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Town flood plan given go ahead

Council looks at a range of measures to reduce problem

NEW measures to limit flooding in Campbeltown could soon be in full flow.

Councillor Donald Kelly, who raised a flood plan proposal at Argyll and Bute Council's Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay (MAKI) area committee meeting in December, was delighted with the council's positive response at last Wednesday's bi-monthly meeting.

Mr Kelly said: 'The council has agreed to undertake a remedial programme of works to bring a flood prevention plan to Campbeltown. Although it is still

unclear as to when the work will start, this is brilliant news for those parts of the town that have suffered flood damage for a number of years.

'I will be seeking a regular update on progress from the council.'

It proposes an immediate review of pavement heights, drainage and pump systems following the November flood which damaged residential and business properties.

Rory Colville, area committee chairman, said: 'Flooding is a problem from time to time in

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Runner Iona steps up for dialysis campaign

CHEQUE this out! Ronnie McNally, of Kintyre Dialysis Campaign, received a lovely surprise when runner Iona McIntosh presented the campaign with £661 - her fundraising proceeds from four long races last year.

The Campbeltown Running Club member said: 'Supporting such a deserving cause made all the miles of training easier.'

Iona, 46, works at Campbeltown Hospital where a dialysis unit is to be established later this

year. Ronnie said: 'We are extremely grateful to Iona for her efforts.'

'She went as far as Aviemore to run a half-marathon to help raise this impressive amount.'

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Get on board for new cinema

THE GROUP behind the revamp of Campbeltown Picture House is looking for new board members for the historic cinema.

Operated by Campbeltown Community Business Group, the historic cinema is seeking applications from those with skills and backgrounds in cinema/film/public entertainment or legal, financial and heritage fields. Time commitment will be two to four hours per week and the board meets six to seven times per year.

The deadline is Saturday, February 28 at midday. For more information about the prospective role contact Jane Mayo by emailing jane.damaco@btinternet.com

Smith fails in election bid

KILKENZIE farmer John Smith has been unsuccessful in his bid to become a vice president of NFU Scotland.

In a vote taken at the union's AGM in St Andrews on Tuesday, Fife farmer Allan Bowie was elected as president and Rob Livesey from the Borders and Dumfriesshire farmer Andrew McCormick were selected as vice presidents.

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Budget 'black hole' puts council jobs under threat

A FAILURE to implement austerity budget savings has created a 'black hole' of between £27 - £37 million in the council's finances for 2016.

That's the stark forecast from Helensburgh councillor James Robb, a former leader of Argyll and Bute council.

Councillor Robb has argued the staggering predicted deficit has been caused by the council's reluctance to make 'any substantial savings to date'.

And at a budget meeting last week, the council's head of finance Bruce West told councillors that this year's one per cent budget reduction 'is the lowest saving the council has made to my knowledge'.

However, council leader Dick Walsh said the council was faced with a 'very difficult' financial position and wanted to gain stability with this year's budget.

The council has made £40 million worth of savings since a council tax freeze was intro-

duced by the Scottish government in 2006.

Councillor James Robb, the opposition finance spokesman, said he was 'seriously concerned about the black hole in the council's finances'.

He said: 'The council will need to find ongoing savings from a lump sum in future years - that is going to be almost impossible to do and maintain our current staff levels. Staffing is the biggest bill; and teachers' salaries are protected, so it will come down to removing positions that the council does not need to keep.'

'Jobs such as music tuition, nursing homes, care at home, libraries and youth services or closing schools.'

Councillor Robb added: 'The council has not made appropriate savings to smooth the way.'

'We can cut back on what we already provide - but it is time to start making the real decisions. The biggest question is, where is the money going to come

from to protect staff?

But council deputy leader Ellen Morton defended the council's record: 'Mr Robb is not correct if he thinks that finding one per cent of budget savings this year has not been painless.'

'So many things within departmental budgets are fixed in our agreements with the Scottish government, which gives us very little scope for making savings.'

'The savings can't come from teacher numbers, or from school meals or from various projects as laid down by the council and the government. There is no denying we are going to have to make on-going difficult choices. We are managing budgets with the minimum pain.'

'Our staff are our biggest asset and without them we will not be able to grow the economy.'

The council has an annual budget of £237 million and has 4581 members of staff. The council's wages bill is £134 million, a rise of £4 million from last year.



Beetle mania at Castlehill primary

Castlehill's P7s held a Beetle Drive in the gym hall involving all the school's pupils. Every pupil paid 50p to take part and the £82 raised will go towards the P7 trips to Ardentenny and Edinburgh. The P7s plan other fundraising events for their trips.

Pilot project will replace GPs with nurses

NURSES could replace GPs in providing an out-of-hours service to cut rocketing £3 million annual costs.

NHS Highland pays £21 an hour for an unscheduled care nurse compared to £129.89 for a locum GP.

Now pilot projects using nurses instead of GPs will start in Mid Argyll and Kintyre from next month.

Gill MacVicar, the health board's director of operations, said the system for patients need-

ing urgent care was 'not affordable'.

Figures reveal that providing the service to patients can in some areas of Argyll and Bute top £2,157 in stark contrast to Inverness, where the cost is £85.49.

Severe

Ms MacVicar said: 'The strain on finances of delivering out-of-hours care is so severe it will now mean other important developments are not able to be progressed.'

The model of care used between

the hours of 6pm and 8am was put in place in 2004 when GPs were able to opt out of providing the service on a practice basis.

Since 2008 the responsibility for the service has been managed at a local level and has seen a 20-fold increase in costs.

In Oban there are, on average, 54 call-outs a week for advice or an urgent appointment at home or in the hospital. On Mull there are an average of two, while Lochgilphead sees seven and Campbeltown only two.

Town flood plan given go ahead

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Campbeltown and we are doing all we can.

'We're moving forward, in partnership with SEPA and Scottish Water, with engineering and management arrangements which will reduce the effects of flooding, but won't stop it.'

Tackle

'The council will be pushing for government funding to tackle this problem and provide the people of Campbeltown with long-term flood-proofing measures.

'There is a lot people can do for themselves, cheaply and easily, to protect their homes. I would advise anyone to contact Paul Hendy from the Scottish Flood Forum or the council's own roads department which will be happy to offer advice and support.'

A council spokesman said: 'New technology has been installed at culvert entrances to provide the roads team with information on rainfall and the intake levels under the road. When these reach a pre-set trigger,

text alarms are sent to key staff and they will respond accordingly.'

'Staff will continue regular maintenance of the surface water system - such as checking and clearing culvert grilles and jetwashing gullies.'

'Options for pumping and road realignment will also be explored.'

Installation

'It could involve the installation of temporary or permanent pipe-work and a pump to remove floodwater from Saddell Street and John Street onto the esplanade.'

'A survey will also be carried out by roads engineers to see if a change to the kerb levels in these streets, the lowest point in the town, would help to divert water away from properties.'

'Ultimately, the responsibility for the maintenance of a property lies with the owner, which is why the council has been working closely with Scottish Flood Forum over the past few months to provide people with useful, practical advice on how to protect their homes.'

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£23,500 pot paid out for road damage

THOUSANDS of pounds in compensation has been paid out to motorists in Argyll because of damage from potholes.

More than £23,500 was paid out by Argyll and Bute Council between 2009 and 2014.

The figures were revealed following a freedom of information request by Scottish Conservatives.

Islay's Alastair Redman, Conservative prospective candidate in Argyll for the general election, said: 'A pothole fund would help councils finally get our roads up to a better standard.'

Reid will press case for whisky

THE vital role Scotch whisky plays in the economy, not just of Scotland but the UK as a whole, was due to be debated in the House of Commons yesterday (Thursday) thanks to Alan Reid MP.

The Argyll and Bute MP, who requested the debate, said: 'I represent a constituency where the whisky industry provides good quality employment in remote and rural locations.'

Mr Reid was to tell the Commons that due to the many jobs in the whisky industry, the Government should help by cutting excise duty by two percent in the Budget.

Hole lot of trouble in store for cemetery visitors

POTHLES on roads in Kilkerran Cemetery are 'getting out of hand', it was claimed this week.

Len Sugarman, who often visits his loved ones' graves twice a week, said the holes were devaluing the Campbeltown cemetery's reputation as one of the finest in Scotland.

Mr Sugarman, of Machrihanish, said: 'I have seen a deterioration in the quality of the roads and the general state of the cemetery.'

'The potholes are making the roads increasingly difficult to drive on. It is getting out of hand.'

The entrance to the cemetery sees drivers take on a series of holes - a pattern repeated elsewhere in the grounds.

Mr Sugarman, 84, added: 'I understand it is not the fault of the staff. As we saw with weed-killer damaging grass around headstones last year, they are not being

given the support to carry out the job properly.

'I have spoken to a number of people who feel the same. All people are looking for is for the cemetery to be kept neat and tidy.'

The Courier believes potholes are being filled in using surplus road chippings - a cheaper option - rather than with tar, meaning the same pothole could reappear after only several hours of rainfall.

Donald Kelly, South Kintyre councillor, is concerned staff are being stretched to the limit at the historic graveyard.

Mr Kelly said: 'I fully support constituents' concerns regarding the condition of the graveyard. There is a clear lack of resources available to staff, whose numbers are at the bare bones.'

'At Argyll and Bute Council's Mid Ar-



Len Sugarman is concerned about the number of potholes appearing on Kilkerran Cemetery's roads in recent months. 20_c07len01

gyll, Kintyre and Islay (MAKI) area committee meeting last Wednesday I was assured the pothole problem would be addressed. The council must offer its staff

more overtime to carry out their work properly, otherwise the cemetery will no longer be fit for purpose.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman

said: 'Council staff have been carrying out repairs on the roads at the cemetery over the past couple of days and will continue until this work is completed.'

Dangerous driving

POLICE are investigating a driving complaint after a dark-coloured Audi allegedly performed a dangerous overtaking manoeuvre on the A83, near to the B8001 turn-off at Kennacraig, last Wednesday afternoon.

Anyone with information should contact Campbeltown police office on 862200.

Wasting police time

A 22-YEAR-old woman was arrested on Monday for wasting police time in connection with an incident the previous week.

She will appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court at a later date.

Shop vandalised

NICKEL and Dime, a store in Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, was vandalised between 6pm last Friday evening and 9am last Saturday.

Anyone with information should contact Robert McGregor at Campbeltown police office by dialling 862200.

More money for NHS Highland

NHS Highland has welcomed an additional £9.4 million in the next financial year 2015/16.

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Council staff go back to classroom

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Focussed on Learning Limited won the contract, valued at £750 per day, to provide a series of one-day training courses in six locations until June 2015 and from September to June on a yearly basis.

Give your views on buying alcohol

RESIDENTS in Argyll and Bute are being asked their views about the availability of alcohol.

