and Kintyre.

Community Noticeboard

Kintyre U3A

General Meeting

White Hart Hotel

Talk - Bird photography in Kintyre
Thursday, February 3rd at 10.30am
Refreshments available
Update on group activities
All retired and semi-retired people are welcome

Contact R M Bennett - 810383

Coffee Morning Special Fundraiser - £1.00

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Kintyre Chorale singers on song with charity cash

FORTHOSE who braved the Arctic weather in Campbeltown to head to Lorne and Lowland Church Hall on Sunday December 19, there was a winter warmer to be had, in the form of carol singing with Kintyre Chorale.

There was an eclectic feel to the programme, with traditional carols

and folk tunes from far flung places such as Austria, France and Ukraine, coupled with hymns and carols synonymous with Yuletide in Scotland.

Kintyre Chorale would like to thank the Southend Girls Choir, Maria Gibbons and David McEwan for their contribution on the

evening, their conductor Paula McLean, and to every other singer and spectator for their part in a thoroughly enjoyable festive night. As a result of the collection held that evening the Chorale have been able to donate £200 to both the Salvation Army and South Kintyre Young Carers.



Ladies from the Kintyre Chorale donated a total of £400 to the Salvation Army and South Kintyre Young Carers Group.

Open day spotlight on Picture House centenary celebrations

AN OPEN day to discuss ideas and proposals for The Picture House's centenary celebrations will be held on Tuesday February 1.

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

Members of the community are welcome to stop in at 2pm, 4pm or 7pm that day to hear a short presentation about the project,

ask questions and contribute their opinions and ideas on the options being considered to improve the Picture House.

Anyone who would like to comment on the proposals but is unable to attend the consultation can contact Jura Consultants direct by emailing admin@jura-consultants.co.uk, using Picture House Consultation in the subject line.

Alternatively fill out the online questionnaire at www.tinyurl.com/campbeltownpicturehouse.

Charity coffee morning

THE KINTYRE local committee of Cancer Research UK will host a coffee morning tomorrow (Saturday).

From 10am to noon the usual stalls, baking and teas and coffees will be on offer.

Helping you keep healthy

KINTYRE Public Health Network is holding another health extravaganza day on Tuesday February 1.

Taking place in Kinloch Hall, Campbeltown from 11am to 3pm, healthy lunches and snacks are on offer with a crèche available.

Heritage Centre car boot sale

THE FIRST car boot sale of the year for the Heritage Centre in Campbeltown will take place next weekend.

Teas and coffees and home baking will be on sale with the farmer's market also open.

The event will take place from 10am to 1pm in the Heritage Centre on Saturday February 5.

Got a leisure story? Call our reporters on 01586 554646.



Sale of the Century

Friday 11th and Saturday 12th February
Victoria Hall, Campbeltown

Friday 11th February Doors Open 3.30pm
Auction Viewing and Sale of Bric-a-Brac
3.30 - 5.00pm

Saturday 12th February Doors open 9.00am
Bric-a-Brac 9.00am
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Tarbert Medical Practice Healing Garden
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Workshop on how to reduce your energy bills
 - 19th March 7pm** Templars Arts and Leisure Centre
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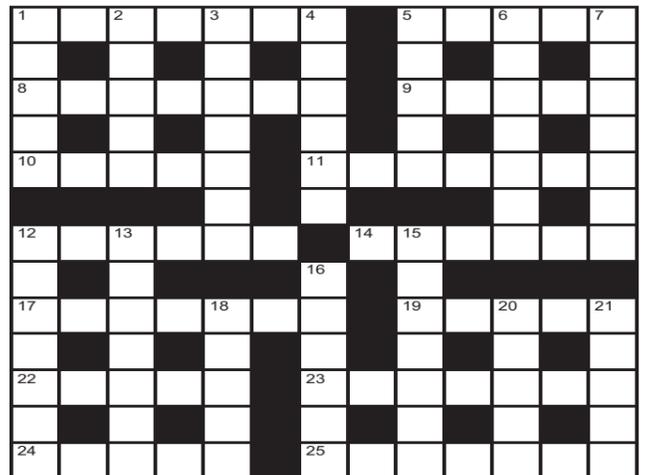
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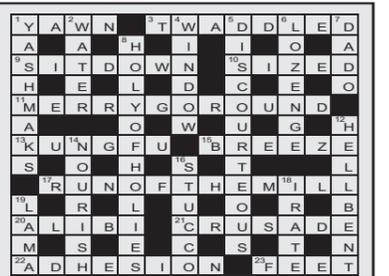
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- 18 Divide between (5)
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Last Week's Solution



GIGHA

The Wizard of Oz

ISLANDERS turned out to support a delayed performance of Gigha Primary School's *The Wizard of Oz*.

Held in the village hall on January 14, the performance was originally meant to be part of the school's Christmas Concert but it was cancelled due to the weather.

A raffle and buffet were held after the colourful performance and islanders and families of the children from the mainland also traveled over for the occasion.



The cast of Gigha Primary School's production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

GLENBARR

Comcrake's may return to Kintyre

THE comcrake could make a come back to Kintyre thanks to a Glenbarr farm business which has been awarded £110,919 over five years to establish an area of new native woodland and manage habitats for marsh fritillary, burnet moths and comcrakes, among other farmland species.

The cash has come from ninth round of approvals from Rural Priorities Funding from



Toto caught up in the Twister, which transported him, and Dorothy to Oz. Photo courtesy of Don Dennis.



