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Cathy and Calum McLean with Clachan Village who turned out to thank the couple for their hard work over the last 15 years. 21_c05clch02

Villagers toast station couple



Cathy McLean, right, with Rhian Thomas who will be running Clachan Filling Station. 21_c05clch01

A WHOLE village turned out this week to show their gratitude to a couple who have gone above and beyond their normal duties as shopkeepers.

After 15 years of owning and running Clachan Filling Station, Cathy and Calum McLean, have passed on the reigns to a Lochgilphead couple. The couple have always gone out their way for the villagers and visitors, and were thanked for their hard work and kindness over the years when the whole village turned out on Tuesday evening.

Calum and Cathy are originally from Islay, and have lived in Clachan for 35 years. They first came to Clachan when Calum was in the Merchant Navy. The couple also carried out a milk run in Tarbert for four years and when the opportu-

nity came up to take over the shop they took it.

'It is really going well,' said Cathy. 'We enjoy it here, we feel as if we know everybody. We are so grateful for everyone's support and custom over the years. We feel it is the right time and we want time to do things that we don't get time to when we are running a full time business. We have given it our all.'

Taking over will be Rhian Thomas and Eilwyn Davis from Lochgilphead. Running a petrol station is second nature to Rhian as her family owned one during her time growing up in Wales.

Some may know her from her time as a West Coast Motors' bus driver in Ardrishaig.

Cathy now plans to get stuck back into her hobby of showing dogs

and has been successful in the past at having her Samoyed dogs placed at Crufts.

That's not before a well-earned holiday however.

West Kintyre Community Council chairwoman Elizabeth Ball paid tribute to the couple.

'They have met customers with a cheery welcome, provided a lifeline service, given valuable information and guidance to everyone, including visitors and newcomers - they have basically gone way beyond the responsibilities normally expected of shopkeepers,' explained Elizabeth.

'We thank them most sincerely for all they have done for our community and wish them every enjoyment and good health in their retirement.'

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Councillors appeal for more petition support

THE PARTY behind the ever-growing Sign for the A83 campaign, has started to collect petitions this week.

As people continue to pledge their support for the vital trunk road, the Argyll First councillors have been out and about across the area.

Hoping to take the petition to the Scottish Government at the end of the month, the councillors are urging all those who have not yet signed the petition to do so.

The three councillors, Douglas Philand, John McAlpine and Donald Kelly, said: 'It is vital we continue to campaign and stress to everyone that this might be the one off opportunity to make a difference. If you have not signed the petition, we urge you to

stand with us and sign either the hardcopy or the e-petition.'

The Argyll councillors welcomed the announcement from Transport Minister Keith Brown last week that a study into the future of the A83 would be conducted in the coming months. 'We are pleased that Mr Brown recognises three areas of concern highlighted by our campaign namely the Rest and Be Thankful, and the various pinch points on the road between Lochgilphead and Tarbert and the safety concerns at the villages of Ardrishaig and Tarbert,' said Councillor Kelly.

People can 'Sign for the A83' at <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/sign-for-the-a83.html>.



Councillor Donald Kelly collects one of the petitions from Layanne Carroll and Jimmy Simpson at the County Garage, Campbeltown. 21_c05camp01

New landslip measures considered

FURTHER measures are being looked at for the area around the Rest and Be Thankful on the A83.

Following a landslip a few months ago a number of mitigation measures have been implemented on the hill. This has included traffic management, installing tilt meters and instigating patrols of the hillside in the event of a deterioration in the forecast weather conditions whilst ensuring a heightened level of monitoring remains.

Work continues to identify further measures to mitigate the impact of landslides.

The landslide at the

Rest and Be Thankful has come under particular scrutiny and this is one point that the Sign for the A83 is planning to push the government to do something about.

Graham Edmond, Head of Road Maintenance at Transport Scotland said: 'Transport Scotland fully understands the impact landslides can have on communities and we continue to plan for and manage the risk associated with them across Scotland.'

He said around the Rest and Be Thankful in particular, they are looking at protective netting, shelters and the potential for planting on the hillside.

Police files

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a shop keeper at a shop on Kinloch Road, Campbeltown was verbally abused.

The incident happened at around 3.30pm on January 29 and police are keen to speak to anyone with any information.

A HOUSEHOLDER was warned after a noisy party at a flat on Princes Street, Campbeltown in the early hours of January 29.

A VEHICLE on Islay was damaged between 5pm on January 27 and 1.30pm on January 28.

Police are appealing for witnesses after it happened on Jamieson Street, in Bowmore during that time.

ON PORT Charlotte, Islay on January 28, a woman was arrested for failing to provide a breath specimen.

FOLLOWING a disturbance on Shore Street, Campbeltown two men were arrested.

The men were arrested at 2am on January 28 for breaching the peace.

Teenagers rescued

A SEARCH was launched to look for four youths who got lost on the hills at Grogport.

The group of Tayinloan teenagers went looking for wishing stones and left the village at 1pm on Saturday. They alerted a parent at 6pm that they were lost up the hill.

The police helicopter was launched, and Rescue 177 from HMS Gannet took over at 9.30pm. At 10.30pm the children were sighted and a winchman dropped onto the hill until police arrived.

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Alleged theft of copper

TWO MEN have been arrested and reported to the procurator fiscal for the alleged theft and reset of copper.

They were arrested on January 23 in relation to copper and metal which was stolen from the airbase at Machrihanish over Christmas and New Year.

Crackdown on electricity theft

LOCAL police are consulting with electricity supplies to crack down on thefts of electricity.

Inspector Tom Harper from Campbeltown Police told *The Courier* this is a result of a number of people being reported to the procurator fiscal for the theft of electricity. Electricity meters have been tampered with, effectively the wires bypassing the meter and the householder not being charged for the electricity used. Inspector Harper stressed that if anyone is found to have tampered with their meter police will take a serious view and report them to the procurator fiscal.

Groups gear up to clean up storm-lashed Kintyre

A CLEAN UP operation is being put in place across Kintyre over the next few weeks.

The Group for Recycling in Argyll and Bute (GRAB) is working with other agencies across the peninsula to clean up the mess left by the storms last month.

There is already a lot being organised, including people coming together to clean the stretch of coast from South Ronachan Beach to Tayinloan organised

by Kintyre Way ranger Owen Paisley tomorrow (Saturday). The severe storms in January caused high tide strand lines to exceed their normal levels and in some cases spill over on roads and verges. The flotsam and jetsam consist mainly of plastic bottles, plastic sacks and fishing litter which has become quite the eyesore. The GRAB Trust run a Beaches and Marine Litter Project that raises public awareness

about the affects that Marine litter can have on the environment and the sea life, as well as organising beach cleans. The most badly affected area was Westport, where the marine litter debris was the worst I have ever seen on a Kintyre beach, according to GRAB Trust.

The GRAB Trust along with The Kintyre Way Ranger, Shanks, local schools and the council are going to do their best to try assist with cleaning up the

coastline from Tarbert to Westport with equipment donation and the removal of the rubbish.

If you would like to get involved in helping get the West coast of Kintyre cleaned up please could you contact Steve Wood, Argyll and Bute Council for bags and litter pickers or Julie Fairbrass, GRAB Trust 01631 569174. Any help would be greatly appreciated and litter collected will be collected by Argyll and Bute Council.

New move to see 'right to buy' suspended

SOME Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) tenants in 'pressured areas' will have their right to buy suspended for 10 years.

Argyll and Bute Council has recently approved the designation of some housing settlements described as pressured areas.

The suspension started on January 31, and includes Clachan and Tarbert, as well as Islay, Jura and Colonsay.

The decision was made in partnership with ACHA and Dunbritton Housing Association in a bid to help address the acute shortage of affordable housing in many parts of Argyll.



Kerry Dickson, centre, and her employees Mairi McKillop and Gayle McPhee, presented cheques to Joan Grady from the MS Society, and Helen McVicar, Louise Brown and Ann Boulton from the local Parkinson's support group. 21_c05numero01

Hair salon boosts charities with cash donations

TWO KINTYRE charities benefited from donations from a local company.

Numero Dix Hair Salon, Campbeltown, donated £100 each to the Campbeltown and Kintyre Parkinson's Support Group and the Kintyre branch of MS Society.

The money was raised through the salon's window displays.

Last Valentine's Day they ran a public display of affection-themed window where people donated money to put a message in the window.

For Easter they ran a competition to see if people could guess how many cuddly toys were in the window.

The salon is hoping to run similar competitions this year.

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Council debates budget cuts of £8.2m

ARGYLL and Bute Council will today (Thursday) debate proposals to save £8.2million over the next two years.

The executive committee will consider the measures set out in the draft budget before they are presented to the full council meeting on February 16.

This year's service review proposes savings of £1.8million for 2012/13, £2.75million for 2013/14

and £3.645million for 2014/15. In addition, the package of revenue savings agreed last year would continue to deliver savings over the next three years. These amount to £4.6million in 2012/13, £5.1million in 2013/14 and £5.1million in 2014/15.

The council say £83million of capital investment will be made over the next three years. Of that, grant funding from the Scottish Government

will be £9.65million for 2012/13, £8.9million for 2013/14 and £13.2 million for 2014.

Funding allocated to Argyll and Bute Council by the Scottish Government over the next three years amounts

to £224.1million in 2012/13, £222million for 2013/14 and £220.3million for 2014/15.

This compares to £221.592million in the current financial year.

Council tax remains frozen.

Cathy and Calum at Clachan Filling Station

would like to thank all their customers past and present for all their support throughout the years. All the best to Rhian and Eilwyn for the future.

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Kintyre youth group wins Children in Need backing

Cash secures future of KYES

KINTYRE Youth Enquiry Service (KYES) in Campbeltown has helped a number of young people to get on in life.

The youth group has just been awarded grant funding from BBC Children in Need for a salary and training for an information worker.

The grant of £58,410 will fund the post for the next three years.

As well as continuing to support young people in their tenancies, KYES also run life skills classes every week when young people go along and cook a meal which is followed by activities.

A Job Club runs on a weekly basis with partner agencies coming along to offer their expertise.