Councillor Rory Colville, chairman of Argyll and Bute Licensing Board, is encouraging people to take part in a consultation running until the end of this month.

He said: 'We want to hear if they think there are too many places to buy alcohol in their area.'

'Do they feel it affects community life - in terms of crime, noise, health problems or more?'

'The licensing board is keen to

hear opinions on these and other questions in its consultation.

'Listening to their views helps the licensing board to work in the most effective way for the benefit of everyone.'

'It is quick and easy to take part in the consultation and participants can help make a difference.'

The consultation is online at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/forms/alcohol-availability-survey

There are also paper copies available at council customer service points and libraries.



Trish Collins, local police safer communities officer, explains the challenges of policing. 20_c07police02

Through the eyes of a police officer

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar pupils got to know the town's police a little better when officers delivered an awareness workshop.

Designed to help break down the misunderstanding that can exist between young people and the law, the hour-long seminars in the school's modern i-arena showed videos of large crowds, arrests, fights and other occupational hazards police officers are faced with.

Trish Collins, safer communities officer, who helped to deliver the workshops, said: 'We hope these classes will help foster greater understanding between

pupils and police. Pupils should have more of an idea about the realities of policing; making important decisions in seconds, reacting under pressure and dealing with traumatic experiences.'

'For example, I previously worked in Cumbrnauld and handled some serious crimes but in rural areas there are challenges too.'

'Increasingly mobile video technology is being used by youths to record searches and arrests, which is not against the law, but is another aspect of modern policing we have to deal with.'

'Hopefully they will

have seen the world through a police officer's eyes.'

The seminar also dealt with different ways of policing, and two S3 pupils, Iain Wylie and Christina McFadyen, posed as police officers performing a stop-and-search on some suspects.

Alison Millar, personal and social education teacher, said: 'The workshops feature a range of activities, some of which put the pupils in a police officer's shoes and make them think more about their role in the community.'

'It has already been a success with our S5 pupils.'

Project aims to bring back joy of parenting

A NEW project to help parents finding it difficult to cope with their children's behavioural problems is underway in Campbeltown.

The Psychology of Parenting Project (PoPP) is a free initiative organised by Argyll and Bute Council's community planning partnership, which aims to help parents of three and four-year-old children with behavioural problems.

Mary-Jean Devon, council policy lead for children and families, said: 'Parenting can be tough but there is no need to worry alone - help is available.'

'The council and partners are committed to providing the very best start in life for every child, and PoPP will provide advice and guidance for parents.'

'Parents should not hesitate to ask for sup-

port. They will find dedicated people ready to help and inspire, helping them get back to enjoying spending time with their child.'

PoPP training began in Campbeltown last month and any parent who feels they may benefit should talk to their health visitor, nursery or contact PoPP directly at Chsp.bute@nhs.net or phone 01700 501544.

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Toilets to stay open - 'for the time being'

A BID to close Bolgam Street public toilets in Campbeltown has been halted.

Argyll and Bute Council wanted to demolish the town centre facility and extend the surrounding car parking as a cost-cutting measure.

However, a proposal before the council's Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (MAKI) area committee was opposed last week by Councillor Donald Kelly.

He received a majority backing of committee members to his motion that any decision on the Bolgam Street toilets is delayed until 'adequate alternative provision is in place to meet the needs of the Campbeltown community including the upgrade of the Pensioners Row and Aqualibrium facilities. Further to this that a firm agreement is in place with local businesses regarding proposed comfort schemes'.

Councillor Kelly told the Courier this week: 'I was concerned we

would lose Bolgam Street without suitable immediate alternatives.

'I feared the council would simply say other facilities would be provided when cash was available. Who knows when money will be available?'

'The Pensioners Row toilets opposite the New Quay are in a poor state and badly need upgrading, and one of the reasons I am not happy about the Aqualibrium is the lack of a road crossing to it.'

The comfort schemes would involve local businesses being paid an annual fee by the council to allow the public access to their toilet facilities.

A number of businesses are understood to be interested in the idea but no agreements have been reached.

Argyll and Bute Council has been under enormous pressure to balance its books, often being faced with a direct choice between services and jobs.



A plan to demolish Bolgram Street toilets and create extra car parking has been halted.

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Those budget pressures are expected to intensify in the years ahead.

It is believed Bolgam Street, where there could be savings of around £30,000 annually if the toilets were to close, has been included in the MAKI committee's budget discussions for the past two years.

At last week's meeting, chairman Council-

lor Rory Colville said he was 'disappointed' that no agreement had been reached on the future of the toilets after so much consideration.

A council spokesman said this week: 'A number of options were discussed to enhance the provision of toilet facilities in Campbeltown at the latest area committee meeting.

'Officers will now be progressing the committee's decision and exploring the feasibility of options to upgrade the Pensioner's Row facilities as well as working to secure the commitment of local businesses for further provision through comfort schemes.

'An update will be coming back to mem-

bers at a later date. The Bolgam Street toilets will be remaining open for the time being.'

* What is your view on the public toilets provision in Campbeltown? Write to editor, Campbeltown Courier, Main and Longrow South, Campbeltown, PA28 6AE or email editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Work blows in for firms

CONTRACTS have been awarded to two Kintyre firms to undertake initial site works at Freasdale Wind Farm near Whitehouse.

These works will allow wind farm developer RES to complete its detailed designs for the wind farm.

Construction of the wind farm is set to start later this year.

Alan MacArthur, of AMAC Harvesting, which won one of the contracts, said: 'This is a great opportunity for us to show a company like RES what we are capable of and to demonstrate that Kintyre has the skills and knowledge necessary to help with complex construction projects like wind farms.'

The other local contract went to A&L McCrae Ltd.

Ruth Highgate of RES said: 'The intention following the Meet the Buyer event RES held in Tarbert last November remains to build on this potential local workforce with a view to the level of local economic development expanding significantly when full construction works start later in the year.'

Rural air travel on the up

HIGHLANDS and Islands Airports (HIAL) enjoyed their busiest year ever in 2014. However, Campbeltown airport passenger numbers were down 1.4 percent, from 9,910 passengers in 2013 to 9,774 last year.

Islay airport saw strong growth during the past year, with passenger numbers increasing by 5.5 percent, with 28,460 air passengers in 2014.

A record 1.4 million air passengers passed through HIAL's 11 airports, a 3.8 percent increase on the previous year.

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TV producer is SNP's election candidate

THE Scottish National Party has chosen a Helensburgh-based man to fight Argyll and Bute - one of the party's top target seats at the general election.

Brendan O'Hara, 51, has lived in the constituency for more than ten years with his wife and two teenage daughters.

An award-winning TV producer, his career in television spans almost two decades.

Mr O'Hara, selected from a ballot of all 2,400 SNP members in Argyll, said: 'We want to bring together the 40 percent of the people in Argyll and Bute who said Yes to independence as well as those who may have voted No but recognise that a strong SNP presence at Westminster is the only way to guarantee that substantial new

powers offered in The Vow made by the Tories, Labour and the Lib Dems will be delivered to Scotland.'

He added: 'The people of Argyll and Bute are rightly fed up with



Brendan O'Hara will be the SNP's candidate in Argyll and Bute for the general election in May.

the cynicism of some politicians promising one thing and delivering another. Whether it's an MP propping up a Tory government that Scotland overwhelmingly rejected or Argyll and Bute councillors ignoring the wishes of the community by denying something like the buy-out of Castle Toward, our politics has become top-down and out-of-touch.

'We need a new type of politics; one that's inclusive and listens to what a community is saying.

'If elected in May, I guarantee I will never become another remote, London-obsessed politician. I will spend as much time as possible in the constituency, listening to and working for Argyll and Bute residents.'

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Hard place to be

APOLOGIES for the preponderance of council-related stories - they are not everybody's cup of tea - in this week's Courier. Alleviating flooding, fixing potholes, maintaining cemeteries or deciding on the provision of public toilets are just some of the wide-ranging tasks which fall to local authorities. It could be alarming to think how much of our lives in this area depend on Argyll and Bute Council. Perhaps we take what council staff do, the services they provide, for granted. Perhaps it is too easy for people to see the council as something never to be praised and only to be criticised when things do not go quite right.

Yes, Argyll and Bute Council has to be held to account for its policies and actions, it is there to serve the public after all, but who would want to be a councillor or top council official these days when faced with the increasingly stark choice between maintaining services or jobs. Around 4,500 people throughout Argyll and Bute earn their living working for the council. What will that figure be in, say, two or five years' time? Will we still be enjoying the same services?

Austerity measures imposed in the UK since the financial crash of 2008 have impacted heavily on local authorities which have seen budgets squeezed year on year. Worryingly, the worst is almost certainly to come. Further stringencies will undoubtedly affect services and jobs. It will be impossible to keep everyone happy. The council will probably come in for criticism whatever it does, but allow it this much - it is likely to be between a rock and a very hard place.

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Tasteless intervention

Sir,
As I rule I never reply to the aggressive rants that pass for Alan Reid MP's weekly letters to all the local papers.

However, I am forced to make an exception this week and express my disgust at his tasteless intervention in the matter of the kidney dialysis unit in Campbeltown, in which he attempts to connect the issue to last year's referendum campaign and his present attempt to secure re-election.

For the record, at the request of Councillor Donald Kelly I contacted NHS Highland to make plain my view that it should stop asking for money from the community and get on with installing and operating the unit.

I believe Jamie McGrigor MSP did the same.

I have also been involved in arguing for dialysis provision in Oban.

Neither of us, as far as I am aware, saw the suffering of local kidney patients or the generosity of the community as things which we could later exploit to do down our political opponents.

Michael Russell MSP
Argyll and Bute.

We need to stick to long-term plan

Sir,
The latest new Office for National Statistics (ONS) figures show the economy grew by 0.5 percent in the final quarter of 2014 - showing our long-term economic plan is delivering a stronger economy and a more secure fu-

ture for hardworking taxpayers and their families.

That means more businesses creating more jobs and more people with the security of a wage to provide for their families.

The economy grew by 0.5 percent in Q4 2014 - the first time it has grown for eight consecutive quarters since the crisis.

The economy grew by 2.6 percent in 2014 - the best year since 2007.

The economy is now 3.4 percent above its pre-recession peak.

This confirms the IMF forecast that we were fastest growing G7 economy in 2014.

Meanwhile, Labour leader Ed Miliband has also refused to rule out a coalition with the SNP and Sinn Fein. At a time when we need to stick to our clear long-term economic plan to secure Britain's future, a deal between Ed Miliband and Sinn Fein, or the SNP or the Greens could have disastrous consequences. We don't know what they would demand in return for propping up a Labour government with Ed Miliband in Downing Street but we do know hardworking taxpayers of Argyll and Bute would pay the price. Only a Unionist and Conservative government can keep Argyll and Bute on the right track.

