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Pals are rallying round for Billy

Fundraising bid for former Campbeltown man in Indian jail

by **GRAHAM CRAWFORD**
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PALS of Billy Irving are urging Campbeltown to support the 33-year-old who has been languishing in an Indian jail since October.

The former grammar school pupil was one of 35 crewmen arrested by Indian authorities.

The owner of their boat, which was protecting vessels from pirate gangs in the Indian Ocean, has been accused of having illegal weapons on board and wrongfully obtaining fuel.

Billy, one of six Brits on board, has been re-

fused bail on six occasions.

Now his many friends from his Campbeltown Grammar School days are determined to help him.

Best pal Shaun McDaniel, 33, from Campbeltown, told the Courier this week: 'We are holding a raffle to try and raise as much money as possible to help Billy with his legal costs to help get him home to his family.'

'We are hoping the town gets behind us.'

Shaun along with Sha-

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Billy Irving and girlfriend Yvonne McHugh pictured last year before he was imprisoned in India.

Courier backs school newspaper competition

THE Courier is delighted to support a competition to find the best print or online 'newspaper' produced by high school pupils.

Secondaries across Scotland can submit entries for the Scottish School Media Awards in June.

The Campbeltown Courier, part of publishing company Wyvex Media Ltd which is sponsoring the best newspaper category, is encouraging schools across the Highlands and Islands to take up the challenge. The awards aim to encourage young people into careers in publishing and the creative industries, particular pupils who have an interest in writing, photography, design and business.

Organised by Menzies Distribution the awards also aim to support the Curriculum for Excellence by building confidence and showing how different school subjects can come together as part of a wider learning experience.

Pupils have until Wednesday, April 30 to submit their entries, with the imPRESS judging panel looking for pupil-led projects

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Fundraising bid for former Campbeltown man held in Indian jail

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ron Gillies and many others have organised a prize raffle which will be drawn in the town's Burnside Bar on Thursday evening, February 20.

Shaun added: 'Billy is a popular and positive man and there are a lot of people in Campbeltown thinking about him and wanting to help.'

Billy's girlfriend, Yvonne McHugh, 25, from Connel, Oban has just returned from visiting him in India.

Their emotional meetings over a week broke a seven-month spell since Yvonne waved the former para goodbye expecting him to be back home in two months.

She told the Courier: 'When he saw

me and his dad, Jim, he got quite emotional, which is not like him.

'It was great to have time with him and be able to give him a kiss and a cuddle.

'His hair was very long, he has a big beard and he has lost a lot of weight, though he was in better health than we dared hope considering he has been in hospital twice with dysentery. He may be skinny and hairy but he is still as handsome as ever.

'Parting on the last day was not easy for us, but at least we are now in regular contact by letter.'

Yvonne said Billy and his fellow Brits are happier with the new lawyer representing them.

'Once they receive written confirmation of the charges facing them, they will apply for bail again,' she said.

'It's a waiting game, but we remain optimistic he will be home soon.'

With crew members receiving no wages since being jailed, it has hit them hard financially with some having to sell their homes.

Yvonne said she was touched by the efforts being made by all Billy's old schoolfriends from Campbeltown.

Raffle tickets are available from Burnside Bar, Campbeltown Kitchens, the Whisky Shop, the fishmongers, DM Brown and Kintyre Hire among other places.



Shaun McDaniel is helping to organise a raffle to raise funds for his best pal Billy Irving's legal costs. 08_c06affle01

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Police Files:

Police warn drivers of wet roads

CAMPBELTOWN Police are warning drivers to be aware of tidal surges and large puddles on the roads after a week

of heavy rain and road closures. Last weekend the A83 was closed for a time at Bellochantuy because of a landslide which council diggers cleared. The road was also closed at Clachan on Saturday morning after snow.

Kilkerran Road and the Esplanade in Campbeltown were both closed briefly during high tide on Monday.

Bike stolen

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a bike was stolen from a close at 11 High Street, Campbeltown between

5am and 3pm on Sunday, January 26.

The bike, a men's black framed Boardman mountain bike, has been recovered by police.

Anyone with any information should contact PC Pallent at Campbeltown Police Office.

Dangerous driving charge

A 22-YEAR-old man has been charged with dangerous driving after being caught driving at an excessive speed on the A83 at Tayinloan.

He has been reported to the procurator fiscal.

Courier backs school newspaper competition

Continued from Page 1 showing strong content and commercial thinking.

The awards will include 14 categories that cover news writing, commercial strategy, design and layout, photography and sport writing.

Winners will be invited to the awards ceremony in Edinburgh on Friday, June 13.

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ACHA wants customer input

ARGYLL Community Housing Association is carrying out a short customer satisfaction survey.

A sample of tenants from across Argyll and Bute are being telephoned by a company called BMG Marketing and asked to contribute to the survey.

The survey results will be reported to tenants later in the year and also to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

An ACHA spokeswoman said: 'We are keen to seek the opinions from our customers across a range of subjects including repairs, communication and value for money.'

'No-one will be asked to divulge any personal information.'

Appeal over shed break-in

WITNESSES are being sought by police following a suspected break-in at a shed at a yard Carradale Pier on Monday.

The shed was damaged and anyone with information should contact PC Pallent, at Campbeltown police office on 101.

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High tides hinder road repair work



'Flooding seems to be becoming more common at this stretch - perhaps much stronger defences are needed'

FURTHER high tides have hindered work to make permanent repairs to a section of the C18 Southend Road badly damaged by the sea early last month.

Two parts of the road, between Keil and St Columba's Footprints, were ripped up four weeks ago as high tides caused problems in various parts of Kintyre.

A defence wall and a section of the road completely washed away opposite St Columba's Footprints have been fully repaired and reopened.

However, a few hundred yards

away, closer to Southend, where the road was also badly damaged and reopened following repairs, further sea damage has meant it has had to be closed again.

A villager, who did not want named, said: 'The road was back in use for a while but has been shut off again. Flooding seems to be becoming more common at this stretch - perhaps much stronger defences are needed.'

Argyll and Bute Council warned a month ago that 'permanent repairs may take several weeks and will be weather and tide dependent'.

High tides over last weekend and Monday continued to cause problems to a section of the C18 Southend Road damaged last month. 08_c06road01

Pupils video will promote town

PUPILS from Campbeltown Grammar School are making a music video to promote Campbeltown and all its businesses. Among the students involved are Ciaran Norris, Charlotte Semple, Iona McAllister and Heather Spree.

Ciaran can be contacted at cyrano888@live.co.uk or phone on 07473100869.

Pier update

THE Dalintober Beach Regeneration Group is holding a meeting tonight (Friday) from 7pm at Campbeltown Sailing Club, Low Askomil, with anyone welcome to attend. There will be an update on the pier by Councillor Donald Kelly.

The New Year 'Dip for Dosh' to raise cash for beach-cleaning efforts brought in a total of £1,104.95, it was confirmed this week.

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Traders encouraged to have a strong voice

TRADERS in Campbeltown have been told it is in their interest to have a strong voice in their town.

They could, for example, have a say in traffic flow and parking plans that would help their businesses, said Neil Clapperton of Explore Campbeltown.

They could also push for an increasingly popular idea to take vehicles and car parking out of Burnside Square and see it transformed into a civic area where people could relax and pubs could put out tables and chairs.

Mr Clapperton spoke

last week at an initial meeting held by Explore Campbeltown with a view to getting a Campbeltown Traders' Association up and running again.

Support

Explore Campbeltown, which now has 200 participating businesses and was set up to promote what the town has to offer, would not be directly involved in the group but would offer its support.

Mairi Paterson, Explore Campbeltown spokeswoman, said: 'Fourteen people turned up for the ini-

tial meeting and about eight of them were traders.

'However, quite a few others got in touch to say they were interested in forming an association even though they could not make it along.

'Some who were there were also very enthusiastic and could see the benefits of getting their ideas heard, so we will be holding another meeting in a few weeks' time with a time and place still to be decided.

'Hopefully, we will be able to form a committee then.'



There is a growing feeling that vehicles should be kept out of Burnside Square, freeing it up to be a civic area where people can relax. 08_c06burnside01

Argyll and Bute Council intends to look at traffic management in the town centre and parking provision.

Campbeltown Com-

munity Council is keen to see more parking spaces created.

* What do you think about the parking available in and around the

town centre? What about the idea of taking vehicles out of Burnside Square and making a proper civic area? Write to Editor, Camp-

beltown Courier, Main and Longrow South, Campbeltown, PA28 6AE or email: editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Allt Rubha Wind Farm Public Exhibition

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We're changing the name of our proposed Inverneill Wind Farm to Allt Rubha Wind Farm and holding another Public Exhibition.

Following our first round of Public Exhibitions back in November, we've made some changes to the project and would like to give you another opportunity to see our proposals and share your views with us.

If you have feedback, please make sure you give it to us before Monday 10 March 2014 so we can consider it in the design.

Location: Ardrishaig Public Hall
Date: Monday 17 February
Time: 4pm to 8pm

In the meantime if you'd like further information or have any questions or concerns you can call, write or email us at any time.

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The proposed Allt Rubha Wind Farm is located 3 miles south of Ardrishaig. Please note that feedback given at the exhibition, are not representations to Argyll and Bute Council. Once we submit our application you'll have the opportunity to make a formal representation directly to Argyll and Bute Council.

