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School group off to Gambia

FOURTEEN pupils and four staff from Campbeltown Grammar school set off for Gambia early on Tuesday morning.

The once-in-a-lifetime trip is a culmination of a year's worth of fund-raising for CGS4Gambia, holding bake sales, quiz nights and putting flamingos in Kintyre gardens.

Full story on page 2.

MP objects to wind farm plans

MP ALAN Reid has lodged a lengthy objection to proposals for 19 massive wind turbines at Glenbarra.

The Argyll and Bute MP has told the Scottish Government that Barr Glen is the wrong location for the application which goes against the wishes of the local community.

Full story on page 13.

Pupils march on in cup

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils are through to the sixth round of the Scottish Amateur Cup after an emphatic 3-1 victory away to Whitehills.

The Kintyre football side is back on cup duty tomorrow (Saturday) when they play host to Harestanes FC from Kirkintilloch for a place in the final 16.

Full story on page 28.



Coming to a cinema near you

Exciting times are in store for Campbeltown's Picture House. Two top consultants have been appointed to spearhead a £2 million Lottery funding bid to restore, upgrade and expand the 100-year-old cinema. David Mayo, left, of Campbeltown Community Business (CCB) which runs the cinema, is pictured welcoming cinema consultant Ron Inglis who will be the project manager. Full story on page 3. 08_c07picture01

Town shown no respect

THE INTRODUCTION of a Methadone service 'by stealth' has sparked fury in Campbeltown this week.

Most of the town's residents have opposed plans for a service, expressing fears that a clinic and the area's cheap, rented housing would attract hard drug users from outwith the town.

'The community has been cheated,' said Councillor Donald Kelly.

'We were assured by health minister Michael Matheson and the Scottish Government nothing would be imposed on us that we were not happy with, that there would be consultation.'

'Now, suddenly a service is up and running by stealth.'

'It is very underhand and the people of Campbeltown are going to be furious about this.'

'It is totally disrespectful to them.'

Fury over introduction of Methadone service 'by stealth'

'I've been deeply dissatisfied with NHS Highland's handling of this issue from the beginning.'

Councillor Kelly hit out this week after the Courier discovered that a Methadone service had been started unannounced.

Prescriptions for the drug are being given to users by a dispensing nurse - contrary to original plans to involve GPs.

MSP Jamie McGigor, Campbeltown Community Council and Kintyre Alcohol and Drug Addiction Service say starting a service flies in the face of promises made by Michael Matheson at a Scottish Government cabinet meet-

ing in Campbeltown less than six months ago.

He told a public question and answer audience: 'I'm anxious there is a feeling of something being imposed on the community.'

'It is important that it is the kind of service the community feels is acceptable to its needs.'

Later, a Scottish Government spokesman told Courier: 'We all want to avoid anything being forced on the community. All agencies, including health boards, should work in cooperation with the community to come to an acceptable position.'

Councillor Kelly said this week: 'That simply

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Demonstration against ATOS assessments

A PEACEFUL demonstration will be held in Campbeltown on Wednesday, February 19 in protest against ATOS assessments of people receiving sickness benefits.

It will take place outside the assessment centre at 40 Hall Street. Protesters around the country are gathering outside similar locations used by ATOS to carry out Work Capability Assessments.



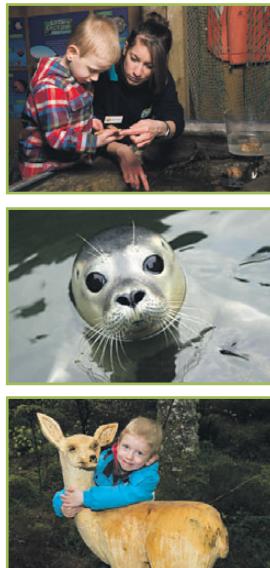
The group gathered in the school before they left for Gambia, with leaders Jim Farren, Agnes Stewart, Matthew Osborne and Catriona McLean.

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Gambia group sets off on trip of a lifetime

AFTER months of planning, preparation and fundraising, 14 pupils and four staff from Campbeltown Grammar set off for Gambia early on Tuesday morning.

The trip is a culmination of a year's worth of fundraising for CGS-4Gambia, holding bake sales, quiz nights and putting flamingos in Kintyre gardens.

The group will spend its time in Gambia volunteering at schools, undertaking aid and construction work.

Parents, family, friends, staff and the school chaplain gathered in the school foyer to wish the group members well on their 'opportunity of a lifetime'.

On Wednesday, the

group arrived in Gambia, and yesterday (Thursday) visited Zainab Nursey School and Sir Dembo's School Kunkujang, delivering first aid training to staff and running sports events for pupils.

On Sunday the group leave for Kalagi where members are camping for a week while helping out with building and aid work.

Pupils and staff are grateful to the people of Kintyre for the generosity and support which made this excursion possible. Catriona Hood, rector of Campbeltown Grammar, said: 'This is the opportunity of a lifetime. I am proud of them all now – and even more proud of the people they

Disturbance at flats

POLICE in Campbeltown were called to flats at Millknowe on Sunday following a disturbance by four youths.

Anti social behaviour order tickets will be issued to those involved in the disturbance.

Anyone affected by the incident in the flats adjacent to Millknowe Store should contact PC Bruce at Campbeltown Police Office on 101.

Woman arrested for domestic assault

AN 18-year-old Campbeltown woman was arrested last weekend following a domestic assault.

She was later released under bail conditions after appearing at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Monday.

A man, 32, appeared at the sheriff court on Monday in relation to a domestic incident before being released on bail.

Speeding off-road bikers

POLICE were called to Carradale last week after two off-road bikes were reported to be driving at 50mph in the Port na Storm forest area. When police arrived there was no trace of the drivers who had been in the forest near the benches at the car park.

Anyone who sees similar activity taking place should contact police on 101.

Got a story?

Call the Courier newsdesk on 01586 554646

Police warning over cold caller scam

POLICE in Campbeltown are again advising the public not to give bank details to cold callers over the phone following an incident involving a Gigha woman.

She was called by a company she did not recognise and told

they could fix her laptop.

She gave her bank details over the phone before becoming concerned and calling police.

A police spokesman warned of scams where cold callers pretend they are from Microsoft or another technology company and can fix

computer problems. Instead, they take a person's money and get them to install software which will allow them full access to the computer.

Police say to never trust cold callers and simply hang up the phone.

Picture House appoints consultants for £2 million bid

Supporters hope to restore building's unique features

TOP consultants are set to spearhead a £2 million bid to restore and expand Campbeltown Picture House.

Their appointment is a key step in plans to make the 100-year-old cinema 'a fitting venue for the 21st century'.

Cinema supporters hope to restore the building's unique features while modernising it.

Among the proposals for a Lottery funding bid are exhibition areas and a second auditorium.

'We are really excited at the calibre of consultants we have attracted,' said Jane Mayo, chairwoman of Campbeltown Community Business (CCB), which runs the cinema.

'I am also so pleased that more local people have become involved both on the board and out in the community.'

'There is a real buzz in the area at the possibility of growing successes both for business and tourism and the Picture House can be situated at the heart of this bright future.'

Arriving this week to begin working on the project were cinema consultant Ron Inglis, of Mayfield Arts

and Media, and arts development consultant Robert Livingston, of Kirkhill Associates and former director of HI-Arts.

Development

Mr Inglis will be the project manager for the development team which will include architects and consultants working on organisational development, heritage and public engagement activities and business planning.

He said: 'Local



The Picture House in Hall Street, Campbeltown is to be upgraded and expanded. 08_07picture02

cinemas with such tremendous character and history are rare nowadays, so it will be a great privilege to work on one of the UK's most iconic and important historic buildings.

'I look forward to working with the expert team and the dedicated board and staff. There is a great deal of work to be done in building the capabilities of the cinema, restoring the unique features of the building, and preparing it for its revitalised future.'

Mr Livingston will lead the organisational development activities,

working with the Picture House board, staff and volunteers.

He said: 'The cinema has been a treasured asset of Campbeltown for a century.'

Digital and satellite technologies now make it possible for small independent cinemas to be able to offer their audiences a tremendous range of experiences, not just the latest movie releases and much-loved classics, but also live relays of theatre, music and major events.

So there's every reason for restoring the Picture House to be a fitting venue for the 21st

century.' The cinema's centenary project also aims to restore its interior to its former glory with comfortable seating and an expanded kiosk.

Funding has already been promised by Historic Scotland and Creative Scotland, as well as Argyll and Bute Council.

Support

The project has also received support or funding from Highlands and Islands Enterprise, The Architectural Heritage Fund, The Pilgrim Trust, The Kilfinan Trust, Balure Trust and former Civic Society.

Huge demand for church pews

PHEW, who would have guessed there was such a demand for old church pews?

No fewer than 36 pitch pine seats were sold by Campbeltown Free Church in a handful of hours following a Courier story last week they were up for sale.

Twenty-four six-foot pews went for £35 each and a dozen 12ft ones went for £60 each.

Remarkable

'The interest in them was remarkable,' said church elder Calum Ferguson.

'By 1pm on Friday they were all gone to buyers interested in turning them into household furniture.

'We continued to get calls about them all week. We could have sold twice the number.'

The church had planned a viewing day tomorrow (Saturday) but that is no longer necessary.

Great response to raffle to help Billy

SALES of raffle tickets in aid of former Campbeltown man Billy Irving who is being held in an Indian prison are going well following last week's front-page story in the Courier.

We told how former Campbeltown schoolfriends were

rallying round to help Billy, 33, who has been in custody since October.

He is one of 35 crew arrested by Indian authorities after their owner of their boat, which was protecting vessels from pirate gangs, was accused of

having illegal weapons on board and wrongfully obtaining fuel.

Best pal Shaun McDaniel said this week: 'The response from people in the town has been great since the story.'

Tickets

'I've had people on the streets stop me to buy tickets.'

'At the weekend I was at the Glasgow wedding of a Campbeltown woman who was a former classmate of Billy's and we sold an incredible 140 tickets there.'

The raffle is raising funds towards legal costs for the fight to bring Billy back home.