They help young people gain skills, which will improve their chances of employment.

Every day young people can go along to the KYES, on Campbeltown's Main Street, to get information, advice, access free Internet, phone and to find out about a wide range of training opportunities.

Opportunities

A huge range of training opportunities are available for staff, volunteers and young people.

KYES boasts a large number of volunteers and their achievements are growing year on year.

One of them was the runner up in the Young Scot Volunteer of the Year, and another re-



Some of the mums and children who regularly meet up at Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service. 21_c05kyes02

ceived the Millennium Award for volunteering in the community.

Marie-Christeen Croll of KYES, said the group is hoping to celebrate all the volunteering that has been done through the organisation.

She said they currently offer a rolling programme of work place-

ments for young people and are advertising a six-month placement funded by Community Jobs Scotland.

KYES has a number of projects in the pipeline.

'We are looking for people to help take forward our music and video project, also we hope to access funding to

build a BMX track,' said Marie-Christeen.

'We provide a safe environment where young people can access a variety of youth activities including having fun and meeting friends, learning new skills and building their confidence.

'We have five young people in the Get Ready for Work scheme through Argyll Training.'

The grant money will allow the group to expand further and develop its services it offers.

'We are looking to film a documentary over one year about the Campbeltown Link Club, and some of the young people are keen to set up a fishing and camping group through the summer. We have a lot happening.

'We are delighted to continue to value the quality youth work that we provide in this area,' she said.



Some of the volunteers and workers outside Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service. 21_c05kyes01



Free internet access is available at the office. 21_c05kyes03

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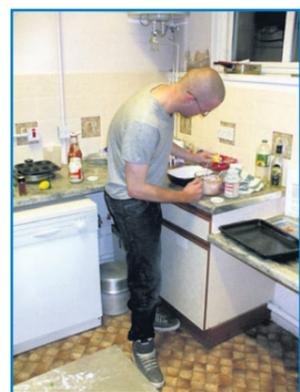
To provide a safe environment for young people ages 12 to 25 yrs to enable them to fulfill their potential, through access to information, training and activities
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- Run a drop in service**
- Run job club**
- Provide information and advice**
- Provide life skills courses**
- Organise social activities**
- Offer one to one support**
- Offer help with CV's and interview skills**
- Provide use of a phone and internet service**
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Kirsty and Florry handcuffed for charity.



Paul cooking at Life Skills.

“ I arrived in Campbeltown with nothing. KYES staff helped me to get some clothes; they helped me get benefits sorted so that I had a way to support myself. They have helped me make new friends and meet new people. KYES has helped me become a confident member of the community. The service is also there if I ever need help and have always been there when I've needed advice **”**
Charmaine



Life skills at play.

Many thanks to the following for their continued support



Water price freeze welcomed

NEWS that Scottish Water will freeze household water charges for 2012/2013 has been welcomed by Mike MacKenzie MSP.

In April household charges will stay at the same level as they have for four years – meaning the average charge will remain at £324.

Mr MacKenzie, Highlands and Islands SNP MSP, said: ‘This is great news for Scottish Water customers giving a much needed helping hand when household budgets are under pressure, and is very much in tune with the SNP Scottish Government ‘social wage’ ethos of fairness, such as the Council Tax freeze which benefits the lowest income 10 per cent of households.’

Status quo on building verification

ARGYLL and Bute Council has welcomed the Scottish Government’s decision to keep the verification of building work within local authorities.

Council building standards teams will remain as the only government endorsed verifier for new homes and buildings in Scotland.

The Scottish Government had launched a consultation about the proposal to partially move the verifiers’ role to the private sector. More than 200 responses were received from the construction sector in support of councils continuing to deliver this service.

Chairman of the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee Councillor Daniel Kelly said: ‘I am delighted at the Scottish Government’s decision recognising the experience of council building standards teams. Our teams will now be able to go forward to provide services to the building standards sector in Argyll and Bute. These services include ensuring health, safety and welfare in and around buildings but also supports the economic development of infrastructure of our area.’

Survey reveals scenery seals the deal for visitors to Argyll

ARGYLL and the Isles have rated highly among visitors in a new survey commissioned by VisitScotland.

According to the Scotland Visitor Survey, 96 per cent of holidaymakers would recommend a trip to Argyll and the Isles.

As part of the most in-depth visitor research ever carried out by the national tourism organisation, the survey also revealed that around half of the visitors

to the area were keen to tell the world about their trip, with 48 per cent sharing their holiday experience online.

The most popular reason for choosing to visit Argyll and the Isles was the scenery, 49 per cent, while sightseeing, 56 per cent, emerged as the most popular activity. Sampling the local food also ranked highly as an activity, with 54 per cent, while Argyll and the Isles scored an overall satisfaction rating

of 94 per cent. David Adams McGilp, Regional Director at VisitScotland, said: ‘Understanding what our visitors enjoy and their motivation for coming to Argyll and the Isles is crucial if we are to make the most of every opportunity that tourism has to offer. I am delighted, although not surprised, that such a high proportion of holidaymakers would recommend a visit to this part of Scotland. From stunning scenery and

a wealth of things to see and do, Argyll and the Isles really do offer something for everyone.’

The research was carried out for VisitScotland by TNS Research International over the main July to October season, and includes a wide ranging dissection of our country’s visitor experiences looking at everything from travelling habits, activities to social media use.



Archie Martin of Howdens Joinery, Campbeltown with Kenny Johnson from Argyll FM. 21_c05chq01



Lorraine Gillespie, Mandy Robertson and Raymond Harvey of Campbeltown Christmas Lights Group, with Archie Martin of Howdens Joinery, Campbeltown. 21_c05chq02

Howdens Joinery cash boost for two Campbeltown groups

TWO LOCAL organisations have benefited from donations by Howdens Joinery, Campbeltown.

Campbeltown Christmas Lights Group, supported by Campbeltown Trader’s Association, and Argyll FM each received £200 from Howdens.

Aqualibrium front doors finally fixed after six week delay

THE FRONT doors of Aqualibrium have finally been fixed after six weeks of problems.

Argyll and Bute Council, which runs the sport and leisure facility in Campbeltown, has had a

problem getting replacement parts for the doors. Although they were fixed they failed again in the December storms.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman told *The Courier*: ‘There

were further delays when a specialist door contractor changed but I am delighted to say that we had a contractor on site last week and the front door is working properly again.’



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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



WE were enjoying coffee and scones in the cosiness of The Smiddy when the world went dark again.

However this time it wasn't a power cut. Someone had inadvertently severed a main cable while working on the road outside.

We were simply cut off from the source of power and there was uncertainty as to how long this situation would last.

Good-humoured banter ensued and we were very well looked after indeed by Bruce and his team.

We finished our coffee in the gloaming and exchanged stories about the recent storms and power cuts.

How much we take for granted these days and how dependent we are on the things that have become essential in our modern lives.

We depend on central heating, electricity, water and so many things that make life comfortable.

We sat in the dark because we were cut off from the source of light.

We wondered how long this would last and we could only wait till we were re-connected.

Thankfully it was reported to someone who could make the connection for us and bring us back into the light.

I thought of how we can cut ourselves off from God and we don't know how to fix it.

We sit in our spiritual darkness and long to be back into the light.

Fortunately there is one who can fix that too and can re-connect us with God again.

Jesus is the one who can take our hand in our own darkness and bring us back into the light of God's unending and unfailing love.

For God's love never fails or flickers or falters. It is the source of all light and is there for everyone to connect with at any time and in any place.

Soon the power came on and it was a great excuse to have another scone to celebrate!



Down Memory Lane

THIS old photograph will be a blast to the past for some Kintyre residents. It is of the Andrew Douglas Factory crew of the Roading, Campbeltown and was taken at the Christmas night out in 1972. Left to right: Greta Ford, Jean Muir, Hazel Gale, Jean Craig, Betty McGougan, Alison Scally, Rosylyn Farmer and Gloria. Jean Craig of John Street, Campbeltown handed in the photograph.

Permanent solution to Rest and be Thankful

Sir,
I have an inexpensive and pretty much permanent solution to the problems at the Rest and Be Thankful and I have written to the Ministry of Transport with my suggestions.

The only downside is that it would take four to five years before it really has a clear impact. The solution is simple: plant a mixture of hardwood trees on the hillside above the road. By using hardwoods, which would have to include at least 50 per cent oak, the hillside would be stabilised by the tremendous taproots that oak trees develop. Gorse shrubs could be planted amongst the

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tree saplings as well, to provide shelter in their first few years against the wind, as well as adding soil stabilisation via their root system. This would be a permanent woodland planting, and other than the occasional thinning cut, would not be logged commercially.

The owner of the hillside in question may have to be compensated for the loss of grazing land.

Within four years some clear benefit of the tree and gorse planting would be seen in terms of the hill's increasing stability, and possibly after just three years. I have seen far steeper

hillsides in Argyll, held stable by the growth of native broadleaf trees such as I am suggesting. Scots Pine could also be used within the mix, as they are also able to develop deep taproots. However, these would have to be monitored, as they can also develop with a shallow root system.

Don Dennis, Gigha.

Fuel price concerns

Sir,
Living in remote Kintyre means we have to drive more than most drivers would normally have to in order to do every day things. For

example to go shopping, go to the dentists at the Mid Argyll Hospital, see specialists at the Southern General and visit relatives. We really don't need our only local garage to over charge us for our petrol and diesel. The local price for fuel is £138.9 and £147.9, respectively at present.

For a 40,000 litre tanker load to make £2,800 extra coming here someone some where is making a load of money at our expense, who is it?

Would the local petrol retailer like to explain how much it really costs to bring a tanker here from the central belt, also, Tesco's decision not to go ahead

with their new store and garage is a big let down. They would have brought the price of fuel here down to where it should be, maybe Tesco would consider building a garage like the one at Lochgilphead. I think the Campbeltown locals would be happy with that.

**Robin Adair,
Sound of Kintyre.**

Search for family history

Sir,
My surname is Wilkie, which is a pretty common name in Scotland. My forbears often lived under anything but the surname Wilkie, McQuilkan is just one.

