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Budget meeting approves money for new school

by RUTH McCLEAN

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FUTURE generations in Campbeltown will benefit from a £6 million investment in a new grammar school.

The capital money was approved as part of this year's budget for Argyll and Bute Council.

This is part of a £12.5 million going towards both the grammar and a new primary school campus in Dunoon.

When the contribution from the Scottish Government is taken into account, the value of the new buildings will be £27.5m.

Speaking at Argyll and Bute Council's budget meeting last week Ellen Morton said: 'As spokeswoman for Education and Lifelong Learning I have particular pride in

our announcement today to spend £29.5 million on our school estate, an allocation that will draw in an additional £15 million in match funding from the Scottish Government, meaning a total commitment to the school estate of £45 million.'

Difference

She said she knows how much a difference the new academy has made in Helensburgh and it is vital that the children in the Campbeltown area get the same opportunity.

She said school facilities should be 'fit for the 21st century and delivering the Curriculum for Excellence'. She added: 'All our children matter, all our



David Southworth, president and CEO of Southworth Development LLC, right, with Marc Wexler, project executive, outside the newly refurbished hotel at Machrihanish.

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THIS week saw the finishing touches being made to the long-awaited restoration of the Ugdale Hotel.

On Wednesday, *The Courier* was given an exclusive tour of the new hotel, exactly 114 years to the day since it received extensive damage from a fire.

Restored back to its former glo-

children must be given access to the best educational facilities we can provide.'

The new area of the

ry, Southworth Development LLC has been working hard over the last year to get the hotel restored and back open for people to enjoy once again.

Exquisite

Machrihanish residents were able to see for themselves yesterday (Thursday) the exquisite attention to detail and luxurious and

current Campbeltown Grammar, through the 'try before you buy' project, will be an integral part of how the new

comfortable rooms as they were invited to have a look around.

Tomorrow (Saturday) invited guests will celebrate the official re-opening of the hotel and Kintyre Club with a reception.

On Sunday, members of the general public are invited along to look around the hotel for themselves from noon to 3pm.

space, which combines a number of classrooms, was designed.

• For more on the budget see page four.

A83 Update

THE A83 was again closed on Thursday morning as the *Campbeltown Courier* went to press.

The road was closed for the second time this year after another landslide occurred at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Engineers from roads authority Transport Scotland had been monitoring the hillside on Wednesday morning during heavy rainfall, when a small landslide occurred. Although the debris did not reach the road surface, the road was closed for public safety.

Traffic is again being diverted via A83

Dalmally- A85 Tyndrum- A82 Tarbet, which will add an extra 26 miles to journeys. Access is still available to Arrochar and also Cairndow.

Death of Gaelic singer

THE ISLE of Islay lost one of its most celebrated Gaelic singers at the weekend, following the death of Robert Forrester.

The body of the 75 year old was found at 9am on Saturday in his home village of Bowmore.

Police said there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding his death.

Robert won a gold medal at the Mòd in 1984.



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Drink driver had no licence for 14 years

AN ISLAY woman who has been driving for nearly 14 years without a licence admitted being three times over the legal alcohol limit.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week, Diane MacNiven, of 8 Daal Terrace, Port Charlotte, admitted on January 28 at Daal Terrace driving without a licence and with 107 mg of alcohol in 100ml of breath; the legal limit is 35.

Procurator fiscal John Service told the court the speed MacNiven was driving caught the attention of police.

'When they did stop her to warn her about her speed, they noticed she was smelling of alcohol,' said Mr Service.

He said before going to take matters further MacNiven said: 'Yeah, you've got me I have been drink driving.'

Defence agent Mike Creegan said his client thought she had applied for a new license in 1998 after losing it in 1993.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC fined the 44-year-old £300 and disqualified her from driving for three years.

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Highlands and Islands MSP Mike MacKenzie who attended the meeting with councillor John Semple who organised it and Marc Wexler, centre, of Southworth Development LLC. 21_c08ferry01

Ayrshire ferry route discussed

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THE potential for opening up a ferry route from Campbeltown to Ayrshire and Arran was the topic of discussion on Monday evening.

Twenty-two businesses in Kintyre met Highlands and Islands MSP Mike MacKenzie in Campbeltown to discuss the proposals under the Scottish Government's Ferry Review, which could see the ferry running one or two days a week.

Benefit

Organised and chaired by councillor John Semple, those at the meeting agreed for maximum benefit to be gained from a service, it would

have to operate at least five days a week, all year round.

Councillor Semple told *The Courier* it was a very productive meeting, and shared a great deal of useful information and suggestions on local priorities.

'Whilst the service from Campbeltown seems to be dependent on aspects of other routes, particularly how the Arran to Ardrossan route is serviced in future, everyone present was sure that a service to the mainland would be well used but not as currently proposed,' he said.

He said it should not

include a leg to Brodick as there wouldn't seem to be an advantage to Arran or Kintyre and therefore a service from Claonaig to Lochranza should be retained.

Consensus

Councillor Semple will be putting together a case, promoting this consensus to the Scottish Government in the weeks ahead and welcomes input from organisations that might regularly use such a service.

'I would also remind people that the present government consultation on the Ferries Review is open until the March 30 contributions can be made online through the Transport Scotland website,' he concluded.

Rest and Be Thankful solution underway 'by winter' claims minister

WORK needs to start 'by winter' on a long-term solution to landslip closures at the Rest and Be Thankful, according to Transport Minister Keith Brown.

Mr Brown confirmed in an exclusive interview with *The Courier* last Friday that he expected action to start after the results of a recently commissioned study on the road are returned.

'There's a study coming back in the summer and that's the deadline we're looking at now.'

'We have to get the survey information back first of all and then I'd like to think by winter we can get cracking on the road,' the minister said.

As to the form the long-term solution

would take, Mr Brown forecasted the type of ideas the survey was considering.

'One option is a viaduct alignment using the contours of the hill, essentially putting a tunnel in the hillside,' he said.

Advocates of putting more livestock on the hill to stabilise the slope were not likely to be listened to, the minister added.

He also confirmed the idea of planting the slopes was unlikely to be a major part of the long-term plan, pointing out that 'trees can uproot in very high winds'.

Mr Brown had travelled from Glasgow to the top of the pass through the Arrochar Alps where he met representatives from Trans-

port Scotland and Argyll and Bute Council.

Graham Edmond, head of network maintenance at Transport Scotland, confirmed details of a contingency plan in the event of landslips closing the A83 later this year.

Around £1.25 million will be allocated to upgrade a Forestry Commission track that runs nearer the bottom of the valley and joins the B828 at the top of the pass where it meets the A83.

'The Forestry Commission are working on the track now and we're certainly aiming to get the work finished before the next landslip season which will be July and August,' Mr Edmond said.

'The Rottweiler' to investigate

AN INDEPENDENT investigator nicknamed 'the Rottweiler' has been appointed by Argyll and Bute Council to investigate allegations of 'spying' on social networking sites.

Retired Audit Scotland head John Clayton will investigate claims that council communications chief Jo Smith told delegates at last September's Social Media for the Public Sector conference in Glasgow that she used 'spy' accounts to monitor public perception of the authority.

Mr Clayton's appointment was confirmed in a thorough statement to local politicians on Tuesday.

The news breaks as the organiser of

the conference in question, Nick Hill, cast fresh doubt over the allegations, saying they were both inaccurate and politically motivated.

Mr Hill said: 'Speakers use the slides in their presentation as an aide-memoire and, as it clearly shows, the use of the word 'spy' is in inverted commas.'

'This was taken out of context. What she was referring to was individuals in the Argyll and Bute area who get in touch with regards comments left on social networking sites.'

'Most bizarre for me is that it took five months for this anonymous person to complain. Why?'

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Amelia Martin, daughter of Angus and Judy, graduated BA Event Management with Tourism, from the University of the West of Scotland. Amelia is a former pupil of St. Kieran's Primary and Campbeltown Grammar School. She is now working at the Ugadale Hotel, Machrihanish



Eilidh McMillan, daughter of Malcolm and Anne, recently graduated with a BSc of Adult Nursing from Glasgow Caledonian University. Eilidh is currently working as a Staff Nurse in Luton and Dunstable Hospital.

Police Files

Search:
A DRUGS search was carried out on a property at Longrow, Campbeltown at 1.20am on February 16.

Police carried out the search under warrant after intelligence was received, but no drugs were found.

However it was discovered the property's electricity meter had been bypassed and the householder has been reported to the procurator fiscal.

Cars tampered with:

POLICE are appealing for information after reports were received of cars being tampered with on February 16 at New Parliament Place, Campbeltown.

Fixed penalty:

EARLY on Saturday morning a driver was issued with a fixed penalty for the dangerous carrying of passengers.

He was stopped in the Meadows Avenue area of Campbeltown at 3am.

Alleged breach:

A MAN was arrested at 11pm on February 18 on Cross Street, Campbeltown for allegedly breaching the peace.

Speed checks:

ONE driver was issued with a warning after police carried out speed checks at Drumore, Campbeltown at 6.30am on Saturday.



Pictured during one of the fun races during Saturday's SWRI Olympics qualifier are, from left, Patricia Johnstone from Largieside, Cathy Smith from Kilmichael Glassary, Sally Weaser from Oban and Alison MacCorquodale from Appin. 15_108swri1

SWRI stage mini Olympics

LADIES from Kintyre's rural women's institutes travelled to take part in a mini version of the Olympics at Oban on Saturday.

Refined heels were replaced with sensible shoes and trainers, while long skirts made way for trousers as the women took part in a series of fun events, the like of which are more regularly performed by Scouts.

A qualifier for the second Scottish Women's Rural Institute (SWRI) Olympics, participants ranged in age from 32 to 77. The prize – a chance to compete at the national games in Perth later this year.