Toto played by John Wilson, the Scarecrow by Brandon Clements, and Dorothy by Phoebe Brown Photo courtesy of Don Dennis.

the Scotland Rural Development Programme (SRDP).

Under the programme, which was designed to develop rural Scotland

from 2007 to 2013, individuals and groups may seek funding to help deliver the government's strategic objectives in rural Scotland.

At Glenbarr the management will encourage expansion of the range of species found on the land, particularly comcrake and marsh fritillary which until recently had not been recorded in this part of Argyll.

Management involves specialist grazing plans on habitat mosaics and coastal species rich grassland, management of silage ground for comcrake and planting and establishment of new native woodland.

The management will contribute to biodiversity, landscape diversity

and climate change mitigation through woodland planting. A family farming business that employs two full time staff will also be safeguarded.

The award was welcomed by Jim Mather MSP who said: 'I hope this encourages others to adopt similar strategies.'

BELLOCHANTUY

First meeting of the year

ELAINE Hemmings, president of Bellochantuy SWRI, welcomed members to Glenbarr Hall for the first meeting of the New Year.

Business matters were discussed and approved and speaker for the evening, Malcolm McMillan was introduced.

Malcolm spoke about energy and South Kintyre, and about how saving energy is most important for the planet.

Growing your own vegetables is recommended and reference was made to Campbeltown Community Or-

ganic Garden. Malcolm's talk was accompanied by a film, both most enjoyable and informative.

Pam Francis proposed a warm vote of thanks.

Competition results, judged by Malcolm:

Baking, three empire biscuits: gold Libby Kerr, Nettie Semple and Susan Turner; silver Sheena Caskie, Alice McLean and Elizabeth Young; knitting, bed socks: gold Susan Turner, silver Mary Barbour and Margaret Park, red Nettie Semple; fun competition, an ornament: gold Margaret Campbell and Jean Miller, silver Pam Francis, Jill Lines, Edna McKellar, Nettie Semple and Susan Turner, red Ann Boulton, Sheena Caskie, Trisha Fair, Janet Hamilton, Libby Kerr, Mary Barbour and Annie Taylor.

LARGIESIDE

January meeting

A WELL-known seamstress from Campbeltown was the guest

speaker for the January meeting of Largside SWRI.

The meeting was held in Tayinloan Village Hall on January 20, and president Helen Steel welcomed the members and wished them a happy New Year.

Helen introduced Jan McNair who demonstrated, very quickly, how to make garments out of unwanted clothes. She had a wide variety of finished articles, which she had either made or altered to fit.

Some were lengthened using various methods, others were modernised and some took on an entirely different shape, like the waistcoat she made whilst we watched.

Members asked several questions and all were answered with some good tips for improving skills. The hostesses for the evening were Jessie Main and Ann Clark. The vote of thanks was given by Margaret Semple.

Competition results: Soup: Zandra McDougall and Ann Clark

5, Linda Hutchinson 4, Trish Johnstone 3, Margaret Clements 2, Helen Steel 1

A Limerick: Trish Johnstone 5, Katie Pendreigh 4, Denise McKeown 3, Linda Hutchinson 2, Pat Rawson 1.

SOUTHEND

A trip up the Amazon

THE first meeting of the 2011 season for South-end S W R I was a trip up the Amazon!

The president, Marion Warnock introduced Margaret Bakes to the members who talked about her trip on the Fred Ohsam's cruise ship *Braemar* which took them up the Amazon.

The *Braemar* took three days to reach the mouth of the Amazon which can be 30 miles wide in flood time and 4,000 miles long starting in Peru, with a pilot on board they cruised up the river with 850 passengers on, there was lots of colourful insects drawn to the lights at night.

It was a very interesting and enlightening night for everyone who went along. Elizabeth Semple gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions - Eccles cake: Fiona Rowland, red; Josephine Milligan, silver; Margaret Bateman, blue. Decorated Wellington: Josephine Milligan, gold. Crocheted egg cosy: Trisha Pearson, gold.

ISLAY

Community garden

ISLAY'S Community Garden Committee will present a new three year plan at its AGM next week, also announcing a number of new members.

The AGM will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, February 2 at Service Point, Bowmore.

Minister's new book

JON Magee, former Baptist Minister on Islay, has released his second published book, *Paradise Island, Heavenly Journey*.

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Comcrake

recounted his teenage experiences in Singapore.

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New minister required

THE Church of Scotland Linked Parishes of Kilchoman, Kilmeny and Portnahaven on Islay, have made an unrestricted call for a new minister.

The ministry of the three linked congregations on Islay is supported by a worship team with provision for an attached reader. The manse is in Port Charlotte.

DRUMLEMBLE

Electricity failure

MORE than 200 homes in the South Kintyre area were affected by an electricity transformer, which blew up in Drumlemble on Sunday evening.

A member of the public alerted Scottish Hydro Electric after smoke was seen coming from the box shortly before 8pm.

A spokesman for Scottish Hydro Electric said the fault to the transformer, which reduces the voltage from the main electricity line to that used in plugs in the home, was caused by a lightning strike.



The first snowdrops are starting to appear at Glenbarr Abbey; by the time they are all out the woods are a spectacular splash of white. Let our readers know your favourite spots in Kintyre to see these beautiful first flowers of the year. 0_c04sno01

‘Although there was no lightning on Sunday evening, a previous strike did not have an immediate affect to it and it had been manifesting for some time.’