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RNLI stalwart's work 'should be given national recognition'

WHY has a man, who voluntarily gave 50 years of unstinting service to Campbeltown Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) lifeboat, never been given a national honour?

That is the question eating away at John McWhirter's friend and former Campbeltown man Tommy Ralston, who was coxswain of Mallaig lifeboat.

Now retired and living in Fife, he said of Mr McWhirter: 'He was

given the RNLI silver badge in 1970, the RNLI gold badge in 1986, and the bar to the gold badge in 1989, the year he retired with his 50 years' service after an honourable and an unforgettable dedication to his town and its lifeboat.

'It is more than time that someone with such selfless and first-class voluntary public service should be the subject of a national honour.

'Folk have got MBEs and OBEs for a lot less.

'It is not beyond the resources of the great and proud Campbeltown and its strong community to make it a communal challenge to get this astonishing omission redressed.'

Celebrated

Mr McWhirter, now living alone in Campbeltown, recently celebrated his 96th birthday.

He was first the assistant honorary secretary in 1948 and then honorary secretary of the lifeboat – a responsibility known today as lifeboat operations manager.

He was famously prudent in looking after lifeboat station's funds, and

even paid his own travelling expenses to Glasgow meetings of the Scottish Lifeboat Convention.

A former crew member, who did not want named, said: 'John is a modest, unassuming man who was very well regarded in lifeboat circles.

'He lived for the RNLI and was determined that the job should be done and done properly.

'He would not want a fuss made on his behalf, but it is true he should receive greater acknowledgement for his 50 years' service.

'Let us hope there is

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A83 roadworks

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Traffic will be managed using a 10mph convoy system to maintain the safety of the travelling public and workforce.

A 30mph speed restriction will be in place outwith working hours as road users will be driving on a temporary road surface.

New cancer service

A NEW service providing information and support for people affected by cancer opens in Campbeltown Library today (Friday).

The Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service has been developed in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council, NHS Highland, and Argyll Voluntary Action to provide much needed support for people with cancer, their families and carers.

Man attacked eight months pregnant woman

A MAN has been found guilty of attacking his former partner when she was eight months pregnant.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court was told that he had pulled huge clumps of hair from her scalp and spat in her face.

Neil Johnstone, 24, of 6 Millers Park, Campbeltown, was found guilty last week after a six-day jury trial.

He was convicted of assaulting the woman at her home address in Campbeltown on July 14 last year by attempting to force her down stairs, repeatedly punching her on the head and body, kicking her on the body, seizing hold of her by the hair, pulling hair from her head, spitting on her face, throwing a remote control at her and pushing her against a wall, all to the danger of her life and the life of her unborn child.

During his summing up, procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty admitted the jury faced a difficult decision.

He said: 'Your job would have been easier if you had a complainer who sobbed appropriately and cried at the nasty bits and told in plain terms what happened to her.'

During evidence the woman repeatedly changed her story and went back on a claim to police that Johnstone had kicked her on the stomach.

Argument

She described how an argument had erupted after Johnstone had returned home drunk.

He grabbed her by a hair clip on the back of her head at the top of stairs and a struggle ensued.

The court was shown a bag of the woman's hair, which he had pulled out 'in clumps' leaving bald patches.

The attack continued as she called police. The sound of a child screaming and the woman pleading to be left alone could be heard on a police recording played to the jury.

Johnstone claimed he acted in self defence when his former partner ran at him with a fork.

Defence agent Christian Kane told the jury they could not 'believe a single word' the woman had said.

Before the trial started, Johnstone pleaded guilty to shouting, swearing and uttering threats at 6 Millers Park and Campbeltown Hospital on July 14 of last year, as well as obstructing police, struggling violently with officers and attempting to bite one of them.

Sentencing was deferred until February 20 for background reports.

John is spot on to lift £2,750 Spot the Ball jackpot

JOHN MacVean showed he had a good grasp of the beautiful game as he scooped the £2,750 jackpot in the Courier's Spot the Ball competition.

John, 43, from Kilmichael Glassary, has been playing the weekly competition for two years.

He said: 'I definitely enter when the prize money goes up a lot.'

'The past couple of weeks I noticed the ball was up high, so I aimed there and got it.'

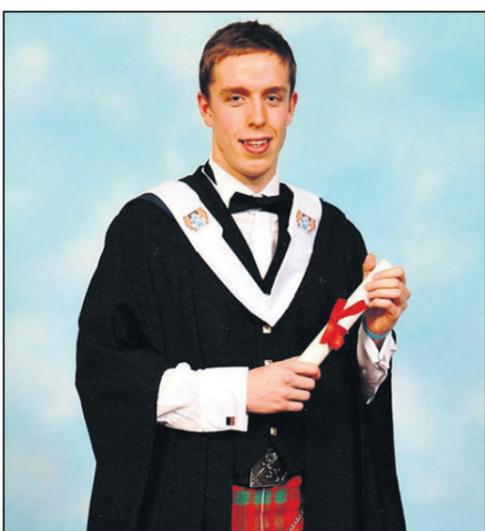
John, employed at Jewson's in Lochgilphead for 25 years, said: 'I might use the money for a holiday away from all this rain.'

John, a keen player of the Spot the Ball competition, is £2,750 richer.

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GRADUATION



Callum MacGregor, age 21, recently graduated from City of Glasgow College with an HND in Fitness, Health and Exercise. He is the son of Duncan and Yvonne MacGregor, Shetland and the grandson of Betty and the late Jimmy MacGregor, Carradale.

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Vital statistics?

'LIES, damned lies, and statistics' is, according to Wikipedia - not itself the most reliable source of information - 'a phrase describing the persuasive power of numbers, particularly the use of statistics to bolster weak arguments'.

It came to mind when the Courier examined a press statement put out by the Edinburgh PR company, Orbit Communications, representing Burcote Wind which wants to establish 19 massive wind turbines to the rear of Glenbarr village (see story on page 13). According to Orbit, 40 per cent of those who completed feedback forms at a Glenbarr exhibition on Burcote's proposals 'were either supportive or very supportive of our proposals'.

That sounded quite substantial, but somewhat surprising in view of the impression of almost unanimous anger among Glenbarr villagers given to the Courier during the past year. However, when the paper asked for a breakdown on those who attended, it turned out that just 15 feedback forms were received of which 26.7 per cent were supportive (four people) and 13.3 percent (two people) very supportive. That total of six suddenly did not sound as big a number as 40 per cent. Does it also really mean an average of six out of 15 people in Glenbarr backs Burcote? That is a matter of interpretation. What if you are subsequently told that 30 of the 45 people attending the exhibition either exited in disgust or declined to participate in the form filling? It then becomes a different story.

Burcote Wind hires a PR company for a purpose - to help achieve its aims by winning people round to its way of thinking.

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It is time for Richard Lochhead to act

Sir,

With the vast majority of responses to the Marine Protected Areas consultation in favour of them, it is now time for the Scottish Government to act.

Consultations are not referenda or elections but they are part of the democratic process and the weight of public opinion behind MPAs must be acknowledged.

Very few respondents are against MPAs but those that are seem to think they have a veto on marine policy. Now is the hour for Richard Lochhead, cabinet secretary for rural affairs and the environment, to show real leadership.

It is not good enough to sit on the fence until the independence referendum is over. Scotland's people deserve healthy and productive seas which genuinely support all coastal communities.

COAST's legal advice is that Mr Lochhead needs to balance the interests of all marine stakeholders within his remit of encouraging sustainable development. These include tourism, recreational sea angling and both the mobile and static fishing sectors.

For too long his department has been biased in favour of bottom dredging and trawling.

The scientific consensus is that these methods are destructive and unsustainable.

The current process is just irrational. There seems to be no proper basis for all the architecture of government supporting the use of the public fishery in this way.

Surely the cabinet secretary will see sense and implement lasting reforms, without going through the expense and trauma of a thorough analysis of the mismanagement of the Clyde fishery in the courts.

COAST is neutral on independence and is non party political, however, we will hold our Government and politicians to account for their management of Scotland's seas.

Community Of Arran Seabed Trust.

Thanks to cinema patrons

Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the board and management of the cinema, and would like to thank all our patrons who turned out on Monday night in such a storm to watch *Philonena*, the much heralded and Oscar-nominated film.

The inadequacies of the queuing arrangements distressed all of us and vividly shows the need for The Centenary Project to succeed. We were all so delighted to see almost 180 people and fervently wished our cramped kiosk and wonderful but antique ticket machine could cope quicker with getting people to their seats. We are working on this.

Meanwhile, I urge everyone to support us by coming to the cinema as often as possible.

We are trying to improve our marketing through social media, Argyll FM (and thanks are due to them too) and other means.

It is so important to show our funders that the cinema is valued and used by the community and we will be trying to implement new screening ideas in the months ahead.

Joyce McMillan wrote in *Weekendlife* for The Scotsman about theatres last July, but the same goes for cinema: 'it is the big auditorium that is the heart and soul of ... any theatre ... a magical space that brings together an audience of scattered souls, that wraps itself round them in a soft ... embrace, that draws their attention towards the stage, and that seeks to make them one, in a single, shared experience.'

Jane Mayo
Chairman,
Campbeltown
Community Business
Limited.

Putting the record straight

Sir,

Two points have to be made in response to the letter from Mr Orr in last week's Courier.

