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A83 closures shock

Travellers face lengthy delays or diversions once a month

by **GRAHAM CRAWFORD**
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TRAVELLERS are facing lengthy closures on average once a month on the A83.

Shock figures revealed to the Scottish Parliament show this has been the trend for the past three years.

For drivers going to and from Kintyre, closures have meant long, time consuming detours or simply being unable to travel.

Causes range from serious road accidents to landslips near the Rest and Be Thankful and fallen trees.

Last March 18ft snowdrifts at Clachan closed the road for almost three days, leaving Kintyre cut off.

The figures have been revealed after Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor questioned Scottish transport min-

ister Keith Brown and called for roads to be reopened quicker and efforts 'to be redoubled' on making them safer.

Mr McGrigor said his constituents were angry at the duration of closures on the A83 as well as the A82 (Glasgow to Fort William) and A85 (Oban to Crianlarich and Perth).

The three trunk roads were closed a total of 186 times between 2010 and 2012, with the A83 shut 43 times.

The A82, with 97 closures, closed on average once nearly every 11 days.

Mr McGrigor said: 'Constituents understand serious road accidents will cause the closure of trunk roads because of the need for the police scene of
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Pennies make pounds for Christmas lights

A PENNY jar fundraiser at Dalintober Primary School has raised £512.61 for Campbeltown Christmas Lights Group.

Head teacher Caroline Armour said: 'We are so grateful to everyone in the town who contributed and the lights group was delighted with the total.'

'The jars will be appearing in shops again soon and we hope people will help again by donating their loose change.'

'We have written to all the shops to say thank you. Any shop which did not get a jar last year and would like one should get in touch with the school and we will make them one.'

'They should just call the school and leave a message for us.'

Pictured with penny jars are Conor McLatchie, Lara Sinclair, Suzanna Kane and Douglas McMurphy, all of primary seven.

MSP raises Methadone concerns

JAMIE McGrigor, Highlands and Islands MSP, has written to Michael Matheson, public health minister, raising concerns over the start of a methadone service in Campbeltown.

It was revealed last week a prescription service had begun without the knowledge of councillors or the group set up to lead the clinic.

Full story on page 2.

Help to open petrol station

THE FUTURE of a petrol station in Port Ellen could be secure after a community group received funding to assist in a buyout of the facility.

South Islay Development received £50,000 from the Scottish Land Fund and £17,500 from Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

Full story on page 4.

Pupils' cup run is over

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils' cup run ended on Saturday when they lost 1-0 in the sixth round to top side Harestanes FC.

The Pupils felt they lost out on a strong penalty claim which could have changed the match.

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Man gave drug to girlfriend

A MAN who gave his girlfriend the drug ecstasy was arrested after she later collapsed and was taken to hospital.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week, Alexander Miller, 31, of flat 1/3 Union Street, Lochgilphead admitted supplying the drug to his girlfriend in Tarbert on July 6 of last year.

Fiscal Scott Simpson told the court that police were called after the girl collapsed and was taken to hospital 'perhaps as a result of taking the drug'.

He added: 'Miller was spoken to by police and he admitted he had bought the Ecstasy and given it to his girlfriend of 11 months.'

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said she was worried that it was Miller's third offence and deferred sentence until March 13 for a criminal justice social work report.

Woman drink driver caught

A WOMAN was arrested on Monday for drink driving at Millknowe in Campbeltown.

MSP raises Methadone concerns with minister

Why was service started contrary to assurances?

CONCERNS have been raised by Jamie McGrigor MSP over the start of a Methadone service in Campbeltown despite promises from the Scottish public health minister.

Mr McGrigor, MSP for the Highlands and Islands, has raised the issue with Michael Matheson and reminded him of comments he made during the Scottish Cabinet's visit to the town last year.

The public health minister had indicated no decisions would be made about a Methadone clinic without the blessing of the community.

However, it was revealed last week that a prescription service for those already on Methadone had been started using a dispensing nurse. Previously Methadone users had to visit Dumbarton to receive prescriptions.



Jamie McGrigor MSP has raised issues on the methadone clinic with the Scottish Government and NHS Highland on a number of occasions.

The start of the new service happened without the knowledge of the Kintyre Substance Misuse Group, which was set up to develop a Methadone service in Campbeltown.

Councillors were also

unaware it had been introduced.

Mr McGrigor told the Courier: 'My colleague councillor Donald Kelly and I are very aware that many Campbeltown residents feel annoyed that the public health min-

ister's assurances seem not to have been followed.

'They are worried that a larger clinic will now be established without any further or adequate consultation.

'I have written to Michael Matheson asking him to address the continuing concerns of my constituents.'

NHS Highland admitted last week that the prescription nurse service was a precursor to a fuller Methadone service involving local GPs later in the year.

Last week councillor Donald Kelly said the community had been 'cheated' and the service had been brought in 'by stealth'.

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

that there would be consultation.'

Speaking at the public meeting in the Victoria Hall during the Scottish Cabinet's visit to Campbeltown last summer, Mr Matheson said: 'I'm anxious there is a feeling of something being imposed on the community.'

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

Last week the Courier received no direct response when it asked the Scottish Government why a Methadone service had been imposed on the town despite Mr Matheson's comments.

Instead a Government spokeswoman bizarrely insisted it was 'not a new service' and added: 'We understand that an offer has been made to meet with the community council to discuss its concerns.'

Sheriff urges drug user to take help

A CAMPBELTOWN man who admitted possessing heroin while on bail and also possessing the drug with intent to supply has been put on a drug treatment order for two years.

However, Andrew Allen, 35, of 6A Kirk Street, was warned at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week that the order would be revoked if there was evidence after a few months that he was not taking the opportunity seriously.

Allen was found in possession of heroin in John Street, Campbeltown on February 19 of last year, and had it with intent to supply on the A83 at Kilkenzie on December 5, 2012.

Outboard motor stolen

POLICE are appealing for information after a Yamaha outboard motor engine was stolen near the Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy between February 9 and 12.

Anyone with any information regarding the incident should contact Campbeltown Police on 101.

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Shock figures on A83 closures

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crime investigations.

'However, many are concerned that the occurrence and duration of these closures have increased significantly in recent years.

'Drivers have been forced to make lengthy and time-consuming detours.

'Constituents and tourists have also missed ferry connections.

'While not wishing to underestimate the tragedy to families of fatalities on our Highland roads, it seems that litigation is perhaps being used to far too great an extent as an excuse for closing roads and in some cases ruining holidays.'

Mr McGrigor has urged the Scottish Government and Police Scotland to look again at how they deal with the aftermath of accidents on these key roads.

Spur

He said the statistics should also spur the Scottish Government to 'look again at redoubling its efforts to improve road safety on these routes'.

Mr Brown, who revealed that there had been five fatal accidents on the A83 between 2010 and 2012 and 11 each on the A82



There have been a few minor landslips near the Rest and Be Thankful in recent months.

and A85, said the duration of the closures reflected the circumstances of each incident.

Priority

He added: 'Where the recovery and treatment of casualties is taking place, this has an obvious priority.'

'Every effort is made to mini-

mise the duration of closures.'

Mr Brown admitted that the Scottish Government had not conducted an economic assessment of the on-going impact of the trunk road closures on tourism and businesses, and did not have any plans to carry out such a study.

In seventh heaven with Frances' cakes

Baking awards for Southend and Islay

THE accolade will come as no surprise to the many fans of her delicious cakes.

Frances Hill of Muneroy Tearoom and Store in Southend has been chosen as a finalist of the prestigious Scottish Baking Awards.

Melanie Andrews, director and founder of the awards, said Frances' 'heavenly' meringue alone made the long journey from Helensburgh worthwhile for her and her photographer husband.

'I tasted seven different cakes,' said Melanie, 'and I could not fault one of them on texture, flavour, taste, use of ingredients, skill involved and appearance.'

'That has happened very rarely since I started doing this in 2009.'

'Her baking is quite phenomenal and she puts her own stamp on her cakes with her sense of humour and creativity.'

'Recently she made one highlighting local

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roadworks.'

Praise indeed from a woman who assesses more than 700 premises throughout Scotland to arrive at just over 20 finalists.

But then the incredibly modest Frances is often praised. Muneroy tearoom receives five stars on TripAdvisor with one visitor stating, 'Home baking at its best - Frances is the Mary Berry of Kintyre.'

Melanie added: 'There are people out there like Frances quietly producing remarkable cakes in fairly remote areas where there is relatively low footfall.'

'Another finalist this year is Kate Skinner of Burnside Lodge B and B at Port Wemyss, Islay.'

'She opens a tearoom in her lounge, from April to September in recent years, and has the best Guinness cake I've tasted.'

'With our Scottish Baking Award, it's nice to be able to give some kind of recognition to people in more remote areas quietly doing their best to make a living.'

The finalists of this year's Scottish Baking Awards will be served afternoon tea and cake at Mar Hall, Bishopton in a celebrity packed event featuring 10 award categories.

Judges this year include Sue Lawrence, winner of BBC's Masterchef in 1991, Mark Greenaway and Lady Claire Macdonald OBE.

Frances, who was unavailable for comment, and Kate have been nominated for 'best baking premises'.

Kate and husband Tom, now head gardener at Islay House Community Garden, left Kent six years ago to run Burnside Lodge.

She said: 'Everyone bakes here on Islay, it is almost a competitive sport. You get the most amazing baking when there is a sale at the Rhinns Hall.'

'I started the tearoom two years ago to cater



Frances Hill, left, holding her caramel flavoured cake, with Melanie Andrews who is presenting her with a Scottish Baking Award certificate.

for passing walkers as well as our guests, but locals started coming as well which is great.

'I am thrilled to be picked as a Scottish Baking Awards finalist, but I was surprised my Guinness cake went down so well - it was simply a Nigella Lawson recipe.'



