

Shorter working week blow for Wind Towers staff - page 3

# Despair as cattle wreck cemetery

## Husband's grief at grave damage after gate is left open

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A GRIEVING husband was left near to tears after discovering his wife's grave had been trampled over and trashed by a herd of cattle.

Don McNeill's weekly trip to lay flowers at his wife May's resting place turned to horror and despair.

Cattle had devastated Patchen cemetery between Bellochantuy and Glenbarr.

Fifteen gravestones were knocked over and others disturbed, and flowers and tributes scattered. Heavily trampled ground was covered in cattle muck.

'It was terrible, really distressing,' Mr McNeill, 74, told the Courier. 'I couldn't believe

the damage done.'

Mr McNeill and his daughter Caroline McVean arrived at the cemetery from Gigha on Monday morning to be met by the shocking scene.

Mrs McVean: 'It's really bad. It will hurt many people. It was like a twister had turned everything over.'

'The place is usually kept in good condition by Argyll and Bute Council.'

Cattle often graze in the field surrounding the cemetery, which is accessed by an open path through the field. A secure gate into the newer part of the graveyard is usually closed.

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Caroline McVean and her father Don McNeill who were distressed to find their family member's grave had been decimated by cattle. 20\_c04grave01

## Dippen Bridge damaged

CONCERNS about heavy vehicles using the narrow B842 on the east of Kintyre were heightened last week when a wall of Dippen Bridge was destroyed by a 14-tonne transporter.

Carradale residents feared it would leave them facing a 57-mile detour to get to Campbeltown.

Full story on page 5.

## Smoked out by cigarette

TWO thieves who raided a building site were caught because one of them had a cigarette.

Police were able to get a DNA sample from the discarded butt, Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week.

Full story on page 9

## League wins for Pupils and Carradale

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils and Carradale AFC both enjoyed comfortable home wins to maintain their league challenges last Saturday, with the latter side scoring six without reply against their opponents from Glasgow.

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# Despair as cattle wreck cemetery

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Mr McNeill said he and May, who died in 2012, chose Patchen cemetery because it was 'a beautiful spot'. She was originally from Islay but lived with him on Gigha when he retired from the Post Office in Perth.

### Both islands

'On a clear day you can see both islands from the graveyard,' he said.

Duncan Macalister, of Glenbarr Farms, owner of the field and cattle, told the Courier the

animals had got in overnight last Saturday and he removed them as soon as he was told.

He said: 'They have done a lot of damage. It is very distressing.'

'I will assist the council in any way I can.'

'This has never happened in the past 20 years and it's one of those really unfortunate things.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman said they believed a visitor had 'inadvertent-

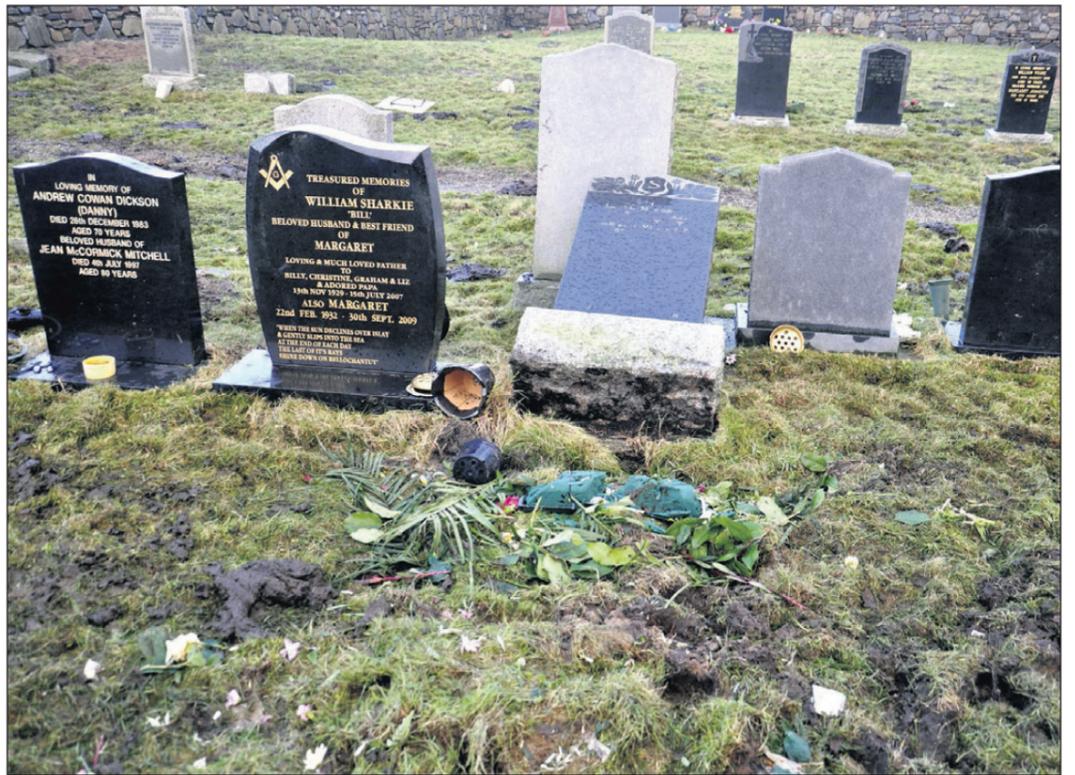
ly left the gate open' allowing cattle to get in.

She added: 'We will level the ground that was churned up by the cows' hooves, and remove tributes and flowers which were destroyed or partially eaten.'

### Re-erect

'We will re-erect 15 headstones which have been knocked over, and stabilise a dozen or so which were loosened.'

'The farmer has been most helpful and will work with the council in



A total of 15 headstones in the graveyard were knocked over by the cattle, while another 12 were loosened. 20\_c04grave03

redressing the damage.' Mr Macalister added

the gate design could be improved. 'It is a very

busy graveyard,' he said. 'If the gate is not shut

properly, that's what can happen.'

## Speeding driver caused teenager's death

A TARBERT driver who raced along a winding country road at up to 110 mph killed a teenage girl in a horror crash, a court was told last Friday.

James Neill, 35, of 45 Eastfield, Tarbert admitted causing the death of his passenger Natasha Clark, 17, by driving dangerously and at excessive speed on August 20, 2012 on the A83 near to Erines Cottage,

Erines, Tarbert.

Neill was repeatedly urged to slow down by his passengers, the High Court in Paisley heard.

Motorist Davie Russell, driving in the opposite direction, told police it was the fastest he had ever seen a car travelling on that road.

The court was told Neill lost control of his Honda Civic R as he drove towards Tarbert. The pow-

erful car, which has a top speed of 141 mph, smashed into a rock at the side of the road trapping 17-year-old Natasha and her friend Sandra Harvey, who were in the back seat.

### Minor injuries

Neill and his friend Sean McGregor, who were in the front, had minor injuries.

Miss Clark, a shop assistant at the Co-op in Lochgilphead, was airlifted to a Glasgow hospital but died the following day from multiple injuries.

Miss Harvey suffered

a broken leg and a suspected spinal injury.

Advocate depute Tim Niven-Smith, prosecuting, said Neill lost control of the car as it entered a bend and it spun over to the side of the road and hit a huge boulder.

Mr Niven-Smith added: 'The car's speed at impact is estimated as being in excess of 70mph.'

Judge Lord Stewart deferred sentence on Neill until next month for background reports and remanded him in custody.

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# Shorter working weeks blow for Wind Towers (Scotland) staff

STAFF at Wind Towers (Scotland) Ltd have been hit by a shorter working week.

The Machrihanish-based firm confirmed this week that all of its 135 staff will be affected.

The measure, to take place immediately, is expected to last 'through February and into the beginning of March' and is in response to a 'temporary slow-down in manufacturing activity'.

A company spokesman told the Courier this week that all departments, including management, would be affected.

Start dates of the shorter working weeks would 'depend on each department'.

The spokesman would not comment on pay implications for staff.

In recent months, the company has taken on extra employees and also revealed ambitious plans to set up an engineering training academy.

### Statement

A statement by managing director Dennis Breugelmanns said this week: 'WTS has consistently improved the quality and reduced the lead time for its products and this has allowed us to double capacity in recent months.'

'As part of our operating plan for 2014 there will be a temporary slow-down in manufacturing activity for a short period during February and March.'

'This arrangement is necessary to allow upcoming orders to be met throughout the rest of the year.'

'Engagement with staff



A WTS wind tower section en route to a customer. 20\_c04towers01

and the union in December saw arrangements put in place to minimise the impact of this work pattern.

'During this time the company will work hard to secure new customers while gearing up for what could be a very

busy summer period and I can confirm that we are discussing large contracts for business well into 2015.

### Uncertainty

'It is common across the manufacturing sector to have variable periods of production and it

is natural this will cause some uncertainty in the workforce and wider community, particularly in light of the factory's history.

'We have always made it clear that attracting large developers is vital to the success of WTS.'

'The factory at Machrihanish is the only wind tower manufacturer in Scotland. If the main players in the Scottish renewables industry were to support the entire Scottish supply chain then local communities would enjoy the full social and economic benefits of wind farm developments.'

### Confident

'I am confident that our recent achievements have put us in a strong position to attract such customers.'

The company has been restructured dramati-

cally over the past 12 months.

Recently, it was awarded the contract to manufacture 10 towers for a new customer, EWT, a global designer and manufacturer of gearless wind turbines which is based in the Netherlands and active in Europe, North America and Asia.

The WTS spokesman also confirmed the company had given permission to Burcote Wind to seek support from its staff for its proposed 19-turbine development at Glenbarr.

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# Fifty shades of independence

## MP Reid refuses to answer MSP Russell's questions

ALAN Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, has dismissed an attempt to draw him into the independence debate as 'ridiculous'.

Michael Russell, SNP MSP for Argyll and Bute, challenged the LibDem MP to answer 50 questions on topics ranging from finance

and taxes, the economy, democracy, EU, defence, social justice, families and health.

He asked that, in the event of a 'no' vote in September, would the bedroom tax be abolished, would Scotland get extra economic powers, how much money would be spent on the replacement of Trident, and what steps would be taken to close the growing gap between rich and poor?

Mr Russell said: 'Alan Reid must use this opportunity to answer 50 questions on what a 'no' vote means for people in Argyll and Bute.'

'The anti-independence campaign can no longer shirk from its responsibility to lay out its plans in the result of a 'no' vote.'

'The general feeling in Argyll and Bute is

that people want more information.

'Last year the Scottish Government published its 670-page guide to an independent Scotland including answers to 650 questions.

### Fair debate

'In the interests of a fair debate for the people of Argyll and Bute, Alan Reid needs to tell us, in the result of a 'no' vote - will Scotland's budget be cut, and will the UK government continue to waste billions on Trident?

'The uncertainty on these matters highlight how essential a 'yes' vote is in the referendum to unleash Scotland's full potential.'

However when put the questions by the Courier, Mr Reid replied: 'These questions are a ridiculous diversionary tactic from Mr Russell.'



Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid.

'Nobody can predict the future with the detail which Mr Russell is calling for.'

'The SNP wasted a huge amount of Scottish taxpayers' money printing a 670-page SNP propaganda document which made promises which the SNP could not possibly keep.'

'This money would

have been better spent on better services in Argyll and Bute such as upgrading the A83.'

Told of Mr Reid's response, Mr Russell said: 'I would say to him, stop wriggling and answer the questions. We have answered 650 in the White Paper, surely he can manage 50.'



Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell.

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## CS gas used on drug-crazed man

AN amphetamine-fuelled man with brain damage barricaded himself in his flat and threw items of furniture out of his window and onto the road and pavement below.

Police eventually used CS gas on him.

Malcolm McGougan, 44, of 2A Burnside Street, Campbeltown pled guilty last Thursday at the town's sheriff court to posing a risk of injury and danger the previous day and also possessing amphetamine.

The court heard that he blocked his flat door with a fridge freezer and kept police officers at bay for an hour.

They eventually smashed one of his windows and sprayed him with CS gas which immediately subdued him, said procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty.

Defence agent Christian Kane said his client had numerous convictions before suffering brain damage in a vehicle accident in 2005.

'He has clearly got challenges,' added Mr Kane.

'So has the community and the police,' replied Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC.

'Police having to use CS gas is not exactly a daily occurrence in Campbeltown.'

Sentence was deferred until February 15 for a social work report.

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## Coffee afternoon for Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust

A COFFEE afternoon is being held tomorrow (Saturday) in Victoria Hall, Campbeltown from 2pm to raise funds for Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust.

There will be a raffle and new and second hand clothes for sale as well as a range of stalls including a bottle stall and home baking.

## GRADUATION



Dr. David A. Ellis graduated from the University of Glasgow with a Ph.D in experimental psychology. Following a Research Fellowship at Lancaster University, David has recently accepted a Lectureship at the University of Lincoln. He is the son of Charlie and Sandra Ellis, Union Street, Lochgilhead and grandson of the late Alexies Mitchell and the late Ozzie and Jean Ellis, Ayrshire.

## Big day for Kintyre Blackface breeders

THE Kintyre Branch of the Blackface Sheep Breeders' Association is holding its annual stock-judging competition on Saturday, February 1 at 7.30pm at Langa Farm, Kilkenzie by kind permission of Rory and Mary Colville.

The competition has now been running for more than 12 years and always attracts a good attendance.

There will be eight

classes of sheep to judge with an overall championship at the end.

There will be an open competition with separate classes for ladies and juniors with an overall team competition.

### Specific class

There is also a specific class for members of the young farmers' club.

Refreshments will be available and the competition always creates a great deal of interest.

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# Crash threatened to close vital Carradale bridge

A VITAL bridge in Carradale came close to being demolished by a transporter last week and leaving residents facing a 57-mile detour.

The 14-tonne transporter, carrying two diggers for Scottish and Southern Energy's (SSE) work at Crossaig, jack-knifed and destroyed a wall of Dippen bridge on the B842 just before entering Carradale East.

Hydraulic oil was spilled across the road, which was closed for an hour while the trailer was pulled out by two tractors.

Wum Semple, who runs Dippen Farm with his son Duncan, and owns the 144-year-old bridge, said he had never heard of anything hitting the wall before.

He told the Courier: 'I think the bridge was built about 1870. I can't remember the wall being

knocked before now.

'Scottish and Southern Energy have been very helpful.'

SSE told the Courier that the transporter was involved in contract work at Crossaig, where a new substation is being built as part of the Kintyre to Hunterston cable project.

## Unhappy

Villagers recently told SSE representatives they were unhappy with the number of heavy duty vehicles using the narrow east road between Kennacraig and Crossaig and between Campbeltown and Crossaig.

Stuart Irvine, convenor of East Kintyre Community Council, said: 'We were lucky not to have Dippen Bridge demolished which would have meant we would have been cut off from Campbeltown, causing a 57-mile detour to get to shops. The wall is very



The damage done to Dippen bridge by the transporter used by one of the contractors in SSE's Kintyre Hunterston project at Crossaig. 20\_c04oily01

badly damaged.'

Concerns have been voiced that contractors are driving their vehicles too fast on the narrow, winding roads and in the village.

A resident, who did not want named, claimed he saw a large lorry driving at an 'excessive speed' across Grogport bridge.

A SSE spokesman said of last week's accident: 'A contractor for the Kintyre Hunterston project made contact with a drystone wall at Dippen bridge.

'Police Scotland are conducting an investigation which will be fully supported by the project team.

'Arrangements have been made with the owner of the wall to undertake repairs at the earliest opportunity.

'Our thanks go to road users for their patience when the trailer was recovered.

'All project staff are inducted to site before starting work with us.

This includes setting expectations on conduct and adhering to the highway code.

'Any employee associated with the project that does not follow or meet expectations, including those detailed in the highway code, will be dealt with in line with their company's policies

and procedures.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesman said: 'We were informed of a diesel spill on the B842 and dispatched vehicles to sand the road. 'We are investigating the incident.'

\* Fears expressed over heavy loads on the B842 - see page 15

## Campaign launched against high delivery charges to Highlands

A CAMPAIGN to banish hidden delivery charges to remote areas of Scotland has snowballed.

Launched on Facebook on January 5, the campaign aims to 'banish the woes of inflated delivery charges' in the Highlands and islands and 'stop this area being blacklisted for deliveries'.

So far more than 21,000 people have joined the Facebook page with many venting frustration at the difference in cost to have items delivered by courier to remote areas.

Irene McNeill, a former Gigha resident, said: 'I used to get charged a fortune and they wouldn't even deliver to the island.

'They would say they weren't insured to go on a ferry or we weren't

part of mainland Britain. I had to get someone to pick up at Tayinloan, then was recharged from them to pick it up.

'Or, I would just catch the ferry to pick up at the shop at the other side where it would be dumped after getting charged for home delivery - more cost!'

The campaign links to a petition on the Fair Delivery Charges website, set up by Sir Robert Smith, MP for West Aberdeenshire and Kincardineshire.

It aims to end delivery charges and call out companies for the lack of information on their websites about delivery surcharges.

It also calls on online retailers to offer delivery by Royal Mail's universal services in order to avoid surcharges because of location.

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## Different issues

THERE seems to be no getting away from wind turbine stories in Kintyre. However one thing should be made clear - the manufacturing of turbine sections at Wind Towers (Scotland) and the arguments over where wind developments should be located are, and should remain, separate issues.

It is unfortunate the Machrihanish-based company after its restructuring and remarkable progress of the past 12 months is experiencing a temporary gap in its workflow, resulting in staff being put on shorter working weeks, but all the signs are that it will indeed be temporary. Orders are there, with the prospect of others to follow, and while Wind Towers would benefit enormously down the line if Burcote Wind's plan for Glenbarr was given the go ahead, that prospect should have no influence in the consideration of the proposal's merits. The Courier believes that the bulk of Wind Towers' staff members appreciate that, despite Burcote's attempt to garner their support for its application. As our letters pages this and last week show, Burcote's plan for 19 massive turbines just inland from Glenbarr village is focusing minds on the issue. Like with the independence debate, where people are starting to look seriously at the pros and cons, there are signs that they are starting to think about the issues and consequences surrounding wind turbines. That can only be good. The North Aberdeenshire landscape has altered dramatically in just a few years because of lax planning guidelines, with councillors admitting to being caught out by the pace of change. The Burcote application could have a big impact on what happens around Kintyre over the next few years.

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## Why I am objecting to wind farm

Sir,

In objecting to the proposed development of the Creggan wind farm site in Glenbarr, I remember a letter addressed to local councils saying they should be very careful about allowing wind power development 'in sensitive coastal areas which support permanently occupied dwellings'. This seems to me to be an accurate description of the Barr Glen where the development proposed is so large that it comes directly under the control of the Scottish Government. Let us hope the government will remember its own instruction and cease to support this industrialisation of an agricultural and residential area which would set a dangerous precedent for the whole country.

Access is also key to the project and should have been settled before the scheme was put in the public domain. I understand the existing Barr Glen road is not to be used and at the last meeting in Glenbarr I asked one of the Burcote executives what alternative plans they had. He showed me a map which indicated a new road meeting the A83 opposite the march between Glenacardoch and Rosehill farms and at a dip and a corner of what is shortly to be upgraded to a trunk road. I would be astonished if the roads department was to agree to this. Then there is a possibility at the war memorial - this would represent the final desecration of this area. Historic Scotland has described it as one of the most beautifully sited memo-

rials. Next we come to the Glencreggan hill road leading to the defence aerials. Not pleasant for South Glencreggan, the cottage and the newly built Rosehill Lodge across the road. It would require the demolition of the cottage or quite a bit of the Glencreggan sheds. Further to the north is the new entrance serving Glencreggan, North Glencreggan and a house I am building there. This will not be available to Burcote.

A coloured artist's impression of the turbines and the view up the glen is available and states their height is to be 124.9 metres. However, it also shows Sunnyside house whose gable height is 10 metres. Using this to judge the height of the nearest turbine would make it about 45m high. This distortion along with the application's small print announcement in the Courier in the middle of the festive season makes me have serious doubts about the firm with which we are dealing.

Adam K Bergius  
Glencreggan  
Glenbarr

## Could you live happily next to turbines?

Sir,

There are people who are unsympathetic or indifferent towards the situation facing Glenbarr residents over the proposal to build 19 massive wind turbines just inland from their village. Or think that it is simply something these residents have to live with to meet the country's energy requirements. I would ask them if they would take the same attitude if someone told them

that the house they have paid a mortgage into for years was going to be cut in value by half or a third, or even be impossible to sell, because of nearby turbines?

Even if you could justify wind turbines from necessity and economic points of views, and no one has really done that yet, they should still be confined to less sensitive and damaging areas.

Also do not underestimate the impact on tourism, despite what some may say. People come to Kintyre because it is largely unspoilt, and that tourism, which has great potential to grow, supports many jobs directly and indirectly.

Name and address supplied and withheld on request.

## Independence is not about Alex Salmond or the SNP

Sir,

While John Bakes of Southend is perfectly entitled to give vent to his dislike of the First Minister he is profoundly mistaken to link this with September's referendum on independence. A vote for independence is not a vote for the SNP and Alex Salmond. It means we, the Scottish people, take control of our future. If we do not want the SNP to be part of that future then folk can vote for an alternative at the first election in 2016.

Nowhere does the SNP claim that independence will be a magic wand capable of wishing away the challenges bequeathed by Westminster incompetence - if Mr Bakes had read the government's White Paper, 'Scotland's Future', he would know that.

But independence does empower Scotland to decide on Scottish priorities - to reverse the mean-spirited, devastating impact of Iain Duncan Smith's 'reforms', to address the scandal of food banks and pay-day loan sharks, to protect Scotland's NHS and to build an economy based on sustainable growth and employment rather than another Westminster engineered housing bubble.