Billy, a former para, now based near Oban, has already had bail refused six times.

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

The draw is in the Burnside Bar on Thursday, February 20 at 8pm.

Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution

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Scottish Hydro Electric (SHE) Transmission plc part of the SSE Group, is constructing a new electricity substation at Crossaig; replacing the existing 132kV overhead line from Carradale to Crossaig; and installing a subsea cable link from Port a' Mhiadair to Hunterston as part of a programme of works to improve security of supply to the Kintyre Peninsula.

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

Carradale Hotel

Tuesday 18 February 2014, 4pm – 8pm

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

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

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Hopes dashed for proper running track in the town

HOPES of establishing Argyll's first proper running track in Campbeltown are looking increasingly slim.

Campaigners have been pushing for a 400-metre all-weather flood-lit track to be established within the sports ground of the proposed new grammar school.

However, the bid looks set to be beaten by both its estimated £1 million cost and the space available.

Campbeltown Running Club's Elaine McGeachy, who is also MOKrun race director, insisted there remained mileage in pursuing some kind of facility for runners.

She said: 'I had a meeting with Kate Matthews from Sports Scotland regarding help for us to fund a track.'

'Looking at the Campbeltown Grammar

School site, there does not seem to be the potential space for a 400-metre track around a synthetic football pitch.

'Sports Scotland would also fund no more than half the estimated £1 million cost, and I cannot see Argyll and Bute Council affording the difference or the running club being able to fundraise that amount.'

'However, we discussed potential compromises so that we could still get a facility that the club, the community and school could benefit from.'

Among the compromises suggested are:

- * a 200-metre track marked on the all-weather pitch

- * a three or four lane 100-metre straight adjacent to the pitch, with a potential running lane continuing around the perimeter of the pitch to

make a 320-metre distance

- * a lit running lane around the perimeter of the school grounds

- * a two-lane running path - rectangular, not oval - around the perimeter of the pitch

- * improvements to the Meadows area to keep a grass 400-metre track for summer use to complement one or some of the aforementioned.

Ms McGeachy added: 'We are open to other suggestions.'

'Sports Scotland is aware of the strong growth of running and athletics here and is keen to help.'

The running club is in discussions with the council to see if a 400-metre track could be marked out on the Meadows this summer.

- * What do you think the solution is for supporting and encouraging

athletics in Campbeltown and Kintyre? Write to Editor, Campbeltown Courier, Main and Longrow South, Campbeltown PA28 6AE or email editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk



Hopes remain that there will be a 400-metre running track marked out at the Meadows in Campbeltown this summer. 08_c46meadows01

Three executive committees to make all the decisions

DECISIONS affecting services provided by Argyll and Bute Council will now be made by executive committees, as the local authority introduces a new system of government.

At the last full meeting of Argyll and Bute Council, councillors agreed a new management structure, whereby all council businesses will be dealt with by a policy and resources

committee, covering human resources, strategic projects and finance; a community services committee, overseeing culture, education, social work, housing and health; and an environment, development and infrastructure committee responsible for amenity services and roads.

The new system does not allow all councillors to vote on every proposal, as previously

done through full council meetings, and the full council will now meet once every two months.

Absorb

Area committees have also been given more financial decision making powers and will absorb the responsibilities of the CHORD project boards.

Dick Walsh, council leader, said the new arrangement addresses problems raised by the

Accounts Commission, which last year slammed the authority for its 'lack of political leadership'.

He said: 'We have moved on with a new and inclusive committee structure which will provide a strong, stable administration. We have established a robust political management structure and a comprehensive action plan which will support further improvements.'

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AQUALIBRIUM in Campbeltown is to close between February 24 and March 1 for essential maintenance work.

The library will close at 4pm on Saturday, February 22, and re-open on Monday, March 1. All other facilities will close at 3pm on Sunday February 23, also re-opening on March 1.

Argyll and Bute Council said any borrowing fines incurred during that week would be waived.

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Workshop will discuss population fall

A WORKSHOP discussing population decline in Argyll and Bute is being held today (Friday) at Campbeltown Town Hall between 3pm and 5.30pm.

Participants will be able to share ideas and discuss ways to reverse the decrease in population in the region.

No cash cut in education

A NEW education management system, supported by most head teachers, has been introduced at Argyll and Bute Council.

However the structure, debated for months by councillors, does not achieve the £190,000 in savings required by the education department.

A full council meeting agreed there should be a head of service, three education managers, eight education officers, an educational psychology team, three educa-

tion support officers and a communication and engagement officer.

A proposal for three fewer education support officers to save £190,000 was dropped.

Bill Crossan, the council's Church of Scotland representative and a former head teacher of Campbeltown Grammar, had criticised the council's attempts to slash the education budget.

He said: 'Investment in education is always worthwhile.'

NHS Highland 'delight' over service

AFTER the Courier tackled NHS Highland this week about the sudden, unannounced introduction of a Methadone service in Campbeltown, the health authority tried quickly to put a positive spin on it.

It released quotes from Garry Coutts, chairman of NHS Highland, and Dr Margaret Somerville, director of public health and health policy.

Mr Coutts said: 'It has been our intention to get this service up and running for some time and I am delighted it has eventually started.'

Issues

'This is exactly the same service that is operating in practically every community in Scotland, so I am sure there will be no significant issues by introducing it to Campbeltown.'

Dr Somerville said: 'I am delighted that we now have a service in place for this small group of people. The service is in line with Government policy and helps us support people in Argyll and Bute with drug problems.'

What do you think? Write to Editor, Campbeltown Courier, Main and Longrow South, Campbeltown, PA28 6AE or email editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk



Andrew Hemmings, left, and Councillor Donald Kelly before their meeting last August with Garry Coutts, chairman of the board at NHS Highland. 08_c34methadone01

'It just beggars belief' - community councillor

THERE was an air of disbelief among Campbeltown Community Council members on Tuesday night when they were told a Methadone service had started without anyone's knowledge.

'It just beggars belief,' said Ann Gallacher. 'After all the assurances we were given in this room that it was all going to be above board and transparent.'

Jim Martin said: 'At the

Scottish cabinet meeting in the Victoria Hall last summer they said they would consult with everyone. They went away with their tails between their legs.'

Nona Ruesgen, from KADAS and the Kintyre Substance Misuse Group, explained how neither group was informed about what was going on with the Methadone service, despite having a role in developing it.

Ms Ruesgen added: 'The substance misuse group was set up to be run in an equal and transparent way with service users. Everyone should be aware of developments as they progress.'

Councillor John Semple said: 'The way KADAS has been treated is dreadful.'

The community council agreed to write letters expressing their frustration to John Dreghorn,

project director of mental health modernisation, who is spearheading the Methadone service, as well as area MSPs Mike

Matheson and Michael Matheson.

Nona Ruesgen, of the Kintyre Substance Misuse Group, set up to oversee and develop plans for a Methadone clinic, told the Courier she was unhappy the service had started without the group's knowledge. She said: 'All of a sudden at the last meeting the nurse prescriber option was put on the table by NHS Highland and it came as a surprise because it was never discussed as an option on its own.'

She said it was agreed the group would discuss this further at the next meeting, but discovered within days the service had already started. She said: 'Procedures set down to have transparency were bypassed completely. It's extremely underhand.'

A NHS Highland spokesman said: 'It

the availability of cheap housing for rent in the town would attract drug users from outside Kintyre.

Eventually, last August, Councillor Kelly and Andrew Hemmings, then chairman of the community council, took their concerns to Garry Coutts, chairman of NHS Highland board.

They found on a number of occasions that NHS Highland could not provide immediate statistics to back up the case for a service.

When councillors made formal requests for straightforward information, they were made to wait many weeks for a replies.

Twice, replies were

only received after

promptings from the

Courier.

Meanwhile, many

Campbeltown residents

continued to express

fears that a clinic and

'Mr Coutts was left in no doubt regarding public opinion on this proposal.'

Frustrated by lack of information

AS the debate raged last year over the merits of a Methadone clinic in the town, Campbeltown Community Council and Councillor Donald Kelly became increasingly frustrated in their attempts to gain background information from NHS Highland.

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Meanwhile, many Campbeltown residents continued to express fears that a clinic and

bers for not informing them in advance.'

He also said local councillors 'were made aware of what we were planning to do' - a claim strongly rejected by Councillor Kelly.

The spokesman further confirmed NHS Highland intended involving GPs 'with a view to starting the full service later in the year'.

The Scottish Government was asked twice this week by the Courier why a Methadone service had been introduced in Campbeltown despite the assurances given by it and Mr Matheson that the town's residents 'would not have a service imposed upon them they were not happy with'.

The paper received no reply to that question, instead a Government spokeswoman insisted it was 'not a new service' and added: 'We understand that an offer has been made to meet with the community council to discuss its concerns.'

Town shown no respect

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has not happened and Jamie McGrigor is pursuing this with Michael Matheson.'



Scottish health minister Michael Matheson told a Campbeltown audience last summer: 'It is important that it is the kind of service the community feels is acceptable to its needs.'

was intended the service would start after the next meeting of the group, however as a result of discussions between the nurse prescriber, the clients and their previous prescribers, it was agreed there was no benefit in delaying its start.

'We can only apologise to the group mem-

WEDDING



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Alan, son of John and Pam Reid, married Helen, daughter of Steve and Joan Thompson at the Piersland House Hotel, Troon on August 30, 2013.
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GRADUATION



Stacey Dunn graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a Bachelor of Midwifery. Stacey is the daughter of Les and Senga and the granddaughter of Les and Yvonne Dunn (Essex) and the late John and Agnes McKerral. She will shortly be taking up a position at Tameside Hospital, Manchester.



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RIGHT from when the proposal to establish a Methadone clinic in Campbeltown was first revealed, NHS Highland appears to have handled the issue all wrong.