He said that by midnight on January 23 the last of the homes that were affected had their power back on.

SKIPNESS

Police thanks

POLICE have thanked quick-thinking residents in the Skipness area who came across what they thought was an explosive on a beach near the village on January 24.

A member of the pub-

lic took a photograph of the large cylinder and passed it onto police.

Police officers attended and were able to determine it was of no risk to the public and was a large industrial, steel cylinder.

A police spokesman thanked the residents and said anyone who comes across such objects on the beach should not hesitate to contact them.

‘The container was the size of a torpedo, but it turned out to be a large industrial steel cylinder which had been washed up at high tide. If anyone comes across anything suspicious they should contact their local police station.’

Have you got a story for our new district pages in the **Campbeltown Courier**? If so, either send it in or call our reporters on **01546 602345**

LEADER funding for local groups

GROUPS across the area have been awarded funding through the Argyll and the Islands LEADER Programme, totaling £109,348.

Four members of the Local Action Group for LEADER used video-conferencing to connect with other members from Oban who met in Cameron House, Oban last month, with a further four people using tele-conferencing to allow them to participate in the meeting.

Since it began allocating funds in May 2008, Argyll and the Islands LEADER Programme has funded 162 projects with an input of £5,013,206.

Cash injection

The total value of these projects is £13,268,502 which represents a substantial cash injection for communities across Argyll and the Islands; the LEADER Programme will run until 2013.

In the twelfth round of funding a total of 16 projects across Argyll and the islands were awarded £416,771.

Homestart in Mid Argyll, Jura, Islay and

Kintyre was awarded £4,110 for developing income generation for sustainability.

Islay and Jura Council for Voluntary Service was awarded the largest grant out of the area of £37,530 for the Islay and Jura Young People’s Project.

Awarded

A total of £22,167 has been awarded to Kintyre Environmental Group to produce marketing and enterprise.

The Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust has been awarded £7,639 for its community garden project.

Argyll-wide organisations that were awarded funding include: Scottish Natural Heritage of £1,860 towards ‘Explore for a Day – Heart of Argyll’ project, Argyll and Bute Council’s Viewpoint was awarded £4,700, the Scottish Sea Anglers Conservation Network was awarded £21,279 for the second phase of its Scottish Shark Tagging Programme and the Rural Housing Service was awarded £10,063 towards its Rural Housing Enabler.



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Vital payments to be made with minimum delay

STRENUOUS efforts are being made to ensure that vital payments under the Less Favoured Areas Support Scheme (LFASS) are to be made with a minimum of delay.

Richard Lochhead MSP, cabinet secretary for rural affairs made the announcement earlier this week which has been welcomed by his colleague Jim Mather MSP

Ploughing match

TOMORROW (Saturday) Kintyre Agricultural Society will hold its annual ploughing match.

Taking place at East Drumlemble Farm, the lots will be drawn at 9.30am.

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Mr Mather said that after a spell of severe weather conditions across Scotland he was pleased to hear that as part of the Scottish Rural Development Programme every effort was now being made to accelerate payment of LFASS payments to farmers.

'The same freezing conditions experienced by our farmers have made it extremely difficult for officials to travel to some of our remoter areas and complete the necessary checks.

'We have had very real concerns about the health and safety of inspectors and of the farmers involved in such inspections.

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Ayrshire breeders club annual stock judging

JOAN Pirie took the Ayrshire Cattle Society Cup for most points overall at the local Ayrshire breeders club's annual stock judging.

On Monday evening at Ormsary Farm, Southend, the Kintyre and District Ayrshire Breeders Club held the stock judging by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Ronald and family.

Club chairman, Archie Reid, welcomed 78 competitors and introduced master judge for the night, Thomas Cameron from Gartvaigh.

After inspecting and placing six classes of Ayrshire in milk, he gave reasons for his choice of champion and concluded by highly commending the hosts for the excellent quality of their beats and for the way in which they have been turned out.

The Ayrshire Cattle

Society Cup for most points overall was awarded to Joan Pirie, Machrihanish, with 296 points out of a possible maximum of 300.

The Alta Genetics Cup for the Young Farmers class was won by Craig Barbour, Dalrioch who scored 278 points.

In a separate demonstration class of four Montbeliarde Cross heifers, kindly sponsored by Mr Ronald, winners were Ronnie Gilmour of Largiemore and Elizabeth Galbraith of Coledrain.

After everyone was served tea, sandwiches and sausage rolls, Mrs Ronald presented the prizes and then a well-supported raffle was drawn.

Vice chairman Murray Ralston then brought proceedings to a close with a comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had contributed to



The second herd of beasts. 12_c04stock06

the success of the event.

The club's annual general meeting will be held on Monday February 21 in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown at 8pm when guest speaker will be Arthur Lawrie, Cuthill Towers, Milnathort who is the current president of the Ayrshire Cattle Society.

Results, gents: 1 Robin Barr, Calderglen (287 points) £75 Semex voucher, 2 Thomas J Cameron, Gartvaigh (284) £50 CSA, 2 Thomas Ralston, Dhurrie (283) £30 CSA.

Ladies: 1 Joan Pirie, Machrihanish (296), 2 Ruth Smith, Drumalea (255), 3 Elizabeth Irwin, West Drumlemble (251).

