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'We were tricked' say shops

by RUTH McCLEAN

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SHOPKEEPERS in Campbeltown are furious as they feel 'tricked' by a trading standards sting at the weekend.

Argyll and Bute Council's trading standards officers visited the town on Saturday afternoon to test for the selling of age-restricted products.

The sting has sparked anger amongst some shopkeepers, in particular of smaller shops, when *The Courier* understands a 16-year-old was used to try and buy cigarettes from various places in the area.

Trading standards officers regularly carry out random tests on premises, which sell age-restricted products.

One local retailer who has more than 35 years experience in the trade and was caught out for the first time said he

feels as if it was an 'entrapment'.

'I have never been done before in all the time I've been in the trade. It never occurred to me at the time to question this girl about her age as she looked about 21 or 22.'

Another Campbeltown shopkeeper, who did not want to be named, said he felt that the organisations had been tricked.

He said when he asked the girl what age she

'It never occurred to me to question this girl. She looked about 21 or 22.'

was she told him 16, but said that she looked as if she was in her 20s.

'I am very angry; I just don't like being tricked. It's different if they used a typical 16-year-old.'

'We don't mind being tested if it's fair and honest but to use someone who looks a lot older is sneaky.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman confirmed its trading standards team was in Campbeltown over the weekend.

'The results of those tests are now subject to investigation, so it would not be appropriate to comment further at this stage,' said the spokeswoman.

'All traders across Argyll and Bute were invited to information seminars to help them understand and comply with their duties as regards age-restricted products.'

Brassed off? Not Scottish champion Erin!



Just champion: 16-year-old cornet player Erin McSporrان shows off her three Scottish Solo Brass Band Championship medals. 04_c06erin02

A CAMPBELTOWN teenager has taken a prestigious title at the Scottish Solo Brass Band Championships.

Cornet player Erin McSporrان took first place in the intermediate section in Saturday's event, at Livingston, having previously won the same title two years ago. She also tasted success in the junior section in 2006.

On the day, Erin was up against 14 others from across Scotland and her rendition of Webber's *Last Waltz* gave her the title.

The 16-year-old is a member of Campbeltown Brass, playing in both the senior and junior bands and will next compete in the Mid Argyll Music Festival.

At the same event Sally Chute received a gold award, two weeks after winning the West of Scotland Championships, pipping Erin, who came second.

In the junior section, Tanya McDonald, Iona McVicar and Archie McVicar represented Campbeltown in Saturday's competition.

All three gained silver awards for their first attempt at the Scottish Championships.



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Call for extra help to tackle road repairs

IN the middle of one of the fiercest winters ever and with roads across Kintyre in a dreadful mess, Councillor Donald Kelly has said Argyll and Bute Council should call for reinforcements.

He wants to see the council bring in a contractor to work alongside its own road crews.

'Our workers are doing a great job but there is so much that needs done; so many potholes crumbling road edges,' he said.

'In the short term we need to get as much of this done as possible before the roads deteriorate any further. It is a recognised fact that our roads are amongst the worst in Argyll.'

Children put safety first for calendar competition

KINTYRE Crime Prevention Panel has sponsored a road safety competition for children across the whole of Argyll and Bute.

The annual Road Safety Unit calendar competition sees children of all school ages entering to win the honour of having the road safety poster they have created chosen for the calendar, which is distributed free across the area.

On Tuesday, Eva Macdonald MBE, who is the vice-chairwoman of the Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel, visited Castlehill Primary School, in Campbeltown, to congratulate the pupils for having

so many winners in the competition.

Although only one picture is chosen the competition is divided up into age groups and prizes are given throughout.

'We were very pleased to sponsor the Argyll and Bute Road Safety Unit calendar competition this year,' Mrs Macdonald said.

'Road safety is a very serious subject and the panel is delighted to be involved and have our logo on the calendar.'

'The competition encourages young people to think about road safety and we hope they continue to remember their road safety at all times.'



Castlehill Primary School's prize winning young artists Alison Wylie, Jenny Souden Jessica Ronald, Suen Yee Walker, Amy Paterson, Emma Bannatyne, David Wong, Donald Hughes, Daniel McKee and Kaelan Ramsay with Eva Macdonald MBE. 04_c06cas01

Moves to sell off forest condemned

ARGYLL and Bute MP Alan Reid has condemned a move by the SNP to sell Glen Shira Forest near Inveraray.

The MP was involved in a successful campaign two years ago to stop the Scottish Government leasing Forestry Commission forests to private companies.

'The proposals were overwhelmingly rejected by the people of Argyll and Bute; 240 people from Mid Argyll and Kintyre came to a public meeting in Lochgilphead to protest about the proposals,' he said.

'Now the SNP are ignoring the outcome of the consultation and have offered Glen Shira forest for sale at £6.5 million.'

In England the coalition government is consulting on the disposal of forests.

Mr Reid said he disagreed with selling off wholesale to private commercial companies but not the transfer to the ownership of local community groups or charities such as the RSPB or Woodland Trust.

Teenager struck victim

A NEW Year assault landed a Campbeltown teenager in court last week.

Robert Fox, aged 18, of 3 The Moy, Campbeltown, admitted assaulting a man and striking him on the head with a glass, causing it to smash to his injury, on January 1 in Whisky Macs, Shore Street, Campbeltown.

Sentence was deferred at the town's sheriff court last Thursday on Fox until March 2 for reports to be carried out.

Fighters pay penalty

A FIGHT between two men in Campbeltown town centre on Sunday night resulted in each being issued with a fixed penalty fine for anti-social behaviour.

The incident happened on Main Street and Cross Street.

Disorderly teenagers told to behave for six months

TWO Campbeltown teenagers admitted acting in a disorderly manner and struggling with police officers on January 17.

Ashleigh Scarff, aged 18, of 6A Queen Street, admitted the offence, which took place at Queen Street, and co-accused, 16-year-old Vicky Gamble, of 2B Queen Street, pleaded guilty to kicking a police vehicle in a communal car park to the rear of Queen Street.

Depute procurator fis-

cal Rebecca Hoskins told the town's sheriff court police were called to a noisy party at Scarff's at about 1.40am, and again an hour later.

An argument broke out between Scarff and Gamble's brother, who stayed in the same close.

'She [Scarff] shouted and swore back at him. Police told her to desist but she didn't. She was upset and started struggling with officers, swearing at them to get off her.'

Vicky Gamble came out and began to shout and swear before kicking the police car.

Scarff's defence agent, Mike Creegan, said: 'The accused thought it was an injustice that she was being arrested.'

Christian Kane, representing Gamble, added: 'She has had far too much to drink and recollects nothing of the incident.'

Sentence was deferred for six months until August 4 for the pair to be of good behaviour.

Firefighters' plea to fit alarms

HAVING a smoke alarm in a house 'could be the difference between saving a life and losing one'.

This was the message from watch commander Ronnie Souden of Campbeltown Fire Station.

'Home fire safety visits are free. If smoke alarms need to be fitted, this can also be done free of charge during the visits.'

'We encourage every household to have at least one smoke alarm.'

For home fire safety visit details, contact the station on a Tuesday night on 01586 552222.



Firefighters Jamie Morris (left) and Scott Campbell carry out a home fire safety visit and fit a smoke alarm. 04_c06home01

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Council cuts set to bite

ARGYLL and Bute Council met yesterday (Thursday) to make the toughest budget decisions in its history with jobs and services in the firing line. Over the next three years the proposal was to cut 494 full time jobs from 4,200; this year 232 of these will go; school cooks and janitors would get term-time only contracts. Music support could go, as could swimming lessons and PE. Wardens would vanish and be replaced by telecare and home care. The proposals would cut all grant support to local and community transport; Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service would see its funding reduced as would Citizens Advice Bureau.

All charges and lettings will go up by three per cent and the cost of school meals increase. The Kintyre Way would see a cut in funding and Kintyre Recycling would also be badly hit.

Spending on Christmas lights would also go.

'Every part of Argyll and Bute will feel some impact of this budget,' warned Councillor Dick Walsh, leader of the council.

See our website for a report of the council budget and next week's *Courier* for analysis on how the cuts will bite in Kintyre.

'We were kept in dark'

THE press found out about Argyll and Bute's budget proposals before we did, said a 'disgusted' member of Argyll First this week.

Members of the press were invited to a briefing and shown the council budget report last Thursday but the budget paperwork was sent by post and arrived on Friday, said Councillor Donald Kelly.