Alastair Redman
Unionist and
Conservative
candidate

Let us focus on what is important

Sir,
Re the Kintyre dialysis pro-

ject, I have followed the reporting of this issue and the political fall-out with dismay.

What started as a feel-good project for the Kintyre community and offered the prospect of an end to suffering for kidney patients undertaking their horrendous thrice weekly journeys to Vale of Leven, has deteriorated into a political football.

Worse still, the patients at the centre of this have been forgotten about and ignored.

I would urge everyone involved to focus on what is important in all of this and work together to ensure that Campbeltown gets the dialysis facility it so desperately requires. The Kintyre community has embraced the cause, raising a huge amount to fund this unit.

No-one would deny that in an ideal situation NHS Highland would pick up the tab for all necessary work, but the reality is that, as an organisation, it is out of budget and, if this unit is to open, differences must be put aside and all sides work together to bring success.

Anonymous comments such as 'NHS Highland are clueless' are unhelpful and unnecessary. Costs have risen and targets have changed.

While not ideal, this is the reality and if the campaign group has raised funds for a unit, these funds should be made available to NHS Highland to ensure the unit opens on schedule. Any concerns about year two funding requirements are for another day and should not cloud the issue.

Some clarity of thought and focus are all that is required to bring the project back on

track. The only personalities that matter in this affair are the patients.

Let's not waste valuable time bickering and get this unit open without further delay.

Ewen Maclean
Advocacy officer
National Kidney
Association.

Decline of once-proud education system

Sir,
Once we were very proud of our education in Scotland, everyone learnt the three Rs.

Nowadays due to the extreme shortage of teachers, classroom sizes are unmanageable and teachers are leaving the profession due to stress.

When the SNP came into power at Holyrood, I remember the claims of reduced class sizes, more teachers and better education. What happened? They cut funding for teacher training and now do not have teachers qualified to replace the ones leaving.

When a child is born they are registered and five years later they start school. It is a no-brainer to say the government had no idea how many teachers would be required.

Our Liberal Democrat MP Alan Reid has consistently tried to gain extra funding for schools in Argyll and Bute and to raise the issue of Holyrood not using its control of the education budget, a totally devolved matter, to make sure that each child in this area receives the education to which they are entitled.

I note this week the nomina-

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nations for Scottish Education Awards are due to be submitted by residents online, only, by February 16. This is another issue which Alan Reid has also highlighted. If we have very poor broadband speeds in Argyll and Bute how can we be expected to have a chance in having our nominations accepted?

Margaret Horrell Helensburgh.

£100 billion Trident is useless and outdated

Sir, Elections are about priorities and this last month our local MP and council have shown their priorities are to grow the nuclear waste and weapons of mass destruction based in Argyll.

The £100 billion price tag for a useless and outdated idea of defence comes at a massive cost to our public services through austerity cuts.

Alan Reid MP has voted with his Liberal col-



leagues and most Labour MPs for the Tories austerity cuts which are not reducing our debt but increasing it, and instead voted against the Green/SNP/Plaid Cymru joint proposal to scrap the Trident weapons system.

Argyll and Bute Council has also agreed the expansion of the processing of nuclear warheads at Faslane/Coulport which will continue legal discharges of nuclear waste into the Clyde. All this against the objections of Argyll residents.

The Scottish Green Party branch for Argyll has democratically decided not to stand a candidate for the general election. Instead local activists will be focusing their energy on supporting grassroots action, supporting our

national target campaigns for Westminster and working towards the 2016 Holyrood elections where the electoral system enables Green votes to really count.

On a personal level I will be lending my vote to a pro-independence, anti-trident party - putting public services and people first.

Deirdre Henderson Southend.

Poll points to different battle

Sir, An election leaflet by our MP, Alan Reid, claimed that the battle for the Argyll and Bute constituency is a choice between Liberal Democrat and SNP.

However, if Lord Ashcroft's recently published poll is anything to go by, the Liberal Dem-

ocrats will struggle to retain the support of 10 percent of voters in any constituency.

Given that most disaffected LibDems will be unlikely to vote for the Conservative candidate, it seems that Argyll and Bute will only be winnable by either Labour or the SNP.

David G Eaglesham Dunoon.

Yes to a hard-working MP

Sir, It is quite understandable that, with less than three months to the general election, all political parties are manoeuvring to gain maximum advantage.

However, I should like to remind the SNP government that it has responsibilities of government and not to focus

exclusively on party advantage. We saw too much of this during the referendum campaign. What have been the consequences?

During the three months after the referendum more than 4,000 patients spent more than eight hours in overstretched accident and emergency departments before treatment. The SNP has taken its eye off the ball and now even the revised-down target of 95 percent of patients to be seen within four hours is falling further from view.

Serious consideration must be given towards bringing forward the publication of the Scottish government's review into out-of-hours care.

Not only has the SNP government centralised the police force, it has

abandoned any responsibility for it.

Police Scotland has reneged on its commitment to abolish stop searches of young children. More than 90 percent of these searches on children aged under-12 were negative.

The Scottish Liberal Democrats call on the police to explain why they have not kept their word on scrapping this unregulated and illiberal position.

The SNP has failed to support rural areas. Argyll and Bute Liberal Democrat MP, Alan Reid, was able to get money from the UK government to help bring superfast broadband to Argyll and Bute.

This money was handed over to the SNP government. But many people remain frustrated as nobody can tell them

when, or even if, their home or business will be connected to faster broadband speeds.

The choice voters face on Thursday, May 7 is between Alan Reid, a hard working Liberal Democrat MP who is a local champion, and an SNP Yes man.

Ursula Craig Cove.

Help to heat homes

Sir, As winter continues, people need to be aware of how they can cope with both their energy bills and also optimise their house to deal with the temperature drop.

I would urge anyone who is worried about keeping their home warm to contact the Home Heat Helpline on 0800 33 66 99, or visit www.homeheathelpline.org.uk to see how the helpline can offer free support, help and advice.

Lawrence Slade Head of Home Heat Helpline.

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Amy leads a champion day for Campbeltown Brass

CAMPBELTOWN Brass Band's young tenor horn star Amy Paterson became Scottish junior solo champion last Saturday.

Amy's terrific performance of 'La Belle Americaine' at the Scot-

tish Brass Band Associations National Solo and Ensemble Championships in Livingston crowned a fine year of competition.

Adjudicators Tom Hutchinson and Owen Farr placed her first out

of 15 of the top junior brass talents in the country, cornet player Erin McLellan also gained a gold award in the junior section.

The band's junior ensemble gained a silver award in its competition, while in the intermediate section, Campbeltown Brass Quartet A - Kirsten Souter, Iona McDougall, Lucy Kerr and Owen Pickering - gained a gold award.

Brass Quartet B received a bronze, while trombone soloist Owen Pickering took a silver in the intermediate solos.

A band spokeswoman said: 'The event in Livingston's Howden Centre meant an overnight stay for most of Campbeltown's competitors, however, an overall achievement of three golds, two silvers and a bronze, plus a new Scottish champion, made it all worthwhile.'

'In recent weeks the band has welcomed a number of top brass band personalities to work with it, including Linda Nicholson, Charlie and Caroline Farren and this month, popular composer and arranger Alan Fernie will be assisting musical director Gordon Evans in preparing the senior band for the forthcoming Scottish Championships in Perth Concert Hall in March.'

'These are exciting times for Campbeltown Brass and its members.'



Dressing strictly for wartime

P7 pupils of Dalintober Primary School rounded off their interdisciplinary learning task on World War 2 by dressing in clothes of the time and being pupils in the very strict Miss McCallum's (Mrs Elise Glendinning) class, using slate boards and participat-

ing in a traditional street party.

A group of pupils also discussed their learning experiences with head teacher, Miss Caroline Armour, and were able to talk articulately about their knowledge and understanding of their chosen theme.



Scottish junior solo champion Amy Paterson.



Gildas Quartet, hailed as one of the UK's most exciting string ensembles, are playing in Campbeltown next Friday evening.

Top string quartet put on a show for music club

KINTYRE Music Club's next winter concert sees exciting young string ensemble the Gildas Quartet appear next Friday.

Held in Lorne and Lowland Church Hall, the concert starts at 7.30pm. A spokeswoman for Kintyre Music Club said: 'The Gildas Quartet is fast establishing itself as one of the UK's most exciting young

string ensembles to emerge in recent years, with a refreshing approach and exciting precision.'

As Park Lane Group Young Artists and winners of a Tunnell Trust Concert Award, the quartet has enjoyed an exciting year, including a live performance on BBC Radio 3's In Tune as studio guests with Sean Rafferty.

The quartet has performed across the UK and Europe, including at the West Cork Chamber Music Festival, the Two Moors Festival, Altenberger Kultursommer festival and Pallazzo Ricci, Montepulciano. Tickets are available to buy at the door and are priced at £10. Students go free.

For more details see kintyremusicclub.co.uk

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Tarbert Academy B: "Dust of the Street" by Harry Glass
Peninver Players: "Last Tango Roon the Leaside" by David Tristram

Wednesday

Mid-Argyll Drama Club:
"Darlings, You Were Wonderful" by Derek Lomax
Tarbert Academy A: "Fireflies" by Harry Glass
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Tickets: Adults £7 per night; Primary School Children £4 per night
Priority Booking: Saturday 7th February in Red Cross Hall 10am - 12noon
Thereafter at Yorkshire Building Society, Longrow South

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Public Meeting
Wednesday 18th February 2015, 7pm
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In aid of Auchinlee Care Home in the Lorne & Lowland Church Hall
Tuesday 17th February
10am - 12noon
£2.50 per person

KINTYRE ANTIQUARIAN & NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

'Archaeology in Forestry' an illustrated talk by Andy Buntin in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown, on Wednesday 18 February, 2015, at 7.30 p.m.
All welcome (non-members £2.50 at door).

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Some of the Lorne and Lowland church guild helpers who served tea, coffee and home baking to visitors. 20_c06lorne01



These women were some of those well looked after at the coffee morning. 20_c06lorne02

Network widens for old pals in Kintyre

ANOTHER old pals' network is raring to go in Kintyre with the help of a £2,450 grant from Age Scotland.

Clachan village has joined Campbeltown in having an old pals' network. The town's was created last year and provides a meeting place aimed at older men, in particular, to socialise and share stories and memories.

Joan Stewart, project manager of Shopper-aide, the Campbeltown charity running the project, was delighted at the network's positive impact.

She said: 'Weekly Thursday afternoon

meetings in the Royal Hotel have proved a success in bringing people together and using their knowledge of photographs and documents to capture valuable information for future generations.

'This generous grant from Age Scotland will enable Shopper-aide to support the development of Clachan's network. It will make a huge difference to a network covering a wide geographical area. Our session worker Arthur Duff is planning a varied programme of events.'