Muneroy Tearoom and Stores in Southend.



Kate and Tom Skinner of Burnside Lodge.

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Port Ellen boat owners and residents have a 20-mile round trip to Bownmore for fuel.

Boost for Islay community's bid to buy petrol station

FUNDING has been secured to assist a community buyout of a petrol station in Port Ellen, Islay to save islanders a 20-mile round trip.

South Islay Development received £50,000 after applied for funding from the Scottish Land Fund, part of the Big Lottery Fund, for help to buy the recently closed petrol station.

The group also received an additional £17,500 from Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) to support the project.

Concerns were raised earlier this year over the viability of pontoons in Port Ellen after the petrol station closed in mid-December last year.

Village residents have been forced to do a 20-mile round trip to Bownmore to fill up their fuel tanks, while boat owners have to make the journey to fill up their jerrycans.

A South Islay Development spokesman said: 'We are keen to pursue the purchase of the filling station as a key as-

set that would benefit the whole community. We are delighted to receive this support from the Scottish Land Fund, without which the proposed project would not be possible.'

Support

Rachael McCormack, director of strengthening communities at HIE, said: 'HIE is also supporting the plans of South Islay Development with an additional £17,500.'

'A young and vibrant group, its members have proven themselves

to be extremely ambitious. They are also a good example of a team of dedicated individuals taking a fresh approach to community-led development.'

'We look forward to continuing to work with them as they establish their plans to create a powerful and transformational impact in south Islay through community ownership.'

The Scottish Land Fund helps rural communities own and manage land and land assets.

Council budget 'maintains high levels of investment'

A BUDGET has been set by Argyll and Bute Council which it says will achieve savings 'while maintaining high levels of investment in key services' areas' in between 2014 and 2016.

Council Tax has also been frozen for another year.

Councillor Dick Walsh, leader of Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'Our budget planning approach

ensures we deliver key services that work for people now, that we prepare for future financial challenge and that we invest for economic growth.'

'We have a flat cash settlement - the same amount of government funding as last year - for 2014/15, and anticipate it for next year. We will therefore use these two years of relative finan-

cial stability to identify where we need to make changes to future service delivery and how we can make best use of the resources we have.'

'Our budget for these two years succeeds in achieving savings while also maintaining high levels of investment in key service areas.'

Challenges

'Our overall challenge in securing a prosperous future for Argyll and Bute is attracting more jobs and people who contribute to the prosperity of the area. It is people who keep communities thriving and our population is falling.'

'We have preserved services where possible by seeking one percent savings across all areas of our work in each year, while also investing in our people and opportunities for growth.'

Over the next two years, the council will invest nearly £180m in

education, £125m in helping vulnerable people, £80m on delivering community services as wide ranging as waste, public transport and leisure services, and £80m in supporting and creating growth in the local economy - of which £40m relates to roads and infrastructure.

The council pledged to focus on preserving jobs, and ensuring the nationally agreed one percent pay rise and the Living Wage hourly rate of £7.65 per hour for the lowest paid employees.

There will be no inflationary increases for school meals, meals on wheels, community alarms, Blue Badges or community-based care services.

SNP councillor James Robb said it was 'a day of shame' for the council when it failed to back a proposal aimed at taking all residents in Argyll and Bute out of the 'bedroom tax'.

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Racist abuse man apologises

A CAMPBELTOWN man ordered by a sheriff to write a letter of apology to two chip shop employees he racially abused earlier this year has had his sentence deferred for three months.

Martin Morrison, 48, 102 Davaar Avenue, presented the letter to Campbel-

town Sheriff Court last week and was told it would be passed on to The Crew fish and chip shop in the town's Longrow. Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told Morrison: 'I will defer sentence until May 8 in the hope that this was a glitch and you will behave yourself.'



The military boat which drifted onto Saddell Beach after getting into difficulty.

Boat drifted onto beach

CAMPBELTOWN lifeboat was called out when it received a mayday signal from a military boat which got into difficulty last Wednesday in Saddell Bay.

However, while the lifeboat was en route to meet the vessel, it drifted onto Saddell Beach, managing to avoid rocks.

The boat, which had been sitting in

Campbeltown pontoon for two weeks prior to it sailing up the east of Kintyre, had two crew on board who were both uninjured during the incident.

Not damaged

George Bradley, operations manager at Campbeltown lifeboat, said the vessel was not damaged and the crew would try to remove it from the beach at a later date.

'Guttered' woman's long car journeys astound sheriff

A SHERIFF last week admitted her astonishment at how a heavily drunk woman driver made numerous journeys in Ayrshire, Renfrewshire and Glasgow before being arrested in Kintyre.

Mhairi Wylie, 41, was almost four times the legal alcohol limit when caught by police on the A83 at Whitehouse after parking her car at the side of the road.

'I am astounded that she drove from Largs

visiting Johnstone, Paisley, Glasgow, Johnstone and Bridge of Weir before setting off for Campbeltown,' Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told Wylie's defence agent Jim McKeown.

'How did she manage to go to all these places without killing someone?'

Astounded

On hearing that Wylie had taken her 16-year-old son to school before visiting a solicitor and an estate agent, Sheriff

Anderson said: 'I am astounded no one picked up on someone being that drunk. She must have been guttered.'

'She clearly does not realise the seriousness of her alcohol problems.'

'All I can do is keep her off the road as long as possible.'

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last month, Wylie admitted being almost four times the legal alcohol limit on October 2 of last year.

The court heard then that white wine was found in her bag, though Mr McKeown said last week she had not been drinking en route.

Mr McKeown also revealed that following marriage difficulties, Wylie had relocated from Bridge of Weir to North Shore Street, Campbeltown to live with her mother.

Sheriff Anderson banned Wylie from driving for four years and fined her £400.

Barricade man given supervision order

A MAN who took amphetamine and barricaded himself in his flat and threw bits of furniture out of his window onto the pavement and road below has been made the subject of a commu-

nity payment order for a year with a supervision requirement.

Malcolm McGougan, 44, of 2A Burnside Street, Campbeltown was sentenced when he appeared at the town's

sheriff court last week.

A previous court was told how McGougan, who is brain damaged following a car accident, had admitted posing a risk of injury and danger and also pos-

sessing amphetamine on January 15 of this year.

The court also heard that police eventually had to smash one of McGougan's windows and spray him with CS gas to subdue him.

Thieves ordered to compensate property owner

TWO men who admitted stealing more than £1,500 worth of tools in a late-night raid on a building site have each been ordered to repay the property owner £645 in compensation.

The total amount is the estimated value of goods not recovered, Campbeltown Sheriff Court was told last week.

An earlier court had heard how Ian McAulay, 50, of 26 Burnside Cottages, Stewarton and Paul Armstrong, 31, of 110 Longrow, Campbeltown were caught after McAulay's DNA was found on a cigarette butt left at the scene of the thefts at Locharodale Farm, off the Southend road last May.

The owner had been in the process of converting the large farm property into homes.

The thefts occurred

despite him surrounding the property with a fence and a metal gate and installing CCTV.

The two accused used crowbars to gain entry, and electrical tools were taken from a secure cupboard in a kitchen area. Other items were stolen.

McAulay and Armstrong, who are both on benefits, arrived in court last week with £340 between them towards repaying the property owner.

Defence agent Christian Kane said: 'They want to make amends.'

Ordering them to repay £645 each and admonishing them, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told them: 'I could impose an additional punishment but I just want this man compensated for the loss sustained by your theft.'

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Setback for SNP

WHEN the SNP held its series of summer Scottish Government cabinets around all corners of the country for the past five years it was, on the face of it, an astute political move. Here was a Government prepared to go out and meet the people face to face and listen to their particular concerns and views. It showed a Government which wanted to be in tune with its electorate and wanted to share its aspirations. A Government that was responsible and responsive. Its members were different from those unreliable guys in distant Westminster with their wily ways and broken promises.

Well, this admirable approach may have worked in other Scottish towns, but it has possibly backfired big time in Campbeltown where the health minister Michael Matheson and the Scottish Government assured last August that the town would not have a Methadone service it was unhappy with imposed upon it. Lo and behold, a service was started without the community's knowledge and approval.

The issue is not about the highly debatable merits or otherwise of Methadone programmes. This is about a massive broken promise, a promise made very publicly. It has shown a complete disregard for the people of Campbeltown who may find it very hard to forget they were assured of one thing but given another. Why should they trust the SNP again on a much bigger issue?

Argyll and Bute's SNP MSP Michael Russell and the Kintyre Yes for Independence campaigners must be far from happy. Suddenly the brave new world they are selling is looking all too familiar. Same old politicians, same old disappointments.

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Health minister should go

Sir,
Having read in last week's Courier that the health minister Michael Matheson has steamrolled this Methadone service through in Campbeltown without proper consultation and also not providing the proper information asked for by the Kintyre community, I can only come to one conclusion: this man should be removed from his post. I personally think that the money would be better spent on a proper drug rehab programme based in Mid Argyll that could cover the whole of Argyll.
Barry Allibone
Campbeltown

Other side to Methadone

Sir,
I would like to take issue with some of the points raised in the Courier's front page story last week regarding the introduction of Methadone 'by stealth' in Campbeltown.

Clearly there has been a breakdown in communication or some kind of misunderstanding between NHS Highland and the community groups cited in the article.

First of all, though, I find it hard to believe that this service would attract 'hard drug users from outwith the town'.

I don't believe a medical service - which is widely available elsewhere - would persuade addicts to leave family, friends, drug support services and their present home to move to a town

which is 100-odd miles from anywhere else.

What if your son, or daughter, had an addiction to heroin? Or your grandchildren, nieces and nephews? Would you not want them to be treated in their own home town, as rapidly as possible?

It appears compassion for others has been lost along the way. We need to start looking at drug addiction in a similar way to alcohol addiction, which is accepted as a problem in the West of Scotland. It is not going to go away.