The latest development backs what many suspected all along - that NHS Highland was never really serious about consulting or discussing with the community. Last year, its representatives arrived in town in an attempt to placate and reassure. It had the opposite effect. It could not present a valid, transparent case why a Methadone service was required. Why? Who knows, but it gave every impression of there not actually being a case. Indeed, when subsequently asked by Councillor Donald Kelly and Campbeltown Community Council for appropriate, straightforward information, NHS Highland made these community representatives wait many weeks for a reply despite reminders.

Months ago, the Courier wondered if those making the decisions about our NHS services were simply being slaves to a wider policy without actually examining if something being promoted could be merited on need or cost.

Then Michael Mathieson, minister for public health, and the Scottish Government stated last August a desire to avoid anything 'being imposed on the community'. However, that is exactly what has happened and serious questions need to be asked. Did Mr Mathieson and the Government actually mean what they said, or has NHS Highland simply ignored their wishes? Here is something else The Courier said last year: 'The whole manner in which NHS Highland has proceeded on this proposal, and the lack of transparency, certainly does nothing to inspire confidence in what is going on.'

Nothing has changed. Despite the fine words in August.

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Upgrade Bolgarn Street toilets

Sir,

I'm sure I am not the only person appalled at the thought of our public toilets being relocated to the Old Quay.

What are the planners thinking of?

It is certainly not the townspeople.

As someone who has a disability I always have to use the public toilets in the town, and wherever I travel the first thing I do is find out where the toilets are.

Many people in this town have had cancer and other serious illnesses and like me have to always use the facilities.

I think it's probable that a lot of them would be dismayed to find the toilets shifted to the Old Quay.

In my case I would wet myself long before I got anywhere near the Old Quay, as the need to go comes on very suddenly.

And imagine walking down there in the weather we have had recently.

Spend a few thousand pounds on bringing Bolgarn Street up to date, as it is in a good location, and never mind about spending many thousands on a new facility which a lot of people would not be able to use.

I think a lot of our shopkeepers are losing trade because of the lack of parking, but to put the toilets elsewhere would mean more people giving the town centre a miss altogether in favour of Co-op and Tesco which both have toilets.

Name and address supplied and withheld on request.

Planning system failing Scotland

Sir,

It is the Scottish Executive's plan to have 100 per cent of Scotland's electricity produced by renewables (mainly wind) by 2020 and to increase farmed salmon production by 50 per cent by 2020.

In order to achieve this, many of Scotland's beautiful hills and coastal areas will be spoiled by inappropriate major development. Jobs and economic development are being put before protected landscape and nature conservation. I was therefore surprised to read that Michael Russell MSP is objecting to the wind farm proposed for Barr Glen, especially when I heard he had been publicly thanked by FishFrom's chief executive for all his help in getting its application successfully through the planning process.

The giant factory is to be built on the coast at Rhunahaorine, by Tayinloan, one of the most protected areas in Argyll.

I was also informed at the FishFrom public hearing that a group of planning committee councillors, led by Robin Currie, also hold the view that jobs and economic development come before views and nature conservation.

This opinion suggests these councillors see this as an either/or issue instead of one of sensible local planning where both can be accommodated.

Earlier this month the Forestry Commission disclosed, under Freedom of Information legislation,

that more than 6,200 acres of Scottish forestry land, or five million trees, have been felled for wind farms since 2007. In the same period, fewer than 2,000 acres of trees have been replanted within the sites, a net loss of around 3.4 million trees.

Also, a recently published study by Scottish Natural Heritage reveals a dramatic decline in the nation's countryside, with building carried out on nearly 2,000 square miles of unspoilt Scotland over one four-year period alone.

The foregoing highlights the need to have a development plan that is rigid in the areas it allows for large industrial development and rigid in its application.

Not only would this policy protect our valued landscapes and nature conservation areas, but it would also save an incredible waste of private and public resources that are spent on ridiculously inappropriate applications. The people of Argyll deserve to hear from our MSP and local councillors what plans they have to make this happen.

Our planning system is failing Scotland.

Name and address supplied and withheld on request.

Huge thank you to Nepalese trust supporters

Sir,

On behalf of the Trustees of the Nepalese Children's Trust I should like to give huge thanks to everyone in Campbeltown who has supported, and continues to support, our fundraising

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Right to park

Sir,
I write in connection with the story in the Courier dated February 7 with regards to car parking in Burnside Square.

As a resident in Cross Street, the only parking I have is in Burnside Square as there are nothing but double yellow lines all over the town centre.

I think everyone would agree that residents should have the right to park their car outside or close to their house and if there could be an area set aside for residents, I would happily see a pedestrianised area set up in the square. Name and address supplied but withheld on request.

Burnside car park waste of great resource

Sir,
Burnside Square is (sorry should be) a great community asset.

Its use as an inefficient car park is a waste of a great resource.

Picture a warm summer evening with the brass or pipe bands giving a performance. Picture local musicians playing impromptu sessions.

Picture the farmers' market, other markets and events taking place.

Picture the music festival events taking place.

Picture all these and other things that can take place there then picture the way it is used now.

Which picture would you prefer? I know what I want this resource to be used for. I want it to be used for all of the community and not just for a few car owners. Steve Byrne, Campbeltown.

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In last week's Courier, we asked readers what they think about parking availability in the town centre, and about a suggestion to take vehicles out of Burnside Square and make it a civic area perhaps allowing pubs to put out tables and chairs

in summer.

Steve Byrne: I understand that the funding for Burnside Square was for a civic space (but correct me if I am wrong) and because people started parking there it became a car park by default.

Gayle Durnin: It would be lovely to have Burnside as a seated area but there are not enough parking areas in the town.

A designated carpark is needed first before this happens.

Mhairi Reid: We need more car parking space in town before we reduce what we have already.

Loads of cars park in Lorne and Lowland Church car park which causes problems when there are funerals or weddings and also causes wear and tear on the surface.

Do you think the council would pay for resurfacing the church car park if it has to continually be used as a public car park?

Alastair Smyth: Are people

living in the centre of town not supposed to have cars? It is getting I am afraid to go out during the day as it sometimes takes about 20 minutes to find a parking place.

Gus Laurenson: The town badly needs a purpose-built car park but where? The old Subaru garage and other dilapidated buildings in that area could be bulldozed to create space.

A one-way traffic system would allow 'nose in' parking on Main Street and Longrow as well as Hall Street and the Esplanade.

Peter Morrison: It's difficult to find a balance between car parking and civic areas with such a small amount of useable land.

However the thought of a pint outdoors on the Burnside Square on a Sunday night in summer is very appealing.

Ian Docherty: Too many cars in Campbeltown, full stop. It's a very small town and we need to walk more.

should get off Twitter and apologise for these appalling cuts.

Our soldiers deserve better. Instead of wasting billions on nuclear trident an independent Scotland would invest in having conventional defence assets.

Michael Russell
Argyll and Bute MSP

This is outlandish hypocrisy from the UK government which is spending millions on an army recruitment drive while continuing to sack soldiers. After the shambolic handling of welfare reforms by Iain Duncan Smith the UK government has now made a complete mess of managing Scotland's army.

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Defence cuts are shambolic

Sir,
Just weeks after the UK government launched a £3 million army recruitment drive, figures show a record fall in Scotland's regiment personnel as the UK government's austerity drive kicks in.

The cutbacks have left 5 Scots (the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) stripped to a ceremonial company of just 100 soldiers.

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Philip Hammond

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Heating costs help available

Sir,
The recent forecasts of colder temperatures across the UK will no doubt bring increased concern to the thousands of people struggling with the costs of heating their homes.

As part of our fuel poverty campaign, we have been hearing stories from people up and down the country who are struggling to cope with their energy bills.

This is having a huge impact on their lives and they are desperately looking for help and support. For example a father who is having to choose between heating his home and feeding his children, and a lady with disabilities who is forced to stay in bed all day to keep warm.

These stories echo our recent research which found that more than two-thirds of people on low incomes have experienced stress trying to cover these costs, and more than two-fifths have been forced to cut back on food or skip meals. More than a fifth

have suffered ill health as a result of cold housing. With the cost of living steadily increasing, people feel like they have no option but to borrow money and cut back on essentials to cover costs. With stagnant wages and rising energy costs, the gap between the cost of people's bills and what they can afford to pay is growing.

Therefore, this winter we are encouraging anyone in need to see if they can access support to help them close this gap. We have created six steps, using our free tools and information, at www.turn2us.org.uk/fuelpoverty to help people maximise their income and manage their energy costs.

Our Freephone helpline is also available Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm on 0808 802 2000. We urge anyone who is struggling to see what help they might be able to get – it could make all the difference.

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Director of Turn2us, London.

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Argyll countryside forum needs new members

NEW members are being sought for an independent forum discussing access in Argyll's countryside.

The Argyll and Bute Local Access Forum is made up of volunteers from a variety of backgrounds including farming, forestry, community interests, walkers, horse riders and cyclists.

The forum provides statutory advice to access authorities and other parties on access rights, public rights of way, core paths planning, signage and other topics associated with outdoor access management.

It is keen to hear from people in the farming/crofting sector, as well as people living in island communities. It is also felt that women and people under 50 are under-represented on the forum.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the forum or who would like more information, should contact Douglas Grierson on 01546 604228 or douglas.grierson@argyll-bute.gov.uk



Artist Jane Smith, who works with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds on Oronsay and Colonsay, will be teaching Dalintober pupils how to make print work as part of the project with Kilmartin Museum.



Grant boost for Campbeltown nursery

Children at Meadows Under Fives in Ralston Road, Campbeltown are pictured on a new outdoor train, part of the garden equipment bought with the recently received Awards for All grant of £6,442 from the Big Lottery Fund. Because Meadows Under Fives is a charity run organisation, any donations or grants are greatly appreciated.

Primary pupils to create seabird exhibition

PRIMARY five pupils at Dalintober Primary School are set to photograph, paint and learn about Kintyre's seabirds for a project culminating in an exhibition at Campbeltown museum next month.

Organised by Kilmartin Museum, the project will see a range of visitors taking the children on outings during this month.

Kate Moody and Julia Hamilton from Kilmartin Museum have already visited and shown pupils a collection of stuffed seabirds before taking them to Campbeltown harbour to look for birds. They then visited the extensive natural history collection at Campbeltown museum.