Firstly, the UK Government was indeed obliged to guarantee all debts incurred up to the date of any possible separation because Mr Salmond's threat to walk away from Scotland's part of the debt began to reflect badly on the credit rating of the whole UK. Without a guarantee, this would almost certainly have led to higher interest charges on the debt.

Secondly, the UK has a debt because the previous administration (kept in power, remember, by Scottish MPs) spent more than the country earned for 10 years, and borrowed to make up the difference.

About 10 per cent of that spending was in and on Scotland. Thus, in the event of separation Scotland would inherit that share of the debt.

As the referendum gets clos-

er, we can expect more of the type of imaginative prediction offered by Mr Orr to be circulated by supporters of separation. Those of us who support the Union must be on our guard and ready to put the record straight.

Ron Knight
by email.

Why has rubbish not been removed?

Sir,

I live near the old shipyard at the end of Low Askomil and walk my dog there most mornings.

Because of the storms we have experienced in the past month or so rubbish has accumulated along the pathway including stones and seaweed, but more worryingly bottles, cans and all sorts of debris which is a health hazard.

Some very thoughtful person has collected some of the rubbish and put it in bags by the litter bin at the entrance to the pathway, but I noticed today that the refuse collectors have not removed it.

I find it unbelievable, after someone has gone to the trouble to collect it, that it has not been removed.

No wonder we have so much rubbish around what should be a beautiful area, not only for locals but visitors to enjoy.

If more people took the care to collect and dispose of their trash the area would be a much nicer place; the least you could expect is for the bin men to collect the litter someone has gone to the trouble to collect.

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Form an orderly pew for unusual sale in the church

IT may not be the sale of the century, but it is certainly a rather unusual sale after a century.

Almost exactly 100 years after they were first installed in Campbeltown Free Church, a total of 36 pitch pine pews are available to buyers.

The six-foot and 12-foot long pews are being sold at £35 and £60 each, and church elder Calum Ferguson and his wife, Liz, are expecting them to be in demand.

Demand

'Our church in Lochgilphead sold off their pews a few weeks ago and demand outstripped the number of pews available,' Liz told the Courier.

'People are cutting them and adapting them as furniture.'

'We have friends in Edinburgh who want two to create seating in their kitchen area.'

'Pubs and restaurants will also adapt pews.'

The Campbeltown



Elder Calum Ferguson and wife Liz with the Campbeltown Free Church pews which are up for sale. 08_c06pew01

pews are being sold as part of modernisation and upgrading work at the George Street church built in 1812.

Calum, whose father, Donald, was its minister in the 1960s, said: 'We are replacing the pews

with seats to give the building greater flexibility.'

'We'd like to make it available for regular community events and groups during the week rather than just be open

for an hour or two on

a Sunday. We are also putting in double glaze dwindows as well as new gas central heating to replace the heating pipes which run under the pews.'

'We are also open to offers for a traditional

fireplace.'

Anyone interested in buying a pew can contact Calum on 01586-551589 or 07745785955 or view them at the church on Saturday, February 15 between 10am and 4pm.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I LOVE the image of God as the great seamstress knitting us together in our mother's womb.

It is wonderful to think of God crafting us and weaving us into his creation.

We are familiar with knitting here, for knitting and weaving have been a tradition in these parts for centuries, and each island had a particular identification that made it special.

Harris Tweed, Arran sweaters, and much local knitwear tell the story of centuries of learned skills passed from generation to generation.

Today there is an extension of this story in what is known as the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

The shawl is made with thoughtfulness and care. The making of the shawl begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient.

The intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl and upon completion a final blessing is offered before it is sent on its way.

How lovely in this day and age of mass produced products to have something specially made just for us.

Blessings are prayed into every stitch.

Many go to folk who are ill, some to people who are bereaved; some little squares go to soldiers on the front line to wear inside their helmets.

Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive God:

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'Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles...'

Across the world people are knitting with love, making a pattern of hope and weaving a dream for the future.

We can all become part of the tapestry.

Chance to learn family history at the library

TASTER sessions on researching family history are being held at Campbeltown Library next week.

Anyone with an interest in researching their family's past are being encouraged to sign up to a free one-to-one taster session using the Scotland's People website.

A trained member of staff will show those just starting to explore their family history how to use the website.

Councillor Robin Currie, Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for community and culture, said: 'The interest in researching family history is very keen in Argyll and Bute and the library service has recognised this.'

The session at Campbeltown Library is on Thursday, February 13 and booking is essential. To book a slot contact the library.

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The project received Ofgem approval in 2013 and works have commenced at the new Crossaig substation. We will present details of the project and construction programme at a public information event:

**Carradale Hotel
Tuesday 18 February 2014, 4pm – 8pm**

The event will provide members of the public with the opportunity to understand the three main components of the project and talk to our project team, who will be on hand to answer questions.

Further information on the proposal can be obtained from our website or by contacting our Corporate Affairs (Networks) department, as follows:-

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Members of the Inner Wheel of Campbeltown are pictured with William Russell, left, and Tracey Chambers, standing fourth from left, of Campbeltown Community Orchard Garden and William's granddaughter, Taylor Russell, 2, and friend, Grace Irvine, 3. 08_c06wheel01

Campbeltown Community Orchard Garden wheel in new barrows

HUNDREDS of pounds worth of gardening equipment has been gifted to Campbeltown's Community Orchard Garden by the Inner Wheel of Campbeltown. The money to fund the equipment was raised by Inner Wheel

members serving lunches and refreshments at the Rotary Club's sale of the century in October. Members will be doing the same at the club's next sale on March 7-8 when proceeds are expected to go to the local women's aid.

William Russell, the community garden's co-ordinator, said the organisation was grateful for the gift. Some of the equipment purchased will help promote more young people to become involved in the garden.

Heartfelt plea for help to trace Della

A FAMILY has made a heartfelt plea for help to trace a much-loved dog. The three-year-old English pointer bitch with distinctive white and black markings ran off into the forest eight miles north of Carradale in November. Despite searching many miles of forest since then, putting up posters and running Facebook appeals, the dog has still not been traced.

Rose Richmond, 17, of Sperasaig House, Cour Estate, north of Carradale, told the Courier: 'The sheer land mass in Kintyre makes it impossible to search everywhere.'

'Della was just three years old and very fit and healthy when she disappeared.'

'We are now convinced that someone has picked her up, perhaps if she appeared on a road in Kintyre.'

'We would like to let everyone know she is not an abandoned animal but a very much loved family pet who is missed greatly.'

'We are hoping someone will get in touch with us about Della. It's been really hard on us all wondering what has become of her.'

'She was in the garden and took off after a

deer. She had done that before and eventually found her way home many hours later.'

'We heard just before New Year's Day that a dog fitting her description had been seen alone on Lochgilphead Golf Course on Christmas Day and we searched there as well.'

Rose can be contacted on 07771880057.



Della, with her distinctive black and white markings, has been missing since November.

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Coffee morning helps ensure the show goes on



A coffee morning to raise funds for the Kintyre Drama Festival at Campbeltown Grammar School on February 18-19 was held in the town's Red Cross Hall last Saturday morning. Pictured helping out are members of the Kintyre Argyll District of the Scottish Community Drama Association who as well as fundraising also receive support from Campbeltown Common Good Fund, East and West Kintyre Windfarm Trusts and the Rotary Club of Campbeltown. 08_c06coffee01

Southend Burns Supper goes down a treat

MORE than 100 guests enjoyed the 57th Southend Burns Supper on Friday, January 24 in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown.

Chairman for the night was Iain MacPherson who kept the evening going with plenty of wit. Guest speaker was the Rev Martin Forrest who did a most entertaining Immortal Memory, mostly in rhyme. He even com-

mented on the 10-minute interval which lasts for 40 minutes and gave a lengthy and very funny poem lamenting the demise of the fish course, which he reckoned was the only change in format in 57 years.

The crowd was treated to a bagpipe selection by Donnie McKerral, who also piped in the haggis and the members of the top table.

The musical entertainment saw David McEwan accompanying four excellent singers, Catherine Ralston, Malcolm Ronald, Sarah McDonald and Peter McKerral, who all did great justice to a selection of Burns songs.

Hilarious

Tom Millar gave a hilarious Toast to the Lassies and was ably replied to by Lin-

da McLean. John Ralston addressed the haggis, David Barbour recited Tam O'Shanter and Wum Semple gave a vote of thanks to all the artistes and also to the Argyll Hotel for such a lovely meal, served speedily.

Some visitors from Edinburgh commented that they had been at many Burns Suppers but had never enjoyed such good entertainment.

Top wind quintet has Campbeltown date

A LEADING wind quintet is performing in Campbeltown's Lorne and Lowland Old Hall on Tuesday, February 11.

The Marylebone Wind Quintet, formed in 2009, are winners of the 2012 Tunnell Trust Award, as

well as being finalists in the 2012 Royal Overseas League Competition.

Since winning the Royal Academy of Music's Nicholas Blake Prize in 2011 they have appeared regularly at venues in London and across the

country. Members of the group have performed chamber music together since 2002.

Over these years the group has studied and performed the core wind quintet repertoire, and have also enjoyed dividing into other combinations, from duet to sextet, most recently with pianist Timothy End.