Councillor Kelly added that he had been pressing for months for seminars for all councillors to discuss the proposed cuts, which are the biggest ever faced, in a massive 300-page document.

Macmillan Sunroom now in use at Campbeltown Hospital

THE long awaited Macmillan Sunroom at Campbeltown Hospital is at last open for use.

During the last five years the Kintyre community has raised almost £100,000 towards the project's development with Macmillan Cancer Support also providing £50,000 of financial support.

The suite aims to provide a more homely and comfortable environment for those who may require a stay in hospital at the end of their lives, and also provides accommodation for relatives to allow them to remain close by, if they wish to.

The Sunroom, which has been in use since

December, is in the acute unit of the hospital and has access to the courtyard through patio doors, allowing patients and families to enjoy the outdoor space.

Macmillan nurses Kitty Millar and Maggie Wilkieson are delighted with the Sunroom. Grateful thanks go to all in the local community who have stuck by this project and so generously contributed towards the making of this fantastic facility.

Margaret Mitchell, retired Macmillan nurse, will officially open the Sunroom on the March 8, but health staff were keen to start using this facility as soon as possible.



M&K MacLeod builder Iain Speed and Donnie Cameron, NHS Highland clinical services manager for Kintyre and Islay with Macmillan clinical nurse specialists Maggie Wilkieson and Kitty Millar as construction of the Sunroom started last July. 04_c29sun01

Mother and daughter admit vicious attack

A MOTHER and daughter admitted a 'vicious attack' on a woman during which they struck the victim's head against a metal step.

Marina McAllister, 40, of 12 Dalriada Court, and her daughter, Kathleen McAllister, 19, of 2D Queen Street, both Campbeltown, originally pleaded not guilty to assaulting the woman by grabbing her by the hair, pulling her to the ground and repeatedly punching and kicking her on the head and body, and to striking her head against a step, on August 21 last year on Kinloch Green, Campbeltown.

But they changed their plea to guilty when depute procurator fiscal

Rebecca Hoskins had presented the evidence for the prosecution.

A verdict of not proven was returned against another daughter, Patrice McAllister, 24, of 45 New Parliament Place, who also pled not guilty to assault.

Fairground

Their victim said she was at the fairground on Kinloch Green when she was confronted by the three co-accused. She turned to walk away from them when Marina McAllister grabbed her hair and pulled her to the ground.

'I curled up into a ball as they were punching and kicking me.'

She said someone broke the fight up and

when she got back to her feet they grabbed her by the hair again and 'smashed' her head off the step of the dodgems fair ride.

A witness told the court she got into the middle of the fight and pulled them apart.

She said after the assault took place there was lots of hair about the place.

'I think most of it was the victim's; she had bald patches. When she got up there was lots of it missing.'

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'It was a vicious, unprovoked and sustained attack.'

Both accused had their sentence deferred for reports until March 2.

Busy year

LAST year Campbeltown Fire Station attended around 135 emergency calls.

This ranged from calls to house fires, to false alarms with good intent, which are alarms that have been activated, road traffic collisions and for specialist services such as floods.

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Unexplained death

POLICE are investigating the unexplained death of a 61-year-old man in Campbeltown.

He was found dead at his home at Burnbank Place, Campbeltown, on Friday afternoon.

Police have not re-

leased details of his name at the request of his family.

Chief Inspector Marlene Baille said: 'There are no suspicious circumstances but the death remains unexplained at this time.'

Police Files

Probe into car accident:

POLICE in Campbeltown say their inquiries are continuing following a road accident on Sunday near to the Dellwood Hotel in the town. Only one vehicle was involved.

Outbreak of vandalism in town:

VANDALS struck in three separate instances in Campbeltown this week.

Police report that a car was badly scratched when parked on Witchburn Road on Saturday, while on Sunday damage was caused to a property in Longrow and a door was damaged on Main Street last Thursday.

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Speeding Ted's safety message

A TEDDY bear is the star of the latest road safety pack for primary schools.

And children in Argyll and Bute are amongst the first to be introduced to the new character designed to make them think about the dangers of speeding.

Speeding Ted is part of a Scottish educational pack designed by a leading education expert Lynda Keith.

Speeding Ted rides too fast on his motorbike; children are asked to think about the effect he has on other people and to tell him how he should behave.

For older children the work is developed into lessons using language, working with numbers and practical activities.

Labour's man pledges help for Campbeltown

by JOANNE SIMMS
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LABOUR would set up a task force to help Campbeltown and the Kintyre area, the party's candidate for the Scottish parliament seat has told *The Courier*.

Mick Rice, who lives in Dunoon, says such a task force would brief senior Labour politicians so they could 'hit the ground running' and help Campbeltown if a Labour Government is elected in May.

'The area has the highest ratio of unemployed people to job vacancies in Scotland,' he pointed out.

Formerly a councillor in Birmingham he is

married to Susanna and became active in local Labour politics when he moved to the area.

Veteran Labour politician George McMillan and his election agent, Bob Chicken from Tarbert took Mick on a fact-finding tour of the area on Friday.

Mick said: 'We want to ensure more young people remain here; to try and ensure young people develop roots and jobs and start families here.'

Mick Rice will be attending the Kintyre Initiative Working Group on February 25 in Campbeltown.



Mick Rice Labour's prospective candidate for Argyll and Bute in May's Holyrood elections with George McMillan. c06lab1NO

Repairs at last to town hall clocks

CAMPBELTOWN will soon be back on time and not in three different time zones.

A team arrived in town on Wednesday from James Ritchie and Son, Edinburgh, to get the town hall clocks back in order; each one has been telling a different time.

And to do so involves a lengthy climb by ladder into the clock tower.

The Edinburgh firm is more than 200-years-old and one of the Scotland's leading specialists.

Isles visits for committee

THE Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands Area Committee will be going overseas this year.

At their meeting on Wednesday in Campbeltown, the committee members agreed their meetings diary for the coming year.

Area committees will not just alternate between Campbeltown and Lochgilphead but visit Islay, Colonsay and Gigha.

Property sell-off talks

COUNCILLORS were due to go behind closed doors on Wednesday, as *The Courier* went to press, to discuss selling off surplus property owned by the authority.

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands area has a number of properties no longer in use including the former council offices on Dell Road, Campbeltown.

A report was due to go to the area committee meeting in Campbeltown on Wednesday but this item on the agenda was in private.

Drinker pays the penalty

DRINKING in the street proved to be expensive for a man in Campbeltown, early on Sunday morning.

He was spotted by police shortly after midnight on Main Street and was issued with a fixed penalty fine.

Work running out for Skykon factory

SKYKON is on a knife-edge. The factory at Machrihanish has just one week of full-time work left but this week potential buyers have been visiting the factory.

Administrators from Ernst and Young met the workforce last Friday at the factory and told them that there was enough work left to take the factory up to February 18.

'We would then need to start looking at redundancies,' a press spokesman for Ernst and Young told *The Courier*.

Although in the hands of administrators since the collapse of its Danish parent company,

the wind turbine tower manufacturing plant at Machrihanish has been completing an order for 30 towers for the 350-megawatt onshore Clyde wind farm at Lanarkshire, for Siemens which has been paying the wage bill at Skykon while the order was being completed.

Fifteen different parties have registered an interest in buying Skykon, the spokesman added, but said that all signed confidentiality agreements with Ernst and Young and no more details could be given.

'What I can say is that this week interested parties will begin visiting the site,' he said.

Owen's poem is the best - Barr none!

YOUNG Owen Pickering from Drumlemble Primary School is now the celebrated bard of Barr's.

Last week *The Courier* featured his poem *Address to Irm Bru*, which was written as an entry into a Burns poetry competition organised for schools by Kerry Dickson of Numero Dix Hair Salon, Campbeltown.

Owen's poem won and we published it in the

paper. It was seen by one of the distributors, who works for AG Barr, makers of the famous drink.

Now Barrs will feature Owen's, poem and picture in their own staff magazine, *The Quencher*. 'It's a great poem,' said Mark Jephcott from Barrs. And apologies Owen for last week's edition, which credited the poem to your bother Sam, and not you.

Make the most of online trading and marketing

This FREE workshop will help businesses develop their online presence and increase online sales. It is aimed at those who have a little experience now looking to increase the amount of trading they do online, or those businesses new to online trading keen to exploit the opportunity. Workshops will be held in Oban, Inveraray & Dunoon.