The Clachan Old Pals Network meets on Friday afternoons at

1.30pm in Clachan Village Hall.

Ms Stewart added: 'We are also looking to see if there is an interest in establishing networks in Carradale and Southend.'

Jo Cowan, Age Scotland's community development officer, said: 'Research indicates men are more socially isolated than women and less attracted to lunch clubs and social groups.'

'Therefore I am very happy Shopper-aide has been able to work with communities to create events fitting in with what older men want to do.'

Alex McKinven, a

Campbeltown member, said: 'The Old Pals' Network started two years ago and has grown from two to 16 members.'

'It is a great opportunity to socialise and some of the stories recounted are tremendous. There is a wealth of Kintyre knowledge.'

'People often bring in photographs to share and it is something we all look forward to.'

For further details on going along to the Old Pals' Network and other Shopper-aide services, telephone 01586 551600 or e-mail shopper-aide@btconnect.com

Guild warmed by big turnout

LORNE and Lowland Church Guild was full of praise for those turning out for its midweek February coffee morning in the church hall.

Irene Millar, guild president, said: 'We felt more people would be keen to come along during daylight hours compared to midweek coffee evenings held in the past.'

'It was great to see people come out

in force and socialise. We were also delighted to welcome those from other churches.'

The church guild will decide how the money raised during the winter will be dispersed at its AGM in March.

Irene added: 'It goes to various groups in Kintyre as well as to helping the national guild with its fundraising.'

Pipe band ceilidh tickets on sale

KINTYRE Juvenile Pipe Band Association is holding its annual ceilidh next month in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown.

This year's event on Saturday, March 14, sees a change to the format of previous years, with Kintyre Schools' Novice and Juvenile Pipe Bands opening the evening with a variety of well-known, foot-tapping pipe tunes.

The main event will be a ceilidh, featuring the popular Oban band Ceol an Aire, which formed in 2010 following the success of the first Argyll Ceilidh Trail.

This event is licensed therefore under-18s must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets, £10, are on sale at the Yorkshire Building Society, Longrow South, Campbeltown.

Songwriters' festival puts call out to musical talent

KINTYRE Songwriters' Festival returns this year for its eighth instalment - and organisers are looking for the area's musical talent to get involved.

Taking place in Campbeltown between May 29 and May 31, the annual festival sees local songwriters and some top nationwide talent showcase their songs in an intimate setting,

alongside an informal open stage and seminar programme where the performers can socialise and find out more about the music industry.

Kintyre musicians, singer-songwriters and groups of any genre who are interested in getting involved should contact info@kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk before the Sunday, March 1 deadline.

Talk will look at forestry and archaeology

THE speaker at the Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural History Society meeting on Wednesday, February 18 will be Andy Buntin on 'Forestry and Archaeology'.

He will present a brief history of the Forestry Commission, what damage was done and why archaeology was neglected in the past, with some case studies to highlight what the commission is trying to do now.

The meeting is in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown, 7.30pm start.

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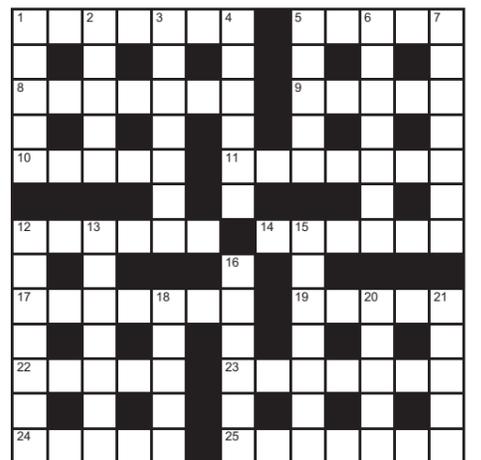
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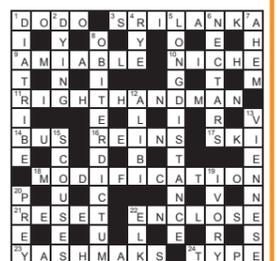
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- 11 Rainproof material (7)
- 12 Saggy (6)
- 14 Rag (6)
- 17 Try (7)
- 19 Sarcastic remark (5)
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- 23 Stand up and applaud (7)
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- 25 Short witty remark (7)

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- 1 Reasonable belief in a God (5)
- 2 Quick (5)
- 3 Riding support (7)
- 4 Funny show (6)
- 5 Woven yarn (5)
- 6 Cut of beef (7)
- 7 One who distributes charity (7)
- 12 Transylvanian gentleman? (7)
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- 18 Choral composition (5)
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Last week's solution



ISLAY AND JURA

£250,000 boost for Islay and Jura

ISLAY and Jura are to receive £250,000 in Commonwealth Games legacy funding.

One of only six Scottish areas to be awarded legacy funds, the sum was donated by Fourteen, a community-driven programme funded by Spirit of 2012, a charity set up by the Big Lottery Fund.

The funding could help boost participation in areas such as volunteering, grassroots sport, physical activity, cultural activity and arts.

A decision-making panel on the islands will be established in February to which individuals, clubs and organisations can submit

funding bids adhering to Fourteen's criteria.

Working alongside Foundation Scotland, Islay and Jura Community Enterprises will assist with co-ordinating Fourteen activity, helping to identify matched funding opportunities for clubs, groups and organisations.

Gary Scott, head of fundraising for Islay and Jura Community Enterprises, said: 'People should start discussing how their ideas could be developed into a project. Fourteen is a real opportunity for everyone from eight to 80 to get involved and make Islay and Jura an even better place.'

'Community consultation events will take place soon where residents can find out more about Fourteen and how to get involved.'

'People can also put themselves forward or nominate someone else to be on the Fourteen Panel, which will shape the project and make decisions on applications.'

Wembley extension plan

A PLANNING application to alter and extend a house, build decking and use vacant land for a garden at Wembley Cottage, Ardbeg, Islay has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

TARBERT

Fundraising book is selling well

A BOOKLET recently published to boost funds that will go towards the Tarbert Castle maintenance project has been selling well, according to the castle's community trust members.

During the Tarbert Castle Trust AGM recently it was reported that it costs £1,100 each year to look after the sheep, trim the rushes, spray weed growth and insure for public liability and volunteers' protection.

Robert McPhail, trust secretary, said: 'The new castle booklet has sold well having paid for itself so far from the first print run.'

'As we move into the visitor season we should make £300 by the time we need a reprint due to the generosity of Loch Fyne Gallery and Ian MacKintyre selling them for us with all funds raised coming to the castle.'

'The trust has been able to invest £25,000 in a year term account which should generate a little more interest than the current account but in today's financial climate we still need to regularly fundraise to support our objectives of maintaining the castle.'

It also emerged that Tarbert primary school has been using the community woodland 'several' times each week and using the space as an outdoor classroom. Senior pupils have been helping with litter control.



Frances MacFarlane opened the front door to her home after being given the honour of cutting the ribbon at the opening of the Oakhill flats. a06oakhill01

Tarbert welcomes first new homes in nearly 30 years

THE first homes to be built in Tarbert for almost 30 years have been opened at Oakhill.

Four members of the community have already been allocated three of the eight Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) flats.

Frances MacFarlane is thrilled with the devel-

opment and her move into a one-bedroom flat on the block.

Ms MacFarlane had the honour of cutting the ribbon at the official opening of the development alongside Sandra McKenzie, a voluntary ACHA board member and former housing warden.

She said: 'I have been transferred from a flat on Church Terrace. I was on my own in a close and my flat had problems. Now I will have my own front door, a lovely living room, bedroom and lovely view.'

Other residents who picked up their keys at the opening presentation were Scott McNicol, 28, of Tarbert and Samantha Hay, 26, Dundee, who are engaged to marry late in the year, and Kim Mackay.

Alastair MacGregor, ACHA's chief executive, said: 'I hope all the residents will be happy in their new homes.'

The flats were built by Mid Argyll's MacLeod Construction Limited.



Four two-bedroom flats and four one bedroom flats will be available for let. a06oakhill02

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CARRADALE

Guild given talk on floral art

SADDELL and Carradale Church Guild met in Carradale Village Hall Library last Tuesday.

The speaker was Eleanor Bennett, who gave a demonstration and talk on floral art.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 24, in the village hall library at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Margaret Richardson, who will be talking and showing photos of her trip to Canada.

BELLOCHANTUY

Talk on Munroes is high point of SWRI meeting

THE ladies of the SWRI Bellochantuy were welcomed to the meeting on January 19 at the Glenbarr Hall by the president Tricia Fair, who introduced guest speakers Livingstone and Christine Russell.

The title of Mr and Mrs Russell's talk was Munroes Magic. The Munroes are the highest mountains in Scotland at more than 3000ft.

There are 283 mountain tops named after the first man who cata-

logued them, Sir Hugh Munro.

Mrs Livingstone brought her summer rucksack which contained all the essential items needed for climbing.

One essential item was a compass, as weather can change very quickly and a compass is essential to complete the climb safely.

There is a danger of exposure and getting lost. Adequate clothing for the terrain and a first

aid kit were also among the contents of the rucksack.

The talk was accompanied by a slide show of different climbs of the Munroes, some more difficult to climb than others.

One particularly difficult climb on Skye required the assistance of a guide and involved abseiling down after reaching the top.

Lois Fell proposed the vote of thanks for an interesting talk.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



SOMETIMES I wonder why we bother with a TV as it so often sits in the corner unused.

I often despair as I look through the choices only to find nothing worth watching.

However, occasionally there is a little gem which is worth the license fee in itself.

There was such a programme last week called 'Animals in Love' and it was totally enchanting.

The question posed by the animal behaviourists was 'Can animals love?'

We witnessed love in many forms and we also saw the aching grief of a monkey who had lost his partner.

But the story which touched me most was the remarkable tale of the elephants who loved and lost a human friend.

A family group of elephants had been traumatised when several of their members had been slaughtered. Armed with rifles in a helicopter, hunters scattered the herd and then shot several of them.

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Love had the last word, and it always will.

Agnes gets welcome boost for Gambia projects

'I will be sourcing projects for the students' work when they visit next year'

THE CGS4GAMBIA project has been given a welcome boost on two fronts with essential baby supplies and hand-made clothes.

It means Agnes Stewart, due to fly out to Gambia yesterday (Thursday), has a lot of luggage for her trip to the country, a year af-

ter she, fellow grammar school staff and 14 students took an unforgettable trip there.

Moira McDougall from Campbeltown got knitting for the charity and created 30 'fish and chip' outfits - small tunics that pull over the head of a newborn and come with a matching



Agnes Stewart, left, is travelling to Gambia with knitted baby clothes, made by Moira McDougall.