In and out of studies, the group are developing successful individual careers, most recently with orchestras including the London Symphony Orchestra, London Philharmonic Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and BBC Symphony Orchestra.

The quintet is now focusing on contempo-

rary works and exploring the cutting edge of wind writing. The players have strong backgrounds in new music, performing regularly with groups including the London Sinfonietta,

London Contemporary Orchestra, Azalea Ensemble and the Size Zero Opera Company.

Tickets are £10 at the door, with children and students are free - 7.30pm start.



The Marylebone Wind Quintet will be performing in Campbeltown next Tuesday.



Primary 7 pupil Calum McKillop, a member of Dalintober Primary School Pipe Band, was invited by Auchinlee Care Home in Campbeltown to pipe in the haggis at its Burns Supper.



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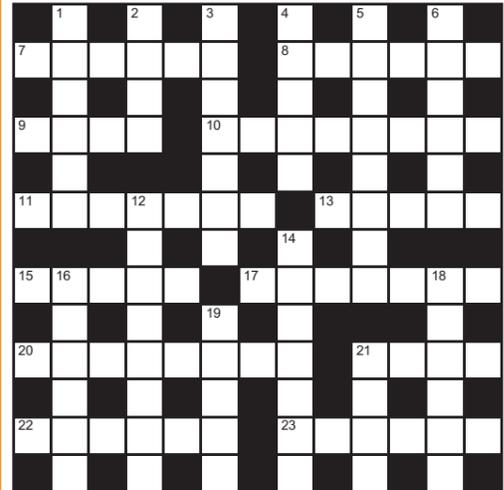
Synopsis: Last Vegas. Billy (Michael Douglas), Paddy (Robert De Niro), Archie (Morgan Freeman) and Sam (Kevin Kline) have been best friends since childhood. So when Billy, the group's sworn bachelor, finally proposes to his thirty-something (of course) girlfriend, the four head to Las Vegas with a plan to stop acting their age and relive their glory days. However, upon arriving, the four quickly realize that the decades have transformed Sin City and tested their friendship in ways they never imagined. The Rat Pack may have once played the Sands and Cirque du Soleil may now rule the Strip, but it's these four who are taking over Vegas.

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Successful blackface sheep stock judging held

KINTYRE Blackface Sheep Breeders Association's annual stock judging competition was held last Saturday, attracting competitors from across Argyll.

Master judge was Iain Shaw, Acharonich, Ardfern, who had the difficult task of ranking the 60 entries.

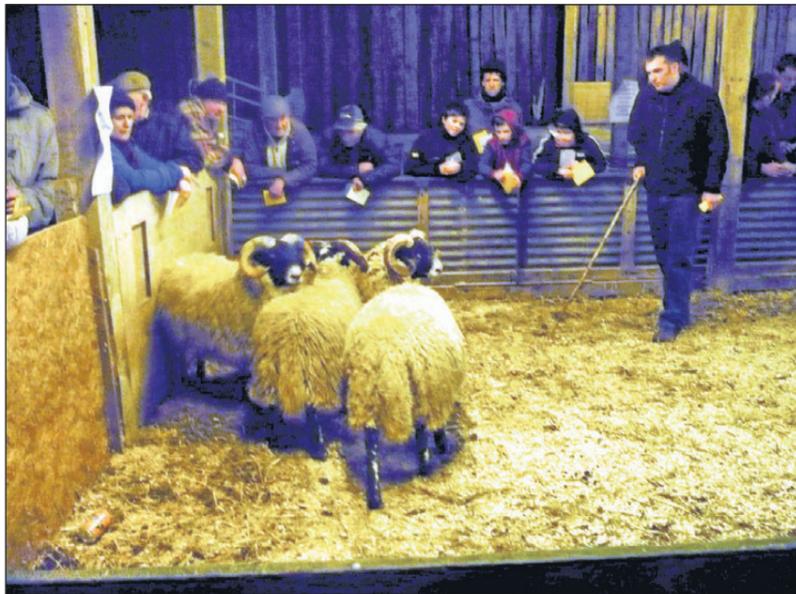
The overall winner this year was Lorne Clark from Clachan, closely followed by John Fell from Glenbarr. The junior winner was Elsie McArthur from Arnicle, Glenbarr, with Robert McKinnon taking the Young Farmers prize.

Jessie Main from Tayinloan won the ladies competition, while the team prize was for a team consisting of Jimmy Barr, Mairi Barr and

Linda McCulloch.

Thanks are due to the Colville family for use of the shed at Langa, Alex Russell for the catering and the many local businesses who provided prizes, including Harbro who donated the main prize.

Results: Open Competition: 1 Lorne Clark, Ronachan, 2 John Fell, Arnicle, 3 Robert McKinnon. Ladies: 1 Jessie Main, Largie, 2 Linda McCulloch, 3 Mairi Barr. Junior: 1 Elsie McArthur, Arnicle, 2 Alastair McArthur, Arnicle, 3 Harry Gemmill, Ifferdale. Young Farmers: 1 Robert McKinnon, 2 Robert Donald, 3 Graeme McMillan. Team prize: Jimmy Barr, Mairi Barr, Linda McCulloch.



Master judge Iain Shaw judges one of the classes at last weekend's

Kintyre Blackface Sheep Breeders Association annual stock judging competition.

North Argyll Branch Blackface Sheep Breeders Association

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Burns Supper guests at Skipness Primary.



Pupils Peter McAllister, left, Zac Carter, Heleana McAllister and Joseph McAllister organised the Burns Supper.

Skipness Primary School holds successful Burns Supper

PUPILS at Skipness Primary School held a very successful Burns Supper on Friday, January 24 when they invit-

ed their paired readers from the community and their parents to share in the event.

The pupils entertained their guests with singing, poetry recitations and even a tune on hand bells.

The afternoon was rounded off with some Scottish country dancing organised by Peter in P7.



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Future of smaller communities worries councillors

COUNCILLORS have raised concerns about the future of small communities in Kintyre.

At a Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee meeting discussing the local development plan, which maps out where new houses can be built in Argyll and Bute, councillors questioned why no development has been proposed in places like Skipness.

Councillor Anne Horn disagreed strongly with the conclusion of council planning officers who said 'there has been little evidence of demand for

housing' in Skipness.

She said: 'I know that's not true. People live in sub-standard housing as there is no social housing available.'

'No demand could be a reflection of there being no local houses. They can't apply for them.'

'I certainly know there's a demand for decent, affordable housing.'

Councillor Horn spoke out after reading objections from members of the Skipness community, calling for the village to be included in the local plan in order to entice families to the area.

Planning officers at the meeting explained they were only acting on the information they had been given and a previous attempt to develop housing in Skipness had been objected to.

Signed off

The local development plan, which is close to being signed off by the council, is reviewed every five years but councillors believe this is too long to wait.

Councillor John McAlpine said: 'If we don't do something to small communities before five years' time there will be no one

wanting to move to Skipness.

'People want to develop in Skipness but can't because there's no potential development area.'

Councillor Horn added: 'We need the best plan we can have to sustain small communities. Five years will be the death knell of many of our communities. I'm worried about Skipness and other small communities.'

The debate over Skipness and small communities came as councillors disagreed with the process of making decisions on potential development areas.

Councillor Douglas Philand said: 'Your hands are kind of tied in some senses as we are being asked to accept these but we haven't had the opportunity to speak to objectors at all.'

Councillors Horn, McAlpine and Robin Currie agreed with his sentiments and the meeting was adjourned to allow further discussion on another date.

Bellochantuy ladies learn about whisky

WHISKY and distilling were the topics presented to the ladies of Bellochantuy SWRI at their first meeting of the year on January 20 in Glenbarr Hall. After the business meeting the ladies heard from Melanie Stanger from Springbank Distillery, Campbeltown.

She told how whisky has been distilled by the Springbank Distillery in Campbeltown since 1928, is owned by Mr Wright and is named J and A Mitchell and Co, Springbank. It is the only distillery in Scotland to car-

ry out the full production process on one site and is very labour intensive. The whisky is matured in either sherry or bourbon casks which give both colour and taste but the sherry casks are now difficult to obtain due to the lack of availability.

Melanie gave a very informative talk and the ladies were treated to a sample from the distillery before she judged the competitions. She commented on the high quality of work involved in the handicrafts and cookery.

MP and MSP blast wind farm

Alan Reid has rare ally in his SNP counterpart

ARGYLL'S MP Alan Reid and MSP Michael Russell share dim views of plans for 19 giant wind turbines behind Glenbarr.

'It would be completely in the wrong place, towering above the village,' Mr Reid told the Courier this week.

'I cannot understand why Burcote Wind is persisting with this ap-



Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid.

plication.

'I'm all for wind farms but this is just ridiculous on the grounds of location.

'It seems to break all the rules. I will be objecting.'

The LibDem Argyll and Bute MP has a rare ally in his SNP counterpart Michael Russell.

Mr Russell felt so strongly against the Burcote proposals that he quickly opposed them despite acknowledging 'he rarely takes a stance on planning matters'.

He also spoke directly to company staff and said the application was 'wrong' and further wrote to Argyll and Bute Council urging it to oppose it.

The area's MEP Struan Stevenson declared: 'I fear it would have a significant negative impact upon the landscape

character and would have a detrimental effect on the visual amenity enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.'

Most Glenbarr villagers are also against the plan - despite the lure of a community fund worth around £300,000 annually for 20 years.