Despite some criticism, particularly in the red top press, Methadone remains the front line treatment in Scotland.

A doctor recently said to me, 'If a girl comes to me and tells me she's selling her body to get money for drugs, I don't care what newspapers are saying. I need to get her in treatment, which means on Methadone, that day.'

Most addicts in this area fund their addiction by working, some fund a lesser one by benefits.

I'm also surprised that Kintyre Substance Misuse Group isn't giving the service its full support, after the issue of lack of transparency was apologised for.

Once this issue is investigated, and dealt with so there is no repeat incident, it would be good to hear that the community council and our politicians are fully behind a responsible, tightly controlled, prescribing service.

It would be good to hear from residents who aren't 'furious'; who understand that this service is obviously needed in Campbeltown.
Name and address supplied, Oban.

MP 'has let down Argyll and Bute'

Sir,
Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, failed to back an SNP-led motion at Westminster last week calling on the UK government to halt further spending and welfare cuts.

The 'opposition day' motion recognised that the UK is one of the most unequal states in the OECD ranking 28th out of 34 countries for income inequality in the developed world, and called for the UK government to establish a Commission of Inquiry to investigate the impact of the Government's austerity measures on the incidence of poverty and inequality.

Alan Reid has once again let the people of Argyll and Bute down by failing to hold the UK government to account for its disgraceful welfare reforms. Instead of sending a clear message rejecting the UK government's assault on welfare benefits he simply fell into line. This follows on from last November when Mr Reid also failed to show up for a vote to scrap the abhorrent 'bedroom tax'. This simply is not good enough.

The Scottish Government continues to mitigate the worst impact of Westminster's austerity agenda, however the constraints of devolution means we can only do so much.

We need the full economic powers of independence to design a welfare system best suited to our country and to scrap the iniquitous bedroom tax once and for all.

Michael Russell MSP
Argyll and Bute.

£8 million question

Sir,
After The Oban Times' latest freedom of information request, we in the public now know that Argyll and Bute Council has had for years and years more than £8 million of council tax payers' money tied up in vacant properties.

All this has been and still is happening while incumbent councillors of all political persuasions and across different administrations are time and time again cutting essential front line services. How was this allowed to have happened when we continue to be told that there is no money left?

It is clear that the culture of incumbency in some of our councillors has led to an institutional incompetence in the managements of our council's finances.

Alastair Redman
Islay

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As revealed in last week's Courier, a Methadone prescribing service has been introduced 'by stealth' in Campbeltown, infuriating community leaders who felt it was done against the town's wishes. We asked for your view on the whole issue.

Peter Morrison: Again the decent people of Campbeltown have been kept in the dark over a highly sensitive issue. Whoever is responsible for this deception should be found and held to account.

Janet Morkel: What happened to democracy? Makes my blood boil.

Iain Campbell: NHS has decided this is where it is going to be - hard luck on Campbeltown. I do not want it here, that is why I went to the meeting in Victoria Hall to make my voice heard - not sit and hope it doesn't happen like some folk have done.

Elaine McGeachy: I think it is ridiculous that NHS funding has been put into a Methadone clinic in Campbeltown when pregnant mothers, cancer sufferers and patients on dialysis have to travel up to Glasgow

for treatment and scans.

Susie Lunn: Drug abuse is an addiction and an addiction is very difficult to overcome. Cancer and other medical treatments are not addictions but sadly require us to travel up to Glasgow.

Elizabeth Conley: It's a bit unfair as other people have to travel to hospital outwith Campbeltown to Glasgow for scans, cancer treatment, dialysis appointments which on the bus is an eight-hour round trip.

Janice McDougall: Well said, Elizabeth. I wish the bigwigs would put more time and effort for the people of Campbeltown who travel to Glasgow on a weekly basis to receive treatment. These people don't have a choice. A drug user should walk in their shoes and maybe they would change their choice.

Iain McKerral: Addiction is most certainly an illness. How the addiction is treated is for the medical professionals to decide, not the unqualified public. Maybe the way it was done was wrong, but why do the people of Campbeltown think they have a right to deny someone a treatment for their illness. I'm sure there is a greater amount of money and time spent on treating alcohol-related illness.

Charlie Mclean: The health service should be ashamed. After all, there have been strong objections from all sides regarding this issue. Before you know it we will have a White City like they have in Ayr where decent people are frightened to go there in daylight never mind the dark.

Karen Deavy: They went behind Campbeltown's back.

Paula Milne: I moved here from Glasgow just over a year ago and I was sick of going to the pharmacy for my asthma meds and having gangs of these people hanging around. It's not good for any area to have this especially when there are so many kids and vulnerable people here. I love living in Campbeltown and hope it stays clean.

Adam Boyd: Ian, the point being made about this whole thing is people don't want their town spoiled, as it is a safe place for kids to grow up etc. The subject is causing unattractive attention for tourists with headlines alone over the period when this was first thought of. I don't think anyone is one bit interested about medical addiction, they only think of their number one priority and that is their own wee beautiful town and proud of it they are.

Delights of Scottish farmed salmon

Sir,
I was shopping in a grocery store in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, USA where I now live and saw two displays of fresh salmon. One was fillets of wild salmon taken from their natural environment, and the other was a display of Scottish fillets of farm-raised salmon from the UK. I found the farm-raised salmon from Scotland to have better colour, texture, and the flesh looked healthier and more appealing. I hope my pride in the Scottish-farmed salmon has a connection to the wee town of Campbeltown where Vel and I lived when I was attached to RAF Machrihanish with the US navy in the early 1980s.

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Keep up the good work, and expand the jobs as well. Duncan Black, now deceased, introduced me to Scottish salmon when we held a house party one evening and the salmon was the centre piece in our dining room that night. Fond memories of our fami-

ly life in Campbeltown. God bless to our old friends never forgotten. Yours in Christ's service.
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GRADUATIONS



Congratulations to Eilidh Fyfe who recently graduated with a Bsc Degree in Nursing (Mental Health) from the University of Stirling. Eilidh is the daughter of Gillies and Fiona Fyfe, Inveraray and granddaughter of Elizabeth and the late Joe Fyfe, Inveraray and James and Annie Middleton, Furnace. Eilidh is currently working as a Staff Nurse for NHS Highland.



Susan Linklater recently graduated from Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh with a MA Honours of the second class (upper) in Accounting and Finance. Susan is the daughter of Bryan and Christine, The Park, Rendall. She is a former pupil of Evie Primary and Stromness Academy. Currently Susan is working for Serco Northlink at Serabster and getting work experience from Victor T Fraser & Co in Caithness.

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Tarbert singer comes home for workshop

A TARBERT-BORN singer who has taken on stage roles including Jesus and the Devil is to hold a singing masterclass in the village next month.

Dr Fraser McGlynn, son of acclaimed local accordionist Fraser McGlynn, senior, will be hosting the first of what is hoped to be several musical workshops.

The idea is for singers, including choirs in Campbeltown and Tarbert, to gain a different experience from working with their usual choirmaster, Paula McLean.

She hopes other professional musicians will follow Fraser in coming down to Kintyre to take

the workshops. Fraser, who now lives in Montrose, owns and operates the part-time theatre arts school The Song Shop.

He and his wife Judith also operate Stagecoach Theatre Arts schools in Aberdeen and Perth.

Seminars

Fraser teaches singing and piano and has been musical director and director of many theatre productions, as well as a workshop tutor for musical theatre seminars.

He was children's musical director for the professional touring production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.

Fraser has played many principal roles in musical theatre productions in Dundee, Fife and Angus. Productions have included Jesus Christ Superstar and the Witches of Eastwick.

He said: 'I'm delighted to be attending the singing workshop in my home village in Tarbert.'

The day-long workshop, taking place on March 16, will include a masterclass singing lesson and group singing. Everyone is welcome.

To register interest contact Paula McLean on 01586 830252 or email paulamclean@btconnect.com.



Folk singer Ewan McLennan is coming to Campbeltown.

Top folk artist set for Ceol

ACCLAIMED folk singer Ewan McLennan will be performing at the Ceol event at the Seafield Hotel, Campbeltown on Saturday evening, March 15.

His debut album Rags & Robes featured in MOJO's top 10 folk al-

bums of 2010.

After an appearance on the BBC Radio 2 Folk Show and a televised performance for the Celtic Connections Festival at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, his debut was capped by winning the BBC Folk

Award's Horizon Award in 2011.

His second album 'The Last Bird to Sing' gained Ewan several other awards, including the Spiral Earth Award for Best Male Singer of 2013. For tickets, priced £8, call 01586 552133.

New Gaelic centre officially opened

ARGYLL and Bute Council's Gaelic language centre Furan - which means 'a very warm welcome' - has been formally opened in Oban.

Councillors and community members active in the use and promotion of the Gaelic language joined with leading figures and practitioners from Gaelic organisations. Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell, cabinet secretary for education and lifelong learning, performed the formal opening. He is pictured with councillors Duncan MacIntyre, left, Iain Angus MacDonald, second from right, and Alistair MacDougall, right.



Tickets still available for pipe band concerts

KINTYRE Juvenile Pipe Band Association is staging its annual concerts on Thursday and Friday, March 20-21 at Campbeltown Grammar School. Concerts start at 7.30pm on the Thursday evening (doors open 6.30pm) and 8pm on the Friday evening (doors open 7pm).

Entertainment

Packed evenings of entertainment are promised, featuring a full range of

local talent from members of Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands.

There are some tickets left for each evening, price £8, concessions £5. Price is inclusive of teas and coffees.

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Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 1st March
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MOKbike raises record amount for Macmillan

MONEY raised at last year's MOKBike event in Kintyre has finally been collected and counted up, with a staggering £3,400 raised in total for Macmillan Cancer Support.

This is an increase on the amount raised in previous years.

