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Movies return with five big films

BIG time movies are returning to Campbeltown from next weekend.

Mr Turner, Paddington, The Theory of Everything, Into the Woods and The Hobbit: Battle of the Five Armies will all be on show in Victoria Hall.

It is the start of a monthly festival of film offering big-screen entertainment to offset the closure of Campbeltown Picture House six months ago for extensive renovation works.

It is a real coup for the Picture House owners, Campbeltown Community Business group (CBB), which hopes to maintain the monthly

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Colourful Calamities are a Clachan success

Clachan Calamities members put on a wonderful and colourful production of Aladdin in two packed shows in Clachan Village Hall last week. Producer Lesley Kean said: 'They were a great success involving a total of 48 cast and crew. We are now looking forward to our production in Tarbert Village Hall on Saturday evening, February 21!'

Common Weal meets for 'fairer Scotland'

A NEW group aiming to outline its vision for a better Scotland is to start in Campbeltown.

Kintyre Common Weal is holding a public meeting in Campbeltown tomorrow (Saturday) at the Argyll Hotel in the town's Main Street between 11am and 1pm, to explore ways of improving living standards and social integration across Scotland.

Common Weal Scotland is a national think tank set up in 2013 to explore ways of making Scotland a fairer and healthier society, a reaction to what it calls '40 years of survival-of-the-richest politics'.

A Common Weal Kintyre spokeswoman said: 'Everyone is welcome to come along and discuss their priorities for a fairer Scotland.'

Drink driver arrested

A 60-YEAR-old man was arrested for drink driving in Hazelburn Business Park, Campbeltown, in the early hours of Sunday morning.

He was later released and will appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court at a later date.

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Big time movies are returning to Campbeltown

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films towards the re-vamped cinema reopening next year.

CCB chairwoman, Jane Mayo, said: 'We are delighted that with generous funding we have managed to set up monthly film shows and start with such an excellent choice of films.'

'We are grateful to the Royal Hotel, staff at the Aqualibrium and the youngsters from the Hub and their leaders, and Film Mobile Scotland for their valuable support.'

Cinemasgoers will be able to buy refreshments inside the Victoria Hall as well as next door at the Royal Hotel and Black Sheep.

Paddington, described by The Observer newspaper as 'a bear hug of a family treat', shows at

midday on the Saturday and at 3pm the following day.

Disney's acclaimed Into the Woods starts at 5.30pm on Saturday and 12.30pm on Sunday.

The Hobbit: Battle of the Five Armies, is the third and final instalment of the fantasy epic based on the books by J.R.R Tolkien.

Renowned

Visually stunning and starring a host of renowned actors, it is a 12A and shows next Saturday at 2pm.

A biopic of British painter J.M.W Turner which has been nominated for four Oscars, Mr Turner, with Timothy Spall playing the lead, reveals the utter eccentricity of a man who created extraordinary artwork.

It is rated 12A and will

show at 8pm next Saturday.

Eddie Redmaine is the acclaimed physicist Stephen Hawking in The Theory of Everything which begins next Sunday at 5.30pm.

All tickets are on sale at the Victoria Hall from 30 minutes before screenings. Tickets are £6.50 for adults and £5 for concessions.

Last week, the Courier revealed that CCB was 'tantalisingly close' to securing the £3 million funding needed to restore and upgrade the A-listed Picture House following its latest award worth £400,000 from the UK government's Coastal Community Fund.

In December it received £1.1 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund.



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Breach of the peace in Longrow

A 30-YEAR-old man was arrested and fined £40 for a breach of the peace in Longrow, Campbeltown, late on Sunday evening.

He was taken to Campbeltown police office and released when sober.

Close door damaged

A CLOSE door was vandalised in Millknowe, Campbeltown between 5pm on Sunday and 6pm on Monday.

Anyone with information can contact Campbeltown police station on 862200.

Tough message for phone companies

ALAN Reid MP told parliament on Tuesday that the government should fine landline, internet and mobile phone providers which delay on rural repairs.

The Argyll and Bute MP also told a rural telecommunications debate: 'During the past two months telephone companies, both landline and mobile, have failed miserably to keep many people in Argyll in telephone contact with the rest of the world.'

After storms in early December, some constituents are still waiting for their landline services to be repaired.

He added: 'The experience of one South Kintyre man is typical. He reported a fault in December. BT made an appointment for an engineer to visit on December 28, which was not kept. It was the same on January 14 and 28.'

'An engineer is due to visit again and I hope this time the engineer will turn up and fix the fault.'

'Heavy fines need to be levied for failure to repair faults in a reasonable time and for not keeping appointments.'

'It would compel firms to employ enough engineers.'

How the story grew

THE Campbeltown Courier has been asked to make it clear that solicitor Christian Kane did not seek national publicity about the £1 million received by worthy causes over the past year from an anonymous Campbeltown benefactor.

Subsequent to the original story running in the Courier Mr Kane spoke to a freelance journalist whom he was led to believe was connected to the Oban Times group, owners of the Courier.

Found with cannabis

A 35-YEAR old man was arrested for possession of cannabis in Campbeltown late last Saturday evening.

A report is being sent to the procurator fiscal.

Socialist party's first Kintyre meeting

ANOTHER party will raise its voice in Kintyre politics when a Scottish Socialist party (SSP) group meets in Campbeltown tomorrow (Saturday).

The first SSP meeting is upstairs in the Argyll Arms Hotel from 1.30pm-3pm, and is open to everyone.

An SSP spokesman said: 'After the independence referendum our membership almost quadrupled to more than 3,500 members.'

The gathering will discuss policy, national and local strategies ahead of the Westminster and Holyrood elections.

The spokesman added: 'The public is encouraged to come along and learn about 'Scotland's Syriza'.

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'Which way are you going?'

Intrepid round Britain trekkers cross paths in Campbeltown

THEY would have been well entitled to ask each other, 'How's the feet?' Or - 'You don't fancy turning around and keeping me company?'

Hardy hikers Adam Short and Richard Long shared an uplifting chance meeting in Campbeltown on Sunday en route to epic charity walks around the coast of Britain - going in opposite directions.

Adam from Bourne-mouth and Richard Long from Gloucester crossed paths at the town's war memorial, in the midst of journeys seeing them cover a combined 8,000 miles in less than a year.

Their meeting was all the more incredible given the huge distances involved.

Adam, 41, left from Southampton last March and is travelling anti-clockwise along the coast to raise money for

Royal National Lifeboat Institution and Save the Children. Richard, who started his trek at Penzance last May, is travelling clockwise in aid of Help For Heroes. Adam featured in the Oban Times last month after the newspaper's columnist Ian Thornber extended Highland hospitality and put him up over the festive period.

Ian was so inspired by Adam's journey he accompanied him to Kintyre in his car, often wild camping with him as well as preparing him flasks of coffee and other provisions. He captured the moment the two intrepid ramblers met.

He said: 'Both men have had incredible journeys and are so committed they are even taking in some of the Western Isles which feature war memorials. Meeting each other

was a real morale boost for them in continuing on their enormous tasks.

'Adam is sticking closely to the coast which means covering every crag and bay the coastline presents. The Kintyre terrain is a real challenge because there are beaches, cliffs and woodland right down to the sea at certain points.

'Wild camping in the recent cold weather has proven a real hardship. The pair are glad to take up the occasional meal and warm bed when they can and remarked upon the generosity of people in the Highlands.'

Adam intends to reach Southampton this summer, while Richard's arduous trek is not due to be completed until November 11, 2018, more than four years after leaving Cornwall.



Adam Short, left, and Richard Long crossed paths in Campbeltown in the middle of two epic walks for charity.



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Business Gateway - Argyll and Bute

Contract worth £1.4m to be reviewed

A REVIEW will take place on the award of a £1.4 million contract in Argyll and Bute for adults' alcohol and drug addiction services.

The Argyll and Bute multi-agency Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) awarded the contact to the Glasgow-based Addaction in November.

Concerns were raised shortly afterwards by Jackie Baillie MSP, and backed by Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell who called for a review of the tendering process.

An Audit Scotland spokesman said: 'We are conducting a review of the recent commissioning process undertaken by the ADP.'

'This will take into account concerns raised locally and will also consider the findings from any review work undertaken by Argyll and Bute Council.'

'Work on the review is at an early stage and the findings will be made public.'

Time for council change, says Michael Russell

PEOPLE in rural areas and islands could manage themselves if Argyll and Bute Council was organised differently, says MSP Michael Russell.

The former cabinet minister for education said: 'The council only has 36 councillors to cover an area from the shores of the Clyde to the tip of the island of Coll. Local authorities are now much more complex organisations. 'The council's budget is around £250 million and its services touch almost every part of our lives. Yet most people I meet know that something has gone missing from our relationship with the most immediate tier of government - and it's time to get it back. That missing thing is accountability.'

'What if, as a start, Argyll and Bute transferred all local decisions to the area committees including ones on provi-

sion and delivery of education and planning.

'Only strategic issues affecting the whole area should be made at Kilmory.

'The vast majority of officials should be transferred to the four areas - Helensburgh and Lomond, Cowal, Mid Argyll and Kintyre, Oban North and Lorn - which would function like the old burghs, making and carrying out decisions which directly affect the people who live there.'

Outlying

'Community councils in outlying parts could even take on some responsibilities.'

'I am sure the people would welcome the chance to make local government really local by looking out for themselves.'

'There is nothing to stop Argyll and Bute organising itself in that way immediately. Let's challenge those presently in power to do so.'



School holds Burns supper

P7 pupils of Dalintober Primary School organised their own Burns supper as part of their interdisciplinary learning task on the life and times of Robert Burns. Pupils recited poems and speeches and performed music and dance as part of the celebrations. Chef Cameron Noble is pictured with piper Mary Thomson.

Council u-turn on poster ban

A PROPOSED ban on political posters on Argyll and Bute Council property has been dropped.

Councillor Ellen Morton, the deputy leader, told a full council she wanted to maintain the status quo.

It is understood that a number of administration councillors did not want the ban - proposed by the environmental and infrastructure committee - to go ahead.

The proposal had brought opposition from MSP Michael Russell and an angry response from a campaign group which called it 'undemocratic'.

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Sight at the end of the tunnel

Rural opticians help Specsavers meet DVLA test obligations for pensioners

ELDERLY Kintyre people renewing their driving licences on health grounds no longer face lengthy journeys for visual field examinations.

Last year, they were stunned to be asked to make a five-hour round trip to Oban.

The cost and inconvenience was even greater for those on Islay after Specsavers took over a nationwide contract for the DVLA to provide a service provided previously by local opticians.

Now, after months of negotiations and pressure from politicians, agreements are finally being reached for the service to be subcontracted by Specsavers to rural opticians.

Last week, contracts were agreed and signed for AG Barr Opticians to provide the service in Campbeltown and Tarbert - as it did before.

Co-owners Donald

and Katrina Barr said: 'We are now able to do the DVLA fields in Campbeltown and Tarbert. Drivers who need fields done will be advised by letter that they can now come to us.'

'Specsavers has also said that any patients who have had previous letters requesting them to go elsewhere and have not had the fields examination done yet can also come to us.'

A contract remains to be agreed with Islay Eyecare.