This makes finding your roots very difficult. From my research I know that part of our family history is rooted in North Kintyre, around Saddell and Skipness but I keep getting a blank in the early 1800s so I need local knowledge from your readers. I am looking for two family histories. The first is the family of Donald Thomson (a Crofter) and his wife Elizabeth (maiden surname Murray) who I believe came from Skipness. Their daughter Christina Thomson (c.1835-1915) married my great grandfather, Hugh Wilkie (c.1829-1879) in Largs in 1852.

The second family is the Wilkie's themselves. I have managed to trace back to Malcolm Wilkie (McQuilkan) a Blacksmith and his wife Mary (maiden surname Bell); parents of Hugh Wilkie. Malcolm (McQuilkan) married Mary in Skipness in September 1827. On the 1851 census they were at Tunadle Farm, Skipness. I have spoken to people who tell me about my surname and the connection with the illicit still operated in Kintyre; I hope to come to Lochgilphead before Easter and would love to meet or exchange emails with anyone who may be able to help.

**Richard Wilkie,
Hampton Gardens,
Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, CM21 0AN.**

Correction

AN ARTICLE featuring the Young Musician of the Year prize in last week's edition of The Campbeltown Courier should have read £200 not £2,000.

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Sales up at Original Factory Store

CAMPBELTOWN'S Original Factory Store had an increase in sales over the festive period.

In a challenging retail landscape, the business achieved a 4.2 per cent increase in like-for-like sales and an 11 per cent in total sales over a five-week period, which finished on January 8.

The store enjoyed an increase across a number of products including ladieswear up by 10 per cent, grocery sales up by 17 per cent and bedroom and bathroom up by 26 per cent.

The weather made a big difference on the year-on-year figures, which included for example, the lack of snow during December caused sales of Wellington boots to be down 50 per cent. However in contrast sales of outdoor toys were up 200 per cent.

Marketing manager Rebecca Burns said: 'We had a really good Christmas this year, particularly in women's fashion and gift items such as personal care and toys. We saw sales strengthen as December progressed.'

Stamp Duty reminder

ESTATE agents have issued a reminder to all first time buyers (FTB) that the government's holiday on Stamp Duty Land Tax ends in two months.

After the tax exemption has come to an end on Saturday March 21, FTBs will face a tax of one per cent on house purchases between £125,000 and £250,000, and a three per cent tax on purchases over £250,000.

Wendy Evans Scott, President of the National Association of Estate Agents, said: 'First time buyers must act quickly to avoid paying Stamp Duty Land Tax on their first home purchase. If you're currently in a chain and waiting to complete your purchase then make sure that others in the chain know about the end of the tax holiday too.'



Sarah MacDonald and husband Brian Morton.

Hobby leads to new business

AFTER years of enjoying photography, a woman who has recently moved to the area, has started up her own business.

Kintyre Wedding Photography is a new enterprise for Sarah MacDonald who studied photography at Glasgow School of Art.

She is joined by husband Brian Morton, who assists at larger weddings to make sure the whole day is covered.

Sarah used to work for the BBC in TV and radio and started off taking photographs as a hobby. A friend suggested she get involved in a public exhibition and following on from

that Sarah took up photography and studied for three years at the Glasgow School of Art which helped her to find her style.

She said as a photographer she likes to keep herself as low key as possible at weddings to allow the married couple and their family to enjoy the day.

For larger weddings Sarah ropes in the help of Brian who is also a keen photographer.

The couple can tailor their style to your needs, doing a mixture of formal and informal, covering whole or part of the day and various styles of photographs.

Sharpen your skills at spring business workshops

Help at hand for entrepreneurs

A RANGE of workshops is again being provided by Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway for its spring programme.

The workshops, to help local entrepreneurs, are free and will be held in various locations across the area.

Places are filling up fast and anyone looking to reserve a place is being urged to book now.

'Feedback from all these workshops is very good,' explained Councillor Neil Mackay, Argyll and Bute Council's spokesman for enterprise, energy, culture and tourism.

'As well helping our lo-

cal entrepreneurs acquire key business skills, the workshops also present a great opportunity for people to come together, share ideas and support each other.'

Start-up

Places are still available on the two-day business start-up workshops running in Lochgilphead on February 8 and 9, Campbeltown March 19 and 20 and Rothesay March 27 and 28.

A Basic Book-keeping workshop will be running in Inveraray on March 8 and the Make The Most of Online Trading workshop in Inveraray on March 5.

Some of the Business

Gateway spring workshops, covering website building and using social media, are already fully booked up across Dunoon, Oban and Inveraray but the team is keen to hear from anyone looking to attend as additional dates may be arranged.

Business Gateway can also offer free, practical advice on a wide range of topics from experienced local business advisers as well as providing a wealth of useful information and interactive tools at www.bgateway.com,

To find out more visit www.bgateway.com or contact the local office on 01546 605 459.

Complaints flood in over 'unfair' rural delivery charges

MORE than 3,000 messages have been sent to Citizens Advice Scotland (CAS) by Scots furious at the unfair delivery charges applied to people in rural areas.

The charity's nationwide survey closed this week, and officials are now busily planning the campaign's next moves amidst this unprecedented response.

They are pledging that the campaign is only just beginning, and say they intend to get many of the offending companies to change their ways.

CAS Head of Policy Susan McPhee said: 'When we first opened this survey in November, we knew this was an important issue, but frankly we've been taken aback by the scale of the response, and it

is the intensity of the feeling. There is massive anger about this right across rural Scotland. Not just the Highlands and Islands, but southern Scotland and the northeast as well. And even people in urban Scotland are concerned about the issue.

'This is about basic fairness. People feel they are being mistreated – and indeed discriminated against – just

because of where they live. They are fed up with it, and they want a fair deal. As this campaign moves forward now, we are determined to help them get that. Let's be clear – rural people don't want 'special treatment'. All they want is to be treated fairly. They want companies to obey the law, and they want delivery charges to be based on the actual cost of

delivery. That's all.' The survey revealed that many online companies: state that they offer free delivery but then charge substantial fees for people in rural areas; refuse to deliver at all to certain areas, which they class as 'too remote'; use expensive couriers for all their deliveries; or apply a single delivery fee to all addresses in a postcode area.

Small business checklist

This month:

Consider whether further staff training could help your business. If so, the Flexible Training Opportunities scheme from Skills Development Scotland could provide up to £5,000 towards training costs. Call the helpline to find out more 0800 783 6000.

Thinking of taking on a new member of staff? Use the free online tools at www.bgateway.com.

com to help recruit staff, create contracts of employment and get new workers started.

If your business is in the field of arts and heritage, check out whether you are eligible for a HI Arts Award to help you develop at www.hi-arts.co.uk. The application deadline for projects starting after April is March 2, 2012.

Feel strongly about regulations affecting

your business? Join the Red Tape Challenge debate to get your views heard.

Nearly 30,000 comments have been received so far. See www.redtapechallenge.cabinetoffice.gov.uk for more information.

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Fundraiser hits the high notes

THE TARBERT Hotel played host to Tarbert Music Centre's fundraising ceilidh on Saturday night.

Music was provided by Ceilidh's Homet, better known to music centre pupils, as co-ordinator Paula McLean and tutors Ryan McGlynn and Jamie Mclafferty who got everyone up on their feet and dancing.

Highlight of the night was the Orcadian Strip the Willow that had the

whole room up joining in. Interval music was provided by ex-music centre pupils Caragh Sinclair and Lauren Prentice whose beautiful singing and playing lit up the room and showed why the music centre is so proud of them.

The music centre is having more fundraising events over the year and it hopes to see more parents supporting the work it does for your young people.



Hazel Galbraith and mum Brenda. Hazel is learning fiddle at Tarbert Music Centre.



Paula McLean, Ryan McGlynn and Jamie Mclafferty collectively known as Ceilidh's Homet.

Kintyre Drama Festival serves up a feast of entertainment

DON'T miss this year's Kintyre and District Drama Festival which is taking place a little earlier than normal.

There will be six plays providing superb entertainment in Campbeltown Grammar School over two nights on Tuesday February 14 and Wednesday February 15.

Both evenings will be filled with crazy comedy and high drama, with something for everyone.

Tuesday night is opened by last year's winners, Carradale Drama Club, performing a black comedy, *The Beach Hut* by Mark Rees. Vera and Jeff have visited the same beach hut in Scarborough for 40 years.

This is followed by Peninver Players in *Our James* by Roz Moruzzi.

Iris discovers that her real father was a sperm donor, and she sets out to discover his identity.

The third play on Tuesday is *Some Mother's Son* written by Mark Rees and performed by Accent Players.

This is a powerful drama set in a field hospital during the First World War.

Wednesday night begins with Lochgilphead Drama Club's production of *The Big Cats* by Alec Barron, a poignant play about an old lady facing the demolition of her home.

The second play on Wednesday, *The Wise Villagers*, is performed by Peninver Juniors, the only youth team entering this year. Based on an old English folk tale, it was written by none other than the festival

adjudicator, Ron Nicol. No pressure there for this refreshing young team.

The final play of the festival heralds the return of Dunaverty Players, who celebrate their 60th anniversary with the comedy *Background Artiste* by Stephen Smith. Mary decides to spice up her life by joining an extras agency, but it is not as she expected.

Priority booking is in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown tomorrow (Saturday), from 10.30 am to 11.30 am, and thereafter in the Yorkshire Building Society. Tickets may also be available at the door.

West Coast Motors will again run the 7pm town bus up to the Grammar School, and refreshments will be available at the intervals.

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Campbeltown Grammar School
Tuesday & Wednesday
14th & 15th February

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	Peninver Players Drama Club	"Our James" by Roz Moruzzi
	Accent Players	"Some Mother's Son" by Mark Rees
Weds	Lochgilphead Drama Club	"The Big Cats" by Alec Barron
	Peninver Juniors	"The Wise Villagers" by Ron Nichol
	Dunaverty Players	"Background Artiste" by Stephen Smith

Tickets: £7 per night
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HMRC issues alert on VAT changes

HM REVENUE and Customs (HMRC) has issued an alert to Value Added Tax (VAT)-registered businesses across Kintyre about important changes that come into effect this spring.