The Oban WRI won the event, with team members Sally Weaser, Margaret Anne Dow and Kay MacDonald joined

by Linda MacLeod from Appin as their fourth member was ill and unable to attend.

Second place was the Southend WRI from

Campbeltown, whose members, Elizabeth Semple, Trish Jones, Margaret Bates and Jane Ives, will join Oban in Perth later this year.

Possession of heroin

A CAMPBELTOWN man was fined £170 for possessing a class A drug on the streets of the town on December 14.

Gordon Allen, aged 56, of Flat C, 2 Burnside Street, pled guilty by letter to having 0.8 grams of heroin with a street value of £35 in his possession at Burnside Square, Campbeltown.

£350 fine for putting sand in agricultural machines

A FORMER head gamekeeper of an Islay Estate has been ordered to pay £350 compensation after denying he put sand in two agricultural machines.

John Joseph Adamson, aged 62, of Coulabus Keeper's Cottage, Bridgend, was found guilty last month of putting sand into the fuel systems of an Argocat motor vehicle and a grass-cutting machine on June 11 at a garage occupied by Islay Estate.

'This is more sad than bad that a man of your previous character finds himself acting in this way,' said Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Defence agent Jim Campbell said: 'What is of relevance is the fact he had convinced himself he did not do it.'

Sheriff Anderson ordered him to pay £350 as compensation for the damage caused to the machines.

Lodge donates over £4,000 to veteran's charity

CAMPBELTOWN'S Lodge St John 141 has helped to boost a veteran charity's funds.

The lodge gave £500 to Erskine; this is the most recent donation of more than £4,000 the lodge has donated over the years.

Archie Martin of the lodge presented Erskine with the cheque when he visited the charity's Bishopton Home recently.

The money was raised by a dance in the lodge in Campbeltown for local residents.

Further fundraising efforts this year will involve a sponsored cycle from Campbeltown to Erskine. Archie said: 'It's a pleasure to raise money for such a worthy cause and thanks to everyone in the local community who got behind our fundraising efforts.'

'I'm really impressed at the five Erskine homes across Scotland and they do a superb job looking after our veterans. It's a privilege to visit the veterans and support Erskine's outstanding efforts.'

Erskine Fundraiser Alan Moss said: 'We would like to thank everyone in the local community and members of the lodge for their ongoing support.'

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Road is cause of concern to Clachan

Resident's vehicles being damaged while ownership remains in question

by RUTH McCLEAN

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A POTHOLE strewn road in Clachan, is causing residents more concern now than ever.

The road into Manse Croft in the village, the only way into the housing development, is now at the stage where it is causing damage to cars.

The development has six privately-owned houses and six tenants in Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) homes.

Responsibility

No one accepts responsibility for the road and it has been 'decades'

since the road was last resurfaced.

Councillor McAlpine is now to write to ACHA's chief executive Alistair MacGregor in a bid to find a suitable improvement scheme. Several of the owners are willing to pay their share, if ACHA, or Argyll and Bute Council, takes responsibility and pay their share too.

'The current road is intolerable so far as the residents, both tenants and owners are concerned,' said Councillor McAlpine.

'There is a real risk of injury being caused to persons and damage being caused to vehicles if something is not done about it in the very near future.'

Petition

A petition has also been circulated and signed by all the residents who stay in Manse Croft.

Councillor John McAlpine met with resident Catherine Doyle on Tuesday.

Catherine said the residents and tenants would like more than anything for someone to take responsibility for the road so they can concentrate on getting it fixed.



Clachan resident Catherine Doyle with councillor John McAlpine at the potholed Manse Croft road this week 21_c08clachan01

Jura ferry finds favour

ARGYLL and Bute Council's decision to continue funding the Jura passenger ferry for the next two years has been welcomed by the Jura Development Trust.

The funding of £11,000 per year announced at last week's budget represents 20 per cent of the ferry's operating cost, with the remainder to be paid by Transport Scotland.

Jura Development Trust chairman John Potts said the announcement had come as a pleasant surprise off the back of the recent draft Scottish Ferries Review: 'Until the Ferries Review came out we were thinking it wouldn't run. Now we're discussing it with operators and trying to get a timetable in place for Easter. The offer is to run a six day a week service which will be 11 sailings.'

Mr Potts said he did not expect funding to be extended beyond the two years allocated.

Roads and schools budget boost

ROADS and education are the main winners in Argyll and Bute Council's budget, which will see £120 million capital investment in the next three years.

Despite a heated debate during a full council meeting last Thursday, all but three councillors agreed a budget that will invest £30 million in education and £21 million upgrading roads.

In a shock revelation during the budget debate, council leader Dick Walsh revealed plans to spend a further £40 million between 2012 and 2015, a 50 per cent increase on the original £83 million capital spend suggested in the draft budget.

The budget also introduced a Young Employment Opportunities Fund to tackle the 27 per cent rise in youth unemployment in the area in the last year. A one-off fund of £200,000 for 2012/13 will be based around learning choices for a 16-and-over age group.

Following excessive storm damage over the last few months, the

council created a Resilience Fund, through which £700,000 will be available to develop contingency plans to implement in the event of severe weather.

Councillors also approved an additional £750,000 for 'preventative spend' – to implement changes in early years and health and social care, helping the county's most vulnerable people.

Presenting his budget to the council, council leader Dick Walsh said that despite facing 'the worst set of economic conditions for a generation', the budget created the opportunity for recovery and growth.

Stating the budget was 'shaped by and for the people of Argyll and Bute', Councillor Walsh said: 'This budget puts significant additional capital into Argyll and Bute – creating jobs, improving our infrastructure and improving lives across the region.'

This additional investment would, Mr Walsh said, be funded by efficiency savings, renewed borrowing and releasing

funds from the NPDO and Waste PPP Smoothing funds.

Commenting on the investment, Mr Walsh said: 'It is not only affordable across the three years, but is also sustainable going further forward into the future. It represents sensible use of borrowing to promote essential capital investment which can be funded within planned budgets.'

Man admits punching woman

SENTENCE was deferred on 22-year-old James Deavy of 68B Longrow, Campbeltown, after he admitted assaulting a woman.

Deavy pled guilty to punching the woman on October 29 in a car at the Old Quay Head, Campbeltown.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said at the town's sheriff court last week that it was 'appalling behaviour' and deferred sentence until May 10 for him to be of good behaviour.

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New sensory room for under fives

THANKS to the hard work of staff at Campbeltown's Original Factory Store, Meadows under fives at Campbeltown Nursery will be able to create a sensory room for the children.

Last year the store chose the nursery to be its charity of the year, and staff held a number of events to help raise £1,303, including a candle party and held face painting in the store.

The nursery thanked the staff for the donation and said it couldn't stress enough the difference the money would make. Plans are now being put in place to create a sensory room in the nursery for the under fives to use.

Lorraine Dalziel and Michael Smith from the Original Factory Store handed over the cheque to the children.

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Council to make home improvements easier

CHANGES to make home improvement simpler have been welcomed.

Argyll and Bute Council has welcomed the changes to make it easier for people to make alterations to their homes without having to apply for planning permission.

The rules came into force on February 6 and were introduced by the Scottish Government.

They are designed to make it easier for people

to make alterations to their homes and reduce the number of planning applications received by councils.

Chairman of the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee Councillor Daniel Kelly said: 'These new rules mean smaller projects like sheds, rear extensions and garages are unlikely to need planning permission.'

'However, if you live in a conservation area or in a listed building you

may still need to apply for permission.

'If you are in any doubt you can always check with the council's planning department who will be happy to help you.'

To find out more about the changes visit the council's website at <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/householder-permitted-development> or contact your local area planning office on 01546 605518.

Factory Shop chooses Macmillan for 2012

MACMILLAN Cancer Support has been chosen as the charity partner for the Original Factory Store in Campbeltown.

Each year the store plans to choose a charity, picked by locals, to raise funds for.

Support

The Main Street store is gearing up to support the local organisation throughout 2012. A programme of fun-

draising activities has been planned with the aim to raise at least £500. Marketing manager Rebecca Burns said: 'Once again, our store in Campbeltown had a lot of local causes come forward asking for support.'

'On behalf of all of us at The Original Factory Shop, I would like to sincerely thank all the charities who applied to

be their partner.

'I'm sure our customers will once again be right behind us and help us raise much-needed funds for what is a very worthy cause.'

Campaign

The Make A Difference In Your Community charity campaign first launched in 2010, raising more than £100,000 for local causes across the UK since.

Airport sees increase in passenger numbers

CAMPBELTOWN Airport has seen an increase in passenger numbers in January compared with the same time last year.

In January 2011, 606 passengers travelled through the airport, which has gone up by 33.8 per cent last month to 811 passengers.

Islay Airport also saw an increase from 1,703 passengers in January 2011 to 1,829 in January 2012, up by 7.4 per cent.

Highlands and Islands Airport Limited (HIAL), which runs the airports, as well eight others, saw an overall increase of six per cent in January on the same period last year.

Commenting on passenger results for January 2012, Inglis Lyon, managing director for HIAL said: 'We have continued to enjoy a much milder January in comparison to 2011 - it is probably due to this that we can attribute the six per cent group increase.'

Drink driver was twice the legal limit

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DRIVING more than twice the legal alcohol limit, at excess speed on the streets of Tarbert saw a young man lose his license for two years.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC described the situation as 'utter madness' at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week, and said it was 'gross stupidity' on the part of 20-year-old Fraser Talbot.

Talbot, of 1 Bankend Flat, Harbour Street, admitted that on September 18 on the village's Harbour Street, School Road and Church Terrace, to driving without due care or attention, without reasonable

consideration for other people using the road or place and driving a car without any lights at speeds of up to 50 mph in a 30mph area.

Failed to stop

At Church Terrace loose control of the vehicle and cause it to strike the kerb, fail to stop when repeatedly signalled to by two police officers then pursuing in a marked police car, sounding its klaxons and displaying blue flashing lights.