Confusion

'Negotiations are continuing,' said a spokeswoman for the island firm, which in an earlier Courier story said the issue had caused 'a lot of confusion' on the island with some elderly patients wrongly believing it concerned the standard free NHS eye-sight test.

This week, Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid criticised the DVLA for

causing so much uncertainty and confusion since last summer.

He told the Courier: 'I am pleased contracts for Campbeltown and Tarbert have been signed at long last.'

'It was unacceptable to force drivers to travel to Oban or Dumbarton for their eye checks.'

'The DVLA should not have signed the contract with Specsavers before ensuring the whole country was covered.'

'I will keep plugging away for a solution on Islay.'

Argyll First councillor Donald Kelly and MSP Jamie McGrigor were heavily involved in raising constituents' concerns about the prospect of long journeys for the free visual field examinations.

Councillor Kelly said: 'After lobbying both Specsavers and the DVLA for months, I am delighted common sense has prevailed and

a deal has been done with our local opticians allowing them to provide this much-needed service.'

'In a rural area, it is important to keep as many services as local as possible.'

A mobile Specsavers travels to Campbeltown on a monthly basis but cannot carry the equipment needed for the examination.

A DVLA spokeswoman said: 'We agreed for the contract to begin last June on the basis that Specsavers would be able to provide vision testing wherever the contract required and within the required distance of people's homes in some remote areas in Scotland.'

'Specsavers has successfully sub-contracted the services to a number of independent opticians and is continually seeking to increase coverage by expanding its network.'

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'A sad day' for widow to see

MP also hits out at NHS Highland

THE widow of a former Campbeltown dialysis patient has said it is 'a sad day' to see NHS Highland seek more public funds to set up a treatment unit in the town.

Sheena Armour, of Kilkenzie, witnessed her late husband, Archie, who died a year ago, struggle with thrice weekly journeys to Vale of Leven Hospital for two years.

'That six hours crammed in a car either side of hours of treatment exhausted him,' she said.

'He would leave at 11am and get home at 7.30pm or 8pm. It would exhaust a healthy person, never mind someone who is seriously ill.'

'The treatment bought him extra time and a better quality of life but at a heavy price.'

'Imagine how much

better it would be for the Kintyre patients today if they only had to travel 15 minutes for treatment.

'Archie never complained, and he was so grateful for the wonderful support he received from medical staff, but it was terrible to watch what the travelling took out of him.'

Sheena, who was married to Archie, a farmer, for 46 years, added: 'It makes me cross NHS Highland is asking for money at all, never mind coming up with figures for £40,000 and now £111,000.'

'It is a sad day to see NHS Highland looking for more local fundraising to be able to start dialysis treatment in Campbeltown.'

'It seems to find money readily enough for more controversial things.'

'People here have



The Campbeltown Lodge St John 141 this week presented a cheque for £500 to Kintyre Dialysis Campaign. Its right worshipful master Archie Martin is pictured centre left handing the money over to campaign treasurer Ron McNally. Also pictured are, from left: lodge junior deacon Jimmy Robertson, treasurer Mike Richardson and senior deacon Gordon McDougall. 08_c06cheque01

raised an incredible amount of money in a short time. How many towns the size of Campbeltown would have given such support and help?

'This unit at Campbeltown Hospital was going to open in spring - now it is summer because of delays, because NHS Highland does not

appear to know what it is doing.'

'This unit should have been costed properly at the beginning.'

'Meanwhile, three Kintyre patients are having to continue making the same terrible journey as Archie three times a week.'

In the Courier's letters pages, Argyll and Bute

MP Alan Reid says he is 'shocked and horrified that NHS Highland have told the Kintyre Dialysis Campaign it must raise another £61,000 to pay for a kidney dialysis unit at Campbeltown Hospital.'

'The campaign volunteers have worked incredibly hard and have already raised and hand-

ed over £50,000. To be told by the health board that they must contribute another £61,000 before the badly needed unit can be prepared is disgusting.'

NHS Highland issued a statement this week re-affirming its commitment to setting up a dialysis unit in Campbeltown.

Town's RNLI station had 11 callouts last year

CAMPBELTOWN'S RNLI station had a quieter year in 2014 with 11 callouts.

However across Scotland a record number of people had to be rescued by lifeboat crews.

RNLI boats rescued 1,175 people across Scotland, almost 200 up on the previous year.

George Bradley of RNLI's Campbeltown station, said: 'Campbeltown has two boats, an all-weather lifeboat which allows us to respond to emergencies in waters such as the often treacherous North Channel, and our transportable inshore vessel for helping those in difficulty in shallower waters.'

'We train weekly in order to react to any callouts, and ultimately preserve lives.'

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Tele-booths 'a non-starter'

THE plan to use tele-booths so that patients in remote areas can contact a GP out-of-hours service is a non-starter given the very poor telecoms infrastructure, Alan Reid MP believes.

'Experiences during the last couple of months in Argyll and Bute sadly prove that,' said the Argyll and Bute MP.

'How can NHS Highland use this technology when it is at the mercy of bad weather and the inability of BT and mobile phone companies to carry out repairs?' said Mr Reid. 'Until the telecoms infrastructure is greatly improved and made resilient this is not the solution.'

NHS Highland has long had difficulties in recruiting GPs and the cost of providing locum doctors has soared. It is now holding working groups and considering consulting the public on the hi-tech idea.

However, many parts of Argyll and Bute have

been suffering with no, or very slow, broadband, landline and mobile telephone coverage since the start of December when the region was hit by the first wave of winter storms.

'The risks and uncertainties of telebooths would be too great,' Mr Reid said. 'People could have no confidence that the system would work.'

'With better telecoms infrastructure, telebooths could be a useful addition to a good local GP service, but the health board's main priority should be to put far more effort into attracting GPs to work in Argyll and Bute.'

A NHS Highland spokesman said: 'The board has been asked to consider a set of key principles for a new, sustainable and safe model of out of hours care.'

'This includes, among other things, the use of telebooths for patients to speak to health-care professionals.'

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In the picture

ALL credit to the hard working and determined volunteers of the Campbeltown Community Business group for keeping us in the pictures. Not satisfied with working tirelessly to secure £3 million funding to renovate and upgrade the historic Picture House, they have put together a package which will bring must-see movies to the town's Victoria Hall one weekend a month for the foreseeable future. And in true Campbeltown spirit the event is being assisted by others - in this case the Royal Hotel, Aqualibrium staff and youngsters from the Hub.

Next weekend's offering of Mr Turner, Paddington, The Theory of Everything, Into the Woods and The Hobbit: Battle of the Five Armies would be a credit to any city cinema. Hopefully, film buffs will seize the opportunity to catch not one but two screenings and justify all the effort that has gone in to make the monthly screenings happen.

SHEENA Armour's account, in this week's Courier, of her late husband, Archie's, travails in receiving dialysis treatment at Vale of Leven Hospital thrice weekly for two years is a stark reminder of why a dialysis unit must be set up in Campbeltown Hospital as soon as possible.

It is heartening that NHS Highland has re-affirmed its commitment to establishing a unit at the hospital. What the vast majority of people in Kintyre would like to see now is the health authority make a clear statement about the funding of this facility. It has not covered itself in glory thus far in its handling of this whole matter, and needs to do better than simply urging local people to keep on raising money.

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Horrified at NHS Highland

Sir,

I am shocked and horrified that NHS Highland have told the Kintyre Dialysis Campaign that it must raise another £61,000 to pay for a kidney dialysis unit at Campbeltown Hospital.

The campaign volunteers have worked incredibly hard and have already raised and handed over £50,000. To be told by the health board that they must contribute another £61,000 before the badly needed unit can be prepared is disgusting.

During the referendum campaign, the SNP told us, wrongly, that the only way to stop the NHS being privatised in Scotland was to vote for independence. Now an agency of the SNP government is demanding that kidney patients have to raise money to pay for their treatment. This is the worst form of privatisation. The SNP government should be ashamed of itself and should pay this money now for the new unit, otherwise kidney dialysis patients will be faced with the long and exhausting trip to the Vale of Leven Hospital three times a week.

Alan Reid MP
Argyll and Bute.

Killing the golden goose

Sir,

Before it is too late, is it not time for NHS Highland to stop stuffing to death the plump magical goose nurtured and fed by the very kind people of Kintyre and beyond?

I suggest some of the hospital reconfiguration golden egg (taken sneakily to the Inverness HQ for incubation) should be returned urgently, so that a small percentage of the shell can be put towards the promised kidney dialysis unit at Campbeltown Hospital. Now let's get cracking!

The goose that lays the golden egg is an Aesop's fable demonstrating an unprofitable action from the wrong motivation.

As a postscript I would like to add that in my experience our rural hospitals have very conscientious staff doing excellent work with the resources made available to them.

The political problems rest with some of the policy makers detached from reality in their ivory towers.

Andrew Hemmings
South of Kintyre.

Alpine approach is Rest solution

Sir,

I can't agree with Alan Reid that the answer to the landslide problems on the Rest and Be Thankful is to build a new two-lane road on the opposite side of the glen.

I have no idea how much funding the SNP has available to construct a permanent solution but I imagine the cost of a new road would be astronomical.

Putting nets above the A83 where the major landslips have occurred is not an answer, the nets may stop the larger rocks but what happens next? These rocks cannot be left indefinitely and removing them from the nets has to be hazardous, requiring closure of the road in case a rock

breaks free and hurtles down.

The only permanent solution is to copy what the Swiss and other countries do in the Alps to protect roads from avalanche and that is to build a tunnel above the road that will deflect any landslips over the road and down into the glen. It will be expensive but not as expensive as a complete new road.

Brian Gee
Carradale.

Dialysis plea to NHS Highland

Sir,

It is a sad day to see NHS Highland looking for more local fundraising to be able to start dialysis treatment in Campbeltown.

My husband travelled to the Vale of Leven to have his dialysis and it was very hard to see him come home so exhausted, especially close to his demise. He never once complained about the staff, just the journey.

We had discussions with health professionals at the time that Archie was needing to change to haemodialysis. It was suggested then that if we did not have space at home they would provide a portable cabin which would have been completely fitted out with a chair, machine and all the necessary equipment needed to do this. In addition sewage, water and electricity supply costs would also be paid for.

Perhaps the cost of others doing this would be more expensive to the NHS than having to provide current local costs that seem to escalate so quickly.

What I understand is that each person who has to en-

dure the journey has to do so to survive and have an improved quality of life.

Please NHS let them have it - the community is turning up trumps, so why not you?

Sheena Armour
Kilkenzie.

MP is not swept along by party loyalty

Sir,

I returned from holiday to read in your edition of January 23 criticism by Hugh Moodie of my support of Alan Reid MP. Let me inform Mr Moodie of my position so that he will not be confused.

I, like Mr Reid, believe in the Liberal Democrat Party which exists to build and safeguard a fair, free and open society in which we seek to balance the fundamental values of liberty, equality and community, and in which no one shall be enslaved by poverty, ignorance or conformity.

I strongly support Alan Reid, as he is a hard working MP who makes the time and effort to know the needs, challenges and aspirations of the electorate over the vastly divergent constituency of Argyll and Bute. There is clear evidence he is a man of principle who will not be swept along by party loyalty if he does not believe it is in the best interest of his constituents. Alan Reid demonstrated this by voting no to the so-called bedroom tax.