From April 1, 2012, all VAT-registered businesses must send their VAT returns online and pay their VAT electronically.

Currently, only newly-registered businesses, and those with turnovers of more than £100,000, have to file and pay their VAT online.

The new rules will cover VAT returns filed for accounting periods beginning on or after April 1, 2012.

If a business is not already filing VAT online, it will see a host of benefits including an automatic acknowledgement that the VAT return has been received, an arithmetic checker to help make sure sums are done correctly and an email alert to remind businesses when their next online return is due.

To file a VAT return online, businesses need to register for HMRC's VAT Online Service – visit www.online.hmrc.gov.uk and click 'Register' under the 'New user' section.

For more information visit www.hmrc.gov.uk/vat or call the VAT Online Services Helpdesk on 0845 010 8500.



Dalintober primary poets celebrate Bard

Primary 6 pupils at Dalintober Primary School held a Burns' Poetry Recitation Competition in honour of Robert Burns' birthday last week. Maureen Johnson judged the poems and presented certificates to the prizewinners. Earlier that day the children baked bannocks, which they later ate with cheese and agreed they tasted great.

Tarbert Harbour berth plan sails ahead thanks to £200,000 grant

A SCHEME to provide additional berthing facilities at Tarbert Harbour has been recognised by the Scottish Government's Enterprise Growth Fund with the award of a £200,000 grant.

The fund is making strategic investments in ambitious and enterprising third sector organisations that have demonstrated the greatest potential for growth and sustainability.

The Scotland-wide fund will award a total of £6million to Third Sector Organisation to help them develop, grow and become more sustain-

able. Grants between £25,000 and £200,000 are being awarded.

The Tarbert Harbour scheme itself consists of a new replacement pontoon between the access bridge and existing pontoons; a new leg between there and the old finger berths nearest the village and an additional leg designed to provide berthing for an additional forty boats to meet the identified need in size and numbers.

Alan Macdonald Chairman of Tarbert Harbour Board of Trustees, who led the successful bid, said: 'We are obviously delighted that the Enter-

prise Growth Fund has chosen Tarbert Harbour as one of the recipients of this grant funding.

'This is a great boost to the harbour's plans for providing the necessary facilities for the leisure industry. It will also help sustain the local economy during this period of financial restraint and hopefully will lead to an increased number of visitors to the village.'

A tender for the works will soon be accepted and it is hoped that the new berthing facilities will be completed in time for this year's Scottish Series.

Food from Argyll goes international

REPRESENTATIVES from Food from Argyll attended the International Green Week at the ICC Exhibition ground in Berlin.

International Green Week in Berlin is a food and farming exhibition best described as the Royal Highland Show and the BBC Food Show combined together and expanded by about three fold.

Attending were Virginia Sumsion from Argyll Food Producers, supported by Fergus Younger Argyll Agricultural Forum/SAOS.

The presentation on behalf of the producers was made, in German, by Colin Imrie of the Scottish Government.

The group had been invited to attend by the European Commission and supported by the Scottish Government to do so.

They took along a selection of Argyllshire produce including venison, whisky, salmon, haggis, shortbread, chutneys and sauces and cheeses.

International Green Week is the most prominent international ex-

hibition for the food, agricultural, and horticultural industries.

Food from Argyll was proud to be there to showcase Argyll and Scotland as a good food producer and destination.

It highlighted the role of LEADER funding in supporting and kick starting regional initiatives.

The visit also furthered the role of collaboration and cooperation regionally, and now trans nationally as the group is participating in the Taste of Rural Europe Project.



Colin Imrie of the Scottish Government, Virginia Sumsion, Food from Argyll, with Anna Augustyn from Taste of Rural Europe Project, and Fergus Younger of Food from Argyll.

GRADUATION



Megan Wilson from Kilmichael Glassary, daughter of Ian Wilson and Shona Young, has recently graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a Bachelor of Arts in Nursing Studies with Honours. Megan now works as a Staff Nurse in Critical Care at Papworth Hospital, Cambridge.

WEDDING



Ashley Nicole Sciacca and John Michael Pierce were united in marriage on September 3, 2011, at Wyldewood Cellars Winery in Peck, Kan, with the Rev. John Williams officiating. The bride is the daughter of Laura and Danny Ebeling of Dimmitt. She is the granddaughter of Margaret Price of Canyon and Angela and Charles Price of Amarillo. The groom is the son of Mary and Steve Pierce of Maize, Kan. He is the grandson of Irene and Max Pierce, Newton, Kan and Mr & Mrs John McInnes, Campbeltown.

Roads team in running for award

ARGYLL and Bute Council Roads and Amenities team has been short-listed for a top award.

The team, in partnership with Bredon Aggregates Scotland Limited, have been short listed in the finals of the COSLA Excellence Awards under the Achieving Better Outcomes category.

The award recognises either a single procurement activity or series of procurement initiatives within Scotland that have demonstrated an unwavering focus on outcomes for those who use public services.

The roads team in their quest for innovation and achieving better outcomes proposed the issue of a tender to award a single contract for all machine patching, surface dressing, resurfacing and overlay works on the islands of Mull, Coll, Tiree, Colonsay, Islay and Jura, as well as the mainland area of Kintyre.

The procurement team worked with

their roads colleagues to design and deliver this innovative contract.

It was created to make efficiencies and savings through maximising the use of both council and contractor resources and sharing risk and rewards.

Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, Argyll and Bute Council's spokesman for Transport and Infrastructure said: 'This is a ground-breaking initiative which is generating very real benefits both for the council and for the communities covered by the contract.'

In remote, rural and island communities, there are significant benefits to the joint use of resources and planning of activities through regular communication, and that's what is happening here.'

The team will make their presentation on January 31 at the COSLA offices in Edinburgh.

The awards ceremony will take place on the February 16 in the Fairmont Hotel in St Andrews.



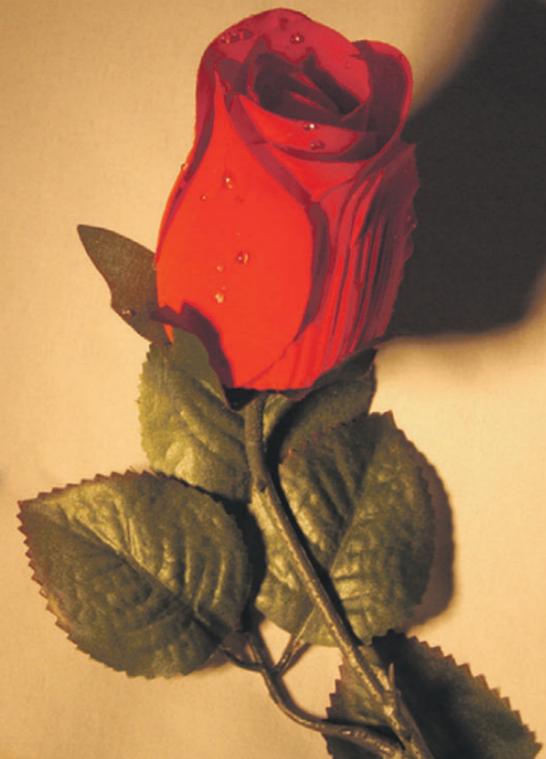
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Make your Valentine's day special this year



It has become quite traditional for couples to go out to dine on St. Valentine's Day and restaurants all over the country will be putting on special celebration menus for this specially romantic event. Husbands and wives will be organising surprise outings for each other, engaged couples will be using the festival to celebrate their betrothal, and lovers will be taking advantage of the romantic atmosphere to 'pop the question'. Love will be in the air with a vengeance.

And really what better way to encourage a romantic mood on this most romantic of festivals than with good food, superbly prepared and presented, fine wines in perfect condition, and an atmosphere of warm and welcoming friendliness?

British caterers today have an enviable reputation that has been gained since the last War, in the face of a great deal of adverse criticism and music-hall jokes. Fifty years ago the brick bats were richly deserved and customers were prepared to put up with the mediocre and second rate.

Today's restaurant customer however, is a more discerning creature, a sophisticated diner with sophisticated tastes. Only the best is good enough and few are prepared to accept anything less. So for St. Valentine's Day celebrations, caterers, whether they be pubs, hotels or dedicated restaurants, will be looking to provide what their clients require with a little something extra on top.

If you have it in mind to book a table for two, it would be as well to do it without delay, because this is a popular evening and tables do get booked up fast at the best restaurants.

Look around your favourite restaurants and see what each is offering. Many will be presenting a very special meal. Some will provide music, dancing and perhaps even entertainment. Most will be decorating the restaurant with flowers, hearts and cupids to make the event that bit more special.

Obviously you will book in at the one offering the sort of evening you both like the best, but do make sure the table you are allocated is the one you want. A good plan is to go into the establishment when making the booking and indicate personally the table you prefer.

You will probably be having wine with your meal. Again, look at the wine list in advance and make sure what you want is there. It may be well to order the wine in advance to be sure of getting it, and if it's white or bubbly, to ensure it has been sufficiently chilled for when you're ready to drink.

When you scan the menu, make sure your loved-one's favourites are on offer. There should be a selection of light, delicious starters - oysters are an excellent idea! And don't forget the sweet



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trolley. There's nothing more conducive to life than a heavenly, creamy pud. If he or she has any special requirement, do mention it in advance so the caterers can take it into account and provide as delicious a selection of foods as for everyone else.

A nice touch is to have some special flowers delivered to your table, after you sit down. The end of dinner is also a good time to present a small, Valentine's gift. A small piece of jewellery in silver is ideal.

Don't let this Valentine's Day go unmarked. Make sure you and your other half really enjoy the atmosphere of togetherness. Wining and dining your loved-one on this special occasion is the perfect way to set the seal on a long, romantic relationship.

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Lambing Spotlight

Lossit lambing goes indoors

A DECISION by Kintyre farmer Adam Armour to dramatically alter the lambing system at his 740 acre Lossit Home Farm, at Machrihanish, near Campbeltown has hugely benefited his enterprise

over recent years. After encountering serious problems with scavenging crows and ravens six years ago Adam opted to lamb all his ewes inside, a decision he feels was forced into making.