Yes Scotland is undertaking a series of village public meetings throughout Kintyre, all are welcome whether they are 'Yes', 'No' or 'Don't Know'.

Ron Wilson

Yes Scotland - Kintyre

## Please object to turbines

Sir,

I write to congratulate you on the Campbeltown Courier's excellent, balanced leader column in the issue of January 17.

If your readers agree with all that was said in it, I would ask them to please add their voices to those of the Glenbarr residents, by registering their objections to Burcote Wind's proposal for the erection of 19 monstrous wind turbines at Glenbarr. John Seddon's letter in the same issue explains how to do this. If specifying grounds for objection proves difficult, please email me at cmohanlon@hotmail.co.uk, and I can assist with examples of valid reasons. Representations must be in by February 5, so please do not delay in forwarding them.

Please help preserve Kintyre's natural beauty.

Christine O'Hanlon  
Tayinloan

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## Campbeltown Rotary Club thanks

Sir,  
As usual, Rotarians had a very busy time before Christmas sorting and delivering the cards and parcels for the annual Christmas post. This is always a huge task, and Campbeltown Rotary Club is grateful to all the non-Rotarians who helped in the work.  
The club is also grateful to the shop owners who willingly accept post boxes every year, and of course thanks are due to the public who generously support this service.

The amount of money raised was slightly lower this year but still increased Rotary's charities account by just over £4,000. This, of course, enables the club to continue to help others, locally, nationally and internationally.

**Agnes Stewart**  
Campbeltown Rotary Club

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*In last week's Courier, it was warned that approving a plan for 19 massive wind turbines at Glenbarr could open the floodgates for similar developments around Kintyre's coastline. We asked what you thought about turbines and where, if anywhere, do you think they should be located? It brought a strong response.*

**Maggie Blower:** It's a toss-up between having affordable power in the future or power so expensive many wouldn't be able to afford it, or there would be regular outages. We have turbines all over the countryside in Brittany, and while they aren't exactly beautiful, people generally see them as a positive

step to helping provide what we all take for granted every minute of every day - electricity. Mid-Argyll/Kintyre is indeed very scenic, but pretty scenery doesn't provide electricity.

**Andrew Banks:** They have to go somewhere.

**Graham Tory-Boy Paterson:** Wind turbines are ugly. There is enough shale gas under Lancashire alone to provide electricity for the whole country for the next 50 years. Gas fired power stations could be up and running within two years. The sooner this country gets fracking, the better.

**Brian Shepherd:** About time they called a halt to these developments. There are too many on the peninsula already and they are uneconomic and not environmentally friendly in any way. Then factor in the power companies being paid to switch them off. It's a complete farce.

**Patricia Johnstone:** Travelling by car to England last year, I was horrified by the amount of wind turbines in our border areas. They are massive and a terrifying distraction when driving. It's like driving in 'The day of the Triffids'. Do we want that for Kintyre? I think most people are still unaware of the massive amount of electricity used to power these beasts. This is not usually accounted for when these companies cite their output. They are also, obviously, dependent on wind but have to be turned off when the wind is too strong and they don't generate when there is no wind, the optimum has to be a steady 30mph. If we must have them, there are vast tracts of land up north which is mainly uninhabited,

why not put them up there? They are a blot on our landscape. Scotland depends on tourism and our beautiful scenery is the main attraction. If we keep allowing the erection of these huge monstrosities in Kintyre, lack of tourists will surely affect our economy badly.

**Fiona Rooney:** I can understand from the scenery point of view in Kintyre, people have differing views on the turbines. Would you rather have a windmill or a nuclear reactor?

**Peter Morrison:** It is a bit close to the houses.

**Harry Hood:** Most wind farms only get built because of the subsidies the landowners receive. A few years ago you could get £50,000 a year tax-free for every three turbines. Then you can claim compensation if there is no wind or if it's too windy and they have to be shut down. The money being wasted on the industrialisation of the Highlands and islands would be better spent on energy conservation; proper insulation and switching TVs and computers off rather than just being put on standby. What Campbeltown needs to provide jobs is a sawmill to process the thousands of tonnes of timber that gets shipped out every week.

**David J McCallum:** People have to think what is more important, the long term sustainability of clean energy plus all the money benefits that come with it, or the so-called spoiled view.

**Lesley Black:** Scaremongering does no one any good. As someone employed in the wind industry for the past 10 years, I'd also like to point out the difference

in wages and therefore disposable income to spend here in shops and hotels and on buying houses for skilled engineering and fabrication jobs compared to average tourism wages - and there

isn't actually any evidence that turbines in an area affect tourism negatively anyway.

**Neil McAllister:** Inappropriate site with regards to proximity to houses. Not so sure

it will affect tourism though and the 'view' thing doesn't wash with me.

**Alex Wilson:** Considering the revenue the town makes off all the people working

at the Campbeltown plant I am all for them. It is one of the biggest employers in the town and if it wasn't there Campbeltown would be a ghost town. And the local businesses would all be affected.

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**Burns night ceilidh**

THE Kintyre Piping Society's annual Burns night ceilidh is in the Masonic Hall, Campbeltown tomorrow (Saturday) from 7.30pm.

It will feature piping, the Gus McAllister Scottish Dance Band, Highland dancing, fiddle players and singers, and Alistair Cousin will address the haggis.

Admission is £3, juniors free, and everyone's welcome.

**Viking feast planned**

A NORDIC-themed dinner dance will be held in Tarbert soon as preparations continue for the first Loch Fyne Viking Festival.

The dinner dance, to raise funds for the Nordic extravaganza, will be on Saturday, February 8 and see dinner served 'Scandinavian style' at the Anchor Hotel.

A large smorgasbord (a buffet) will feature fresh, Tarbert-landed seafood, local produce and carved meats.

Traditional Scots music will follow from Oban's young band Ceol An Aire, while other musicians perform Nordic folk music.



John Hunt presented Mary MacKellar with the Tarbert Citizen of the Year Award.

**Mary is citizen of the year for a second time**

A WOMAN who has worked tirelessly for Tarbert Parish Church has become the first person to win the Tarbert Citizen of the Year Award twice.

Mary MacKellar, who first received the award in 2002, was presented with the commemorative shield at the Tarbert Senior Christmas Party.

She was nominated by the local community in recognition of her voluntary work in the village and the award acknowledges the number of nominations in her favour.

**Worked tirelessly**

Mrs MacKellar has lived in the village for more than 60 years, and has worked tirelessly for the church and other organisations.

In all weathers, she can be found weeding around the front of the church and generally tending the church

grounds but that is only part of the story. She also cuts, chops, and sells wood to raise funds for the church, and, to date, has raised well in excess of £6,000 for that cause.

Mrs MacKellar said: 'I never for a minute expected to get the award a second time. I'm getting older, and don't do quite as much to help as I did in the past, but I'm delighted to receive the award again. It's nice for my work to be recognised.'

The presentation was made by John Hunt on behalf of Tarbert Post Office proprietors Duncan and Elizabeth Henderson, who organise the award. Afterwards, Mrs MacKellar was joined at the village hall party by one of her sons, who lives in Helensburgh, and by her granddaughter.

Colin Hunter

**Willie cops a wild tale from America**

EIGHT times world piping champion Willie McCallum from Campbeltown has a few unusual tales to tell from his travels around the globe teaching.

However, nothing could prepare him for the day he found himself in the middle of a serious crime scene in a hotel in Kansas.

Questioned by a detective following the death of a woman in the hotel, he was asked what he was doing there and if he had heard anything.

Willie, 52, told him he had been in the city playing the pipes at a workshop.

'No s\*\*\*, my sergeant plays,' said the detective.

Willie and his companions, Angus McColl and Fred Morrison, were leaving the hotel when they realised it was crowded with police.

'A detective came running after us and told us not to go anywhere yet

because the sergeant wanted to see us,' said Willie. 'The sergeant came over to talk to us.'

'He was on the phone to a colleague of his, another piper, saying 'You'll never guess who I am with', so he gave me the phone and I ended up talking to him.'

'Then they wanted photos, and the poor crime scene girl, who was up to her ears in blood, had to come and take photos of this guy with Fred, Angus and me.'

'Somewhere there is a whole photo album of dead bodies and the three of us grinning away.'

'Then he offered us a lift into town, put the blues and twos on, and took us into the city with no time wasted!

'You couldn't make it up.'

That story and other details about Willie, his playing and teaching, are in a new book, 'A Piper's Tale, stories

from the world's top pipers' by Fergus Muirhead.

Among the famous names profiled is John Wilson, who came from a Campbeltown piping family. His father, William, was a piper in the 8th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. His uncle, pipe major of the battalion, was killed, like a lot of his colleagues, leading the battalion into battle at Longstop Hill in 1942.

John's views on competitions, judging and the Glenfiddich Championship are revealed in the book, published by William Grant & Sons, priced £13.99.



Willie McCallum.

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6 February, Ardrishaig Public Hall  
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This is a free event open to those who are interested in learning from CALA. The event aims to share local reflections and successes with the wide range of partners involved in the community project, and consider how the learning can be developed in the future. If you are interested in attending and would like to book a place please email john.woods@alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk or txt/phone 07769756482

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# Late-night raid thieves smoked out by cigarette

TWO thieves who stole more than £1,500 worth of tools in a late-night raid on a building site were caught because one of them had a cigarette.

A DNA sample belonging to Ian McAulay, 50, of 26 Burnside Cottages, Stewarton was found on the cigarette butt, Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week.

McAulay and Paul Armstrong, 31, of 110 Longrow, Campbeltown, pled guilty to breaking into a property and outbuilding at Lochoradale Farm off the Southend road on May 4

of last year. They also admitted forcing open a locked shed using boltcutters and stealing two fuel cans.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty said that the owner had been in the process of converting the large farm property into homes.

He had surrounded the property with a fence and metal gate while the work was going on and had also installed CCTV.

He received an email telling him the CCTV had been activated on May 4 and returned

from a holiday the following day.

The accused, having used crowbars to gain entry, were seen on CCTV spending two hours around the property.

Electrical tools were taken from a secure cupboard in the kitchen area and other items were taken.

Mr McGinty said the men were caught after a DNA sample from a cigarette dropped by McAulay linked them to the crime along with their footprints.

The fiscal said a drill and elec-

trical screwdriver were later retrieved but items worth almost £1,300 were not recovered.

Defence agent Christian Kane said it was his understanding that full recovery of the stolen goods had been made after police received an anonymous call that property had been returned to the gates of the farm.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said she wanted to know just how much of the stolen goods had been returned before sentencing the two accused.

Sentence was deferred until February 13.

# Roundabout marked out as dangerous

THE main roundabout in Campbeltown at the bottom of Main Street has been branded dangerous.

It has been claimed that lives are being put at risk because of the lack of white, give-way lines.

As a result, drivers are failing to slow down and ignoring cars approaching from their right.

## Flattened

At last week's Campbeltown Community Council meeting, Alan Baker said: 'I nearly got flattened there to-night.'

'It is a disgrace. We really need give-way lines.'

Fellow community councillor Alice McLean said: 'It is really dangerous.'