In the weeks ahead, pupils will also be visited by Kirsty Jackson

Museum project sees visitors take youngsters on range of outings

from ALIEnergy, who will explain the effects of renewable energy on the area and its bird population, as well as professional photographer Philip Price.

Kate Moody from Kilmartin Museum told the *Courier*: 'Philip will teach them digital photography skills and we will head to the Seabird Observatory at Machrihanish and take photos.'

Eddie Maguire, of the observatory, will also speak to the pupils before they visit the marine research facility at Machrihanish.

The children will also do a beach clean with the GRAB Trust and Jane Smith, a wildlife artist from Tayvallich, will help the children create seabird artwork.

Kate added: 'This will all come together with an exhibition in Campbeltown Museum on March 8. Their photographs will be on display as well.'

Susan Campbell, P5 teacher at Dalintober, said: 'It is an exciting project.'

The project has been funded by Museum Galleries Scotland and Argyll and Bute Council.

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Chinese New Year fun

Children in the morning group at Campbeltown Nursery Centre had fun recently learning about and celebrating Chinese New Year. They are pictured with some Chinese signs and lanterns.

More success for Campbeltown Brass

CAMPBELTOWN Brass had much to celebrate after several band members picked up prizes at the Scottish Solo and Ensemble Championships in Livingston.

Five members of the band took part in the championships which saw the country's top young brass players under the same roof.



Erin McLellan with her gold runner up medal for the junior solo section.

Erin McLellan gained a gold runner up in the junior solo section and Amy Paterson silver.

The band's quartet, in its first competition together, gained a respectable silver, while Owen Pickering took bronze in a highly contested intermediate section.

Competition at the championships was fierce because of the sheer number of young players emerging, proving the rising popularity of brass playing in Scotland.

Campbeltown Brass has been putting in extra-long hours for its next competition, the Scottish Championships in March. It is always looking for new members, and is recruiting percussion players, young and old.

Anyone who has ex-



Members of the quartet who gained silver at the Scottish Solo and Ensemble Championships in Livingston, from left: Hannah Oman, Suen Yee Walker, Amy Paterson and Erin McLellan.

perience in playing a percussion instrument, or wants to start from scratch, should contact Katrina Barr on 07900 980076.

Band member Emily Walker said: 'The band's longevity is not

just down to attracting new members but also the continued support of the people of Campbeltown.

'That has made it possible to keep the band going and competing at top level.'

The band wishes to thank the following for their generous support: Howdens' donation of £150 which was used to buy three trombone mutes; Machrihanish Dunes and Ugadale Hotel for sponsoring accommodation for tutors for an upcoming training weekend; and the general public for supporting the band over the Christmas period in its carol playing and bag packing.

'Funds raised, together with a £745 grant from The Skinners' Company Lady Neville Charity, enabled the band to purchase a new tenor horn and music stands.

'The band also welcomes Gordon, Libby and Louise Evans back to the town and to the band. Their contribution will be invaluable.'

New cancer information service opens

A NEW information and support service for people affected by cancer was officially opened at Campbeltown Library last Friday.

The Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service, developed in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council, NHS Highland and Ar-

gyll Voluntary Action, was declared officially open by Provost Len Scouller.

Trained volunteers will run the service, giving emotional and practical advice, as well as materials on different types of cancer, treatments and making referrals to other services such as

benefits advice. Provost Scouller praised Macmillan for its work in helping cancer sufferers and their families, adding: 'Campbeltown's library-based service is the first and Bute will be the second to open in a pilot scheme lasting two years.'

Gillian Edwards, a service user for a number of months, said its biggest strength is the non-clinical environment. 'It's not like going to hospital,' she said. 'It's just so relaxed. There are no questions. Cancer does not even need to be mentioned.'

To find out more about the service, contact Deirdre or Chris on 01586-555932 or pop in to see them in Campbeltown Library.



Provost Len Scouller, left, who officially opened the new information service, with Ryan Taylor, regional fundraising manager for Macmillan in the west of Scotland, enjoying the comfortable seats in the library.

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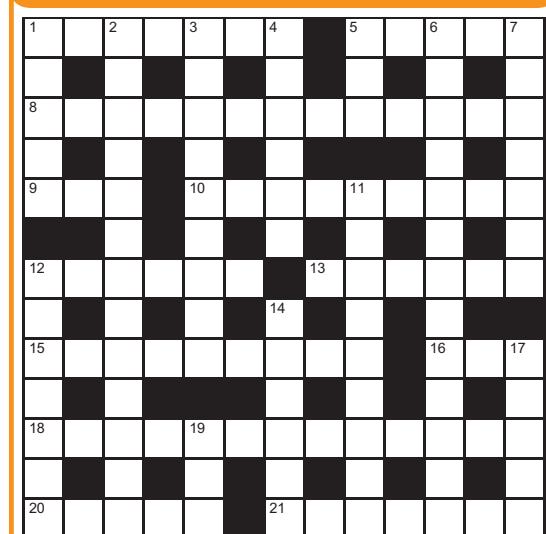
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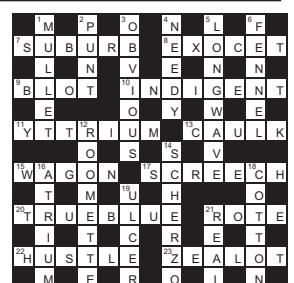


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Stirling Caledonian Marts report

STIRLING Caledonian Marts sold 440 store cattle and 24 young bulls on Monday.

Bullocks, 227, averaged 237p to 274p per kilo for three 215kg Limousins from Wester Whin, Slamannan and £1,530 gross for a 660kg Limousin from Martnaham Mains, Dalrymple.

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Leading prices bullocks, £ per head: 0-250kgs - £655 Wester Whin; 251-300kgs - £760 Spouthead; 301-350kgs - £870 Knockdaw; 351-400kgs - £985 Rievoch; 401-450kgs - £1175 Hilton of Beath; 451-500kgs - £1170 Gillandersland; 501-550kgs - £1260 Hilton of Beath; 551-600kgs - £1250

Droystone; 601-650kgs - £1350 Droystone; 651-700kgs - £1530 Martnaham Mains.

Heifers: 0-250kgs - £650 Hopestead; 251-300kgs - £750 Balcachie; 301-350kgs - £915 Glenhead; 351-400kgs - £975 High Kilphin; 401-450kgs - £1010 East Kerse;

451-500kgs - £1,080 Linfairn; 501-550kgs - £1,110 High Kilphin; 551-600kgs - £1,200 Martnaham Mains.

Bulls

Young Bulls: 0-250kgs - £620 Droystone; 251-300kgs - £550 Robertsonlane; 301-350kgs - £730 Homeston.

Leading Prices Bullocks, p per kilo: 0-250kgs - 274p Wester Whin; 251-300kgs - 189p Mid-ton; 301-350kgs - 212p Linfairn.

MP outlines his objection to wind farm plans

MP Alan Reid has lodged a lengthy objection to proposals for 19 massive wind turbines at Glenbarr.

In his submission to the Scottish Government, he has pointed out that the Landscape Wind Energy Capacity Study 2012 commissioned by Argyll and Bute Council and Scottish Natural Heritage 'does not identify capacity for turbines of this scale in the lower lying landscapes such as Barr Glen'.

The Argyll and Bute

MP said such a development 'would cast an unwelcome influence over settlement, historic assets and scenic and tourism resources, all of which tend to be associated with the more sensitive lower lying coastal landscapes and the associated glens'.

He added: 'The developer proposes to give the contract to build the towers to the Wind Towers factory at Machrihanish, but there are plenty of far more suitable locations for wind-

farms which could give work to the factory.'

'The developer proposes to establish a community benefit fund, but the community in Glenbarr does not consider the money from the proposed community benefit fund to be remotely sufficient to compensate for the significant detrimental effects of such a large windfarm so close to their homes.'

'To grant such an unsuitable proposal would render the process of drawing up a Local Plan

utterly pointless, would ride roughshod over the local community's wishes and would be a grave insult to local democracy.'

Last week, the Courier revealed how Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell was also strongly opposed to the proposals by Burcote Wind for 19 turbines in Glen Barr.

The Scottish Government will decide on the application because of the scale of the proposed development.



Pupils from Clachan and Skipness primary schools with the printed cloth they created during the project.

Clachan pupils try out printing

PUPILS at Clachan and Skipness primary schools showed off their creative side when they participated in a block printing project.

The Cloth Uncut project was offered by the Creative Arts in Schools Team (CAST) and allowed pupils from P1 to P7 to create a unique cloth design based on traditional Scottish images,

such as an Irn Bru can and tartan.

Catherine Black, headteacher, said: 'All pupils loved the element of personalisation and choice which the workshop offered.'

'Staff and pupils would like to thank Alison McAlpine and CAST for funding such an excellent learning opportunity.'

Islay Estate added to snowdrop festival

BRIDGEN Woodlands, on the Islay Estate, is featuring in one of the first events in Homecoming Scotland 2014, the much-loved Scottish Snowdrop Festival which is running until March 16.

The woodlands are famous for their beautiful displays of wildflowers, with thousands of snowdrops in the winter, then daffodils and bluebells in the spring.

Islay snowdrops are

best enjoyed early in the season and this display is included for the first time in the nationwide festival involving 53 gardens.

Showcasing

Locations across Scotland are showcasing beautiful snowdrops.

Properties taking part range from walled gardens, urban retreats and historic castles, to churchyards and woodland walks.

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Application submitted for new Carradale slip

A PLANNING application has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council for the creation of a slipway at Carradale Harbour.

The project aims to regenerate the harbour area in the village, improving it for both locals and visitors.

Access to the new slipway is to be from the harbour car park which is owned by the council.

The plans were submitted at the end of last month and are still under consideration by the council.

Carradale Harbour Group told the Courier in December it hopes to have the new slip built by the summer.

Boating attracts tourists

SCOTLAND generated an estimated £366 million in 2012-13 from boating tourism, according to a new report published by the British Marine Federation.

