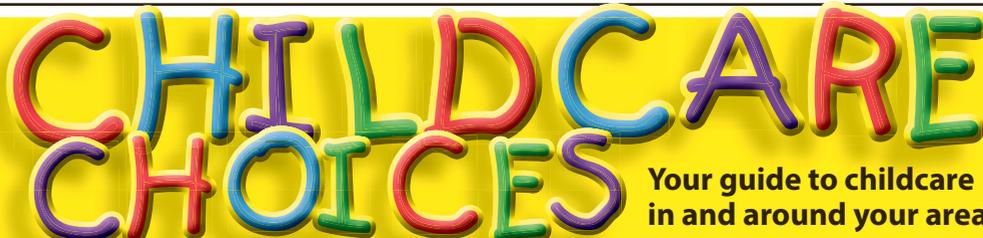




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Fundraiser 'gives back' to Sunshine Room

'You do not appreciate it until you need to use it'

by **BEN RAMAGE**

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TWO Scotbet employees gambled on an appearance at a Dalintober New Year fundraiser, and came up with a huge return for the community.

Gillian Hall and Pauline Baines were asked to put up a poster in store to advertise the Dalintober 'Dip for Dosh' – a chilly New Year swim in Campbeltown Loch – and were so taken with the idea they decided to enter.

Pleased

Pauline, 48, from Campbeltown, was especially pleased that the event organisers allowed her to also raise money for the Sunshine Room, a palliative care suite within Campbeltown hospital, which had just recently cared for her sister Helen Lynn and her family.

She said: 'My sister's death in Novem-

ber was so unexpected, but the Sunshine Room was massive to us, to have that place where we could all go and stay with her.

'People do not appreciate it until you need to use it. It meant so much for us to be with her, it is a beautiful room and we wanted to give something back to it and all the nurses.'

The pair ended up raising £1,299 for their valiant efforts, of which £863 went to the room and £436 to the Dalintober beach fund. Both women were overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of Campbeltown.

Generous

Gillian said: 'Most of our money was raised in the first two or three days. People here are just so generous, we filled our first sheet in about 45 minutes, and

then had to get more from the organisers.'

Maggie Wilkieson, one of the Macmillan nurses at Campbeltown Hospital, was hugely pleased to receive the cheque in aid of the room.

Important

She said: 'The Sunshine Room is hugely important here as part of our palliative care programme. It is the only facility we have, and it is being replicated in other hospitals which proves how successful it continues to be.'

'The accommodation for relatives is such an important benefit, and the fact the community raised over £50,000 for it originally says a lot about the town.'

'This money will help with furnishing, and also help fund additional heaters which we would like to bring in.'

Jamie MacLean, the Dalintober Beach Regeneration Group chairman, one of the organ-



From left: Jamie MacLean, Gillian Hall, Maggie Wilkieson and Pauline Baines. 04_c04fundraiser01

isers of the annual 'Dip for Dosh', was really pleased for Gillian and Pauline.

He said: 'I just want to congratulate them for their brilliant effort. We aimed to raise money for the beach primarily, but this was fantastic and it was touching for me to see them do so well.'

'This proves the Dip does not have to be simply about the beach fund, it can be used to collect for community interests that are close to all our hearts.'

Pauline also has a personal connection to Dalintober beach, which made it even easier for her to originally sign up to the bracing dip in the sea.

She said: 'I was brought up at Dalintober beach and you always give to what is close to your heart. It was cold, but we will both definitely be doing it again.'

THE Dalintober Beach Regeneration Group is working to restore Dalintober beach and the old pier to its former glory, as well as aiming to establish a Kintyre seaports centre.

The group raised more than £2,000 at this year's 'Dip for Dosh', and also received a very generous collection of £311.70 from the church service held on Monday for Agnes McMillan, known locally as Nan.

She was a lifelong resident of Dalintober and spent many summers at the beach.

Nearly one in 10 council employees consider redundancy

HUNDREDS of council staff are looking to leave their jobs before the budget cuts take hold.

A total of 458 Argyll and Bute Council employees have expressed an interest in a voluntary redundancy package as part of the authority's plans to save money.

The number represents a significant amount of the council's total workforce of just over 5,000 people.

The council contacted their employees to ask if they wished to apply for voluntary redundancy, as they continue to try and save £26 million.

A spokesperson for the council wished to point out that 'not all requests for voluntary redundancy can be guaranteed, as the council must ensure that services can continue to operate without particular posts'.

They also added: 'Service choices options, including the impact on jobs, will go to a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on Thursday February 4, and then to the council budget meeting on Thursday February 11.'

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Sheriff slams absence of police in court

'It was unfortunate that a number of incidents happened simultaneously' — police spokesman

A SHERIFF called for a meeting with the police after custody proceedings at Campbeltown Court were held up due to the lack of an officer.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC ordered that Courtney Cairns, 18, of 14 Longrow Street, Campbeltown, who appeared on charges of failing to attend court, be taken into custody, only to find there was no police officer available to carry out the request.

Court could not continue until an officer was found. Court officials were unable to get through to Campbeltown police office as

at least seven different numbers dialled went unanswered. Eventually the Procurator Fiscal Eoin McGinty got through on a CID number which would not be available to the public.

Remanded

Sheriff Anderson said: 'Where's the police officer? It is the chief constable's responsibility, I need an officer here because I have just remanded Miss Cairns into custody.'

Speaking to Mr McGinty, the sheriff said: 'By the time of the next court (in February) I will need to have had a meeting with the sen-

ior police officer in this area. The police have absented themselves from this building knowing that the court has not finished.'

When an officer reappeared in court Sheriff Anderson said: 'Officer, I am not suggesting you are personally responsible, but this court has had to sit for 18 minutes since I sent Courtney Cairns into custody.'

A police spokesperson said: 'It was unfortunate that a number of incidents happened simultaneously. This is something which we will take forward when we next meet court officials.'



MV Michigan in Campbeltown Harbour last week. 25_c03shipping01

Michigan ships steel to Wind Towers

A 9,000 tonne ship docked in Campbeltown Harbour last week.

The MV Michigan, a 138 metre long cargo vessel, arrived on Monday January 11.

It subsequently unloaded 4,000

tonnes of sheet steel for delivery to Wind Towers at Machrihanish.

Engine repairs

The ship left on Thursday evening (January 14) heading to Norway where it docked for engine repairs.

Sentence deferred on razor clam fisherman

AN OBAN fisherman who used electronic equipment to fish for razor clams in contravention of conservation laws was told to be of good behaviour for a year. Sentence was deferred when James Douglas, 48, of 1 Murdon House, Dunuran Road, appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Thursday.

Mr Douglas, who owns the Ceonothus, pled guilty to one charge of failing to comply with a condition of the fishing licence relating to the vessel, in that equipment was carried on board capable of transmitting electrical currents to the seabed to fish for razor clams in

contravention of a conservation order.

The offence carries a maximum fine of £50,000.

Mr Douglas made his plea at an earlier hearing in December but Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC had adjourned sentence for a month.

Intelligence

At that hearing the Procurator Fiscal told the court that on April 22 last year Marine Protection Agency officers working on intelligence had approached the 'Ceonothus' in the Sound of Gigha.

At 4pm that afternoon officers saw a large box with cables attached being dumped off the side of the fishing boat. They boarded the boat

and waited until a diver was called.

The Fiscal said: 'A standard catch of razor clams might be 50 to 70kg but using electrical methods it is possible to catch up to 400kg. When officers boarded the Ceonothus they found 160kg.'

'The following morning a diver retrieved a blue box which was an electrical generator.'

'It was Mr Douglas's brother who was in charge of the boat that day.'

Sheriff Anderson QC said: 'I assume that at one time this was a recognised way of fishing. Leaving aside the conservation issues, it is quite tempting because of being able to collect eight times the catch.'

Last week, Sheriff Anderson QC told the court that there was a report by the Scottish Government in October 2014 into electro fishing for razor clams, which claimed that the harm to other organisms on the seabed is minimal.

She said that report had recommended that further work be done on the impact (of electro fishing) on razor clams.

Sheriff Anderson QC deferred sentence for a year, until January 12 2017, in the hope that a further report would be completed by that time with further details about the affect on razor clams.

Police files: Man arrested

A MAN was arrested last Saturday evening, January 16, for failing to leave a licensed premises on Burnside Square, Campbeltown, when requested to.

