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Busy year for harbour



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CAMPBELTOWN Harbour is set for one of its busiest years ever as it secures multimillion-pound deals with companies in the forestry, leisure and renewable energy sectors.

Since New Quay re-opened there have been numerous orders coming in for imports and exports, bringing in much needed investment in Campbeltown. This week alone, 10,000 tons of timber has been exported from Campbeltown, with shipments going to destinations such as Sweden and Germany, generating more than £13,000.

Wind Towers Ltd is also generating business for the harbour and this month sees six ships coming in to pick up towers, all heading to Londonderry.

Bigger vessels will now be able to enter the harbour as it has been dredged, making it deeper.

Harbour master, Stephen Scally said: 'The works have already improved things.'

'The orders that we have got coming in mean we are pretty healthy this year and the dredge depth is catering for everything now.'

Cruise ships will be able to come right in to the harbour, even at low

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3,000 tons of timber is loaded onto a ship bound for Sweden, which left the harbour on Wednesday.

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Islay preacher had indecent images of children on laptop

A LAY Baptist preacher on Islay has admitting creating or permitting to be taken more than 250 indecent pictures of children at his home over two years.

James Sutherland, 61, appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Tuesday and admitting having 266 indecent images or pseudo-images of children on a laptop found in his bedroom.

Some of the images found on the computer were among the most serious category of child pornography.

The charges cover a period between March 7, 2009 and April 4, 2011.

His plea came as he was due to be tried in front of a jury.

Procurator Fiscal, Eoin McGinty said: 'A search detailed a significant history of searches which are clearly indicative of someone looking for child pornography.'

'Interspersing the numerous searches I mentioned there were searches for Baptist prayers.'

Sutherland, of 12 Mansfield Terrace, Port Ellen, is originally from Glasgow and has lived in Port Ellen for some 25 years.

He has run several

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BB gun fired in the Glenside area of the town?

POLICE received a report of a BB gun being fired in the Glenside area on Sunday.

It was believed to have been fired from a house window at 10.50pm.

However, when police carried out inquiries at several addresses in the area, they did not find any trace of a weapon.

If anyone living in the Glenside area knows anything about anti social use of airguns, they should report them to the police.

Disorderly conduct

A MAN was detained by police for disorderly conduct at premises on Bolgam Street last week.

The man, who allegedly committed breach of the peace, had been reported to police, who positively identified him when carrying out enquiries.

A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

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Edith is 100 years young

Evie celebrated the landmark birthday with a party at Abbeyfield

HARD work is the secret to long life, according to Edith Strath, a Carradale resident who has just celebrated her 100th birthday.

Edith, known as Evie, celebrated the landmark birthday with a party on Sunday at Abbeyfield in Carradale, with friends, family all the way from Australia, and the Queen's representative in Argyll, Lord Lieutenant Mr Patrick Stewart.

Asked what the secret was to her long life, she said: 'Hard work. J.M Barrie said in his speech as rector at St Andrews University that hard work was the best fun in life.'

Evie certainly did work hard up until her retirement as a teacher. Her first post was teaching young offenders, after no male teacher would go near them.

After a year, the boys were at leaving age, so she moved on, working in the Borders, Colonsay, Mull, Inverness and the Trossachs.

Colonsay had the biggest impression on Evie, who said: 'It was a simple life. 'If you did something for

somebody, you would be given in return something made or produced.'

After retirement, Evie started crocheting hats, completing one hat a day for several years. Along with her friend Vicky, she sold her hats to several gift shops and castles, including Balmoral, and even met the Duchess (now Dowager) of Argyll, who wanted hats for Inveraray Castle.

Entertaining stories

One of Evie's many entertaining stories included almost getting stuck on a train bound for the Far East, after hopping on for a short journey to Galashiels and getting locked in with a train full of soldiers. They were heading to the Far East for the military.

Luckily, she was eventually allowed out at Galashiels, the final stop before Plymouth.

Once the cake had been finished and the entertainment over, Evie said: 'I can add this party to a long train of happy memories for me. I still can't believe I have made 100!'



Lord Lieutenant Patrick Stewart, the Queen's representative in Argyll, gives Edith her card from Her Majesty. 20_c09edithstrath02

Council to hold talks with ambulance service over respite care transportation

ARGYLL and Bute Council plans to hold an urgent meeting with the Scottish Ambulance Service to discuss respite care transportation.

This comes after carers who look after their ill or elderly relatives at home have been hit with bills of over £100 for using the Scottish

Ambulance Service as transport to respite care facilities at private care homes in Kintyre.

For many this bill came as a shock as despite be-

ing told they would be charged, they were given no information as to when or how much it would be.

A spokeswoman for the council said: 'We are aware of the comments made about transportation to respite care. Along with our colleagues in NHS Highland, we will be seeking an urgent meeting with the Scottish Ambulance Service to discuss the situation.'