Build your own business website

Learn from scratch how to build and manage an attractive and effective website for your business. The workshop will show you how simple it is to develop your own business website and keep it up to date yourself. Workshops will be held in Oban, Inveraray & Dunoon.

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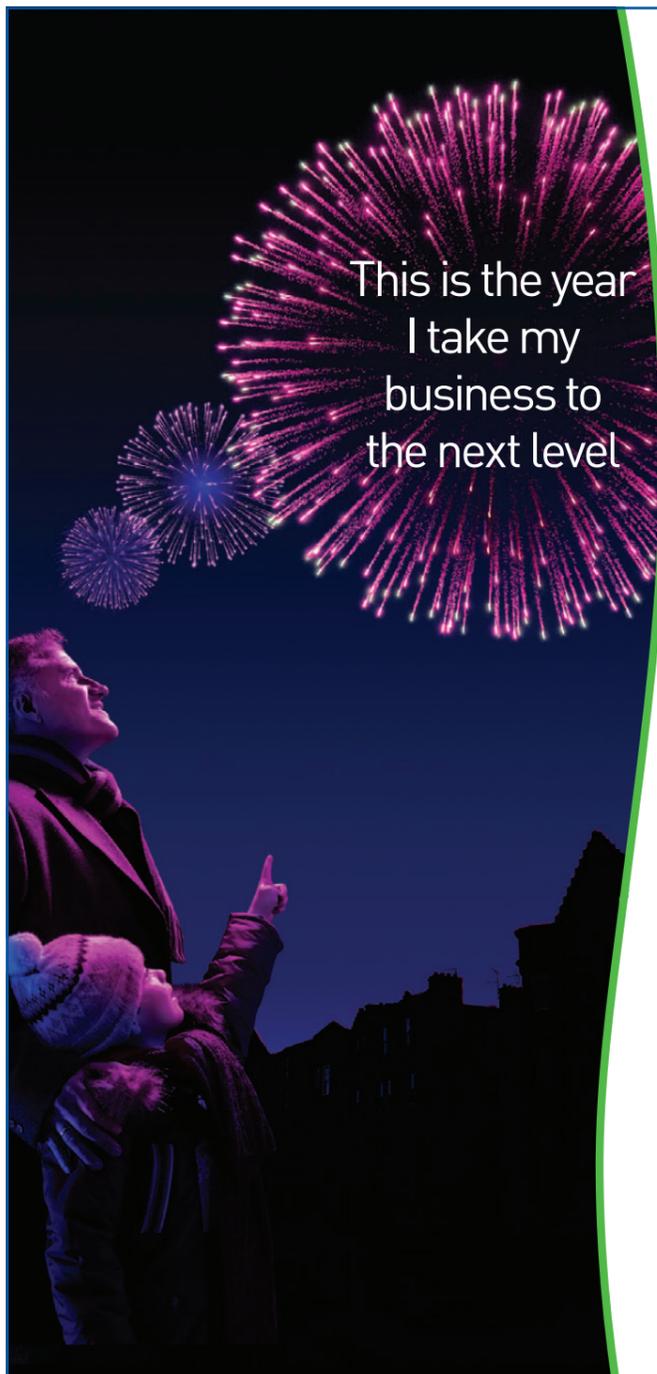
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£2,000 grant for repairs

CAMPBELTOWN Rotary Club has given the town's Heritage Centre a grant of £2,000 to help with winter repair costs.

The popular centre is housed in the former Lorne Street Church, the 'Tartan Kirk' and has suffered some structural damage during the cold spell.

Trio added to board

THREE new directors have been added to the board of the Long and Winding Way Ltd, the company behind the Kintyre Way long-distance footpath.

Clive Good, Robert McPhail and Peter Stogdale have joined the board and John Bakes has taken over as chairman from Alan Minshaw, who is now the treasurer.

Sun lounge scheme

A PLANNING application to build a sun lounge at Alamar, South Moy, Campbeltown, has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

Property plan lodged

ARGYLL and Bute Council has received a planning application to build a house on land west of Rhuval, Tarbert.

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Repairs at last for Southend's lifeline

by RUTH McCLEAN

VILLAGERS in Southend can breathe a bit easier at last as Argyll and Bute Council has started work on the B842 at Conie Glen.

The stretch of road between Campbeltown and Southend has been affected by landslips and is down to one-lane monitored by traffic lights.

The council's roads operations team and Campbeltown subcontractors McFadyens are carrying out the work and went on site last Wednesday. The work is due to last three months and includes additional land drainage.



The repairs to the landslip will take up to three months.

Inset: Darren Kelly at work. 04_c06wrk01&02

John Bakes, convenor of Southend Community Council said 'We have been pushing for this all along and I have contacted the council every month for the last

12 months. We are glad it's happening now as we feared if it was to run into the next financial year we may lose the money for it.'

Councillor Donald

Kelly said: 'I am pleased that after many meetings the work to repair the road has finally started. Given the importance of this road to the community of Southend, it was

Storm-force winds cause disruption around Kintyre

KINTYRE was battered by winds gusting up to storm force 10 on the Beaufort Scale during the gale last Thursday night.

Control tower staff say that readings taken at Campbeltown Airport showed mean wind speeds of 45 to 50 knots and the highest gusts measured 57 knots, or 65mph.

The Thursday evening scheduled Loganair

service from and to Glasgow was cancelled but the service resumed on Friday morning.

The Gigha ferry also lost sailings on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning.

Closed

Power supplies were also hit in the Tayinloan and Glenbarr areas; Glenbarr School was closed on Friday as a result.

Campbeltown Gram-

mar School had some minor storm damage but did not close and the caravan kept in the school grounds and used during outdoor class work was blown over.

On Monday, winter returned with sleet and snow at Tayinloan and on higher ground around Kintyre.

People travelling further afield found snow on the Rest and Be Thankful on the A83.

£10,000 collection attracts no takers

THERE were no takers for the photographic works of AV Ovenstone, which went to auction last week in Edinburgh with Lyon and Turnbull.

The collection of early photography by the Victorian East Renfrewshire amateur photographer featured scenes from around the coast of West

of Scotland including Tarbert, Carradale and Loch Fyne amongst others. The collection was estimated at £10,000-£15,000 and covers the period 1880-1890 when Ovenstone was at his most active, travelling throughout Scotland producing views of rural and coastal life.

A83 'wig-wag' signs

WHEN the new 'wig-wag' roads signs at the Rest and Be Thankful start to flash watch out.

It means a greater risk of landslide on a part of the A83 that has become notorious for slides in recent years.

The signs are there for a two-year trial, installed by Scotland Transerv on behalf of Transport Scotland as part of a £800,000 investment

of new fences, which will help contain debris from the hillside and an improved drainage and culvert system.

The temporary traffic lights have now gone and in their place are six signs in all, positioned on the A83 between Ardgarten and Cairndow.

If the 'wig-wag' signs are flashing motorists are advised 'to proceed with increased caution'.

Event will enable pupils to work on career prospects

SENIOR Campbeltown Grammar School pupils will meet representatives from local businesses and national organisations at Skills Development Scotland's 'mock' interview event today (Friday).

This will give about 90 fifth and sixth year pupils the chance to hone their interview skills and find out more about careers across a wide range of sectors.

Event organiser Kay Johnston said the pupils have been matched with business representatives and sector experts who will interview them and give them first hand infor-

mation about prospective careers.

'We have people coming along from Argyll and Bute Council, NHS Highland, Kilmarnock, Glasgow City and Glasgow Metropolitan Colleges, the University of the West of Scotland, all of the emergency services and the Princes Scottish Youth Business Trust,' she said.

The event, which will be held in Campbeltown Grammar on Friday, February 11, will also feature street poet Mark Thomson. His workshops are aimed at giving young people confidence in themselves and their communication skills.

GRADUATION



DOCTOR STUART SALMON

Recently graduated from the University of Stirling with a PhD in History, is Doctor Stuart Salmon. Stuart is the son Ian and Eunice Salmon, Ardrishaig and is the grandson of the late Angus and Catherine Fletcher, Lochgilphead and the late Robert Salmon and Mary Batten, Kintyre.



For a fun, family day out this spring, why not join tens of thousands of people taking part in National Spring Clean?

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Milk man stands down

ROBERT Millar, of High Cattadale, Southend, is standing down after five years as the Argyll and islands area representative for First Milk.