Road collisions

THERE have been a number of road traffic collisions throughout Kintyre recently, and the police wish to remind road users to adapt their driving to current road conditions.

Rotary hunt for 'Citizen of the Year'

THE ROTARY Club of Campbeltown is beginning its annual search for a worthy winner of the club's 'Citizen of the Year' award.

The group is looking for members of the public to nominate suitable persons for the award.

It is particularly looking for someone who have gone the extra mile to help a neighbour, who has worked hard to fundraise for a worthy cause, or has given any kind of outstanding service to the community.

Nominees who missed out in previous years can be nominated again.

Information about past recipients is available from the library.

Clarification

IN AN article in last week's edition of the *Campbeltown Courier* headed 'Refugee meeting uncertain', it was stated that a planned public meeting to discuss the arrival of Syrian refugees had been postponed.

It has since been confirmed that no meeting was arranged by Campbeltown Community Council.

Councillor John Armour contacted the paper to add that if any meetings were planned, Argyll and Bute Council would organise them with the involvement of community council, but at no time was there any intention to ask the community council to arrange a meeting.

The Courier is happy to clarify this point.

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Concrete action demanded at Rest ahead of crunch talks

AHEAD of a crunch meeting to discuss the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful, a leading Argyll businessman has demanded action to protect the public on the landslide-prone road.

The first meeting of the A83 Taskforce – a group comprised of representatives from government, BEAR Scotland, the business sector and communities across the region – following the dramatic landslide events during December is set to be held on Monday January 25.

Inveraray hotel owner Donald Clark believes the time has come for the talking to stop and construction to begin on a reinforced concrete canopy over the 400-metre section of road at the

top of the Rest, the area he believes is most likely to experience landslides.

In a letter last week to MSPs representing Argyll and Bute, and transport minister Derek MacKay, Mr Clark wrote: ‘On December 30, a car came perilously close to plunging 300 feet down the hillside after being struck by debris. This highlights the urgency of a solution on this the steepest, longest and most dangerous section of the Rest.

‘Much was made of the [debris flow protection] netting restraining the slide of December 5, but on this occasion the last net came perilously close to being overwhelmed.’

Dangerous

Mr Clark added: ‘For this very reason, I demand that the A83 at its most vulnerable and dangerous section be fully protected, giving the travelling public the safety and security that is long overdue.’

Highlands and Islands MSP, Jamie McGrigor, also challenged the transport minister on the issue, this time in the Scottish Parliament.

Mr McGrigor asked what plans the Scottish Government has to construct a concrete canopy over the A83 and what other measures the government has planned to permanently resolve the issue.

In reply, the transport minister referred to the 2013 ‘A83 Trunk Road Route Study’, by Jacobs,

and the six options within this report.

Mr Mackay said: ‘The ‘Brown Option’ considered a 1km debris flow shelter. Following the initial sift against the stated criteria, the options for a flow-over canopy was sifted out for further consideration as other options were assessed to perform better against the appraisal criteria.

‘Also, similar benefits could be achieved with other options in the study at lower cost and with a lower potential environmental impact.’

Committed

He added: ‘The Scottish Government remains committed to working with local communities and businesses to ensure that Argyll re-



Traffic lights at the Rest after the December 5 landslide. 06_c04restlights01

mains open for business. This has seen an investment of over £48 million in maintaining the A83 since 2007, which includes £9 million towards reducing the risk of impacts from landslides at the Rest and Be Thankful, and the establishment of the local diversion route.’

Campbeltown nurse masters dementia and dialysis training

NICOLE NAPIER has been crowned as the first dementia champion in Campbeltown, while also qualifying to work in the new dialysis unit.

Argyll and Bute Health



Nicole Napier.

and Social Care Partnership announced Nicole’s new title this week, while she has recently completed training to become a dialysis nurse for the recently-introduced service within the hospital.

Speaking about her new roles, Nicole said: ‘I have now completed both my dementia champion training and my dialysis training, which allows me to work within the new dialysis unit.

‘It was a challenge to

manage my time between both sets of training, but I am very pleased with the outcome and I am really enjoying my new roles.’

The Health and Social Care Partnership describes a dementia champion as someone who ‘within their existing roles, and through a diverse range of activities, seeks to improve the complete care experience for people with dementia, their families and carers in a

hospital or community setting.’

Speaking on Nicole, Tina Watt, Senior Charge Nurse, said: ‘She has demonstrated a huge commitment to learn and develop her career, and she has worked very hard over the last year in studying for both the dementia champion and dialysis nursing roles.

‘I am really delighted that she has been successful in both sets of training, and as the sen-

ior charge nurse for the dialysis unit, I would like to welcome her as a new member of the dialysis team.’

Rotary Club of Campbeltown CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

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New farmers' union chairman sets out priorities

ARGYLL and the Islands region has a new NFU Scotland chairman, after John Semple stood down last week.

At the end of a five-year spell as chairman of the regional board, Mr Semple was succeeded by Bute farmer John Dickson at the regional AGM in Tarbert on Friday January 15.

Looking back at his time at the helm, Mr Semple of Lothead Farm, Achahoish, said: 'I feel a sense of pride looking back at what we've managed to achieve over the past five years through the union. There's no doubt I will miss it over the next few months.'

He added: 'What I won't miss is getting up at 4.30am to go to a board meeting in Edinburgh, then coming back home to feed cat-

tle at night. But it's been a great privilege to serve as chairman for this area.

'I'm not totally going away though - I still sit on the the LFA (Less Favoured area) committee, which has a very important role to play in what happens with Argyll farming in future.'

John Dickson farms in partnership with his son, Ian, at Scalpsie Farm on the Isle of Bute where he runs 140 beef cows and 1,000 blackface and cross ewes. A past chairman of his local Bute branch, he has also represented Argyll and the Islands on the union's tenant farming working group.

Mr Dickson said: 'It is an honour to be elected to this post. Having represented the region on tenant farming matters for some years, I felt it

was the right time for a new challenge.

'An immediate priority will be to support those milking cows on Bute, Gigha and Kintyre. The situation for dairy farmers is now critical and, given their importance to the wider rural economy, we need to look at how we can get more money into the pockets of the region's dairymen.

'Having represented the region on tenancy matters, the current Land Reform Bill going through the Scottish Parliament could have a big impact and we need to make sure that we fully understand how the Bill may affect both land owners and tenant farmers.

'And given the hugely important contribution that hill farming in Argyll and the Islands



Outgoing chairman John Semple, left, is presented with a bottle of 15-year-old Springbank whisky by newly-elected John Dickson. 06_a04nfus_agm02

makes to food production, communities, local economies, tourism, biodiversity and landscapes, we need to make sure that changes to support arrangements do not undermine this vulnerable sector.

'Changes to direct support arrangements for 2015 onwards are only just bedding in, but we must remember that pillar two support for our hill farmers, through the Less Favoured Areas Support Scheme, has

also been a crucial lifeline.

'That, too, is going to change from 2017 onwards. I want to make sure that the shift to the new Areas of Natural Constraint (ANC) scheme does not impact

on the region. While devising a new scheme will be challenging, it is such a fundamental part of the total support package for hill farming in Argyll and the Islands that we must make it work.'



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Wee Toon man may be youngest pub licensee in UK

THE LATEST lease at a popular Campbeltown bar will be the youngest licence holder in the UK if his application is approved.

It is a case of nothing ventured nothing gained for Lewis Nelson, 20, who has taken the Whisky Macs Bar and Grill lease two-and-a-half years after joining the operation, aged 18, in August 2013.

Mr Nelson has put his money on the bar and taken the lease for the next three years, although he admits perhaps his involvement will be indefinite.

Campbeltown thing

He said: 'It is a sort of Campbeltonian thing not to take risks or do things differently but I have learned lots from Davie Wood, the previous boss, who has wide ranging bar experience.

'Business administration was my favourite subject at the grammar school and my only Higher but really I see myself as hands-on and most of my training has been on the job.

Boss

'Perhaps bar tending runs in the family as my granny Roselle Nelson managed the Clachan and cousin Kathryn Nelson was the boss here for about a year.'

For the past year Mr Nelson has been the manager and paid a salary, with input from owners Steven and Mary Wood's son.

Managing four full-time and 11 part-time staff is sure to have its headaches but Mr Nelson says that he is looking forward to the challenge as well running the advertising and business.