I am pleased that Mr Moodie recognises the pioneering work by the Liberal Democrats in guaranteeing British support for the world's poor-

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est individuals. One can believe that charity should begin at home - as it does - without limiting one's compassion and practical help to those who are 'helpless and hopeless' wherever they reside.

Alan Reid and I believe in a united UK. The forces of separation, disruption, selfishness, and narrow mindedness associated with nationalism were substantially defeated in the September referendum. There is only one way in Argyll and Bute to defeat the SNP on May 7 and that is to vote for Alan Reid.

Hugh Moodie started his letter by saying, 'The gift that keeps on giving, that seems to be the policy of Alan Reid and the Liberal Democrats'. You know, I think he is right, Alan Reid does keep on giving his time, wisdom, energy and commitment to the people of Argyll and Bute.

**Finlay Craig
Cove.**

Confusion over access to proposed wind farm

Sir,
I have read with interest in your last copy of the Courier on the subject of the Creggan Windfarm scheme and would like to add a further point which seems to have been overlooked.

When you buy an island you have also to buy a boat. Similarly if you have large development on land you have to be able to have access to it from the nearest public highway. At the last meeting in Glenbarr I was told by one of the Burcote directors that the company would have access up the hill from a point between Glenbarr School and Glencreggan Farm stading, but I have reason to believe that there is no point on that stretch of the road where permission would be granted for such a major undertaking.

Now that the A83 is a trunk road the conditions allowing access will be even stricter and would come under the Scottish government roads authority. We are therefore left with the only other possible ac-



cess to the hill at Glencreggan Mid Lodge.

The whole Glencreggan Estate is on the market but the trustees have decided to retain Mid Lodge and its land meantime to avoid any possibility of it falling into the hands of a speculator or to have it available to cause even further delay in bringing to an end this disruption of a farming and residential glen which fits exactly the description by Argyll and Bute Council definition a year or so ago of 'land to be protected from windfarm developments'.

It is now three years since negotiations began with Burcote and further delay cannot be tolerated. Final decisions must be made now.

**Adam Bergius
Achnaha
Glenbarr.**

MP must share coalition's responsibility

Sir,
In reply to our (soon to be ex-) MP Alan Reid; you are, are you not, the same Alan Reid MP who stood for the Liberal Democrats in 2010 and is therefore a member of the party that formed a coalition with the Tories?

As such you share responsibility for the most divisive and destructive government of the UK in living memory.

One token vote against the bedroom tax does not absolve you of that responsibility.

What of tuition fees and all of the other evils of your government?

I wish you a less than fond farewell and the best of luck in your future occupation.

**Tony Williams
Muasdale.**

Do not vote for more of them same

Sir,
Alan Reid's cack-handed attempt to dodge the political consequences

arising from the policies of his own government fool no one.

While Mr Reid may have been granted the luxury to vote against the iniquitous bedroom tax, it was his Tory/Liberal government that forced it on Scotland in the first place. So much for the Liberals influencing Tory policy.

However, the evils of the bedroom tax are but only a foretaste of what is to come if the Three Amigos - Liberal, Tory and Labour - get their way.

Last month Alan Reid's Liberals, along with Labour, meekly voted with the Tories to impose a series of colossal 'austerity' cuts. A £30 billion attack on the most vulnerable in our society, which will hurt communities and families across Scotland for years to come with a policy that is simply not working.

Yet while we have austerity being imposed and food banks rising, the Westminster parties have voted for the moral and economic obscenity that is the £100 billion cost of Trident renewal, a weapons system that is unaffordable and is neither 'independent' nor, in a time of global terrorism, a deterrent.

For the SNP, this money ought to be spent on the things that really matter to Scotland - imagine what good could be done if this money was spent on the NHS, education and childcare.

At the general election the choice will be more of the same with Alan Reid and the London parties, or the opportunity to elect a strong phalanx of SNP MPs who will stand up for Scotland and argue for investment in public services over nuclear weapons.

**Ron Wilson
Secretary Kintyre
branch SNP.**

Dairy farmers need help

Sir,
Councillor Donald Kel-

ly and I share the widespread local concerns about the severe challenges facing Kintyre's dairy farmers due to First Milk's cut in payment to our milk producers. We fully support our local dairy farmers and believe the dairy farming sector is of real importance to the economy of Kintyre and underpins a significant number of jobs.

Any decline in the numbers of dairy farmers would have potentially damaging consequences for associated businesses like our agricultural merchants and of course the creamery.

I have already written to the Scottish government on this subject and I am calling on ministers to provide every possible assistance to local dairy farmers to help sustain them through these very difficult times.

The Scottish government can play a part by increasing support for marketing and encouraging supermarkets to stock locally-produced cheese. I am pleased that the Scottish parliament's rural affairs committee is holding a short inquiry into the situation and hope it will challenge the supermarkets and the groceries adjudicator as well.

Kintyre's dairy farmers deserve the support of all local consumers as they go through such severe financial difficulties and all agencies must work to ensure they are given the correct backing.

**Jamie McGrigor
MSP
Highland and
Islands.**

Error over road access

Sir,
Regarding the article 'Rocky Road in Building a Wind Farm' in last week's Courier, RES would like to correct the misunderstanding that may have been caused by a brief comment in the larger news article that quoted Mr Sneddon

also commenting on the access road for the consented Freasdail Wind Farm near Whitehouse.

Unfortunately the article wrongly stated that the access road for RES's Freasdail Wind Farm had already been created. The various planning conditions attached to the planning permission for the Freasdail Wind Farm have not yet been discharged. As such, development cannot yet commence and therefore the new wind farm access road onto the A83 has not yet been put in place.

RES has started undertaking preliminary site investigation works at the Freasdail Wind Farm site which will in turn allow the detailed designs to be progressed. Following this, planning conditions will be discharged in agreement with Argyll and Bute Council in advance of construction work starting at the site.

RES is delighted that

two of the three contracts for this initial work have been awarded to firms in Kintyre.

The intention, following the meet-the-buyer event RES held in Tarbert in November remains to build on this with a view to the level of local economic development significantly expanding when full construction works start later in the year.

**Ruth Highgate
Community relations
manager
RES Scotland.**

Half a job done

Sir,
Why would a dog owner think it is alright to do half a job?

Last week, I watched one pick up after one dog she was walking but chose not to clean up after the other dog she had with her.

It was obvious to me she had witnessed the second dog mess up the grass outside Kinloch's all-weather pitch.

It is not like some kind of supermarket BOGOF offer - do your duty with one pet and you don't have to worry about the other one.

Of course, most of us will be aware of the regular job half done - dog owners who bag their animal's mess and then leave the packages on the ground or on top of walls or hanging in bushes and trees. What is that all about?

However, in the interest of fairness, and unconnected from the aforementioned, what is a dog owner reasonably expected to do if their animal has a bad touch of the runs as they will do from time to time?

There is not exactly anything to get hold of to bag, is there?

Apologies to anyone eating while reading this.

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Wedding fayre date set

A WEDDING fayre will be held in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown on Sunday, April 26. It is being organised by Explore Campbeltown to showcase the quality businesses here in Campbeltown and Kintyre.

A spokeswoman for Explore Campbeltown said: 'The list of different businesses which contribute to a wedding is extensive and we have a massive variety of businesses within Explore Campbeltown which would be just perfect for this event, ranging from photographers, hairdressers, beauty salons, jewellery and clothing shops/makers, flower shops, card makers and crafters, items suitable for favours, hotels, food and drink providers and lots more.'

'It really has the potential to showcase Campbeltown as a destination town that is willing to work together to benefit the community.'

A meeting for everyone interested in getting involved will be held on Monday, February 16 at 7pm in the Tasting Room, Bolgam Street.

Landmark moments for Campbeltown sea cadets

CAMPBELTOWN Sea Cadets celebrated an exceptional year of achievements at its annual general meeting and prize giving last week.

Friends, family and invited guests saw cadets presented with qualification and promotion badges and trophies for prize winners, kindly presented by Ms Catriona Hood.

Emily Walker of the cadets said: 'The unit is also delighted to have achieved an efficiency award for the sixth consecutive year. This is an annual assessment on the achievements and accomplishments of cadets, as well as the administration and safety of the unit.'

'Also for the first time in the history of the unit, a cadet took part in the annual Trafalgar Day Parade, joining the massed band of the sea cadets in London.'

'Equally impressive is Able Cadet Iain Cameron, being the first cadet to achieve a RYA safety boat qualification and



Members of Campbeltown Sea Cadets at the annual prizegiving.

the only person in the unit to qualify to teach sailing.

'This year Campbeltown Sea Cadets celebrates its 60th anniversary

and the unit could not have achieved all its successes without the enthusiasm and hard work of all cadets, a team of dedicated staff

and the continued support of parents and volunteers.

'At the same time, all these achievements would not be made possible

without financial support and fundraising, and the unit wish to thank the community for continually supporting the unit with gener-

ous donations.' To find out more about the sea cadets, please visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/campbeltownseacadets

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Wednesday
Mid-Argyll Drama Club:
"Darlings, You Were Wonderful" by Derek Lomax
Tarbert Academy A: "Fireflies" by Harry Glass
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Feast of fun at Kintyre District Drama Festival

THE SCDA Kintyre District Drama Festival is almost here.

For the last few months local clubs have been busy rehearsing to offer a feast of entertainment in Campbeltown Grammar School Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 17 and 18, starting at 7pm each night.

A festival spokeswoman said: 'This year the accent is very much on comedy, with the specific intention of cheering everyone up after the long, cold winter.'

'There are six teams in all, with three performing each night. There are four comedies and two thought-provoking junior plays. This is the first stage of a national competition for both youth and senior teams.'

'Tuesday night opens with Lochgilphead Drama Club presenting The Play-Reading, by Joan Honey, a comedy thriller set in a lonely country cottage.'

'They are followed by a welcome return of Tarbert Academy (B), per-

forming a moving play set in a playground in the Ukraine: Fireflies by popular Scottish playwright Harry Glass.

'The last performance on Tuesday will be Pen-inver Players in a hilarious and chaotic version of Last Tango Roon the Learside, by David Tristram. The Dhorlinn Amateur Dramatic Society plans a show to raise money to pay their rent.'

'Wednesday evening begins with Mid-Argyll Drama Club's production of Darlings, You Were Wonderful, by Derek Lomax.'

'Once again, a group of amateurs, this time the Amazon Theatre Group, attempts to stage an ambitious production, with surprising results.'

'In contrast, the second play, by Tarbert Academy (A), is a poignant, and sometimes harrowing tale of children in the Warsaw Ghetto in 1942 - The Dust of the Street by Harry Glass.'

'The festival closes with Accent Players in a black comedy, That Old

Black Magic, by Andrea MacPhail. The Great Majestica Magician has gone missing, and he is booked for a show tonight. Can his assistant and his wife fill the gap?'

'The adjudicator this year is Russell Boyce, who is no stranger to Campbeltown audiences. Tickets are a very reasonable £7 per night for adults and £4 for primary school children.'

'Priority tickets can be booked at the coffee morning in the Red Cross Hall on Saturday, February 7 and thereafter at the Yorkshire Building Society, Longrow South.'

Regular festival-goers will know how important it is to book your seat. If you've never been before, now is your chance to find out what you've been missing! Refreshments are available at the intervals.'

Please note the earlier start of 7.00 pm. See you there!