A record number of cyclists attended and the weather stayed dry for the third year running. A number of lo-



The MOKBike event is a great occasion for all the family. 20_c42mokbike08

cals took part in the fancy dress family ride in Campbeltown, further boosting fundraising efforts.

Russell and Ros Wilkes, organisers of the

event, said: 'Once again the staff at the Ardshiel and Seafield Hotel were of great help both in advance and on the day and we would really like to thank Flo-

ra, Marion and all staff for their help and sponsorship of the after-ride buffet and social.

'We would also like to thank the Courier, Kintyreforum.com and

Explore Campbeltown for all their help with publicity.'

This year's event is set to take place on October 12 with full entry details available soon.

Museum will stage new exhibitions

A SERIES of new exhibitions at Campbeltown Museum will reveal Argyll and Bute's past.

The continuation of an agreement between Argyll and Bute Council and Kilmartin Museum will see a new look for existing artefacts and fresh displays of both archaeology and social history collections.

The agreement has brought together the skills of an archaeologist with those of a social historian and fine art curator.

Councillor Robin Currie, Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for community and culture, said: 'Our rich social and archaeo-

logical history is worth preserving.

'It is good news that flood-damaged objects are being returned to the museum for display again.

'This broadens our scope for a series of exhibitions this year which of course will all be free, and of interest to locals and our visitors too.'

Campbeltown Museum suffered a severe flood in the collection store in 2010 and flood damaged items have been at the Scottish Conservation Studio, South Queensferry, having remedial conservation and cleaning. The items are now being returned, with one of the first a portrait

by Archibald MacKinnon (creator of the famous Cave Painting, Davaar Island, in Campbeltown Loch) of a wayfarer named James 'Jamie' Morrison.

Friends of Campbeltown Museum requested that another painting be cleaned - one by William Bright Morris of James Stewart, who was associated with the Scotia Distillery.

Proposed exhibitions will look at the rich social history of Campbeltown, the town's relationship with the Royal Navy and boom periods of herring fishing and the development of coal mining and whisky industries.

Waverley boost

A REGULAR visitor to Campbeltown and Tarbert harbours has received funding from Argyll and Bute Council.

The Waverley paddle steamer, the world's last ocean-going vessel of its kind, will receive £45,000 of funding over the next three years.

Its operator, Waverley Excursions, has been seeking three-year funding partnerships with key local authorities including Argyll and Bute.

The money will help secure a stable future for the paddle steamer which sails around the west coast of Scotland during the summer.

The council agreed to make the funding award based on the Waverley's contribution to the area's tourism economy.

Support

This funding is alongside the support provided by the council by the waiving of berthing fees when the steamer visits its piers.

Councillor Vivien Dance, policy lead for tourism, said: 'In the Waverley, we have a very precious piece of history, and it is important to make sure it has a sustainable future.'

'She is an iconic ship and her image is very much associated with Argyll and Bute and plays an important role in the promotion of Argyll as a tourist destination.'

'There is no finer sight than the Waverley pulling into one of our piers, with the sound of pipes to welcome her, and she undoubtedly makes a very important social, economic and cultural contribution to our area.'



The Waverley, the world's last ocean-going vessel of its kind, on one of its many visits to Campbeltown. c46waverley01



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Courier farming

Stockjudging award for young farmer

YOUNG farmer Graeme McMillan has been named Campbeltown Rotary Club's inaugural young stockperson of the year.

The award was set up in memory of the late Rotarians Jean and Hamish Smith, and resulted from Hamish's lifelong interest in livestock, as well as from the Smith family's generosity to Rotary. Rotarians John Smith, Andrew Ronald and Alan Minshaw awarded merit points to young people taking part in the stockjudging competitions of 2013, with Graeme McMillan taking the honours.

A Rotary Club of

Campbeltown spokeswoman said: 'Graeme and Hamish actually knew each other.

'The club was honoured to have Graeme as a guest at lunch for the occasion, and also to have the company of his parents, Malcolm and Anne McMillan of Balloch Cottage.

'Graeme has always wanted to be a farmer and he is employed by his relatives in Gartvaigh Farm, Southend.'

At the prizegiving last week, Margaret Bakes, convenor of Rotary's vocational service committee, read a short citation, while the presentation of the shield and a framed certificate was made by president Dave Morris.



Graeme McMillan, left, winner of the first Rotary Club of Campbeltown's young stockperson of the year award, with rotary president Dave Morris.

Last monitor farm meeting

KINTYRE Monitor Farm is to hold its final meeting next Thursday at the Ardsheil Hotel.

Duncan Macalister of Glenbarr Farms has been the area's monitor farmer for three years in a programme run by Quality Meat Scotland.

The last meeting will discuss whether the primary objectives of the moni-

tor farm have been met.

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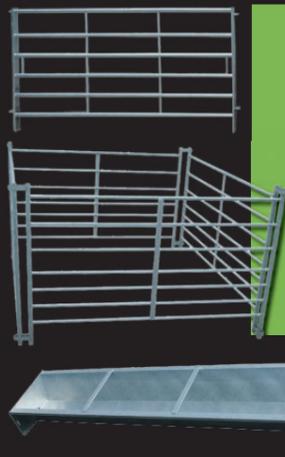
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DEMANDS on the modern farmer and a need for greater efficiency within both the cereal and livestock sectors means multi-purpose agricultural machinery is now more essential than ever.

The basic workhorse may now be a tractor, even this has evolved over the many years to replace working animals on even the smallest of farms, while the range and complexity of today's machinery ensures this rate of change has reached a pace where even the most modern of farms find it a challenge to stay in touch with developing technology.

As input costs rapidly rise in tandem with this technology, many farmers have turned to second hand

machinery for much of their everyday requirements. This in turn has increased the importance and therefore the demand for regular and specialist maintenance from highly skilled agricultural mechanics. Throughout the country, numerous firms have developed to sell, maintain and advise on what is both available and affordable to the crofting and farming community.

This important service industry, much of which specializes

in the ATV and small tractor market, has increased to the extent that outlets are available within easy reach of most west coast mainland and island farms - this in turn means that these service providers must remain both competitive and trained to a high standard if they are to retain business.

Livestock farming remains dominant on the west coast, while the majority of cereal production is targeted at winter feed for stock. Be-

cause of this, there is not the same degree of investment in the very large and heavy machinery that has revolutionised cereal production in other areas. Nor has there been the environmental problems that accompany the extremes of ever-bigger machines.

A 2011 report claimed that Scotland's soils support agricultural businesses worth £700million to the Scottish economy however the report also highlighted that the use of increas-



ingly heavy farm machinery and how they compact soils posed a potential threat that was not fully understood in Scotland.

Some machines used for harvesting crops can weigh up

to 40 tonnes and those used in forestry up to 20 tonnes, the report said.

Citing research from Germany and Denmark, the study also said heavy equipment was compacting soils at

increasingly deeper levels.

The report, The State of Scotland's Soils, which was put together from research by the British Geological Survey, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Macaulay Institute,

Scottish Agricultural College and University of Glasgow, has also highlighted that some earths have a 'strong regional identity' and were culturally and historically important - such as the machair of the Western Isles.



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Carradale drink driver banned

A CARRADALE skipper who fishes out of Campbeltown has been banned for a year and fined £400 for drink driving.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week, James Rennie, 63, of Larien High Airs, Carradale East pled guilty to driving a vehicle in Lochend Road, Campbeltown while over the legal alcohol limit on February 7 of this year.

Fiscal Scott Simpson said police on mobile patrol stopped Rennie's vehicle and found him unsteady on his feet and smelling of alcohol.

Rennie told the court he had just left the Burnside Bar that day where he had two double whiskies.

Area's £150,000 tourism boost

ARGYLL'S tourism sector is celebrating after learning it has secured £150,000 of council funding to help promote the area's attractions.

Argyll and Bute Council last week agreed to invest £50,000 in the Argyll and Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) every year for the next three years.

The news was welcomed by AITC chairwoman Connie Lovel, who said the money would be used to further market and promote the region and champion growth in the tourism sector.

'We were confident the business case we submitted provided a robust foundation on which to develop and expand our



Machrihanish Golf Course and beach are among the many attractions in Kintyre which will be promoted by Argyll and Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC).

work over the next few years, while supporting the delivery of the council's own econom-

ic development action plan and other key strategies,' she added.

'It's exciting to know

we now have the core funding in place to allow us to continue to build on the 'stron-

ger together' initiative we have been running since AITC's inception in 2012.

'The council's decision is a tremendous vote of confidence not only in our ability to effectively market and promote this beautiful region, but also to attract additional funding from other bodies.

Return

'That way, we can continue to ensure that every pound of public money invested has the biggest possible return for our local associations and their members.'

Argyll and Bute Council leader councillor Dick Walsh said the authority was 'ready and committed' to doing all it could to support

the future of Argyll and Bute.

'The more we work together to overcome challenges and to highlight to potential new residents and investors the attractions of Argyll and Bute, the more we will achieve,' he said.

AITC was set up in 2012 with the aim of providing an overall regional approach to raising awareness of Argyll and the Isles as a high quality visitor destination.

It supports the local destination management organisations (DMOs) – individual marketing associations throughout Argyll and the Isles – in their efforts to increase visitor numbers and visitor spend across the area.

Ordered to be of good behaviour

A CAMPBELTOWN man who assaulted another man and attempted to engage others in a fight has had his sentence further deferred for six months for him to be of good behaviour.

Alasdair Macindoe, 22, of 53F Longrow, last week appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court which heard

he had been of good behaviour since his sentence was first deferred two months ago.

The offences were committed in Longrow, Campbeltown on June 16 of last year.

Last week, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC also revoked a bail order on Macindoe.

Pupils have fun with photography

DALINTOBER primary pupils learned some of the tricks of the photography trade during a recent workshop with professional photographer Philip Price.