'I have saved up a fair bit of money to make this happen,' added Mr Nelson. 'At the moment the licence is still in Mr Wood's name but I have paid the fee for a variation with Argyll and Bute Council.

'This year I hope to improve the dance floor area and create a proper beer garden in the space out the back.

Expanding

'Although the food which we started in 2014 is becoming very popular, we have just added home baking and are expanding the range of hot drinks to appeal to a slightly different market.'

Although named Whisky Macs, with the most expensive shot of Springbank 21-year-old at £21, the bar has more rum and vodka than whisky on sale.



Lewis Nelson pours a pint at Whisky Macs Bar and Grill. 25_c04nelson01



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A83 Meeting – Time for action

The upcoming A83 Taskforce meeting on Monday must give Argyll residents reassurance that action will follow, not just words.

The distressing image of Jane Else's car hanging off a roadside barrier over a 300-foot drop should be evidence enough that, while the current debris protection nets are welcome, they are clearly not sufficient to protect against loss of life.

While Jane was hospitalised and traumatised as a result of being caught in a landslide, the outcome could have actually been worse.

People from Argyll, and tourists visiting the area, should not have to gamble with their lives simply to drive to and from the peninsula.

The A83 is a lifeline for residents and businesses alike, and while calls for Argyll to 'remain open for business' are repeatedly spoken, the protection of peoples lives should be the most important factor when deciding what steps to take next to find a permanent solution to the 'Rest and Be Thankful' landslides.

Wee Toon generosity shines again

The famous Campbeltown generosity emerged once again with the donation of nearly £1,000 pounds to the Sunshine Room at the hospital by Gillian Hall and Pauline Baines.

The Sunshine Room continues to play a hugely important function at the hospital, which prompted Gillian to raise for it, as well as the Dalintober beach fund.

Palliative care is a vital health service, one which we all will likely experience in our lives, and Gillian's thoughts that 'you do not appreciate it until you need to use it' will ring true with many.

With more than £2,000 raised at the 'Dip for Dosh' this year as well, it is clear that the community of Campbeltown will still rally to support the town's most important services when they need help.

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Wind generators can be very dangerous

Sir,

For those who regard wind generators as acceptable and safe structures to be placed near to where people live, they should think again.

There has been a recent generator incident in Garcia, Spain, where, following an explosion, two generator blades were sent flying, hitting an occupied house at night. The generator had been making mechanical noises for two days, growing worse with time and becoming unbearable.

It is thought the mechanism seized, causing two blades to brake off in high winds. Parts of the blade fell upon a house located more than 200 metres from the generator, striking the stone facade of the house, in which four people were sleeping. Luckily nobody was hurt, although one wonders what would have happened during daylight hours when people were about?

This is not an isolated case and many more hazardous situations can be found on the internet by putting 'wind turbine fire or damage' into a search engine such as Google. It is wise to remember that these monstrous structures are machines, and due to their very nature, do suffer from failure, something for all planners and councillors to be fully aware of when considering an application for a wind generator near to any dwelling.

I assume the landowner will be fully responsible for any damage, injury or indeed fa-

tality as a result of a wind generator failure?

Dave Haskell,
Cardigan

Undemocratic cuts passed onto communities

Sir,

It's been called the austerity time bomb. Steadily ticking since the economic crisis unfolded (some argue it was primed long before then) it is about to explode across every council in Scotland.

Thousands of jobs are to be lost over the next few months as councils seek to balance their budgets. Deep cuts to services are inevitable.

Although ultimate responsibility for this sorry state can be traced back to the nefarious practices of banks and subsequent treasury policies, this is not just about the impoverished state of our public finances.

There is something intrinsically undemocratic about how these cuts are being imposed, simply passed down from one tier of government to the next, until finally impacting on communities.

The powerlessness of those we elect to protect and deliver our local services reflects the UK's command and control culture that pervades the collection and distribution of the revenues that pay for them.

And The Scottish Government's persistent refusal to allow councils the freedom to set their own council tax is just another glaring example.

But as Highland Council has just discovered after consulting widely with its communities, in these straitened

times, the piper might still be able to call the tune.

Angus Hardie,
Edinburgh

Ferry timetable must fit tourism market

Sir,

Mr Williams, in a letter published in last week's edition of the Courier, distorted my comments on the Ardrossan-Campbeltown ferry. Of course the ferry is welcome.

The problem that needs to be addressed is the unsuitable timetable which the SNP has refused to change for next summer, despite a well-supported campaign by the local business community.

Saturday is the traditional changeover day for hotels, bed and breakfasts and self-catering. Yet no ferry arrives that day and the vehicle check-in time for the sole departing ferry is 6.30am.

No tourist would choose this time of the morning for their departure.

The SNP should be utilising the ferries bought by the taxpayer for the maximum benefit of the local economy. This timetable fails that test and must be altered to suit tourists better.

The vehicle ferry to Ardrossan was only half the SNP promise, the other half was to sail it to Northern Ireland too.

Can Mr Williams tell us when this promise will be kept?

Yours sincerely
Alan Reid,
Lib Dem candidate
for Argyll and Bute,
Dunoon

Children deserve the means to better themselves

Sir,

Research has found that 60 per cent of deprived school-children do not attend schools on the Scottish Government's target register, meaning thousands are missing out on support to close the attainment gap. This is yet more evidence that shows a very substantial number of deprived pupils do not attend schools in deprived areas.

Scottish Government policy is to only target selected schools and local authorities registering a high deprivation index, and this has limitations. This approach is failing to target support to all deprived pupils in Scotland who do not attend schools in deprived areas.

They are not doing enough to close the attainment gap or to increase opportunity among our country's least privileged.

There is a significant problem, particularly in Argyll and Bute, where too many of our disadvantaged young people are not getting the best opportunity to do well and this must change.

Our children deserve the means to better themselves, no matter what background they come from.

Alastair Redman,
Islay

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Santa's surprise for new mum Nicole

by MARK DAVEY

editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

A LITTLE baby 'Jesus' was a bundle of joy for a Wee Toon mum when he was born on Christmas day.

At 7.42pm, blue-eyed boy Calvin McGougan, weighing 8lb 4oz, was the first Christmas day baby born at Campbeltown hospital for 16 years as many mums give birth at Glasgow hospitals.

First time mum Nicole McGougan, 18, had been expect-

ing Calvin on December 19 and was told that the latest he could be born would be New Year's Day.

Proud dad Mark Scally, 21, who works at Wind Towers Scotland, said: 'Nicole went into hospital on Christmas day at 11am and twelve hours later we came home with our new baby.'

Nicole said: 'I bought a special Santa romper suit when I went to

Glasgow for a growth scan just in case Calvin came on the big day.

'Christmas will never be the same. Mark was worried about missing his Christmas meal but we postponed it until Boxing day.'

Once the razzamatazz of Christmas was past, with Calvin approaching one month old next week, his paternal granddad contacted the Courier.

Calvin is the first grandchild for Nicole's parents Eddie and Caroline McGougan and

the third for Stephen and Janna Scally.

**Mark Scally,
Calvin McGougan
and Nicole
McGougan.**

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Planning permission portal upgrade to save millions

A REVAMP to a planning permission website could see huge savings for residents and councils alike.

The Scottish Government's existing ePlanning portal has been upgraded, and over the next four years the new system is predicted to save approximately £17 million across the country's planning authorities.

It is also set to save a further £28 million for applicants and agents.

The revamped version of ePlanning Scotland, first launched in 2009 and now ePlanning.scot, lets individuals, architects and agents submit and manage planning applications online, saving millions.

The new system, which went live on Wednesday January 13, is set to be quicker and easier to use.

The portal could see

savings of around £241 per application for applicants and agents, and £110 per application for local planning authorities, compared to paper applications.

Nearly 70 per cent of all planning applications nationally are submitted electronically through the portal. Argyll and Bute Council now receives more than half of its planning applications electronically.

Similar

The layout and functionality of the new ePlanning portal will stay relatively similar, with the overall style and colour of the portal changing to tie in with new logos.

Users will have to re-register to use the new portal, and those with open applications on the existing portal have until March 17 to complete their submission.

Social Justice Secretary Alex Neil said: 'ePlanning is in its seventh year, and over the past six years we have seen the portal save almost £40m for local authorities and applicants.'

'Seventy per cent of planning applications are now made online, double the original forecast. The new service will continue to provide access to the planning system in a way customers want, delivering a high quality consistent service, saving time and money.'