Young Farmers: 1 Craig Barbour, Dalrioch (270) £75 Semex voucher, 2 Thomas Irwin, West Drumlemble (255) £50 Alta voucher, 3 John Pirie, Machrihanish (238) £25 Alta voucher.

Juniors: 1 Andrew Millar, Ballygreggan (223), 2 Christina Smith, Drumalea (207), Lucy Kerr, Knockstaplebeg (184).



There was a good crowd of young farmers taking part. 12_c04stock05



From left to right: John Cameron, Tommy Ralston, Robin Barr and John Ralston. 12_c04stock04



Judge Thomas Cameron from Gartvaigh. 12_c04stock03



The first herd of Ayrshires are judged. 12_c04stock02



A group of younger ladies took part in the competition. 12_c04stock01

Panel night drums up debate and discussion

A PANEL night to drum up debate and discussion amongst the young farmers and invited guests was held in the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown on Friday evening.

Councillor Rory Colville, Stuart McMillan from Tandy Farm and Kevin Graham from East Backs were invited along for the night to debate and discuss topics with Stuart Newlands from the young farmers also on the panel with the night being overseen by chairman James Young.

Topics the young farmers felt were important locally, nationally and internationally were discussed and included the roads in Kintyre, if living together has taken over from marriage, if woman or men are better drivers, and if they think the wedding day of Prince William and Kate Middleton should be a public holiday.



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PLANNING

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

Applications for planning permission listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at 67/ 69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX and the location detailed below between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and by logging to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications. Written comments for the following list of applications may be made to Planning and Regulatory Services 67/ 69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX by the 18/02/2011

- **Ref No: 10/01934/PP**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs D Owen
Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse and detached double garage
Site Address: Plot 3 The Avenue Inveraray Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Inveraray
 - **Ref No: 10/01971/PP**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs K Horner
Proposal: Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse and erection of replacement lockup.
Site Address: Rosedale Cottage Minard Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8YF
Location of Plans: Council Office Manse Brae Lochgilphead
 - **Ref No: 10/02129/PP**
Applicant: Mr David Ralston
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house with integral garage and stable previously granted under 09/01572/PP.
Site Address: Rhoin Farm RAF Machrihanish Road Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6NT
Location of Plans: Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
 - **Ref No: 10/02151/PP**
Applicant: Allt Dearg Wind Farmers LLP
Proposal: Construction of 12 no wind turbines on wind farm site subject to planning consent 10/00160/PP with revised turbine type increasing blade tip height from 77 metres to 81 metres and with remaining infrastructure as per previous consent.
Site Address: Land South West Of Stronachullin Farm Cruach A Phubill Ardrishaig Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Council Office Manse Brae Lochgilphead
- Argyll and Bute Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST. An extant list of planning applications can be viewed on the Councils website www.argyll-bute.gov.uk
- A weekly list of applications can be viewed at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST and Argyll and Bute Council Libraries.
- Any letter of representation the council receives about a planning application is considered a public document. Please therefore note that representations will be made available for public inspection and, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, will be copied on request. They will also be published on the council's web site.
- The author of such a representation is solely responsible for its content and accuracy.
- Anonymous representations will be "shredded" and those marked confidential will be returned to the sender. Neither will be taken into account when the application is being considered.
- Details of representations we receive on planning applications can be viewed on the council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/publicaccess

Notice of Application for a Premises Licence under the Gambling Act 2005

Notice is hereby given that CalMac Ferries Ltd of The Ferry Terminal, Gourock, PA19 1QP are applying for an Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence under section 159 of the Gambling Act 2005.

The application relates to the following premises M.V. Finlaggan, The Ferry Terminal, Kennacraig, PA29 6YF. The application has been made to: The Licensing Office, Inverclyde Council, Municipal Buildings, Greenock, PA15 1JA. Information about the applications is available from the licensing authority, including the arrangements for viewing the details of the application.

Any of the following persons may make representations in writing to the licensing authority about the applications:

- A person who lives sufficiently close to the premises to be likely to be affected by the authorised activities.
- A person who has business interests that might be affected by the authorised activities
- A person who represents someone in any of the above two categories

Any representations must be made by the following date 28th February 2011

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The role involves co-ordinating and overseeing the re-payment of loans made under the Crofter Building Grants and Loans Scheme. You will lead a team in the administration of all loan repayments and loan repayment plans whilst liaising with staff in Scottish Government Rural Payments and Inspections Directorate offices throughout the Highlands and Islands. You will be required to deal with a wide range of clients both out-with and within the Crofters Commission either by phone or via email. You will need to apply sound judgement skills in assessing loan repayment offers in accordance with procedures.

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We currently have a vacancy for a Casework Officer based in the Crofters Commission Office in Crossapol, Tiree. A reserve list of successful applicants will be kept for additional A3 Casework Officer posts that may arise in the next 12 months.

The work will involve the receipt and processing of applications under the Crofter Housing Grant Scheme and liaising with staff in Scottish Government Rural Payments and Inspections Directorate offices throughout the Highlands and Islands. You will be required to deal with a wide range of clients both outwith and within the Crofters Commission either by phone or via email. You will need to apply sound judgement skills in assessing claims in accordance with procedures.

Applicants, for either post, who do not meet the following minimum educational requirement, but who meet the remaining essential criteria will be invited to sit an administrative selection test. You must hold 5 Standard grades or GCSE (or equivalent) including English and a subject which clearly demonstrates numeracy. Passes must be at grades 1-3 or A-C. You will need to have good communication skills as well as the ability to plan and organise your work to meet deadlines. In addition, you will need to be able to build good working relationships with team members. You will have computer skills, including experience of Microsoft applications but as the scheme has its own dedicated software, training will be provided.