The figure represents a tenth of the national total, and accounts for 9,581 full-time jobs in the local economy.

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Cheese making talk for church guild

MEMBERS of Saddell and Carradale Church Guild were treated to a talk about cheese making at their February meeting.

Sheena Robertson spoke to members about her work in Campbeltown Creamery, explaining the cheese-making process and accompanied her talk with a video of all the equipment used before handing out samples of cheeses. The next date for the guild is on February 25 when the speaker will be Agnes Stewart, talking about wild flowers in Kintyre.

Council backs islands

AN islands initiative is to be set up by Argyll and Bute Council to help bring increased resources and powers from the Scottish and UK governments.

The council will work in partnership with Western Isles, Orkney and Shetland Councils which joined together last year to demand greater control over their own resources.

Together they will develop common issues for all island areas around Scotland's coast.

The council has agreed to set up a working group to meet with the Scottish and UK governments to present the case for Argyll and Bute's islands and seek support and commitment.

Provost Len Scouller, policy lead for islands, said: 'Our islands have huge potential and we will consult closely with communities in developing this initiative.'

'We hope to meet with other island councils with similar areas of interest, and take them to the governments for consideration. The more islands represented, the stronger their voice.'

'This is an exciting and far-reaching initiative in sustaining and developing our communities.'

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Stone's intriguing love message

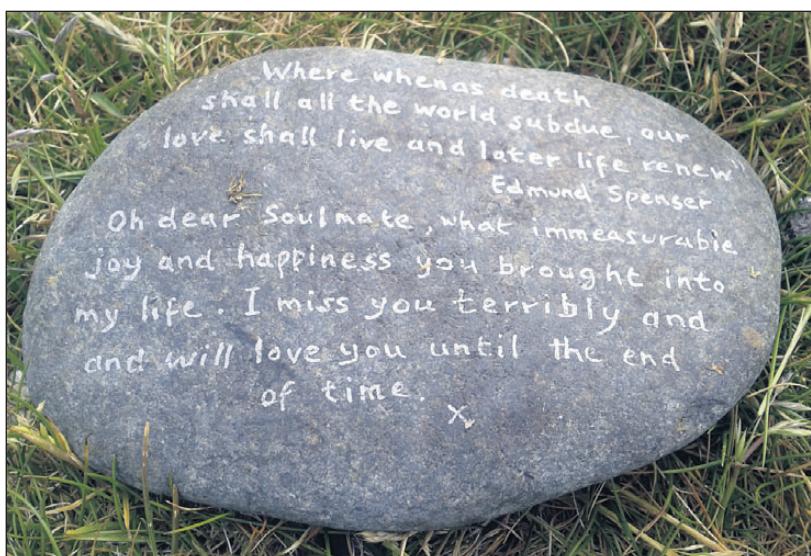
A LARGE flat stone inscribed with a poignant love message has been found on a hillside near Southend.

On one side it has a quote from the 16th century English poet Edmund Spenser and personal message. On the other is a Celtic cross.

Keen amateur photographer Graham Nisbet came across it recently and is intrigued to know the story behind it.

He told the Courier: 'I'd be interested to find out if any of your readers knew who wrote on it and why. The stone is still there on the hillside undisturbed.'

The quote from Spenser, regarded



The poignant message on a flat stone found on a hillside near Southend.

as one of England's greatest poets, is from Sonnet LXXV from Amoretti and reads, 'Where wheras death shall all the world subdue, our love shall live and later life renew.'

Spenser argues in the poem that while he and his loved one will

die one day, their lives will live on through his writing - granting them both immortality.

On the stone, under the excerpt from Spenser, someone has written, 'Oh dear soulmate, what immeasurable joy and happiness you brought into my

life. I miss you terribly and will love you until then end of time. x'

Can you shed any light on the story behind the inscriptions? Call our reporters on 01586-554646 or email editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk



The reverse side of the stone has a Celtic cross on it.

Nutritional and dietetic service launched by Argyll and Bute Council

A NEW nutrition and dietetic service has been launched in Argyll and Bute.

Run by NHS Highland, it will allow members of the public to refer themselves or their children directly to see a dietitian who can advise them on what to eat to stay healthy.

They will no longer have to see a GP or practice nurse first.

Debbie Kirby, Argyll and Bute lead for dietetics, said the service consists of a team of health pro-

fessionals who assess, diagnose and treat dietary and nutritional problems affecting both individuals and the wider public.

She added: 'We use the most up-to-date public health and scientific research on food, health and disease.

'Our staff will provide advice and support on a wide range of conditions linked to diet including heart disease, diabetes, weight management, irritable bowel syndrome, Crohn's disease and food allergy and intolerance.'

'Staff will also provide nutritional support for those who have eating and drinking difficulties as well as advice on cooking and shopping skills. We can also provide support to health fairs and community groups.'

To take advantage of this service, people should fill in a form which is available at outpatient departments and medical centres, contact the central office on 01631-789041 or email HIGH-UHB.DieticiansDirect@nhs.net

New grant initiative for young people

YOUNG people are being given the chance to have their say about how money meant for their benefit is spent.

YouthBank is a youth-led grant scheme which provides small grants to fund young people's ideas to benefit their own communities.

Rolled out

The project is being rolled out in North Argyll, Mid Argyll, Bute and Helensburgh and

Lomond to start with, while other areas, including Kintyre, will have to wait.

It will see groups of young people, with support by Argyll and Bute Council's youth services team, awarding grant applications of up to £250 to projects organised by other young people that are beneficial to communities.

Councillor Robin Currie, policy lead for com-

munity and culture, said: 'YouthBank is unique in that it is the young people themselves who make the decisions about who receives the money and about how their YouthBank is managed and run.'

Grant-makers

'It is also about supporting and training the young people to be grant-makers and assessors, enabling them to learn the new skills

while benefiting others.'

Since September, when Argyll and Bute gained its license at the council's AB Awards which celebrated local young people's achievements, youngsters from across the area have taken SVQ accredited grant making and decision making training.

For more information on YouthBank visit www.youngscot.org/local/argyll-bute

Salmon skills taught to pupils

STUDENTS studying aquaculture at Campbeltown Grammar School received a boost to their lessons with help from experts from the Scottish Salmon Company (SSC).

'We are most grateful to the Scottish Salmon Company for the invaluable practical support they are offering our students over the next year.'

'I hope this partnership will continue for many years helping students in Argyll experience first-hand the many and diverse areas and opportunities offered within aquaculture.'

The course, which has included visits to the Marine Environmental Research Laboratory in Machrihanish and a local smokehouse, provides secondary school pupils with the necessary skills for a career in the salmon farming industry.

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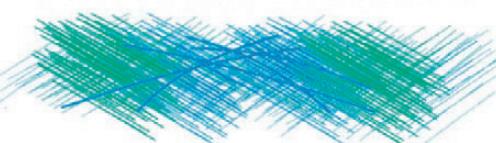

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Half of UK householders think it's cheaper to leave the home heating on all day at low temperature

Half (50 per cent) of all UK householders think it's cheaper to leave their home heating on all day than turning the heating on or off and up or down when required.

This finding is part of an energy saving mythbusting survey commissioned by the Energy Saving Trust as part of the recent Big Energy Saving Week, which highlights the perceptions of the UK public and how they don't always match the reality of the energy saving action or statement.

The survey was carried out to a sample of 2,067 online adults in the UK aged 16-75 last month.

Other findings from the Ipsos MORI survey include:

30 per cent that think screensavers on computers save energy.

Almost half (45 per cent) think switched-off electrical appliances don't use electricity when they're plugged in at the mains.

Nearly half (48 per cent) agreed that it's a hassle to change energy suppliers.

Two thirds (66 per cent) of people think that more heat is lost through the roof of their home than the walls – however for the majority of properties the walls will actually lose more heat.



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Turn it down – Many households have their central heating set higher than they need, with turning your room thermostat down by one degree and see if you are still at a comfortable temperature. This will make additional savings to your heating bill.

Let there be light – Households can now get LED spotlights that are bright enough to replace bulbs ('compact fluorescent lamps' or CFLs) for pretty much everything else. They come in a range of sizes and shapes and can save households money on their energy bills.

For more free, impartial advice call Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282. Home Energy Scotland is funded by the Scottish Government and delivered by Energy Saving Trust.

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; there were other findings which highlighted a level of dissatisfaction from the UK public regarding the correct energy saving actions to take in the home. These include:

Over 50 per cent incorrectly said turning up their thermostat to a high temperature heats the home faster, compared to 54 per cent that correctly stated this was false.

Two thirds (75 per cent) know that energy saving light bulbs are more expensive than traditional light bulb fittings.

Over 50 per cent know that solar panels will work during daylight regardless of whether the sun is shining or not, with only ten per cent disagreeing.

Energy Saving Trust chief executive Phillip Sellwood said:

"I commissioned this survey to bust some of the top energy saving myths we encounter on a daily basis. While for certain actions a quarter of the UK public think they are saving energy when they're not, it's heartening to see that a lot of people are doing the right thing and saving energy."

It's important for the UK public to stay warm and cosy in winter. But for the majority the most cost-effective way to do this is to turn the heating on and off or up and down when required rather than leaving it on all day at a lower temperature. This ensures that heat is not wasted and that your home will be at a comfortable temperature."

According to figures from the Energy Saving Trust, the UK could save nearly £4.4 billion on energy bills if householders take simple energy saving actions in the home.

sing them. Virtually all electrical and electronic

appliance owners don't even realise it. If it's too warm inside, try turning the temperature down. Every degree that you turn it down

can save money. Place halogens, as well as regular energy saving light bulbs, in a variety of shapes, sizes and fittings and can



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Scottish Water launches new social media accounts

CUSTOMERS of Scottish Water can now keep up to date on improvements to services in their area through a dedicated Twitter account.

Five new Twitter accounts covering the regions of Scotland have been launched and are managed by Scottish Water's regional community managers.

The accounts will post updates on campaigns in communities on subjects such as water efficiency and safety, as well as new water and waste water projects.