All of Kintyre's dairy farms are members of the co-operative, which also owns Campbeltown Creamery.

Mr Millar said that the area is to be expanded to include the Borders region and central Scotland as well as Argyll and the islands and he did not feel he could commit to the extra time involved.

Members have until the end of February to put in their papers for the postal ballot to pick the next area rep.

Amongst those known to be standing are Sandy Pirie of Machrihanish Farm and Tom Yuill from Lanarkshire.

Mr Millar has been the area rep for Argyll and islands since 2006 and says he has seen massive changes in that time.

Young entrepreneurs enjoy a cracking time at country mart



He's an eggs-pert: Harry Gemmill. 04_c06mrt02

YOU can't start too young in farming.

And two young entrepreneurs were to the fore at the Argyll Country Market at the Campbeltown Heritage Centre on Saturday.

Harry Gemmill, of Ifferdale Farm, Saddell Glen, and Cara Wilson of West Drumachro Farm, Gigha, both ran their own stalls.

The business empire of Harry, aged nine, has been featured in *The Courier* before.

He continues to sell kindling but has now branched out into the egg business, selling both chicken and duck eggs.

Harry has a flock of 75 organic and free range birds, including ISA Browns and silkies and his ducks include Indian runners, with Mallard cross and Aylesbury cross ducks.

Harry collects, washes, grades and packs the



Cara Wilson runs a flock of mainly Rhode Island chickens on Gigha. 04_c06mrt03

eggs himself and hatches using an incubator he was given as a birthday present.

Because Gigha has no foxes Cara's flock is free

range and never shut in.

Cara, aged 13, keeps 170, mainly Rhode Island and supplies islanders, the Gigha Store and the island hotel.

Mum and Dad also keep a flock of 150 quails for eggs, which are sold around Kintyre and as far away as Loch Fyne Oysters.

Calling all animal lovers - our pets need you to provide them with a loving, comfortable environment

Give a pet a home

Ever thought about adopting a pet but don't know where to start? Well now is the time to be kind and take one into your home. There are cats at Campbeltown Cat Rescue who are desperately looking for new owners and are all friendly, loving animals who are looking for a nice new home. After having been abandoned by their original owners, anyone with a real heart will be perfect for any of these pets.

Campbeltown Cat Rescue

Campbeltown Cat Rescue (SC030907) has been providing care and protection to abandoned, stray, injured and unwanted cats and kittens in South Kintyre for the past 16 years.

The rescue centre on Glebe Street is run by a team of local volunteers on a rota basis.

The work of the rescue would not be possible without the ongoing support it receives from cat lovers throughout Kintyre. Donations, car boot sales, coffee mornings and raffles all help to keep things going and pay for veterinary treatment, food, litter and all other associated running costs.

Sadly an increasing number of unwanted pet cats are being handed in to the rescue

centre, their owners being unable to keep them for various reasons.

Initially these cats feel very rejected and sad when left at the rescue, as they have known what it is to live in a house.

Could you perhaps give one of the cats featured here a second chance?

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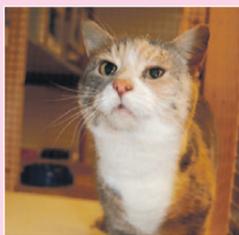
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Blackface society members gather for stockjudging

THE Annual Stockjudging Competition for the Kintyre branch of the Blackface Breeders Association was held at Langa Farm, Kilkenzie on Friday, attracting 47 individual entries.

Sheep were provided by Kintyre members, although the competition attracted competitors from across Argyll.

Master Judge for the

evening was Donald MacVicar from Strachur. The overall competition was won this year by Jock Jackson from Cowal with Helen Jackson coming in second and Willie Skilling in third place.

The Junior Prize was won by Gavin McLachlan from Campbeltown with Greig Gillespie winning the Young

Farmers Prize. The ladies were led by Helen Jackson. The Cowal contingent also won the team prize with the team of Jock and Helen Jackson and Richard Smith.

Thanks are due to Rory and Mary Colville for allowing use of the sheep shed at Langa, Craig Dixon for the catering and the local businesses that provided prizes.

Open Competition: 1 Jock Jackson, Cowal, 2 Helen Jackson, Cowal, 3 Willie Skilling, Tayinloan.

Ladies: 1 Helen Jackson, Cowal, 2 Linda McLean, Kilkenzie, 3 Joan Pirie, Machrihanish.

Junior: 1 Gavin McLachlan, Campbeltown, 2 Grant Mc Kendrick, Tomaig 3 Arran McCallum, Machrihanish.

Young Farmers: 1 Greig Gillespie, Campbeltown.

Team Prize: Jock Jackson, Helen Jackson, Richard Smith, Cowal.



Studying form, from left: John Smith, John MacLachlan, Neil MacPhail, Thomas Cameron and Joan Pirie. 04_c06bk07



Sheep in the ring. 04_c06bk11



Blackface sheep were brought from a number of farms for the event. 04_c06bk03



The was a good turn out for the event. 04_c06bk05



Wee Donald James McLean and his mum Linda. 04_c06bk01



The stock judging was a night out for the whole family. 04_c06bk02



Judge for the evening was Donald MacVicar from Lephinchapel Farm, Strachur. 04_c06bk08



As well as the Blackface Sheep classes there was one class of Texels for the competitors to judge. 04_c06bk12



John Armour and Willie Skilling; Friday's stock judging was 27 years to the day since Mr Skilling came to live and work in Kintyre. 04_c06bk06



Alan Minshaw, secretary of the Kintyre branch of the Blackface Sheep Breeders' Association. 04_c06bk04



The event was held at Langa Farm, Kilkenzie, by kind permission of Rory and Mary Colville. 04_c06bk10

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Those Were The Days

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Distillery reopens

A CAMPBELTOWN distillery, which has been closed for three quarters of a century, is to reopen.

J&A Mitchell & Co Ltd, the firm that owns Campbeltown's successful Springbank Distillery, has bought the vast property of the old Glengyle Distillery.

Glengyle has not produced whisky since 1925 but the purchase means production will start again in the near future at the plant, which lies just off Glebe Street.

A new company – Mitchell's Glengyle Ltd, headed by Hedley Wright, the present managing director at Springbank – has been formed.

Distilling in Campbeltown is now certainly being kept in the family. Glengyle Distillery was founded in 1982 by William Mitchell who, along with his brother John, had already established J&W Mitchell & Co, now J&A Mitchell. John was Hedley Wright's great grandfather.

Mr Wright told *The Campbeltown Courier* how pleased he was with the purchase. He said: 'I am delighted to be in a position whereby, after a period of 75 years, I can reopen one of my family's distilleries.'

Heartstart lifesavers

HEARTSTART, the national initiative to turn people into lifesavers, is this week celebrating the launch of its 500th scheme.

Four groups in Campbeltown – at Campbeltown Grammar School, Castlehill and Dalintober Primary Schools and Heartstart Kintyre – are already helping to train more and more people emergency life support (ELS).

The local groups play a vital part in Heartstart's nationwide bid to train everyone in ELS.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



WE agreed that it was one of the weirdest feelings ever!

I was talking to a friend recently who was just back from a visit to Jordan, and we were discussing the experience of 'swimming' in the Dead Sea.

He did not like the rather slimy feeling the salt water left on his skin, and he found it really hard to swim in the very heavy salty water.

As I can't swim, I found it absolutely wonderful! For there I was bobbing about with everyone else and enjoying the fun. I thought this feeling of weightlessness must be a wee bit like walking on the moon.

It was very strange at first when I went into the sea and was told 'just let the water hold you'.

For someone who is afraid of going under, I found this really difficult and didn't trust the fact that water could actually keep me afloat.

As I let myself go tentatively down into the sea I felt the water did indeed support me, and in fact I just couldn't sink even if I tried to.

I even had to get someone to pull my feet down so that I could stand up! I was totally amazed at this strange sensation – it was like sitting in an armchair in the sea.

For me to let myself relax into the sea took a great leap of faith. I thought of the other leaps of faith we take in life – like stepping onto an aircraft and having faith in the pilot, or going in to hospital for an operation and having faith in the surgeon – or going into a church and having faith in God.

We take many leaps of faith in life and they usually begin with a single tentative step.