These posts contribute to the Scottish Government National Outcome Environment. For information on Scottish Government National Outcomes visit: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/About/scotPerforms/outcomes>

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For further information and to apply online please visit <http://www.work-for-scotland.org>

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 Informal enquiries to: Mr Kevin Willan, Estates Officer, Tel: 01546 605604.
Application packs are available from HR Department, NHS Highland, Argyll & Bute CHP, Aros, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8LB - Tel: 01546 606788 (24 hour answering service) or Email: recruitment.ab@nhs.net
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

In Jesus 'we live and move and have our being' (Acts 17:28).

BIRTHS

BRODIE - MEHIGAN - Danielle and Craig are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Ryan, on January 10, 2011 at the Southern General Hospital. A little brother for Keira.

MCALISTER - Barry and Kate are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Cormac William Cameron, on January 4, 2011 at the Southern General Hospital. A little brother for Tom, Felix, Kyle and Ben. Third grandson for Ian and Mary.

REID - HOLBROOK - David and Jo are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Harry, on January 5, 2011 at the Southern General Hospital. A wee brother for James and Oliver. Many thanks to all the Campbeltown midwives and at SGH.

ROWAN - LOFTMAN - Chris and Lauren are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Isla Hollie Rowan, in Hereford Hospital on November 23, 2010. First grandchild for Christopher and Anna and first great grandchild for Colin and Elda.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

MACDONALD - MCKERRAL - January 23, 1951, James MacDonald to Elizabeth (Betty) McKerral at Castlehill Manse, Campbeltown by Reverend J R H Cormack.

DEATHS

EDWARD - Suddenly after illness, at Lochgilphead Medical Centre on January 19, 2011 in her 68th year, Jean McKay née Banner and formerly Weir of Lochview, Darroch Road, Ardrishaig. Beloved wife of the late Alexander Weir, much loved mother of Jacques, Ross, Gavin, Graham and the late Heather. Beloved grandmother to Joelle, Aimee, Enya and Niven. Greatly missed by her sister and best friend, Helen Minkler. Funeral Service was held at Cardross Crematorium on Wednesday, January 26, 2011. Donations, if desired, to MacMillan Nurses Mid Argyll.

GIRVAN - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 24, 2011, Archibald Ritchie Girvan, in his 91st year, 1 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, last surviving member of the family of James and Catherine Girvan, formerly of Gowanlea, Campbeltown. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, January 28 at 11.00am, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

GRAHAM - Peacefully at home, Ardura, Machrihanish Road, Campbeltown, on January 20, 2011, Jean Younie Graham, in her 51st year, dearly beloved mother of Gordon, much loved daughter of Hugh Mitchell and Isobel MacDonald and a loving sister and aunt.

HARVEY - Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on January 19, 2011, Catherine Helen Knox Carmichael, in her 86th year, formerly of 134 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the

late Malcolm Harvey, much loved mother of Ian, George, Callum, Christine and Helen and a loving and much loved grandmother and great grandmother.

GRINSTEAD - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital on January 25, 2011, William Henry Grinstead, in his 104th year, Christlach Farmhouse, Southend, loving husband of the late Rene Grinstead, best beloved father of Squirrel and grandfather of Jo, Zoe, Alex, Sam and Matthew and great grandfather of Joshua and Oliver. A Service of Remembrance will be held in Southend Parish Church, on Monday, January 31, at 1.00 p.m. To which all friends are respectfully invited. A Private Cremation service will take place thereafter.

KAHANE - Peacefully at Rivendell Care Home, Birnam on January 21, 2011, Anne Merrilees, aged 87 years (née Robieson) MBE, MA, FSA Scot (formerly Kilmartin and Lochgilphead), widow of Jacques, mother of Mathew and Clare, grandmother of Victoria, Sarah, Jane, Sofia and Shahzoda, and step-grandmother of Muhammad. Funeral service has taken place.

MACARTHUR - Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on January 24, 2011, Seonaid McLachlan, in her 91st year, 31 Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown and formerly of Peninver, dearly beloved wife of the late Robert MacArthur, much loved mother of Mhairi and the late Campbell, loving and much loved nannie of Catriona and David and a loving great grandma of Robert and Laurie. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, January 28 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Kintyre Care Centre and Cancer Research.

MUIR - Suddenly at home, 32 Limecraigs, Campbeltown, on January 22, 2011, Elizabeth Colville Muir (Bessie), in her 88th year, dearly beloved mother of Jean, Jessie, Jim and the late Catherine and a loving and much loved granny, great granny, sister and aunt.

PURSELL - Alan, on January 20, 2011 in Melbourne, aged 48 years, after a long and courageous battle against cancer. Beloved husband of Sanja and much loved father of Sasha. Loving brother of Helen, Caroline and the late Jacqueline and only son of Duncan and Helen Pursell, Melbourne, late of Davaar Cottage, Campbeltown.

YOUNG - Nan (née Donald), died suddenly on January 22, 2011, aged 78 years, in the Victoria Infirmary. Much loved wife of Dan, mother to Rhoda and Kenneth, gran to Heather, Kirsten, Cameron, Kathryn, Iona and the late Euan. Formerly teacher at Shawlands Academy. Will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired, to Scottish Spina Bifida Association. Private cremation. Thanksgiving service on Monday, January 31 at 11.45am in Sherbrooke St Gilberts, to which all friends and family are respectfully invited.