David Adams McGilp, right, at Machrihanish Dunes with course designer Jimmy Kidd, welcomes The Ryder Cup Trophy.

Cup of cheer for tourism boss

THE Ryder Cup trophy arriving in Machrihanish and Campbeltown prior to the tournament was among last year's highlights for David Adams McGilp, the Argyll and the Isles Tourism director.

'Its arrival by helicopter on the course at Machrihanish Dunes was very glamorous and I was overwhelmed by the amazing public reaction in Campbeltown - more than 200 people queued to have their

photographs taken beside the iconic gold trophy,' he said.

Another highlight was the Islay Festival of Music and Malt. 'It combines the best of what Islay has to offer and is still big business after 30 years. What's not to love about it?' He added: 'There's also much for us to look forward to this year when we will work to capitalise on the opportunities of Scotland's Year of Food and Drink by

building on the momentum gained in 2014 and harnessing the growing global interest in Scotland and in visiting our country.'

Society kicks off with ceilidh

KINTYRE Piping Society kicks off its new season with its annual Burns Night Ceilidh next Saturday.

Held in the Campbeltown Bowling Club and starting at 8pm, there promises to be a wide variety of entertainment, featuring youth pipe bands from Machrihanish Dunes and Kintyre Schools pipe bands, singers, highland dancers and a fiddle group.

Alister Cousin will address the haggis in his usual fashion on what promises to be a great night.

The piping society will hold its junior championship on March 28, with the Royal Scottish Pipers' Society donating a wonderful bronze star for the overall junior prize.



Chorale workshop prepares for dialysis fund concert

THE Kintyre Chorale and a group of ladies from Tarbert enjoyed taking part in a workshop with Kenneth Thomson, the musical director of the Glasgow Gaelic Choir. The group worked on three pieces which they will perform when Mr Thomson returns to Campbeltown with the Glasgow Gaelic Choir on March 21 for a concert in aid of the Kintyre Dialysis Fund.

Photograph courtesy of Sarah MacDonald.

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8:00pm **Mr Turner** (12A) 150mins Timothy Spall as great British painter J.M.W. Turner

Sunday 15 Feb

12:30pm **Into The Woods** (PG) 125mins 'a whirl of pure pleasure' The Telegraph

3:00pm **Paddington** (PG) 95mins

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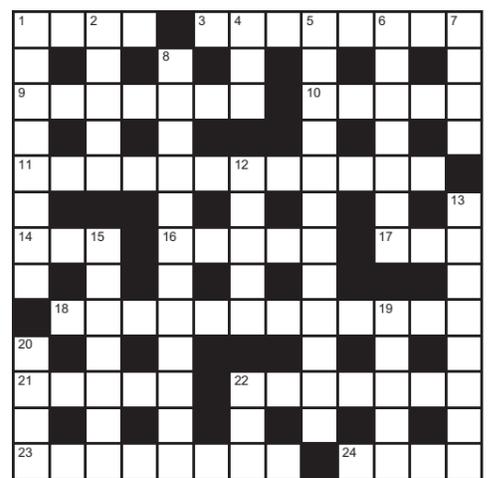
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Last week's solution



ISLAY



James joins in support for serving soldiers

ANOTHER batch of parcels is on its way from Islay to serving soldiers in Afghanistan.

Alastair Redman, pictured, who gathers the gifts at his Portnahaven post office from supporters all over Argyll, said: 'We are all proud of our country's heroic armed forces.'

'Thanks to everyone who contributed to our latest batch of parcels des-

igned for our forward operating bases in Afghanistan.

Generous donations

'A particular thanks to An Gleann tablet for their very generous donation that will be much appreciated by the guys and gals of our UK armed forces and another thanks to wee James Holmes for his enthusiastic help putting the parcels together.'

CLACHAN AND TARBERT

Free flooding advice

EXHIBITIONS in Clachan and Tarbert will give advice on flood protection.

They will be held in Clachan on Monday, February 9, 4pm to 7pm, and in Tarbert's Templars Hall on February 16, 4pm to 6.30pm.

Since the flooding in Campbeltown at the end of last year, Argyll and Bute Council in partnership with the Scottish Flood Forum has been provided much needed help and support to those affected by the floods.

A weekly drop-in sur-

gery (Mondays, 4pm to 6pm) at the town's Aqualibrium leisure centre continues to give advice and support to people worried about insurance, repairs and drying out their homes and other concerns they may have.

Paul Hendy, operations director of the Scottish Flood Forum, said: 'It's important that people know they can come and get the help they need. Advice is free and often takes away the worry and fear of being flooded again.'

'These exhibitions

bring together a number of products for people to handle and ask questions as well as the expertise of the council and Scottish Flood Forum to enable everyone to see what is available to protect their home.

'Everything from door barriers to airbrick covers and toilet bungs, it's all on show.'

'There will be a free home flood guide to all who attend and the opportunity to sign up for a free property flood protection survey.'

Councillor Rory Colville, chairman of the

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee, said: 'It's a terrible experience being flooded and seeing your home and possessions under water. That is why the council has arranged for a series of property flood protection exhibitions to show people what can be done to stop flood water entering their property.'

'The area committee recognises the problems and has asked for a report covering the physical causes and possible solutions to the flooding in Campbeltown.'

SOUTHEND



Piping in the haggis.



Pupils recite a poem.

Pupils hold their own Burns supper

PUPILS at Southend primary enjoyed a truly Scottish experience when they held their annual Burns supper. Pupils, staff and invited guests were treated to speeches, recitations, songs and instrumentalists.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious three-course Burns supper complete with haggis, neeps and tatties. After the meal everyone took to the floor to dance 'The Dashing White Sargeant'.



Pupils join in singing a Burns song.

Say cheese at first meeting of the year

SOUTHEND WRI held its first meeting of 2015 in St Blaas's Hall on Monday, January 5 when president Jen Ronald warmly welcomed members and wished everyone all the best for the New Year.

Jen then introduced the speaker for the night Sheena Robertson, technical manager at Campbeltown Creamery.

Sheena had set up a video for everyone to watch which revealed they started making cheese in 1918 and condensed milk, butter, and cheese. There were 106 farms producing milk 25 years ago that number is much less now.

Shaking

While everyone was busy watching the video and asking ques-

tions, Sheena Robertson was shaking a small tub in one hand and by the time all the questions were answered, a small block of butter dropped out of the container.

Much deserved refreshments were served, and a raffle drawn, bringing the night to a close.

Competitions:

Item using Mull of Kintyre Cheese - Mar-

ion Warnock gold, Jen Ronald gold, Jean Ives silver, Margaret Bateman red, Fiona Rowland red.

Gold

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Producers urged to promote dairy

UK dairy producers have been urged by NFU Scotland's milk committee to pull together and take the positive story behind Scottish and British dairy produce directly to the consumer.

The union believes that a farmer-led campaign built around positive, promotional activity at retailers - developed in conjunction with stakeholders such as DairyCo, Dairy UK and fellow farming unions - will highlight the quality, variety and value of the nation's dairy produce.

During this period of low farmgate prices, milk committee members agreed that a collaborative promotion effort will help reinforce the support already apparent from British consumers to buy British dairy produce.

A NFU spokeswoman said: 'That message can be enhanced by dairy farmers meeting face-to-face with consumers and giving them a taste of the delicious, high

quality, highly nutritious farm-assured produce originating from our dairy farms.

'The members of the milk committee are all working dairy farmers producing milk in every region of Scotland, and they all support a positive campaign involving the nation's highly professional and dedicated farmers and the many quality products produced in Scotland and the UK.

Volatile

Gary Mitchell, NFU Scotland's milk committee chairman, said: 'The current volatile price swings are hugely challenging for farmers but some self-promotion of our products, ensuring that they are increasingly sought out by our loyal consumers could help strengthen returns to the sector, particularly at this difficult time.

'We appreciate our levy body DairyCo may not have a big marketing budget to specialise



The public can be encouraged to use more dairy products, from cheese to cream.

ly promote dairy, but it does have the potential to co-ordinate a farmer-led promotional campaign over a weekend.

'That would then allow our dairy processors and their umbrella organisation Dairy UK to get on board and help us to promote our produce in all of our regional areas.

'We will be discussing the potential of a nationwide campaign with other farming un-

ions. For Scottish producers who are keen to be involved in the promotion at their local supermarket, please contact your NFUS milk committee representative, your DairyCo extension officer, or myself on 07885 581 580.

'DairyCo can assist the farming unions to coordinate our efforts and Dairy UK can encourage its processors' members to donate dairy products, and we can

work to mobilise farmers and their families to promote all things dairy, at some point soon.

'Support from producers across the UK could make this work.

Lamb

'In Scotland, last August's promotional campaign of Scotch lamb, where samples of tasty Scotch lamb were given out at supermarkets across the country over one weekend, led to sales of the meat rising by 11 per cent.

'If we could raise milk sales by just five per cent our spring flush would all but vanish.'

Milk committee member James Rankin, a

fourth generation farmer from Cumbernauld, said: 'We need to move on from all the moaning and groaning, and start to think positively and look to what we can do ourselves.

'We need to promote rather than protest.

'I saw what had been done by Quality Meat

Scotland and there's no reason that can't work for dairy produce.

'It is clear the public is behind us.

'We need to get out to supermarkets and encourage more people not just to drink more milk but to use more dairy products, from cheese to cream.'

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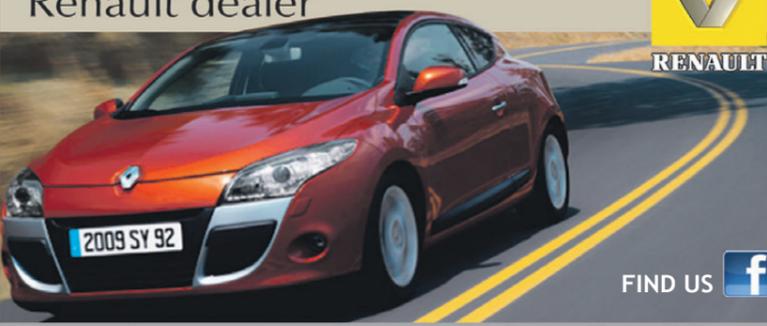
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Avelyn Miles, left, a Campbeltown resident affected by November's flash floods, speaks to Paul Hendy of the Scottish Flood Forum.

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Flood support for those affected

CAMPBELTOWN residents troubled by November's flash floods received expert advice on Monday on how to stop flood damage.

The Scottish Flood Forum held a drop-in service at the Aqualibrium in Campbeltown to help those affected.

The exhibition gave advice on how flood water enters the home, products that prevent floodwater getting in and also discussed insurance issues.

Paul Hendy of the Scottish Flood Forum said: 'The exhibition was very

productive and we were able to offer advice and support to some of those affected by flooding during the past few months.

'The flood forum will be running more exhibitions in Kintyre over the next few weeks, in Clachan this Monday, February 9 and in Tarbert the following Monday.

'People in Campbeltown can always contact the Scottish Flood Forum. We can offer advice and even arrange visits to homes and businesses.'

BT 'must show urgency' on Islay

'Some people have waited up to six weeks for their phone lines to be repaired which is unacceptable'

BT is making customers across Argyll face a six-week wait for phone line repairs, according to Portnahaven postmaster Alistair Redman.