'I had 16 lambs due one morning,' explained Adam, 'and when I went into the field only one was alive. The rest had been killed by the crows and ravens.' In that moment Adam

decided the best, and perhaps only, way forward was to complete his entire lambing in a shed, regardless of the increased workload. Adam and his family are tenants at Lossit, but own South Glencreggan Farm, north of Campbeltown, at Glenbarr.

He farms 740 acres at Lossit, and 400 at Glenbarr.

In contrast to Lossit's combination of ploughable land with a hill out-run, South Glencreggan is made up of mainly hilly ground, with the combined venture carrying a stock of just over 1,000 ewes, made up of 600 Cross ewes, 400 Blackfaces and 80 Cheviots.

'My system of lambing is unique - nobody else lams in the individual pens the way I do, but it works for me and anyone who has seen it in operation has been suitably impressed,' said Adam. Adam uses the raddle system at tugging time,



Lesley and Adam Armour in their lambing sheds at Lossit Farm. 21_c05lossit03

which allows him to predict when lambs will be born.

'I put harnesses on the tup, and attach a coloured crayon to it. This means a crayon mark is left on the ewe after it has been mated,' said Adam.

Adam changes the colour of the raddle crayon five times during the tugging period which identifies the rotation of the housed ewes come lambing time. 'I can bring the sheep in for lambing in stages - there are five different colours as a guide.

'When they are brought in the sheep with the first coloured crayon go into individual pens and when the new born lambs are about two days old, they move with their mothers into bigger pens with around six other ewes and lambs.

'They spend one more day in the bigger pen, then weather permitting they go back outside to the fields.

'The sheep are only in the shed for a week; it's like a conveyor belt, they get moved along the pens as required. The sheep are brought in just before the lambs are due, and once they've lambed they are back outside a few days

later. 'It saves having the whole lot in the shed at the one time.'

Adam also believes that scanning his pregnant ewes represents money well spent.

'Scanning is important for me, so you know what they're having. I tend to get a lot of triplets. If I've got a ewe with triplets and another carrying a single lamb then I will adopt one of the triplets onto the ewe with a single lamb.'

Adam starts lambing in March 1 and aims to be finished by the end of May. His lambs benefit from a single tube of Cholostrum when they are born.




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Adam Armour has invested in pedigree Texel ewes to breed his own replacement tups. 21_c05lossit04

He said when lambing 40 to 50 sheep a day it is difficult to make sure every single lamb has suckled the ewe. 'We give the lamb a tube of Cholostrum just to be sure they have been fed sufficiently,' he said. Replacement stock is bred on the farm rather than buying in as it results in a hardier ewe and proves more cost effective. He buys a replacement Texel tup every two years to get new blood into the flock but now aims to extend the home-bred policy to include the sires. 'Instead of buying in a ram, I have bought in six pedigree ewes to lamb

that will give me different types for the next few years,' he said. 'I bought them from Achnamara-born shepherd Robert Cockburn.' Adam grew up in Kintyre at High Tirfergus Farm, Drumlemble and when he left school he went to work on Laggan Farm in nearby Peninver. He then moved into the forestry sector before working at Lossit for three years - then returning to forestry for a while. In 1994, Adam and his wife Lesley bought South Glencreggan - but Adam continued to work full time in forestry. In 1998 the opportunity arose to

take the tenancy at Lossit Home Farm - and the family moved in. Although Adam readily admits that running the two places is very hard, it is also very rewarding. This Kintyre farmer is positive about the outlook for the Scottish sheep sector, aiming for as good, if not even better than the last 12 months. 'Last year was a record year for the whole of the sheep industry,' Adam explained. 'Over the last three years prices have nearly doubled, rising by 30 to 40 per cent due to environmental and economic factors across the world.'

Early start at Gartvaigh



One of the lambs from Gartvaigh, Southend. 21_c05farm02

Gartvaigh Farm in Southend, Kintyre. 21_c05farm01

LAMBING time at the 500 acre Gartvaigh Farm, Southend on the Kintyre peninsula starts in January with the Cameron family's pure-bred Suffolk flock. Thomas Cameron lambs 380 ewes made up of Suffolks, Mules and Blackfaces, and expects to achieve a lambing average of around 140 per cent. 'Every year is different', said Thomas, 'it just depends on what nature throws at us.' The pure-bred sheep are lambed inside and a fed a diet of compound, barley and silage, while the Mule ewes receive

compound, barley and molasses outdoors. Thomas buys 50 Blackface replacements privately each year to combat interbreeding by introducing new blood into the flock and these ewes receive molasses and mineral buckets pre-lambing. The farm's 40 Mule ewes start lambing at the beginning of March with the balance of the flock later in the month. Gartvaigh markets its lambs through United Auctions with around 40 Mule ewe lambs going through the Stirling sale ring, while a further 20 are sold privately.



Lambing Diary

TO HELP monitor lambing time, a free waterproof diary is available. The Quality Meat Scotland Scottish Sheep Strategy is offering the lambing diaries to aid farmers during their lambing season. Kathy Peebles, QMS Livestock Development Manager said: 'Lambing time is a very busy period and it is amazing how easy it is to think you will remember the finer details, but after a few days of early starts and late finishes, it can sometimes be difficult to recall events accurately. 'Being able to track the ewes and tups that are underperforming is the best way of improving flock profitability and the Lambing Diary is an excellent way of record-

ing how your flock has performed.' The diaries are waterproof and pocket size and enable accurate records to be kept. The Benefits of Better Breeding in the Sheep Sector project has shown Commercial sheep farmers that there are financial benefits to be had by monitoring the performance of the

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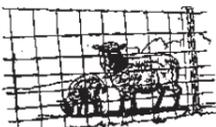
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Helen Bibby, SAC Conservation Specialist
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Donald Kennedy, Control by Lever & Mulch

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Understanding your soil is key to getting the most from your farm

Soil specialist highlights ways to enhance productivity at Kintyre monitor farm

SOIL, the productivity heartbeat of any farm, was the topic at the recent meeting of the Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) Kintyre Monitor Farm at Glenbarr Farms.

Owned and farmed by Duncan Macalister, Glenbarr Farms extends to 1,730 acres (700 has), with land ranging from hill to shore-line.

Assessing soil

At the meeting, Lancashire-based James Bretherton, a cattle nutritionist and soil specialist, outlined some of the straightforward ways of assessing soil and enhancing its productivity.

'To get the most from your soil, you must understand it,' he said. 'It's important to appreciate that your farm's soil is a living environment. Livestock farmers know that to maximise production and efficiency from their livestock, the stock need to be healthy. It's the same with soil; for good grass and crops, the soil must be healthy and well structured.'

Mr Bretherton outlined the make up of a good soil, including the mineral and air elements.

James Bretherton has, at Mr Macalister's request, undertaken a full soil analysis, which will establish the level of

locked up Potash and Phosphate in the soil, which Mr Macalister intends to 'unlock' and use.

Mr Bretherton told the group that organic matter is vital for good soil as it provides a food source for soil life, fertility and structure. It also facilitates the exchange of nutrients to plants and prevents the locking up of natural Phosphate within the soil.

He advised the group to avoid ploughing whenever possible: 'Ploughing weakens the soil's strength. But, if you must plough, avoid ploughing deeply, because this will bury and kill the organic matter, which is vital to the soil's structure and fertility.'

At the close of the meeting, Mr Macalister said: 'Having heard what we have today, we realise that previous generations, who used deeper rooted plants and less time, machinery and expense tilling the soil, were making the most of their soil, while keeping it in good heart.'

'So what we really need to ask ourselves is 'Why do we plough?' when it's obvious that less or no ploughing is far better for the land and its production.'



Cattle nutritionalist and soil specialist James Bretherton of AgScope Ltd, of Preston, Lancashire.



James Bretherton of AgScope Ltd, of Preston, Lancashire invited the community group members to smell the soil.

Meetings to look at new methods of clearing Rhododendrons

THE MARCH of Rhododendron ponticum across Scotland has been well documented. Over the years the exotic shrub, imported by plant hunters for country house collections, has escaped and spread. According to local Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) Conservation Consultant Helen Bibby, in many areas of Argyll it has become a major issue for farmers and land managers.

Smothering vegetation
'Rhododendron infestations can be very

severe in some areas smothering all native vegetation over large areas, preventing access, destroying local biodiversity and limiting grazing'.

Now SAC is running two, practical, on farm workshops, one at Tayinloan and one in Luss, to explain the latest thinking on the options to control this very invasive shrub and the grant aid available. They include a new, environmentally friendly technique developed in the Highlands. Both

events are funded by the Scottish Government as part of its Biodiversity and Conservation Advisory Activity.

The normal method of rhododendron control involves cutting the bush, burning the brash, and spraying the re growth. However there is an alternative 'Lever and Mulch' method, of control, developed in the Highlands by Gordon French and Donald Kennedy of Morvern Community Woodlands.

It involves systematically dismantling

the bush using nothing more than hammer, saw, body weight and various techniques. Most plants are uprooted, but any root crowns left in the ground are macerated with a hammer before being mulched with leaves and brash. It means no fires are needed and no herbicides required during the follow up period as re growth is very limited. This ensures the site recovers more quickly. It is a method that has been used with promising results on a number

of sites and is now a recognised as appropriate for grant aid.

The first free meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7 from 11am to 3pm in Tayinloan Village Hall, Kintyre and then on Wednesday, February 8 in Luss Village Hall between 12.45 and 4.25pm. Those wishing to attend should come prepared for a site visit. Anyone interested should contact Campbeltown SAC office on 01586 552502 or Stirling SAC office on 01786 450964.

CLACHAN

Shed plan refused

AN AGRICULTURAL shed has been refused planning permission for land near Clachan.

The application erection of the shed for hay storage was refused for land north west of Quinhill, Clachan by Argyll and Bute Council last week.

ISLAY

Golf club changes

A NEW green keeper's shed was approved planning permission for Islay Golf Club.

The planning application was also for the formation of a new access track from the existing hotel drive at the club in Port Ellen, Islay.

Plans withdrawn

A PLANNING application for Port Ellen, Islay has been withdrawn.