He pled guilty to also driving with 191 microgrammes (mg) of alcohol in 100ml blood; the legal limit is 80mg.

Procurator fiscal John Service told the court there were a number of pedestrians about. Police saw the accused driving along at a speed well in excess of 30mph limit and followed him.

He said the officers attempted to bring him to a halt by sounding klaxons and displaying flashing lights; although there were a number of potential stopping points he continued to drive.

Talbot's defence agent Christian Kane said he is grossly ashamed of his behaviour.

'He was in a bar in Tarbert and his home address was no more than 100 feet away.'

'There was no reason to drive; he wasn't go-

ing anywhere. He has no explanation and is very well aware if something had happened then he would have been involved in life altering experience.'

Sheriff Anderson fined him a total of £700 and disqualified him from driving for two years.

Clock not working

A FEW people in the area have raised questions about why Campbeltown's iconic town hall's clock is currently not working.

Argyll and Bute Council said this week that it was going to investigate and find out if there was a problem.







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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



SNOWDROPS seem to abound around the old ruined chapels in Kintyre, and bring a symbol of hope amidst the grave-slabs.

We were on a day out exploring the faith of the past and thinking of where our faith would take us in the future.

The Church of Scotland is undergoing much change nationally, and in Kintyre we are also on the next part of our faith journey in this lovely part of the world.

We are part of the long line of pilgrims to inhabit this beautiful land, and we are called upon to keep the faith here.

So to gain perspective on this, we set off on our own small journey into the past.

At Kilchenzie, many grave-slabs lie neglected and broken, perhaps symbolic of some aspects of a faith that has sadly diminished in this land.

But there are also snowdrops in abundance to welcome anyone wishing to visit this sacred place and with the first Spring lambs, they remind us of resurrection and new life here.

At Killean the roofless chapel spoke to us of days gone by when the walls would reverberate with the psalms of praise from our ancestors. But sadly as we walked among the old stones, there was just silence.

Yet the stones have their own story.

Jesus said: 'If my disciples keep silent, even these stones will shout aloud.'

Will we keep silent as we take the next steps of our journey of faith?

Will we just leave it to these ancient ruins to speak of a faith that endured for centuries, or will we be prepared to be the next voice in the song of praise?

Will we walk away from the ruins and let our footprints be washed away in the rain of apathy, or will we add our voices to God's love song for the world?



Down Memory Lane

HANDED in by John Robertson of Campbeltown, this old photograph is of his father, Peter, retiring in 1977. He is shown with his colleagues at his retirement from the Campbeltown dustcart in 1977, with his wife Alice. John hopes someone can identify others in the photograph, which was taken outside the town hall. If you're able to name the other men in the photograph please get in touch.

Waste of resident's money?

Sir,
I read in the national press on Saturday that Argyll and Bute Council in its wisdom has spent £4.7 million on consultants since 2007 to advise them on the state of the county's roads.

I doubt this is money well spent as quite honestly any council tax payer who drives and uses the roads in the county could tell those in charge at Kilmory that the pothole ridden roads are in an appalling state and the £4.7 million could, and should, have been spent on actually repairing the roads throughout the area.

I am sure this amount of money could have been utilised to fully re-tarmac the entire roads around the centre of Campbeltown.

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Just another example of the council officials wasting resident's money on the obvious.

Yours sincerely,
**Keith Abendroth,
Cradleigh,
6 Lochview Avenue,
Campbeltown**

Forthright statements wanted

Sir,
The recent revelation that a senior employee of Argyll and Bute Council has conducted a 'spying operation' targeting people who have been critical of the council has, quite understandably, brought statements

of condemnation from Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell and MSP Jackie Baillie, as well as many other opposition councillors.

Ms Baillie described this revolting practice as something akin to what occurred in Eastern Europe during the Soviet operation. Quite right, any government that aspires to be a democracy requires the free and unfettered flow of information and open debate.

Any hint that 'names will be taken' is anathema, totally contradictory to decent governance.

So could we equally have forthright statements from the Lib Dem, Conservative and Independent councillors

who currently rule the roost at Kilmory? The sheer blind arrogance, which led this council employee to reveal, indeed brag, about this unsavoury practice must stir them into action. The people of Argyll deserve nothing less.

**S White,
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Why are we building wind turbines?

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No?

Well that is what this government is asking you to do by investing in wind farms rather than concentrating on 100 per cent reliable modern cleaner power stations which could supply our homes and industry every second of every day for decades to come. And at far less money than so called renewables. Yes, even nuclear is cheaper than offshore wind farms and would, of course, maintain a 24-hour supply.

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Each 2.3MW turbine can earn in excess of £50,000 clear profit for the owner, and if you have enough acres of ten then it's virtually a lottery win. But that's not all, and here's the rub, you, me and everyone else who pays an electricity bill is guaranteeing this annual return to each wind farm owner for the next 20 years.

Okay for some.

**Malcolm Kirk,
Craobh Haven.**

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Prize winners from the different drama groups who took part in the festival, with John Armour, Joanne Paterson and Stuart Irvine from the Kintyre and District Drama Festival committee and adjudicator Ron Nicol. 21_c08drama02



Dunaverty Players made their return to the drama scene this year. 21_c08drama03



Peninver Players were third overall, and were awarded best comedy. 21_c08drama05



Winners of this year's festival Lochgilghead Drama Club. Left to right: Sheila MacKenzie, Dorothy Hogbin, Duncan Burnt, Ruth Morrison and Jim Morrison. 21_c08drama04



Accent Players were placed second and were awarded best stage presence at the festival. 21_c08drama08



Carradale Drama Club were awarded best moment for their murder scene at the end of the play *The Beach Hut*. 21_c08drama06

Ron Nicol - adjudicator

ADJUDICATOR for this year's festival was Ron Nicol who has had a varied career as actor, director, stage manager, lecturer, broadcaster, playwright and drama adjudicator.

He became a member of the Lyric Players while he was a student in Belfast, going on to work at Perth Repertory Theatre, Lincoln Theatre Royal, Harrogate Opera House and York Theatre Royal, with John Ridley Projects at Chelmsford Civic Theatre, with tour-

ing productions, and in musicals, pantomime, music hall and variety.

Now based in Fife, Scotland, he trained radio broadcasters at Glenrothes College, produced and presented a weekly programme on Radio Tay's Campus Radio, lectured in theatre with the University of St Andrews Adult Education Department, and was a drama adviser for the Scottish Community Drama Association.

A member of the Guild of Drama Adjudicators

and former chair of the Scottish Association of Speech and Drama Adjudicators, he's well known at festivals all over Scotland and in Northern Ireland. An award-winning playwright published in the UK, the USA and the Netherlands (in Dutch) he's been produced throughout Britain and in Ireland, America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Holland, Luxembourg and Minorca. He's a member of the Scottish Society of Playwrights.

Drama Festival

PERFORMERS from across the area gathered in Campbeltown last week to take part in this year's local drama festival.

Six clubs took to the stage over two nights to compete for the top spot at the Kintyre and District Drama Festival.

Lochgilghead Drama Club were the overall winners, with many of the other clubs receiving prizes.

Lochgilghead kicked off the second night of performances at Campbeltown Grammar with a poignant play about an old lady facing the demolition of her home.

The three-person cast performed *The Big Cats*, by Alec Barron.

Carradale Drama Club started the drama festival last Tuesday and performed black comedy, *The Beach Hut* by Mark Rees.

This was followed by Peninver Players in *Our James* by Roz Moruzzi.

The third play on Tuesday was *Some Mother's Son* written by Mark Rees and

performed by Accent Players.

Wednesday night began with Lochgilghead Drama Club.

The second play on Wednesday, *The Wise Villagers*, was performed by Peninver Juniors, the only youth team that entered this year. It was written by festival adjudicator, Ron Nicol.

The final play of the festival heralded the return of Dunaverty Players, that celebrate its 60th anniversary with the comedy *Background Artiste* by Stephen Smith.

Adjudicator Mr Nicol announced the following results:

Lochgilghead Drama Club was awarded first place, Accent Players second and Peninver third.

Best production also went to Lochgilghead, best stage presence to Accent Players, best comedy to Peninver and best moment went to Carradale Drama Club for the murder scene at the end of the play. Peninver Juniors received the Junior Cup.



Peninver Juniors were awarded the Junior Cup this year. 21_c08drama01

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Kintyre clean up begins after winter storms

by **RUTH McCLEAN**
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A CLEAN UP of the Kintyre peninsula following the mess left by storms at the start of year began earlier this month.

On February 3 and 4, Kintyre Way ranger,

Owen Paisley and volunteers took part in a cleanup that started at Ronachan and moved southwards along the Kintyre Way.

The Clachan Youth

Group also managed to clear 87 bags of rubbish and an assortment of large flotsam on February 15.

Participants did a great job of cleaning up a tremendous amount of litter which had accumulated over recent months.



A huge amount of rubbish has been cleared from along the Kintyre Way and some of Kintyre's beaches.



Kintyre Way ranger Owen Paisley with son Alasdair.

Through everyone's hard work more than 200 bags of rubbish have already been collected.

This has made a tremendous difference to this stretch of the Kintyre peninsula and the Kintyre Way.

Other items gathered include trawl nets, boat fragments, oil drums and tyres.

Thanked

Julie Fairbrass from the GRAB Trust thanked everyone who has helped so far. She also thanked Argyll and Bute Council for donating some of the equipment and time, as

well as to Shanks for donating skips and hauling the rubbish away.

There are a few more clean ups organised over the next month, which will involve several of the local schools, businesses and the wider community.

A big clean up of the north and south Kintyre has been organised for the March 13.

The GRAB Trust, Dugald Young from Drum Farm, Castlehill Primary School and hopefully some willing volunteers, will be attempting to clear

the mountains of litter and marine debris that has been washed up at Westport Beach.