Covering Argyll and Bute, as well as the Highlands and Western Isles, is @SWJoannaPeebles. This account will support the existing Scottish Water Twitter account, @scottish_water, which provides customers with the latest service updates, as well as @ScotWaterNews, giving customers and stakeholders breaking news stories.

Free advice hotline for warmer homes

RESIDENTS in Argyll and Bute are being encouraged to take advantage of a home energy hotline which gives free advice and support.

The Scottish Government's Home Energy Scotland hotline is an impartial energy advice support service for householders across the country.

It aims to help make homes warmer and more energy efficient and can inform people if they qualify for free installation of insulation, boilers or central heating.

The Scottish Government has a budget of £74 million this year to help Scots reduce their fuel bills and make homes warmer and more efficient.

For more information call 0808 8082282 or visit homeenergyscotland.org.uk.

Jamie appreciated his days at the Courier

REPORTING Scotland correspondent and former Campbeltown Grammar pupil Jamie McIvor is adding his support to a competition to find budding journalists, photographers and publishers.

High schools across Scotland can submit entries for the Scottish School Media Awards, run by imPRESS, before the April 30 deadline.

The Campbeltown Courier, which as part of Wyvern Media is sponsoring the best newspaper category, is encouraging schools across the Highlands and Islands to take up the challenge.

And Jamie McIvor, who began his journalism career at the Courier, said his grounding in Argyll was key to his career progression.

The imPRESS awards aim to encourage young people into careers in publishing and the creative industries, and are of particular interest



Jamie McIvor.

to pupils who have an interest in writing, photography, design and business.

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

Jamie told The Courier: 'I used to write for the Courier while I was at school which I thoroughly enjoyed.

'I was always interested in people, stories and events.'

'The big decision for me was whether to do a journalism course or do an arts degree at university. In the end I went for the arts degree but I did various bits and bobs of freelance work and work experience while I was at university.'

I did a journalism course after I'd graduated and once I'd done that I went back to Campbeltown to work for the Courier.

'One of the most important qualities any journalist should have is an ability to talk to absolutely anyone, listen to their stories or opinions.'

'Nearly all the best stories are ultimately about people. At a local paper you get the chance

to develop that skill. Another brilliant thing at a local paper is that you get to know your readers. People soon tell you if you've made a mistake or if they don't like something you've done.'

'It also teaches you that all good journalism - newspapers, television and radio - isn't a monologue. It's a conversation with the audience.'

Encouraging schools across the Highlands and Islands to enter the Scottish School Media Awards, Jamie added: 'Some students might fancy a career in journalism and it's a great opportunity for them.'

'Newspapers and broadcasters are such important parts of society, it's great to give as many people as possible the chance to understand what it is they really do and why.'

For more information and to register, visit impressscotland.co.uk.

Weather warning: be prepared

BE PREPARED is the message from Argyll and Bute Council as winter weather conditions continue to affect areas.

In the case of a power cut, the council says the energy supplier should be contacted as soon as possible to allow them to fix the problem quickly.

The council also advises people to keep a number of helpful items in their homes, including a torch with charged batteries or a wind up dynamo torch, a battery-powered radio, to receive updates on any incident, and an analogue telephone, as most modern phones rely on electricity in addition to the phone line. A mobile phone should also be kept fully charged.

Scottish and Southern Energy customers should call 0800 300999 if there is a power cut, and can visit the website ssepd.co.uk/customerservice/powercuts for more information.

Scottish Water can be contacted on 0845 6018855.



Scottish councils have paid out £2.7 million in five years to compensate drivers over pothole damage.

Hole lot of road damage

AN AVERAGE of £4,800 a year is being spent by Argyll and Bute Council in compensating drivers whose vehicles have been damaged by potholes.

The amounts paid out by local authorities for repairs such as burst tyres and suspension damage vary considerably.

According to Freedom of Information figures obtained by the Scottish Conservatives, motorists were reimbursed to the

tune of £584,745 in 2012/13, with the five-year total now standing at more than £2.7 million.

Last year, Glasgow paid out nearly £360,000 in compensation, by far the highest in Scotland, compared to £4,656 by Argyll and Bute. Clackmannanshire and Moray did not pay any compensation.

Scottish Conservative transport spokesman Alex Johnstone MSP said: "The true damage caused by potholes is likely to be far higher than this, because many drivers can't face going through the official channels to try and recoup the money paid for repairs."

"Perhaps if the Scottish Government took more of a lead in properly investing in our road network and supporting motorists, it would encourage more councils to do the same."

Taking extra care with children - council takes big step forward

A BIG step forward has been taken by Argyll and Bute Council to ensure that looked-after children can get the best deal for the future.

The first meeting has been held of the Corporate Parenting Board which includes young people themselves, officers from the council's children and families service and

representatives from other local and national agencies who are involved with the care of children.

Councillor Mary Jean Devon, the council's policy lead for children and families, said, 'We want to make sure that all Argyll and Bute's young people have the best possible chances in life.'

'A vital part of this process is asking young people themselves what their priorities are, and the meeting gave them the chance to have their say.'

'At the meeting issues were raised such as access to the internet at children's units, access to leisure facilities and driving lessons.'

'Vitally, the meeting agreed the board needs to challenge attitudes and discrimination associated with young people who are looked after and how we can support some vulnerable young people into adulthood.'

Also on the board are Argyll and Bute Council's Children's Champions - Councillors

Elaine Robertson, Maurice Corry, John McAlpine and Bruce Marshall.

The board's main aims include listening to and consulting with looked-after children and young people in Argyll and Bute and ensuring that their needs are taken into account when developing and improving council services.

To find out more about living and working in Argyll & Bute visit us at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk



PLANNING

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 67 Chalmers Street Ardriishaig PA30 8DX, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk. Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/00062/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of sewage treatment plant and formation of vehicular access	Garden Ground of Corie Lodge Croabha Haven Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Ardfern
14/00115/PP	Erection of detached building to form cattery building	10 Killeonan Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6PL	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
14/00196/PP	Demolition of existing workshop, erection of dwellinghouse and installation of sewage treatment plant	Rhudie Mill Kilmichael Glassary Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8QE	Ardriishaig Area 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
14/00197/LIB	Demolition of workshop	Rhudie Mill Kilmichael Glassary Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8QE	Ardriishaig Area Office

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

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Whitegates Office Whitegates Road Lochgilphead PA31 8SY.

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

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

Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

Argyll Tidal Ltd: Argyll Tidal Demonstrator Project

Notice is hereby given that Argyll Tidal Ltd. has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of a marine licence for the deployment of a single CoRMaT tidal turbine and supporting export cable at the south-west tip of the Mull of Kintyre, Argyll and Bute:

Cost	£2.5 million	
Location	Latitude	Longitude
South West of the Mull of Kintyre	Co-ordinates	Co-ordinates
Tidal Device Corridor		
1	N 55° 17.798'	W 5° 48.825'
2	N 55° 17.956'	W 5° 48.685'
3	N 55° 17.899'	W 5° 48.487'
4	N 55° 17.741'	W 5° 48.627'
Cable Corridor		
1	N 55° 17.956'	W 5° 48.685'
2	N 55° 17.899'	W 5° 48.487'
3	N 55° 17.741'	W 5° 48.627'
4	N 55° 18.024'	W 5° 48.554'
5	N 55° 17.974'	W 5° 47.998'
6	N 55° 17.895'	W 5° 47.634'
Landfall location		
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Further information in respect of the prospective development may be obtained by contacting ScottishPower Renewables:

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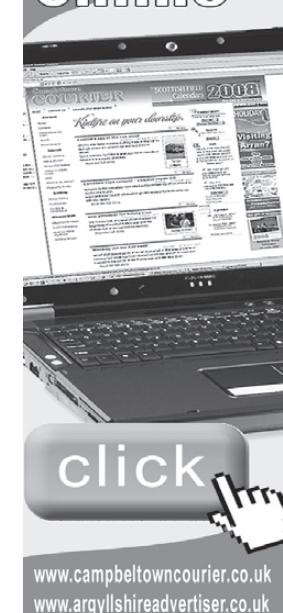
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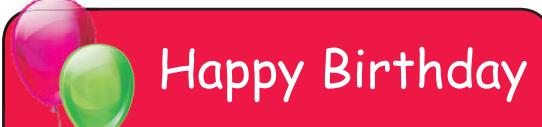
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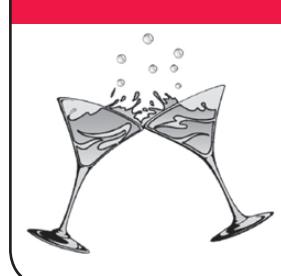
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Sheddell

ONE of my favourite TV programmes is 'Call the Midwife'. Last Sunday there was a very sad episode in which a tragic accident claimed the life of the sweetheart of one of the young midwives.

Used to bringing new life into the world, Jenny was now faced with the grim reality of facing death in all its chill coldness. The pain of losing the young man she hoped to marry was almost unbearable.

His death was sudden and there had been a small disagreement between them just before he died, which compounded Jenny's grief. Angry with God, Jenny told one of the older nuns that she did not know where to find God in the horror of this event.

The old nun gently told Jenny: 'God is not in the event, but in the response to the event.'

I have thought about this a lot since then, and recognise that these are indeed wise

words. We all respond differently to the tragic events in our lives, but what we do have in common is that we all go through them.

We can be part of the response in the tragic events of other people's lives and walk with them in the shadows as well as the sunshines.

Today is St Valentine's Day and there will be lots of declarations of love made today.

Some will last a while and some may last forever.

For those of you who might not receive a Valentine card this morning, remember that God's love is wrapped around you every single moment of every single day. This is forever love.

Many people say that it's hard to believe in God in the face of so much evil, but it is the survival of love in a suffering world which points positively to God, not the presence of evil which denies him.



Pictured from left are: Springbank and Glengyle's distillery manager, Gavin McLachlan; Springbank and Glengyle's managing director, Neil Clapperton; Glen Scotia's commercial sales director Andrew Gray and Glen Scotia's distillery manager, Iain McAlister.

Whisky buffs to be served a triple delight

IT MUST surely be a whisky lover's dream.