The application was for the erection of a detached double garage, installation of five photovoltaic solar roof panels on the proposed garage as well as the installation of eight photovoltaic solar roof panels at 83 Frederick Crescent in Port Ellen.

CLACHAN



Clachan primary pupils enjoy Scottish afternoon

Clachan Primary School held a Scottish afternoon on January 25. The children held a traditional Burns' Supper at lunchtime. In the afternoon, parents were invited to share the cloutie dumpling which the pupils made. The pupils performed songs and traditional Scottish melodies on fiddle, tin whistle, accordion and guitar. Parents, pupils and staff also enjoyed some Scottish country dancing.

Power line work welcomed

A COMMITMENT by Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) of a thorough refurbishment of the power lines for Islay has been welcomed by Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid.

The power lines feed the Rhinns area of Islay and the refurbishment will take place over the next two months. Mr Reid also welcomed the company's decision to commission a survey of the seabed with to view to installing a second cable to Islay by drilling under the seabed if 'practicable'.

This would have the

advantage over the existing cable on the seabed because it would not be subject to erosion. Alan Reid said: 'I welcome the promise to refurbish the Rhinns power lines and to put a cable to Islay under the seabed if this proves practicable.'

'I first raised the power supply problems in the Rhinns area with SSE last June. If they had acted then

the recent three to four day power cut in Portnahaven could have been avoided,' he said. 'However, action is welcome even if later than it should have been. A second power line to the island drilled under the seabed is vitally important to secure power supplies to Islay and avoid the corrosion problems that the existing cable on the seabed is prone to.'



Some of the children with their creation, the Titanic.



The children made a ticket booth in their classroom as part of the project.

Classroom transformed

THIS term at Carradale Primary School secret missions have been delivered to the school.

P1-7 have become secret agents and have been given a challenge of raising an unsinkable ship from her watery grave.

In order to do this, the pupils have decided to transform the classroom

CARRADALE
and school into the Titanic. P1-3 has created a Titanic Ticket Office in the classroom and P4, 6 and 7 have created a large picture of the Titanic.
The children now await their next secret mission.

STEWARTON

Extension gets green light

PLANS to build an extension onto a dwellinghouse at 34 Burnside Cottages, Stewarton, near Campbeltown, have been given planning permission by Argyll and Bute Council.

SOUTHEND

SWRI holds first meeting of the year

SOUTHEND WRI held its first meeting of 2012 in St Blaas's Hall on Monday January 9.

President Elizabeth Semple warmly welcomed members and guests and wished them all the best for the New Year.

The Rural Olympics are to be held on Saturday February 18 in Oban and the club would like it if they could have a second team taking part, if anyone is interested they should speak to Elizabeth.

The show syllabus is available if anyone still requires one, which will be taking place in Victoria Hall, Campbeltown on April 28.

Notice was given that a Vegan Cookery Day to

be held in Tarbert Village Hall and a Four Corners Day to be held on February 4 with baking, sweet making, flowers and ribbon embroidery, all to be confirmed depending on the amount of interest.

Annual bowls will be held at the end of February in the Masonic Club.

It was with great pleasure Elizabeth Semple introduced Paula McLean and the Southend Girls Choir, a bevy of seven beauties, all from Southend. Paula is well known to everyone for her many years of private piano teaching, 1st Brass Band with Gordon Evans, instrumental instructor at Tarbert Academy from 2004 to 2007 and has since then focused on Tarbert Music Club, and now the newly formed Campbeltown Music Club, the ladies choir Kintyre Chorale and plays in Ceilidh's Homet.



Poems, songs and a Burns Lunch

The children at Southend Primary School celebrated the life and works of our national bard, Robert Burns, through poems, songs and a Burns' Lunch. Primary four to seven pupils performed songs and the older children ran the proceedings smoothly. All pupils have been learning about Burns over the last two weeks and the celebration was a lovely end to the hard work.

The girls sang a variety of 10 songs, from Country and Western, Disney, Rod Stewart and ended their performance with *My Favourite Things* from the Sound of Music. Elizabeth gave the vote of thanks to Paula and the

girls. Much deserved refreshments were served and the raffle drawn to bring the meeting to a close.

February's meeting will be an evening of Zumba, all are welcome to come along and enjoy the ex-

ercise, dance and just have fun.

Competition results: Apple tart, any size/pastry: Inez Ronald gold, Margaret Bakers silver, Jean Ives red; Poem - surprise: Margaret McDowall gold.

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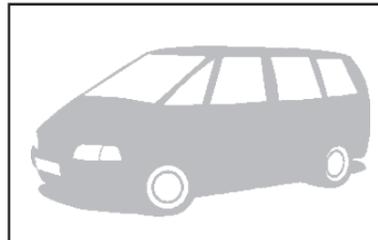


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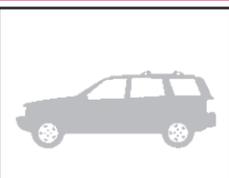


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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location Of Plans
11/02199/PP	Extension of existing garage to form dwellinghouse	Garden Ground Of Redbrae Bellochinty Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6QE	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
11/02525/PP	Erection of 3 wind turbines (100 metres high to blade tip) control building, new and improved access tracks and ancillary development.	Land South Of Auchadaduie Barr Glen	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
11/02540/PP	Construction of a 99KW micro-hydro electricity scheme on the Lephincorrach Burn, including intake, penstock, turbine house, outflow, access road and temporary construction compound area.	Land At Lephincorrach Farm Torrisdale Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6QT	Sub Post Office Carradale
11/02576/PP	Erection of a single 100 kilowatt wind turbine (30 metres high to hub height).	Kildalloig Farm Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6RE	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
12/00006/PP	Erection of 45.9 metre high (to blade tip) wind turbine and formation of temporary access road.	South Tomaig Farm Tomaig Road Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6PE	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
12/00007/PP	Erection of 45.9 metre high (to blade tip) wind turbine and formation of temporary access road.	Oatfield Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6PH	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
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12/00020/PP	Erection of 5 dwellinghouses (including 2 affordable), installation of septic tank and formation of play area	Plots 9-13 Torran Farm Ford Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RH	Ardrishaig Area Office
12/00063/PPP	Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse	Land South East Of Greenhill Torrisdale Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6QT	Sub Post Office Carradale
12/00127/PPP	Site for the erection of one dwellinghouse and formation of associated access road.	Land North West Of 'Bayview' Carradale Argyll And Bute PA28 6RY	Sub Post Office Carradale East

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1999 NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 13

Planning Application Reference Number: 11/02525/PP, Proposed development at Land South Of Auchadaduie, Barr Glen, Glenbarr, Kintyre

Notice is hereby given that an environmental statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by Fyne Futures Ltd relating to the planning application in respect of Erection of 3 wind turbines (100 metres high to blade tip) control building, new and improved access tracks and ancillary development., notified to Argyll and Bute Council.

A copy of the environmental statement and the associated planning applications may be inspected during office hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority, at Dalriada House, Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead PA31 8ST; Burnet Building, St John Street, Campbeltown and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and going through the 'Online planning and Building Standards Application Information' system during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from Fyne Futures Ltd, 81 Victoria Street, Rothesay, Isle of Bute, PA20 0AP at a cost of £10.00 (CD) or £200.00 (paper excluding p&tp).

Any person who wishes to make representations to Argyll and Bute Council about the environmental statement should make them in writing within the period to Mr R. Kerr, Principal Planning Officer, Dalriada House, Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead PA31 8ST

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

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST.

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. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

THE ARGYLL AND BUTE, CRAOBH HAVEN, BY LOCHGILPHEAD, ARGYLL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 12/10

The above Authority under Section 160 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 has made a Tree Preservation Order which takes effect on 25th January 2012 and hereby gives notice that:-

- The Tree Preservation Order was made to ensure the protection of trees at Craobh Haven, by Lochgilphead, Argyll and considered by the Authority as the Local Planning Authority to be of considerable merit and contribute to the overall setting of the property and the local area;
- A certified copy of the Provisional Tree Preservation Order and map has been deposited at Argyll and Bute Council Development and Infrastructure Office at 67/69 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, Argyll and may be inspected during all normal working hours;
- Objections and representation with respect to the Tree Preservation Order may be made to the undersigned in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order and Trees in Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2010, which Regulations state that:-
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Applicants should make clear the level and depth of management or specialist expertise (if any), and of any other experience which demonstrate knowledge and interests relevant to this post e.g. management of harbours, financial management, human resources and industrial relations, laws relating to Scotland.

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The ideal applicant will have previous Team Leader Experience and be able to motivate and encourage staff. Ideally qualified to Intermediate Food Hygiene Level and possess a sound knowledge of Hygiene Standards. COSHH and / or Safe Working Practice Qualifications are desirable but not essential as training will be provided.

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Tel. No. 01499 600 435 / 415

Email: cairndowhr@scottishsalmon.com

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

BIRTHS

GRAHAM – ROSS – Jamie and Elaine would like to announce the safe arrival of Ollie, on January 15, 2012. First grandchild for Valerie and David Graham, Machrihanish and second grandchild for Joan and David Ross, Alness. Many thanks to all the midwives at Campbeltown and Raigmore Hospital.

WOODS – Tom and Hazel are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Aodhan Mauchline, on January 3, 2012. A first grandchild for Rolly and Rosemary Mauchline, Campbeltown and Tommy and Anna Woods, Cumbernauld.

ENGAGEMENTS

COLEMAN – MACLEOD – Murdo and Jane MacLeod, Achnaba House, Lochgilphead are delighted to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Mairi Christina to James Coleman, son of Jim Coleman and Mrs Irene Paisley, Glasgow.

DEATHS

COWIE – Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital on January 30, 2012, Andrew Walker Cowie, aged 86 years, of 1 Salen, Tayvallich, by Lochgilphead. Beloved husband of the late Jean Cowie, much loved dad of Frazer and loving grandpa of Alice and Tom. A dear uncle and cousin to all the family. A good friend and neighbour to many. Funeral service will be held in Cardross Crematorium on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Cancer Research and Glasgow Disabled Scouts.