Down Memory Lane

Here is a bit of a blast from the recent past, the annual prize-giving at Dunaverty Golf Club. There are some well-known faces here, but can anyone tell us which year it was? *The Courier* looks forward to receiving your old photographs to share with our readers. Send by post, email or call in and see us at our office on the corner of Main Street and Longrow South.

Draft plan for Offshore Wind Power

Sir,
The government is shortly to unveil its Draft Plan for Offshore Wind Power in Scotland.

In the draft plan the government adopted all nine wind farm sites that Crown Estates had leased to power generating companies out with any democratic or planning framework - one of these sites was in Kintyre.

What makes this site different is that it is only 2km from the unspoiled, blue flag beaches and SSSI designated dunes of Machrihanish. They propose to install 105 turbines over 400ft in height and covering 70km² of the adjacent Bay, which is the mainstay of local tourism and leisure so vital to the local community.

The government consulted on its draft plan and received more responses from the public and organisations than any other consultation to date. 35 per cent of the

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800 responses received were about one site - Kintyre. And 98 per cent of those responses were opposed to the proposed Inshore SSE development. And these responses were not just from the local community - but from a wide range of public and private organisations such as Visit Scotland, SNH, Argyll and Bute Council, Royal Yacht Association, Clyde Fishermen's Association.

We fear ministers are set to ignore the feedback from their own consultation and retain the Kintyre Site in the final Plan for Offshore Wind. This means that the site will undergo the new consenting regime - where all the cards are stacked in favour of the power generators and against the communities whose quality of life will be sold off.

The government's as

yet unpublished socio-economic study states that those generators will yield £16bn in profit from the nine sites over their lifetime.

We will needlessly lose our unspoiled seascapes for a generation. We only wish for ministers to truly listen and not be slavishly hitched to green targets, heedless of the consequences of the Kintyre element of their draft plan.

If *Courier* readers would like further information about our campaign please visit our website www.kintyreffshorewindfarmactiongroup.co.uk

View our Campaign Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIS21Lh9Q>

Get in touch via this email address.

Bob Miller,
vice chairman,
Kintyre Off shore
Wind Action Group.

Information wanted

Sir,
I am hoping that your readers can help me in my long search for the mystery surrounding the death of a great friend of mine.

He died in Campbeltown on or around 8 October, 1969

His name was Derek Lambert and at the time was a Leading Seaman in the Royal Navy serving on board *HMS Leander*.

From the information I have found so far it was a sudden death late at night in Campbeltown itself, not on the ship.

I have been in contact with the procurator fiscal's office for the area who passed my request on to their office in Campbeltown who say they have no information on this matter, their

reply was (COPFS) does not retain records for such cases dating as far back as 1969 which I find very strange.

I have also been in contact with some of his shipmates at that time who also say they know nothing of the circumstances surrounding his death.

I am sincerely hoping that your paper can help me in my search.

Christopher Phillips
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Hospital no shows

Sir,
I write with concern after reading the article in *The Campbeltown Courier*, dated Friday February 4, 2011 with the headline 'Hospital Fury over no-shows'.

I am appalled and shocked to read that appointments are being missed for these clinics that are being provided to us free of charge – costing our health board £14,000 over a six-month period!

As a parent with a son who attends two of the five main clinics mentioned on a regular basis, I find this absolutely unacceptable.

I have not missed, nor would I want to miss any of these clinics, as it would have a huge impact on my son's progression and welfare.

I find it even more annoying that the staff now has to take time out of their already overstretched workload to phone to confirm with patients that they will definitely attend.

Obviously sometimes missed appointments are unavoidable however, I for one would be in agreement to a charge being imposed to non attendees where a reasonable timescale for cancellation of such appointments has not been met.

M Craig,
The Roading,
Campbeltown

Correction

IN LAST week's article 'Hospital fury over no-shows' it was reported that from April to September 2009, a total of 138 appointments were missed, this should have been reported as 2010.

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What cost the Coasties?

by JOANNE SIMMS

NEVER mind *For those in peril on the sea*, Clyde Coastguards are in peril from those in the corridors of power.

The men and women of Clyde Maritime Co-ordination Centre are mounting a campaign to fight government proposals to close them down and switch to one, big operational centre in Aberdeen.

The Coasties condemn the Tory and LibDem coalition plan as a decision based solely on cost that will rob the service of vital local knowledge.

Clyde is the busiest station in Scotland; it covers almost one-quarter of the UK's

Clyde Coastguards fight back against plans to close them

coastline and nearly a third of all the operations of Scotland and Northern Ireland together.

'To close the busiest coastguard station in Scotland seems folly,' said a spokesman for the Coastguards.

'It is overwhelmingly obvious that the decision to close more than half of the Coastguard stations nationwide is one based solely on cost.' The Coastguards say that closing Clyde will save

the government less than the cost of 1km of motorway a year; according to Hansard [the official report of Parliament] in 2007, the cost of building 1km of motorway was £6.8 million per lane.'

The plan to close Clyde is going out to consultation and local knowledge is going to play an important factor.

'The subject was, at one time deemed important enough for management to include several pages of instruction in operational procedures on local knowledge requirements and training,' said the Coastguard spokesman.

When management was challenged about this the coastguards were told that operational procedures would be amended to remove this section.

'This is obviously causing some embarrassment,' said their spokesman.

At present a trainee coastguard cannot become fully established until they have passed a local knowledge exam and established coastguards have to have this revalidated on a regular basis.

'Local knowledge is essential and whilst clearly not the only source of information, it is a fundamental tool in our armoury, helping us



Members of the voluntary Coastguard Rescue Team in action with the RNLI; the Coastguards will have to rely on their local knowledge if the Clyde centre closes and operations for the west coast are moved to Aberdeen. c34egd01

to respond quickly and appropriately and is a vital factor in search and rescue incidents.'

The spokesman added: 'The closure consultation document downplays the importance of local knowledge citing that it lies with the voluntary Coastguard Rescue Teams.

'Their assistance is invaluable but if we are to respond quickly we cannot solely rely on them for our local knowledge.'

Their argument is that during an incident it is vital that decisions are made rapidly.

'To close Clyde and move responsibility for the west coast of Scotland to Aberdeen would mean losing this local knowledge, thus delaying response times.

'Sir Alan Massey our chief executive has accepted that the proposed new system will result in delays. What he has not made clear is, what delay is acceptable? When saving lives, minutes count.'

Search and rescue numbers

IN 2010 Clyde Coastguard handled 1,422 search and rescue incidents, which is more than 31 per cent of all incidents handled in Scotland and Northern Ireland and is equal to the number of incidents handled by Aberdeen (1,020) and Shetland (402) together.

Public meeting called

A PUBLIC consultation meeting into the closure of the Clyde MRCC will be held on March 2 at Port Glasgow Town Hall at 7pm; it will be attended by senior management.

Planned closure dates

CLYDE would close in the year 2012-2013, a move which Coastguards say is influenced by the news that its current home, the Navy Buildings, Greenock, will close in March 2012.

Covering a coastline of 2,200 miles

THE CLYDE Coastguard area of responsibility covers a coastline extending to 2,200 miles, which is nearly 25 per cent of the total UK coastline.

'To close the busiest coastguard station in Scotland seems folly.'

Agency plans to only run two centres

AT PRESENT the Marine and Coastguard agency has 19 Maritime Co-ordination Centres (MRCC) which run 24 hours a day.

Over the next four years, the proposal is to replace these with two, 24-hour Maritime Operational Centres (MOC); one on the south coast and another in Aberdeen. There would be four sub-centres in England and Wales and in Scotland a sub-centre at either Shetland or Stornoway; these would operate during daylight hours only. All other UK Coastguard centres would close except for Dover and Thames Barrier.

Summer sees a high volume of shipping

DURING the summer season on the west coast of Scotland the volume of shipping can be expected of up to 5,000 yachts and merchant vessels including 32 cruise liners.

Figures for 2009 show liners

brought 51,423 passengers and 34,282 crew.

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Fits of laughter at comedy night out

by **RUTH McCLEAN**
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A LIGHT bit of relief for the start of a bleak February came to the White Hart on Friday night in the form of four comedians.

From start to finish, the trio of acts of Gary Little, Bruce Morton and

added extra Keir McAllister had the audience in fits of laughter with their unusual content, with compere comedienne Susan Morrison adding a little extra in between, and certainly giving the audience more than they'd bargained for, especially those who chose to sit towards the front of the room.

The night, hosted by

Choose Life, in aid of Campbeltown Young Farmers, the recently launched Gatepost and Homestart brought something a bit different for the audience who spoke only too highly of the entertainment.