The workshop is part of a bigger project in conjunction with Kilmartin Museum during which P5 pupils at the school will make a seabird banner to go on display at Campbeltown Museum in March.

Philip Price of Loch Visions taught the children how to take photos using part of the Campbeltown Museum bird collection, before they set out to Machrihanish to photograph the landscape.

While there, they also received a guided tour of the marine environmental research facility with manager Bill Roy, and visited the seabird observatory. With the help



Philip Price teaches the children how to take photos of the seabirds from Campbeltown Museum's collection.

of ranger Eddie Maguire the children spotted a purple sandpiper, ei-

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Man caught with blade jailed

A MAN caught in Tarbert with a blade hidden in a cigarette packet has been jailed for four months.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week that police searched Duncan McKay, 40, of Flat 1/2, 22 Netherplace Road, Glasgow after stopping a vehicle.

The blade was inside a cigarette packet in his front pocket.

Fiscal Scott Simpson said that

when asked about the blade, McKay told police he had recently picked it up off the ground and that was why it was rusty.

McKay pled guilty to having the blade without reasonable excuse on the A83 Campbeltown Road on February 6 of this year.

Canvasser

McKay's agent claimed her client had been working in Tarbert as a door-to-door canvass-

er for a double glazing company and picked up the blade because he was concerned a child might find it.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told the lawyer: 'This is a very safe area as far as blades and knives are concerned and custody for such offences is almost inevitable.'

'Given his record, it is inevitable.'

Patrols stepped up to tackle increase in dog fouling

PATROLS have been set up following an increase in dog fouling in Kintyre in recent months, with Tarbert identified as one of the worst affected areas.

The three worst areas in the village are Croft Park, the harbour front and the

far end of Pier Road at the area known locally as 'the concrete', Argyll and Bute Council revealed.

'We have stepped up patrols in the area at various times of the day,' said a council spokesman.

'Two dog owners were is-

sued with £40 fixed penalties last week for failing to clean up after their dogs.'

Report

He added: 'We would like to encourage any members of the public to report dog fouling in their area and, if possible, supply informa-

tion such as the person responsible, the type of dog involved and the time and place the person walks their dog.

'While concerned residents can report incidents of dog fouling anonymously, we would encourage them

to give us their contact details so that we can speak to them again if we need any further information and to inform them of any developments.'

Anyone caught failing to pick up after their dog, at the least will be issued a £40

fixed penalty notice that rises to £60 if not paid within 28 days.

A fixed penalty is offered as an alternative to prosecution, however, an offender may be reported to the procurator fiscal which can lead to a fine of up to £500.



Residue of the sewage Linda Brannigan had to wade through to get to her car last week.

'I had to wade through revolting sewage'

A SOUTHEND couple told this week of how they had to 'wade through sewage' after a manhole cover erupted outside their house.

'It was like a volcano,' said Linda Brannigan, who explained how water pressure from the septic tank a few doors down from their home caused the drain outside their house to overflow with sewage.

Last Thursday, Linda, and husband Bill, were horrified to discover that the morning after a Glasgow contractor for Argyll Com-

munity Housing Association (ACHA) had tried to clean out the tank, sewage and waste covered the area where they park their car.

To make matters worse, Bill is on crutches after foot surgery and has been attending regular hospital appointments to change his dressing.

That morning Bill was due for an appointment.

Linda said: 'I had to wade through all this stuff to get to my car. The smell was revolting.'

'This was the last thing we needed.'

The couple say the tank, which sits a few doors down from their home, has been causing problems 'for years' and 'it always stinks in the summer'.

On the same day the Courier contacted ACHA, a team was sent out to inspect the mess and clean it up.

An ACHA spokesman said: 'An officer from ACHA attended at the site on Thursday along with the contractor who had carried out the work the previous day.'

'The tank was inspected and it was found that

some residual fat and grease had not been fully cleared from the pipes to the septic tank and overnight the pipes had backed up with waste from the properties the tank services.

'Unfortunately this waste leaked out on the area surrounding the tank. The contractor has now cleared the pipes, jetted them with water and checked with camera equipment there are no further blockages.'

'The area around the tank that was affected by the waste has been cleared and disinfected.'

Rest landslide work under way

THE third stage of landslide mitigation measures at the Rest and Be Thankful got underway this week.

The work marks the final phases of the rolling programme of landslide risk reduction measures, put in place by Transport Scotland.

So far £3.7 million has been invested in the project and these three phases will bring the total investment in landslide debris mitigation measures to £4.9 million since 2009.

A further £2.55 million was invested to provide a local diver-

sion route at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Debris

The latest set of works involves the construction of additional debris netting on slopes above the A83 trunk road.

Two-way traffic signals will be in opera-

tion for the duration of the project.

Real-time journey planning information can be obtained by visiting www.trafficscotland.org.

In addition, information signs will be used to provide advance notification of the works.

Argyll residents may be set for 'bedroom tax' refund

A LOOPHOLE in the 'bedroom tax' means thousands of people in social housing, including those in Argyll, should have been exempt.

Since last April, working-age people in social housing received housing benefit based on the number of people living in the house and size of the accommodation.

Those with a spare bedroom have a benefit cut of 14 per cent, not including pensioners, and those with two or more spare rooms have a 25 per cent cut.

The loophole affects working age tenants in social housing who have occupied the same home continuously since 1996.

An oversight by the

Department for Work and Pensions when drafting the legislation means housing benefit regulations dating from 1996 were not updated when the coalition legislated for the 'bedroom tax'.

Housing experts believe as many as 40,000 people across the UK could be affected by the mistake and they could

be eligible for refunds worth around £640 per claimant. Local councils are starting to repay the money.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman said: 'We are working with registered social landlords to identify those affected. We don't have exact numbers, but would expect it to be under 100 households.'

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Bowmore whisky set to reach £12,000 at auction

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All three single malts - Black Bowmore, White Bowmore and Gold Bowmore - will be sold together.

The Black Bowmore is 42 years old, the White Bowmore 43 years old and the Gold Bowmore 44 years old.



Macrame was one of the activities offered to those attending the corners day. It is a form of textile making using knotting, crafted by sailors.

SWRI holds corners day

MEMBERS of all SWRI groups in Kintyre tried out four different activities last Saturday when they held a 'corners day'.

Hosted at Tayinloan Village Hall, the four corners consisted of a baking demonstration

by Tan Black of Whitehouse, a photography course by Alison Clements of Muasdale, a macrame course by Barbara Bell from Clachan and beadwork by Christine Jardine from Southend.

The day was well at-

tended and the demonstrators and instructors were thanked for their work. Tricia Fair, vice-chairwoman of the Kintyre Group of the SWRI, thanked everyone for coming and commented on what a successful day it had been.

Man assaulted police officers

A GIGHA man has admitted assaulting a policewoman by repeatedly kicking her on the body.

Gary McBrearty, 41, also kicked a policeman on the head.

Now of Carlisle Road, Blackwood, McBrearty pled guilty at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week to five charges after becoming aggressive and abusive in the island's hotel on October 19 last year.

The court heard how, while in the Gigha Ho-

tel bar, McBrearty was seen to get argumentative with 'no one in particular' and was gesticulating in a threatening manner. Later, he got into an aggressive argument with a woman, pointing at her and clenching his teeth.

He was then asked to leave the hotel.

He then went to 3 Burnside, where witnesses in the house heard him shouting and swearing while asking repeatedly for more alcohol and throwing items around

the kitchen. When police later arrived from the mainland to speak to him, he kicked one officer on the head and repeatedly kicked another on her body before attempting to head butt her.

While being transferred to Campbeltown Police Office, he was abusive to officers about them and their families.

Sentencing was deferred for background reports until March 13 and McBrearty was ordered to not go to Gigha.

Much longer opening hours as Tarbert post office relocates

THE post office in Tarbert is on the move - and it will mean much longer opening hours.

It is being relocated from The Rest in Campbeltown Road to newly refurbished premises in Woods Newsagents in Harbour Street where it will be open seven days a week from Tuesday, March 4.

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and services will be available during shop opening hours, 7am to 6pm, Monday to Saturdays and 7.30am to 4pm on Sundays.

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Lifestyle

Margaret McSpornan, chairwoman of the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust, said: 'The Isle of Gigha has a long history

of dairy farming and we also have a vibrant community, an outstanding setting in the Inner Hebrides and offer an enviable opportunity to enjoy a truly unique island lifestyle.'

'We are looking forward to welcoming a new tenant to Ardlamy and engaging with them to make the most of the farm and the island.'

Islay man breached court order

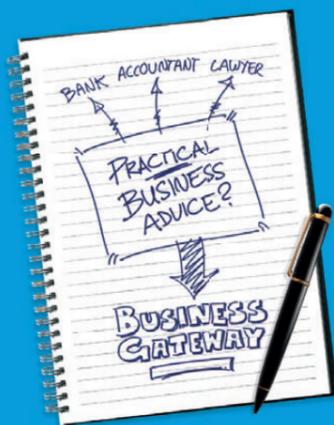
AN Islay man appeared in court last week for breaching a court order to stay away from his former partner's home after being convicted of assaulting her.

George Jamieson, 38, of 14 Gartness Cottages, Ballygrant pled guilty to committing the offence on January 18 of this year.

A defence agent for Jamieson said her client had been drinking at the time,

exacerbating his mental health issues. She added that he was now receiving assistance from a drug and alcohol addiction worker as well as his GP.

Deferring sentence on him for six months for him to be of good behaviour, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told Jamieson: 'Clearly you are a man who should not touch alcohol. It is not easy, but it is not the end of the world if you do stop drinking.'



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ScottishPower Renewables hereby gives notice of a Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) to be undertaken in advance of the submission of a planning application to Argyll and Bute Council for a prospective development comprising 19 wind turbines at Beinn an Tuirc Windfarm Phase 3, north of Campbeltown on the Kintyre peninsula.