Mr Redman, Conservative parliamentary candidate for Argyll and Bute at this year's general election, is demanding urgent action from the provider to fix regular and widespread blackouts.

He said: 'BT does not see Islay as an attractive place to improve the landline and broadband internet provision as it is, in its words, not commercially viable.'

'While this is just

wrong, it is also treating the problems on Islay as individual cases.

'It must realise there is a correlation in the widespread blackouts we have been seeing since well before Christmas.

'It hampers the ability to do business outwith the immediate community, something I am keenly aware of as a postmaster, which leaves Islay and other communities in Argyll behind.

'Some people have waited up to six weeks for their phone lines to be repaired, which is unacceptable, especially

when superfast broadband is being rolled out across swathes of the central belt and England.'

Giovanna Marini, chairman of BT's specialist business complaints, wrote to Mr Redman following his complaint to the provider at the beginning of the year.

Confirmed

Mrs Marini said: 'The local operations manager has confirmed that there are no known issues on the island other than the usual ones created by weather.'

'I acknowledge the digital world is moving

quickly but in all of our previous communications we have been clear that we can only make upgrades where commercially viable.'

Mr Redman added: 'We need urgency from BT. I am hearing residents' concerns about poor or non-existent phone and broadband service all too frequently.'

'Money may be BT's first thought but what should be even more important is an industrious rural community having access to the most modern technology for their personal lives and business endeavours.'

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Hat's a fine look for this model to top off Diana's makeup.



Diana, left, shares a laugh with a bride-to-be and her bridesmaids as she does her hair. Picture courtesy of Ronnie

Spreading the m

IT IS a huge responsibility - making a bride look her very best on her big day.

Professional freelance hair and makeup artist Diana Mackenzie, 39, from Saddell, loves the whole process.

'It is exciting to play a key role in someone's special day. I know how important it is to them and there is a real satisfaction in seeing them

looking good,' she told the Courier.

'I'm nervous about everyone I go to. If I was not nervous, I would not be passionate about what I do.'

'This is an emotional day for the bride. I'm sharing that emotion, I'm just as anxious as she is that she looks her very best.'

For all the shared nerves, there is an underlying confidence. Most brides will opt for a trial run well before the wedding.

'We will discuss possibilities for the hair and makeup and we can tweak things,' explained Diana. 'You don't have a lot of time on the wedding day, so a trial run makes a lot of sense.'

Diana, who has been shortlisted for the hair and makeup category in the north-west region of the Scottish Wedding Awards, said most brides were not interested in re-inventing their look.

'They just want to look like a natural, polished version of themselves,' she said. 'They want me



There are no ugly women, only lazy ones



- Helena Rubinstein

to enhance their good features.

'I look at the shape of their eyes and bring out the best in them. The eyes are their most stunning feature more often than not and something I can make most of.'

'You have to keep in mind how the photographer is going to capture them.'

'It is all about light and shade, and often with makeup it is a case of less is more - not about how much you use but how you use it.'

'I have always been fascinated by makeup. It is important to me. It is a feelgood thing for a woman and I would rarely go out the door without it.'

A former admin work-

Diana Mac on hand to bride look I



The stunning look of this model shows how less can be more.



All women need makeup. The only woman who was pretty enough to go without makeup was Elizabeth Taylor and she wore a ton



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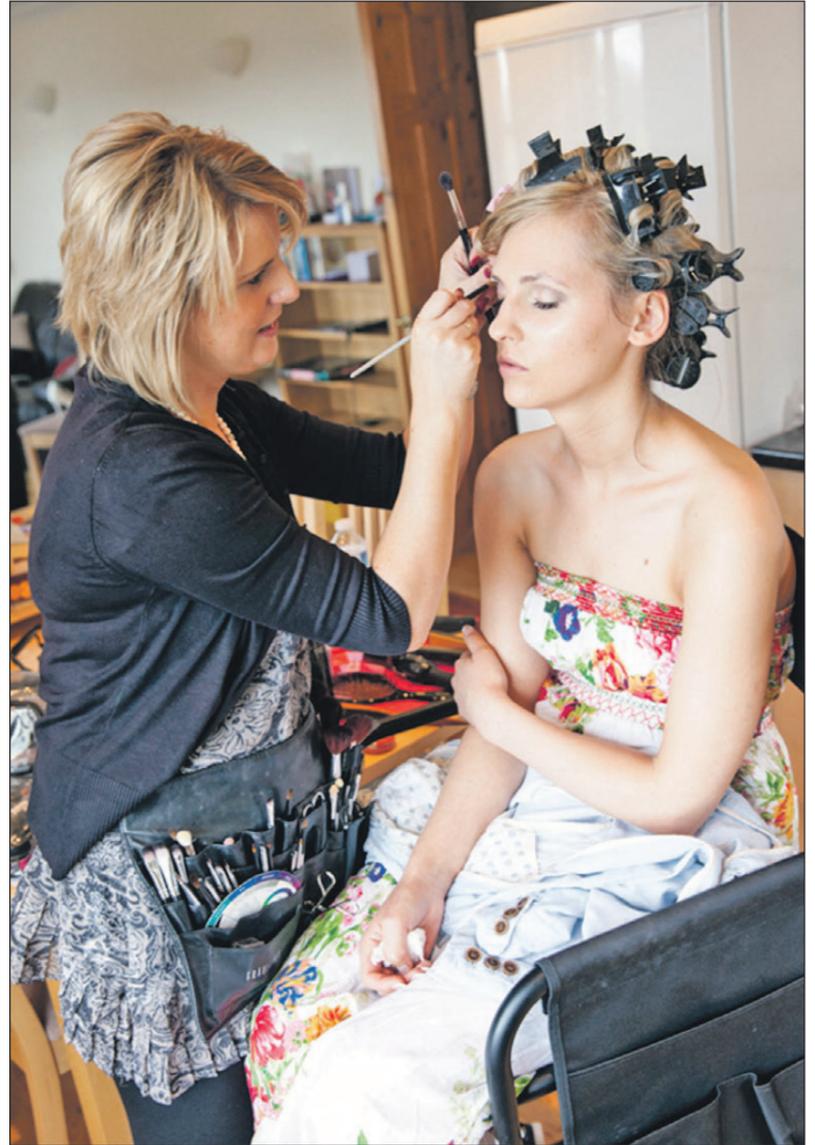
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Diana had this bride looking 'a natural, polished version' of herself.



This close up shows the incredible detail of Diana's work around the eyes.



Diana doing the makeup for a bride-to-be before her wedding at Portavadie Marina. Picture courtesy of Ronnie Cairns Photography.

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“The most beautiful makeup of a woman is passion. But cosmetics are easier to buy”

- Yves Saint-Laurent

er, Diana decided a few years ago to develop her passion by attending the Academy of Makeup Scotland in Glasgow for intensive courses in bridal hair and advanced makeup artistry.

She took a break for the birth of her son, John, now nine months old, but feels he is now old enough for her to return to work, with both her husband, Douglas, and mother, Dianne Brodie, available for babysitting duties.

She has her own website - www.dianamakeup.co.uk - and is prepared to trav-

el throughout Argyll. 'Most of my clients have been in the likes of Tarbert, Oban and Cowal.'

Diana also does makeup lessons, makeup parties and prepares models for photo shoots. 'That includes male models - they need a little for the lighting on the catwalk.'

Diana said she does not know who nominated her for the Scottish Wedding Awards, which will be held at a black tie event in Glasgow's Crown Plaza Hotel on February 24. 'It was obviously a client - it was a

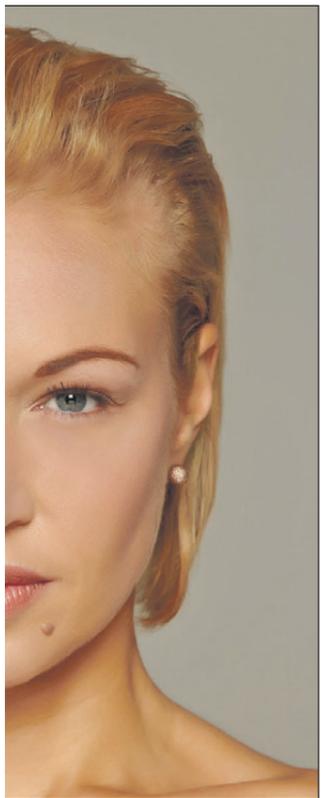
lovely surprise. I can be sure my six fellow finalists will be looking their best for that day!'

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East road 'beyond patch and mend'

Stretches of B842 need resurfacing, says councillor

A CALL has gone out for the resurfacing of large stretches of the potholed Campbeltown to Carradale and Cloonaig route.

Kintyre and the Islands councillor Robin Currie said the B842 has deteriorated beyond the 'patch and mend stage'.

It follows more than a year of extensive heavy

traffic serving the SSE electricity substation project at Crossaig.

Councillor Currie raised his concerns with Argyll and Bute Council road officials last month.

He told the Courier this week: 'The usage of that road by lorries and other vehicles is unbelievable now.'

'The road is in a really poor state, past the patch and mend stage.'

'There are good stretches on it following work by SSE last year, but now it and Argyll and Bute Council have a lot of work to do.'

'I'm doing what I can to bring it to the attention of the right people.'

SSE has undertaken to maintain the stretch north of Carradale while the council is responsible for the rest of the B842.

Carradale resident Johnny Durnan, a former East Kintyre Community Council chairman, said he has been 'hammering' the council with emails about the state of the road.

'It has been neglect-

ed in recent months,' he said. 'It is badly potholed and breaking up. There are safety fears.'

'Eighteen months of heavy trucks have taken a toll. We have convoys coming up from Campbeltown that should have been coming by an alternative route.'

'The road was never meant for that level of traffic. You are meeting vehicles every few seconds at times.'

'The stretches between Campbeltown to Carradale and Cloonaig of the B842 and the B8001 Cloonaig to Kennacraig are terrible.'

'The lack of gritting when there is ice or snow is also a big problem.'

The condition of the



Potholes on the single-lane road from Carradale to Cloonaig.

B842 reached a head last May when Stuart Irvine, chairman of the community council, said it was 'worse than those found in a Third World country'.

SSE and Argyll and Bute Council acted quickly once the issue was highlighted in the Courier and carried out substantial repair and improvement work.

SSE revealed then that while the substation work is scheduled to be completed this October, there may be heavy road traffic at times until April 2016.

This week Mr Irvine said: 'I think we have been ignored by Argyll and Bute Council with regards to the road from Carradale to Campbeltown.'

'Generally since last summer SSE has responded very well to any problems brought to its attention.'

Mr Irvine said roads would be 'high on its agenda' for the community council meeting last night (Thursday).

An Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman said this week: 'The

B842 continues to be assessed for maintenance treatments.'

While it is not possible to promote all the work required in one financial year, sites on B842 are included on the carriageway reconstruction programme for 2015-16.

'The local roads area team continues to have dialogue with SSE representatives and contractors on the compliance with standards on maintenance of the B842 Carradale - Crossaig and the correct operation of traffic movements to and from the site.'

'There have been instances where the performance of these conditions has been in-

sufficient and the council has asked for SSE to improve matters and will continue to do so.'

Samantha O'Connor, spokeswoman for SHE Transmission, said: 'We thank the residents for their patience while we have been repairing our section of the road.'