Residents claim the threat of the 125-metre high structures has already hit property sales in the area.

However, when Burcote Wind was asked by the Courier why it was persisting with its application against so much opposition from residents and leading politicians, it insisted it was not all one-way traffic.

Fraser Campbell, the firm's operations director, argued that 40 per cent of those completing feedback forms at the Glenbarr exhibition in September 'said that they were either supportive or very supportive of our proposals'.

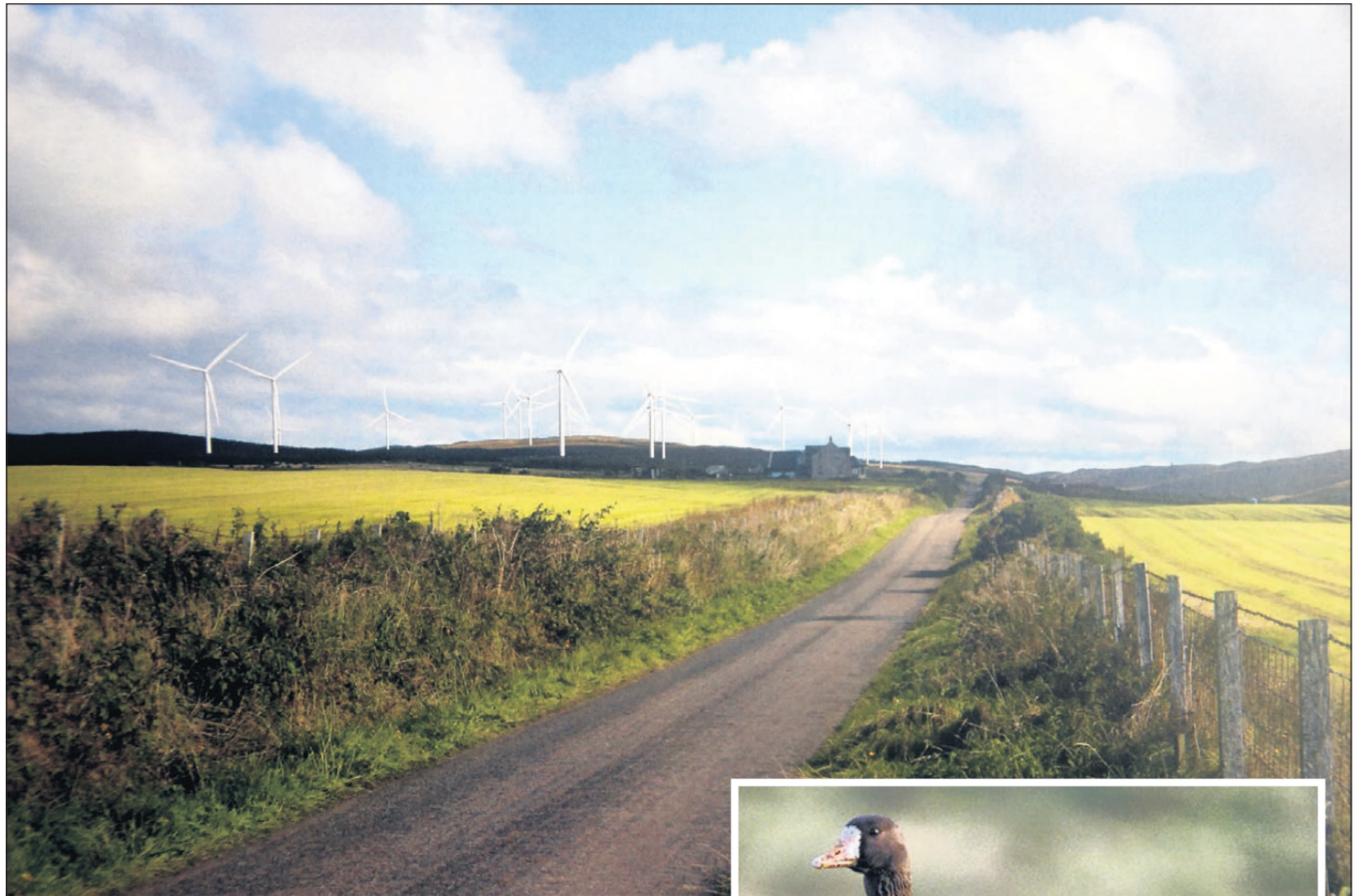
Fruitful

He also said the company had held 'constructive and fruitful discussions' with 'all of the Creggan consultees' including Argyll and Bute Council, Scottish Natural Heritage and local politicians 'that have fed into our final application'.

Mr Campbell also stated that only 20 per cent of those who filled in feedback forms said they were opposed to the proposals.

John Seddon, a Barr Glen resident opposed to the plans, said: 'That claim is laughable.'

'I do not know a single person in the village, landowners apart, who



Above: Burcote Wind's photomontage of how its 19 turbines would look in Barr Glen. 08_c03wind02



Right: The RSPB is concerned about the impact wind turbines in Barr Glen could have on wintering Greenland white-fronted geese.

supports this wind farm. Why would they?

'Most people at the Glenbarr exhibition just gave them a mouthful and walked out.

'They did not hang around to fill in a questionnaire.'

The Courier asked Burcote's Edinburgh-based PR firm how many people completed feedback forms in Glenbarr and how many were from the village.



Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell.

It said around 45 people, mostly from Glenbarr and Muasdale, attended the Glenbarr exhibition.

Fifteen completed feedback forms were received and included a final question: 'How would you describe your opinion towards the Creggan wind farm proposal.'

Two people said they were 'very supportive', four said they were 'supportive', two said they were 'undecided', two were 'opposed', one 'very opposed' and four were 'unanswered'.

Members of the public had until February 5 to lodge their support or opposition to the proposals. Because of the size, the plans will go directly to the Scottish Government for consideration.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman said: 'The consultation is in the early stages. Officers are forming a view which will be reported to a forthcoming meeting of our planning, protective services and licensing committee.'

The Royal Society for the Protection Birds (RSPB) has raised 'serious concerns' about a 'major wind farm project in such a sensitive location'.

It fears a potential impact on nearby areas of the Kintyre goose roost Special Protection Area for wintering Greenland white-fronted geese.

It added that there was also a potential impact on hen harrier, golden eagle, red-throat diver, peregrine and merlin.

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'Positive picture' of crime figures

'I remain grateful to the public'

COMMON assaults in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (MAKI) fell by almost eight percent between 2012 and 2013 with detections at 93.7 per cent.

According to statistics from Police Scotland, reports of anti-social behaviour and disorder are down by more than 40 per cent, while reports of domestic incidents and crimes are up slightly, but have a high detection rate of 93 per cent.

Stop and search
Drugs supply charges are up from six detections in the previous year to 18, which police say is because of an increase in stop and search activity for drugs, alcohol, knives and offensive weapons.

Sexual crimes and indecencies are up by 65 per cent, reflecting a trend across the country and attributed to the rise in historical reports and recent high profile media cases.

Thefts are up slightly, but police have not identified any specific patterns despite the recent trend of rural thefts and housebreaking.

Chief inspector Marlene Baillie, area commander for MAKI, said: 'The statistics present a very positive picture of an area which is generally low in violent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.'

'Detections remain high and this is in part because of the level of investigation and scrutiny that formulates part

of every enquiry. However, this is also very much down to our vigilant and cooperative communities.'

She said that although there was concern over the rise in sexual crimes and offences, she saw no patterns or risks to the wider community.

She also said policing activity would remain focused on the roads network in detecting acquisitive crime, as a number of recent road stops had detected criminals coming into the area to steal marine and farming equipment.

She added: 'I remain grateful to the public for their continued support and assistance, allowing us to be more effective at keeping people safe across the MAKI area.'



Leo Silvan presents Paddy Alderson with her gift of thanks. Also pictured are: Mathilda Moller, front left, and back from left, Lewis McNeill, Kayleigh McNeill, Andrew Francis, Morvern Paisley, Eilidh Norris and Alasdair Paisley.

Young poets style themselves on Burns

PUPILS of Clachan Primary wrote a series of poems in the style of Robert Burns and invited local poet Paddy Alderson to choose a winner.

Mrs Alderson picked 'To a Hedgehog' by primary five pupil Leo Sil-

van who was presented with a book of poems as his prize.

The children then gifted a book of poems to Mrs Alderson as a 'thank you'.

Leo Silvan presented Mrs Alderson with her gift of thanks.

Leo's winning poem:

To a Hedgehog

*Wee prickly, wobblin' shiverin' beastie
O I can see ye crawlin' lookin' for a feastie,
I will not harm ye so dinnae prick me
Your poor snell nose I cannae help ye
Your wee claws freezin' up
Curl intae a ba' and smoor yersel.*

Southend SWRI enjoys South Africa talk

SOUTHEND SWRI members enjoyed a talk about South Africa at their first meeting of the new year. Speakers Alison Eynon and Patricia Jones brought along photographs from their holiday in South Africa and told members what they were there.

In August last year Alison and Patricia left Glasgow and flew to Cape Town via Dubai, flying a total of 9,000 miles. The first visit they made was to botanical gardens where the weather was wet and cold as it was winter. However, they took a number of pictures of flowers in bloom as well as statues in the garden.