Two new forms are now available for completion online, the post submission additional documentation (PSAD) and the notice of review (NoR). In the future another two forms will be available, the appeals refusal and the appeals notice.

The Government is also developing a new national eBuilding Standards portal for public launch in August 2016, with Argyll and Bute's own building standards service providing support for this new national portal.

The eBuilding Standards portal will support 11 forms, offering customers across Scotland a consistent level of online experience, service and savings.

Primary school children should be registered this month

CHILDREN about to turn five between March 1 2016 and February 28 2017 should be registered for primary school this month.

Between January 18 to 22, parents should take children to their local primary school to register during that week, between 10am and 3pm.

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Professor to give timely talk on space travel

WITH Machrihanish firmly in the space race to host the UK's Spaceport, a cosmology expert may help decipher just how special the site could be for Kintyre.

The West Kintyre Stargazers have set up a talk which will have as its speaker eminent Professor of Gravitational Astrophysics and Cosmology and MBE Martin Hendry.

The presentation, named 'Einstein Goes to Hollywood', will take place at the Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy on Sunday, January 31.

The talk takes its name from the celebration of the 100-year anniversary of Einstein's famous theory of relativity.

Professor Hendry will be looking at what it may mean for the space age in terms of hyperspace or time travel should the UK, namely Machrihanish, build

a spaceport capable of making trips to space a normality.

The talk will also take an entertaining look at how Einstein's concept of the universe, describing gravity as a bending of space time, has been portrayed in or influenced films.

Passionate

Professor Hendry, who works at the University of Glasgow, said: 'I am looking forward to visiting Kintyre again and having the chance to meet up with people who are passionate about space and astronomy.'

'With the race to host the UK Spaceport in full swing and with Macrihanish's name in the hat, I could not think of a better time to look at what the future of space travel may hold based on Einstein's theory.'

Hendry is a passionate enthusiast for com-

municating science to schools and the public, and in 2015 was awarded an MBE for his services to public understanding of science.

Robin Nolan from the West Kintyre Stargazers said: 'The West Kintyre Stargazers are delighted to welcome Professor Hendry along to present one of the talks in our programme of events.'

'We are here to provide an opportunity for people in Kintyre who have an interest in astronomy, space or science to learn more through our events and the opportunity of hands-on stargazing using our telescope located at the Argyll Hotel in Bellochantuy.'

The presentation is open to everyone, with a contribution of £3 per head at the door to help the West Kintyre Stargazers work.

Under 16s can attend free.



The six whiskies which featured at this month's tasting event.

Campbeltown whiskies go down a treat at London's Hack and Hop

WEE TOON whiskies have been flavouring the palettes of London residents.

Six Campbeltown classics were chosen by whisky aficionado George Aldridge, who runs monthly whisky tasting classes at the bar Hack and Hop in the City of London.

The event, which runs as part of George's The Whisky Social company, of which he is executive director, took place on January 12.

It saw experts and amateurs alike sample the six varieties, in-

cluding offerings from Springbank and Glen Scotia.

Great history

Speaking about the event, George said: 'As a big whisky fan, I knew that Campbeltown had a great history but this gave me an opportunity to really research the 'whisky capital of the world'.'

'A lot of the tasters had not heard of Campbeltown, but the whiskies we had went down really well.'

'One attendee even bought two bottles of Glen Scotia, which is

a compliment to the standard of the malt.'

George, 28, originally from Brighton, said he was unsurprised that the tasters took so well to the Campbeltown malts.

'Campbeltown whiskies are definitely some of my favourites now. They are more varied than Islay, and have a really diverse amount of flavours for such a small place.'

'I've been to Islay before, but next time I visit Scotland I will definitely be coming to Campbeltown.'

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Hourly drop in sessions start at 1pm and run until 5pm in the main hall, 5pm until 7pm in the hall's back room.
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Kintyre Schools Pipe Band leading the Grand Parade in 2015. 20_c35mok01

Wee Toon music festivals set to light up 2016

THE WEE Toon is gearing up for another year of sensational music festivals.

The ever-popular MOKFest will take place from August 17-21, with a range of acts set to draw festival-goers from near and far.

The festival kicks off with the 'Gaelic Concert' on Wednesday night at the Seafield Hotel, when Ceol is turned into an old fashioned ceilidh house with folk tunes, stories and songs.

Thursday night sees Young Folk Night take the stage at the Heritage Centre, a showcase for all the young musical talent of South Kintyre.

The Kintyre Schools Pipe Band takes to the streets on Friday for a parade down Campbeltown Main Street, before joining Dalriada Connections Band

for the Festival Ceilidh Night at the Victoria Hall in the evening.

Saturday sees the return of the annual Grand Parade, which brings a carnival atmosphere back to the Wee Toon.

Groups and individuals are encouraged to join in and compete for the Festival Cup and Phoenix Shield awards, as well as the usual cash prizes for the best dressed floats.

Open air

Doon the Green also kicks off on Saturday, with the open air concert offering free live music, as well as local stalls and crafts, from 1pm before the evening show, with past headliners including The Fratellis and The View.

The Saturday Night Concert in the Vic will feature top class rock



The Twisted Melons have taken to the stage at Kintyre Songwriters Festival two years in a row. 20_c21festival01

bands and, while the 2016 line up is still to be confirmed, last year saw The Treacherous Orchestra and Harry and the Hendersons take to the stage.

For those who manage to make it to Sunday, The Mitchell's Glen-

gyle Distillery Dalriada Connections Concert is held at the Heritage Centre, with a miniature included in the ticket price. The Dalriada Connections Band will be joined by Ross Kennedy, Struan Thorpe and many more artists from across the Kingdom of Dalriada.

The Survivors Night Concert will round off MOKFest as always in the Victoria Hall, where Slainte Davaar All Stars will be joined by a host of rock, pop, pipe and brass bands at the legendary finale.

The Kintyre Songwriters Festival will be held this year from May 27-29, running on the same weekend as the hugely popular MOKRun.

Now in its ninth edition, the festival will feature the best of Kintyre's local musical

talent, as well as established and emerging talent from Scotland and further afield.

Recent performers include Scott Hutchison from Frightened Rabbit, Rachel Sermanni, winner of T4's Orange Unsigned Tommy Reilly, Emma's Imagination and Bombay Bicycle Club vocalist Amber Wilson.

They are starting their hunt for new Kintyre talent and implore any budding musicians who wish to get involved to get in contact with the organisers.

Whisky Mac's has been confirmed as the venue for the Friday Night Concert and Saturday and Sunday open mic lunch sessions, while The White Hart Inn could host the weekend's evening concerts again having recently re-opened.

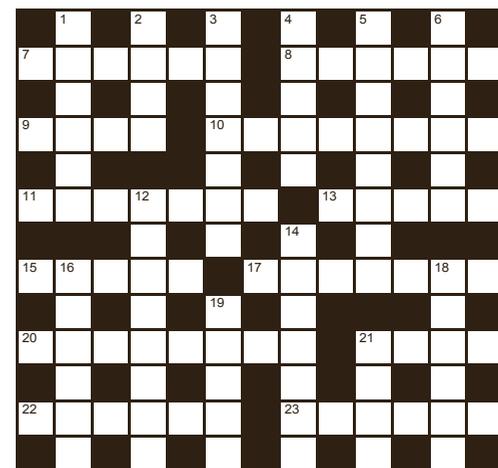


Esperanza shone at last year's MOKFest. 20_c35mok17



Winners of last year's Float competition, fire fighters Paul Souden and Stuart McTaggart. 20_c35mok05

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The event will take

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The competition has been running for over 14 years and generally attracts large attend-

ances.

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

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Thankfully the west coast has missed, so far at least, the severe flooding witnessed in other parts of Scotland and the north of England. In those areas, property, farmland and livestock took a battering. But even here the stormy conditions have taken their toll, as land has been severely waterlogged and gale force winds have torn lumps out of farm buildings.

Sheltering valuable livestock, equipment and feedstuffs from the elements, our farm build-

ings need regular maintenance, and this is something that should be built into the farming year. The old proverb about 'a stitch in time' certainly holds true for building maintenance. A quick repair of a few slates or a section of loose ridging today, for example, could save a lot of expense and grief by the time Storm Gertrude (yes, she's next in line) comes a-calling.