Acting chairwoman Ann Gallacher said: 'It is a regular complaint. It has been brought up at the last three meetings.'

Community councillors agreed to write a letter to Argyll and Bute



The roundabout at the bottom of Campbeltown's Main Street had been labelled dangerous because of the lack of give-way lines. 08\_c04round01

Council's roads department asking for white lines to be put down as soon as possible.

An Argyll and Bute spokeswoman told the Courier this week:

'White lining was due to take place at the roundabout in December, but several bouts of severe weather since then have prevented this. Council staff will be carrying out

some work shortly. We have rearranged the permanent lining work and this will be carried out as soon as possible.'

\* Have you had a close call at the roundabout?

Write to Editor, Campbeltown Courier, Main and Longrow South, Campbeltown, PA28 6AE or email editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

# Hopes for a traders' association

A CAMPBELTOWN Traders' Association could be up and running again soon.

Explore Campbeltown is holding a meeting on Tuesday, January 28 with that aim.

Mairi Paterson, Explore Campbeltown spokeswoman, said: 'There have been many talks recently about the desperate need for a traders' association to be fully operative and

active again within the town and our first goal of 2014 is to try and make this happen.'

## Keen

It is proposed that Explore Campbeltown would not be directly involved in the running of the group but it is keen for the association to come under the Explore Campbeltown umbrella and for representatives to keep it up to date with what is happening.

Ms Paterson added: 'If and when we manage to establish this we hope that we will be able to start thinking about other associations, such as a hoteliers', for example, in order to cover all businesses under the Explore Campbeltown banner.'

Anyone interested is invited to attend the Tasting Room, Bolgam Street on Tuesday from 6.30pm.

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**SADDELL**

**Church guild gets New Zealand talk**

MEMBERS of Saddell and Carradale Church Guild were recently treated to a talk about New Zealand by Margaret Richardson, who travelled there last year. She regaled those present at the meeting on January 14 with tales of her travels and accompanied her talk with lots of photographs.

More than 30 members and non-members thoroughly enjoyed her interesting and amusing talk.

The next meeting of the guild will take place on February 4 when the speaker will be Sheena Robertson talking about Campbeltown Creamery.

**MUASDALE**

**Drink driver banned for three years**

A MUASDALE man caught driving while twice the legal alcohol limit has been banned for three years and fined £500.

Labourer John Park, 53, of 1 Muasdale, pled guilty at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week to committing the offence on the A83 in his village on December 13 of last year.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty said police and another vehicle had to take evasive action to avoid Park when he drove on the wrong side of the road.

Defence agent Christian Kane said: 'He is aware this is his second such offence and is acutely embarrassed.'

**TARBERT**

**Threatening man is admonished**

A TARBERT man who had a knife and behaved in an abusing and threatening manner has been admonished.

Sentence had been deferred on Brian Anderson, 44, of 13 Oakfield, for a year after he admitted committing the offences in Oakfield on November 9, 2012.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week that Anderson had been of good behaviour since then, and he was admonished by Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC.

**LARGIESIDE**

**Colourful meeting**

THE January meeting of the Largieside WRI was held in Tayinloan Village Hall on Thursday, January 16.

The speaker for the evening was Tony Williams on the subject of 'An Introduction to Painting'.

Tony described the difference between water-colour paints and acrylic paints and the different techniques needed when working with both and the best weight of paper for each job.

He showed some of his paintings and explained about the different methods used during their construction. He then invited two members to paint a local scene under his instruction.

The hostesses for a very enjoyable evening were Pat Rawson and Zandra McDougall, with the vote of thanks given by Jessie Main. As Zandra was not too well other members willingly gave a hand.

Competitions: three chocolates truffles - Jessie Main 5, Linda Hutchinson 4, Helen Steel 3, Pat Rawson 2. Soap carving - Adrienne Bradley 5, Zandra McDougall 4, Jessie Main 4, Linda Hutchinson 3.

**CARRADALE**



From left: Matthew Ramsay from the Fishermen's Mission Kintyre, Irene Egan from Paterson's Bakery, Kitty Millar and Maggie Wilkieson, who are both Macmillan nurses in Campbeltown.

**Organisations grateful for donations**

MACMILLAN nurses and the Fisherman's Mission have expressed their gratitude after both received cheques from Paterson's Bakery in Carradale.

Matthew Ramsay from the Fishermen's Mission in Kintyre and Macmillan nurses Kitty Millar and Maggie Wilkieson last week picked up the cheques for £255 each.

**Grateful**

Both Matthew and Kitty said they were very grateful for the support from Paterson's Bakery, which donates money to the organisations every year.

The money was raised through annual Christmas card deliveries in the village in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Campbeltown, the Christmas greetings window in the bakery as well as a mince pie and mulled wine morning in December.

Irene Egan at Paterson's Bakery said: 'Special thanks to everyone who donated and helped organise it, as well as to the Christmas card delivery girls who were all local.'

'Thanks to Eileen Black who delivered to the whole of Peninver and to Angela Arkell for sup-

plying the mulled wine and mince pies.

'Finally, thanks to Raymond Gosling on the drums and Charlotte Semple on pipes who played at the mince pie morning.'

**Free raffle**

Those who put a Christmas greeting in the window were put into a free raffle, which was won by Jake Ramsay, with Faye Martindale winning second prize.

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**Tasty treats at members' night**

TWELVE members of Clachan SWRI arrived with something to share at the 'members' night'.

Zoe Weir started the evening off by showing the evening off by showing stones she had painted, and then gave members stones, paints and brushes to have a go for themselves.

Pat Dean gave a recipe for empire cake, and Paddy Alderson for tomato and orange soup.

Joyce Andrews described making apple butterscotch roll and toffee apple pudding and Paddy Alderson had recipes for lemon mince-meat tarts and macaroon shortbread and brought them for members to sample with their tea.

Jenny Sinclair had made a delicious chocolate cake and gave the recipe. Pauline Simson made smoked fish starters which were also enjoyed.

Jane Griffiths gave a long list of household hints from the internet.

Barbara Bell got members to make an origami bookmark and Louise Stanesby an origami Easter egg holder.

Jill Francis showed how to weave a bowl using rushes, and Lori and Gaia Silvan demonstrated circus skills like plate spinning and juggling.

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# Courier farming

## New advice for pregnant beef cows

EXPERTS from Scotland's Rural College are encouraging suckled calf producers to enhance the rations fed to their pregnant beef cows in the two to three weeks before they are due to calve.

Gavin Hill, SAC Consulting's beef specialist, said he has increasingly been asked about cows taking too long to calve and not getting on with the job of pushing the calf out.

'In some cases prolonged calvings can result in more calf deaths. The simple change to feeding we are recommending should help to overcome the problem at very little cost,' he said.

'The goal is to ensure that cows can effectively mobilise calcium from their body to allow the birth process to proceed

as naturally as possible.' SAC Consulting now recommends that higher levels of magnesium are fed to cows two to three weeks pre calving – for example by supplementing with an extra 30g per day of a high magnesium mineral (15 percent magnesium) along with the normal mineral they use.

This extra magnesium will help mobilise the cows' own body reserves of calcium, improving muscle tone in the womb and preventing prolonged calvings and the detrimental impact that has on the calf.

To implement the advice from the Consultants at Scotland's Rural College, producers need to know the expected calving date of their cows and group them accordingly.

**Late pregnancy**

This will allow the additional magnesium to be targeted more accurately to only those animals in late pregnancy (for example by introducing them at a later date for groups of later calving cows).

Predicted calving dates can only be determined by pregnancy diagnosis (unless AI has been used) and SAC Consulting strongly urges producers who have not already had their herd pregnancy diagnosed to do so as quickly as possible.

Pregnancy results so far suggest that the very cold late spring of 2013 has resulted in similar high numbers of barren cows as in the previous year.

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Scotland's Rural College has given new advice on how to prevent prolonged calving.

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## Dalintober raises money for Philippines fund

DALINTOBER Primary School pupils raised an excellent £341.88 for the Philippines disaster fund at their annual Oxfam Sale.

The whole school took part by bringing in toys, games and books while primary 5 organised the sale and some acted as stall keepers. Others helped the customers by being personal shoppers.

This year's special attractions were devised by pupils from Campbeltown Grammar School, who worked with the younger children to create a football skills course and a nail bar.

### Enjoyed

Many people queued up to have several shots of the obstacle course while girls, boys and teachers all enjoyed the nail bar.

## Campbeltown Sheriff Court

# Psychological report 'may explain young man's lies'

A SHERIFF has called for a psychological assessment on a young man after convicting him of making offensive and menacing telephone calls to a former employer.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told Ruaridh Duncan: 'It might give us clues as to why you persist in telling the lies that you tell.'

At a trial at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Wednesday, Duncan, 22 of Glenbarr Cottages, Glenbarr, denied making the telephone calls to West Loch Hotel, Tarbert on March 29 last year.

The court heard how Duncan worked at the hotel for just 20 days before walking out during a busy shift. The following day he returned to the hotel demanding to be paid.

One of the hotel owners said he appeared 'agitated and aggressive' and they told him they were 'going to do it as soon as we could but had other things to do'.

He then left and a short time later started to phone the hotel 'about a dozen times'.

The witness said: 'My family were in tears. I told them not to answer the phone and I would deal with it.'

### Making threats

When the phone rang again, the witness answered it and heard Duncan shouting, swearing and making threats.

Duncan said he would contact the Inland Revenue and the environmental health department as well as write a bad review on Trip Advisor and write comments on an advert on Gumtree looking for staff.

The witness said: 'It made us feel as if we were doing something wrong and we would not get anyone working for us again.'

Duncan, who represented himself, accused the two men of concocting the story. He also made unsavoury and unsubstantiated claims in court against the hotel owners, causing one to say: 'This is an outrage'.

Duncan said he was 'friendly' and 'polite' on the phone and only called the hotel three times.

Summing up, procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty said the first witness 'gave evidence in a straightforward manner, warts and all. He was cross examined in an unsavoury way but was robust in the face of that.'

Duncan said: 'Both witnesses concocted a story and lied. They were unhappy I walked out of my shift and left them with a problem.'

Sheriff Anderson QC said she was satisfied of Duncan's guilt and convicted him.

She said: 'I have concerns about your behaviour. There might be some advantage to you and the community at large if I were to call for some kind of psychological assessment.'

'It could give clues as to why you behave in the way that you do and persist in telling the lies that you tell which cause a lot of grief to those who work in the West Loch Hotel.'

Sentencing was deferred until February 11 for a Criminal Justice Social Work Report and the psychological as-

## Witness's lie led man to be locked up for weeks

A CAMPBELTOWN man has been acquitted after a key witness told a court she had been pressurised by her boyfriend to lie to police.

Kevin Shields, 24, of Princes Street, was accused of repeatedly banging on a window on Saddell Street, challenging others to fight and threatening to kill a man on December 17 last year. He was remanded in custody from that date until his trial at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

During the trial, witness Danielle Armour told the court she had heard Shields banging on the window and asking for her to phone him a taxi. She then went to check on her daughter while her boyfriend phoned police.