INTERMENT SERVICE

ARKELL - An interment service for the late David G Arkell, formerly of 61 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, will take place in Kilkerran Cemetery on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited, meeting at cemetery gates of Kilkerran Cemetery at 12.50pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

EVANS - Terry, Babs and Jackie wish to sincerely thank all family, friends and neighbours for the lovely cards, flowers and phone calls after the sad loss of their father John (Taff). Our thanks also go to Dr Leask and all the staff of the Acute Ward at Campbeltown Hospital for the outstanding care and kindness given to Taff. To Rev Burroughs for the comforting service, all who paid their last respects at the church and cemetery, the Ardsheil Hotel for purvey, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their excellent service. We would also like to pay a special thanks to Donny McLean and Peter Laing for the friendship and many visits they made to our father over the past few years, it really meant so much to him.

WARDROP - Helen and family would like to sincerely thank relatives and friends for their expressions of sympathy and compassion in our recent loss. We have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown. We would particularly like to thank Rev Philip Burroughs, Dr Lazarus and paramedics, and Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their excellent professionalism in the services they provided. The family would also like to mention the generosity of the people of Campbeltown following the collection for Lorne and Lowland Church (£1128.59).

IN MEMORIAMS

COOK - In loving memory of Elizabeth, much loved wife and mum, who died January 25, 2007. Always in our thoughts Forever in our hearts Never forgotten. - Love Malcolm, Steven and Darren.

GREEN - In loving memory of our mum, Mary, who fell asleep on January 31, 2010. The call was sudden The shock severe To lose our mum We loved so dear. As thoughts drift back Every day they do We cherish our memories We have of you. - Megan and Graham.

LOCKER - GREEN - In loving memory of my husband, Joe, who died on January 31, 2009 and my precious daughter, Mary, who died on January 31, 2010. I reach out But you are not there I hear a whisper I turn But you are not there You are gone I am lost Wait for me Wait. **MITCHELL** - In loving memory of my dear husband, our dear father, father-in-law and grandpa, Jimmy (The Butcher), who passed away so suddenly but peacefully on January 29, 1991. Memories are like the stars that shine They last until the end of time. We think about you everyday And in our hearts you will always stay. - Cathie and family xxxx.

MORRAN - In loving memory of my mum, Sheila, who fell asleep on February 3, 2007. The call was sudden The shock severe To lose a mum We loved so dear As thoughts drift back As they often do We cherish memories We have of you. - Your loving son Tommy and Janette xxxx.

MORRAN - Treasured memories of a dear nannie, who died February 3, 2007. Precious memories keep you near As time unfolds another year. Forever loved. - Linn and Tommy xxx.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle, Charlie, died January 31, 1988. Loved and remembered always. - Anne, Stuart and family.

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Friday 10.00 - 11.30am

Tonight "The Edge"
P1 - P7
6.30 - 7.45
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Monday, 31st January
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 1st February
Mothers & Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, 3rd February
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 4th February
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 30th January 2011
Tarbert Church 11.30am
Sunday School 11.20am
Rev Alistair Dunlop
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Highland Parish Church

SC002493
Sunday 30th January 2011
11.15am
Morning Worship followed by tea/coffee
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FunDay Club: 3yrs - P5 - Kirk St Hall
JaM: P6+ - Church

Tuesday 1st February
Badminton Club
6.30pm - 7.45pm: P1 - P4
7.30pm - 9.00pm: P5 - P7
7.30pm Bible Society Action Group
Lorne and Lowland Session Room

Wednesday 2nd February 8.00pm
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Advance Notice
Concert with *Jimmie Macgregor*
Kirk St Hall - Fri 4th February 7.30pm
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Sunday 30th January
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Achahoish at 12:30pm
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Sunday 30th January 2011
Responses to Jesus - Amazement
Cumlodden Church (Furnace) 10.30 am
Lochfyneside (Minard) 12 noon
Songs of Praise
Lochgar Church 6.30 pm (Tea to follow)
Ceud mile fáilte
All Welcome
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Cumlodden & Lochfyneside Guild
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 2nd March
Cumlodden Church Hall
2.30 pm

'Under the weather' Pupils lose at home

A decidedly rusty McFadyen-sponsored Campbeltown side went down to defeat at Kintyre Park on Saturday

SAFL Premier Division One
Campbeltown Pupils 3
Kilbowie Union 5

THIS was the club's fourth home reverse of the season and after three straight wins at the start of the campaign; the home management has struggled to find a solution to the team's surprising loss of form. The answer to this recent setback is much easier to diagnose, a nine-week enforced lay off due to the extreme weather.

Of course the opposition have had to contend with the same predicament; however, the availability of all-weather facilities has helped other league sides to maintain their match sharpness. Hopefully, this will be rectified in the foreseeable future. It was a day to forget for the Pupils' defence, as the usually dependable rearguard looked extremely vulnerable throughout the 90 minutes.

The loss of five goals, especially at home, is regrettable but largely down to the absence of close marking.

MATCH REPORT
by Alex McKinven

Excellent movement of the front runners on the end of route-one supply would pave the way for an away victory; however, the Pupils' spirit was never in question as they kept chasing a late, if highly improbable comeback. The game started so brightly for the home side when the Pupils raced to a first minute lead.

from this setback and were seen to have most of the possession, the main threat to the visitors coming from Barr and Mitchell on the left flank.