Agnes, left, with staff at the Co-operative's Campbeltown branch, which donated a trolley-load of baby essentials.

hat. Moira also knitted 100 hats for Gambian children.

The Co-operative's Campbeltown branch, which has been following the progress of the triplets born at Jarrol Clinic, donated a trolley-load of baby goods which Agnes is taking

with her to the tiny West African state.

Agnes said: 'We have boxes of weaning foods, nappies, baby milk and baby toiletries.'

Stored

'Donations of baby clothes and equipment have been pouring in from members of the

public and are being stored for shipping at a later date.

'I am visiting for 10 days, travelling to the schools and the clinic where last year's group worked, as well as sourcing projects for the students' work when they visit next year.'

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Cash to cut delayed discharges

A CASH injection for NHS Highland should see the beginning of the end for delayed discharges in Argyll and Bute hospitals.

The Scottish government committed an extra £1.8 million for this year - bringing the total allocation to the health board of more than £550 million.

Health minister Shona Robison said: 'Tackling delayed discharge is a key priority for this government.'

'Reducing delayed discharge not only helps individual patients, who benefit from getting home or to a home-like setting as quickly as possible, but also helps ease pressure across the system.'

Priorities for the common good

THE Common Weal Kintyre group met last week to look at what priorities local people had for the area and Scotland.

The Common Weal, a national organisation, uses the power of local grassroots groups and activists from across a range of views to lobby decision makers to meet the needs of communities better.

The first of three priorities identified in Kintyre was a desire for more localised decision making, including a reduction in size of the Argyll and Bute Council which, it is claimed, is too large and distant from many of its constituents.

The second priority focused on many different aspects of land re-

form, and the third was the removal of the Trident weapons system from the UK.

Local activist Deirdre Henderson said: 'We had a very interesting discussion and we will be working on developments from the day.'

The group is looking for a friendly cafe or pub owner who might be willing to open their

premises for an afternoon or evening once a month for Common Weal talks and discussions, as has been done successfully in other towns and cities.

People interested in getting involved can keep up to date through the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/commonwealkintyre>



Some of the participants at the Common Weal Kintyre group meeting.

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Councillor Roddy McCuish, chairman of Oban, Lorn and the Isles area committee will welcome exhibitors, buyers, judges and stockmen to the town at a civic reception to mark the occasion.

Visitors from all over Europe attend the annual show and sale, which takes place this weekend from Friday to Monday.

The reception will be held in the Royal Hotel, Oban, on Saturday evening.

Ahead of the reception councillor McCuish explained Oban was proud to host the annual show and sale.

He added: 'I am delighted that once again the Highland Cattle Society has chosen Oban as the venue for its annual spring show and sale.

'This is a very prestigious event and I look forward to welcoming everyone here this weekend.'

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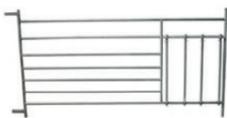
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Reid calls for steps to help dairy farmers

THE UK government must give the Groceries Code Adjudicator more powers, the taxman should be more helpful and the EU step in with milk price intervention.

Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid believes such steps could help the nation's beleaguered dairy farmers.

The fall in the milk price is causing serious problems for British dairy farmers, Mr Reid told a debate on the industry in parliament last week.

'There are many dairy farms in Kintyre and the local economy would struggle without the vital dairy industry,' said Mr Reid.

'As well as direct employment on the farms themselves, the dairy industry supports many other local businesses, including the Campbel-

town Creamery which makes the famous Mull of Kintyre Cheddar.'

He added that the co-operative First Milk, to which all Kintyre's farmers belong, has a part to play in Kintyre.

'I would urge First Milk to invest in the creamery and secure the future of both the creamery and the local dairy industry,' he said.

'Grants from the Scottish government have been offered provided First Milk make their own investment.

'While there is widespread agreement that dairy demand will outstrip supply in the long term, creating real opportunity for the UK dairy supply chain in the future, clearly farmers have to survive the current crisis.

'EU intervention should be considered

until the situation with the protracted Russian import ban and other market forces are resolved.

'Price intervention is set too low to have any effect before the situation becomes even more serious.

'I very much welcome the government's decision to grant the Groceries Code Adjudicator the power to fine supermarkets that have breached the code. I hope very much that this will act as a deterrent to supermarkets.

'However, many dairy farmers don't come within the scope of the Groceries Code, because they don't sell directly to the supermarkets. The code must be extended to include complaints from indirect suppliers, such as dairy farmers. I be-



Alan Reid MP has urged First Milk to invest in Campbeltown Creamery. 08_c46creamery01

lieve the code is not due to be reviewed until next year. I urge the Government to bring this review date forward.

'The adjudicator,

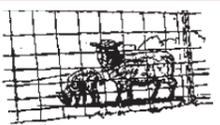
should be seen as a genuine threat to those who breach good practice. In times of price falls it is the primary producer, the dairy farmer, whose businesses are impact-

ed by the low prices. Those further up the supply chain pass price cuts down the chain, but the long suffering dairy farmer has nobody else to pass a price cut to and

they have to take the hit themselves.

'HMRC have got to be more helpful and allow dairy farmers to spread profits over several years.'

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Cut costs for Gigha farmers, MSP urges



Michael Russell MSP wants tankers carrying Gigha milk to travel for free on the ferry.

PRICE cuts should be put in place for milk tankers making return ferry journeys to Campbeltown from Gigha, the area's MSP has urged.

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, is pressing the Scottish government and ferry operator Caledonian MacBrayne to expand an agricultural concession already in place on ferries, in order to help cut costs for the island's dairy farmers.

After the National Farmers Union (NFU) took up the case with Derek MacKay, Scotland's transport minister, Mr Russell said: 'At present some vehicles serving the agricultural industry travel free when empty and only pay the full fare when loaded.'

'However, the tanker taking milk from Gigha to Campbeltown is not entitled to this concession.'

'Given the difficulties of the

dairy industry and the marginal nature of milk production on the islands, I urge the application of this concession.'

'I was pleased Richard Lochhead referred to it in evidence to the Scottish parliament's rural affairs committee.'

'NFU backing is of great importance in taking the issue a step further and I look forward to the response of ministers and Transport Scotland.'

Ladies shine at Blackface stockjudging

KINTYRE Blackface Sheep Breeders Association held its annual stockjudging competition at Langa Farm, Kilkenny last Saturday, drawing competitors from across Argyll.

The ladies were to the fore this year with Eilidh Campbell being the overall champion, taking the ladies and young farmer prizes.

Overall runner up was Joan Pirie with Skye Sinclair winning in the junior category.

The team prize went to

the trio of Eilidh Campbell, Greig Gillespie and John MacLachlan.

The highlight of the raffle was a cake showing a blackface ewe and lamb, made by the daughter of Kintyre's association president Andrew Reid.

Thanks go to the Colville family for the use of the shed at Langa, Alec Russell for the catering provided, and the many local businesses who provided prizes, including Harbro and Reid and Robertson who donated the main

prizes.

The annual stockjudging competition results are as follows: open competition - 1 Eilidh Campbell, 2 Joan Pirie, 3 William Taverner; ladies - 1 Eilidh Campbell, 2 Joan Pirie, 3 Catriona Anderson; junior -

1 Skye Sinclair, 2 Kathryn Semple, 3 Harry Gemmill; young farmers -

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

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

Argyll and Bute Planning and Building Standards Office, 1a Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD	Campbeltown Library, Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute PA28 6EG
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The Addendum can also be viewed at the Scottish Government Library at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ. A copy of the further information has been made available to Argyll and Bute Council for public inspection.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PLANNING

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/02977/PPP	Site for the erection of four dwellinghouses and demolition of existing garage	Land South of Caoruinn Carradale Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Carradale
15/00239/MFF	Increase in size of rope/chain grid matrix in which existing cages (12 No. 80m circumference) are held from 40 metre square to 60 metre square grid cells with increase in extent of overall mooring area, to enable increase in biomass from 900 tonnes to 1345 tonnes.	Meall Mhor Fish Farm Loch Fyne Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
15/00243/MFF	Increase in the extent of the moorings area and stocked biomass weight.	Stronachullin Fish Farm Ardrishaig Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
15/00244/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 11/02347/PPP (Site for the erection of one dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and associated soakaway).	Land to North of North Carrine Farm Southend Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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
14/02909/PP	Replace existing glazed door with an ATM machine (retrospective).	Arch Filling Station Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8XD	Sub Post Office Inveraray

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

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD.

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

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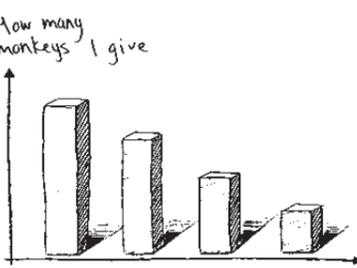
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(20 hours)

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If you feel that you possess the relevant skills/experience and are looking for a new challenge, please apply in writing, stating clearly which role you wish to be considered for, to: Gillian Dempster, Human Resources Assistant, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd., Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William PH33 7PT. The closing date for applications is Friday 20th February 2015.



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Loch Ness

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Mr Andrew Baxter, Chairman, Kinlochleven Community Trust, Unit 4A, Kinlochleven Business Park, Kinlochleven, PH50 4SH or via email andrew@papagenos.co.uk.

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CHAMPION BODY PROTECTOR as new, hardly used. Size adult medium; chest 89-98cm; waist 84-93cm; neck to waist 84-92cm, £60 Telephone 01586 552998.

FURNITURE

BOOKCASE Victorian mahogany any bookcase. Glass fronted with lock with three shelves. The cupboard below has two shelves, H182, W91, D32, £85 Telephone 07795 143291.
BROWN LEATHER 3 seater sofa and two chairs, in good condition, £200 Telephone 01631 566597.
SINGLE BED and mattress (little used), £20 Telephone 01866 833264.
SMALL WHITE PAINTED round pedestal dining table, wooden, £10 Telephone 01866 833264.
TRIPLE BUNKBED purple metal triple bunkbed. Top bunk single/bottom bunk double, good condition. No mattresses supplied, £40 Telephone 01631 710862.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

AB MOTION X-TREME Exercise machine. As new, exercise abs with swivel action. Can deliver to Campbeltown or Lochgilphead, £50 Telephone 01586 552998.

HEATING, FIRES AND FIREPLACES

7 X DIMPLEX EPX electronic panel connector heaters for wall mounting. Less than 2 years old, £300 Telephone 01880 820327.
RADIATOR Bauhaus Edge flat panel designer towel rail in anthracite. 500 x 720 mm, also valves. Still in packing. Cost £160. Would accept £90. Telephone 01583 431683.
STORAGE HEATERS good condition, various sizes, £40 Telephone 01631 710962.