A total of £519 was raised on the night with Gatepost and Campbeltown Young Farmers each receiving £201.50,

and Homestart receiving £116, which was raised from a raffle.

The evening was also supported by The Co-Operative, which donated a Fairtrade hamper to the raffle.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who supported the event in any way to help raise so much money for local charities.



Left to right: Bruce Morton, Susan Morrison, Keir McAllister, Tracy Preece from Choose Life and headline act Gary Little.



Anne MacLachlan travelled all the way from Strachur to set up her Fyne Cakes stall at the Argyll Farmers market at Campbeltown on Saturday.

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ALL hands will be on deck today for the Rotary Club of Campbeltown, as it gets ready for its twice-yearly Sale of the Century.

Today (Friday) preparations will be put in place, and the event opened for viewing at 3.30pm to 5pm.

Bargain
 During this time the bric-a-brac stall will be open for sales so it's worth getting down to

the Victoria Hall to try and grab a bargain. Tomorrow (Saturday), the auctioning of items will begin and will be conducted by the Rotary's resident auctioneers, Cecil Finn and John Kerr.

The ladies of the Inner Wheel Club of Campbeltown will be providing tea, coffee, soft drinks, biscuits and filled rolls throughout tomorrow to raise funds for its club.

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Islay Airport

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Bad weather affects airport

ISLAY Airport's passenger and aircraft movements have been affected by the bad weather during December.

The total passenger movements for December 2010 were down 10.2 per cent compared to the same period on 2009.

In December 2009 there were 1,444 movements compared to 1,296 in December 2010.

The aircraft movements for December are also down 20.9 per cent from 177 in 2009 to 140 in 2010.

Commenting on the passenger numbers for the HIAL group, Inglis Lyon said: 'The impact of the recent inclement weather was evident.

Difficulties at other UK airports have also had a contributory impact on our passenger numbers at our airports.

'Spend on de-icing products has outstripped last years' entire use, which to some extent illustrates the conditions that we faced.

'Similarly, logistics costs are higher because we have had to move stock around the country earlier and more frequently.'

Planning application

THERE are plans to convert a storage building to form a ground floor chandlery shop and first floor office at Surnaig Farm, Lagavulin, Islay.

An application has been sent to Argyll and Bute Council for planning permission.

CARRADALE

Changing the way

PLANS are afoot to divert the route of the Kintyre Way between Carradale and Torrisdale in a bid to get more of the long-distance footpath off the road and away from traffic.

The change would involve the installation of a footbridge.

Matthew's ministry

MATTHEW Ramsay, of Carradale, the auxiliary superintendent for the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, is now responsible for ministering to the needs of fishermen and their families not just in Kintyre but as far away as Oban.

His ministry now extends to all the Argyll fishing ports.

Matthew retired as a Chief Petty Officer with Marine Scotland on the *FPV Norna* in December; he is also an elder of the Saddell and Carradale Church.



Matthew Ramsay.

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SOUTHEND Primary School's pre five unit and primary one pupils celebrated the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Rabbit by performing a dragon dance during their Thursday morning session last week. 04_c06nur01

Harbour's long term use

THE CARRADALE Harbour Users Group will meet this weekend to discuss the harbour, and look at its long-term use.

As a start the group is working on a five-year plan to improve the harbour where appropriate with the addition of pontoons.

After working up the plans the group will take them to the public for consultation.

The group now comprises chairman Alan Milstead with Marcus Adams, Alan Walker, Mike Hurst, Lachy Paterson, Duncan McIntosh, John McFarlane and Stuart Irvine.

Camera club

CARRADALE Camera Club members will be learning about scanning photographs and slides with Johnny Durnan at their February meeting.

For March, weather permitting, the club members will be doing outside photography.

SOUTHEND

Community council

THE next meeting of the Southend Community Council will be on Wednesday February 23 at 8pm at the Argyll Arms, Southend.

PENINVER

Blowing in the wind

PENINVER is hoping that on Saturday it can have its Guy Fawkes-Christmas-New Year-Valentine's bonfire celebration.

Every time the village has tried to light its bonfire the wind has been in the wrong direction or the weather has been wet. So here's hoping.

The bonfire, weather and wind permitting, will be lit tomorrow

(Saturday) '6.30 to 7pm-ish'.

If not, they might be trying for a Pancake Day bonfire.

Planning applications

THE Forestry Commission's Perth and Argyll Conservancy Department has submitted two planning applications to Argyll and Bute Council for the Peninver area.

The first is for a forest design plan for Lussa Forest and the second is for a rural development contract as part of the Scottish Government grant scheme for Greenland Woodland at Peninver.

TAYINLOAN

New people required for lunch club

TAYINLOAN'S lunch club is looking for new people to boost its numbers.

Every Wednesday a group of older people meet in the village hall in Tayinloan for lunch, which is made at Rhuna-haorine Primary School.

There are currently around six members, with only one gentleman and the club is keen to attract new members of any age who wish to join them for lunch once a week.

The lunch starts at noon and any one interested should pop along for a chat and a two-course meal.

Open pairs bowling competition

LATER this month an open pairs bowling competition will be run in Tayinloan Village Hall in aid of the RNLI.

Run by the West Kintyre ladies committee of the RNLI, anyone who would like to take part in the competition on February 23, 24 and 25 should contact Helen Steel on 01583 441252.

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WHITEHOUSE

Celebrating the Bard

THE community of Whitehouse turned out in force to its annual Burn's Supper in the village hall.

Nearly 60 people attended, including a lot of the village's youth, with this year's supper held in memory Walter Cleland whose original idea it was to hold an annual Burn's Supper in the hall.

Walter was also the driving force behind the modernisation and extensions to the hall back in the 1990's.

An excellent fare of home made pâté, traditional haggis, neeps and tatties, raspberry pavlova, home made shortbread, tea and coffee was prepared and served by ladies of the hall committee.

Hugh Paterson led the Grace before the meal, with John Hunt piping in the haggis and the *Address to the Haggis* performed by youngsters Sam and Maddy Sloan and Laura MacCaffery.

Hugh Macdonald performed the The Immortal Memory with Michael O'Donnell carrying out the Toast to the Lassies and Charlotte Gilhooly giving the Response from the lassies.

Songs, poems and musical recitals were also performed by Phil



Some of those who attended the Whitehouse Burn's Supper.



Left to right: Maddy Sloan, Sam Sloan and Laura MacCaffery.

O'Connor and Richard Fox, Dr Neil MacDonal, Maddy Sloan and Laura MacCaffery.

The evening concluded with the singing of *Auld Lang Syne*.

Spinning talk

MEMBERS of Whitehouse SWRI enjoyed a very interesting talk and demonstration on spinning by Zofia Sloan of the village at its February meeting.

Hostesses for the evening were Christine

Inglis and Pam Caley.

Competition results: jam pot label 1 Margaret Pratt, 2 Annette McLulich, 3 Maureen Small; scarf 1 Maureen Small, 2 Margaret Pratt and 3 Sarah McDonald.

Ploughing match in Ireland

A GROUP of keen ploughmen from Kintyre will travel to Ireland at

the end of this month to take part in well-known ploughing competition with their horses.

Neil and Lorraine MacPhail, along with their entourage of daughter Heather and Michael Mayberry of Skernish, Glenbarr, will travel to Mullahead Ploughing Match, Portadown, Ireland to compete with their horses Ceilidh and Jeanie.

Stephen Jones will join them with his assistant Stephen Livingstone and compete with horses Joyce and Finn.

Organised by the Mullahead and District Ploughing Society, its 97th Annual Ploughing Match will take place on February 26 and incorporates the 10th All Ireland Ferguson Ploughing Championship and 12th Ulster Horse Ploughing Championship.

LARGIESIDE

Flower arranging

ANN Clark will give a demonstration about flower arranging to the ladies of Largieside SWRI on Thursday February 17.

Have you got a story for our new district pages in the **Campbeltown Courier?**

If so, either send it in or call our reporters on **01586 554646**



NICCY Angus handed in this pretty photograph of snowdrops in Kintyre into *The Courier* office. She took the photograph last year at Kilchrist Castle, near Southend as the snowdrops were in full bloom. At the time the late Colonel and Mrs Angus lived there.



Mike Taylor of Kintyre Seatours snapped this albino amongst white-fronted geese at Tayinloan a week ago.