Organising

Owen Paisley will be organising volunteers to help clean up from Ballochroy to Point Sands.

If you would like to get involved in any of these beach cleans or would like help organising one, email or phone Julie Fairbrass at the GRAB Trust on 01631 569174 or julie.fairbrass@grab.org.uk or Owen Paisley route-manager@kintyreway.com.

World Day of Prayer

THIS year's World Day of Prayer is on Friday March 2 and in Campbeltown will be taking place at the Lorne and Lowland Church.

Starting at 7.30pm, the service is written by the Christian women of Malaysia and the theme is Let Justice Prevail.

Each year the first service of the day is held on the island of Tuvalu in the Pacific Ocean, close to the international dateline and continues for a period of 36 hours until that same date concludes in Alaska - the other side of the dateline.

Apart from some small adaptations to suit local circumstances, the service held in a country kirk in Scotland will be just the same as the one held earlier on Tuvalu.

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Left to right: Karen McFadzean, Jane Hill and Wendy Beasley. 21_c07val02



Jean Johnson and Fiona Macpherson. 21_c07val01

Supper dance raises funds for charity

A VALENTINE'S-themed supper dance has helped raise nearly £1,400 for charity.

The dance, organised by Fiona Blake, took place in St John's Recreation Club, with dance music through the ages featuring throughout the evening.

Gullion and Campbeltown Brass Dance Band were amongst the entertainment.

This was the first outing for the new leg of the local brass band.

Every year Fiona Blake organises an event in December, but was unable to do that last year so held the supper instead.

Over the years she has raised £9,500 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer and can now add £1,375 to her tally from the evening.

She would like to thank everyone who donated to the evening and helped her to raise such a fantastic amount.

New book details burials at St Kieran's Cemetery since 1848

A PRINTED book has been created which details deaths since 1848, including those buried at St Kieran's Cemetery.

Local lady Ann Boulton put together the typed facsimile of the entries which have been indexed to make it easier to look up an ancestor.

Ann presented the book, now in the care of Argyll and Bute Council, to the Vestry of St Kieran's Episcopal last Friday evening.

She told The Courier, the 'English' Cemetery at Tomaig/Narrowfield only contains a few burials and monuments as apparently the ground is too shallow for sufficient depth.

The last burial was in 1926 when Able Seaman Herbert Kitt of HMS Conquest was accidentally drowned in the loch.

'I researched into Her-

bert Kitt in the National Archive and got his service document which is included in the book,' said Ann. 'Also included is the plan of the Narrowfield Cemetery which gives a numbered plan of the lairs and, on the other side, the names of those buried.'

Copies will be sent to the library in Campbeltown, the council records, and the Diocese of Argyll and the Isles records.

Salvation Army hold coffee morning

BAKED goods and fresh pancakes will be on offer at the Salvation Army tomorrow (Saturday).

The special fundraiser coffee morning is taking place at the Salvation Army where there will also be a huge jumble sale.

It will take place from 10am to noon at the premises on Burnside Street, Campbeltown.

Car boot sale at the heritage centre

NEXT weekend a car boot sale will be taking place at the heritage centre, Campbeltown.

There will also be the Farmers Market, both

of which will take place inside.

There will also be teas, coffees, home baking, soup and crusty bread on sale.

Juvenile pipe band concert and ceilidh

by RUTH McCLEAN
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A SLIGHT change has been made to this year's Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association's annual concert and ceilidh.

Held at Campbeltown Grammar on March 10, this year's events will start with a Saturday afternoon matinee concert, with a full range of local talent.

World champions
Heading the concert will be Kintyre Schools Juvenile Grade Pipe

Band, currently world champions at Novice Juvenile Grade.

The new Novice Grade Pipe Band, Beginner's Band and Ian McKerral's Chanter Group will all feature in this exciting line up.

Star guests will include Eric Ward, leading drummer of the Grade One Strathclyde Police Pipe Band accompanied by his wife, Lynne, on tenor drum.

A host of local talent

abounds including Thomas Jordan, James McCorkindale's dancers, and a few surprises.

Ceilidh

A concert will be held on Saturday evening and will feature many of the acts from the matinee. This will be followed by a ceilidh with the Kinloch Ceilidh Band.

At both events there will be a licensed bar.

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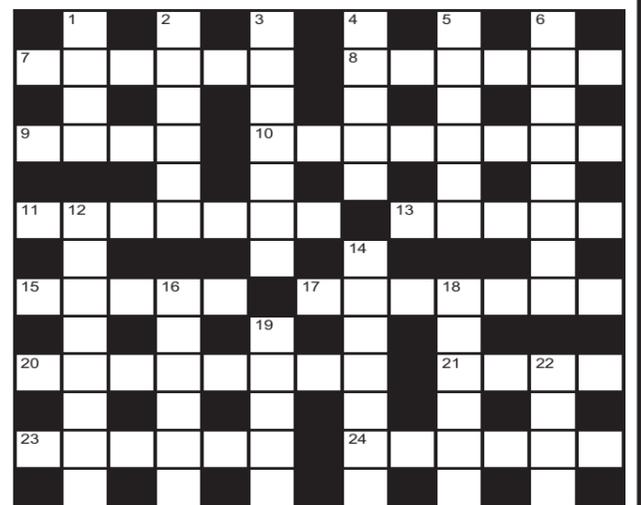
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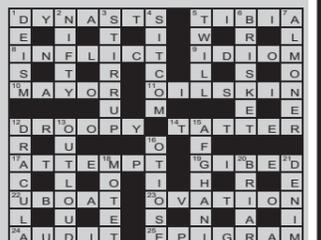
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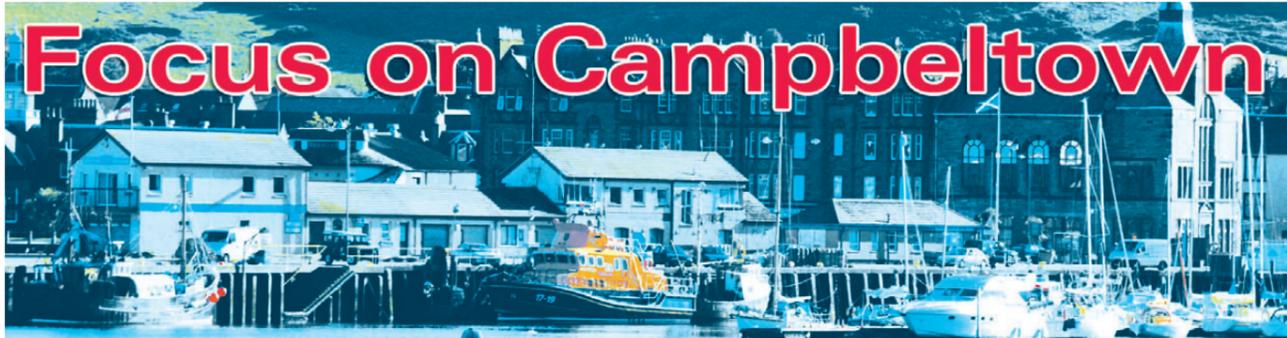


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Improvements to town's museum are now well underway

The work will bring the museum into the 21st century

by RUTH McCLEAN
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IMPROVEMENTS to Campbeltown Museum will see a nicer place for people to visit.

The work to the local museum in the Burnett Building in Campbeltown is now underway.

The museum was closed on Tuesday for two weeks for the work to be carried out, and will re-open on Monday March 12.

It achieved full museum accreditation through

Museums Gallery Scotland in 2011 when Argyll and Bute Council carried out a review. It found that a number of areas needed improvement; high on that list was heating and lighting.

Remainder

Argyll and Bute Council was able to secure a grant of £20,000 from Museums Galleries Scotland towards the cost of the work with the remainder coming from

the council's capital programme for 2011/12.

The works being carried out will see a new energy-efficient heating system being installed, replacing old outdated equipment from the 1990s that had reached the end of its life.

The gallery lighting will also be completely renewed, and three new high-security display cases will allow the most valuable exhibits to be seen in the best light.

Councillor Rory Colville spokesman for

third sector and communities said: 'This will bring Campbeltown Museum into the 21st century making it a great and comfortable place to while away an afternoon.'

Regeneration

'I think it's great to see the old buildings in the town being given a new lease of life allowing them to be part of the on-going regeneration of Campbeltown while not allowing the history of our historic town to be lost.'

Tarbert's new £95,000 path

PEOPLE in Tarbert now have a new £95,000 path that can be used as a short cut across the village.

The path links the local academy and the sports pitches and pavilion and is suitable for walkers, cyclists, joggers and dog walkers.

There is better lighting, surfacing and drainage on the path and around the area.

Argyll and Bute Council, the Scottish Government, Leader and Sustans have funded the project with the funding secured by the council's Strategic Transportation Team.

The project was the brainchild of the Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust and Tarbert Academy as part of the

Tarbert Academy Wildlife and Nature Initiative, which includes the development of an outdoor classroom and environmental projects.

The path also means the school has safer access to the sports pitches in all weather.

Chairman of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Commit-

tee, Councillor Donald MacMillan, said: 'I am delighted to see the path opened in Tarbert as it will be of tremendous merit to everyone in the community and a safe passage between the academy and pavilion. I would like to congratulate the community for their good work and forward thinking.'

Zip slide challenge

PEOPLE in Kintyre are being challenged to take on a 130-foot zip slide across the Clyde for charity.

Leading children's charity, Action for Children Scotland raises vital funds for the country's most vulnerable children, young people and their families and is calling for adrenaline junkies to show their support.

To take part in Zipslide across the Clyde, contact Katie Forsyth at Action for Children Scotland on 0141 550 9023 or by email at scotland@actionforchildren.org.uk.

£1,141 raised for Macmillan Cancer Support

LAST year residents in Campbeltown raised £1,142 by holding eight coffee mornings for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The events were held as part of the charity's World's Biggest Coffee Morning, an increase of three per cent from 2010.