HIGHLAND DRESS

KILT JACKET tweed, charcoal grey, 54"-Chalmers of Oban, worn twice, £80 Telephone 01852 300272.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

GLASS FUSION KILN Skutt Hotstart Pro Glass kiln, with instructions, glass supplies, tools and moulds. Works off 240v costs over £700 new, £200 Telephone 01852 300553.
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HOME FURNISHINGS

BOB THE BUILDER SINGLE DUVET Set, brand new in sealed packet (Oban), £10 Telephone 07951 025003.
LAMPS 3 x lamps, silver oval shades, chrome and crystal bases (Next), cost £65 each, modern, stylish, £75 ono Telephone 07763 874862.
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RUG brand new luxury Chinese rug, 120cm diameter, cream with gold brown dragon, cost £80 will sell for, £40 Telephone 07745 922036.

HOME OFFICE

4 DRAWER metal filing cabinet. Buyer to collect, £40 Telephone 01546 600045.

INDOOR PLANTS

FICUS PLANT height including pot 45" spread 40". Reason for sale, grown too large. Healthy condition, offers over, £5 Telephone 01631 566593.

KITCHEN AND BATHROOM

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BATH PANELS new unused/ packaged solid wood bath and side panels. Carradale, £75 Telephone 01583 431492.
BATHROOM SUITE contemporary white vanity unit toilet/sink/cupboard suite. Carradale, £80ono Telephone 01583 431492.
FREE STANDING KITCHEN UNIT 46" wide x 71" tall. 3 cupboards below, two glass cupboards on top, £30 Telephone 01631 564626.

KITCHEN STOOLS 3 kitchen bar stools. chrome with wood seats, £10 each Telephone 01631 564626.

KITCHEN WORKTOP unused, oak effect, 216cm x 40cm, £20 Telephone 01631 710548 or 07786 687071.
PYREX 3.6L ROUND PAN (NEW) red cast iron casserole pan, brand new. Can be used for cooking in the oven or on the hob. (Oban), £25 Telephone 07951 025003.
UNDER CABINET FLUORESCENT Light, fluorescent lights to fit under kitchen cabinets. 6 Watt, 260mm long. 6 separate lights, with tubes, £20 Telephone 01631 710456.

LEISURE AND LIFESTYLE

CASES two large Carlton suitcases. Hard bodied with wheels, good condition, £8 each Telephone 01631 565241.

LIVESTOCK

WORKING COLLIE PUP



Re-advertised due to let down. Male pup from good line of easily-handled, hard-working trials/farm dogs. Out of John Baker's Molly. Vaccinated, chipped, wormed. 12wks old.

£280

Telephone 01700 831652

LOST AND FOUND

LOST Compact ORANGE CAMERA in black and fawn case in Benderloch - Taynuilt - Oban area. Lots of Christmas photos of a toddler with sentimental value. If found please telephone Andy 07796 810084²

MISCELLANEOUS

VIRTUAL GARAGE SALE Skipness, www.skipness-garage-sale.co.uk

MOBILITY

MERMAID BATHLIFT (BELT TYPE) very good condition, all fittings & instructions, battery, charger, remote control, temp sensor. Lowers right to bottom of bath, £99 Telephone 01631 770698.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

MUSIC CASE AND CHANTER beautiful Moroccan leather music case and large chanter, new, £30 Telephone 07763 874862².

COURIER CLASSIFIEDS

OUTDOOR SPORTS EQUIPMENT

BURTON BOOTS Gents Burton Freecarve snowboarding boots size 7-8 used twice as new, £15 Telephone 01631 565241.
LADIES SKI BOOTS ladies Tecnica ski boots light cyber 155cm app including salomon bindings been used. Skis are like new no longer needed, £40 Telephone 01631 565241.
ORVIS FISHING BOOTS size 8 used but in fair condition, £8 Telephone 01631 565241.
SKI BAG atomic ski bag as new never been used. Good buy, £10 Telephone 01631565241.
SNOWBOARDING BAG slight rip which can be fixed easily, £1 Telephone 01631 565241.
TOP QUALITY UNUSED FISCHER MX pro ski boots, size 28.5, £150 Telephone 01631 720556².

PET ACCESSORIES

COOPER DOG TRANSPORTER buyer to collect, £5 Telephone 01546 600045.
FISH TANK 2ft fish tank and accessories, £20 Telephone 01546 602611.

TOYS AND GAMES

3 IN 1 ADVENTURE TENTS 2 tents and a tunnel, only the tunnel been used for younger children to play, red in colour. Comes in a zip up bag (Oban), £10 Telephone 07951 025003.
CHILDREN'S WOODEN KITCHEN in very good condition, blue and natural with oven, pots, sink, microwave, shelves, hook for an apron, and a clock, £25 Telephone 07990 616442.
ELECTRIC SCOOTER Razor E300 electric scooter. Suitable for age 13 over, includes charger. Good condition, silver coloured, £99.99 Telephone 01631 358058.
KIDS FROSTY DRINKS MAKER only used once, 2 of the cups brand new in sealed plastic. Great fun for kids to make their own slush drinks (Oban), £10 Telephone 07951 025003.

TRAILERS

TOW ARE WIRING KIT caravan or trailer with audible sensor relay prewired lighting, 12n mounting plate, cable, snap connectors, boxed unopened, £12 Telephone 01631 720369.

WANTED

DRUMMER looking to form Rock Band with guitarists, singer, keyboard players in Mid Argyll area. Looking for like minded Bandits. Telephone 07788 408362.

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 LOCHGILPHEAD : Argyllshire Advertiser, Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8NB

Spring into action

BUSINESS Gateway's spring workshop programme is filling up fast with more than 150 attendees already booked for the first three months of the year.

Spaces are still available at the 'Build Your Own Business website' workshop in Ardrishaig on March 2. Using a simple website building tool participants can create their own simple functioning website.

The 'Improve Your Business Website' half-day workshop in Ardrishaig on March 3 will help evaluate existing websites and identify areas for improvement.

To find out more or to book a workshop call 01546-604555 or email business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Andrew saves energy and builds a business

A DESIGNER who built his own 'passive house' - involving a high level of energy efficiency - has set up a business creating similar homes for others.

Andrew Scott and his family moved to Tarbert in 2010 and designed and built a unique passive house.

With support from Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway service, Andrew set up R A Scott Consultants and is now dealing with enquires from people across Argyllshire and beyond.

He said: 'We wanted

to build our own house that would be perfect for our family, the environment and allow us to save money.

'Passive housing is becoming a lot more popular and I had worked on similar projects before, so knew what I wanted.

'I did everything myself and before I knew it I was getting calls and stopped on the street by people who wanted to know more about the house I was building.

'That inspired me to set up the company specialising in supplying and building passive housing.



Andrew Scott is building a business from his own experience in creating a low energy house.

'We have already taken five pretty big commissions and I've recently employed two people, so it's going well.'

Andrew's own experience of living in a passive house has proved a crucial selling point to potential clients who want to live in a building that requires little energy for space heating or cooling.

The business is also working with a German company to supply triple-glazed windows.

Andrew added: 'We are growing steadily and continue to access Business Gateway's expertise as we develop.'

Donald Melville, business adviser, Business Gateway said: 'We have been work-

ing with Andrew discussing potential funding sources to facilitate his expansion and we also supported him as he took on his first employees.'

To find out more about how Business Gateway can help you set up and develop your own business call 01546 604 555 or visit www.bgateway.com

Last call for grant applicants

BUSINESSES seeking funding are being urged to apply to the Business Gateway Plus Growth Grant programme soon.

Nineteen businesses across Argyll and Bute have already secured support for growth projects, including gaining quality accreditation, buying new machinery and improving their marketing.

The programme, backed by European funding, offers growth businesses a grant of up to 50 percent of costs, up to a maximum of £3,000. This fund is aimed at businesses trading above £70,000.

Anyone interested in the grant should contact Argyll and Bute's Business Gateway team.

The deadline for completed applications is March 10. Approved projects must complete their spend before May 31 of this year.

Retail businesses are not eligible for support.

SSE supply chain offers opportunities

ANYONE wanting to find out more about Scottish and Southern Energy's contract opportunities should attend a free event on February 24, 10.30am to 2pm at the Loch Fyne Hotel, Inveraray.

Crafty move

BUSINESS Gateway is offering a new specialist workshop in Campbeltown on February 26 focusing on growing a craft business profitably.

The free workshop gives practical advice and an insight into understanding markets and competitors, the benefits of using social media and how to make the biggest impact at craft fairs.

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Aptitude Fitness @ Casa | 53 Chalmers St | Ardrishaig

SCOTTISH BEAVER TRIAL
Evening Talks & Drop In Session

19 February 2015
To be held at the Cairnbann Hotel, Lochgilphead
6.30pm - 7.50pm : Evening Talks
8:00pm - 9.00pm : Light refreshments and meet the scientists

Join us for an evening of talks on the research findings from the Scottish Beaver Trial in Knapdale and then meet the scientists and specialists who led the monitoring work.

Speakers include:
Dr Nigel Willby, University of Stirling,
Dr Lauren Harrington, University of Oxford,
and Dr Glenn Iason, James Hutton Institute

For more information contact: Ndurie Abah
Scottish Natural Heritage Tel: 01546 603611
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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



RAMSAY - GALBRAITH

Andrew and Julie are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Emma, on January 19, 2015. First grandchild for all grandparents. Special thanks to midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.



VALLIS

Morven and John are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Alexander John, born on January 19, 2015 at Royal Alexandra Hospital. A little brother for Darcey. Special thanks to all staff at RAH.

MARRIAGES

MACCORMICK - BROWN - On December 12, 2014 at the Homestead, Omakau, New Zealand, Coll, son of Dugie and Dorothy, Carradale, to Shelley, daughter of Don and Kerrie, Tuatapere. A special day.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS



MCSPORRAN - MACMASTER

At the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown, on February 12, 1965 by the Rev Charles Henderson, Charles to Elizabeth. Present address, Killeen Place, Campbeltown. Happy Anniversary from all the family x.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - Peacefully, at her daughter's home, 98 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, on February 6, 2015, Hannah Kelt (Anna), in her 84th year, 19 Dell Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late David Thomson Anderson, much loved mother of Graham, Kenneth, Stewart and Lorna and a loving and much loved granny and great granny.

CUNNINGHAM - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on February 7, 2015, Daniel Cunningham, in his 79th year, 1 Millers Park, Saddell, dearly beloved husband of Gloria Cunningham. Funeral private.

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CUPPLES - On February 11, 2015, peacefully at home, Christine MacMillan Cupples, née Campbell, in her 76th year, beloved wife of Jackie Cupples, much loved mother of Mary, John, and Christina, dear mother-in-law of Michael, Jasmine and Peter and a dearly loved granny and great granny. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, on Wednesday, February 18 at 1.00pm, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Macmillan Cancer Support.