Nevertheless, a long speculative ball soon exposed a very square home defence, the Kilbowie number nine running completely free to round the stranded goalkeeper and score with ease against the run of play. The second-half began with the home side



Campbeltown Pupils' Lorne Robertson heads in for a tackle. 12_c04pup05

A long ball downfield from the hands of goalkeeper Lamont was misjudged by the visitors back four, the alert Gary Grumoli on hand to fire home from close range to open the scoring.

Thoughts of an easy game were quickly dispelled as Kilbowie drew level after only eight minutes of play, a well-worked move finished in style from inside the box. The Pupils recovered

chasing an early equaliser, thus far, probably the Pupil's best period of the match.

Ironically, another long through ball undid all the early good work.

Kilbowie scored once more against the run of play, this time a slide rule pass inside the fullback set-up a glorious chance, the incoming forward finishing in clinical fashion with an angled drive across the goalkeeper for 3-1. Back came the Pupils with a second goal to keep the game alive!

Paul Grumoli made a strong run down the attacking right, his cross-cum-shot flying over the



Paul Grumoli takes on a Kilbowie Union player. 12_c04pup04

stranded goalkeeper into the top corner of the net to make it to 3-2.

The game looked well beyond the home side when Kilbowie scored twice in the space of five minutes. The fourth was a deft header beyond the keeper, followed by a fifth goal from an angled drive from the left.

Scrambled

Down but not out, the game continued to rain goals when the home side pegged another one back, this time a scrambled effort from close-range - but they all count!

The game should have been done and dusted with the game standing at 5-3 to Kilbowie; nev-

ertheless, it would take a double save from the visitors' goalkeeper to finally give the Kilbowie side all three points

Potential

Substitute Craig Lang added to the Pupils' potential on the left flank, and, ably supported by the skilful runs of full-back Keith Mitchell, did

prove a useful combination in the closing stages of the match.

It was disappointment in the end for the home side, but there are signs of a side that doesn't give in too easily. The trick is to make sure the game is not lost before it has a chance of being won.



Referee John Scott from Oban has a word with one of the Kilbowie players. 12_c04pup08

More runners wanted for Crinan Puffer 8.5 mile race

ORGANISERS of the second Crinan Puffer 8.5-mile race are looking to encourage more runners from Kintyre to take part in this year's event.

Starting at Pier Square in Ardrishaig on Sunday April 17, the event is set to attract 150 entrants from across Scotland this year.

The course follows the east bank of the picturesque Crinan Canal finishing in Crinan.

It is a fast course with only 75 feet height gain.

Tina Barrie, event secretary, advises local athletes to be prompt with entry forms and said: 'It has already proven to be a popular event.'

Proceeds go to assisting local sports organisations including Mid Argyll Swimming Pool. Online or paper entry available via www.mid-argyllcycleclub.co.uk.

Inverness Half Marathon

WITH runners from the area taking part in events further afield, here is another one to add to your diary.

The Inverness Half Marathon and 5k Fun Run takes place on March 13 and is managed by Caledonian Concepts.

The course begins at Inverness' Bught Park following a route bringing runners to a warm welcome at the finish line in the city's Queen's Park Stadium.

For more details visit www.invernesshalf-marathon.co.uk - entry is guaranteed for all runners until the race limit is reached or until the closing date of 28 February 2011, whichever is sooner.

Islay golf

ISLAY Golf Club results from its winter league which was played on Sunday January 23: 1 John Ferguson 40pts, 2 Graeme Hamilton 36pts, 3 Neil Carmichael 36pts. C55 69 (38 Stableford points).



Left to right: Robert McNair, Robert Hendrie (obscured), Fiona Hendrie, Simon Rochford, George Cleugh, Rena Cleugh and John Jonnston.

Campbeltown Bowling Club hold their annual Burns' Supper

CAMPBELTOWN Bowling Club's Stronvaar clubhouse was well filled for its annual Burns' Supper on Friday night presided over by president Robert Hendrie.

Susan Gilchrist piped the haggis to the top table with headwaiter Alistair Mackay in tow and Hugh MacDonal delivered the *Selkirk Grace* before John Johnston addressed the haggis in his own, inimitable style.

The *Immortal Memory of Robert Burns* was given by a former club junior member, Robert McNair, who is now a history teacher in Strathaven, a

job that makes him eminently qualified for the task and his speech was well delivered and received.

Simon Rochford gave the *Toast to the Lassies* that included some jovial comments about the ladies' section that were taken in good part before Rena Cleugh replied to the Toast with a good humoured speech that took more than one pot shot at the male hierarchy of the club.

The speeches were interspersed by Burns' songs from Agnes Johnston and Alistair Gillies who are both stalwarts of the Burns' tradition.



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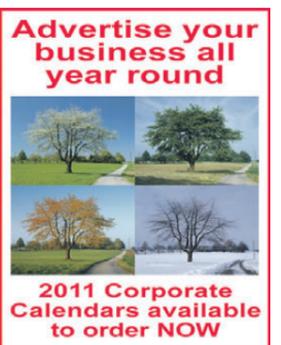
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Dookers at home to Rutherglen

TARBERT Athletic Football Club missed out on another football match on Saturday as heavy frost on the pitch meant the game against Celtic CA was cancelled.

The cancellation means that the Dookers have only played one game in the last two months, when the team lost away to Port Glasgow.