Macmillan's Director of Fundraising, Lynda Thomas, said: 'I'd like to extend a huge thank you to our wonderful coffee morning hosts and guests who helped raise £10million for Macmillan Cancer Support, which is just fantastic.'

Long-running Islay GP saga continues

PATIENTS in Bowmore on the Isle of Islay are seeing as many as five different doctors for the same ailment within a six-week period as their long-running GP saga continues.

Despite public objection, Bowmore Surgery was moved to Islay Hospital at the beginning of February, following a disagreement over the lease of the former GP surgery premises.

Meanwhile, the Community Health Partner-

ship (CHP) has failed to secure at least one permanent doctor for the village in almost two years.

Adverts

Job adverts for a doctor in Bowmore and on the Isle of Jura have been lodged by the CHP.

Islay Community Council has decided to form a sub committee to purely work on the GP issue and were due to lobby Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell on the issue last week.

Community councillor Roberta MacNeill told *The Courier*: 'The community council has been forced to form this sub committee to find a GP for Bowmore and to ensure the NHS service for Islay is not going to be compromised.'

'People are feeling dreadful about this because there is no continuity about which doctor they see. I know of one woman who saw five different doctors

for the same problem over six weeks.

'People here usually hold back from complaining but this time they are not holding anything back.'

Main aims

A spokesman for NHS Highland said: 'One of our main aims for the locality is recruiting additional GPs for Islay and Jura.'

'We are looking forward to welcoming applications from suitably qualified individuals.'



Members of Campbeltown Brass with Les Neish.

Campbeltown Brass host weekend workshops

CAMPBELTOWN Brass played host to a weekend of workshops and an evening concert at the weekend.

Special guest for the event was Les Neish, who is a celebrated tuba player with a world-class reputation having worked with many of the world's leading orchestras, ensembles and artists, including recording an album with Sting.

Privilege

'It was such a privilege to have Les with us over the weekend, where he

provided excellent, fun and constructive workshops and master classes to our young players,' said Jamie McVicar of Campbeltown Brass. 'It was also a joy to hear him play at the concert. 'Everyone had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Our guest was absolutely amazed, that at the farthest corner of Scotland, there is such an abundance of talents and kids so enthusiastic about their music.'

Several tutors were also

invited to provide individual tuition and lessons, as well as playing at the concert - special thanks for all their hard work and contributions.

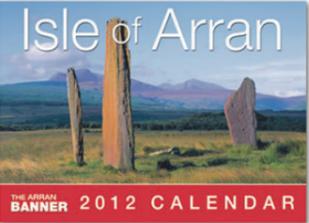
Invitations

Invitations were extended to young brass players from across Mid Argyll, Islay, Bute and Arran to join Campbeltown Brass for this event.

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ISLAY

Island shook by minor earthquake

RESIDENTS on Islay experienced a small earthquake of 2.6 magnitude during the early hours of Monday morning.

Islanders reported that windows and doors were rattled during the tremor at about 5.35am.

However, no structural damage was reported and no-one was thought to have been injured.

The last UK earthquake recorded as 'significant' by the British Geological Survey struck Lincolnshire in 2008. It had a magnitude of 5.2.

Another small tremor, of magnitude 1.9, was reported on Islay on February 5.

Lifeboat launched

ISLAY Lifeboat was launched late on Sunday afternoon after Clyde Coastguard received a Mayday call from a fishing vessel.

The *FV Quest* was six nautical miles north east of the island of Colonsay, with three people on board, when she suffered gearbox failure and

was left drifting without power.

Clyde Coastguard carried out a distress broadcast to any boats in the area to go the fishing boat's aid but when there was no response the Islay lifeboat was launched.

The *Quest* was then towed into Crinan by the lifeboat.

SOUTHEND

Dental health visitor

THE dental health visitor will be visiting school and nursery pupils at Southend over the next three weeks.

The pupils returned from their half term holiday on Monday and P4 to 7 is due to start its Sport Relief circuit training.

This is in preparation for the Sport Relief Mile, which takes place on March 16.

Rag Bag collection

THE Rag Bag collection at Southend Primary School will be taking place on Monday March 5.

Any unwanted textiles, clothes, shoes, bags, bedding or other materials can be handed into the school by 9.15am on the Monday or drop them off by next Friday,

March 2.

Please put all items into plastic sacks and note, no duvets or pillows.

First Aid training

PUPILS in P4 to 7 from Southend will take part in a First aid responsive training programme in early March.

Next meeting

THE next meeting of the Southend Community Council has been set as March 7 in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend at 8pm.

COLONSAY

Power cut

A POWER cut last Wednesday afternoon caused Kilchattan Primary School on Colonsay to close for the day.

Argyll and Bute Council said it is hoped the power would be restored by Wednesday evening and the school was due to open as normal on Thursday.

GLENBARR

Plans refused

A PLANNING application for the erection of a house on land east of Glenbarr Primary School has been refused.

CLACHAN

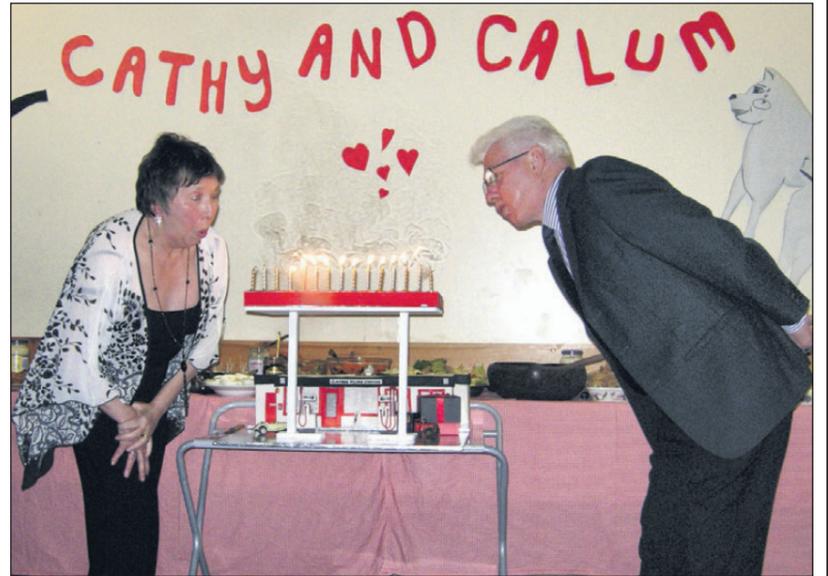
Cathy and Calum call it a day

THE retirement of Cathy and Calum McLean from Clachan Filling Station was celebrated on Saturday evening.

Villagers and friends from the village and the surrounding area gathered at the village hall for the occasion which was primarily arranged by the hall committee.

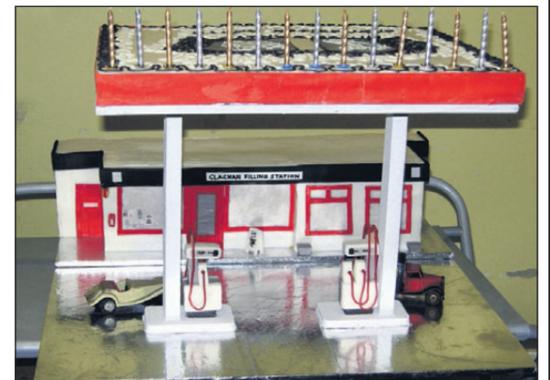
Peter Simpson thanked Cathy and Calum on behalf of the community for all they have done over the years and presented them with retirement gifts, including a mounted copy of the front page of *The Courier* showing their last day at the shop.

They were then in-



Cathy and Calum blow out the candles on their cake.

invited to cut a cake, made by Don and Paddy Alderson, in the shape of Clachan Filling Station. The evening continued with entertainment, provided by a number of the partygoers, and then dancing.



The retirement cake resembling Clachan Filling Station, made by Don and Paddy Alderson.

Shisha embroidery at SWRI

LINDA Bryce was welcomed to Clachan SWRI's February meeting.

She showed the ladies how to tackle 'Shisha' embroidery and had made up kits for making key rings, glasses cases and clutch bags. She demonstrated, with infinite patience, how to attach the mirrors to the cloth and embroider them in place.

Pat Dean thanked her for an enjoyable and interesting evening.

Linda judged the competitions as follows: 3 Flower Small Arrange-

ment: 1 equal Carol Lilwall and Pauline Simpson.

Knitted Christmas Decoration: 1 Jane Griffiths, 2 equal Pat Dean and Barbara Bell.

After tea and the raffle most of the ladies were very pleased to be going home with a finished article while others had something to complete at home.

Zumba

WEEKLY Zumba classes take place in Clachan Village Hall.

All are welcome to at-

tend the classes, from beginners to those with more experience and is for anyone over the age of 12.

Kilcalmonell Guild

ANN Parkhouse opened a recent meeting of Kilcalmonell Guild, and John and Margit Wylie were welcomed.

John showed an inter-

esting selection of the many photos they had taken on their recent trip around the world. They had had many memorable moments, such as climbing to the top of the Bridge at Sydney, and seeing family members for the first time in years.

After answering our many questions a delicious tea was provided by Mary Wilson.

TAYINLOAN

February meeting

LARGIESIDE SWRI held its February meeting in Tayinloan Village Hall last Thursday when members and guests took part in a quiz.

The quiz was compiled and conducted by Helen Steel, the marks counted and totalled by Mairi Graham.

Teams from the local area and other institutes took part and the winning team members were Adrienne Bradley, Pat Rawson, Enid and Tony Williams.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and went home wiser and, thanks to the wonderful spread put on by the hostesses,

well fed. The hostesses for the evening were Patricia Johnston, Pat Rawson, Alison Clements and Adrienne Bradley.

GIGHA

Kintyre broadcasting dynasty?