### Statement

This conflicted with her police statement which said she had heard Shields tell her boyfriend to come outside before threatening to kill him.

Armour said her boy-

friend, 'puts a lot of pressure on me to say things. He said he wouldn't spend Christmas with my daughter.'

'I didn't think it would go this far.'

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told Armour: 'You have caused someone to lose their liberty over the Christmas period.'

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC acquitted Shields and told Armour there was a possibility proceedings may be brought against her.

## Teenager found guilty of throwing girl onto the road

A TEENAGER has been found guilty following a trial of picking up his ex-girlfriend and throwing her onto the road after following her up the street.

Appearing in Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Wednesday, Connor Sanders, 19, of Bellochantuy Cottages, Bellochantuy, denied pushing the girl to the ground on Longrow, Campbeltown on September 29 last year.

He had earlier admitted tensing his arms and legs and pulling his arms away to avoid being handcuffed by police on Main Street just after the incident.

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# Wind turbines 'would trouble bridges'

## Fears expressed over heavy loads on Kintyre's east road

FEARS have been expressed that old, damaged and narrow bridges on Kintyre's B842 east road would be unsuitable for lorries carrying huge, heavy wind turbine sections.

However, another option may be available to farmer Andrew Gemmell who wants to put up a 46-metre high turbine at High Ugadale between Peninver and Saddell.

### Already widened

That would be to come across country from the A83 on the west coast and use forestry roads already widened for Beinn an Tuirc wind farm.

Mr Gemmell, who was recently successful in appealing to the Scottish Government reporter to be allowed his turbine after it was refused by Argyll and Bute Council, told the Courier this week: 'The forest road is already there.'

'It would allow me access to my land from that direction - but that is up to the Forestry Commission.'

A Forestry Commission Scotland spokes-

man said: 'We would welcome an approach from Mr Gemmell to discuss his requirements for use of our road network.'

'We'll consider his requirements alongside the existing use of the forest road network and following this we'll take a decision on whether this suggested access route can be used.'

High Ugadale resident Kenneth Bayne told the Courier that B842 bridges were built 'for traffic loading of a bygone age'.

Mr Bayne, 76, a retired building contractor who for many years repaired bridges for Perth and Kinross Council, told of his 'alarm' at the prospect of huge vehicles transporting wind turbine parts between Peninver and Saddell.

He estimates lorry weights will be many times that of timber lorries and is concerned about the 'lateral stress' on bridges at Lower Smerby, Ardnacross (Peninver Bridge) and Altnabeist.

Mr Bayne also ques-



A turbine section being transported last year through Campbeltown where Kinloch Road has been re-aligned to accommodate the size of the vehicles involved. 08\_c02bridges03

tions how turbine sections could be manoeuvred around the B842's short corners, and it is a concern shared by Argyll and Bute Council's roads department.

Despite winning the appeal, Mr Gemmell and his developer Intelligent Land Investments still require planning permission to use the B842 and could face stringent conditions from the roads department - not least of all on any turbine transporter's 'swept path' across the bridges.

Mr Bayne said Peninver Bridge over Glen Lussa Water is at the centre of a sharp S bend, barely three metres wide and 10 metres long.

'I can't imagine how they will get a turbine section around that,' he told the Courier.

He claimed the bridges were also in poor condition and questioned their load-bearing ability to cope with lateral stresses.

### Concerns

He has detailed his concerns to the council's head roads surveyor or also lodged them with Scottish minister of transport Keith Brown.

The retired builder is also opposed to plans for two 77-metre high turbines on land north west of Low Ugadale Farm which could bring further turbine-related traffic.

He added: 'I don't

blame hard-pressed farmers being unable to resist massive subsidies for wind farms, but these coastal slopes are not the place for these structures.'

'We are in danger of industrialising the landscape to the detriment of tourism and related jobs.'

A council spokesman confirmed planning per-

mission would have to be sought before the High Ugadale turbine could go ahead and various road conditions met before the B842 could be used.

\* What is your view on wind turbines in Kintyre? Write to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk or email editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

## Safety warning over hat

A WARNING has gone out to parents of young children about cartoon character bobble hats which have raised safety fears

Argyll and Bute Council's trading standards officers say the colourful hats are furry and are styled to look like trademarked Hello Kitty, Minions from Despicable Me, Angry Birds and other animal characters. They are also labelled made in China.

The hats' design has two tiers, one which is a loop. One tier goes through the other's loop and they have bobbles on the end. Because of this design there is no mechanism for the tiers to disconnect meaning there is potential for strangulation.

Argyll and Bute trading standards officers investigated immediately and a recall has now been issued on the furry hats after some outlets were found to be selling them.

Anyone who sees the hats for sale is urged to contact Argyll and Bute Council trading standards on 01546 605519.



Kenneth Bayne at Peninver Bridge over Glen Lussa Water. He questions if it could be negotiated by lorries carrying turbine parts and also whether the bridge could bear the load. 08\_c02bridges01

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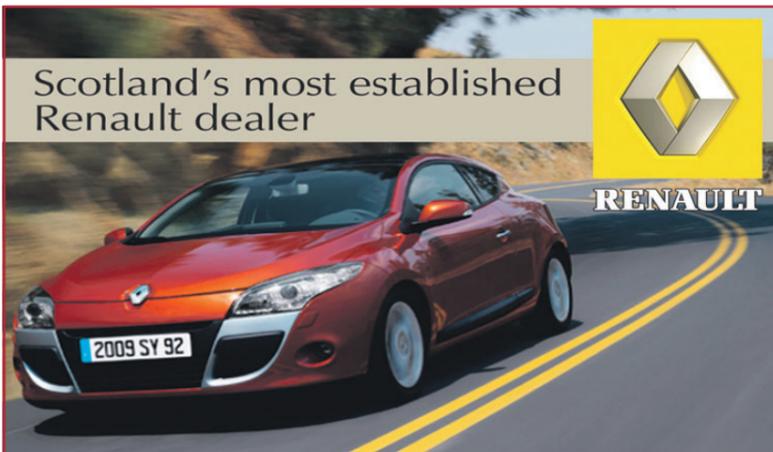
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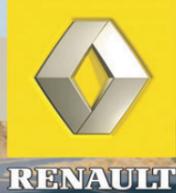
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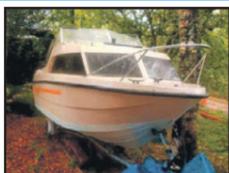
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# Dacia celebrates record-breaking first UK anniversary



Dacia Duster scores hat-trick at Scottish Car of the Year awards

2013 might have been a turning point for the economy, but cost-conscious Brits, from all classes, continued to make their money work harder than ever. With old school 'value for money' sweeping the high street, 12 months ago, one fledgling brand, Dacia, embarked on its mission to shake up the UK car industry with its unique take on 'shockingly affordable' motoring.

And what a record-breaking year it's been. Western European buyers have been snapping up Dacias in their thousands for years. But, because of their stunning success, aside from 'I spy' Dacia spots in sunnier climes, like typical Brits, while the French and Germans, among others, eagerly filled their boots, we'd queued up patiently to see what all the fuss was about. All that changed on 17th January, as the Duster and Sandero burst onto the scene. Literally. On that day, the 'Dacia don't do frivolity. You Do The Maths' media campaign hit every media channel, and all main Dacia Retailers had their first Duster SUV and Sandero supermini demonstrator cars available.

Right up until launch, the word on the street and the internet was that there was no way the brand's bullish aim of offering a new supermini for 'significantly less than £7,000', let alone a spacious, family SUV for 'under £10,000' would stack up in the real world. Or, at least with them making a profit. Oh, how wrong they were. With customers queuing up at its showrooms in their droves, awards pouring in, plus two more new models up its sleeve for release later in the year, Dacia fast became the envy of many established rivals right from the start.

Much of it didn't come as a huge surprise to parent company, Renault. The Dacia brand, already the darling of the automotive industry, continues to ride the crest of a

wave. Bucking the trend in many countries with falling sales and ever-decreasing profit margins, it had cleverly carved out its own niche, filling a void left behind by other brands who had their hearts set on becoming more upmarket.

Of course, plenty of us had already seen Dacias and the brand's value phenomenon sweep across Europe and the Euromed. But, for most, aside from the inimitable James May's obsession with the brand, this was their first chance to see, touch and drive them for themselves.

The brand came to the UK with one mission. To shake up the long stagnant new and used UK car markets by offering 'shockingly affordable' vehicles with high levels of quality and unrivalled space and equipment for the money. A car from one class for the price of the one below if you like. Or, in the case of Duster, two below. And boy, did the Great British public grasp the concept. With both hands.

Amidst a publicity blitz in true 'break the rules' style at the Goodwood Festival of Speed in July 2012, surrounded by some of the finest supercars and most valuable classic cars the world has to offer, Dacia brazenly slapped 'from £8,995' decals on the side of its Duster SUV and set about offering the eager British public their first taste of what it had to offer. Less than hour into the event, unprecedented demand meant extra staff had to be drafted in to help on the stand and the waiting list grew longer and longer for those desperate to get behind the wheel.

While plenty of other car marques struggled, with a winning combination of attractive models, impressive quality and straightforward pricing, Dacia already

boasted 5,000 orders for its Duster SUV and Sandero within just eight weeks of them arriving in showrooms in January.

In April and May, it put the cat amongst the pigeons with two more milestones. First, it confirmed prices for its Volvo-estate load-rivalling Logan MCV (Maximum Capacity Vehicle). A steal from just £6,995, it continues to undercut anything close by thousands of pounds. Then in May, the chunky Sandero Stepway supermini crossover hit UK showrooms, from only £7,995.

And the success didn't end there. The brand immediately hit the awards trail, driving off with some of the most prestigious titles in the car industry. In its first year. Even before most had even seen one, Duster picked up the overall Scottish Car of the Year trophy, while its smaller sibling, Sandero followed up the SUV's success, by snaffling 'Best Budget Car' several months later. The new car buyers' bible, What Car?, wasn't slow to spot the brand's potential either. In only its launch month it honoured Sandero with 'Best Supermini under £12,000'. Among other noteworthy trophies throughout the year were several for Duster's 4x4 and towing abilities, including Caravan Club and Towcar, plus a hat-trick from Carbuyer.co.uk, including Car of the Year, for its 'sensational value'.

The omens aren't looking too shabby so far for Dacia in 2014 either. Funny that. Having sold more than 17,000 cars in 2013, with an ever-growing fanbase and four models available to tempt British buyers for the full year, it's setting its sights on smashing that figure this year.

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**Now that the Christmas binge is over, it's time to sort out your finances. The bigger your deposit, the lower the interest rate you will have to pay.**

Here are some top tips from consumer group the HomeOwners Alliance:

### 1. Set a target to save for

Start by getting a clear idea of how much your new home will cost:

Check out the area you want to live in to get an idea of house prices and trends, and then remember to track it as prices are set to rise this year.