Stock management outside is made no easier when the ground is saturated, but the job of keeping sheep and cattle safe and secure is entirely dependant on having secure stock fencing. Keep an eye on your fences and gates this winter, and if a repair needs doing, contact your local fencing supplier and do the job properly. Leave the baler twine in your pocket.

If you think your fences need an overhaul, there's a contractor who will be able to assist.

Another important aspect of winter farming is the maintenance of machinery and equipment. Follow a proper maintenance routine, covering aspects such as lubrication, checking brakes, engine coolant, antifreeze and oil levels and making sure batteries are operating.

It is the job of the employers to make sure that their workers are safe. This includes doing regular maintenance checks on farming machinery and equipment as well training their workers in a proper manner. Maintaining your farming machinery, equipment and property is also demanded by the law to avoid risking people's health and safety.

Professional help in maintaining farm tractors, ATVs and other equipment is available in the local area, along with advice in purchasing new items of machinery.

Adequate fuel supplies are also vital during the winter months. Heating fuel, be it oil or wood, can run down quickly in the cold weather, and bad weather can mean deliveries might be delayed.

Farming in winter is really about preparing for the worst while hoping for the best. In the second half of January there is still plenty of winter to come, so think ahead, stock up on supplies, check your machinery and keep livestock well fed.

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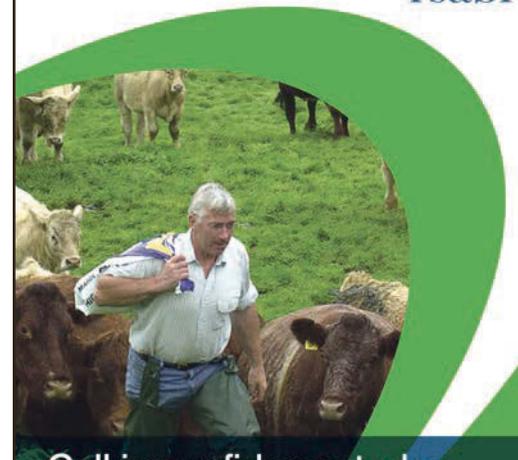
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Kilmartin Primary School ELCC

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Head Teacher: Fiona Johnson



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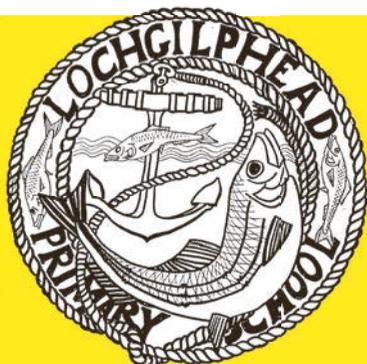
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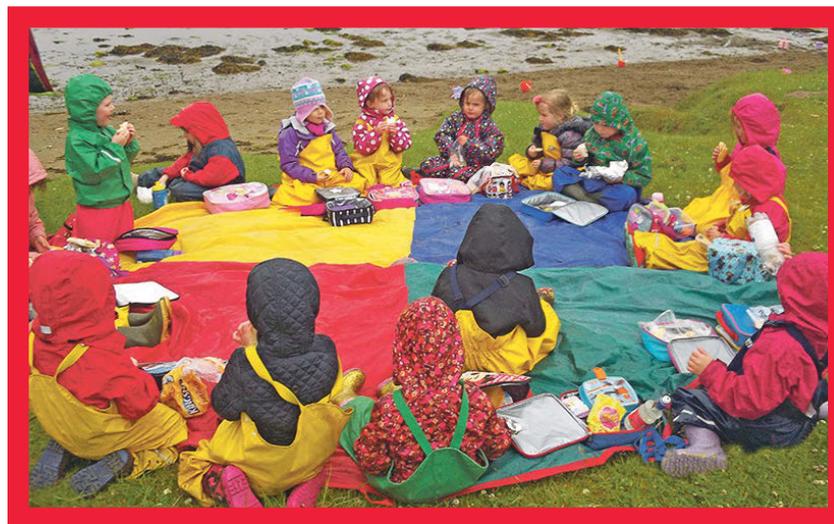
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Mark Hayward, managing director, National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA) provides an overview of what may be seen in the housing market in 2016: 'Next year we will see a growing struggle for those trying to get on to the home ownership ladder, with house prices further beyond the reach of low to middle earners and rent costs eating away at more of their income.'

First-time-buyers

'It is important that first-time-buyers (FTBs) remain at the top of the Government's agenda in order to help them get a foot on the housing ladder. However, if the supply, specifically of 'affordable housing', doesn't significantly increase in 2016, FTBs will continue to feel driven out of the market.'

Supply and demand

'Supply is a key issue; if we truly want to see FTBs able to buy their first home we absolutely have to address this.'

'Osborne's announcement that he'll be building 200,000 new-starter-homes is a good place to start, but it's not enough to solve the worsening crisis. We are at risk of doing too little, too late. We are still waiting to see new homes being built; and whilst we wait, house prices continue to rise.'

Rising cost of renting

'UNFORTUNATELY for renters, rent prices are likely to go up in 2016. There are various pieces of legislation coming into play in 2016 which will result in increased compliance costs for landlords, and as a result push up rents for tenants. We urge the Government to re-think its proposals around reducing Mortgage Interest Relief, scrapping the Wear and Tear Allowance and hiking up Stamp Duty by three per cent on buy-to-let properties. Whilst these remain, the Government's goal of increasing the percentage of people in home ownership is getting further out of reach.'

'The issue of supply and demand in the rental market will be increasingly pushed to its limit with rising demand outstripping supply.'

Regulation of the sector

'The good news is that regulation in the industry looks like it will be tightening up in 2016. We hope that the provisions of the Housing and Planning Bill – when brought into force – will give enforcing bodies and the courts more teeth in tackling rogue and criminal landlords and agents. This will develop in 2016 to enforce harsher penalties for landlords and unregulated agents that aren't complying with basic laws.'

'The Right to Rent checks introduced in the Immigration Act 2014 will be rolled out nationally from February 1 2016 following a successful pilot scheme in the West Midlands. However, we worry that the goodwill established towards the scheme may be tested by the increase in volume, disenfranchising landlords from the process.'

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Information leaflets will be available from Early Learning & Childcare Providers at the time of registration and parents can obtain further guidance from the Early Years Helpline, Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Telephone 01369 708503).

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PLANNING

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

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

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/03517/PP	Refurbishment and alterations to stable buildings to form 6 holiday units	Coach House Stonefield Tarbert Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
16/00004/MIN	Temporary mineral working in association with windfarm development (part retrospective)	Land South West Of Grassfield Whitehouse Tarbert Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
16/00059/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 5 Knockruan Way Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6TN	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
16/00109/PP	Installation of 2 no. information point shelters (retrospective)	Land At Blarbuie Woodland Blarbuie Road Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office

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

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

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

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

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DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES (BARN PARK, INVERARAY) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

On Monday 18th January 2016, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to wait, drive or cause or permit to be driven any motor vehicle on that length of Barn Park, Inveraray which extends from its junction with Sinclair Avenue in a northwesterly direction for a distance of 100 metres or thereby. The closure is necessary in order to permit new drainage works to be carried out. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

The restriction imposed by this order will be effective when indicated by signs, from 25th January until 29th February 2016 or until the works are completed, whichever may be the earlier.

Exceptions will apply to vehicles:-

- 1) being driven upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform;
- 2) being used in an emergency for fire brigade, ambulance, coastguard or police purposes;
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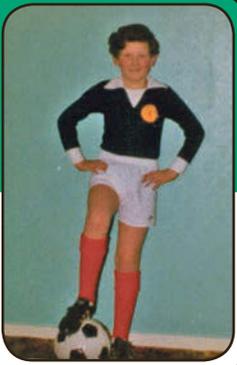
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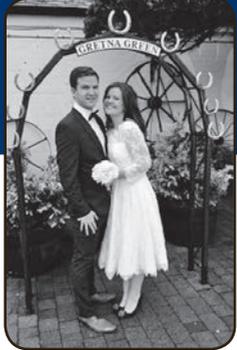
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Crawford - Seaward

Congratulations to Christopher & Judy

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Silver Wedding

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



As I write this, I am eagerly awaiting the new series of 'Call the Midwife'.

I just love this programme.

I love the variety of characters and all the interactions among them.

Often when we become involved in a favourite programme we feel we really get to know the people and can become involved in their lives.