Further information in respect of the prospective development may be obtained by contacting ScottishPower Renewables:

Beinn an Tuirc Windfarm Phase 3 Project Team
ScottishPower Renewables
2nd Floor, Cathcart Business Park, Spean Street, Glasgow, G44 4BE

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Two public events which will include a presentation of the prospective development and an opportunity for public discussion with ScottishPower Renewables are to be held at:

Campbeltown Town Hall Main Street, Campbeltown Monday 24th February 3.00pm until 7.00pm	Carradale Village Hall Carradale Tuesday 25th February 3.00pm until 7.00pm
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Any persons wishing to submit comments should submit these to ScottishPower Renewables at the Public Information Days, or in writing up to 21 days after the events (18th March 2014).

Persons submitting comments in response to Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) are advised that comments submitted to the prospective applicant at this time are not representations to the planning authority; in the event that prospective applicant submits a formal application for planning permission then there would be an opportunity to submit representations to Argyll and Bute Council as the planning authority at that time.

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Date	Port	Venue	Time
5th February	Troon	Marine Hotel	7:30pm
6th February	Castlebay	Learning Centre	7:30pm
10th February	Kyle of Lochalsh	Kyle Hotel	7:30pm
11th February	Ullapool	MacPhail Centre	7:30pm
12th February	Stornoway	Cabarfeidh Hotel	7:30pm
19th February	Oban	Royal Hotel	7:30pm
20th February	Tarbert	Anchor Hotel	7:30pm
24th February	Campbeltown	Ardshiel Hotel	7:30pm
28th February	Mallaig	Community Centre	2:30pm

Further information about the events, the displacement study, and development of possible management measures can be found at; <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/marine-environment/mpanetwork/Displacement>

If you cannot attend an event and would like to participate please send your views and comments to Marine_Conservation@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/00078/PP	Erection of holiday letting chalet, installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access	Land North of Grianach Carsaig Tayvallich Argyll and Bute	Ardrishaig Area Office
14/00105/PPP	Erection of 2 new detached dwellinghouses	Land South West of Alder House Kilmichael Glassary Argyll and Bute	Ardrishaig Area Office
14/00107/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land West of Forest Lodge Kilmichael Glassary Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Ardrishaig Area Office
14/00160/PP	Erection of extension to provide lounge and licensed bar	Village Hall Furnace Inveraray Argyll and Bute PA32 8XN	Furnace Post Office
14/00217/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, formation of vehicular access and installation of private sewerage system.	Plot 2 Land South West of Achnashelloch Farm Kilmichael Glassary Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Ardrishaig Area Office
14/00254/PP	Revised substation location and access track from planning permission reference 13/01427/PP	Land South of Stronachullin Farm by Ardrishaig Lochgilphead	Ardrishaig Area Office

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/02930/PP	Erection of Class 1 retail store, upgrade of existing access and associated landscaping	Land South West of Inveraray Primary School The Avenue Main Street Inveraray Argyll And Bute	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, Whitegates Office Whitegates Road Lochgilphead PA31 8SY.

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

Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

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Isle of Kintyre Ltd trading as Inverloch Cheese Co. of 26 Kirk Street, Campbeltown, PA28 6BL is applying for a licence to use Building 120, Machrihanish Airbase, Campbeltown, PA28 6NU as an operating centre for three goods vehicles and two trailers. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

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WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 WATER ENVIRONMENT (CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION COLINTRAVE HYDRO SCHEME, BY COLINTRAVE, ARGYLL

An application has been made to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) by The Mount Stuart Trust for authorisation to carry on controlled activities at, near or in connection with Colintrave Hydro Scheme, By Colintrave, Argyll namely:

Description of Controlled Activity	Waters Affected	National Grid Reference
Construction of impounding works 1.7m in height	Milton Burn	NS 0389 7558
Abstraction of 26,611.2m3 per day of water	Milton Burn	NS 0389 7558
Return of abstracted water approximately 1.2km away from abstraction point	Milton Burn	NS 0336 7468

SEPA considers the above controlled activities may have an impact on the water environment. A copy of the application and any accompanying information may be inspected free of charge, at the SEPA Registry below, between 9.30a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday (except local and national holidays). Alternatively, the application may be viewed on SEPA's website at: www.sepa.org.uk/water/water_regulation/advertised_applications.aspx

Any person affected or likely to be affected by, or having an interest in, the application may make representations to SEPA in writing within 28 days beginning with the date of this advertisement, at the following address, quoting reference number CAR/L/1117561: **Registry Department, SEPA, Graesser House, Fodderty Way, Dingwall Business Park, Dingwall, IV15 9XB**

Written representations received by SEPA within 28 days of this advertisement will be taken into consideration in determining whether or not to grant the application.

Before determining the application, SEPA will:

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- assess the indirect effects of the impact on any other aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected;
- consider any likely adverse social and economic effects of that impact and of any indirect environmental effects that have been identified;
- consider the likely environmental, social or economic benefits of the activity;
- assess the impact of the controlled activity or activities on the interests of other users of the water environment;
- assess what steps may be taken to ensure efficient and sustainable water use; and
- apply and have regard to relevant legislation.

SEPA will then either grant or refuse the application.

Demand for homes in Scotland continues to outstrip supply

During January, the number of houses coming onto the market for sale in Scotland remained steady, says the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) January residential market survey.

Last month a net balance of 27 per cent more chartered surveyors reported an increase in new instructions. Despite this, the amount of potential buyers continued to surge ahead of supply for the ninth consecutive month, with a net balance of 37 per cent of respondents reporting a growth in demand. However, some surveyors note that supply is expected to increase as we enter the traditional 'spring bounce'.

With the gap between steady supply and rising demand not seeing any considerable change, house prices continued to grow. During January, a net balance of 38 per cent more respondents across Scotland reported an increase in prices, with the cost of a home now rising since May 2013.

Chartered surveyors also noted the continued positive impact of the Home Report on the housing market in Scotland, with 78 per cent of respondents reporting that it has reduced the need for multiple surveys.

Prices are on the up in Scotland and this is driven largely by a lack of properties coming onto the market. With a growing number of people now in a position to buy a home, there are simply not enough properties to satisfy demand. The upshot of this is that prices are increasing in many areas. However, RICS members do expect an increase in supply in the coming months as the traditional spring bounce begins to take effect.

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Sarah Speirs, Director RICS Scotland, said: 'RICS Scotland continues to work closely with the Scottish Housing Commission to address the issues of housing supply and demand in Scotland. The Commission's findings will be published in April 2014.'

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Mull and Iona Community Trust VACANCY - Ulva Ferry, Isle of Mull Local Development Officer (0.5 full-time equivalent)

Salary £24,000 per annum (pro rata)

Mull and Iona Community Trust is looking to recruit a self motivated individual to act as a catalyst for innovative and sustainable community development in the Ulva Ferry area. Reporting to the General Manager, the Local Development Officer will work closely with a local steering group and with the community as a whole.

Specific projects include affordable housing, play-park and community facilities; community transport, renewables and communications and assisting local groups.

The applicant will have a good understanding of the issues affecting fragile rural areas. Strong computer skills are desirable, as are strong diplomacy and communications skills.

A relevant qualification or prior experience in community-led development would be advantageous as would a knowledge and affinity for the locality. Support and training is available for the right person. The position will be a job share for 2.5 days per week.

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To view the job description visit www.mict.co.uk, then contact Moray Finch, General Manager of the Community Trust (enquiries@mict.co.uk) for an application pack;

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Mull and Iona Community Trust VACANCY - Ulva Ferry, Isle of Mull Housing Project Manager (0.6 full-time equivalent)

Salary £23,000 per annum (pro rata)

Mull and Iona Community Trust is looking to recruit a Project Manager to oversee development of an exciting new housing development at Ulva Ferry on the Isle of Mull. Reporting to the General Manager, the Housing Project Manager will work closely with a local steering group and with the community as a whole.

The project will involve securing the funding package for construction of two houses, finalising the design and obtaining all necessary consents and the establishment of governance structure under which the two houses will be offered at an affordable rent to local families.

The applicant will have a good understanding of project planning and budgetary control as well as the issues affecting fragile rural areas. Strong computer skills are desirable.

A relevant qualification or prior experience would be advantageous as would a knowledge and affinity for the locality. Support and training is available for the right person. The position will be part-time for 3 days per week (with flexibility).

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LOOK WHO IS 40 ON THE 23RD OF FEBRUARY!

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Love, Mum & Ian
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Agnes and Allister wish to thank most sincerely all who phoned, sent cards or left Facebook messages following their recent Golden Wedding. The fact that we have been surrounded by so much love and good will has touched us deeply. Thanks also to Agnes and Iain for organising the party, to Fiona and Agnes who prepared and cooked the delicious food, to Kirsten, Caitlin and Louise, Allison and Helen for their help, and to all others who helped in any way to make it a memorable occasion.



Angie B is 40

Happy Birthday
Love Dad, Kenny,
Alexis, James and
Charlie
X X X X



MARGARET MACMILLAN wishes to thank family and friends for expressions of sympathy and kind support following the sudden loss of her elder daughter Helen. The many cards, flowers, home baking and visits were comforting and greatly appreciated during this sad and difficult time. Sincerest thanks to all.

Thank you

Thank you to all family and friends for all the gifts and cards and also for coming to the party. A good time was had by all!

Michaela

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This wee cutie will be 21 on 26th February!

Love from all the family
xxx



Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I WAS browsing the Sunday papers and most of it did not make for happy reading at all.

However, it was the stark contrast of two articles on opposite pages which shocked me.

On one side there was an article about packages for weddings, in which there were special deals for a limited time only at a bargain price of around £25,000.

On the facing page was a story about life in South Sudan where almost four million people are in acute need of food.