'The recent weather caused a delay in what are usually very prompt repairs as the staff have been moved away from site to carry out emergency repairs to the electricity network.'

'All efforts are now back to ensuring that the road is maintained to a satisfactory level with all pothole repairs being carried out as soon as they are recognised.'



A lack of gritting on B842 leaves it treacherous in snow and ice.



Heavy lorries are a constant presence now on the B842, badly damaging the road surface.

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Figures from the last quarter of 2014 show that NHS Highland exceeded the Scottish Government's target of 95 percent of A&E patients being treated within four hours of admission.

Additional support has also been provided to tackle delayed discharge, with £1.84 million allocated for Argyll and Bute.

Mr Russell said: 'It is highly creditable that NHS Highland is still meeting the Scottish government's very exacting waiting time standard.'

High standard

'Changing patterns of health care and a growing elderly population are clearly key elements in the mix, but I know that the work of accident and emergency staff across Argyll and Bute has contributed to a very high standard of care, which is much appreciated by all who have to make use of it.'

The Scottish Government
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TRANSPORT SCOTLAND

THE A83 TRUNK ROAD (ARDRISHAIG TO TARBERT) (50MPH AND 30MPH VARIATION SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2015

The Scottish Ministers hereby give notice that they propose to make the above Order under sections 84(1)(a) and 124(1)(d) of, and paragraph 27 of Schedule 9 to, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will have the effect of imposing a 50 mph speed limit on that length of the A83 Tarbert - Lochgilphead - Campbeltown Trunk Road from a point (at Ordnance Map coordinates 184977, 684752) at Ardrishaig, 339 metres or thereby south of its junction with the extended centre line of Oakfield Road, to a point (at Ordnance Map coordinates 186658, 669338) at Tarbert, 60 metres or thereby north east of its junction with the extended centre line of the road leading to the properties forming number 1-6, The Ridge, a distance of 16.785 kilometres or thereby.

The A83 Trunk Road (Tarbert) (30mph Speed Limit) Order 2007 is being varied to provide a more accurate description of the extent of the 30mph length of road.

Full details of the proposal are contained in the Order which, together with a plan showing the length of road involved, a copy of the Order to be varied and a statement of the Scottish Ministers' reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined free of charge during normal business hours from 5th February 2015 until 5th March 2015 at the offices of Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow, G4 0HF; Ardrishaig Post Office, 49 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead, PA30 8EY and Tarbert Post Office, Woods Newsagents, Tarbert, Argyll, PA29 6UD.

Any person wishing to object to the proposed Order should send details of the grounds for objection in writing to the Director of Trunk Road and Bus Operations, c/o Liam McDaid, Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow, G4 0HF quoting reference NNW/A83(2)/LMC by 5th March 2015.

A copy of the Order and this Notice will be available on the Transport Scotland website at www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/road-and-traffic-orders/traffic-orders.

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A member of the staff of the Scottish Ministers
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Notice is hereby given that Creggan Wind Farm Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Burcote Wind Limited), company registration number 06850758, 15 Pitreavie Court, Queensberry Road, Dunfermline, Fife, KY11 8UU has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent to construct and operate a wind farm to north-east of Glenbarr on the Kintyre Peninsula within the Argyll and Bute Council area (central grid reference NR 693 381) and for a direction under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted. The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be around 54 MW, comprising 18 wind turbines with a ground to blade tip height of up to a maximum of 110 metres.

Creggan Wind Farm Limited has now submitted to Scottish Ministers further information in the form of an addendum including the updated Environmental Impact Assessment relative to the revised layout and reduced and amended scheme, to the Creggan Wind Farm Environmental Statement.

Copies of the addendum supplementing the Environmental Statement have been provided explaining the Company's proposals in more detail and are available for inspection during normal office hours at:

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The Addendum can also be viewed at the Scottish Government Library at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ. A copy of the further information has been made available to Argyll and Bute Council for public inspection.

Copies of the addendum may be obtained from Creggan Wind Farm Limited (tel: 01383 749645) at a charge of £255 hard copy and £10 on CD. Copies of a short non-technical summary are available free of charge.

Any representations should be made in writing to The Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow G2 8LU or emailed to representations@scotland.gsi.gov.uk identifying the proposal and specifying grounds for objection or support, not later than 17 March 2015. Representations should be dated and should clearly state the name (in block capitals), full return email and postal address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to the address stipulated will receive acknowledgement.

Fair Processing Notice

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Should Scottish Ministers call a Public Local Inquiry (PLI), copies of these representations will be sent to the Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals for the Reporter to consider during the inquiry. These representations will be posted on their website with all personal data redacted, including the full name, address, email address, signature and home telephone number redacted (blacked out).

Copies of representations will also be issued to the developer on request, again with all personal data redacted as previously indicated.

You can choose to mark your representation as confidential, in which case it will only be considered by Scottish Ministers and will not be shared with the Planning Authority, the developer, the Reporter (should a PLI be called) or any other third party.

If you have any queries or concerns about how your personal data will be handled, please email the Energy Consents and Deployment Unit at: energyconsents@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or in writing to Energy Consents and Deployment, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU.

All previous representations received in relation to this development remain valid.

The Scottish Government
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TRANSPORT SCOTLAND

THE A82 TRUNK ROAD (TARBET TO INVERARNAN) (50MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2015

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS hereby give notice that they propose to make the above Order under section 84(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will have the effect of imposing a 50 mph speed limit on that length of the A82 Dalnottar - Inverness Trunk Road from a point (at Ordnance Map coordinates 232367, 704828) at Tarbet, 397 metres or thereby east of the extended centreline of its junction with Still Brae, northerly, to a point (at Ordnance Map coordinates 231920, 719432) 250 metres or thereby south of the extended centreline of the access to Glen Falloch farm, near Inverarnan, a distance of 17.067 kilometres or thereby.

Full details of the proposal are contained in the Order which, together with a plan showing the length of road involved and a statement of the Scottish Ministers' reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined free of charge during normal business hours from 5th February 2015 until 5th March 2015 at the offices of Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow, G4 0HF; Crianlarich Post Office, Station Road, Crianlarich, FK20 8QN and Tarbet Post Office, Arrochar, G83 7DD.

Any person wishing to object to the proposed Order should send details of the grounds for objection in writing to the Director of Trunk Road and Bus Operations, c/o Liam McDaid, Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow, G4 0HF quoting reference NNW/A82/LMC by 5th March 2015. A copy of the Order and this Notice will be available on the Transport Scotland website at www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/road-and-traffic-orders/traffic-orders.

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A member of the staff of the Scottish Ministers
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/03022/PP	Installation of 94.8 metre long pontoon with associated on-shore works and seabed moorings	Furnace Hatchery Furnace Argyll and Bute	Furnace Post Office

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/00142/PP	Formation of carpark (part retrospective).	Land Adjacent to Craignish Parish Church Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8QN	Sub Post Office Ardfern

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, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD.

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

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COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES

Councillor Sandy Taylor (Ward 3 Mid Argyll)

Councillor Taylor can be contacted by e mail - sandy.taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk and by telephone - 01546 604184. Councillor Taylor will also be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

Councillor Anne Horn (Ward 2 Kintyre and the Islands)

Councillor Horn can be contacted by Tel: 01880 820496 and by email - anne.horn@argyll-bute.gov.uk. Councillor Horn will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

Councillor Donald Kelly (Ward 1 South Kintyre)

Councillor Kelly can be contacted on Tel: 01586 810193/07977327751 or by email donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk. Councillor Kelly will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

Councillor Rory Colville (Ward 1 South Kintyre)

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Councillor Robin Currie (Ward 2 Kintyre and the Islands)

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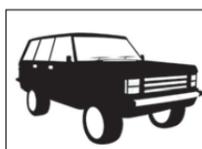
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



AS we slip gently towards spring, our friends are looking forward to returning to Kintyre.

We are blessed that so many of our friends from Glasgow and beyond still want to come to see us.

As we look back over the past 10 years since we moved here we are aware that we have lost several good friends.

We miss their visits greatly and often reminisce about the good times we shared.

Friendship is a precious gift and friendship gives life colour and meaning.

It is said that a true friend knows you and loves you just the same.

When I look back at the people who have been my friends I see a great mixture and variety.

Some friends are a part of our lives for a while and then in the course of events, we drift apart.

Some friends are ones we rarely see yet when we do, the friendship is renewed immediately and catch-up time delights us.

Other friends have been lifelong ones who have shared the big events in our lives and are growing older along with us.

They have been the rocks when life has been tough.

Some friends may have joined our path more recently but have shared so much that we feel they have always been part of us, and always will be.

Friendship is a precious gift and one to be treasured.

When friends visit they often bring a little gift or memento, and we are pleased to receive these.

But the best gifts they bring are the gifts of their love, their concern, their fun, their companionship.

The best friends are the ones who share our tears as well as our laughter and stand beside us in the storms.

'We'll be friends forever, won't we Pooh?' asked Piglet.

'Even longer,' Pooh answered.

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Special lady who leaves a great legacy



Margaret Semple, founder member of The Mairi Semple Fund for Cancer Relief and Research.

MARGARET Semple (née Henderson), who died in December aged 83, was the founder member of The Mairi Semple Fund for Cancer Relief and Research.

Mairi, stepdaughter to Margaret, died in 1976 of the same cancer that had claimed her young mother. Margaret was the rock and salvation for her husband Richard as lightning struck twice and robbed Richard of the 21-year-old Mairi.

Margaret was inspirational not only for her love and support to Richard, but for her drive to turn the tragedy of Mairi's passing into good by forming The Mairi Semple Fund.

Suffering

Margaret initially worked with her local minister, her doctor and others to provide resources to those suffering from any type of cancer - primarily in her own Muasdale area - but thereafter throughout Kintyre.

The fund, now 36 years old, has raised and distributed more than £250,000.

Margaret will be remembered for her spirit of caring and kindness, shown at their best when making scones and tablet for fundraising events for the Mairi Semple Fund and other

organisations which she supported generously.

Her hands were as creative as they were kind, and her favourite fund-raising activity was the 'Mairi Semple Bi-Annual Flower Festival', which produced excellent works of floral art which were displayed at A'Chleit Parish Church.

This gave a great excuse to make the trip to the Isle of Gigha to renew acquaintances with the local people as well as gather flowers required for the displays.

Margaret was as well-known and admired on Gigha as she was in Kintyre and in her hometown of Thorntonhall.

Today the Mairi Semple Fund continues in the safe hands of the Kintyre people and money continues to be dispensed locally as well as contributing to Friends of Beatson, Yorkhill, CHAS, Marie Curie and Friends of Oban Hospice.

The success of the fund speaks volumes of the true character and generous spirit of this special lady and leaves a great legacy.

Margaret Henderson was born at Meikle Dripps Farm, Thorntonhall, and was a member of Carmunnock Parish Church and taught the

dred spirit with children and people of all generations.

She was the best of company and great fun to be around, and she will be well remembered for her 'open door', her cheery welcome and chat, and for her generous hospitality.

Enjoyed

Margaret had a full and wonderful life and enjoyed good health up to her 80th birthday.

It was always her wish to remain at her home in Muasdale and it is with indebted gratitude to friends, neighbours and carers that her wish was realised.

She was a unique and special character who was much loved and cherished, and her passing is a sad loss to all who knew and loved her.