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- **Ref No: 10/01299/LIB**
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1999 NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 13

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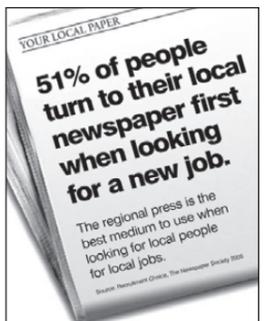
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BIRTHS



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McMILLAN - Peacefully at his home on February 5, 2011, with his family by his side, after a dignified battle against his illness, Donald McMillan aged 70 years of Mingarry, Bishopton Road Lochgilphead. Beloved husband of Isobel and loving father of Fiona, Donna and Marian much loved Parpar of Iain, Hayley, Louise, Craig, Ewan, Kyle, Kern and Ruan, dear brother of

Gladys. Respected father in law of Iain, Donald and the late Lachlan, dear uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, friend and work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery on Wednesday February 9, 2011. Forever in our thoughts.

McPHERSON - Peacefully at Auchinlee Care Home, on February 6, 2011, Iole Grumoli, in her 91st year, formerly of Burnside Cottage, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late David McPherson and a much loved sister and aunt. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Wednesday, February 16, at 1.00 p.m. 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 Auchinlee Care Home.

MORRISON - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 9, 2011, Daniel Morrison (Dan) in his 89th year, 9 Killeonan, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Isabella McKay (Bunty) and a much loved father and grandfather. Service in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Friday, February 11, at 1.00 p.m. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only.

WILLIS - Ian. Suddenly, but peacefully, on February 7, 2011, Ian Willis, in his 75th year, of Ford, Argyll. (Former proprietor of Highland Heathers). Beloved husband of Valerie, dear father of Nigel and Alistair. Funeral service will be held at Kilmartin Parish Church, on Friday February 11, 2011 at 11.30am - no black ties please. Kilts and bright colours would be preferred. Family flowers only. Donations to 'Mary's Meals' and Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Church Funds. Thereafter a private family service will be held at the crematorium.

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MCLAREN - Elizabeth (Betty) McLaren and William would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the staff of Tarbert Medical Centre and Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital for their care of Willie, to Margaret Sinclair for her very comforting service and to all those who attended the funeral at Tarbert Parish Church and Carrick Cemetery. Sincere appreciation to Stan Lupton for his guidance and professional services and to the Tarbert Hotel for catering.

MUIR - Jean, Jessie, Jim and all the family would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and phone calls following the sad loss of their dear mum (Bessie). Thanks to the paramedics, Dr Leask, Dr Lazarus for his care over the years, district nurses, Campbeltown police, Seafield Hotel and Kintyre Network Centre. Special thanks to Ian McKerral for piping at the graveside and David Gardner for the music in the church, to the Rev Burroughs for his comforting service and Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional services and all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. Retiring collection for Motor Neurone illness raised £989.02.

YOUNG - Nan. Dan, Rhoda, Kenneth and families would like to thank all relatives and friends, both at home and abroad, for their support and kind expressions of sympathy following their recent sad loss. They would also like to thank all who attended Nan's thanksgiving service and thanks to all those who have so kindly made donations to the Scottish Spina Bifida Association, with which Nan had a long association. Thanks also to Rev Tom Pollock, John Gormley and all others at Sherbrooke St Gilberts who contributed to her uplifting thanksgiving service.

IN MEMORIAMS

ANDERSON - Precious memories of John (Kynamp), a dear husband, dad and grandad. Passed away February 13, 2010. What we keep in our memory is ours forever.

Rena and family
BROWN - Treasured memories of our daughter and sister, died February 12, 1993. Forever in our hearts and minds.

Mum, Dad, Sister and Brothers.

CAMPBELL - John George of Carnasserie Farm, Kilmartin, who died February 15, 2010. In memory of a great and true friend. Thinking of you everyday, missing you more than words can say.

- Ewan
MACCUISH - In loving memory of a much loved wife and mother Mairi, who passed away on February 8, 2008.

Aye fond kiss
- John and John junior

MILLS - Cherished Memories of our beautiful mum Margaret, Who died February 8, 2008.

We love and miss you every day,
And keep you close to us in our hearts.

Lots of Love Corrinna & Lynda xXx

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 13th February 2011
Glassary 11.30am
Rev Cliff Acklam
All are welcome
SC002121

Highland Parish Church

SC002493
Sunday 13th February 2011
11.15am
Morning Worship
Creche (0-3yrs): Church
FunDay Club: 3yrs- P5- Kirk St Hall
JaM: P6+ - Church
12.10pm
Prayer
Monday 14th February
7.30pm
Guild: Kirk St Hall
(United Meeting with Lorne and Lowland Guild)
Tuesday 15th February
Badminton Club
6.30pm - 7.45pm: P1- P4
7.30pm - 9.00pm: P5 - P7
No Bible Study Fellowship this week
Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone always welcome

CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR (Church of Scotland)
Scottish Charity Number SC016097
Sunday 13th February 2011
Home (Psalm 90:1)
Cumlodden Church (Furnace)
10.30 am
Lochfyneside Church (Minard)
12 noon
Seirbheis Ghàidhlig (Monthly Gaelic Service)
Lochgair Church 3 pm
Tea to follow
Ceud mile fàilte
All Welcome
Rev. Roddy MacLeod

Church of Scotland NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Morning Worship
Sunday 13th February 2011
Inverlussa Church 10am
Worship led by Rev. Cliff Acklam.
All Welcome
MINISTER: Rev. Cliff Acklam
SC001002
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www.argyllcommunities.org/NKNAPDALECOFS

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 13th February 2011
Tarbert Church 11.30am
Kilberry Church 2pm
Margaret Sinclair
Interim Moderator
For all church inquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01499 500633
Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday, 13th February
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Creche, Triple C and Bible Class) (Rev. Philip Burroughs)
Monday, 14th February
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 17th February
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 18th February
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Saturday
Coffee Morning
10.00 - 12.00 noon
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
5.45pm Prayer Meeting
6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
12.15pm Over 60's Luncheon Club
1.30pm Ladies Home League
Wednesday
7.00pm House Group
Thursday
11.30am Meet 'n' Eat Café
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7.00pm Bible Study
Major Dolores Thomson

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75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday
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11.15 a.m. Family Service with Sunday Club
Wednesday
10.00 a.m.
Jelly Tots Parent & Toddlers
8.00 p.m.
Bible Discussion & Prayer
For details & other enquiries contact The Church Office
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Pastor: Chris Holden
For Furniture Recycling Project call 01586 551547
SC014646

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church

Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 13th February 2011
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
8.30am Holy Communion
10.45am Family Communion
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 13 February 2011
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"Fountain or Cistern"
All welcome

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 13th February 2011
11.00am Morning Service with communion
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 - 11.30am
Scottish Charity SC015187

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE
Sunday 13th February
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Tarbert golfers on course with £2,000 Big Lottery Fund grant

TARBERT Golf Club has been awarded £2,000 to help their campaign to attract juniors, and their parents, into the sport.

In 2005 the club was the hundredth [of the now 300] in Scotland to come on board with the national junior programme, clubgolf.

And tackling the issue of an ageing membership are six qualified volunteer coaches who coach over a dozen children through the season.

Until now the challenge for the club has been the lack of a dedicated practice area for the junior coaching and the absence of a club pro to teach the group the more advanced skills. But thanks to their grant from the 2014 Communities Big Lottery Fund, the club is well on the way to making their vision a reality.

Tarbert Golf Club's clubgolf coordinator,

John MacNab, explained: 'Because of our situation close to the loch, when the tide forgets to stop we have terrible problems with flooding so we decided to improve an area of the course.

'The grant will allow us to have a dedicated area where we can take the kids. We will improve the drainage, making it dry and safe and usable during the winter and spring.'

The £2000 will go a long way at Tarbert, affording a drainage pipe, gravel, turf and the hire of machinery. Club members will provide the labour in kind for the new facility which the club plans to open in the spring.

It will also allow the club to buy golf equipment to help make the game affordable to every child in the area, and pay for coaching for its most advanced



Tarbert Golf Club committee with their Big Lottery Fund notification: Sheena Ferguson, Jimmy MacNab, Eric MacDougall, president, Archie Black, John MacNab, Junior Co-ordinator, and Peter Cupples, secretary. 06_a06golf01

juniors by hopefully using a professional.