What I really like about 'Midwife' is the reality.

Unlike the new 'reality TV' which I just cannot take to at all, the reality of 'Midwife' is real life.

I can relate to that time in London, as I grew up in parallel times in Glasgow.

Growing up after the war in a Glasgow tenement was a very unique time and, as a youngster, I guess I never really thought about it.

However, it was a time of sharing and caring, of community and friendship.

It was a time when as a Glasgow youngster I could 'get a piece at any door'.

Neighbours looked out for us all and everything was shared.

Everything was shared, including laughter and tears.

Everything was shared, as doors were left open and people were there for each other.

It was a good time.

I remember my granny making extra soup for the 'tramps' who would need something warm in the winter.

I remember never being afraid of strangers and being taught to offer hospitality to all who came to our door.

'Midwife' evokes so many memories, and I know I am not alone in indulging in this nostalgia of a bygone age.

Hospitality is one of the hallmarks of a Christian community and soon we will have the opportunity to offer hospitality, in the name of Jesus Christ, to the stranger in our land.

When the Syrian refugees come to Argyll, I hope they will 'get a piece at any door' and that we will always look out for them.

From our files:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

January 25 1991

District Council sets community charge

THERE were no surprises at Argyll and Bute District Council last Tuesday when the councillors agreed on a community charge of £95.

This will be added to the region figure of £312, giving a total community charge of £407.

An amendment by Mr Dick Walsh, of Dunoon, that savings of £135,721 be made in departmental administration to reduce the community charge by £1 to £94 was defeated by 18 votes to seven.

Supporting the amendment was Mr George McMillan, who commented that it was rather strange for the District Council to increase the

community charge by 28 per cent when an extra £3 million had been received from the Government in revenue support grant.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

January 27 1966

Lifeboat and plane in mercy dash

AN 11-YEAR-OLD Jura boy who was taken seriously ill and was likely to require surgery featured in a three-stage 'mercy-dash' to hospital in Glasgow yesterday - by lifeboat, road ambulance and air ambulance.

The boy, Frank Boyle, of Knockrome, Jura, had been attended by his doctor, Dr William McIntyre, who arranged for his admission to hospital and requested an air ambulance to come for him to Islay.

He was to have made the

first stage of his trip from Jura by ferry but, because of gale-lashed seas, the ferry could not make the trip and Islay Lifeboat was launched to bring the boy to Port Askaig.

Within 20 minutes, the lifeboat landed the sick boy at Port Askaig, from where he was rushed by road ambulance to Port Ellen's Glenegadale Airport.

There he was carried aboard the ambulance plane which flew him to Renfrew. A road ambulance met the plane there and took him to the Southern General Hospital.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

January 22 1916

Argyll National Guard - Presentation of Badges

THE FIRST drill for the season of the Campbeltown members of B Company of the Argyll National Guard

Volunteer Corps was held in the Victoria Hall on Thursday evening, when there was a satisfactory attendance, about 100 men being present.

The corps badges presented by Lord Breadalbane, Lord Lieutenant of the County, were handed to the men in the evening by Colonel George Rome, Commander of the Company.

Col. Rome expressed the indebtedness of the Company to him for his kindness, and said he had the greatest pleasure in presenting the badges in His Lordship's name and with his compliments.

The badges are of white metal and are inscribed 'Argyllshire N.G.V.C', with an embossed representation of the boar's head - the County emblem - in the centre.

Each man was entitled to wear his decoration whenever he liked.

Memories of the cruel sea invading the Wee Toon

A CAMPBELTOWN photographer has spoken of his memories from the day when an abnormally high tide caused the worst flooding in 67 years.

A 'From our Files' story in the Courier, January 8, reminded Tom Mason, 84, of January 5, 1991 when seawater swamped Campbeltown.

Floating

Back then fishing boats appeared to be floating on top of the quay and the sea shore

extended 70 yards up Main Street from the Royal Hotel.

Mr Mason, who first came to Kintyre with the Fleet Air Arm in 1951 and married a local girl in 1954, said: 'All the low lying areas were covered in water, such as John Street and the area around where the all-weather pitch is now.'

Mr Mason was a keen photographer using black and white film and used to regularly bring pictures to the Courier.



Mr Mason's photograph shows fishing boats 'floating' on the quay back in January 1991. c03flood01 no

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures for ever' (Psalm 107:1).

DEATHS

ADEY - Peacefully, at Erskine Home, Bishopton, on January 19, 2016, Hector Angus Adey, aged 98 years, formerly of 4 Upper Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig and Kilmichael, beloved husband of the late Jacquelyn, much loved father of Jacquelyn, treasured grandpa of Ann and proud great grandpa of Daniel and Eilidh. A dearly loved step father and grandfather to all the family. A dear brother, uncle and cousin, and a good friend, neighbour and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Flowers, or donations if desired, to Erskine Home, Bishopton.

BOYLE - On January 8, 2016, Edith Smith died peacefully, at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary. The family would like to thank the Lord for the gift of her life, and the love she radiated, which was a living witness of her faith in Christ. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, on Saturday, January 23 at 11.00am, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers sent to Stan Lupton Funeral Director.

FERGUSON - Peacefully, at Ardfeinaig Residential Home, Ardrishaig, on Saturday, January 16, 2016, Maureen Margaret Ferguson, aged 89 years, formerly of Rowan Park and Brodie Crescent, Lochgilphead, former secretary at Lochgilphead High School, beloved husband of the late Duncan Ferguson and a dearly loved aunt, great aunt and cousin to all the family. A dear friend and neighbour to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, today Friday, January 22, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Flowers, or donations if desired, to Ardfeinaig Comfort Fund.

LAW - On January 18, 2016, peacefully, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Phemie Leitch, in her 92nd year, beloved wife of the late Hamish Law, much loved mother of Catherine, dear mother-in-law of Joe, dearly loved nana of Kim, Sharon and Shirley, and of five great granddaughters, all in South Africa. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, on Tuesday, January 26 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Tarbert Cemetery, to which all are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Tarbert Senior Citizen's Annual Dinner.

MCLELLAN - Suddenly, on January 12, 2016, at his home at Aups, France, Douglas, aged 69 years, beloved son of the late Dugald and Katie McLellan and brother of Richard. Douglas was cremated in France, on January 19, 2016.

MCMILLAN - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on January 13, 2016, Agnes McGeachy McKay (Nan), in her 93rd year, formerly of Saddell Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Alexander McMillan, much loved mother of Eaver, Catherine and the late John and a loving granny, great granny and great great granny.

MCSPORRAN - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on January 16, 2016, Elizabeth McSporrán, in her 92nd year, formerly of Barochan Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late Archie and Mary McSporrán, much loved sister of Catherine Colville and the late Archie, Margaret, Charlie, Peter, Mary and Nancy and a loving aunt and great aunt.

ROSS - Peacefully, at the Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on January 13, 2016, with his family by his side, Leonard Ross, in his 87th year, of Vaia, Kilduskland Road, Ardrishaig and formerly of Stonefield, Tarbert and Scalloway, Shetland, loving husband of Jean McAllister and much loved father of Kenneth and James. Also a dearly loved father-in-law and brother-in-law. A private service was held at Cardross Crematorium, on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ANDREW - Jessie and all the family would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and phone calls following the sad loss of Bill. Thanks to the paramedics, Dr Villalba, nurses and Carr Gomm staff. Special thanks to the Rev Wallace for his comforting service and to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their professional services, to Campbeltown Bowling Club, to Argyll Bakeries and to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiring collection for McMillan Nurses (Kintyre Locality) raised £828.

CLARK - Maureen and family would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and telephone calls. Special thanks to Dr McGovern, Dr Villalba and staff at Auchinlee for their loving care, and to district nurses and care workers for the amazing care they gave to John at home. Grateful thanks to Rev W Crossan for the wonderful service, to T A Blair for efficient funeral arrangements, to Colin Duncan, and to the Ardshiel Hotel for the lovely tea. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at the church and graveside.

MCNAUGHTON - Flora and family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the kindness shown to them on the death of Neil. We have been overwhelmed by the cards, flowers, phone calls and visits. Special thanks to Mathew Ramsay for a comforting and appropriate service, organist Marjorie Kelly, for her beautiful playing and The Larder, Tarbert for excellent floral tributes. A special mention for our nephew, John (Bogie), for piping and his lovely humorous tribute to Neil, complete with the impressions which were spot on. Thanks also to funeral directors, David Gauld of Aberfeldy and Stan Lupton for professional arrangements, to Tarbert Hotel for catering and to all who travelled from near and far to pay their last respects at church and graveside. Finally, thanks to all for the donations for the Air Ambulance, the great sum of £850 was collected.