Myra Henderson

*The Courier would welcome obituaries and tributes about any member of the Kintyre community.

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Reid fights for HGV exemption

ALAN Reid MP has called on the UK government not to scrap the deal which exempts island lorries and other HGVs from the annual MOT test.

In the Commons, the Argyll and Bute MP urged a rethink.

Mr Reid said: 'The Department for Transport is consulting on removing the MOT exemption for HGVs based on Islay, Bute, Mull and Tiree, but the exemption is there for a very good reason: there are simply not enough HGVs on those islands to justify the cost of an authorised testing facility and the cost of taking a HGV to the mainland is very high.'

Mr Reid said afterwards: 'I will keep up the campaign to retain this valuable exemption for island businesses.'

More people needing welfare help

MORE households in Argyll and Bute are struggling to get by.

New figures from the Scottish government reveals that 628 applications for welfare assistance were made in Argyll and Bute in the last three months of 2014.

That is an increase of almost a quarter on the same period last year.

Alex Neil, cabinet secretary for social justice, said: 'That anyone should live in poverty in a wealthy country is completely unacceptable and we'll continue

to tackle poverty and inequality to create a more prosperous and fairer society.

'The Scottish Welfare Fund is a lifeline for people to buy the everyday items or cover basic living costs that so many of us take for granted.

'A total of 1,460 households in Argyll and Bute have now been helped by the Scottish Welfare Fund in its first 18 months of operation.

'The Scottish government has allocated £33 million a year to

the Scottish Welfare Fund to make sure that we continue to reach out to households in the most deprived areas.

'Many families are paying a heavy price for the UK government's welfare reforms and this investment helps to mitigate the effects of these cuts on some of our most vulnerable people.'

The last three months of 2014 also saw a steady flow of people using the Kintyre Food Bank, which was opened in Campbeltown in October.

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



BRECHIN

Cameron and Jennifer are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Catherine Christina (Katie), on December 25, 2014 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. A first grandchild for Gordon and Shona Brechin, Kilmartin, and Drew and Joan Brock, Lenzie. A great granddaughter for Catherine and the late Colin Cameron, and Gordon and the late Margaret Brechin.



GILLESPIE - CAMPBELL

Greig and Eilidh are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their son, Owen John, on January 9, 2015 at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. Both families delighted. Special thanks to midwives, Helen and Isabel.



SINCLAIR - DONNIE AND KAREN

(née MacKinnon) are delighted to announce the birth of Greg Neil, on January 20, 2015 at Southern General Hospital. A little brother for Jack, third grandchild for Donald and Pat, and fourth grandchild for Malcolm and Jane. Special thanks to all at Lochgilphead Maternity Unit and SGH, Glasgow.

DEATHS

ALLAN - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 30, 2015, Stewart Allan, in his 84th year, Duncanin, High Peninver, dearly beloved husband of Hazel Allan and a much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral private.

DREGHORN - Peacefully, at Campbeltown Hospital, on January 30, 2015, John Dreghorn, in his 83rd year, 58 Limecraigs Road, Campbeltown and formerly of Southend, dearly beloved husband of Janette, much loved father of John and a loving grandpa of Hannah and Rosie.

ELLIOT - On February 2, 2015, peacefully at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, James (Jimmy) Elliot, in his 83rd year, beloved husband of the late Trina Elliot, much loved father of Linda, Bobby, Philip, Cindy and the late Edward and a dearly loved grandpa of Jamie, Liam and Jack. Sadly missed by all. Funeral service at Inveraray Parish Church, today Friday, February 6, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Collection if desired, for M S Society Scotland.

FERGUSON - Neil, peacefully on January 29, 2015 in Girvan Community Hospital, after a short illness, loving husband of Patricia, née Brown. Funeral at Masonhill Crematorium, Ayr, at 12.00 noon on Monday, February 9, 2015.

MACARTHUR - Peacefully, at Campbeltown Hospital, surrounded by his family, on February 3, 2015, Hugh Muir MacArthur, in his 88th year, The Flush, Machrihanish Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Janet Morrison and much loved father Hugh and Georgina. Funeral private.

MACBRAYNE - Peacefully at home, 2 Hillview Terrace, Ardrishaig, on January 29, 2015, Jessie MacKinnon MacBrayne, née Fairservice, in her 93rd year, beloved wife of the late Duncan MacBrayne, dearly loved mum of Katrina, Janette and Duncan, much respected mother-in-law of Hugh, Melvyn and Lesley and adored and loving gran and great gran. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, followed by service at Craighton Crematorium, on Thursday, February 5, 2015. Sadly missed.

MACDOUGALL - Peacefully at home, 6 Broomfield, Carradale, on January 31, 2015, Cathie Buchanan, in her 86th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Aleca MacDougall, much loved mother of Neenie, Mairi and the late Dorothy and a beloved granny and great granny.

MACLARTY - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on January 29, 2015, Margaret MacLean MacLarty, née Hawthorn, aged 72 years, of The Homestead, Ardfern, beloved wife of Angus, much loved mother of Mary, Hazel, Sandra and Chirsty and cherished granny of Ceri and Millie. A dear sister, aunt and cousin to all the family. Funeral service was held at Craignish Parish Church, on Wednesday, February 4, followed by interment at Kilvaree Cemetery, Ardfern. Sadly missed.

SIMPSON - At Blandford Forum, Dorset, on January 23, 2015, Peter, dearly beloved husband of Becky, father of their dear children, Niamh and Joe and cherished elder son of Archie and Betty. May he rest in peace.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CAMERON - The McKay and Cook families are very thankful for the flowers, cards and phone calls they received on the passing of their much loved friend, Ellen. They extend their grateful thanks to all staff at Auchinlee Care Home for their care of Ellen. Thanks also to the Salvation Army for the very fitting service, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for professional services and to the Kilbrannan Bar for the purvey. Finally, thanks to everyone who attended the service at the Citadel and graveside.

CHRISTIE - The family of the late Brian Christie would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received and for flowers, phone calls, cards and visits received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors, nursing staff, home carers and members of the Red Cross for their kind care, consideration and attention given to Brian during his illness. Grateful thanks to Rev David Carruthers for comforting services at the church and crematorium; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their caring and professional arrangements and to the Coachhouse Inn, Cardross for excellent purvey. Finally, we extend our thanks to those who attended at church and crematorium to pay their respects. The retiral collection,

has raised over £500 for local Red Cross and the Kintyre Dialysis Campaign.

DEMPSTER - Lorraine, Caroline, Michael, Donald, Valerie, Lilian and families would like to thank relatives, friends and work colleagues for the kindness and support shown to them by way of flowers, cards, calls and messages received at the sudden loss of their dad, George. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who traveled to Connel to pay their respects at St Oran's Church and at the graveside, it meant so much to all of us. We would like to thank the Rev George Cringles for his personal and comforting tribute to Dad. We would also like to thank Hamish Hoey Undertakers for their professional and personal service. Thanks also to the Lochnell Arms Hotel for providing the funeral lunch. Our gratitude to the Lynn of Lorne Care Home for their care during Dad's final months. The collection for Alzheimer Scotland (Oban & Lorn Branch) raised £764.43.

HODGSON - James and Louise would like to thank everyone during this very sad time. Thanks to all carers, Rev P Wallace for a comforting service, Alasdair Blair, funeral director, for professional services, the Ardshiel Hotel for excellent purvey and to all her friends and family for the cards and kindness.

MACARTHUR - Betty and Walter MacArthur would like to thank Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for a very professional and organised funeral for the late Euphemia MacArthur (Effie). Thanks to the staff of the Mid Argyll Community Hospital and carers that looked after Effie at home, before being taken into Ardfenaig, and latterly the staff at Ardfenaig Care Home for the care over the last two years. Betty and Walter would also like to thank all friends and neighbours for sending cards and text messages, which were much appreciated at this difficult time. Lastly, but not least, Graham Brown and the cemetery boys for preparation at Achnabreac, as usual, to a very high standard.

MACIVER - Maureen and family wish to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to all staff at Auchinlee for their loving care and attention over the last ten years. Thanks also to Rev Derek Gibson and Angus MacNeil for a comforting service and to Angus and Carol for their friendship to Jean over the years, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Stag Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Auchinlee raised £240.

MCPHEE - Duncan and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy received on their loss. Our sincere thanks to the doctors and staff at Campbeltown and Southern General hospitals, to Rev Philip Wallace for his comforting service and to the Argyll Hotel for an excellent tea. Finally, our thanks to all who attended the church and graveside to pay their respects.

RAMSAY - Margaret, Duncan and family would like to extend their sincere thanks to family, friends and neighbours for their kind words of sympathy on the loss of their mother, Elizabeth (Bessie). Appreciation also to the Argyll Homecare team, community nurses and Carr Gomm staff for the support and care given to Elizabeth in her last weeks. Thank you also to Matthew Ramsay for a wonderful service, to Alasdair

Blair, funeral director, for his dedicated services and to the Ardshiel Hotel for their great hospitality on the day.

SEMPLER - The Henderson family from Thorntonhall would like to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to the Rev David Thom and elders of A'Chleit Church for the Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the life of Margaret Sempler on Saturday, January 3, 2015. Thanks also to Nettie Sempler for organ accompaniment, soloist Iona Barr, Argyll Arms Hotel for the purvey and to all persons who attended the services at Carnunock and A'Chleit, where a total of £1,720 was raised for The Mairi Sempler Fund for Cancer Relief and Research. The family would also like to express their thanks to the Kintyre and Muasdale community for making Margaret so welcome during her forty years in Kintyre. Special thanks to the kind neighbours, friends and community carers who supported Margaret in her failing years and made it possible for her to live her days out in her home in Muasdale.

SEMPLER - Peter and the family of the late Mary Sempler would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and visits received following their sad loss. Special thanks to the staff of the Mid Argyll Hospital and Ardfenaig Residential Home for their exceptional care and compassion given to Mary. Grateful thanks to Rev Roddy MacLeod for an uplifting and comforting service; Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for professional service; to The Scotch Heather Shop for beautiful floral tributes; and to Donald and his staff at the George Hotel, Inveraray for fine purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised over £1,000 for The Salvation Army and the Inveraray British Legion.

IN MEMORIAM

CARD - Remembering a loving mum and gran, Annie, died February 6, 2008.

Thoughts today, Memories forever.

- From family in Tarbert.

MCKILLOP - In loving memory of my dear wife, Annie, who died on February 9, 2011.

A million times I needed you, A million times I cried, If love alone could have saved you, You never would have died.

- Loving husband, Davie.

MILLS - Treasured memories of our beautiful mum, Margaret Mills, who died February 8, 2008.

"Fly high, free as a bird, shining above all the stars above." Loved and missed every day.

- From your girls, Corinna and Lynda xxx.

REID - Precious memories of John, passed away February 6, 2010.

Forever in our hearts.

- Love, Verona, Anita and Ashley.

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

This day is remembered and quietly kept, No words are needed, we will never forget.

- Inserted by his loving daughters, Isobel and Liz, sons-in-law, Martin and John, grandson, Graeme and great granddaughter, Ava.