IS Campbeltown on the way to developing a family broadcasting dynasty to rival the Dimblebys?

BBC News correspondent Jamie McIvor's aunt made her debut this week on Argyll FM's Thought for the Day.

Reverend Anne McIvor is the minister on Gigha and had never broadcast before.

By sheer coincidence

Rev McIvor was on the air at the same time as Jamie - whose main job is on BBC1's Reporting Scotland - was presenting the business news on Radio Scotland

Tenth anniversary buy-out celebrations

PREPARATIONS for the tenth anniversary celebrations of the Gigha buy-out are on going.

Invitations have been sent out and the organising committee is putting final plans for the weekend in place.

As well as celebrations throughout March 15, there will be a ceilidh in the evening and a whole host of other events.

KILKENZIE

Wind turbines

DRUM Farm at Kilkennie has been granted planning permission for the erection of two wind turbines.

The 15KW wind turbines will be 15.4 metres to hub height and were approved planning permission by Argyll and Bute Council last week.

KENNACRAIG

Permitted

A SITE for the erection of a house at Kennacraig has been permitted planning application.

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Islay's first military funeral for 40 years - Cpl Menzies MacAffer

A LARGE gathering of mourners met at Port Ellen's St John's Church on Tuesday for the funeral of Corporal Menzies MacAffer – the first military funeral on Islay for more than 40 years.

Ardbeg's Cpl MacAffer, who served with Royal Marines 45 Commando, was only 35 years old when he lost his battle with cancer on February 8.

Among the mourners were 60 Royal Marines, who lined the road from the church to Torrie's corner. Marines then carried the coffin from the church to the Co-op, where the hearse was waiting to take it to Kilnaughton Cemetery.

Menzies' uncle, Craig MacAffer said: 'The military was represented by 60 Royal Marines, which showed what they thought of the boy. That meant a lot to the fam-

Royal Marines Commando loses battle with cancer, aged 35

ily. It was a big funeral and the mourners all walked behind the coffin through the village.'

At Kilnaughton a bugle played the Last Post.

Reading his eulogy in the church, commanding officer Colonel Alan Litster explained how the young Ieach was identified early on in his training as a potential leader.

He was awarded the Commando Medal, an accolade bestowed on Marines who demonstrate: courage, determination, unselfishness and cheerfulness in the face of adversity.

Described by his commanding officer as 'a first class advert for our Corps', Menzies featured on the Ross Kemp documentary on counter-piracy. Col Litster

added: 'Corporal Menzies MacAffer is one of the most impressive, humble and brave men I have ever met. He was the embodiment of the Commando attributes and lived his life by them.'

Praised for his sporting prowess, Menzies was also an elite skier, representing the Royal Marines, and was an elite biathlon competitor.

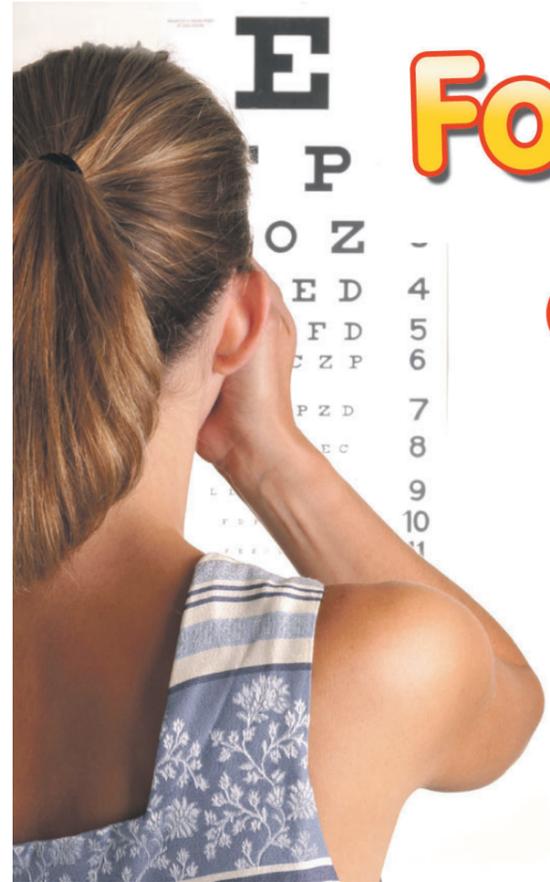
In 2001 he was the fourth to finish for the Royal Navy in the London Marathon and as a youth was on the books at Glasgow Rangers Football Club.

The last military funeral to take place on the island was in 1971 for George Hamilton, who was killed in action while serving in Northern Ireland.



Town centre projects in spotlight

James Lafferty from Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) visited the Monday Social Club this week to speak to them about the different projects on going across the town centre. He spoke to the ladies, with several discussions going on about the history and their memories of buildings and places across Campbeltown. 21_c08monday01



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Kintyre ploughmen bring home the silver

TWO Kintyre ploughmen brought home silver once again after taking their first victory of the year in Ayr.

Neil MacPhail and Michael Mayberry took the top place at Ayr Ploughing Match at the weekend and were welcomed by the duo after a flurry of cancellations

from ploughing associations due to the weather. The Skernish team ploughed through hail, rain, biting cold wind and even bright sunshine over the day.

The horses were four-year-old Tommy and his grandmother 21-year-old Jeannie. The team made a grand job of the good

but soft ground.

Hopes are high that this year will be as successful as last when they won five championships.

Trips are planned for Buchlyvie, Ireland, Lorn, Largie and later in the year the Scottish Championships in Coldstream where they will be defending the title.



Four-year-old Tommy and his grandmother 21-year-old Jeannie ploughed through all sorts of weather to take victory for Neil and Michael.

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Holstein Breeders stock judging

KINTYRE Holstein Breeders Club is holding its stock judging tonight (Friday) at West Trodighal Farm.

Starting at 7.30pm, judge for the evening will be Hugh McCorkindale of Eden and is being held by kind permission of Mr and Mrs W Armour and family.



Michael Mayberry and Neil MacPhail with their silverware.

Ploughing match cancelled

CONSTANT efforts to put on a ploughing match have regrettably failed as the committee has been forced to cancel it.

The Kintyre Agricultural Society was forced to postpone the match from the end of January and despite numerous attempts it was unable to go ahead, either due to lack of entrants, or the weather.

Heifers sell to 240.5p per kilo at Caledonian

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd on February 16 sold 258 cattle at its weekly primestock sale comprising 127 bullocks and heifers, 13 young bulls, 14 OTM Clean, 103 cast cows and bulls and 67 calves and stirks.

Bullocks (54) averaged 206p per kg and sold to 228p per kg (twice) heavy Limousins from Knockhouse, Dunfermline and Learielaw Farm, Broxburn or to £1,609 per head for 750kg Limousin, Mains of Cultmalundie Farm, Perth.

Heifers (73) averaged 207p per kg and sold to 240.5p per kg. 585kg British Blue, Easter Ochtermuthill Farm, Muthill or to £1,478 per head for 670kg Limousin, Kinneil Mill Farm, Linlithgow.

The Easter Ochtermuthill pen of 5 heifers averaged 232p per kg for 571kgs.

27 Butchers Cattle sold in excess of 218p per kg to average 224p per kg, selling to 234.5p per kg, 530kg Limousin Heifer, Knockhouse Farm.

Young Bulls sold to

223.5p per kg, 665kg Limousin Mains of Throck Farm, Stirling or to £1795 per head for 825kg Limousin, Little Kype Farm, Strathaven.

OTM Clean Cattle averaged 174 p per kg and sold to 213.5p per kg, 750kg Limousin, or £1602 per head Wester Thomaston Farm, Banknock and to £1592 per head for 810kg Limousin Mains of Burnbank farm, Blairdrummond.

Also forward was 117 cast cows, bulls and OTM Cattle.

Char Cow sold to £1700 from Castleton Farm, Stirling.

Lim Cast Bull sold to £1605 from Blairsgreen, Dunfermline

Leading prices Cows, per head: Char - £1700 Castleton; Lim- £1495 Mains of Throck; Sim- £1285 Maidenwells; Sim x- £1195 Beannie; BB- £1145 Beannie.

Cast Bull: Lim- £1605 Blairsgreen.

OTM Clean: Sim- £1125 Newmains; Lim- £1426 West Thomaston.

Also forward were 67 Calves and Stirks.

£350 from Clatto, Dairy Calves sold to a top of £170 from Ormsary and Stirks sold to a top of £650 from Graystale.

Leading Prices Calves: Lim- £350, £305, £300 Clatto; Her- £185, £170 Drumglass; Frie- £155 Gallamuir; £120 High

Knockrioch; £90 Kickivan; Ayr- £150 Gallamuir; £110, £105 East Drumlemble.

Leading Prices Stirks: Ayr- £365, £295 Humbie; Frie- £505 Graystale; Char x- £430 West Yett; Lim x- £650, £535 Graystale.

Monitor farm meeting

MICHAEL Shannon will be the guest speaker at next week's monitor farm meeting in Glenbarr.

Michael spent 23 years working for British Seed Houses as an agent and consultant and now farms 150 acres in Lanarkshire. This is where he finishes 150 cattle on a rotational paddock type grazing system and out wintered on kale and rape.

One area where monitor farmer Duncan McAlister, and the community group, identified needs improving was the efficiency by trying to increase the number of cattle finished off grass to avoid housing them though the winter.

Next Wednesday's meeting, 'Getting more

out of grazing', will look at ways of achieving this.

Michael will be discussing how higher daily live weight gains can be achieved purely off grass without creep feeding, reducing costs and improving profitability.

Explore

The meeting will also explore the potential for implementing a rotational grazing system at Glenbarr.

It starts at 11am at Glenbarr Village Hall with lunch provided followed by a field visit. Please contact Linda McLean on 01586820226 or kilmahofarm@btconnect.com to confirm your attendance for catering numbers.