For three days in May, Campbeltown's three distilleries are set to celebrate the town's malts, inviting visitors to explore their wonders.

Springbank Distillery has been running the Springbank open day since 2009, attracting more and more visitors to the town each year.

On the day, activities

usually include free distillery tours, specialised whisky masterclasses, local craft stalls, live music and special bottlings

Festival

Mairi Paterson of Springbank said: 'Inspired by the Explore Campbeltown initiative, this year the three distilleries are keen to work together to create a three-day festival where the

malts from Springbank, Glengyle and Glen Scotia are celebrated, beginning on Wednesday, May 21 when the 10-year anniversary of the re-opening of Glengyle Distillery will be recognised with a special dinner and ceilidh at the distillery.

'Full details on each days events will be released in due course but it is set to be a fun filled

time for everyone - not only the whisky lovers.'

'The whisky celebrations will kick off a busy weekend of events within the town when it will play host to both the Kintyre Songwriters Festival and the Mull of Kintyre 10k and half marathon.'

Each event is seen as a great opportunity to attract visitors to the town.

Search on for education stars

THE search is underway for Argyll and Bute's brightest education stars as nominations open for the Scottish Education Awards 2014.

People are being urged to nominate the teaching professionals and local schools that go the extra mile, for recognition at the national awards ceremony which honours the hard work and innovation happening in classrooms across Scotland.

Michael Russell MSP, cabinet secretary for education and lifelong learning, said: 'The awards give us all an opportunity to recognise, share and celebrate our schools' fantastic work.'

Councillor Aileen Morton, Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for education and lifelong learning, said: 'I am aware there is outstanding and innovative work being done in our schools.'

'Anyone who has contact with a school can make a nomination.'

Nominations close on February 21. To make a nomination visit www.scottiseducationawards.org.uk

Appeal for blood donors

KINTYRE residents are being urged to donate blood when the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service visits the town on Thursday, February 27.

The mobile donating team will be at the Victoria Hall between 2.30pm and 3.45pm and 5.15pm and 7.30pm.

Only five per cent of the eligible population in Scotland gives blood and new volunteers are constantly needed to meet hospital requirement for blood and blood products.

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Scottish theme for new fashion show

A SCOTTISH-themed fashion show is being held in Campbeltown on Saturday, April 12.

Organised by Explore Campbeltown, the new event in the Malt Barns at Springbank Distillery will be an opportunity for the town's clothing, jewellery and accessories shops to showcase their wares.

Mairi Paterson, spokeswoman for Explore Campbeltown, said: 'Outfits will fit into the kilted, tailored, tweed and tartan categories.'

'The Malt Barns and runway will be decorated accordingly and feature traditional Scottish music.'

'We hope to have two daytime showings and

an evening showing, each lasting up to an hour.

'After the daytime shows we will serve tea, coffee and cakes, and after the evening show we will serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic cocktails.'

'After each show we also hope to bring out clothing rails featuring all the clothes worn on the runway.'

Mairi said the success of the recent Christmas Market in the Malt Barns showed there was a demand for such events, both from local traders and those who attend.

Similarly, she is hopeful of strong involvement in Springbank's

traditional open day on Thursday, May 22.

'We would like to get as many stall holders as possible involved,' said Mairi.

'We usually have a good range of stalls from the local crafters and we would love to add to this and have a similar variety to what we had at the Christmas Market.'

Mairi added: 'We have been running the open day since 2009 and it is has become more popular each year.'

'This year we want to be bigger and better than ever.'

'We have a range of activities on offer such as free distillery tours, specialised whisky masterclasses, a whisky bar

with more than 50 rare whiskies from Springbank, music from local musicians, special bottlings, local craft stalls and much more.'

'The day time events usually begin at 11am and finish about 5pm. From 6pm we have a drinks tent, hot food, live music and other forms of entertainment.'

'Throughout the day and evening we offer hot food and we are keen to get local food outlets to provide a wider range.'

The plan is for the stalls to be set up in the car park area of the distillery but if they weather is not good they will be set up in the Malt Barns.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Corinthians 5:17).

BIRTHS

MACLEAN - Scott and Iona-Marie are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Esmie Marie, on January 19, 2014.

First grandchild for Karen Willett, Andrew Allen, Aileen MacLean and Donald MacLean.

DEATHS

ARMOUR - Peacefully at home, Campsie, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, on February 9, 2014, Kathryn Margaret Longmuir, in her 63rd year, dearly beloved wife of Bill Armour, much loved sister of Martin and Gavin and a loving aunt of Tommy. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 12.00 noon, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality and the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church.

AYRE - James. Peacefully at Argyll House, Helensburgh on Friday, February 7, 2014, James Bain Ayre, beloved husband of the late Margaret Kennedy, a dearly loved father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother and uncle. Former District Manager of Lawson Fisher, Glasgow. Funeral service on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at Riverside Parish Church at 11.30am, thereafter to Cardross Crematorium at 12.15pm.

MACPHAIL - Peacefully, at St John's Hospital, Livingston, on February 5, 2014, Catherine Scally Brown, in her 93rd year, Newmills Grove, Balerno, Edinburgh, formerly of Ardnacraig Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Calum Macphail, much loved mother of Ian and a loving grandmother and great grandmother.

MCSPORRAN - Peacefully at home, The Birches, Tayinloan, on February 6, 2014, Angus Smith McSporran, in his 91st year, formerly of Dalmore Farm, Tayinloan, dearly beloved husband of the late Chrissie McMillan, much loved father of Jane and the late Ann and Archie and a loving and much loved papa and great grandfather.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

JOHN - Mary, Lorna, Brian and Andrew wish to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, flowers and support shown to them following the sad loss of Brian. Our grateful thanks to Dr Phillips, district nurses and Marie Curie and Macmillan nurses for

their professional care and support. Our thanks also to Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their professional services and support throughout. Further thanks to Cairnbaan Hotel for their kind hospitality. The retiral collection for Marie Curie and Macmillan nurses raised in excess of £675.

IN MEMORIAMS

BROWN - With treasured memories of our dear daughter, Sharon Fiona, died February 12, 1993. Loved and remembered always.

- Mum, Dad, sister and brothers.

CAMPBELL - Bunty, passed away February 14, 2009.

Sadly missed, but not forgotten.

- Ivor, Christine, Shauna, Robert and great grandchildren.

COLVILLE - In loving memory of Robert Colville, who died February 14, 2013.

Remembered with fondness.

- From Doreen, Jean, Betty, Lynsey and Duster.

COOPER - In loving memory of Billy, dear husband, dad and granddad, who died February 17, 2009.

Sadly missed by Kathryn, Andrew, Douglas, Pauline, Zoe and Abby.

DURANCE - In loving memory of Beryl, a dear wife, mother, granny and sister, who passed away on February 16, 1998. Loved and remembered always.

- Willie, Sharon, Martin, Ian, Duncan and Jean.

MACKAY - In loving memory of John, our dear father, father-in-law and papa who died February 17, 2010.

Together in the same old way, Would be our dearest wish today.

- Love from all at Lilybank.

MCGUINNESS - Precious memories of a loving husband and dad Ron, who died February 16, 2005.

Nine years now since you passed away, We miss you more than words can say,

But in our hearts you will always stay.

- Mary and Roslyn xx.

MCGUINNESS - Ron, dear brother-in-law. Always remembered.

- Margaret and Davie.

SHAW - In loving memory of my dear mother (Chrisy), who died February 17, 2011.

Deeply missed Loved and remembered every day.

- John.

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11:00 am
with Sunday school
Tea & coffee after the service

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10:00 – 11:45 am
Every Thursday

We meet at the Guide Hall,
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George Street,
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Sunday 16th February
11.00am Sunday School
12.45pm Worship Service
Mr Calum Ferguson

Thursday 20th February
12 noon Prayer & Bible Study

Friday 21st February
6.30pm Christianity Explored
Course (meeting in Church
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Sunday 16th February
11.15am Mrs Agnes Stewart
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Speaker: Graham McLean
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7.30pm
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Wednesday

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Thursday

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11.15am Family Communion

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Coffee 10.45am

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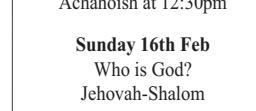
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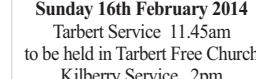
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Sunday 16th Feb

Who is God?

Jehovah-Shalom



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Sunday 16th February 2014

Tarbert Service 11.45am

to be held in Tarbert Free Church

Kilberry Service 2pm

Rev. Tommy Bryson

Guild meets Monday

17th February

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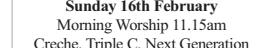
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Ashleigh and Kate excel at sports hall athletics

Kintyre event second of four in Argyll

SEVENTY-NINE young athletes entered the running, jumping and throwing events in the annual Kintyre Sports Hall Athletics, held in Campbeltown Grammar School on Sunday.

With the indoor athletics in its 20th year, the Kintyre competition was the second of four area events in Argyll this winter.

After more than three hours of competition, Castlehill and Dalintober schools shared the honours in the younger age groups with Castlehill providing four overall champions and Dalintober providing two.

An under-7 age group was introduced for the first time and attracted a good entry.

Solana McMurchy from Castlehill was the girls' champion winning the three-lap and six-lap races and the speed bounce while runner-up Erin Green won the long jump.

Sean Charlwood and Oliver Reid, both from Dalintober, shared first place in the boys' contest with Oliver impressing in the two running events.

Nicole Shields, Dalintober, won the under-9 category thanks to wins in the high jump, javelin and six-lap race.

In the same section Lisa McKellar, Dalintober, won the three-lap and Kelsey Graham,

Castlehill, won the long and triple jumps.

Owen Reid from Castlehill was the boys under-9 champion ahead of Euan Charlwood from Dalintober.

Owen was first equal in the high jump and placed second or third in the remaining events while Euan won the long jump, triple jump and speed bounce.

Josh Arkell, Dalintober, won the javelin, throwing 15 metres and another Dalintober boy Callum Ellis impressed in winning both the three-lap in 29.3 and six-lap in 62.8secs.