EDWARDS - Peacefully, at the Lorne and Islands District General Hospital, Oban, on January 28, 2015, Anthony George James Edwards (Tony), in his 77th year, 29 Tormore, Carradale, former manager of Carradale Estate Farm and beloved husband of Sadie.

LINDSAY - On February 5, 2015, peacefully at home, Joan Lindsay, née Simpson, in her 84th year, beloved wife of the late Ian Lindsay, much loved mother of Callum, Ian, Norman, Fiona, Mary and Jean, and a dearly loved gran and great gran. Funeral service was held at Inveraray Parish Church, on February 10, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery. With sincere thanks to Dr MacLean at Inveraray Surgery, district nurses, Joanne and Anne, and Macmillan nurse Collette Morgan, for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Dr Roddy MacLeod for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, George Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Marie Curie Cancer Care and Macmillan Cancer Support raised £735.

MCMILLAN - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 8, 2015, Edna Lillian McMillan, née Martin, in her 91st year, 41 Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Archie McMillan, much loved mother of Jean and Rodger and a loving gran and great gran. Service will take place in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, today Friday, February 13, 2015 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retreat collection will be held in aid of the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DENSON - The family of Mrs Josephine Denson, who recently passed away, would like to extend their grateful thanks for all the kind cards and messages they have received. Their thanks go also to the community nurses and Dr Norrie for their considerate care. Also to the Rev Keith Pagan and Father John Lyons for their compassionate offices. A special thank you to Kenneth Blair for the wonderfully personal yet thoroughly professional manner in which all arrangements were made and carried out.

DREGHORN - Janette, John and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received on our loss. Our sincere thanks go to the doctors and staff at Campbeltown

Hospital, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair, funeral directors, for professional services, to Rev Steve Fulcher for his comforting service and to Munero for excellent catering. Special thanks go to the staff at HCI who looked after John so well. Finally, our thanks go to all who attended the church and graveside to pay their respects.

ELLIOT - The family of the late Jimmy Elliot would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to Dr MacLean at Inveraray Surgery for kind attention, to Dr Roddy MacLeod for a comforting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, to the George Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for M S Society Scotland raised £230.

MACARTHUR - Jenny and family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, cards and flowers following the sad loss of Hugh. Thanks to family and friends who travelled long distances to visit at this sad time. Thanks to doctors, nursing staff and ambulance crew at Campbeltown Hospital; to Rev William Crossan for a comforting service; to Alasdair Blair for the funeral arrangements and the Ardshiel Hotel for a fine purvey.

MACBRAYNE - Katrina, Janette, Duncan and our families thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and phone calls received following the loss of Jessie, our dear mum, mother-in-law, gran, great gran and aunt. The family's sincere gratitude is conveyed to Margaret Blair and her team of carers for their care and compassion, which allowed Mum to remain at home. Appreciation also to Carr Gomm and community nurses. We would like to express a very special thanks to Alma, Libby and Mary for their care and friendship to Mum and ourselves over the last few years. We will never forget their kindness. Thanks are also extended to the Rev David Caruthers for his uplifting and comforting service and to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their caring, professional and efficient arrangements. To everyone who attended the services in Ardrishaig and Craigton, thank you.

MAY - Greta, Rena and their families would like to thank family and friends for all the support during their sad loss of Violet. Very special thanks to all the staff at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown and also Dr Anderson. Thanks to Rev Wallace for his comforting service, and to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their sensitivities with arrangements. Finally, thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside.

IN MEMORIAMs

BARRETT - In loving memory of a loving husband, who passed away February 12, 2014.

Our love for each other, Was far above measure. Our life together, I will always treasure. Loved and missed every day. - Margaret xx.

BARRETT - In loving memory of a dear father, father-in-law and papa (Jack), who passed away February 12, 2014.

God saw you getting weary, A cure was not to be, He put his arms around you, And whispered, come to me. A dad in a million. Missed and remembered every day.

- Love, Christine and David, Garry and Lynsey, Callum and Fraser xxx.

BARRETT - In loving memory of a dear father and papa, who passed away February 12, 2014.

In our hearts your memory lingers Sweetly tender, fond and true There is not a day, dear Father That we do not think of you.

- Love, Thomas, Chloe, Cameron and Cain.

BARRETT - In loving memory of a dear dad (Jack), died February 12, 2014.

Forever in our thoughts.

- David, Fiona and family. **BROWN** - In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Sharon Fiona, taken from us February 12, 1993.

Always in our hearts and thoughts.

- 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 - Remembering with fondness, Robert, who died February 14, 2013.

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

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

Ten 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, brother-in-law and friend, died February 16, 2005.

Remembered always. - Margaret and Davie.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and nana, Cathie, who passed away February 18, 2001.

Loved and remembered every day.

- Callum, Catriona, Roy and all the family.

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

Deeply missed. Loved and remembered every day.

- John. **THOMPSON** - Tommy, went to sleep February 15, 2007. A much loved husband, dad and grandad. Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten. - Your loving wife, Rene, your son, Scott, your girls, Senga and Maureen, and families at home and away.

CHURCH NOTICES

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 15th February 2015
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Rev. Iain McNea

Kirk Session meets
Tuesday 17th February
Church Hall 7.30pm

For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome
SC002622



Highland Parish Church
SCO02493
Sunday 15th February
The service will be led by Rev Catriona Hood
Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism
11.15am in the Church
Badminton Club
There will be no badminton on 17th February as it is a school holiday
Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SCO11686

Sunday 15th February
11.15 am Service
Creche Triple C Next Generation
Rev. P Wallace

Monday 16th February
Guild, New Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 17th February
Boys' Brigade Church Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Board/Session Meeting 7.30pm
Session Room

Thursday 19th February
Choir 7.30pm

Friday 20th February
Lunch Club
12noon New Hall



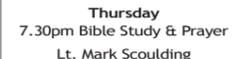
The Salvation Army Campbeltown Corps
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046

Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz
6.30pm Evening Worship

Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League

Wednesday
7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob

Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Lt. Mark Scoulling

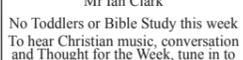


SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 15 February 2015
11.00am Family Service with Communion with crèche
Mr Ian Clark

No Toddlers or Bible Study this week
To hear Christian music, conversation and Thought for the Week, tune in to Argyll FM - 106.5/107.1 & 107.7fm - on Monday mornings from 8am to 9am and listen to the Breakfast Show.

For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SCO14646



St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church
Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 15th February
Sunday before Lent
10.45am Holy Communion

Wednesday 18th February
Ash Wednesday
10.45am Holy Communion
All Welcome

Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion



NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 15 February
Inverlussa Church
Morning Worship 10 am
Rev. C. Acklam

All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

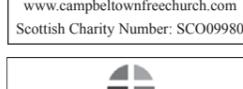


George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 15th February
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Finlay Mackenzie
11.15am Sunday School

Wednesday 18th February
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm - 4.00pm Water of Life Café

All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.com
Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980

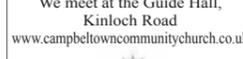


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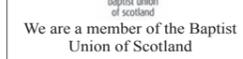
Sunday Service
11.00 am
with Sunday School
followed by refreshments

Baby & Toddler Group
10.00 - 11.45 am
every Thursday (term-time)

We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk



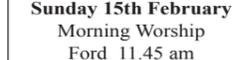
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 15th February
Morning Worship
Ford 11.45 am
Rev. C. Acklam

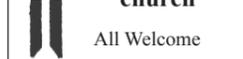
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Lochgilhead Baptist Church
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 15th February 2015
11.00am

SATURDAY 14th
12-2PM
SOUP LUNCH
mainly music
Tuesday at 10am

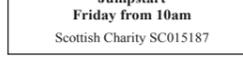
Jumpstart
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Tarbert 10.00am, located on School Road.
Lochgilhead 11.30am, located on Lochnell Street/Manse Brae

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



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Sunday 15 February 2015
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"

Thursday 19 February 2015
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Sunday 15th February
Miracles
Matthew 8
Services
in
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
and
Achahoish at 12:30pm
Saturday 14th February
Guild Coffee Morning
North Church Hall
10:00am till 12noon

Scottish Episcopal Churches
Everyone Welcome
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11.00 am Eucharist service
4th Sunday of the month 10am
Mattins
& 11am Eucharist Service
Coffee & Cake follows the service

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1st Sunday of the month
9am Eucharist service
3rd Sunday of the month
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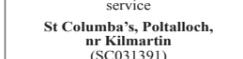
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Morning Service
in Cumlodden Church at 10 am

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Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

Services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Robin Mackenzie, Interim-moderator. Following both services there will be a Congregational Meeting to elect members of a Nominating Committee.



LOCHGILHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 15th February 2015
11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE
Rev. Hilda Smith

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Midnight League starts tonight

CAMPBELTOWN and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA) starts their Midnight League tonight (Friday, February 13) offering free football to young people in S1-S5. Running between 8pm-9pm at the Kinloch 3G pitch, the programme is run by the SFA and Argyll and Bute Council, in partnership with CDJFA, Kintyre Youth Café and Police Scotland, and is sponsored by Bank of Scotland.

David Paterson of the CDJFA said: 'The sessions will run every Friday from now well into the spring.'

'We would encourage any young people who love playing football to please come along and enjoy a free hour-long game in a relaxed setting.'

SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - Finnart 2, Campbeltown Pupils 3; Haldane United 5, Kings Park Rangers 2; Oban Saints v Alba Thistle unfulfilled fixture; Thorn Athletic v Busby postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: Jimmy Marshall Cup first round - Dunoon v Jamesown, Easthall Star v Oban Saints; Coronation Cup - Rossvale v Tarbert; SAFL Premier Division - Alba Thistle v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division Two - Dunoon Athletic v Port Glasgow; Paisley v Lochgilphead Red Star.

Jackpot rises to £600

THERE were no winners of this week's Machrihanish Golf Club lottery.

Numbers picked were 9,16 and 19.

The jackpot for the next draw on Monday, February 16 goes up to £600.

Islay Golf Club

ISLAY Golf Club winter league, Sunday, February 8 - D Johnston 36 points, 2 A Blair 36, 3 A Quail 35. CSS 72.

Just champion - Campbeltown Pupils in 2014

2014 was a special year for Campbeltown Pupils AFC, as the club celebrated back-to-back league titles and a return to the top division of the Scottish Amateur Football League, one of the most keenly-contested in Scotland.

The year started in efficient fashion for the McFadyens-sponsored side, with two-goal wins over Rutherglen and Centre from East Kilbride in SAFL Premier Division One, before a fine 3-1 win away in the Scottish Cup fifth round to much-fancied EK Whitehills.

There was late anguish in the sixth round though as Harestanes, one of the favourites to win the whole competition, scored a solitary goal 10 minutes from the end at Kinloch Park to win 1-0 and break Pupils hearts.