Ask a mortgage broker what they will lend and how much you need to save for a deposit. If it's a 90% mortgage then you know you'll need to put up the remaining 10 per cent in deposit. While you're there ask the broker about upfront fees.

Don't forget to add on legal fees and stamp duty as well and you'll have a total to aim for.

### 2. Start budgeting today

Now's the hard part. It's not a quick win and it involves sacrifice. But setting a budget and sticking to it is still one of the best ways to make sure you're not spending more than you earn and to identify possible savings.

Take the time to sit down and work out where your money is going. Prioritise what you really can't do without and what you may be able to sacrifice for 6 months. How much would this save you?

Look at your insurance policies and utility bills and use comparison websites to see if you can get them cheaper.

Consider getting cash out at the start of the week and making it last, rather than using your cards.

Treat your saving for a deposit like you would treat paying a bill. Set up a regular transfer or a standing order to your savings account.

Savings rates are at miserly lows so make sure

you scour the market for the best deals.

### 3. Stop renting

We all know the Catch-22: you can't save for your own place because all your money goes into renting. If you want to break this cycle, chances are you're going to have to compromise. Just 6-12 months of not renting and living on a budget could make a huge difference to your deposit.

Here are some options:

#### Move back with Mum and Dad

Assuming you didn't have a big row over Christmas, if your parents have the space and live near you then you're throwing money away not staying with them for a short time.

#### Move in with friends

Perhaps you have a friend in a similar situation with a spare room.

#### Shared houses

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These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00 - 17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 67 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk). Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

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

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13/02674/PP	Erection of farm shop building	Land North of Seann Sgoil Bellochantuy Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
13/02838/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, garden shed, installation of sewage treatment plant, oil tank and formation of vehicular access	Land East of Dunultach Clachan Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tarbert
13/02890/PP	Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission 11/02309/PP (Erection of a 80 metre high meteorological mast for a temporary period of 2 years.) - extension of time until 30/01/2016	Land South East of Loch Freasdail South of Whitehouse by Tarbert Argyll	Sub Post Office Tarbert
14/00020/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage, installation of heat source pump and formation of new vehicular access.	Land 68 Metres East of 2 Knockruan Way Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6TN	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/00065/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse.	Land West of Kilmichael Schoolhouse Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6NR	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/00076/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 10/01913/PPP - Site for erection of dwelling house and installation of septic tank	Land North of Benview Tayinloan Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6XG	Sub Post Office Tayinloan
14/00116/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse and detached garage involving need for improved access and installation of septic tank	Plot 2 Land At Former Highland Heathers Ltd Achahoish Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8PD	Ardrishaig Area Office
14/00118/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse and detached garage involving need for improved access and installation of septic tank	Plot 4 Land at Former Highland Heathers Ltd Achahoish Lochgilphead	Ardrishaig Area Office

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/00089/PP	Change of use of gallery/office to residential flat and installation of replacement window	Artisan Studio Cragfoot Harbour Street Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6UD	Sub Post Office Tarbert

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

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### What to do:

- ✓ Dress smartly, look bright and attentive, and speak clearly and confidently. Don't forget that in the first few minutes only 7% of the interviewer's opinion of you is formed by what you say - the rest is judged on how you look, act and sound
- ✓ Find out where the venue is beforehand, how to get there and how long it takes
- ✓ Get your outfit ready the night before
- ✓ Find out what kind of interview it will be so you can prepare
- ✓ Examine the person specification and your CV/application form, and think about what type of questions they will ask you
- ✓ Prepare answers for the main questions - for example, why do you want the job, what are your strengths and weaknesses, what are the main tasks in this job?
- ✓ Make about three or four points in each answer
- ✓ Quote real examples of when you've used certain skills - just saying you've got a skill isn't enough

- ✓ Take your time when answering the questions: make sure you understand the question and take your time if you need to think
- ✓ Sell yourself: no one else is going to! Be positive about yourself and your experiences
- ✓ Prepare some questions to ask at the end of the interview - use it as an opportunity to find out more about the role and the company. (Don't ask about money or perks just yet!)
- ✓ When discussing salary, know your market worth and start by quoting a little higher than this
- ✓ Get feedback on your performance, whether you were successful or not
- ✓ Turn off your mobile phone: treat the interviewers with respect and give them your undivided attention
- ✓ Keep your answers focused on what you can do for the employer, not what they can do for you

### What not to do:

- ✗ Don't be late
- ✗ Don't swear or use slang words
- ✗ Don't slouch in your seat or do anything that makes you look uninterested
- ✗ Don't smoke
- ✗ Don't lie: the interviewer may see through you. Even if you get the job, your employer can dismiss you if they find out that you have not been honest
- ✗ Don't let your nerves show too much; a few nerves are normal but extreme nerves will affect your performance. Use breathing techniques and try to remember that it's not a life and death situation - there are plenty of jobs out there!
- ✗ Don't be arrogant and assume you've got the job. Nothing turns off employers more than someone who is disrespectful and over-confident
- ✗ Don't discuss controversial topics such as religion, politics and gender relations
- ✗ Don't read from notes or your CV — you should be familiar enough with your own history to be able to talk about it unprompted
- ✗ Don't criticise former employers or colleagues. Interviewers may mark you down as a troublemaker and a gossip
- ✗ Don't argue with the interviewer, no matter what. Remember to keep things positive!

These rules apply for most jobs. However, employers in some industries can use more relaxed and informal interviewing techniques. In some creative fields (design and media for example) it may be expected that you turn up for the interview in casual clothes, as that is the dress code in the office. However, smart casual is better than very casual. If you're in any doubt, do some research on typical interview techniques in your line of work.

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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



EVEN on the wildest, wettest, most ghastly days, there is still something wonderful about walking along the edge of the Atlantic Ocean.

The breakers roll in from America, gather momentum and finally crash on the Kintyre shore.

They have brought much debris with them and our beaches are littered with lots of strange objects.

The pups have to learn what is safe to play with and what is not, and this is not easy.

There must seem to be a certain lack of logic to them in our interpretation of safe.

Much of the beach itself has also disappeared and we have been forced up onto the sand dunes as the white foam circles our feet and threatens our safety.

The burns are full and raging, and what was once a summer trickle is now a fast flowing torrent.

Our landmarks have changed as great boulders have confiscated the beach for a while and the sea is in control.

The power of the ocean is ruthless and its force can crush rocks and unsuspecting boats without mercy.

And yet in the midst of the storm I have been astonished to watch a little ringed plover fly effortlessly above our heads.

She must weigh not much more than the lovely feathers which clothe her, yet she can face the gales and fly in the face of the storm.

The pups bark in protest that they cannot fly and chase her hopelessly to the shore's edge.

How does this tiny bundle of feathers overcome the force and fury of the elements?

I know people who are also flying in the face of their own personal storms and who are able to rise above the waves and winds which threaten to overwhelm them.

I can only run to the shore and watch them fly, and wonder how they do it.

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## Campbeltown Sheriff Court

# Sex assaults Tarbert man must do unpaid work

A TARBERT man convicted of seven charges of sexually assaulting two girls, aged 15 and 16, has been ordered to carry out 250 hours' unpaid work and has been put on the sex offenders' register for two years.

HGV lorry driver Alexander Martin, 59, of 33 Eastfield, had been found guilty after a trial at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last month of committing the offences between April 2010 and August 2013.

Sentencing him last week, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told him: 'I have some concern that you continue to deny involvement in these offences.'

The charges included touching one girl's breasts and making sexual comments to her and touching both girls on the thighs and bottoms.

During the trial, the court heard how Martin used to 'pretend tickle' one of the girls at an address in Tarbert.

### Groping

Giving evidence, the girl said that on one occasion, when they had been rolling on the floor, he had been groping her breasts and legs when the girl's mother interrupted them. Martin jumped up and moved away and her mother noticed he had been aroused.

The girl, now 18, said Martin gave her several driving lessons before she turned 17 on private and unclassified roads. While teaching her, the girl explained he would 'massage the bottom of my leg because he said I felt tense and after a while he kept getting closer and closer to my upper thigh'.

The other girl, now 16, said the lorry driver gave her driving lessons in his truck and car when she was 15. When he was in the driver's seat, he told her to sit between his legs to do the steering.

She said Martin then rubbed his hand between her inner

thighs on at least two occasions.

Martin's defence agent, Lewis Kennedy QC, claimed at the trial that the girls were colluding and lying.

### Credible and reliable

However, Sheriff Anderson QC said she found them credible and reliable and had been impressed by the way they gave evidence.

Last week Mr Kennedy QC, confirmed that his client was considering appealing the guilty verdict.

As part of his sentencing, Martin was also put on a supervision order for two years.

## Kintyre woman nearly four times drink drive limit

A WOMAN was caught almost four times the legal drink driving limit on the A83 near Whitehouse.

Mhairi Wylie, 41, admitted committing the offence on October 2 of last year.

### Parked up

Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week heard that Wylie had parked up at the side of the road after two of her tyres had blown out.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty said a passer-by stopped to assist her but called the police

when she staggered getting out of her car and smelled strongly of alcohol.

When the police arrived soon after at 8.40pm they too noticed the strong smell of alcohol and also found her slurring her words.

She refused a roadside breath test and was taken to Lochgilphead Police Station where she was tested and found to be four times the legal alcohol limit.

White wine was found in her bag.

Cautioned and charged,

she said: 'I'm absolutely furious. It's a joke.'

Jim McEwan, agent for Wylie, said she had relocated to Campbeltown from Bridge of Weir to live with her mother in North Shore Street.

### Disqualified

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC deferred sentence until February 13 for a social work report and disqualified her in the meantime.

'I am concerned about the high reading and want reports to find out what is behind this,' said the sheriff.

## Campbeltown drugs man fined £375

A MAN caught with cocaine and cannabis has been fined a total of £375.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week that Robert Dott, 24, of 24D Davaar Drive, Campbeltown had pleaded guilty at an earlier court of committing the offences at his home on May 4 of last year.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC fined him £150 for possessing cannabis and £225 for possessing cocaine.

## Former Islay man put on sex offenders' list for two years

A FORMER Islay man found guilty of sexually assaulting two young women at a Port Ellen address has been ordered to do 250 hours' unpaid work and put on the sex offenders' register for two years.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC also imposed a supervision order on Alan Heads, 57, for two years.

### Intimate nature

She told Heads: 'You never had a defence and you could have spared your victims the anxiety of having to give evidence of an intimate nature almost two years after the offences.'

Heads, now of 136 Main Street, Coaltown of Balgownie, Fife was found guilty after trial last month of

committing the offences on March 23, 2012.

Christian Kane, defence agent for Heads, said his client had lived with his mother on Islay until he was 50 years old before getting married.

Affected by grief when his mother died, he had been drinking for five days before the offences.

'Intoxication was the central feature in committing these offences,' said Mr Kane. 'He accepts the court's judgement but has no recollection of what happened.'

Heads, described as retired, will also be subject to a supervision order for two years, requiring him to cooperate with any meetings or counselling he is asked to do.