The ladies then headed up the coast, taking in a safari, visiting the Cape of Good Hope and into the mountains where snow capped peaks showed just how cold the weather was,

particularly at night. They enjoyed many sights of wild animals, visited an animal sanctuary where they learned rhino horn was injected with a blue dye to deter poachers and had an unforgettable ride on elephants.

They visited places such as Port Elizabeth and Margate on the Indian Ocean and stayed in some nice

guest houses which they had sourced online. Eventually they reached Durban where they caught their return flight home after an exciting and enjoyable trip.

Various items

They brought along various items of craftwork, beadwork and even an ostrich egg made into a lamp.

Vice president Inez Ronald gave a vote of

thanks, the raffle was drawn and competition results announced. Baking - Viennese rosettes: gold: Margaret Mclean, silver: Jen Ronald, silver: Elizabeth Semple, red: Fiona Rowland. Photography - wild animals: gold: Margaret Bakes, blue: Marion Warnock. An item of African beadwork: gold: Margaret Bakes, gold: Jen Ronald.

New council phone app launched

A MOBILE phone app with information on news and services at Argyll and Bute Council has been launched.

The new app, available on Apple and Android smartphones, lets users access information about the council and allows them to report issues such as street lighting and potholes.

Councillor contact details and service disruptions to schools, roads or waste collections can also be found on the app.

The council has also launched a new feature on its website giving people information about what is happening in specific areas.

The What's Happening Near Me information service allows people to access details such as service disruptions, local vacancies, events and consultations by entering their postcode.

Councillor Aileen Morton, policy lead for IT, said the new services were 'a real step forward for customers', adding: 'These new services show our commitment to making it as easy as possible for people to keep in touch with us and find out what's going on. I am sure they will prove popular.'

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Whatever type of buyer you are, first take stock of what kind of vehicle you'll be needing this year.

Take a note of your requirements. Is the car just for you or a family? Is the car for fun or practical use - or do you need something that doubles up as a work vehicle?

Even consider range, power and cost of driving. Would an electric vehicle suit you if you're a short haul commuter? Perhaps you need to tow and need the extra oomph in torque and horsepower. Long range economy is worth looking at as well.

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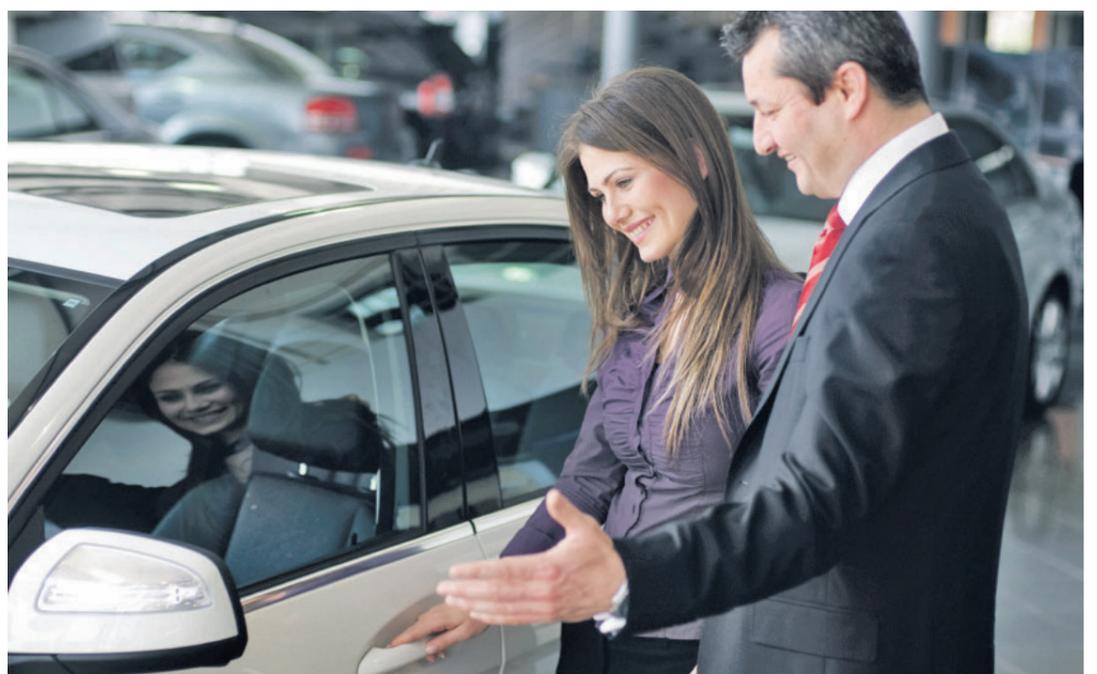
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character all of their own to make upgrading not just an option, but extremely tempting.

While some might just give the trim a revamp, others may have decided to completely redesign the bodywork and the interior equipment. It's worth having a look at what's changed, even if you think you're familiar with the model.

Better still, you'll know more or less what to expect from the car. It will be tried and tested

and any quirks or problems that can sometimes be found in new ranges will most likely have been eliminated.

You will miss out on all the latest technology and innovations though - that is where the new models will get your blood shifting.

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ogy, developments in motoring have been rapid in recent years, with more and more driver aids and comforts being available than ever before.

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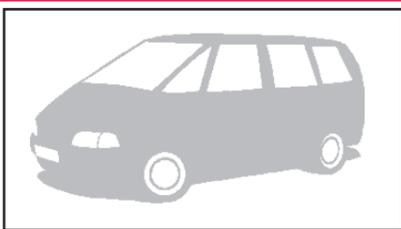


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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/00033/PPP	Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse	Land North of Tayvallich Primary School Tayvallich Argyll and Bute	Ardrishaig Area Office
14/00149/PP	Formation of slipway and associated works	Land Adjacent to Car Park Shore Road Carradale Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given that Holt Leisure Parks have submitted a Masterplan (Planning Reference 14/00222/MPLAN) to Argyll and Bute Council in respect of Housing Allocations H-AL 12/9, 12/10, 12/11, and 12/12 as designated by the adopted Argyll and Bute Local Plan (2009), (and also identified as Potential Areas PDA 3006 and 3012 in the proposed Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan (Feb 2013)) - Masterplan proposals for mixed use tourism/housing/business development in association with planning application 12/02819/PPP (for the development of the erection of three dwellinghouses and retrospective site levels).

A copy of the Masterplan, together with the associated documents and the related planning permission may be inspected Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Planning and Regulatory Services, Area Office, 67/69 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX, at the Sub Post Office Ardfern during normal opening times and by logging on the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Any person who wishes to make representations to the council about the Masterplan should make them in writing to Planning and Regulatory Services, Area Office, 67/69 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX before the 28th February 2014. 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, Whitegates Office Whitegates Road Lochgilphead PA31 8SY.

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People can share their experiences and evidence via www.housingandwellbeing.org. The site asks housing bodies, residents' organisations, housing associations and local authorities to provide details of local housing projects that go beyond bricks and mortar and contribute to the broader wellbeing of an area.

The evidence received will feed into the commission's work to consider and make recommendations on national housing priorities and policies to foster and sustain wellbeing for the public. This work comes at a time when many commentators believe there is a serious lack of affordable housing and too much poor quality housing which could adversely affect the life chances of many people across Scotland.

Robert Black, chair of the Housing and Wellbeing Commission, said: 'We are inviting communities and local organisations across Scotland to share their experience on how housing initiatives can be used to help improve wellbeing.'

'The evidence they share on their experiences will enable us to identify examples of good practice and key issues which we will need to consider in drawing conclusions and recommendations on how best to improve wellbeing through better housing.'



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- > enjoyed the challenges you've met in your work
- > been promoted in line with your talents
- > achieved a salary that lets you live the way you want
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Lacey is delighted to announce the safe arrival of her little brother Rico born 12th January 2014. First grandson for Jim and Ailsa. Big Thank You to Karen McAlpine and Donna for all your care on the day x



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I was overwhelmed by the emotional support and financial backing I received during my 28 day challenge. With money still coming in, in excess of £1,500 is likely to be raised for Cancer Research.

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Amy's cleaning company is beginning to shine

'She has taken on board everything we have helped her with'

A YOUNG entrepreneur who set up her own cleaning company has been so overwhelmed by the response that she is hopeful that she will soon be taking on staff.

Amy McIntosh, 21, from Campbeltown, always wanted to be her own boss and after receiving support from Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway, she set up her own business Maid to Shine.

Amy said: 'Apart from doing business management at Higher level at school, I didn't have the confidence or knowledge to start a business.'

Very friendly

'I met with a Business Gateway adviser, Donald Melville, who was very friendly and helpful. Not only did he support and advise me on the basics such as bookkeeping and

paying tax, but when I told him my business was growing, Donald gave me all the relevant information and advice about the steps I need to undertake in order to employ staff.'

'The support I received from Business Gateway and the advice I continue to get has put me on the right path and I'm confident the business will have a successful future.'

Despite initial reservations that people would think her too young or inexperienced, Amy is delighted with the response her business has had, and in order to cope with demand she will soon be looking to expand by employing local people.

Amy added: 'I really didn't expect to be doing this well so soon but from the beginning I've received positive feedback and although I was un-

sure of how much work I would get, word got around very quickly, and being a small town, people were soon approaching me.'

Donald Melville, the Business Gateway adviser for the area, said: 'Amy proves that age is no barrier when it comes to enterprise.'