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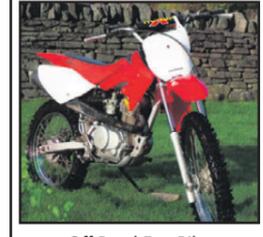


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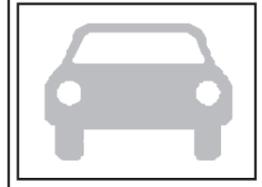


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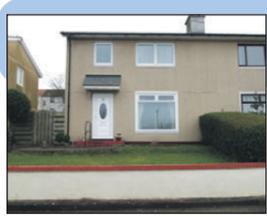
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
11/01539/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land East of 9 Riochan Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8UN	Sub Post Office Inveraray
12/00220/PP	Variation of condition 1 relative to planning permission ref. 10/00781/PP (Formation of roads depot including erection of office accommodation and wash bay and the siting of storage units, hot box, storage bays and fuel tank) - extension of time for a further period of two years	Defence Estates Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
12/00321/PP	Erection of 225kw wind turbine (45.9 metre high to blade tip) and formation of temporary access track	Pennygown Farm Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6PH	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
11/02562/LIB	Installation of internal lift and alterations to provide en suite bedrooms and stores (retrospective)	Ronachan House Clachan Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6XW	Sub Post Office Tarbert
12/00189/PP	Removal of smoke shelter and extension of public bar and erection of garden pavilion and garden screen wall	George Hotel Main Street East Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8TT	Sub Post Office Inveraray
12/00190/LIB	Removal of smoke shelter and extension of public bar and erection of garden pavilion and garden screen wall	George Hotel Main Street East Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8TT	Sub Post Office Inveraray
12/00307/PP	Demolition of existing timber shed/garage and erection of facilities (toilets/shower/laundry) building.	Timber Shed/Garage to West of Crinan Basin Car Park Crinan Argyll and Bute	Ardrishaig Area Office
12/00310/CON AC	Demolition of existing timber shed/garage	Timber Shed/Garage to West of Crinan Basin Car Park Crinan Argyll and Bute	Ardrishaig Area Office
12/00316/LIB	Internal alterations to form additional WC facility and re-arrangement of kitchen and restaurant space	Brambles Main Street West Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8TU	Sub Post Office Inveraray
12/00326/PP	Erection of detached garden storage shed with solar roof panels.	Bonawe Barmore Road Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6TT	Sub Post Office Tarbert

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C	£35,001 to £45,000	1047.11
D	£45,001 to £58,000	1178.00
E	£58,001 to £80,000	1439.78
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, 'Peace be with you' (John 20:21).

BIRTHS

GOSLING – Scott and Bryony are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, Kyle Shaun, born on February 16, 2012 at Campbeltown Hospital. Grandson for Raymond and Louise Gosling and first grandchild for Danny and Lorna Galbraith. Both families are delighted. Thanks to all midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit.

ENGAGEMENTS

MACKENZIE – KERR – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Stuart, to Eilidh Ann, on February 18, 2012.

WELDON – CLARK – Mark and Mhairi are delighted at the engagement of Hayleigh, to Kevin Clark of Aberdeen, on Saturday, February 18, 2012.

DEATHS

BAIRD – On February 15, 2012, suddenly but peacefully, at home, Dorothy Baird (née Carson), aged 71 years, beloved wife of George Baird, much loved mother of Gary, Joanne, Neil and Brian, a dearly loved nana and gran of all the family. Funeral service was held at Tarbert Free Church, on February 21, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery.

COLLETT – On Sunday, February 19, 2012 at Nottingham City Hospital, Rob, in his 81st year, beloved father of Sandy, father-in-law of Duncan and dearly loved grandpa of Laura and Fiona.

KILLEEN – After a short illness at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on February 21, 2012 Frank J Killeen, aged 84 years, of 30B Kilmory Road, Lochgilphead, beloved husband of Margie, a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Monday, February 27 at 1.00pm, thereafter a cremation service will be held on Tuesday, February 28 at 2.00pm at Clydebank Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations to Macmillan Nurses and Lochgilphead Parish Church.

MACNEILL – Peacefully at Auchinlee Residential Home, Campbeltown, on February 21, 2012, Elizabeth Mary Gillies MacNeill (Betty), in her 83rd year, Keill Cottages, Isle of Gigha, dearly beloved daughter of the late Malcolm and Mary MacNeill and a much loved sister and aunt. Service in Gigha and Cara Church, on Friday, February 24 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilchattan Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Auchinlee Residential Home.

MARTIN – On February 17, 2012, peacefully at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, Elizabeth (Elsa) Martin, née MacKellar, formerly of Kelmar, Tarbert, in her 91st year, beloved wife of the late Bill Martin and a much loved cousin of all the family. Funeral service was held at Tarbert Free Church, on February 23, interment thereafter at Tarbert Cemetery.

MCCALLUM – Flora (nee Macfarlane), peacefully at her daughter's home in Oxford, Mississippi on February 17, 2012, aged 86 years, beloved wife of David, loving mother of Anne and grandmother of David and Naomi.

THOMSON – Peacefully at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow on February 18, 2012, Robert Thomson (Bob), in his 88th year, 4 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Anne Thomson and a much loved uncle.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GAULD – Glynis, Bobby, John and Margaret would like to thank all friends and relatives for the cards, flowers and telephone calls received following Greta's death. Thanks also to all those who attended the service and at the graveside. Many thanks also to the Integrated Care Team and the staff at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital for the care given to Greta during her final illness, to Rev Keith Pagan for a comforting service, to Donald MacKinnon for his moving tribute and to the Stag Hotel for an excellent purvey. Very special thanks to Stan Lupton for his advice, help, caring and efficient services and to Euan for piping for his granny one last time. The sum of £400 was collected for the Red Cross.

MCSPORRAN – Duncan, Kathleen, Alex and family would like to thank everyone who contributed to the charity collection in memory of their wonderful mum, the late Margaret McSporran. £867 was raised at the service on Monday, February 13 and money is still being donated to The Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, Campbeltown Branch. A fitting tribute.

IN MEMORIAMS

BROWN – Your life was a blessing, Your memory a treasure, You are loved beyond words, and missed beyond measure. Miss you Granny. - Love Kelsey x. **BROWN** – Janet Nicholson MacLean. In loving memory of a dear mum, who died February 28, 2011. Your memory is a keepsake With which we'll never part God has you in his keeping And we have you in our hearts If we could have a lifetime wish We would give everything we own Just to hear God say to us Your mum is coming home. - Love from Janet and Denis.

BROWN – In loving memory of Janet MacLean.

It's lonely here without you We miss you more each day For life is not the same for us

Since you went away. Loving mum and granny. - Family, home and away.

BROWN – In memory of Janet Brown, died February 28, 2011.

Walks by the shore Walks by the sea These are the memories So precious to me.

- Inserted by Doreen, children and grandchildren.

BROWN – In loving memory of Janet Nicolson MacLean, died February 28, 2011.

Remembering you is easy I do it everyday

It's the heartache of losing you That never goes away.

- Love from Peter Marshall.

CLARK – Treasured memories of John, a dear dad and grandpa, who died February 24, 1977. Also Margaret (Peggy), a dear mum and gran, who died March 28, 1993.

Forever in our thoughts. - Families home and away.

MCKELLAR – Cherished memories of my husband, Lachlan, who was sadly taken from us on February 24, 2010.

Your presence we miss Your memory we treasure Loving you always Forgetting you never.

- Your loving wife and sons, Donna, Ewan, Kyle, Kern and Ruan xxxxx.

MCKINLAY – Precious memories of Tommy, much loved husband, father, father-in-law, grandpa and great grandpa, who passed away on February 22, 2010.

Memories are like the stars that shine, They last until the end of time,

We think about you every day, And in our hearts you will always stay.

- Morag and family x.

MORRAN – In loving memory of our dear mum, Sarah Soudan, who passed away on February 24, 1999.

Memories are the stars that shine They last until the end of time

We think about you every day

And in our hearts you will always stay.

- Barbara, Christine, Edward, Martin and Kenneth.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday, 26th February, 2012
Glassary 10a.m.
Rev. Cliff Acklam
All welcome
World Day of Prayer
Friday, 2nd March
Bellanoch Church at 7p.m.
All welcome
SC002121

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Sunday, 26th February
Kirk Session meets - 11:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
(including Ordination of new Elders)

(Crèche, Triple C and Bible Class)
Rev. Philip Burroughs

Monday, 27th February
The Guild Variety Concert - 7:30 p.m.
(in the Church Hall)

Tuesday, 28th February
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Congregational Board - 7:30 p.m.
(in the New Hall)

Thursday, 1st March
Bible Study (in the manse) - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 2nd March
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon.
World Day of Prayer - 7:30 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Sunday Services
10.30am
Morning Worship
5.45pm Prayer Meeting
6.30pm Evening Worship

Tuesday
12.15pm Over 60's Luncheon Club
1.30pm Adult Home League

Thursday
11.30am Meet 'n' Eat Café
New to you Stall
Major Dolores Thomson

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 26th February 2012
10.00am Breaking of Bread
Mr Ian Clark
10.50 Coffee
11.15am

Family Service with Sunday School and Crèche
Mr John Ives
7.00pm Youth Group

Wednesday 29th February
10.00am Jellytots – Parent and Toddler Group
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer

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LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 26 February 2012
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Mrs. Rosanne Semple "Do whatever He tells you"

Thursday 1 March 2012
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing

Saturday 3 March 2012
Quarterly Prayer breakfast
Breakfast: 8.00 - 8.30am
Meeting: 9.00am
All Welcome

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services

26 February - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097

Morning Service Lochfyneside (Minard) at 10 am

Glenarary and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665

Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

Sunday Club - all children are welcome to join

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

George Street Campbeltown

Sunday 26th February
12.45pm
Worship Service
Rev David Ford

5.00pm
Mission in Colombia
David and Olwen Ford
All Welcome

Scottish Charity Number: SC003847

Highland Parish Church



SC002493

Saturday 25th February 2012
2.00pm Guild's "Good as New" Sale – Kirk St Hall
4.00pm

Officebearers prepare hall
Sunday 26th February
11.15am All-Age Worship
Mr George Stewart

Tuesday 21st February
Badminton Club – Kirk St Hall
6.30pm – 7.45pm P1 – P5
7.45pm – 9.00pm P6 – P7

Wednesday 29th February
7.15pm Bible Studies for Lent – 1 Manse

Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone always welcome



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

Sunday 26th February 2012
First Sunday of Lent
8.30am Holy Communion
10.45am Family Communion

Details of services are on the church door
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ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!"