MILLIGAN - Jack and family would like to express their gratitude to everyone for all the kind expressions of sympathy, visits, telephone calls, flowers and home-baking received following the very sad passing of Josephine. Thanks also to Rev Steve Fulcher for his comforting and personal service, to Blair Funeral Directors for their professional and efficient arrangements, to Muneroy Stores for a lovely purvey and to the staff at Kintyre Nursing Home for their care and attention during the difficult last few months. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the collection for Dementia/Alzheimer's Society.

STEVENSON - Gregor, Kenneth, Lin and Willie would like to thank everyone for all their love, support, cards and expressions of sympathy during this time. Thanks to the Reverend W Crossan for such a lovely service and to Kenneth and Alasdair Blair for the funeral arrangements. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who attended the service and to the SSPCA. The retrieval collection raised £120.71 for the SSPCA.

IN MEMORIAM

EDWARDS - In loving memory of my beloved husband, Anthony, who passed away January 28, 2015.

Still loved and remembered.

- From his loving wife, Sadie, Mike and all the in-laws.

HALL - Marguerite (Maggie), passed away January 23, 2006. Mother, Nana, You left us beautiful memories, Your love is still our guide, Although we cannot see you, You're always by our side.

- Marina, Craig and Rhian xxx.

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

- From Ellen and family.

LEESMOFFAT - Captain John, who passed away on January 21, 2014. Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

- Poppy, Daniel, Mathilda and Zephyr xx.

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

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

- Loving daughters Margaret, Sandra and families.

MCMILLAN - In memory of our dear dad and uncle, Neil G McMillan, who passed away on January 22, 2015.

We think of you in silence. We often speak your name. But all we have are memories. And your picture in a frame.

- Lucy, James, Peter and Neil, Inverness and Campbeltown.

MUIR - Treasured memories of our dear mum, granny and great granny, Bessie, died January 22, 2011.

Always in our thoughts. Jean, Jessie and family.

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CHURCH NOTICES

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH

LOCHGILPHEAD
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN
Saturday 5pm Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome (SC0002876)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 24th January 2016
Morning Worship
Glassary 10.00 am
All welcome
SC0 02121

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

SUNDAY 24th January 2016
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch
SPEAKER: Annea Wilson
A Testimony
THURSDAY 28th JANUARY 2016
10.00 am
(Please note change of time)
Prayer, Word and Sharing
All Welcome

Highland Parish Church



SCO02493
Sunday 24th January 2016
The service will be held in the Church at 11.15am and will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor
Tuesdays
Badminton Club meets in Kirk Street Hall
Primary 1-5: 6.30 - 7.30pm
Primary 6-7: 7.30 - 8.30pm

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 24th January
Service 11.15
Next Generation Triple C Creche
Rev P Wallace
Monday 25th January
Guild 7.30pm New Hall
Tuesday 26th January
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
Boys' Brigade
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Church Hall
Thursday 28th January
Choir 7.30pm
Friday 29th January
Lunch Club 12.00noon



Campbeltown Corps
Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz
4.00pm Evening Worship
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME
Tuesday
Lunch Club - 12.15pm
Home League - 1.30pm
Wednesday
7.00 pm Make and Munch
Craft Group
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
All welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 24 January 2016
11.00am Family Communion Service
Mr Kelvin Moller, Clachan
Wednesday 12.30pm at the Free Church
Joining in fellowship with Campbeltown Free Church for Prayer and Bible Study
For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 0586 551237.
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SC014646

CHURCH NOTICES



Sunday Service
11.00 am
with Sunday School followed by refreshments
Pastor Chris Holden
mainly music
10.00 - 11.30 am
every Thursday (term time only)
Registration required
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
baptist union of scotland
SC043322

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 24th January 2016
Skipness Service 10.00am
Mr John Morrison
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Jen Zielinski
Kilberry Service 2pm
Mr Chris Thornhill
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622
Skipness SC004280



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 24th January
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Allan Shearer
2.00pm Explorers Club for all Primary school children
Wednesday 27th January
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

Scottish Episcopal Churches

Everyone Welcome
Christ Church
Bishopston Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Sundays 11.00 am
Eucharist service
Coffee & Cake follows the service
St Columba's, Pottaloch, nr Kilmartin
(SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Eucharist Service
3rd Sunday of the month
3.30pm Evensong
Scottish Prayer Book
All Saints, Inveraray
(SC025646)
Saturdays
Eucharist Service
Father Simon Mackenzie
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran
01546 602315



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 24th January 2016
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 24th January 2016
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Minister:
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
Morning Service
in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 24 January
Tayvallich Church
Prayer meeting 10:30 am
Morning Worship 11:30 am
Monday 25 January
Tayvallich Church
Prayer meeting 10 am
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

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Lochgilphead Baptist Church

All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
All Welcome
Sunday 24th January 2016
Morning Service 11am with communion
mainly music
Tuesdays at 10.15am
Jumpstart
Fridays from 10am
Scottish Charity SC015187

Much more than help with the messages

By AIMEE SPENCE
Campbeltown
Grammar School
S6 pupil

WINTER can be a time of loneliness and isolation for older people.

Local charity Shopper-Aide, based in Campbeltown, offers help to older people in their own homes who may feel isolated and find it difficult to do things for themselves.

Volunteers can do

shopping for clients and deliver it to their home. They can arrange to transport the older person around if they need to go to the bank or the hairdressers, or even just want to visit a friend.

The volunteers, who are all PVG checked by Disclosure Scotland, are also able to help with small jobs around the house of an older person who may find certain tasks slightly daunting.

These include defrosting a fridge, tidying a cupboard, putting up cupboards, changing the bed, doing some vacuuming, or weeding and planting in the garden.

Joan Stewart, Project Manager of Shopper-Aide said: 'People often take for granted the fact that they are sharing time with people that they love and cherish.

'For some older people loneliness and isolation is something they will experience all year, but find it is particularly difficult to deal with at around this time of year.

'People can become isolated for a number of reasons such as illness, bereavement or loss of income or mobility.

'Families can become separated by distance, and declining health, which also plays a huge part in the isolation of the elderly as they may find it difficult to go out and spend time with friends or just generally look after themselves when they are not feeling up to it.

'At this time of year, with the poorer weather and shorter days, older people are especially at risk if they are alone.

'It is important to ensure that older people who are most at risk are well looked after.

The easiest way to do this would be to check in on an older neighbour

a couple of times a week if the weather is bad, make sure that the person has plenty of food and is eating well, checking that their living area is sufficiently warm and that they are well equipped for going out in the cold weather if they need to.'

It is also important to note that people need care and attention all year round. There are a number of charities and organisations such as AgeUK that provide help and support for older people who are alone or unable to look after themselves in various ways.

Shopper-Aide is totally reliant on volunteers, and is particularly busy this year.

Older people who are feeling lonely could also become part of the Elderberries social club which meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Campbeltown Free Church, providing people aged 60 and over with a place to meet friends, have a tea or coffee, and take part in activities if they so wish.

Some of these activities include 'Knit and Knatter', which involves knitting baby clothes and blankets in aid of the CGS4Gambia group, as well as creating memory books where they can choose the style and content of the book to create some-

thing special for them or their family.



Volunteers Iain McDougall and Jan Boyce with client Elsie Whitson.

Other activities include snooker, card games, dominoes, jigsaws, card making, colouring and crafts.

As well as this participants can take part in activities looking back on local history and old photos, get their nails done, get hand massages, and even participate

in walking groups on certain days. Many recently enjoyed a Christmas lunch in the Argyll Hotel, which was very well received and provided an opportunity for people to relax and mingle.

The huge efforts of the staff and volunteers at Shopper-Aide were recently recognised at the Herald Society Awards,

where the charity won an award for the 'best older peoples' project in Scotland.

Joan said of the award: 'Whilst this kind of recognition is always welcome, the greatest reward is the pleasure the volunteers get from providing a worthwhile service to those who need it most, especially during the winter months.'



Shopper-Aide client Martha Robertson, proudly displaying her bag.