## Campbeltown teenager given supervision order

A YOUNG Campbeltown man who admitted sending a pornographic image to a 12-year-old girl and indecent messages to a 14 year old last year has been put on the sex offenders' register for a year.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC also imposed a one-year supervision order on Cameron Miller, 19, of 6 Fisher Road.

Defence agent Christian Kane said: 'He is

maybe not as mature and streetwise as others of his age.

### Seriousness

'His whole family is aware of the seriousness of these matters, and living in a small community the whole family has been affected because of comments made.'

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'These charges are serious if it is part of a pattern, but if they are two instances of being immature it gives it a different complexion.'

## Man must apologise for racist abuse

A MAN has been ordered to write a letter of apology to two chip shop employees he racially abused.

Martin Morrison, 48, of 102 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown pled guilty at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week to committing the offence at The Crew fish and chip shop in the town's Longrow on January 13 of this year.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told him that she would defer sentence until February 13.

**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**  
 "When I said, "My foot is slipping," your love, O Lord, supported me" (Psalm 94:18).

**BIRTHS**

**CAMPBELL - GREEN** - Linzi-Anne and Graham are delighted to announce the birth of Isla, born December 23, 2013 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. Thanks to Campbeltown and RAH maternity units.

**MCIVOR** - On December 18, 2013, to James and Katrina, a beautiful daughter, Leah Isabella. First grandchild for Murdo and Moira, and fourth grandchild for James and Josephine. Thanks to midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.

**RAWSON** - John and Lesley Cowan of Oatfield House, Campbeltown, are delighted to announce the birth of their second grandchild, Hector John Rawson, on January 16, 2014. Second child of Tom and Emma (née Cowan) Rawson, Dunbar, and brother to Fergus.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**YOUNG - CAMPBELL** - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on January 5, 2014 of Gemma, eldest daughter of Robert and Christine, Furnace, to Neil, son of Norrie and the late Irene, Inverary.

**DEATHS**

**ARMOUR** - Peacefully, at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, on January 19, 2014, Archie Armour, in his 75th year, Killarow Cottage, Kilkenny, loving husband of Sheena, much loved father of Elizabeth and Archie and a much loved and loving papa of Danielle, Daniel, Eva, Matthew and Kathryn and a great grandfather of Mia. Service in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Saturday, January 25 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 Renal Unit, Vale of Leven Hospital and the Western Infirmary.

**BLACK** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 18, 2014, Mary Smith Robinson (May), in her 95th year, Ardmore, High Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late David Black and a much loved mother of Catherine. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Friday, January 24, 2014 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 Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital.

**CAMPBELL** - Suddenly, but peacefully, in the dedicated care of Havencourt Care Home, Stonehaven on Friday, January 17, 2014, Colin Thomas, aged 68 years, very loved and special husband to Wendy and loving father to Magnus, Forbes and Vikki. Loved granddad, father-in-law, brother, cousin and friend to many. Funeral service at Aberdeen Crematorium (East Chapel) on Tuesday, January 28 at 10.50am, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, but donations may be given, if desired, to Diabetes UK.

**LEESMOFFAT** - Peacefully at home, Belmont, Low Askomil, Campbeltown, on January 21, 2014, Captain John Leesmoffat, in his 78th year, ever loving husband of Margaret Urquhart, dearly loved father of Elizabeth-Isla (Poppy), father-in-law of Daniel and a loving papa of Mathilda and Zephyr. Service in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Monday, January 27 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 RNLI.

**MCMILLAN** - Peacefully at home, 28a Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, on January 21, 2014, Isobel Wilson Robertson, in her 64th year, dearly beloved wife of Hamish McMillan, much loved mum of Richard and Susan and a loving granny of Andrew, Ryan and Lewis. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 12.00 noon, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in the church in aid of the District Nurses and the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality. A cremation service will be held in Clydebank Crematorium on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 2.00pm.

**MCSHANNON** - Peacefully, at Airthrey Care Nursing Home, Airth on January 18, 2014, Mae, aged 88 years, beloved wife of the late John and loving mother to David and the late John. "Loved and remembered always".

**SINCLAIR** - Peacefully at his home, surrounded by his loving family, on January 19, 2014, Nicol Sinclair, in his 83rd year (former Deputy Headmaster of Lochgilphead High School), of 7 Highbank Park, Lochgilphead and formerly of Tarbert, beloved husband of Sheila, much loved father of Lilia, Peter, Anita, Duncan, Nicol and Fergus. Adored pappy to his nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, a dear brother of Iain, Flora and the late Nan and a loving uncle and cousin to all the family. A good friend and neighbour and valued former work colleague to many. A much respected and admired member of the local community. Faithful to his fellow brethren. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Thursday, January 23, 2014, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sorely missed.

**STRANG** - Suddenly, at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, on January 16, 2014, Elizabeth Sharp (Betty), in her 75th year, 7 Tosh's Park, Carradale, dearly beloved wife of Nicol Strang, much loved mum of Nicol and a loving granny of Anna and Maria.

**THORNTON** - Peacefully at home, Fasgadh, Kilmartin, on January 19, 2014, Arthur Michael (Mike) Thornton, in his 59th year, loving partner to Vivien, much loved brother of Duncan and John, and brother-in-law of Wendy and Liz. A dear uncle and friend to many. Formerly of Kilmartin Crafts. Funeral and interment at St Columba's, Potalloch, Kilmartin at 12.30pm, on Monday, January 27, 2014. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to MacMillan Nurses and Marie Curie Nurs-

**TONER** - Peacefully, on January 18, 2014, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, Joseph Toner (Joe), in his 84th year, a dearly loved father of Margaret, Marie, Jim and Joseph, loving grandfather of Verona, Sandie, Alasdair and Robert, great grandfather of Rose and Briony, cherished brother of Mary and a very good friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Donald MacDonald Funeral Parlour, Lochgilphead, today, Friday, January 24, at 10.30am, thereafter to Cardross Crematorium at 1.15pm.

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**JOHNSON** - The family of the late John (Iain) Johnson would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, visits and cards received during their recent bereavement. Special thanks to Tarbert Medical Practice, Mid Argyll Hospital and all those who have cared for Iain over the years, to the Rev Robert MacLeod and to Matthew Ramsay of the Fishermen's Mission for their kind words, support and visits, to Stan Lupton and Kenny McGlynn for handling funeral arrangements with such kindness and diplomacy and to the Tarbert Hotel and staff for the catering. Finally, our heartfelt thanks to those who paid their last respects at Tarbert Free Church and at Carrick Cemetery, especially those who travelled a distance and for their generous donations, amounting to £400, for Marie Curie and Tarbert Nursing Aid.

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**IN MEMORIAMs**

**HARKNESS** - In memory of Chris, a loving husband, dad and papa, who died January 20, 2000.

- From Ellen and family, **HARROGATE** - In loving memory of my husband, Norman, died January 22, 1991. Sad is my life without you Silent are the tears that fall Living my life without you Is the hardest part of all.

- Mary, **JENKINS** - "Death leaves a heartache no-one can heal; love leaves a memory no-one can steal."

In loving memory of Margaret, much missed wife and mother who passed away January 26, 2013. Forever in our thoughts.

**JENKINS** - Margaret, 1961 - 2013.

In loving memory of Margaret, who passed away on January 26, 2013.

We cannot bring the old days back, your smiles we cannot see,

We treasure now the memories of days that used to be. Always in our thoughts. - Love from Mum, Dad and family xxx.

**KIANI-GOULD** - In loving memory of Jackson and Ray. Loved with a love beyond all feeling, Missed with a grief beyond all tears.

- Jean xxx.

**MCLELLAN** - Loving memories of a much loved mum and nana, Agnes, who died on January 23, 2000. Mum, it's thirteen years since you were taken away But you're loved and remembered every day.

- Loving daughters Margaret, Sandra and families.

**SYM** - In loving memory of a much loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle, Duncan, died January 21, 2013. Remembering you is easy We do it every day It's just the pain of losing you That never goes away.

- Love, Ailsa, Toby and family, at home and abroad.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**St. Kiaran's Scottish Episcopal Church**  
  
 Argyll Street, Campbeltown  
 St Kiaran Episcopal Church:  
 Campbeltown  
 Scottish Charity No SC023277  
**Sunday 26th January**  
 Third Sunday after Epiphany  
 10.45am Holy Communion  
 All Welcome  
 Details of services are on the church door  
 Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141  
 The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
*"It is good to sing praises to our God"*  
**Sunday 26th**  
 Who is God?  
 YHWH  
 Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm and Evening Communion Service in Ardrishaig at 6:30pm

**Scottish Episcopal Churches**  
**Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead**  
 Eucharist service Sundays 11 am  
**St Columba's, Potalloch, nr Kilmartin**  
 1st Sunday of the month 9.00am  
 3rd Sunday of the month 3.00pm  
 Scottish Prayer Book  
 Father Simon Mackenzie  
 Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran  
 01546 602315  
 SC013787

**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services**  
**26th January 2014 - all welcome!**  
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**Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair**  
 Charity No. SC016097  
 Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am  
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**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
 Charity No. SC016665  
 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
 Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Sunday 26th January**  
 Morning Worship 11.15am  
 Creche, Triple C, Next Generation  
**Rev P Burroughs**  
**Monday 27th January**  
 Guild 7.30pm  
**Tuesday 28th January**  
 Parents and Toddlers 9.45am  
**Thursday 30th January**  
 Prayer meeting 4.00pm  
 Choir practice 7.30pm  
**Friday 31st January**  
 Lunch Club 12.00 noon

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
  
**Sunday Service**  
 11:00 am  
 with Sunday school  
 Tea & coffee after the service  
**Baby & Toddler Group**  
 10:00 - 11:45 am  
 Every Thursday  
 We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
 www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk  
  
 Campbeltown Community Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Scotland SC043322

**free church of scotland**  
  
 George Street, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 26th January**  
 11.00am Sunday School  
 12.45pm Worship Service  
 Mr Suraj Kasula (Nepal)  
**Thursday 30th January**  
 12 noon Prayer & Bible Study  
**Friday 31st January**  
 6.30pm Christianity Explored Course  
 All Welcome  
 Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

**Highland Parish Church**  
  
 SCO02493  
**Sunday 26th January**  
 11.15am Mr. M. Ramsay  
 Sunday School in Church  
**Tuesday 28th January**  
 Badminton  
**Wednesday 29th January**  
 7.30pm Nominating Committee  
 8pm Session Meeting  
 Everyone very welcome

**THE SALVATION ARMY**  
**Burnside Street, Campbeltown**  
**Sunday Services**  
 10.30am Morning Worship  
 Army Kidz  
 6.30pm Evening Worship  
**Tuesday**  
 12.15pm Lunch Club  
 1.30pm Home League  
**Wednesday**  
 7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob  
**Thursday**  
 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer  
 Lt. Mark Scoulding

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
  
**75 Longrow, Campbeltown**  
**Sunday 26th January 2014**  
 11.15am Family Communion with creche  
 Mr R H Craig  
 Coffee from 10.45am  
**Wednesday 29th January 2014**  
 10.00am Jellytots Toddler Group  
 7.30pm Christianity Explored  
 The Christianity Explored course gives you time and space to think through who Jesus is and why it matters.  
 http://www.christianityexplored.org/course  
 For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary 01586 551237  
 www.springbankchurch.co.uk  
 SC014646

**LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
  
 All Welcome  
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
**Sunday 26th January 2014**  
 11.00am Morning Service  
 At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae  
 Scottish Charity SC015187

**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**  
  
**SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 2014**  
 11.00 am Worship Service  
**SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 2014**  
 10.00 am Coffee Morning  
**SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2014**  
 Burns Supper  
 Rev. Hilda Smith  
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 Further information  
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**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
**Sunday 26 January 2014**  
 11.00am  
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**Thursday 30 January 2014**  
 7.30pm  
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 All Welcome

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
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**Sunday 26 January**  
 Tayvallich Church  
 Morning Worship 11:30 am  
 Jim Malcolm  
**Tuesday 28 January**  
 Congregational Board 7:30pm  
 Tayvallich Church  
 All welcome  
 Enquiries 01546 606926  
 www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

**ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH**  
**LOCHGILPHEAD**  
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**ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY**  
 Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
 Fr. David Connor  
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**TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
  
**Sunday 26th January**  
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 Kilmartin 10.00am  
 Rev. Cliff Acklam  
 All welcome  
 SC0 02121

For Funeral Directors Blair, MacDonald & Lupton please turn to page 22.