Worse was to follow as the team lost 5-1 against Kings Park Rangers, a sobering result after a performance in which the Pupils did not look their confident selves.

March 1 saw the Pupils entertain another promotion rival in the form of Hillington, and a spirited performance saw

the home side come out 4-3 winners.

With confidence from that result, the visit of Eaglesham, the then league leaders, would prove another huge victory.

With the visitors equalising in the final minutes, it looked like two points dropped would see the league almost disappear from their grasp, but Paul Grumoli arrived to head the Pupils into a 2-1 lead with the last action of the match.

With Eaglesham dropping points into April the Pupils' chances of another league title were looking increasingly brighter.

A win against Shawlands followed in early April, but disaster seemed to have struck with a 2-1 defeat at Rutherglen.

With results going their way the Pupils knew three victories from their final three matches would win them Premier Division One, and after a fine 3-0 result away to Rolls Royce in East Kilbride, courtesy of a Martin McCallum hat-trick, the team won 2-0 away to the eventual bottom club Pais-



Campbeltown Pupils' young squad went into 2015 mid table in the SAFL Premier Division, with the team gradually adjusting to life in the top flight. 08_c01pupils01

ley, with goals from Paul and Gary Grumoli setting the Pupils up perfectly for their final match at home to Kings Park Rangers.

The homeward minibus was soon an unexpected scene of delight though, after the squad heard the news Eaglesham had drawn their own must-win game, meaning the Pupils were the Premier One champions.

The Courier noted the team's 2-1 loss to Kings Park was a 'flat end to a fine season' and it was certainly the case as the away side showed their hunger for promotion, the Pupils knowing the job was done.

There was a rude

awakening for the promoted Pupils in August with three home defeats in SAFL Premier Division to St. Joseph's (2-6), Haldane United (2-7) and Oban Saints (0-1), proving a jump in quality can exist even in the amateur leagues. Much better form would be found away from home though, with a 2-0 win against Busby followed by a 3-0 success versus Kings Park Rangers.

There was disappointment with a first-round exit from the West of Scotland Cup, the Pupils losing 2-1 away to Ayrshire side Tarbolton.

October was a poorer month for the Pupils, with two defeats to Finnart and Eagles-

ham respectively, but the team trounced Tannahill, 13-0, to advance to the Scottish Cup third round.

The team began to find its feet with a 5-2 third-round win over Perthshire side Luncarty, before a spirited 0-0 draw at the Vale of Leven Academy in Dumbarton against Haldane United. Despite a poor exit from the Scottish Cup against much-fancied Livingston outfit Craigshill Thistle, losing 5-0 after having drawn 0-0 at half-time, the team finally sealed a home win in late November with a 3-1 victory over table-toppers Thorn Athletic, and ended their league campaign for

2014 with a 3-0 win over Busby at home, showing in both matches how dangerous their counter-attacking style can be when in full flow.

Pupils' chairman Alex McKiven said: 'This is a young squad that has had to learn quickly after two titles in a row, but the players earned a couple of crucial wins at home before Christmas and look to be finding their feet.'

'Away from home, 10 out of 15 points is a good return.'

'The squad has come a long way from being out of the running in Premier Two only three seasons ago, and there is even more to be achieved.'

Late shows by John and Davie win bowling club's open pairs

JOHN McLachlan and Davie Reid won Argyll Bowling Club's annu-

al open pairs competition, sponsored by R & D Transport.



Winners John McLachlan, right, and Davie Reid are pictured front row with the sponsors' wives Sandra Cresswell and Morag Watson. Also pictured are all the other semi-finalists.

Eighteen teams played in three sections of a round robin format.

The initial games, consisting of five ends, were played over three nights with each section winner plus the runners up with the highest score making the four teams through to the semi-finals.

Tuesday evening was section A's turn and with all teams playing well the results were very close. Eventual winners, losing only one game, were Gavin McLachlan jnr and skip Paul Grumoli.

Wednesday was section B and again the results were extremely close with the winners, Shaun Grumoli and skip John McCormick of Campbeltown BC, only losing one game. Father and son Andrew Ronald senior and junior were runners-up.

Section C saw a clear winning pair of John McLachlan and skip Davie Reid, who won every game played.

Last Friday evening was semi-finals and finals night, with the semis over nine ends, and the finals over 11.

Paul and Gavin got to off to a flying start against John and Davie and were four shots up going into the last end. John and Davie then managed an incredible four shots to take the match into an extra end, which they won.

Tight

A very tight semi-final between the Team Ronald and Shaun and John McCormick was decided by just one shot with a 6-5 win for John and Shaun.

In the final Shaun and John McCormick went 6-1 up before the 'come-

back kids' John McLachlan and Davie Reid came through to take the title.

Thanks to everyone who made this event a success, especially to R&D Transport for its continued support.

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Burnside lift 301 darts cup

BURNSIDE won the 301 cup in Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend on Monday.

Eight teams of five took part with the entry money donated to Mc-Millan nurses.

The final was a close match between Kilbrannan A and the Burnside when it went down to the final game between

Alan Duncan and Charlie Robertson.

With Charlie needing only one of the three remaining legs, he took it out first attempt and the trophy went to the Burnside team.

Nine darts

Best game of the night came from Mary Ross when she finished her leg of 301 double start

in nine darts, which included a 109 finish.

Thanks to Malcolm and Lynn of the Argyll Arms for providing the venue and also donating the bottle prizes.

Good luck to all the Campbeltown players heading for the Scottish Open darts in the Normandy Hotel, Renfrew this weekend.



Members of several Kintyre and Mid Argyll clubs attended the SFA Early Touches course in Campbeltown on Sunday.

Keen coaches on the ball

BUDDING coaches turned out in force in Campbeltown on Sunday for a youth football coaching course.

Held at the Kinloch's 3G pitch, the level 1.1 Early Touches course, a one-day event featuring skill-building exercises for young footballers, was hailed a great success after attracting 15 would-be coaches.

Several clubs were represented, including Campbeltown and District Community Football Club (CDJFA, Pupils Youth and Pupils

Ladies), two coaches from Lochgilphead Soccer Centre, two from Tarbert Soccer Centre and four from Carradale AFC.

Run by Martin Rae, Scottish Football Association (SFA) development officer in Argyll and Bute, the course was organised by the Campbeltown Sport Hub as part of its Campbeltown Big Coaching Weekend.

A CDJFA spokesman said: 'It was a great course made even more enjoyable by the mild weather.'



Young footballers leave plate empty-handed

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar School's under-14s team travelled to Helensburgh last week for a first round match in the Scottish Schools Plate against Hermitage Academy, and despite

playing well throughout a hard fought encounter were eventually beaten 4-0.

Thanks go to Iain Reid at CDJFA and Hazel Scally for accompanying the boys on this trip.



Pictured from left are the Burnside team of Gary Grumoli, Gavin McLachlan, Martin Coffield, Charles Robertson and Gregor MacGregor.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £2900

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Captain makes winning return

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils pulled off their best result of the season so far by beating table-toppers Finnart last Saturday.

A high-scoring first half, followed by a tremendous defensive performance, saw the McFadyens-sponsored visitors seal their third win in five away league games to move into fourth in the league.

Lining up in a 4-2-3-1 formation, Reid Anderson started in goal with Fraser Wylie and Lorne Robertson at left-back and right-back, and brothers Shaun and Paul Grumoli, the latter making his first start for four months, in central defence.

The Pupils started the brightest and went ahead in the opening minutes through a quick counter-attack.

Ellis Robertson, the lone striker, dropped deep to take the ball and picked out the advancing Liam Renton, who moved the ball on first time for John McCallum to take a touch before

Finnart	2
Campbeltown Pupils	3
SAFL Premier Division	

slotting a right-footed effort across the keeper low into the net.

Finnart responded just moments later when their number 10 was found by the home side's left-back and casually finished past keeper Reid Anderson.

Finnart then went ahead in 25 minutes through a header from a corner.

The visitors, so resilient on the road in recent seasons, soon bounced back with a move between the three architects of the first goal.

Striker Robertson showed lovely skill to loop the ball over a defender, knocking it on to McCallum who sent a looping ball across the box to be smashed home by the onrushing Renton - his shot high into the net giving the keeper no chance.

It got even better for the Pupils when two of the more experienced

heads combined to make it 3-2.

Grant Grant's free-kick was met at the back post by Paul Grumoli - on his comeback from a knee injury - who evaded defenders and the Finnart keeper to nod a clever backwards header into the net from six yards.

Ryan Gilchrist, in only his second appearance of the season after a troublesome shoulder injury, replaced the injured Gary Grumoli before the interval, and showed his class in the second period with composed passing and strong tackling.

His driving run into the box was undone by a loose touch at the vital moment.

Robertson went close after driving through on goal but could not beat the home keeper.

The Pupils' second-half defensive display was about as good

as it gets at amateur level, with efforts being cleared off the goal-line and vital blocks required to deny the home side an equaliser. Finnart striker Jason McArthur, who scored four when the teams met in Campbeltown in October, was a subdued figure as the Pupils worked tirelessly to preserve their lead.

There was a heart-in-mouth moment with only minutes remaining when a Finnart centre-back was left unmarked in the box but he put his effort over the bar from close range.

Finnart were patient in their build-up but could not find a way through the Pupils rearguard.

After a wonderful away win the Pupils are on their travels again tomorrow (Saturday), heading to Paisley to take on Alba Thistle.

Alba are second-bottom but have already taken points from the top sides, so another strong performance will be needed to seal another victory on the road.



Captain Paul Grumoli marked his league return from injury with a fine winning goal.

Young Pupils score six without reply against Kilpatrick

Campbeltown Pupils U13s	6
Kilpatrick	0
Dumbarton Development League	

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils under-13s played Kilpatrick under-13s who travelled from West Dumbartonshire

for the local side's first game this year because of poor weather conditions. The game started at a good pace with

both teams having a fair share of the possession.

The first goal came from the Pupils' Elliott Gemmell who struck the ball home after receiving a good pass from Mathew Lang just inside the penalty box.

Penalty

Lang then made it 2-0 when he scored with a well-placed penalty kick to the left post leaving the Kilpatrick keeper no chance.

The second half saw both teams playing some good football but the Pupils took a comfortable lead when

Gemmell scored his second, with a curling corner kick.

The Campbeltown team put the game well out of Kilpatrick's reach when Robby MacIndeor scored with a good shot from the edge of the box to make it 4-0.

Glann Aguta was next

on the score sheet after a good run down the right and into the box before sending a powerful shot over the keeper's head.

The Pupils finished off the scoring when MacIndeor added his second of the game with a good shot from outside the box.



Matthew Lang scores from the penalty spot.

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