Council events to keep local contractors in the loop

ARGYLL and Bute Council is aiming to keep local contractors informed of new opportunities available when tendering for council services contracts with a series of informative events. The council already awards a greater percentage of work to local suppliers than the average for Scottish local authorities. Last year 34 per cent of council contracts were awarded to suppliers in Argyll and Bute.

Now it is hoping to increase this percentage during 2016, with the meetings aimed at informing local contractors about a new approach the council has launched of tendering for capital works contracts, with estimated individual values

between £25,000 and a new upper limit of £500,000.

The type of contracts vary in cost and size, and may include re-roofing, fire alarm installations and upgrades and replacements of heating systems, refurbishment of buildings, electrical works, coastal protection and bridge strengthening, parking machines installation and traffic management works.

These surgeries will provide an opportunity for local suppliers to meet with procurement staff to hear about the council's new procurement procedures, find out more about forthcoming contract opportunities and learn about the support available via the Supplier Development Programme.

The council's Policy Lead for Customer and Support Services, Councillor Dick Walsh, said: 'The council's single outcome agreement supports a diverse and thriving economy and this new approach gives local contractors a real opportunity to bid for work. Everything is to benefit them, get them involved and make them aware of changes in tendering requirements.

'These events will provide a great opportunity to come along and meet the council's buyers for these works contracts and find out more about the new approach to their procurement. I would urge any contractors interested in tendering

for these types of contracts to come to one of these events. It could only be beneficial in the long run.

'While EU procurement rules mean we are unable to discriminate in favour of local suppliers, the council is committed to making sure that local businesses are aware of the opportunities and can access support to help them tender successfully.'

Individual appointments will also be available with council officers and any contractor interested in bidding for contracts is urged to make an appointment.

The surgeries will be held in Lochgilphead on January 27, Dunoon on February 3, Oban on February

16, Rothesay on March 3, Campbeltown on March 23 and Helensburgh on March 30. The surgeries will run from 10.30am-12.30pm at each location.

To make an appointment please contact Gillian Allenby, Procurement Analyst, at least seven days prior to the date of the event you are interested in either by email to procurement@argyll-bute.gov.uk; or telephone 01700 501 358.

Please provide your contact details, which event you would like to attend, the nature of your business and any topics you would like to discuss to allow the buyers to prepare in advance and make best use of the time available.

Sports hall athletics returns for 22nd year

There will be awards for overall winners in each age category and medals for all competitors

SPORTS hall athletics is back with a bang across Argyll this winter.

This winter marks the 22nd anniversary since Sports hall athletics was first introduced in Argyll using sports centres, schools and town halls.

Specialist equipment is used for various running, jumping and throwing events, bringing the excitement of track and field athletics indoors in a warm and dry environment.

National

Over the years, many of the young athletes taking part have gone on to win Scottish national

age group titles both indoors and outdoors.

The opening competition for the Mid Argyll area is set for Lochgilphead Joint Campus this Sunday, January 24.

This will be the first local area event, promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club.

Local area competitions in Campbeltown and Mull will be held in February, followed by Oban in early March.

The Argyll final will be held at the Atlantis Leisure Centre in Oban on Sunday March 20.

The Lochgilphead contest this Sun-

day starts at 12 noon, with entries taken from 11.30am. There will be awards for the overall winners in each age category and medals for all competitors.

Age groups start at under seven, then under nine, under 11, under 13, under 15 and under 17. Age is taken as on September 1, 2015 and an entry fee of £2 per competitor will be levied. This Sunday's competition is open to all young boys and girls interested in trying athletics, and no previous competition experience is required.



Youngsters who took part in junior coaching back in 2015, with volunteer Millar Irwin.

Indoor tennis set to be a smash hit

INDOOR short tennis sessions are returning to Campbeltown this weekend after they proved a hit last year.

This Saturday, January 23, and next month, Saturday February 20, from 1pm - 4pm, budding tennis stars can take to the court

safe from the winter weather in the Victoria Hall.

The sessions will take place on badminton courts with the rapid and exhilarating format of short tennis.

The 1pm-2.30pm sessions will be specifically for under 16s and

families, with 2.30pm-4pm set aside for adults.

All are welcome, and mini tennis racquets and low compression balls will be provided, so all players need to bring is trainers.

A small charge will be made to pay for the hire of the hall.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £1250

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

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McCallum Street
Campbeltown

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Tarbert

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We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright.

To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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SAFL results and fixtures

THE whole of the Scottish Amateur Football League programme was wiped out last weekend due to the horrendous weather conditions, with even the majority of all-weather 3G and 4G surfaces failing to beat the snow and ice.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup, 5th round – Campbeltown Pupils v St Patrick's FP; Centenary Cup, quarter final – Dunoon v Ferguslie Star; Hall Cup, quarter final – Carlton YM v Dunoon Athletic; Premier Division – Oban Saints v East Kilbride Rolls Royce; Premier Division One – Drumchapel Amateur Colts v Lochgilhead Red Star; Premier Division Two – Tarbert v Milbeg Villa.

Lotto rollovers

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lottery on Sunday January 10.

The winning numbers were 2, 19 and 20. The next draw will take place on Sunday January 24 with a jackpot of £600.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Muneroy Stores and Burnside Bar.

There were no winners of this week's Machrihanish Golf Club lottery. Held on January 18, the winning numbers were two, 10 and 20.

The next draw will take place on January 25, with a jackpot of £800 up for grabs.

'The West Coast Girls' are great givers

A GROUP of Kintyre and Mid Argyll athletes ran into the top five per cent of fundraisers on Just Giving.

Pharmacist Marjorie Leighton, her NHS colleagues Suzy Ferguson and Morag MacNicol, teamed up with Harbro worker Catriona Crawford from Lochgilhead to undertake the Roadblock obstacle run challenge in Edinburgh.

The quartet organised their sponsorship through the Just Giving website and raised £1,039 for Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland.

Mrs Leighton said: 'Recently we were very surprised when Just Giving told us we were in the top five per cent of their fundraisers.'

'The Roadblock challenge was in Holyrood Park and the hardest



'The West Coast Girls' are from left: Marjorie Leighton, Catriona Crawford, Suzy Ferguson and Morag MacNicol. 25_c03roadblock01

part was running up Arthur's Seat. The inflatable slides there with foam and cargo nets were nothing compared to the MACC Challenge, which I completed in November.'



Youngsters braving the cold last weekend.

Youth football back up and running

THERE was a strong turnout for the restart of Sunday youth football this year with the 2009-2006 age groups making strides on the 3G pitch at Kinloch Park.

Despite the cold weather, there were new faces in the first session of the new year and the Campbeltown youth teams are always looking for new players.

The Midnight League, which is sponsored by Bank of Scotland and run in conjunction with the Scottish Football Association, also starts up again this week.

The first session starts tonight (Friday, January 22) on the 3G pitch from 7-9pm.

Football Festival to return to Wee Toon

THE CAMPBELTOWN Football Festival is preparing for another bumper tournament.

Held on Saturday, June 4, the competition's fifth edition will see around 50 teams and 450 children from the 2010-2005 age groups playing.

The tournament organisers, Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CD-JFA), have already had a strong response to their initial calls for teams, with interest from Northern Irish side Ballycastle United FC and ex Rangers profession-

al Charlie Miller's football academy. They have also confirmed teams from Oban, Lochgilhead, Dumbarton and Giffnock Soccer Centre in Glasgow.

Any interested parties should get in touch by emailing enquiries@campbeltownfootball.com.



A previous edition of the Campbeltown Football Festival.

McCallum and Currie pinch Tayinloan pairs competition

AN EXCITING final was decided on the last bowl at Tayinloan's annual pairs competition.

Held from Wednesday January 13 to Friday 15, 20 teams competed from as far apart as Tarbert and Southend and many places in between.

Different styles of delivering the bowls were evident throughout, with even the most recent converts to the game giving their best.

The eight pairs winning through to the final night were extremely competitive and displayed a lot of skill.

The final of nine ends was a thrilling spectacle, with the lead changing at most ends and the final result in doubt until the last bowl was delivered.

The retired pair of Stewart and Pat McMillan from Campbeltown – who were last year's winners – eventually had to concede, after a strong challenge, to their younger opponents of John McCallum, Clachan, and Stuart Currie, Tayinloan, who took the title after the last bowl.

The Tayinloan Hall Committee wish to thank the 20 teams who participated and congratulate the winners.

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