JAMIESON – James Graham (Jim), aged 74, died peacefully at the Cornhill Macmillan Centre, Perth on December 25, 2011. Jim, who was an Agricultural Salesman specialising in fertiliser and grass seed, wished to thank all farming and associated customers together with friends throughout the Argyll and Bute area for their valued support over the years.

MCGLYNN – Peacefully with his family by his side, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on January 30, 2012, John Francis McGlynn, in his 65th year, Killeen Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Nancie Smith, much loved father of Fiona, Katherine and Shona and loving seannair of Katie, James Cara and Aimee. RIP.

WATSON – Peacefully with her family, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 31, 2012, Betty Scally McSparran, in her 77th year, 9 Wallace Cottages, Southend, dearly beloved wife of Sandy Watson, much loved mum of Fiona, loving granny of Lisa and Jamie, great granny to Hollie, Daniel and Jake and

a much loved sister and aunt. Service in Southend Church on Friday, February 3 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 Church and the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital.

YOUNG – Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 28, 2012, Ruth Fraser, in her 93rd year, 102 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late John Young, much loved mother of Elma and Roberta, loving grandmother of Johnnie and much loved great grandmother of John.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ALLAN – The family of the late Roddy Allan (Gigha) would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters and phone calls received in their very sad and sudden loss. Special heartfelt thanks go to Anne, Maggie, Andy, John, Gigha coastguards and ferry crew; to Rev Anne McIvor for an uplifting and comforting service; to Mr Blair for advice and efficient professional services; Gigha Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveyard. A retiral collection of £772 will be shared between various good causes on Gigha.

FYFE – The family of the late Jean Fyfe would like to offer thanks to all who gave their support and kind expressions of sympathy following our recent bereavement and to all who attended the funeral service. Sincere thanks to Rev Cliff Acklam for his comforting service, to Rev Dr Roddy MacLeod for his Gaelic reading, to D MacDonald and staff for their helpful support and professional service and also to the Tayvallich Inn for providing warm and welcoming purvey. Special thanks to all the staff at Ardfenaig, who looked after Jean so well in her later years and made her feel comfortable and at home with them. A retiral collection of £375 was donated to MacMillan Nurses.

MCKENZIE – Ruth, Rita and Robert would like to thank family and friends for the flowers, cards and expressions of sympathy since the bereavement of Ian, a much loved father, brother, father-in-law and grandpa. Special thanks go out to Dr Villalba, Kitty Millar, Eleanor and her team of district nurses during Dad's short illness. To Anne and Iain, the nurses on duty at the time of Dad's passing, thank you for your sensitive treatment you gave Ruth and Rita. Our gratitude goes to the Rev Phillip Burroughs for his comforting service and to Kenneth and Alisdair Blair for their efficient funeral arrangements and support. Thanks also to the Ardshiel Hotel for the funeral tea. A very special thanks goes to Sarah for playing the pipes, Ian would have been proud. To everyone who attended the funeral and those who made the effort

to come from far and wide, thank you. And finally to Ben Brown who stepped in to help Mr Moonshine, thanks. A retiring collection for Macmillan Nurses raised £461.22.

MCKERRAL – Jean, Andrew, Alistair and Marie wish to thank family, friends and neighbours for all support and expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of Alistair. Many thanks to doctors, Acute Ward and all health care providers, especially Marie and Lorne. Thanks also to Rev Burroughs for a comforting and uplifting service, to Alasdair and Kenny Blair for their efficient and professional service and Seaford Hotel for the purvey. A retiral collection of £587.47 will go to the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

IN MEMORIAM

CARD – In loving memory of our mum, Annie, who passed away on February 6, 2008.

Those we love don't go away

They walk beside us every day.

- From Tarbert and Aberdeen.

MCMILLAN – Treasured memories of my loving husband, Donald, taken from us on February 5, 2011.

Tears in my eyes I can wipe away

The ache in my heart will always stay.

- Isobel xx.

Dad, love and miss you every day.

- Fiona, Donna, Marian and families.

MORRAN – In loving memory of my mum, Sheila, who passed away on February 3, 2007.

We will keep on speaking your name

Some things change

Some things stay the same

Love and miss you so much, Mum.

- Love Tommy and Nette xxx.

MORRAN – Brilliant memories of my amazing nannie, Sheila, who passed away February 3, 2007.

They say in time you do forget

To some that may be true

But no morning dawns, no night returns

Without a thought of you

Love you and miss you heaps.

- Love Linn and Tommy xxx.

MUNRO – In loving memory of Robert (Toby), a dearly loved husband, dad, grandad and great grandad, died February 5, 2010.

There is no death where memories live,

And memories live forever.

- Loving wife Betty, sons Bobby and Neil and families.

ROBERTSON – In loving memory of my dear brother, Donald, died February 6, 2003.

Thinking of you today, Donald

I will always love you.

- Sister Nan, East Kilbride.

ROBERTSON – Precious memories of Willie, a much loved husband, dad and grampa, who passed away on January 31, 2002.

A daily thought, a silent tear

A constant wish that you were here.

- Netta, Gail, Ailsa, Jenna, Blair and Ava.

SOUDEN – In loving memory of a dear dad and granda, Alex, died February 4, 2007.

This day is remembered and quietly kept,

No words are needed we will never forget.

- Inserted by his loving daughters, Isabel and Liz, sons-in-law, Martin and John, and grandson, Graeme.

CHURCH NOTICES**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Saturday, 4th February
Walking Group - 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, 5th February
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
(Crèche, Triple C & Bible Class)

Rev. Philip Burroughs

Monday, 6th February
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 7th February
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, 9th February
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 10th February
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

Highland Parish Church

SC002493

Saturday 4th February 2012
2.00pm-4.00pm
All-Age Craft Afternoon
Kirk St Hall

Services in Kirk St Hall until further notice.

11.15am
Morning Worship

FunDay Club(3yrs - P5)
JaM (P6+)

12.10pm
Prayer time

Tuesday 7th February
Badminton Club - Kirk St Hall
6.30pm - 7.45pm P1 - P5
7.45pm - 9.00pm P6 - P7

Wednesday 8th February
7.15pm
Bible Study Fellowship

- Manse
Jesus & The Gospels: DVD

Thursday 9th February
7.30pm
Congregational Board - Hall

Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone always welcome

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Sunday Services
10.30am
Morning Worship

5.45pm Prayer Meeting
6.30pm Evening Worship

Tuesday
12.15pm Over 60's
Luncheon Club

1.30pm Adult Home League

Thursday
11.30am Meet 'n' Eat Café
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Major Dolores Thomson

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday, 5th February, 2012
Glassary, 10a.m..
Rev. Cliff Acklam
SC002121

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
Sunday 5th February
"Whoever will listen, let them listen and I will speak to you" (Ezekiel 3:27)
Services in
Ardishaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30p
Scottish Charity Numbers (SC010713 & SC010782)

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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 5th February 2012
8.30am Holy Communion
10.45am Morning Prayer
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 5th February 2012
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Sunday School 11.20am
Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre
Rev Tommy Bryson
Guild meets
Monday 6th February
Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre
7.30pm
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FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
George Street
Campbeltown
Sunday 5th February
12.45pm
Rev Tommy MacKinnon
All Welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SC003847

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 5 February 2012
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"As you sow so shall you reap"
Thursday 9 February 2012
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 5th February 2012
10.00am Breaking of Bread
Mr Gordon Cosgrove
10.50 Coffee
11.15am
Family Service with Sunday School and Crèche
Mr R H Craig - Canon of Old Testament Scriptures
7.00pm Youth Group
Wednesday 8th February 2012
10.00am Jellytots - Parent and Toddler Group
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
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LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 5th February 2012
11.00am Morning Service
Monday 6th February
Ladies Meeting
Mrs Ruth Carruthers
Ardishaig Parish Church
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 - 11.30am
Scottish Charity SC015187

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 5 February
Tayvallich Church
11:30 am

Worship led by
Rev. Cliff Acklam

Tuesday 7 February
Congregational Board
Tayvallich Church, 7:30 pm

Wednesday 8 February
MESSY CHURCH
Tayvallich Hall 4 - 6 pm

Food, Crafts, followed by a story, a song, a prayer.

All Welcome

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5 February
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Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair

Charity No. SC016097

Holy Communion Joint Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am

Glenaray and Inveraray

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Dookers lose ground after draw

Port Glasgow Hibs 2 Tarbert AFC 2

TARBERT AFC travelled to Greenock on Saturday to take on Port Glasgow Hibs. The Tarbert Shellfish sponsored side travelled without MacIver and Captain Martin, who were replaced with Johnstone and striker Mackinnon.

The home side started

the brighter as Tarbert sat off their opponents and had the chance to open the scoring when Johnstone was adjudged to have fouled the Hibs striker in the box. It seemed a harsh call, but referee Laing pointed to the spot immediately. Up stepped the Hibs no 10, but keeper Martin guessed correctly and made a fine save to keep the Dookers level.

Tarbert began to domi-

nate after weathering the early storm and took the lead with 25 minutes on the clock. A cross from Ronald hit Prentice at the back post and he squared for Mackinnon to head home from close range. It wasn't long before the away side increased their lead after a quick counter attack. McCormack played a fine diagonal ball over the top of the Hibs defence for Prentice to run

onto, he advanced goal wards before beating the keeper at his near post.

Tarbert were now in full control and should have been three up only minutes later. Once again Prentice's pace was too much for the home side and after squaring the ball for Mackinnon, it seemed a certain goal; however the home keeper made a superb last ditch save to keep his side in the

match. This seemed to spur on the Hibs side and they were handed a lifeline immediately when once again Laing awarded a penalty after Smyth tangled with a Hibs striker. The same player made no mistake this time around, and the half ended with Hibs finishing stronger.

The second half began with Hibs pressing for an equaliser; however they struggled to break down

the away defence as they were forced to shoot from a distance. They did find an equaliser after 75 minutes when a long-range effort cannoned off the post and into the path of a Hibs midfielder; he beat two men before coolly slotting a shot into the bottom corner.