2011 will see a broad promotional campaign by the club, targeting

senior aged pupils at Tarbert Academy as well as primary aged pupils at the Academy, Clachan and Skipness

primary schools who have played clubgolf's introductory game. And they intend to grow adult membership.

If their initiative to develop the ladies section - which has brought in 30 new members in recent years - is anything to go by, then it should all be a success.

'Being a small club with a limited catchment, due to our rural setting, we realise we need to

forge much closer links with the local schools,' explained John.

'The local Active Schools Co-ordinator, Frances Hardie, is a great asset because she has been encouraging children to take up golf in the schools and is also a member of the club.

'By encouraging all the local children then it might help to attract their parents, particularly those that don't play golf, to come and play.'

Dookers share the points with Celtic in thriller match

TARBERT AFC travelled to Maryhill on Saturday to take on Celtic CA. The Dookers were looking for their first win of 2011, which would push them up the league table.

The game started at a good pace and both teams were looking impressive going forward, Prentice and McDougall causing the home side problems with their excellent footwork and powerful running.

The Dookers have been guilty of losing early goals in recent weeks, and this game was no different. A set piece was not cleared and the Celtic player managed to bundle the ball over the net. Tarbert needed a quick response, and they got it. Prentice crossed from the right, where the keeper could only parry out to the six-yard area. Jamie Stuart reacted quickly and

SAFL Premier 2
Celtic CA 4
Tarbert AFC - 4

drilled the ball home for the equaliser.

The goal lifted the spirits of the Tarbert boys, who were snapping into tackles in the midfield and battling for every ball. At the back Craig Martin was immense once again winning every header and organising the defence well.

It was against the run of play when the third goal came for the home side. Good work between Celtic's strikers gave them a sight at goal and the move was finished with a great finish into the bottom corner. Again Tarbert struck back immediately. Ronald and Prentice exchanged passes before finding Johnson. He played in Stuart who took one touch before hitting a

great finish into the top corner for his second goal of the game.

The Dookers were now pressing more and more and took the lead just before half time. Atty Millar found Johnson this time from a throw in, and he played in Nikki McDougall who advanced into the box. His cutback found Prentice, who made no mistake from 10 yards.

The second half took a while to get going properly but after 60 minutes Celtic were level again. It was another poor goal to lose, this time a corner kick found a Celtic player who headed home, Miller unable to keep the ball out on the line.

The home side were now pushing on for the winner, and they did regain the lead moments later. This time there was nothing Tarbert could do, a fine finish

sending the home fans wild. Tarbert were now struggling to create any major chances, needing someone to produce a bit of magic. It came from player and manager Prentice, who rifled home a free kick from 20 yards leaving the keeper with no chance. Tarbert could have won it at the death when McDougall played in Mackinnon, however the home keeper made a great save from his effort to earn his side a point.



Tarbert Golf Club Junior Co-ordinator, John MacNab coaching children on the clubgolf programme.

View plan for Campbeltown all-weather pitch

THE PLANNING application for an all-weather pitch in Campbeltown is on Argyll and Bute Council's website.

You can still send your support by emailing planning.maki@argyll-bute.gov.uk quoting the All Weather Pitch Application Reference 10/02037/PP.

So far 154 letters of support have been received by PMR Leisure, community sport and leisure consultants, who were

employed by Argyll and Bute Council to carry out the Stage 2 application to sportscotland which was submitted last month.

Yesterday, (Thursday) Argyll and Bute Council was due to meet to discuss its capital allocation for 2011-2012, and if successful, this will fall in line with expected response from sportscotland in March.

Cup tie for Tarbert

IN THE second round of the Jimmy Marshall Cup, Tarbert travel to take on Castlemilk tomorrow (Saturday).

Tarbert AFC drew 4-4 with Celtic Community Academy on Saturday February 5 in a premier two fixture and is currently sitting eighth in the league.

Dunaverty lottery

DUNAVERTY Golf Club's three number lottery's jackpot now stands at £800.

Terry Fowler drew out the following numbers 5, 7 and 13 with no winners.

The next draw will be held on February 20.

Islay Golf Club

DONALD Logan won Islay Golf Club's February Medal.

Results: 1 Donald Logan 85 less 19 net 66, 2 Nigel Carmichael 73 less 6 net 67, and 3 Keith MacDonald 75 less 7 net 68. CSS 69.

Crinan Puffer race will boost sport funds

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Hundreds enjoy sports coaching weekend

SPORTS enthusiasts from across the area, as well as others from farther afield, gathered in Oban at the weekend to learn new skills.

More than 400 people, including many from Kintyre, took part in the fourth annual Argyll and Bute Sports Coaching conference with courses varying from swimming, Zumba and canoeing to first aid and core stability.

Coaching courses took

place in sports halls, classrooms, swimming pools and pitches in Oban High School, the Primary Joint Campus and Atlantis Leisure. There were also canoeing and mountain-eering courses delivered by Stramash.

Spokesman for third sector and communities, Councillor Rory Colville said the feedback from candidates, tutors and sport governing bodies has been very positive.

He said: 'The numbers have grown from 252 participants in 2008, demonstrating the value this brings to our coaches and communities. Argyll and Bute has one of the highest rates of participation and volunteering in sport in Scotland and this event is designed to support and encourage this by further developing quality coaching in all our communities. Most courses were subsidised by Argyll and Bute Council and sportsScotland to ensure affordability for everyone to access these opportunities.'

It is hoped this event can be held again next year to increase the quality and quantity of sporting opportunities in Argyll and Bute.



A group learns about core stability using exercise balls.

Pupils' weekend action wiped out by weather

BOTH Campbeltown Pupils' football matches at the weekend were affected by the weather, forcing them to be cancelled.

This weekend (Saturday February 11) in a Premier 1 fixture the first team travel to play Rolls Royce (EK).

The 'B' side plays at home at Kintyre Park, against Bothwell and Uddingston Albion in a division three fixture.



The core stability course.



Argyll and Bute Football Development Officer Martin Rae demonstrates his skill at the coaching weekend.



Golf was one of the many courses on offer at the coaching weekend.



Bobby Dalziel, Gavin McLachlan and Jane McCorkindale.

Bowlers raise hospital cash

A TOTAL of £400 was raised in aid of Erskine Hospital at Argyll Bowling Club's Charity Triples competition.

The club would like to thank all who participated or donated in any way, and a special thanks to Wallace Express for its sponsorship.

Results: winners G McLachlan, J McCorkindale and B Dalziel, runners up B Bruce, J McCormick and D Reid. Losing semi finalists: S Grumoli, P Grumoli, J McLachlan and G Grumoli, G Grant and A Sinclair.



Winner Lorna McFadyen with Helen Lind, proprietor of the Ailsa.

Lorna checks out with darts title

LORNA McFadyen won the Campbeltown and District Darts Association's ladies singles competition.

Taking place in the Ailsa on Thursday February 3, Mary Ross took second place. There was some high scoring in the final with Mary hitting two 140s and Lorna checking out on 103 to take the title. Ali Brodie hit 140 earlier in the evening.

Week 13 results: Southend 2 Fiddlers 8, Commercial Bye, Argyll B 1 Argyll A 9, Ailsa 1 Burnside 9, Hunting Lodge 1 Kinloch 9.

Gregor MacGregor hit 180 for the Burnside and Mikey hit a 109 finish for the Ailsa.

Rankin left stunned after cup marathon

A FAIR share of high drama and exciting play took place for the first round of the Saturday Winter League Cup at Machrihanish Golf Club.

None more so than the clash between past captain Stephen Kelly/Willie Miller and Davie Rankin/Graham Anderson.

A real marathon match went

no fewer than 27 holes before a stunning birdie from Kelly proved a knock out blow and sent Rankin tumbling, quite literally as he suffered facial injuries clambering back from the beach after a wayward tee shot, out the cup!

Elsewhere cupspecialists Terry Mundy and Hector 'Tuesday'

McMurphy eased into the next round whilst the Royal Navy, in the guise of Calum MacLean and recalled sub Davy Wallace crashed out.

Davy will now be looking for a game this week.

The league is delighted to see Roddy Jackson return to action after a lengthy spell on

the sidelines but his opponents, Angus Brown and Finlay Wylie, showed no mercy giving Roddy and partner Ken Greig a dog's licence.

Welcome back Roddy. The cup continues tomorrow with the quarter final ties taking place along with some of the remaining league games.

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