It is a harsh landscape and at various times drought, floods and locusts destroy crops and kill cattle.

People sleep under plastic sheets wondering where they will find food for their children. These people dream of food and shelter. The bride dreams of a perfect wedding. Two very valid expectations

For the happy couple and their families, it is not just about money, but about a celebration of love.

Many have saved hard for this special event and deserve the reward that will bring.

However I just wonder about the whole concept of being a global village when there is such inequality. Yet what we can possibly do about such huge issues?

It would be naïve to think that there is an easy solution to this, and places like South Sudan have a myriad of political problems as well.

However, we are approaching Fairtrade Fortnight when we can truly do something for our neighbours on the other side of the world who supply much of our food.

We can buy products bearing the Fairtrade logo and know that the people who grow things like coffee, sugar, cocoa, bananas and much more, will get a fair deal when they trade their goods.

Trade is a way out of poverty, and is far more enduring than hand-outs.

Fairtrade is something we can all embrace and we might even make dreams come true.

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New pastor impressed by friendly Campbeltown

FROM Edinburgh, to London, to East Lothian and finally to Campbeltown.

That is the road travelled by Springbank Evangelical Church's new pastor who arrived in the town with his wife just a few weeks ago.

'We're still getting used to where the roads are and how winding they are,' admitted Ross Ferguson, 24.

A former recruitment manager, he was made redundant around a year ago. He then started to work at his local church in East Lothian, organising activities.

'I became the unofficial assistant pastor,' he said.

When his wife Miriam, also 24, fell pregnant with twins, she decided to stop working as a nurse. This led Ross to decide to start looking for jobs again.

He said: 'I didn't want to go back into recruitment. I had been working for the church for about a year and applied for jobs all over the place. This job came up and it was something I was attracted to.

'It's a small church like where we came from.'

Their decision to move was sealed by his wife's love of the area following a holiday to

Mull, and when they visited Campbeltown it was clear their experience in working with the community was exactly what Springbank was looking for.

The couple and their daughter, 18-month-old Leah, have settled quickly into life in Campbeltown.

Ross takes their dog Rosie for walks every morning and says he is impressed by how friendly everyone in the town is.

He said: 'Everyone is really lovely to everyone else. I'm used to walking the dog with music on but I can't do that now because of meeting people out with their dogs.

Big change

'We came from a community that struggled with various issues, so to come to a place where people are polite and friendly is a big change.

'We want to raise a family here.'

Ross said he has lots of plans for the church, but his initial aim is to 'get to know people'.

He added: 'The main focus as a church and as individuals is the community. We want to serve people with what they want and need.

'What I'm interested



Ross Ferguson, the new pastor at Springbank Evangelical Church in Campbeltown. 20_c08pastor01

in is understanding what the barrier is for people coming to church and try to change some

of the preconceptions about it being just for old people.

'The church in modern

times has a responsibility to serve its community and understanding what it needs.'

'Great' report for Port Ellen Primary School

THE HEAD teacher, staff and pupils of Port Ellen Primary have been praised by HM Inspectors.

Their report has judged the school to be 'very good' in each of the eight categories inspected.

Innovative practices in the use of projects will now be explored further and be shared more widely.

The school's 'Endeavour Project', the Gaelic choir's successes at the National Mods, their

involvement in a community musical project which was aired on BBC Radio Nan Gaidheal, the children's use of technology and the nursery class wormery all received mention in the report.

The HMI report said: 'The people of Islay are very proud of their school's achievements, and offer many high-profile events at which to be ambassadors for their school.'

Councillor Aileen Morton, Argyll and Bute

Council's policy lead for education and lifelong learning, said: 'This is a great inspection report and is testimony to the leadership of the head teacher, the skills and dedication of the staff, the support of parents and the willingness of the pupils to learn.

Innovative

'The inspector identified innovative practice in the use of projects that should be widely shared - which is a marvellous endorsement of the work of the school

and the community.' Head teacher Maureen MacDonald, said: 'We are all very pleased with the outcome of the inspection.

'I can't praise the pupils and staff highly enough for their continuous hard work, dedication and commitment.

'It is a privilege and an honour to be part of Port Ellen School community. It doesn't end for us here; we will continue to be ambitious, have high expectations and strive for excellence.'

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS



KERR

Robert, Louise and Lucy are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Jake Roderick, on Sunday, January 19, 2014 at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. A proud big sister! Thanks to Campbeltown Maternity and SGH.



MCKELLAR - GRAHAM

Robert and Debbie are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Robert Alexander, on January 31, 2014 at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.

ROBERTSON-PARKER

Derek and Kirstin are delighted to announce the birth of Calum Ian, born on February 2, 2014. A little brother for Evan and second grandchild for Sheena and John, Shona and Kevin, and Gordon and Lora. Thanks to midwives in Mid Argyll and the Royal Alexandra Hospital.



WALKER - RALSTON

Fergus and Dorothy are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Maida Iona, on February 6, 2014. Second grandchild for Tom and Jane Walker, Lochgilphead and William and Margaret Ralston, West Darlochan, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

ABERNETHY - Peter Cameron. At the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on Saturday, February 15, 2014, Peter, aged 57 years (late of Lochgilphead), father of John, dear son of the late John and the late Kitty, brother of Duncan and brother-in-law of Caroline. Funeral service will take place at Clydebank Crematorium, North Dalnottar, on Thursday, February 27, at 11.30am. Family flowers only please. The family expresses their sincere gratitude to all health care workers who looked after Peter.

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BARRETT - Peacefully, at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, on February 12, 2014, Jack Daniel Barrett, in his 72nd year, 13 Burnside Cottages, Stewarton, dearly beloved husband of Margaret, much loved father of Christine, Thomas, David and Gayle and a loving and much loved papa.

DURNAN - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on February 14, 2014, Charles Durnan (Charlie), in his 82nd year, 46 Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late George and Annie Durman, much loved brother of George and the late Roy and a loving and much loved uncle. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Friday, February 21, 2014 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Cat Rescue, Campbeltown.

LIVINGSTONE - Peacefully, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, on February 18, 2014, Alistair Livingstone, aged 93 years, of 12b Caledonia Court, Ardrishaig and formerly of Poltalloch and Kilmory, former BRS Driver and latterly of M & K MacLeod, beloved husband of the late Anne Wilson, dear brother of Dolly and Mary and a much loved uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Glassary Parish Church, Kilmichael, on Tuesday, February 25 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Flowers, or donations if desired, to Macmillan Nurses, Mid Argyll.

MEGSON - Suddenly, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on February 16, 2014, Ann Margaret Megson, in her 78th year, 19 Mill Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Pete Megson, much loved mother of Mark and Lynn, mother-in-law of Phil and Fiona and a loving and much loved nanny. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CAMPBELL - The family of Helen Dawson Campbell (née MacMillan) sincerely thanks all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many cards, flowers and telephone calls following the sudden sad loss of Helen. Grateful thanks to Rev David Carruthers for support and comforting service, T A Blair for professional funeral arrangements and Ardshiel Hotel for hospitality. Thanks also to all who attended the church in Ardrishaig and Kilkerran Cemetery, Campbeltown.

IN MEMORIAM

GILLIES - In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother, Margaret, who passed away February 22, 2013. Loved and remembered every day. - Angus, Neil and Doreen.

LOVE - Wee Jamie, remembered with a smile, our much loved brother and uncle, left us on February 22, 2009. Sadly missed every day. - Love, Emma, Steven, Shona and Calum xxx.

MCKINLAY - Precious memories of Tommy, a much loved husband, father, father-in-law, grandpa and great grandpa, who passed away on February 22, 2010. A daily thought, a silent tear, A constant wish that you were here. - Morag and family x.

MORRANS - In loving memory of our mother, Sarah Soudan, who died February 24, 1999. Loved and remembered always.

- The family.

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- Callum, Catriona, Roy and all the family.

SOUDEN - In loving memory of our dad, who died February 4, 2007. This day is quietly kept, no words are needed, we will never forget.

- From your loving daughters, Isobel and Liz, sons-in-law, Martin and John, and loving grandson, Graeme.

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.

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"Comfort My People Israel"

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7.30pm

Praise, prayer & sharing

Saturday 1 March 2014
Quarterly Prayer breakfast
Breakfast: 8.00-8.30am
Praise & Prayer: 9.00am

All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 23 February
Tayvallich Church
Morning Worship 11:30 am
Rev. C. Acklam

Thursday 27 February
Messy Church 4 - 6 pm
Tayvallich Hall

All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
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CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service
11:00 am
with Sunday school
Tea & coffee after the service
Baby & Toddler Group
10:00 - 11:45 am
Every Thursday
We meet at the Guide Hall,
Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk



Campbeltown Community Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Scotland SC043322



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 23rd February
12.45pm Worship Service
Rev David Parker
Friday 28th February
6.30pm Christianity Explored Course (meeting in Church flat at 4f Albert Place)
All Welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

Highland Parish Church



SCO02493
Sunday 23rd February
11.15am Mr M Ramsay
No Sunday School
Tuesday 25th February
Badminton
Wednesday 26th February
7.00pm Session Meeting
Kirk Street Hall
Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 23rd February
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Next Generation
Rev. P Wallace
Monday 24th February
Guild Concert
Church Hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 25th February
Parents and Toddlers 9.45am
BB Anchor Boys 6.00pm - 7.00pm
BB Junior Section 7.15pm - 8.30pm
Thursday 27th February
Choir practice 7.30pm
Friday 28th February
Lunch Club 12.00 noon



The Salvation Army Campbeltown Corps
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359
Burnside Street, Campbeltown

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

Saturday 1st March
10.00am Table Top Sale
Lt. Mark Scouilding

CHURCH NOTICES



SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 23rd February 2014
11.15am Family Communion with crèche
Pastor Ross Ferguson
Coffee from 10.45am
4.00pm Service at Lorne Campbell Court
Wednesday 26th February 2014
10.00am Jellytots Toddler Group
7.30pm Bible Study
For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary 01586 551237
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SCO14646