CHURCH NOTICES

Highland Parish Church



SCO02493
Sunday 8th February
The service will be held in the Church
And will be led by Rev William Crossan
Badminton Club meets Tuesday evening in Kirk Street Hall
Primary 1 - 5: 6.30 - 7.30pm
Primary 6 - 7: 7.30 - 8.30pm
Everyone very welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm

Scottish Episcopal Churches
Everyone Welcome
Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Sundays
11.00 am Eucharist service
4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins
& 11am Eucharist Service
Coffee & Cake follows the service
St Columba's, Pottaloch, nr Kilmartin (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month 9am Eucharist service
3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong
Scottish Prayer Book
All Saints, Inveraray (SC025646)
Saturdays 5.30pm Eucharist Service
Father Simon Mackenzie
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran
01546 602315

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Services 8th February 2015 - all welcome!
- Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
- Glenarary and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
8th February
Sunday Service, 11.00 am
Visiting Speaker: Martin Haworth
Scotland Coordinator for Latin Link with Sunday school followed by refreshments
Baby & Toddler Group
10.00 - 11.45 am every Thursday (term-time)
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 8th February
Morning Worship
Kilmartin 11.45 am
Rev. C. Acklam
All welcome
SC0 02121

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 8th February
11.15 am Service
Creche Triple C Next Generation
Rev. P Wallace
Tuesday 10th February
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
Boys' Brigade Church Hall
Anchor Boys 6pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Thursday 12th February
Choir 7.30pm
Friday 13th February
Lunch Club 12noon New Hall

The Salvation Army Campbeltown Corps
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz
6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League
Wednesday
7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Lt. Mark Scoulding

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church
Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 8th February
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
10.45am Holy Communion
All Welcome
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 8th February
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Finlay Mackenzie
11.15am Sunday School
Wednesday 11th February
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm - 4.00pm Water of Life Café
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.com
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

lochgilphead baptist church
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 8th February 2015
11.00am with communion
Monday 9th
2.30pm Ladies Meeting
Rev. Walter Ritchie Kilmartin
mainly music
Tuesday at 10am
Jumpstart
Friday from 10am
Scottish Charity SC015187

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 8 February
Tayvallich Church 10 am
Holy Communion
Rev. C. Acklam
Tuesday 10 February
Kirk Session 7:30 pm
Tayvallich Church
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknnapdalecofs

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 8th February 2015
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Kilberry Service 2pm
Rev. Iain McNeel
Guild meets
Monday 9th February
Tarbert Church Hall 2.30pm
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome
SC002622

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 8th February 2015
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE
Rev. Hilda Smith
Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
All Welcome
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

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Prayer Time (fortnightly)
Mondays 1.15 - 1.45pm
Ladies Bible Study 2pm
Soup Lunch Monthly (last Thursday)
All welcome.

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 8 February 2015
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"Hungry for His Presence"
Thursday 12 February 2015
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 8 February 2015
11am Family Service with Communion with crèche
Oaths and Promises (Matthew 5:33-37)
Pastor Ross Ferguson
Wednesday 11th February
10am Toddlers Group
Thursday 12th February
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY
To hear Christian music, conversation and thought for the Week, tune in to Argyll FM - 106.5/107.1 & 107.7fm - on Monday mornings from 8am to 9am and listen to the Breakfast Show. For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SC014646

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

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

Smith's on a high

CAMPBELTOWN District Darts Association week 13 results: Kilbrannan C 0 Southend 10, Ailsa 5 Commercial 5, Kilbrannan B 5 Fiddlers B 5, Burnside 4 Kilbrannan A 6, Fiddlers /Bye.

Kilbrannan A took a giant leap towards their first league title when they defeated the Burnside.

Iain Smith was possibly the man of the match with his consistent high scoring and a fantastic 142 finish.

The 301 cup in Southend on Monday is a five-player team competition.

No lottery winners

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lottery on Sunday. The winning numbers were 3, 4 and 20.

The next draw will take place on Sunday, February 15 with a jackpot of £200. Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Muneroy Stores and Burnside Bar.

£500 jackpot

THE jackpot goes up to £500 after there were no winners on Monday of the Machrihanish Golf Club lottery.

Numbers picked were 1, 2 and 5.

The next draw is on Monday, February 9.

Islay Golf Club

JANUARY Medal - 1 A Blair 81-11=70, 2 B O Neil 87-14=73, 3 C Holyoake 78-5=73. CSS 72.

February Medal - 1 A Livingstone 87-11=76, 2 R McIntyre 81-4=77, D Livingstone 90-8 82. CSS 74.

SAFL fixtures

SATURDAY'S fixtures: Premier Division - Finnart v Campbeltown Pupils; Oban Saints v Alba Thistle; Premier Division One - Goldenhill v Dunoon; Premier Division Two - Centre v Lochgilphead Red Star; Dunoon Athletic v South Camlachie; Division 1B - Tarbert v Milton of Colquhoun.



The medallists in this year's championships with Linsay MacPhail, who presented the prizes. 08_c06bad01

Serving up another smashing championships

ALMOST 40 competitors from across Argyll and Bute took part in the area's primary badminton championships in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown last Saturday.

Pupils travelled from Arrochar, Mid Argyll, and Oban 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 Linsay MacPhail from Campbeltown.

Girls' singles - Jane Scott (Campbeltown), runner-up Lauren Mackinnon (Campbeltown).

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

Girls' doubles - Lauren Mackinnon and Jessica Ronald (Campbeltown), runners-up

Jennifer McMurchy and Jane Scott (Campbeltown).

Boys' doubles - Gregor Campbell (Glenbarr) and Elliot Gemmill (Carradale), runners-up Morgan Gemmill and Kyle Macdougall (Oban).

Mixed doubles - Jane Scott (Campbeltown) and Gregor Campbell (Glenbarr), runners-up Jessica Ronald and Liam Stacey (Campbeltown).



Action from the mixed doubles, featuring eventual winners Jane Scott and Gregor Campbell. 08_c06bad04



Youngsters engrossed in one of the many close finals. 08_c06bad06



Some of the competitors in the badminton championships at Victoria Hall, Campbeltown. 08_c06bad02



Tarbert's success is the goal for their peerless striker

TARBERT striker James Prentice certainly knows the way to goal.

Still only 29, he has netted 300 times in the colours of his beloved village club.

Now player-manager, he took over the reins in 2010, and admits it is a big responsibility, but he could not see his team leaderless.

Working for the family business J and D Prentice Shellfish, James told of his passion for Tarbert's amateur side and his unexpected role as player-manager.

He said: 'I'm enjoying management; it is a big commitment, one I only thought I would take on for a year or two. It's a big change from turning up as a teenager wondering how many minutes you'll get on the pitch.'

James began playing for Tarbert at 14, before

making his first start against Hamilton AFC in August 2000.

The forward was a precocious talent and played for two seasons before embarking on a sports coaching course at Paisley Reid Kerr college, where he played football for the college's academy-style club.

Prentice then spent a season with Campbeltown Pupils AFC, where he gained valuable experience, but feels he never performed as well as he could.

Best moment

Rejoining Tarbert in 2005, James became a team mainstay. He said helping them seal their first trophy in 2008 with the Coronation Cup after a 3-0 victory in Glasgow over Carlton YM from Paisley ranked as his best moment with the club.

He said: 'To win Tar-

bert's first trophy, play in a cup final, it was a brilliant night for everyone.'

'I ended up scoring twice and received a man of the match shield from the Scottish Amateur Football League (SAFL).'

'It was a big personal honour but taking a cup back to Tarbert was even more special.'

The following season, Tarbert were promoted from the non-premier division of the SAFL to the league's Premier Division Two, the third tier, another new achievement for the club.

James said: 'Winning a league title was brilliant; by that time we had a really strong team with a blend of youth and experience.'

James has played in the Argyll Select's annual match against the

SAFL on several occasions, managing to score against them in wins for Argyll in 2013 and 2014.

Despite netting a club record eight goals in one league game last year, James said he has adapted his game to become more of a team player.

More selfish

'When I was younger I was more selfish but now I try to bring others into the game by holding up the ball,' he said.

'It doesn't matter who gets the goals, I'm only interested in seeing us progress after a strong 2014 when we made the Coronation Cup final again.'

'This season the aim has to be promotion. We have a group of committed players and some exciting youngsters being introduced to the team.'

Tarbert's top striker - James Prentice.

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Depleted 'Dale lose on the road

CARRADALE face a nervous wait to find out if they will stay in the top half of the league after a defeat away to Cardross last Saturday.

With the league splitting in two at the half-way point of the season, Carradale required a win to guarantee more games against the top sides in the division, but will now have to rely on other results going their way over the next few weeks.

The Kilbrannan-sponsored Carradale were understandably rusty after six weeks without a match, and a depleted squad that had the bare 11 men, but had the best chance of the opening 20 minutes when Declan McAulay followed up a run with a shot that drew a save from the Cardross keeper.

However, it was 1-0 to the home side soon after when defensive confusion allowed the

Cardross	4
Carradale	2
West of Scotland AFL	

Cardross number eight to react to a cutback, and shoot on the turn to give Neil McMillan in the 'Dale goal no chance.

Throw-ins on the narrow pitch were proving a real danger for both defences and the Carradale ranks succumbed to a second goal when a first-time shot from the edge of the box found the net, after the initial cross was cleared.

The Dale tried to respond quickly, McAulay forcing a corner with a shot after being set up by Cammy Maguire.

Into the second half, despite a tactical change that saw Ryan McConachie move into attack with Maguire in a 4-4-2, Carradale were three goals down just after the hour mark after a

forward pass was converted at close range, despite the Cardross striker being in a blatant offside position.

Carradale were reduced to 10 men when Alex McPhee was given his marching orders but the East Kintyre men responded on 68 minutes with an instinctive goal from Maguire.

Top scorer

Carradale's top scorer read a passback and ran towards goal before converting his shot from 12 yards.

That could not disguise the struggle among the Carradale players to contain their opponents, especially with 10 men, and it was 4-1 soon after when the home side's number six rose to fire home a free header.

Carradale responded at the other end with their second goal, Ewan McIlroy blasting home a header from a Maguire delivery.

Carradale manager Nonnie Macalister said: 'It was a disappointing defeat for us but we have not played for a few weeks and perhaps it told.'

'Now we can look forward to some cup games later in the month and hopefully the prospect of a top-half finish should results go our way. The players gave it everything and I would like to give a mention to debutant Neil Ferguson and also Joseph Boyd.'

'Both players acquitted themselves very well.'

'Declan McAulay was the man of the match with a lot of strong running on the right flank.'

Tomorrow (Saturday) Carradale are without a competitive fixture.



Above: Cammy Maguire scored one goal and assisted another for Carradale. 08_c06carrfoot02

Underdogs win penultimate shoot

TARBERT Gun Club held its February shoot on Sunday as part of the winter league.

The club's last shoot before next month's final saw both teams trying hard to boost their

scores in an attempt to avoid the wooden spoon.

When it came to the final competition, most of

the shooters had a productive day, not losing many targets and increasing their individual and team scores.

Brian Baird, Tarbert Gun Club president, was the high gun for the day, going on to win the sporting and down-the-line section.

Ally McDonell's squad were the high team, relegating Bob McColl's team down to second place and denying them a clean sheet of wins.

The turnaround of Sunday's competition has made it all the more interesting for the final shoot of the series in March.



Underdogs win penultimate shoot



Left: Declan McAulay was man of the match for Carradale with a performance full of energy. 08_c06carrfoot01

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