Sunday Services
Ardrihaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30pm

Scottish Charity Numbers (SC010713 & SC010782)

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 26th February 2012
11.00am Morning Service

Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 – 11.30am
Scottish Charity SC015187

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 26 February
Bellanoch Church
11:30 am

Worship led by Rev. Cliff Acklam
Friday 2 March

World Day of Prayer Service
Bellanoch Church 7:30 pm
All Welcome

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LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2012
11.00 am
Worship Service

Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome

TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2012
7.30 pm Meeting of The Guild, in the Church

Guest Speaker: Leprosy Mission
All Welcome

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 26th February 2012
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Sunday School 11.20am
Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre
Rev Tommy Bryson

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Dozens of people turned out on Saturday morning to clear debris from Tarbert Golf Course. 06_a07targolf01

Pupils at home to Haldane

THE postponed match for Campbeltown Pupils against Haldane will hopefully go ahead tomorrow (Saturday). This is a fixture in the first round of the Jimmy Marshall Cup and is due to kick off at Kintyre Park, Campbeltown at 2pm.

Well done Catherine!

CONGRATULATIONS to Campbeltown's Catherine Sym who has won £600 by matched the three numbers in Dunaverty Golf Club's lottery.

The winning numbers were 12,15 and 20. The next draw will be on March 4 with a jackpot of £100, tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Commercial Inn and Muneroy Stores.

Islay Golf Club

ISLAY Golf Club's winter league results: 1 David Livingstone 44 pts, 2 Graeme Hamilton 39 pts and 3 Jay Doherty 39 pts. CSS 71.

Big change at the bottom

A DRAMATIC weekend of golf at Machrihanish Golf Club saw a big change at the bottom of the Saturday Winter League.

With gale force winds and heavy hail showers battering the course it was a case of only the strongest, or daftest, who took to the links.

Temporarily

First out were captain's elect John Biggins and Norman the temporarily not so mighty Gwynne in their desperate battle to avoid the wooden spoon.

Playing some inspired golf the boys were pure magic as they battled

to a half match against Greig and Jackson. As if that wasn't enough they then squeezed a match in on the Sunday as they knitted perfectly to see off Messrs Gillespie and McGougan and secure a miraculous four points.

Now with new faith the reborn-Mighty Gwynne thinks they've done enough to avoid the dreaded wooden spoon.

Other games played on Saturday saw Finlay Wylie, backed up by sub Ian McGougan, march in to the cup final at the expense of a deflated Iain MacKinnon and John McPhee, their hopes of the double now

destroyed. The second semi was postponed due to recent events at Ibrox and will be played later this week.

Rewarded

Wee Hector Tuesday McMurchy and Terry Mundie fought hard in the gales and were rewarded with a point against league favourites Hector Thomson and Ray Mitchell, Hector and Ray armed with a tape measure to ensure their gimmes weren't over exaggerated.

Only two weeks to go and lot to play for so watch this space to keep up to date with the scintillating action.

Kintyre swimmers train with National Swim Academy

THREE swimmers from Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club (ASC) travelled to Stirling to train along with Dunoon ASC at the Scottish National Swimming Academy earlier this month.

Training

Becky Dott, Kirsten McLean and Emma Lazarus joined with the Dunoon squad, which included three swimmers who are currently training towards competing in the Scottish National Age

Group Championships in Sunderland in June.

This was an excellent opportunity for the girls to train at such a level in what was a gruelling two-hour session in a long course pool.

The girls along with six other club members will be participating in the Milngavie and Bearsden graded meet over the weekend of March 3 and 4 in Johnstone Pool.

Snow delays start of play

FOR round 11 of Tarbert Golf Club's winter league, snow delayed the start of play.

As the sun melted the snow it heated up Kenny MacFarlane's clubs.

Kenny hit his ball 33 times around the links resulting in 23 points to post the best score yet in the winter league.

His good form has not gone unnoticed and the big pen will be ready to slash his handicap in due course.

Handicap

Second and also in line for a handicap reduction and not that far behind hitting his ball 35 times to record 22 points was Steven

Barclay, which on any other round in the league would have taken the top spot. Steven is, however, in pole position to take the title this year.

Lottery

There were no winners of the club lotto last week; the numbers were 1,3 and 14. This week's jackpot will be £400.



Karen Ross and Lorna McFadyen.

Double top for Karen and Lorna

KAREN Ross and Lorna McFadyen won the ladies doubles competition last Thursday evening.

Held in Whisky Macs, Karen and Lorna beat Wilma Campbell and Anne Rogers who were runners up.

Organisers would like

to thank Whisky Macs for donating the prizes and providing the venue.

Week 12 results from the Campbeltown and District Darts League: Burnside 8 Kinloch 2, White Hart 2 Kilbrannan 8, Ailsa 5 Fiddlers B 5,

Fiddlers 9 Argyll Bowling Club 1 and Southend 3 Commercial 7.

Shady scored 180 for the Kilbrannan, Gary Grumoli scored 180 for the Burnside and there were finishes of 118 by Billy Bratton and 103 by Harry Grogan.

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Community club registers for SFA Quality Mark scheme

THE newly-formed Campbeltown and District Community Football Club has officially registered for the Scottish Football Association's accredited Quality Mark scheme.

Some club representative's met with Martin Rae, the council's football development officer, whilst he was in Campbeltown last week to discuss the quality mark and the information the club will have to pull together.

Some of the benefits the group receives from this are SFA regional staff support, discounted SFA Coach Education Courses and workshops and the group has wasted no time in putting together a framework highlighting the coaching courses required in Campbeltown. The Community Club will host a Level 1 Early Touches course on Sunday March 4 aimed at those working with children from 5 to 11 years old.

Places on the course are free and anyone interested in attending should contact Willie Renton on 07880744172.

First triathlon to be held in August

CAMPBELTOWN'S first triathlon will go ahead in August.

The sprint triathlon of 750 metres in pool, 20k cycle and 5k run will take place on Saturday August 25, and people can enter as an individual or as part of a team.

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All the children who took part in the course. Photograph courtesy of Kintyre Forum.

Creative Player course success

ARGYLL and Bute Council's football development officer, Martin Rae, hailed last week's three-day Creative Player course a great success with numbers attending the course in Campbeltown the largest throughout Argyll and Bute.

'We had 25 boys and one girl attending our course here in Campbeltown this week and the numbers were great,' said Martin. 'The most we had elsewhere was in Oban where 21 attended

the course earlier in the week. So to come to Campbeltown and have this many was just brilliant.'

The course was held inside and outside the grammar school and was designed to develop the creative aspects of the youngsters and create more technically able performers.

'The enthusiasm shown by the kids over the three days was just great,' said Martin. 'They were all very keen to learn and the inter-

est and the respect they showed me and my fellow coach Derek Millar is testament to their parents and Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association which they all attend on a weekly basis.

'I look forward to releasing details on our Easter programme soon and I am sure this will be well received in Campbeltown.'

For more photos see the local sports section on www.kintyreforum.com.



Euan Dott and Owen Reid.



Owen Reid, Aiden McGeachy and Ryan Shields, all in Primary 2.

SFA coaches visit soccer centre

MARTIN Rae also attended the training sessions of Campbeltown Soccer Centre on Friday

night as part of his visit to the town.

He was joined by fellow SFA accredited



Derek Millar talks to the primary 1 to 3 group.

coach Derek Millar at the Victoria Hall.

The soccer centre's Willie Renton said: 'It was great that Martin and Derek waited on to host our sessions tonight and I am sure the coaches took as much from the evening as the kids did.'

Martin said he has always been more than willing to come to Campbeltown.

'All people have to do is ask and communicate with me to highlight what is going on in the area.'

The soccer centre runs

on a Friday night from 6pm for Primary 1 to 3 to 7pm for the Primary 4 to 7 age groups and focuses on developing skills.

The six-week block will end on Friday March 9.

The sessions are run by Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association who also host indoor football on Wednesday evenings with Primary 1, 2 and 3 starting at 5-6pm. Primary 4 and 5 are next from 6pm to 7pm and finishing off with P6 and P7 from 7pm to 8pm.

Campbeltown Sport Relief finalised

DETAILS are now being finalised for this year's Sport Relief in Campbeltown.

A number of events are being organised by Jog Scotland to raise money for Sport Relief and get more people active.

There will be the Sport Relief mile, where people can walk, jog or run one mile, three miles or six miles.

Aqua Zumba will be taking place in the swimming pool at Aqualibrium and people can also take part in the Big Splash mile in the pool, which is equivalent to 64 lengths. This can be done as an individual or as part of a team.

Taking place on Sunday March 25, there will be something for everyone over the day, including families.

Half the money raised will go to Sport Relief and the other half will

go towards a chosen charity.

The event is being backed by the Wee Toon Sports in Campbeltown which will be selling Sport Relief merchandise for the event.

Online

People need to go online to enter for the one, three or six mile events, and for other any of the other events going on in Aqualibrium over the course of the day, application forms are available from Wee Toon Sports.

Discounts are available for people interested in taking part in a few events.

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