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 23rd February
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
10.45am Holy Communion
All Welcome
Details of services are on the church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Sunday 23rd
Who is God?
Father
Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm (incorporating the Lord's Supper)

Scottish Episcopal Churches

Everyone Welcome
Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead
Sundays 11.00 am
Eucharist service
Coffee & Cake follows the service
St Columba's, Poltalloch, nr Kilmartin
1st Sunday of the month 9.00am
3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm
Scottish Prayer Book
All Saints, Inveraray
1st & 3rd Sundays 10.30 am
Father Simon Mackenzie
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran
01546 602315
SC013787



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 23rd February
Morning Worship
Ford 10.00am
Rev. C. Acklam
All welcome
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LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2014
11.00 am Worship Service
SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2014
10.00 am Coffee Morning with 'Songs & Scones' - Church Hall
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
Further information (01546) 606218
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services

23rd February 2014 - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 23rd February 2014
11.00am Morning Service
At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae
Scottish Charity SC015187

TARBERT LOCHFYNESIDE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 23rd February 2014
Tarbert Service 11.45am
to be held in Tarbert Free Church
Kilberry Service 2pm
Rev. Margaret Anderson
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
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SC002622

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH

LOCHGILPHEAD
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Archery now available to Kintyre youngsters

Many children in Kintyre are now enjoying attending an archery cluster club organised by Active Schools. There are primary and secondary school sessions on Saturday morning in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown, led by five newly qualified community archery leader volunteers. It is anticipated that more archery sessions will run for juniors at the beginning of May, once the Victoria Hall re-opens. For further information, please contact Lindsay Ramsay, Active Schools, 07917073424. 20_c07archery01

Lessons learned for Valdemar in Phoenix heat

NINE-year-old Valdemar Hunderboll of Machrihanish took on the best of young American and Canadian golfers in the Desert Shoot-out in Phoenix, USA last weekend.

He took up the invitation to take part as he warms up for his main goal of the season, to improve on last year's third in the European championships which will be at Gullane in May.

His father, Soren, told the Courier from Phoenix: 'Coming in from a Scottish winter with very little practise, and competing with boys living as semi-professionals is not easy.'

'Valdemar gets professional coaching once a month. Some of the Americans have PGA coaching six days a week, and even bring their pro as caddie for tournaments like this.'

'So we didn't put our expectations too high,



From left: Orlando Coons, Nevada, Rafe Cochran, Florida and Valdemar Hunderboll crossing the bridge to the island green 15th during Saturday's round. Valdemar was the only one of the three to keep his ball on the green with his tee-shot.

but more as a learning trip and a measurement on where to put in more training.

'Professionals coming on the American PGA-tour these days all have some kind of history in these US Kids championships.'

'I'm sure some of these boys we meet out here will be on the tour in 10

years or less.

'The competition in 30 degrees heat was fierce and played on lightning fast greens with slopes. If you placed yourself on the wrong corner of any green, three-putts were more than likely.'

'There were loads of water hazards and well protected greens with bunkers and slopes.'

almost felt disappointing.

'Still one under par, when he came to the next par 5, Valdemar attempted again to go for the green in two, but ended in a greenside water hazard. He still managed a good par, and was moving up the leaderboard.'

'However, a triple bogie as a result of the tricky green at the following hole hit his confidence. From there it was hard work and Valdemar slipped to 11th position.'

'His long game is as good as anyone in the nine years age group, but the short game needs sharpening to compete in these tournaments.'

'There's some homework to do before European Championships in May, where the best of these Americans traditionally turn up and we look forward to challenging them on home soil.'



Some of Campbeltown's young rugby players at a training session in Oban last summer.

Training call before important rugby matches

CAMPBELTOWN'S young rugby players are being urged to turn up for training tomorrow (Saturday) at the Meadows.

Several matches have been postponed and called off because of wet weather in recent weeks, however, the under 16s will be playing an important semi-final game away to Bellshill on Tuesday. If they win, they could be

up against North Argyll in the final.

The under 18s also have an away game the following week against Dalziel High School.

Coaches hope to eventually organise an away trip to Islay and Oban so they are calling on players to get involved and do some training.

Tomorrow's training session is at 11am at the Meadows.



Coaches who took part in the first part of the level 1.2 course for footballers aged 13 and over.

Course for town's football coaches

FOOTBALL coaches from Campbeltown took part in a coaching course at the town's 3G pitch on Sunday in glorious sunshine.

Designed to assist coaches with the planning, preparation, organisation and evaluation of coaching sessions for footballers aged 13 and above, the level 1.2 course

was attended by coaches from Campbeltown Pupils AFC and Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association.

The course was hosted by Argyll and Bute Council's SFA football development officer Martin Rae.

This is the fifth course in the past two years that local coach-

es have attended as part of the Campbeltown and District Community Football Club's coaching framework.

Martin will revisit Campbeltown soon to host the second part of the course, which will include actual coaching sessions with the players.

Sweet revenge for John and Davie

Previous week's result is reversed

JOHN McLachlan and Davie Reid gained sweet revenge last week when Argyll Bowling Club held its annual open pairs competition.

Eight teams competed in a two-section round robin format on the first night followed by another eight teams on the next night. Early rounds were contested over six ends, with teams from Argyll and Campbeltown Bowling Clubs.

Section A was a very close event with three teams all finishing on four points. It then came down to shot difference and the win went to Hugh McCorkindale's team with +6.

Section B was a clear win for the Andrew Ronalds father and son duo, who won every game they played, six points and +15 shots.

Section C saw Sean Grumoli's team winning through with two wins and a draw making five points and +19 shots

Section D was another

clean sweep for Davie Reid's duo - six points and +26 shots.

With the semi finals played over nine ends, Campbeltown Bowling Club's Gavin Semple and Hugh McCorkindale lost out to Andrew Ronald senior and junior after an extra end of play.

Honours

John McLachlan and Davie Reid meanwhile took the honours against John McCormick and Sean Grumoli.

There was added spice in the final, over 11 ends, as a result of the two teams having faced each other the previous week.

This time revenge was sweet for John and Davie who won after a great evening of bowling with fine shots from both teams.

Thanks to the sponsors of this event, R & D Transport, a fairly new company willing to give financial support to bowls in Campbeltown.



Pictured back row centre is Duncan Watson and second from right is Robert Cresswell, both of competition sponsor R & D Transport. Left are finalists Andrew Ronald snr and jnr and far right is vice president Archie Clark. Front are winners John McLachlan, left, and Davie Reid, right, with sponsors' wives Morag Watson and Sandra Cresswell.

Islay golf results

ISLAY Golf Club results for the Winter League played on February 16:

1 C Davey, 44 points, 2 R Quail, 39 points, 3 A Maclean, 38 points. CSS 69.

No winners in Dunaverty lottery

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lottery on Sunday, February 16.

The winning numbers were four, seven and eight.

The next draw will take place on March 2 with a jackpot of £700.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Commercial Inn and Muneroy Stores.

Correct name

THE under 11s boys' winner at the sports hall athletics in Campbeltown was Conner McMurchy of Castlehill Primary. The Courier apologises for spelling his name wrong.

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Knocked out by a Hare's breadth

Pupils can take pride as they match top side

Campbeltown Pupils	0
Harestanes	1
Scottish Cup 6th round	

IT was a day of both frustration and pride as the McFadyen-sponsored Campbeltown Pupils came within a hair's breadth of taking the scalp of one of the country's top amateur football clubs.

It was clear from the visitors' celebrations at the end how close this came to being the proverbial banana skin for their lofty aspirations, and, there but for fortune, it could easily have been the home side marching into the last 16 of the cup.

Harestanes are a well-organised side, tall and physical, but with a cutting edge if allowed to

use everything at its disposal, however, they were matched in every department by a home side that was extremely determined and equally organised throughout an enthralling encounter.

Fought

The blustery conditions and the competitive nature of the game dispensed with thoughts of silky football, but it was an intriguing match as both sides 'battled' for cup survival.

The midfield area became a jousting ground as both teams fought for space to play the 'killer' pass.

As the first half progressed the home side grabbed the initiative, a quick through-ball sending John McCallum one-on-one with the visitor's keeper. Unfortunately, his intention was well-read and the goalkeeper saved with his legs to keep the tie level.

This was followed by two hugely contentious decisions by the referee, the first over a blatant hand ball in the box. There was uproar as the crowd roared for a penalty kick, but the referee appeared unsighted and surprisingly waved play on.

Minutes later, Robin Barr outpaced the visitor's defence only to be taken heavily from behind. Once more the decision was negative,



Pupils striker Martin McCallum battles for the ball. 08_c08pupils01

and the home side's indignation and frustration was palpable as the tie remained goalless at the break.

Harestanes started the second half on the front foot and drew a couple of excellent saves from the home keeper, Craig Lamont.

With both defences playing well and stalemate looking the likeliest outcome, the crucial breakthrough happened 13 minutes from the end when the visitor's mercurial winger – their best player on the day – sent an inviting ball across the six-yard box to be dispatched in clinical fashion.

The goal was celebrat-

ed in joyous fashion, clear indication of how tight this match was.

The Pupils had one more chance, a free kick on the edge of the box which was cleverly taken but the move finished without success and a great cup run came to an end.

Everyone in a white shirt should be proud of their performance, and it remains to be seen if they can take this attitude and commitment into the final matches of the league season.

Tomorrow (Saturday) the Pupils travel to play Kings Park at Glasgow Green. A repeat performance would be more than welcome.



The Pupils goalmouth is under attack from Harestanes but goalkeeper Craig Lamont was in great form. 08_c08pupils02



Jubilant Harestanes players and supporters celebrate their team's goal. 08_c08pupils04

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