This shocked the Tarbert boys who were now struggling with the physical and determined

home side. With the Hibs team sensing a winner, Tarbert countered with the pace of Talbot and Prentice, and with ten minutes remaining, the latter won the Dookers a penalty with a strong run into the box. Prentice himself stepped up for the shot but once again it was the keeper who came out on top, saving low to his left, ensuring a share of the spoils for both sides.

Ashley Conner dominates Campbeltown athletics meeting

CAMPBELTOWN'S Ashley Connor was the top performer on Sunday at the Kintyre leg of sports hall athletics.

Ashley dominated the under 13 age group category winning five out of eight events and the highlight was her excellent jump of 6.63metres in the standing triple jump.

This amazing effort added 10cm to the long-standing Argyll age record held by Nell Hardie from Tarbert. Ashley came so close to repeating this feat in the standing long jump clearing 2.22metres to equal the Argyll age record, a record that is now shared by 4 girls including Southend's Kate Cameron. Ashley also impressed in winning the high jump with 1.20metres, speed bounce and three-lap race.

Other individual winners in this section were Nicole Thomson from Dalintober, winner of the shot putt with 6.47metres, Lucy Thomson won the vertical jump and Emma Lazarus won the six-lap race.

A total of 60 young athletes entered the various running, jumping and throwing events in this annual competition, which was held in Campbeltown Grammar School for the second time.

The Victoria Hall had been the venue since 1994 when Sports Hall athletics was first held in the town. The new location was a success last winter and again last



Sunday with events held in both gymnasiums and the assembly hall.

The Kintyre competition was the last of four local area competitions held in Argyll this winter.

After just over 3 hours of competition Castlehill primary school won 3 out of the 4 competitions in the younger age groups with Dalintober providing the winner in the other contest.

Cameron Reid from Castlehill was the under nine champion in 2011 and this year successfully moved up an age group winning the under 11 contest ahead of Dhyllon Cox from Dalintober.

Cameron excelled in

the running events winning the three-lap race in 27.4seconds and the six-lap in 59.3seconds. In between the running events Cameron won both the high jump and triple jump.

Runner-up Dhyllon Cox won both the javelin and speed bounce and Castlehill boys Andrew Johnstone and Daniel Conley won the long jump and vertical jump respectively.

Castlehill Primary School also triumphed in the under 11 girls contest with Rhona O'May winning five out of eight events.

Rhona won the high jump, long jump, vertical jump, three-lap race and javelin and it was in

the last named event she impressed most throwing 14.25metres, which is just over a metre short of the Argyll age record.

Ruth Turner from Drumlembie was runner-up to Rhona with a good all-round display and Louise Dott from Dalintober finished third overall thanks to wins in the speed bounce and standing triple jump. In the same age category Shannon Charlwood from Dalintober won the six-lap race.

Dalintober provided four of the top five girls in the under nine contest with Mary Thomson a worthy champion with victory in the three jumps, high, long and triple in addition to the three-lap race in 34.8seconds.

Jane Scott from Castlehill was runner-up after wins in the six-lap race and vertical jump and Nicole Shields, Dalintober, was third overall winning the speed bounce and placing in five other events. Nicole's mother Leigh-Anne was the Kintyre under nine champion and also the Argyll under nine champion back



in 1994/95, the first year Sports Hall Athletics was promoted in Argyll.

Also in the under nines Anna Gemmill from Carradale won the javelin.

Andrew Dott from Castlehill was the under nine champion with wins in the six-lap in 64.7seconds and javelin throwing 12.75metres and shared first place in the speed bounce with Ross Connor, also Castlehill. Ross was second overall thanks to wins in the three-lap race in an excellent 28.5seconds, triple jump and vertical jump. Elliot Gemmill from Carradale won the long jump and Matthew Lang from Castlehill won the high jump.



Declan Wilson was the under 13 champion ahead of Andrew Kay with Duncan Lang from Castlehill third on overall points. Declan won the three-lap race, high jump and vertical jump and Andrew won the six-lap and speed bounce.

Duncan was the winner in both the triple jump and shot putt and Niall Gemmill was first in the long jump.

The entry in the older age groups was disappointing with no under 15 boys or under 17 girls entering.

Kate Cameron from Southend was under 15 champion for the second year with another Southend girl Mairi Barbour second and Eilish Cameron third. Kate won 6 out of the 8 events and her best performance was in the speed bounce completing an impressive 79 jumps in 30 seconds the highest of the day in all age groups.

Mairi won both the high jump and triple jump.

Martin MacCallum won the under 17-age group with Connor Lang runner-up. Martin won seven events with his

best being the shot putt throwing 11.57metres.

The successful athletes will now be invited to compete in the Argyll Final to be held at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Saturday February 25 starting at 1pm with registration from noon.

They will compete in Oban against boys and girls from the previous local area competitions in Tobermory, Lochgilphead and Oban.

The following boys and girls have qualified for the athletics final in Oban.

Under 9 Girls:
1 Mary Thomson Dalintober 27, 2 Jane Scott Castlehill 17.5, 3 Nicole Shields Dalintober 13, 4 Alecia Bell Dalintober 6, 5 Chloe Croft Dalintober 4.5;

Under 9 Boys: 1 Andrew Dott Castlehill 24, 2 Ross Conner Castlehill 20.5, 3 Coll Houston Castlehill 11.5, 4 Matthew Lang Castlehill 6, 5 Elliot Gemmill Carradale 5;

Under 11 Girls: 1 Rhona O'May Castlehill 28, 2 Ruth Turner Drumlembie 19.5, 3 Louise Dott Dalintober 16, 4 Kathryn Semple Dalintober 7.5, 5 Shannon Charlwood Dalintober 5.

Under 11 Boys: 1 Cameron Reid Castlehill 23, 2 Dhyllon Cox Dalintober 19, 3 Andrew Johnstone Castlehill 18, 4 Jamie McKerral Castlehill 10, 5 Daniel Conley Castlehill 7,

Under 13 Girls: 1 Ashley Connor Grammar 24, 2 Emma Lazarus Grammar 16, 3 Eilidh Anderson Grammar 12.5, 4 Lucy Thomson Dalintober 11, 5 Nicole Thomson Dalintober 5, 6 Jenny Semple Grammar 4;

Under 13 Boys: 1 Declan Wilson Grammar 23.5, 2 Andrew Kay Grammar 20.5, 3 Duncan Lang Castlehill 15.5, 4 Niall Gemmill Grammar 12, 5 Charles Turner Grammar 8.5;

Under 15 Girls: 1 Kate Cameron Grammar 30, 2 Mairi Barbour Grammar 26, 3 Eilish Cameron Grammar 16;

Under 17 Boys: 1 Martin MacCallum Grammar 31, 2 Connor Lang Grammar 25.

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Pupils lose in Scottish Cup tie

Scottish Amateur Cup 4th Round.
Campbeltown Pupils 1 Dennistoun 4

THE McFadyen-sponsored Campbeltown Pupils bowed out of this year's Scottish Cup to a very good Dennistoun side.

Although the scoreline looks decisive, the game was fiercely contested until the final 20 minutes when the away side's experience eventually told.

Darts results

MARTIN Coffield, Gary Howells and Steven McCallum all scored 180s during Monday's Campbeltown and District Darts Association.

Week 10 results: Ailsa 3 Commercial 7, Burnside 9 Kilbrannan 1, Kinloch 8 Fiddlers B 2, White Hart 2 Argyll Bowling Club 8, Fiddlers 9 Southend 1.

Bobby Mathieson had a 119 finish in his match for the Burnside.

This Monday is the Walter Tavendale Mixed Doubles in the Burnside, Campbeltown which is a charity competition and everyone is welcome to enter before 7.45pm.

Dunaverly lottery hits £500

DUNAVERTY Lottery's three-number Lottery has reached a jackpot of £500.

The draw will take place on Sunday February 5 and tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members and the Commercial Inn.

To be fair to the visitors, they played delightful football throughout and should be congratulated for persisting with a passing game in the face of extremely heavy conditions.

Dennistoun had the lion's share of the possession in the early stages. However, the home side's rearguard was rock solid and never looked like being turned.

Scoring chances

Considering the amount of control exercised by the visitors, it was surprising the bulk of the chances fell to the Pupils.

The visitor's were relieved when Gary Grumoli stumbled on the end of a John McCallum cross before he could pull the trigger, this, before Ryan Gilchrist tested the keeper with a speculative drive from 20 yards.

Still in control of the game, the visitor's turned the home defence only to see Craig Lamont race from his goal and block at the feet on the incoming forward.

The breakthrough eventually came minutes before half-time, and it was a goal well worth waiting for. A looping cross from Craig Lang

was steered beyond the stranded goalkeeper by Grumoli, a fine header to give the home side the lead.

With seconds of the half remaining Dennistoun deservedly equalised, an identical header looping over the home keeper to find the net.

The second half followed much the same pattern of the first. An absolute 'peach' of a goal gave the visitors the lead with 20 minutes remaining.

A cross from the attacking right was deflected high into the air, the ball guided home with a volley-cum-chip which wouldn't have been out of place at Barcelona.

The game was dead and buried when the visitors scored a third from the edge of the box, a thunderous drive which gave the keeper no chance.

Dennistoun scored again from the penalty spot, however, it was a brave effort from a young home squad who gave everything before losing to a much more experienced side.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Campbeltown Pupils play Premier One leaders Haldane in the Jimmy Marshall Trophy with 2pm kick off.



Campbeltown Pupils' Gregor McFadyen holds up the ball during the cup tie with Dennistoun.

Photograph courtesy of www.kintyreforum.com

Junior race entries now invited for 2012 MOK Run

JUNIOR race entries are now being taken for this year's Mull of Kintyre Run.

Forms can be downloaded for the race on June 3 from www.mokrun.com, Aqualibrium or Wee Toon Sports. There is a 1k and 2k race for children with goody bags

and medals for all entrants, with limited space, so people are encouraged to sign up soon.

It is hoped that the races will take place on the all weather pitch this year.

Gold medal winning athlete Brian Whittle will be giving a free

inspirational talk in the library at Aqualibrium on Saturday June 2. If you would like to reserve a space, email events@mokrun.com. There are only a few remaining ceilidh tickets available - please email events@mokrun.com.

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