The team is now looking forward to tomorrow (Saturday) when they have a home game against Rutherglen. The Dookers defeated the south Lanarkshire side 3-1 earlier this season.

Tarbert Athletic player manager James Prentice and coach Ricky Graham are hopeful of gaining another three points to help push the Dookers up the league table.

The match against Rutherglen, referred to by Peter Laing, kicks off in Tarbert at 2pm.

Pupils take on Carlton

THIS weekend, Campbeltown Pupils' first take on Carlton YM at home at Kintyre Park in a Premier 1 fixture. Kick-off is scheduled for 2pm with Jimmy Litster refereeing.

In a division three fixture Campbeltown Pupils B travel to play Jamestown, also with a 2pm kick-off.

Wee Toon darts

CAMPBELTOWN and District Darts Association results.

Week 11: Fiddlers Bye, Southend v Argyll A postponed, Commercial 1 Burnside 9, Argyll B 0 Kinloch 10, Ailsa 8 Hunting Lodge 2.

Charles Robertson had a fantastic 13-dart leg in his match for the Burnside.

Stage two application submitted

154 letters of support for the all weather pitch from the community

THE stage two application for an all weather pitch for Campbeltown was submitted this week to sportscotland with a staggering 154 letters of support from the community.

Staggering

PMR Leisure, community sport and leisure consultants, who have been employed by Argyll and Bute Council to carry out the Stage 2 application said: 'It is ab-

solutely staggering! The letters of support count is sitting at a staggering 154 which is unheard of for a sportscotland bid. There have been roughly 100 letters from individuals or groups that have sent in letters along with approximately 50 school children.

'This is not including the petition of 3,000 names of course - this is the first time we have had to submit the letters

in a separate folder!! Campbeltown and Kintyre should be proud of their efforts. Well done!'

Key Date

The next key date for the campaign is February 10, when Argyll and Bute Council meet to discuss the capital allocation for 2011-12. If successful, this will fall in line with expected response from sportscotland in March.



Martin Coffield and Gregor MacGregor with Bill and Margaret Penman.

Top flight darts from Martin and Gregor

WINNERS of a doubles competition organised by Campbeltown and District Darts Association were Martin Coffield and Gregor MacGregor.

The association held its League Doubles in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend on Monday evening with the Burnside pair taking the win.

Runners up were the Fiddlers pair of Stephen Jordan and Harry Grogan.

There were three 180s on the night from Pete Todd, Robert Coffield and Gregor MacGregor.

The association would like to thank Bill and Margaret Penman for the use of the venue and providing the prizes.



Ladies - only one question to ask. Do you know the offside rule? Malina McAulay, Christine Mitchell and Anne Crossan were giving nothing away as they watched the Pupils play Kilbowie Union at Kintyre Park last Saturday. See page 23 for match report and more photographs.

Sports Hall Athletics comes to town

INDOOR sports hall athletics comes to Campbeltown this Sunday as part of four area events in Argyll.

This is the last event to be held this winter for entrants competing for a place in the final on February 26 in Oban.

Taking place in Campbeltown Grammar School, the Argyll-wide competitions are promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club and by all the athletics clubs across the area.

Specialist equipment is

used for various running, jumping and throwing events in small arenas and this indoor version of athletics brings the skills and excitement of 'track and field' into sports halls giving young people a taste of athletics in a warm and dry atmosphere.

The organisers are hopeful that schools in the Kintyre area will encourage pupils to take part on Sunday.

Competitors are reminded that the Kintyre contest starts at

1pm and entries will be taken on the day from 12.30pm at the grammar school.

Age groups start from under nine, under 11, up to under 17 with age taken as on the September 1, 2010.

The entry fee is £2 per competitor or £5 for families of three or more members. Successful athletes from Sunday's competition will qualify to compete in the Argyll Final to be held at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Saturday, February 26.

MacLean remains in charge of winter league

WITH the winning post in sight Calum MacLean surprised everyone during Saturday's winter league at Machrihanish Golf Club.

He recalled his real partner Davy Graham to secure another comprehensive victory, this time trouncing Campbell and Simpson, to extend his lead at the top of the table with only a few games to go.

Willie Miller still sits proudly in second place, this week having sent the buggy boys packing, and with a strong finish he could yet pip his old foe for the title.

Elsewhere Ian MacKinnon joined the Royal Navy for the week bringing in super sub John B McPhee to give past champions Calum Fraser and Ian Keyte the dreaded dog licence.

A trip to the practice ground before their game saw wee Hector 'Tuesday' McMurchy

use all his coaching motivational techniques to great success and inspire partner Terry Mundy to a stunning victory.

The boys have now reached the dizzy heights of mid table and are looking a great bet for the forthcoming cup.

At the bottom of the league, where things are very tight, Norman 'The Mighty' Gwynne and John Biggins did manage a point from their match but with other results going against them sadly remain rooted in last spot.

The boys still have hope and are planning a barrage of late games in a bid to escape the wooden spoon, so watch this space.

MOKRUN entries full

ENTRIES for this year's Mull of Kintyre half marathon and 10k are now full.

Organisers have increased race numbers to 750 for the events, which take place on Sunday May 29, starting from Kinloch Green, Campbeltown.

Fun run forms are still available at www.mokrun.com for junior races.

Rollover

THERE is yet another lottery rollover in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lottery with the prize now at £700.

The next draw will take place on February 6.

The January Medal will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at the usual ballot times.

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