A powerful shot by Cammy Maguire, out of picture, rattles the underside of the bar before ending up in the net. 08\_c04carr01

# Six of the best as Dale return to form in style

<b>Carradale</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>MYF</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>West of Scotland AFL</b>	

CARRADALE have plenty to be pleased about with this scoreline.

Producing possibly their best performance of the season, it was the perfect response to a disappointing show the

previous week.

It was also emphatic and sweet revenge against a team that beat them when the two sides met last.

The McFadyen Transport-sponsored side attacked from the kick off

and went ahead after just two minutes.

David Johnstone's pass picked out Cammy Maguire who drove into the box from the left before cutting back for Ryan McConnachie to pick his spot from close range.

Despite poor weather conditions both teams were determined to play the ball on the deck, a pattern, which to their credit, they maintained throughout the match.

Carradale went 2-0 ahead in the 19th minute when a low cross from Craig Morrison on the right was struck first time by Maguire and rattled the underside of the bar before finishing in the net.

Maintaining their aggression, Carradale got their third in the 41st minute when a cross by captain Ewan McIlroy was headed home by Craig Morris.

A good move and fine strike by the Glasgow-based MYF then brought a great save from Reid Anderson.

MYF failed to take advantage of a strengthen-

ing wind in the second half and three Carradale goals midway through the half finished the game off.

First, Craig Morris was onto an Anderson long ball in a flash to side foot the ball past the keeper and into the net.

Four minutes later, midfield general Johnstone picked up the ball 40 yards out and ran at the MYF defence, beating one player and rounding the keeper before blasting the ball into the net from 10 yards.

#### Fine save

Soon after, a Maguire shot brought a fine save from the keeper but the ball then ricocheted off an onrushing defender and ended up in the net to round off a miserable day for a Pollockshields side who were better than the scoreline suggested.

A few minutes before time, Anderson brought off an excellent save to keep a clean sheet.

Defender Allan MacIntyre was man of the match, and the match ball sponsored by Glenbarr Nursery.

Carradale are away tomorrow (Saturday) in

the quarter final of the league cup against Den-

nistoun, a good Premier Division side.



Doubles winners Robert Coffield and Charles Robertson.

## It's Robert and Charles at the double

THE Jimmy Taylor league doubles was held in the Fiddlers on Monday, when 27 pairs entered this popular tournament, held in memory of a popular man, the late Jimmy Taylor.

The first semi-final put Donald Stewart and Tony MacMillan against James Wilson and James White and the latter pair went through to the final after a close match.

The second semi saw Martin Coffield and Gregor MacGregor take on

Charles Robertson and Robert Coffield. Martin and Gregor could not find their earlier form and despite a 180 from Martin, Charles and Robert went through to the final.

The final produced some good darts but the high scoring and quick finishing of Charles and Robert proved too much for the two Jameses. Thanks to Jim and Carol Green for donating the prizes and providing the venue.



Carradale man of the match Allan MacIntyre. 08\_c04carr03

# Argyll's youth players put on a great show

Campbeltown Pupils	3
Oban Saints	6
DFDL Under 13 League	

DESPITE the final score, Campbeltown Pupils Youth Under 13s played a spirited game last weekend which was a great advert for youth football in Argyll.

The young Campbeltown team welcomed fellow Argyll side Oban Saints Youth to the town for the first time in a competitive match on Sunday.

### Fine strike

Playing on the all-weather pitch, within the first five minutes the visitors found themselves a goal up when a fine strike from Oban's Scott Mossman from 25 yards left Pupils keeper Archie McKellar with no chance as it sailed into the top corner.

Despite the early set-

back, the local side grew in confidence and were rewarded in the 16th minute when Ruairidh Wallace raced clear and produced a fine finish, to the delight of the large home support.

### Unlucky

Campbeltown were unlucky not to take the lead as Wallace, spurred on by his earlier goal, got on the end of a couple of through balls.

Oban Saints had their chances too and MacLean was particularly unlucky not to give his side the lead when his shot produced a fine save from McKellar.

Within five minutes of the start of the second half, Oban's Keiran MacLean gave his side a 2-1 lead which was ex-

tended to 3-1 shortly after by Mossman.

The Pupils heads went down and MacLean got his second goal before Sol Smith increased the lead to 5-1.

### Rewarded

With 20 minutes to go, tactical changes brought the Pupils Youth back into the game and they were rewarded when Calum McKillop managed to jab one home from a tight angle following a good shot by Wallace which was brilliantly saved by the Oban goalkeeper.

The local youngsters pressed for another goal but Oban made it 6-2 when Oran Bryce turned well in the box and shot low into the corner.

A cracking strike by Elliot Gemmill left the Oban Saints keeper with no chance, to make the final score 6-3 to the visitors.



Some of the P3s in the Campbeltown 2006 age group are pictured sporting their new training kits. They started Fun Four football sessions on Sunday.

## Young people's sports panel

A SEARCH has begun to find passionate young people who can help influence and shape the future of sport in Scotland.

People are being urged to become part of the young people's sport panel, a national platform that represents the voice of young people throughout the country. Launched in 2013 by

Sportscotland, led in partnership with Young Scot, this will be the second intake of sport panel members and nominations are now open.

### Opportunity

Being part of the sport panel provides members with the opportunity to play a key role in the future of Scottish sport.

As a voice for 14 to 25-year-olds, the panel

will also focus on raising the profile of sport within this age group, including through the provision of online content, videos and blogs through Young Scot's national information portal [www.youngscot.org](http://www.youngscot.org).

To download an application form go to [www.sportscotland.org.uk/yp-spapply](http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/yp-spapply)

## This weekend's SAFL fixtures

THIS Saturday's fixtures: West of Scotland Cup 5th round - Giffnock North v Oban Saints; Premier Division One - Paisley v Campbeltown Pupils; Shawlands v Dunoon; Dunoon Athletic v Lochgilphead Red Star; Division 1A - Tarbert v Millbeg Villa.



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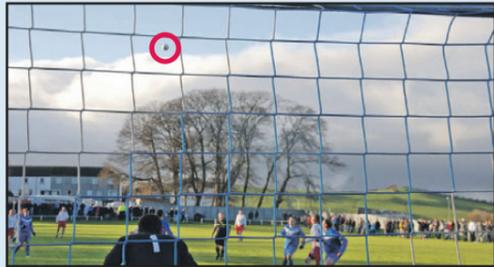
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Pupils' Gregor McFadyen, left, and John McCallum wait to pounce as the ball ends up just over the bar. 08\_c04pupils01

# Pupils maintain league challenge

## Grumoli first-half double secures full points

Campbeltown Pupils	2
Centre EK	0
SAFL Premier Division One	

ANOTHER three points were added as the McFadyen Contractors sponsored Pupils maintained their challenge at the top of Premier Division One last Saturday.

A day of incessant rain had everyone extolling the benefits of the community's wonderful 3G surface.

It was not the local favourite's best performance of the season, but they still managed to overpower a spirited East Kilbride outfit, especially in a one-sided first half that should have yielded more than the two goals scored by the leading marksman, Gary Grumoli.



Pupils' striker Gary Grumoli, right, watches as the Centre keeper moves to save a shot from John McCallum. 08\_c04pupils03

It was one-way traffic almost from the off, and it was no surprise when John McCallum outflanked the visitor's defence to steer the ball into the path of Grumoli in the 11th minute.

The Pupil's striker wasted no time dispatching the ball past the visitor's last line of defence, angling it first-time into the bottom corner of the net to open the scoring.

East Kilbride stuck gamely to their defensive responsibilities, but it was only a matter of time before the home side added to their tally.

Winning a free kick 30 yards from goal, Keith Mitchell lofted a beautifully weighted chip into the path of Gary Grumoli for the Pupil's striker to out-jump the defence and score his second with a fine header.

Within minutes, Kenny Galbraith was left frustrated after appearing to have stretched

his side's lead. As the ball rebounded from the Centre keeper he coolly slotted the ball home, but the referee adjudged a team mate to be interfering with play and the goal was disallowed for offside.

Seconds before half time another sweeping move down the right almost brought its just reward; however, Galbraith's accurate delivery was volleyed onto the base of the post by Gary Grumoli. The few spectators who braved the elements were sorely disappointed if they expected more of the same in the second half, for Centre at last started to play good possession football.

However, the East Kilbride team rarely threatened a solid home back line. Only on one occasion did the visitors look like scoring, a moment of indecision when goalkeeper Lamont raced

from his line to save the day, in the process giving away a free kick in a dangerous position.

Lamont then pulled off a magnificent one-handed save to keep his goal intact.



Pupils striker Chris Thomson returned to the side after an absence of a number of years. 08\_c05pupils04

All four subs were used as the management wisely rotated the squad to give the opposition something different to think about.

All played their part to the full, with Lewis and Gregor McFadyen offer-

ing directness and Stuart Crossan bringing an element of composure to the middle of the park.

The final word is for Chris Thomson, the Pupils striker returning after an absence of a number of years to play a part in the closing half hour of the match.

In the end it was a comfortable victory, the early vibrancy replaced by a measure of control in a lacklustre second half.

Given the atrocious weather, everyone was glad to hear the final whistle.

Tomorrow (Saturday), Pupils travel to play Paisley in another important league fixture.

### No winners

There were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lottery on Sunday. The winning numbers were 9, 16 and 17.

The next draw will take place on Sunday, February 1 with a jackpot of £500.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Commercial Inn and Muneroy Stores.

### Islay golf results

ISLAY Golf Club Result Winter League, January 19: 1 R. MacIntyre 40 points. 2 J. Docherty 40, 3 C. Davey 37. CSS 70.

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