Assisting

'She has taken on board everything we have helped her with from learning about national insurance, to creating and using a business plan. Now, we are assisting Amy as she begins to look at becoming an employer.'

To find out more about how Business Gateway can help you set up and develop your own business call 01546 605 459 or visit www.bgateway.com



Amy McIntosh has been surprised how quickly her new venture has taken off.

New Business Gateway Plus grant programme is taking off

THREE businesses from across Argyll and Bute have already secured funding from the new Business Gateway Plus grant programme, launched at the end of last year.

Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway administers the grant and is keen to hear from more businesses with a growth project in mind.

'This new grant provides support to growing businesses to help them deliver the projects that will drive further growth,' explained council-

lor Duncan MacIntyre, Argyll and Bute Council policy lead for European affairs, sustainable economic growth and strategic transportation.

'It's encouraging that so soon after the grant became available we have already had several successful applications and the resources are there to support more than 20 further businesses thanks to the council leveraging European funding for this.'

The Business Gateway Plus growth grant can provide a dis-

cretionary grant towards capital equipment, marketing costs or other costs directly supporting business growth.

Property development

Statutory costs, wage subsidies, training, property development and the purchase of stock or vehicles are excluded.

A restriction applied with the European funding means that retail businesses are not eligible for support.

The grant can provide 50 percent of project costs up

to a maximum of £3,000. To be eligible for support, existing businesses (more than six months old) must be actively trading with a turnover above £70,000 and be projecting turnover growth within the next three years.

Start-up businesses can apply for support only where they have been actively trading for at least three months and are able to demonstrate clear potential to achieve an annual turnover of at least £70,000 within their first 18 months of

trading and further growth beyond.

Anyone looking to apply should contact the local Business Gateway team in the first instance to confirm their eligibility and request an application form which also contains the terms and conditions.

Business Gateway has a team of local business advisers on hand to answer questions and to help interested parties progress their application. The grant scheme will close in March 2015 or sooner

if funds are fully allocated.

Anyone looking for support should contact the Business Gateway team to find out more on 01546 605 459 or visit <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/business-gateway-plus> to download an application form.

The project is part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund under the 2007-2013 Structural Funds Programmes and can provide financial support for up to 26 businesses.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep' (John 10:11).

BIRTHS

CONNELLY - Darren and Mairi (née Cameron) are delighted to announce the birth of Lewis, on Sunday, January 26, 2014 at The Princess Royal Hospital, Glasgow.

EMILSSON - SMITH - Cameron and Lovisa are delighted to announce the birth of Kolby John, born January 5, 2014. First grandchild for Margaret (Wilkie) Emilsson and first great grandchild for Barbara Wilkie.

MCSPORRAN - MCEWAN - Daniel and Chloe are delighted to announce the birth of Denver Jay Callum, on January 15, 2014 at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness. A lovely wee grandson for Ian and Tracy.

ENGAGEMENTS



BAIN - MACDOUGALL Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, at New Year, of Christopher, son of Jim and Lorna, Pulpit Rock, Oban, and Helen, second daughter of John and Jessie, Isleview, Muasdale.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

STEWART - MITCHELL - Having managed to squabble through another ten years together, Agnes and Allister recently reached their golden wedding. Murder is now no longer on the cards, since they have decided that "Ye're as weel wi' the de'il ye ken".

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Suddenly at home, 231 Fabian Road, Eston, Middlesbrough, on January 28, 2014, Helen Dawson MacMillan, in her 59th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Archie MacMillan Campbell, much loved mother of Stephanie and Donna, loving nannie of Andrew and Rebecca, dearly loved daughter of Margaret and the late Donnie MacMillan, a loving sister of Irene and Gordon, sister-in-law to Willie and aunt to Sheila and Fiona. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Friday, February 7 at 11.00am. The interment service will take place in Kilkerran Cemetery, Campbeltown on Friday, February 7 at 1.00pm. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

JOHN - Brian Joseph, passed away after a short illness, peacefully at home, on February 2, 2014, much loved husband of Mary and father of Lorna, Brian and Andrew. Formerly of Lanark and Edinburgh. Funeral service to be held at St Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead, at 10.00am on Friday, February 7, 2014 and thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care and Macmillan Cancer Support.

MCCANNELL - Peacefully, at Campbeltown Hospital, on February 4, 2014, Archibald McCannell, in his 80th year, Dalsarf, Low Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Betty, much loved father of Elizabeth, Munro and Hazel and a loving father-in-law and grandfather. Service in the home, at the above address, on Saturday, February 8 at 12.00 noon, funeral thereafter to Patchan Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

TART - Peacefully at home, The Croft, Isle of Gigha, on January 31, 2014, Michael Richard Tart (Mick), in his 79th year, dearly beloved husband of Audrey, much loved father of Patrick and Julie, loving and much loved grandfather of Emma and Mark and a dearly loved great grandfather.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ARMOUR - Sheena, Elizabeth, Archie and all the family wish to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy, flowers and support shown to them in their recent loss of Archie, a cherished husband, dad and papa. Our thanks also to Rev Burroughs for a comforting service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional service and to the Ardsheel Hotel for the funeral tea. Finally, our heartfelt thanks to everyone who paid respects at the church and for the very generous donation of £1835.87, which will be passed to the renal units at the Vale of Leven Hospital and Western Infirmary, in appreciation of the support provided in Archie's care for the past few years.

BLACK - Catherine would like to thank friends for their support at the loss of her mother and for the many cards, phone calls, baking, flowers and visits. Thanks for the care shown by Dr Villalba, Dr Bhimani and the nursing staff and ambulance teams. Thanks also to Rev Philip Burroughs for his comforting service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their efficiency at this sad time, and the Ardsheel Hotel.

CAMPBELL - Wendy and family would like to thank all relatives, neighbours, former colleagues and many friends for their much appreciated cards, letters, flowers and expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of Colin Thomas. Special thanks also to the doctors and staff (especially doctors Johnston and McLaughlin) at Stonehaven Medical Group, staff at Kincardine Community Hospital, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary and Havencourt Care Home for their dedicated care to Colin and support to the family over the past days, months and years. Thanks to James McDonald Funeral Directors, especially Kathy and Lee, Murray and staff at the Station Hotel and most especially to Matthew Ramsay for his support and very personal, humorous and comforting service. The very generous sum of £570 collected after the service will be donated to Diabetes UK and The Fishermen's Mission.

LEESMOFFAT - Margaret, Poppy and Daniel Moller would like to say a big thank you to all the wonderful kind people for cards, flowers and baking when John died. Thanks to Dr Anderson, Dr Villalba and all hospital staff, district nurses and Kintyre Care Home, Crossroads and Carr Gomm staff for all the love and support to us all. Thanks be to God for giving me the strength to care for John, I am so grateful for that always.

MACKAY - The relatives of the late Ian MacKay would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the district nurses, Enable staff and Melissa for all their care and kindness; to Rev Thomas Bryson for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Glenaray Ward raised £120.

MACLULLICH - Archie's niece and nephews would like to thank close family and friends for kind expressions of sympathy and support throughout our uncle's illness and sad loss. Special thanks to Tanya, his carer in Eader Glinn, and to Mary Gardiner and all the staff at the care home for their fantastic care and devotion to Archie and for all the support they have given us as a family. Thanks to the Rev Walter Ritchie for his comforting service both at the crematorium and later at Craignish Church. Thanks also to D MacDonald, Funeral Directors for their professional and efficient services and to the Galley of Lorne for the purvey. A final thanks to all who paid their last respects at the memorial service and who kindly donated £230 to Eader Glinn Comfort Fund.

MCMILLAN - Hamish, Richard, Susan and families would like to sincerely thank all family, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy since their sad loss of Isobel. Thanks to the Rev P Burroughs for his support and comforting services, at both church and crematorium, to Kenneth and Alasdair Blair for their care and professionalism, to the Ardsheel Hotel for excellent purvey and to Catherine Black for her beautiful organ playing. Special thanks to Dr Lazarus, Maggie and all the nursing staff for their continued care, kindness and support and to all who paid their respects at the church and Clydebank Crematorium. The retiral collection for Macmillan Nurses and District Nurses, Kintyre Locality raised £1,138.41.

SINCLAIR - Sheila and all the family would like to thank everyone, neighbours, friends and relatives for kindness, which was in abundance. Thank to doctors, nurses and carers for all their kind attention. Special thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for a lovely service and to Ardrishaig Parish Church. Our thanks also to Roddy and staff for a first class professional service; to the local police for showing such respect to Nicol and to the Stag

Hotel for excellent purvey. The retiring collection has raised £1,400 for Marie Curie and District Nurses.

THORNTON - Vivien, Duncan, John and their families would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and visits following the sad loss of Mike. Our grateful thanks to Dr Phillips, all GPs and health centre staff, district nurses, Marie Curie and Macmillan nurses, the staff of Glenaray Ward, occupational and physiotherapists and all staff at the Beatson, Glasgow for their constant support and care, so very much appreciated. Our thanks also to Father Simon Mackenzie for his caring service, Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their support and care and Kilmartin Hotel for looking after us so well after Mike's service. The retiral collection for Marie Curie and MacMillan nurses raised £600.

IN MEMORIAMs

CARD - In loving memory of a dear mum, Annie, died February 6, 2008. Thinking of you every day. - Lilyanne, Neil, Alastair, Isla and Kyle.