Jane Scott from Castlehill dominated in the under 11s winning the three-lap, six-lap, high jump and long jump.

Holly Sinclair from Dalintober was second on overall points with wins in the triple jump and speed bounce. Connor McMurchy, Castlehill, was the boys' champion but had to work hard to finish ahead of Elliot Gemmill from Carradale and Andrew Dott, Castlehill who tied for second.

Connor won the long jump and javelin. Andrew impressed with wins in the three-lap in 27.4seconds and six-lap in 59.1secs. Elliot won the high jump and Ross Connor, Castlehill, excelled in the standing triple jump and speed bounce completing 69



Some of the winners and participants with their trophies after the prize giving ceremony, including Kate Cameron, far right, who took part in her last Kintyre sports hall athletics competition on Sunday. She has been Argyll champion at every age category during the past 10 years. 20_c07athletics03

jumps in 30 seconds.

Cameron Reid was an outstanding under 13 champion winning all seven events with style but was especially impressive in winning the three-lap race in 26.7 and six lap in 57.7secs. Ruth Turner dominated the girls' under 13 contest, winning six out of seven events and also excelled in the running events. Ashleigh Connor was arguably the top athlete on the day winning the under 15 contest with Jenny Semple in second and Isla McKinnon and Eilidh Anderson close for third.

Ruth Turner dominated the girls' under 13 contest, winning six out of seven events and also excelled in the running events. Ashleigh Connor was arguably the top athlete on the day winning the under 15 contest with Jenny Semple in second and Isla McKinnon and Eilidh Anderson close for third.

Ashleigh won five events in a very competitive age group and recorded times of 26.2secs in the three-lap and 55.3secs in the six-lap and also an excellent 6.56 metres in the standing triple jump.

Ashleigh holds the Argyll under 13 age record at this event and may well exceed the under 15 record at the Argyll final in late March.

Jenny Semple won the speed bounce with 76 jumps in 30 seconds and Isla McKinnon won the shot putt throwing 7.71

metres. Kate Cameron from Southend was the under 17 winner ahead of Mary Anne Wylie.

This is Kate's last year of competition in the Argyll Sports Hall events and she has been Argyll champion at every age category over the last 10 years.

Kate still holds the Argyll under 9 age records at both standing long jump and triple jump set in 2005.

Ryan Blackstock was the only under 15 boy.

Kate managed an amazing 82 jumps in 30 seconds in the speed bounce.



A large number of youngsters turned out to take part in the running, jumping and throwing events at the indoor athletics competition.

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Mary lifts ladies singles

MARY Ross won the Campbeltown District Darts Association's ladies singles held in the Ailsa, narrowly beating Pauline Baines in the final.

Successful athletes from Sunday's competition will now be invited to compete in the Argyll final at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Saturday, March 29 starting at 1pm with registration from noon.

Boys and girls qualifying will be advised by letter through their school in early March.

There were finishes of 130 by Alan Duncan and 119 by Alan Glen both Kilbrannan A. Gary Grumoli scored 180 for the Burnside.



Mary Ross, winner of the ladies singles, with Michael Elrick of the Ailsa Bar.



Organisers said there was a lack of participants in the under 15 boys category, with only Ryan Blackstock getting involved. 20_c07athletics02

Gutsy Carradale tough out an excellent win

Corkerhill 0
Carradale 1
West of Scotland AFL Division One

THIS was an excellent, gutsy performance, probably the best all season by Carradale, against an unbeaten side who had lost only two points in their previous 11 league matches.

Not even simultaneously losing a penalty and a player could knock the Kintyre football side off their stride.

The match was played on an excellent grass park at Nethercraigs considering this winter's rain, and both sides cancelled each other out early on before Reid Anderson had to look lively in the Carradale goal in the 17th minute to block a near-post shot with his feet.

A few minutes lat-

er Ryan McConnachie pulled off a last-ditch tackle to prevent a Corkerhill player from scoring what looked like a certain goal from 10 yards.

Five minutes later the action swung to the other end and a Johnny McCormick snapshot brought a good save from the home keeper.

Adam Graham was through on goal in the 29th minute only to see his first-time shot shave the outside of the post.

Carradale then appeared to have scored in the 35th minute but the referee chopped off Mark Gillies' header, ruling there had been an infringement.

However, the Dale did

not have long to wait to take the lead when seven minutes from half time a through ball from Campbell Ramsay caught the home defence square and McConnachie burst through to put the ball past the keeper.

Carradale, with six regulars unavailable, were struck by a double blow in the 59th minute when a bouncing ball struck Ewan McIlroy's arm and Rhys Blair was sent off for protesting against the penalty decision.

However, Anderson pulled off a brilliant save to keep the Dale's lead intact.

Down to 10 men and with their backs to the wall, Carradale held on through resolute defensive work and good saves by Anderson who not surprisingly was the man of the match.

Carradale still had chances on the break and Adam Graham was unlucky to be foiled by the keeper after beating three defenders.

Manager Nonnie MacAlister said: 'We held on for a 1-0 win through a gutsy, never-say-die performance from the whole team.'

The side are away tomorrow (Saturday), playing Premier Division side Cardross in the first round of the Thomson Cup.



Carradale's Ryan McConnachie scored the only goal of the match. 08_c07carr01

Ally's team are on target

THE penultimate shoot of the Tarbert Gun Club winter league got under way with bad weather again hampering scores.

There was a strong turn out, with club members hoping to gain a few extra points.

The shoot was the first win of the season for Ally McDonell's team but they are still far short of the top two performing squads. Andrew MacDonald and his boys remain in the lead in the

team shoot, closely followed by Bob McColl's team, who narrowed the gap to a couple of targets.

Campbeltown shooter Stewart MacAllister was top shooter in the Down the Line shoot while Ally topped the leader board in the sporting shoot and was named High Gun for the day.

Results: Class A: 1 Ally McDonell, 2 Bob McColl and Andrew MacDonald. Class B: 1 Archie

MacGill Jnr, 2 Stewart MacAllister, 3 Ronald Jenkins. Class C: 1 Hugh McLean, 2 Andy Wilson, 3 Craig Samborek. Class

D: 1 Malcolm Holder, 2 Roy Laird, 3 Ian Winstan. Class E: 1 James McLean, 2 Mal Weaver, 3 Robert Campbell and Scott Robertson. Teams: 1 Ally McDonell, Akram Khan, Malcolm Holder and Buddy Peterson, 2 Bob McColl, Ronald Jenkins, Craig Samborek and Mal Weaver.

Half-time fun at Ibrox for young Campbeltown footballers

A GROUP of young Campbeltown football players have been invited to take part in some half-time skills in front of 50,000 supporters at Ibrox in March.

The 39 players taking part all attended a Rangers Soccer School last year and will take to the pitch at Rangers' match against Dunfermline on March 15 in Glasgow.

Anyone whose child attended this soccer school and has had no confirmation of the trip to Ibrox should contact the Rangers helpline on 08717 021972, as consent forms must be in today (Friday).

There will be a bus running from Campbeltown to the game with limited spaces, leaving at 9am from the

Islay Golf results

Islay Golf Club February Medal, played Sunday, February 9: 1 A MacLean 91-15=76, 2 A Blair 101-12=89. CSS 72.



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Pupils march on in style

Fabulous Grumoli brothers lead the way in impressive cup win



Martin McCallum opened the scoring for the Pupils with his 10th goal of the season. 08_c07pupils01



Captain Paul Grumoli was immense in an unfamiliar defensive role. 08_c07pupils02



Pupils top scorer Gary Grumoli scored twice. 08_c07pupils03

EKFC Whitehills Campbeltown Pupils Scottish Amateur Cup fifth round

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils overcame early adversity and turned on the style to march into the sixth round of the cup.

The Kintyre side's pre-

match plans were thrown into disarray when a car bringing four players to Glasgow broke down, delaying their arrival until midway through the first half.

However, the setback did not affect the Pupils players who stepped onto the park at the impressive K Park Stadium complex in East Kilbride.

They took the lead when Martin McCallum seized on a defensive mistake in the 18th minute to score with a

left-foot drive for his 10th goal of the season.

EK had a lot of the ball but could not get behind a motivated Pupils back four of Lorne Robertson, Grant Grant, captain Paul Grumoli and Keith Mitchell.

The Pupils soaked up the pressure and counter attacked quickly,

with the pace of Martin McCallum and Gregor Croll causing EK real problems.

Craig Lamont in the Pupils goal made a good save with his feet just before the break, and that was the best effort from the home side.

Pupils doubled their lead in the 56th minute

when a perfectly-flighted free-kick from Mitchell found top scorer Gary Grumoli and his header gave the keeper no chance at the back post.

EK continued to pass the ball well and had most of the possession and territorial advantage but were up against a stubborn Pupils midfield of Kenny Galbraith, Gary Grumoli, Stuart Crossan and Gregor McFadyen.

The home side got back in the game with a goal in the 82nd minute, but their comeback hopes were short lived when substitutes Lewis McFadyen and John McCallum combined on the left before McCallum outpaced the defence and squared the ball for Gary Grumoli to tuck away from six yards.

It was a tremendous team performance from a Pupils side featuring six teenagers, with the man of the match captain Paul Grumoli who was immense throughout despite playing in an unfamiliar role in the centre of defence.

Tomorrow (Saturday), the Pupils are at home to the Central Scottish Premier League leaders Harestanes FC for a place in the last 16 of the cup.

The Kirkintilloch side have won the Scottish Cup in 2002 and 2003 and in 2011 won the West of Scotland Cup.

The Pupils will be huge underdogs but are hard to beat at home and are determined to maintain their cup run.

Kick off is 2pm at Kintyre Park.

If it is unplayable, the match will switch to Kinloch AWP.



Jennifer and Niamh are doubles champions

Jennifer McMurchy, left, from Campbeltown, and Niamh Evans, from Dunoon, are pictured after receiving their medals from Neil John MacPhail for winning the girls' doubles at the Argyll and Bute primary schools badminton championships at Victoria Hall, Campbeltown.

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