HOULDSWORTH - Elma. In loving memory of a dear wife and mum, died February 9, 2013. Loved and remembered every day. - Jimmy, Dianne and Sandra.

MCKILLOP - In loving memory of my dear wife, Annie, who passed away on February 9, 2011. In life I loved you dearly In death I love you still In my heart you had a place No one could ever fill. - Husband, Davie.

MILLS - Treasured memories of our beautiful mum, Margaret, who sadly passed away on February 8, 2008. Loved and missed every day, but now you're high, running wild among all the stars above. - Love, Corrinna and Lynda xxx.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of my dear brother, Donald, died February 6, 2006. Thinking of you today, Donald, I will always love you. - Sister, Nan.

CHURCH NOTICES

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services
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Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am

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Monthly Gaelic Service
Lochgair Church at 3 pm

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service 11:00 am with Sunday school
Tea & coffee after the service
Baby & Toddler Group 10:00 - 11:45 am Every Thursday
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free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 9th February 11.00am Sunday School 12.45pm Worship Service Rev Finlay Mackenzie
Thursday 13th February 12 noon Prayer & Bible Study
Friday 14th February 6.30pm Christianity Explored Course
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BB Anchor Boys 6.00pm - 7.00pm
BB Junior Section 7.15pm - 8.30pm
Thursday 13th February Choir practice 7.30pm
Friday 14th February Lunch Club 12.00 noon

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Sunday 9th February 2014 11.00am Morning Service
Messy Church 12th February 2014 From 5pm
At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae
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Sunday 9th Feb Who is God? Jehovah-Shalom

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

Pupils set for Scottish Cup fifth round

EK Whitehills won the long overdue Scottish Cup tie against Rhu Amateurs 4-0 and will now host Campbeltown Pupils in the fifth round of the football tournament tomorrow (Saturday). Winners of the tie will meet Central Scottish League leaders Harestanes at home in the sixth round, which is the last 32 of the national trophy.

Campbeltown darts results

CAMPBELTOWN District Darts Association week 12 results:

Southend 1 Fiddlers 9, Burnside 8 Kilbrannan B 2, Kilbrannan A 7 Ailsa 3, Fiddlers B 3, Commercial 7, Kilbrannan C bye.

Allan Glen had a great finish of 156 for Kilbrannan A, while Martin Coffield and David Reid hit 180 scores for the Burnside and John McIntosh hit 180 for the Commercial. Martin Coffield and David Reid played a 1001 doubles game for the Burnside, finishing it in 31 darts.

Week 13 fixtures: Commercial v Southend, Kilbrannan C v Fiddlers B, Kilbrannan B v Kilbrannan A, Fiddlers v Burnside, Ailsa bye.

Midnight league restarts

CAMPBELTOWN and District Juvenile Football Association (CD-JFA) and the Kintyre Youth Café are restarting the midnight league this evening (Friday), which offers free football to youths of secondary school age starting at 8pm to 9.30pm on the town's 3G all weather pitch.

No winner in Machrihanish lottery

THERE was no winner in week three of Machrihanish Golf Club's three number lottery.

The winning numbers were four, 14 and 19. The next draw will take place on Monday with a jackpot of £300.



All the youngsters who took part in the Argyll and Bute Badminton Championships at Victoria Hall, Campbeltown. 08_c06bad01

Campbeltown hosts Argyll badminton championships

MORE than 30 competitors from primary schools across Argyll and Bute took part in the area badminton championships held last Saturday in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown.

Pupils travelled from Arrochar, Dunoon, Oban and

Rothesay to participate against local players.

Many of the games were keenly contested and at the end of a successful day the following awards were presented by Neil John MacPhail, who is actively involved in badminton in Campbeltown.

Girls' singles winner - Niamh Evans (Dunoon), runner-up Jane Scott (Campbeltown).

Singles

Boys' singles winner - Elliot Gemmill (Campbeltown), runner-up Gregor Campbell (Glenbarr).

Girls' doubles winners - Iona Campbell and Jessica Lang (Campbeltown), runners-up Niamh Evans (Dunoon) and Jennifer McMurchy (Campbeltown)

Boys' doubles winners - Gregor Campbell (Glenbarr) and Elliot Gemmill (Camp-

beltown), runners-up Adam Guy (Rothesay) and Gavin Thorpe (Oban).

Mixed doubles winners - Mary Thomson and Archie McKellar (Campbeltown), runners-up Ayla Kormucu (Dunoon) and Adam Guy (Rothesay).



Mixed doubles winners Mary Thomson and Archie McKellar with Neil John MacPhail. 08_c06bad02



Boys' doubles winners Gregor Campbell and Elliot Gemmill with Neil John MacPhail. 08_c06bad03



Boys' winner Elliot Gemmill with Neil John MacPhail. 08_c06bad05



Girls' doubles winners Iona Campbell and Jessica Lang with Neil John MacPhail. 08_c06bad04



Action during the semi-finals of the boys' doubles. 08_c06bad06



Back row: runners up Paul Grumoli, John McLachlan, Sean Grumoli and Archie Clark. The winning team at the front are Andrew Ronald snr, Andrew Ronald jnr and Neil McPhail.

Ronald shot clinches triples competition

ARGYLL Bowling Club hosted its annual charity triples competition and this year the chosen charity was the Mairi Semple Cancer Fund.

The open event, attracting teams from Campbeltown Bowling Club, Tayinloan and Argyll itself, saw 12 sides playing in two sections of six teams in a round robin format with each game consisting of five ends.

Group one was a close affair with success eventually going to the team skippered by John McLachlan by one point from Bobby Matheson's team. Section two saw an easy win by Andrew Ronald's side as they won every game played.

The final, played over six ends got off to an even start, however, in the fifth end Andrew Ronald jnr succeeded in playing a weighted bowl to pick up five shots.

Runners up

Winners were Neil McPhail (lead), Andrew Ronald senior (second) and Andrew Ronald jnr (skip). Runners up were Paul Grumoli (lead), Sean Grumoli (second) and John McLachlan (skip).

Vice president Archie Clark awarded the prizes before a cheque was presented to Enid Williams from the Mairi Semple committee by Kathleen McGougan and Archie Clark.



Enid Williams receiving the cheque from Archie Clark and Kathleen McGougan.

Millar and Taylor lead the way against wind and rain

THE wet and windy weather continued to make play difficult for those brave enough to battle the elements in Dunaverty Golf Club's first medal competition of 2014.

Torrential rain and strong winds combined to ensure high scores and defeat most of the participants with one player walking off the course after two holes.

The rest continued and were rewarded with a thorough soaking for their efforts. Top man was Bobby Millar with a nett 64. Donald Taylor had the best scratch score of

74. The short 17th is still in play due to the waterlogged condition of the main 17th fairway. Course par on the day was 65 and the CSS also 65.

Results: 1 Bobby Millar 75-11-64, 2 Donald Taylor 74-6-68, 3 James Williamson 92-17-75(bih), 4 Robert Irvine 82-7-75, 5 Mark Eagers 86-10-76.

No winners in Dunaverty lottery

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lottery on Sunday. The winning numbers were 12, 16 and 18. The next draw will take place on February 16 with a jackpot of £600.



Just one goal again separated two closely matched sides when Campbeltown Pupils Youth Under 11s welcomed Lochgilphead Red Star 2002s to the town's 3G Pitch on Kinloch Green on Sunday. The home side secured a 6-5 victory to counter their 4-3 loss in the teams' first match. Goal of the day was an impressive offering from Campbeltown's Matthew Lamont.



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centre of the ball.

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

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Kilbrannan Bar players pictured with their Campbeltown District League Cup. 08_c06cup02

Maguire magic lifts cup for KB

FIVE goals from Cammy Maguire summed up the difference between the two sides in this Dalriada Cup match.

An important player for Carradale AFC this season, the skilful forward was still eligible to play in this match for Kilbrannan Bar.

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Indeed, it was Maguire who opened the scoring early in the match for KB.

Having been brought down in the box, he sent

the Kintyre keeper Robert Todd the wrong way with his penalty.

Following a good spell of end-to-end football and an excellent save

from the KB keeper, Kintyre Select drew level through Daniel Docherty. A few minutes later Kintyre went 2-1 up courtesy of a Craig Patterson goal.

However, just before half time, KB levelled the score when Adam Graham, like Maguire now a Carradale player but still eligible, chipped the oncoming Todd.

Another penalty

The second half started with both teams having efforts at goal before Kintyre gave away another penalty - this time keeper Todd was booked for bringing down Maguire.

The forward tucked away his second goal and it was not long before he made his hat-trick to make it 4-2.

Todd was then sent off after another foul on Maguire, who was clearly proving too hot for

Kintyre to handle. He made it 5-2 a few minutes later.

Adam Graham then scored his second goal to make it 6-2 before Maguire completed the scoring to give Kilbrannan Bar the Dalriada Cup to add to their Campbeltown District League Cup.



Cammy Maguire sends the Kintyre Select keeper the wrong way to open the scoring for Kilbrannan from an early penalty. 08_c06cup03



Kintyre Select. 08_c06cup01



Kintyre Select could not cope with Cammy Maguire who scored five goals. 08_c06cup05



Kintyre Select defend against one of many first half attacks from Kilbrannan Bar. 08_c06cup04

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