Believed

It was believed the reason patients were being charged for the service was due to cuts in social services, but the council has neither confirmed nor denied this.

A report about respite care transportation will also come to the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group meeting next Wednesday in Campbeltown.

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Flights between Campbeltown and Glasgow on Sundays start in June. 20_c09plane01

Sunday summer flights from Campbeltown will begin on June 16

VISITORS can now book their Sunday evening summer flights to Campbeltown.

Flybe's announcement comes as the Kintyre Marketing Group gets ready to launch their website to entice more tourists to the town.

From June 16 until September 22, passengers will be able to fly to and from Campbeltown on a Sunday.

The flights leave Glasgow at 5.15pm, arriving in Campbeltown at 6pm, while the return flight leaves Campbeltown at 6.25pm, arriving in

Glasgow at 7.05pm.

It is hoped this will encourage tourists to visit the town for a full weekend, arriving in Campbeltown on a Friday night, while those in Campbeltown can go to Glasgow for the weekend.

Fabulous

Peter Stogdale, a member of the Kintyre Marketing Group said: 'It's fabulous. It's brilliantly timed. All the boxes are being ticked.'

He added the group had been hoping for evening flights, as this would allow connections to the

south of England and even international destinations.

Golf

He explained: 'People can have a round of golf in the afternoon and then get the flight up.'

Local tourism businesses, such as Mach Dunes, have been pushing for Sunday flights for some time, hope to see the flights continue and even be expanded in future to allow for increased tourism in the area.

However, they warned a big effort was need-

ed to make sure people used the service.

Traffic

Marc Wexler from Southworth Development Ltd said: 'If we are going to get Flybe and Transport Scotland to keep this flight and further expand service, they will have to see that this new flight is getting good traffic.'

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Jump in local meat sales in wake of horsemeat scandal

SEVERAL Kintyre food businesses have seen a jump in sales in the wake of the horsemeat scandal which has engulfed supermarkets across the country.

At Glenbarr Stores in particular, there has been a jump in the number of people coming in to purchase their meat as they try to avoid buying food which could contain horse.

Peter Sinclair, who runs the store said: 'There's been a marked difference. People are actually going away with large quantities to put in their freezers to keep.'

He sells local beef, lamb and venison, all of which has been flying off the shelves.

He added: 'Beef and lamb are selling well and even the venison is gone, as well as the steak pies!'

While he does not know if this will continue once the scandal dies down and people begin to trust the supermarkets again, he says they are certainly seeing the benefits.

Another butcher in the area had told him he was also seeing sales increase and were 'definitely on the up'.

Ferry naming vote

LOCALS are being invited to vote for their favourite name for the new hybrid ferry between Tarbert and Portavadie.

The shortlist of names for the sea going roll on roll off vehicle which will launch in the summer has been announced and are all based on Scottish poetry.

They are: Lochnivar, a poem by Sir Walter Scott; Catriona, a novel by Robert Louis Stevenson; Greenvoe, a novel by George Mackay Brown and Sunset Song, a novel by Lewis Grassie Gibbon. The naming competition opens today (Friday) and to vote, visit: www.emassets.co.uk/competition.

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Two A83 solutions 'unlikely' says Transport Minister

An extra £4million made available to carry out additional landslip mitigation work on the existing road

A REQUEST for the Scottish Government to pursue two options as long-term solutions to landslides on the Rest and Be Thankful is set to be refused.

Argyll and Bute Council previously said it wished to see two of the options outlined in the Jacobs report on possible solutions go ahead. While it said the red option - to enhance drainage on the existing road - was preferable as the quickest option, it should be carried out alongside proposals to develop another road on the opposite side of Glen Croe.

However, transport minister Keith Brown said that was 'unlikely', before announcing an

extra £4million to carry out additional landslip mitigation work on the existing road.

Speaking just after a successful convoy test at the newly-available landslide diversion route on the Old Military Road on Monday, Mr Brown said: 'We have to take into account the impact the various options will have on the routes during construction. It is unlikely we will have two different responses.'

Explaining an additional £4 million will be invested in the lifeline route, Mr Brown added: '[This] will take forward a raft of improvements, including further mitigation work at the

Rest and Be Thankful like netting, drainage and planting works, and more safety improvements at key points on the A83.

'This is in addition to the £3.7million already provided to help tackle landslides at the Rest and Be Thankful.'

Raynesway Construction was appointed by Scotland Transerv to carry out the upgrades to the Old Military Road. As part of the upgrade, 32 culverts were replaced, two bridges repaired and several sections of the road widened. A temporary bridge has been built on the track while repairs to one of the stone arch bridges continue.



Transport Minister Keith Brown meets construction site manager Liam Browne and Graham Edmond, head of network maintenance at Transport Scotland, as the Old Military road official opens.

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A83 petition could be referred to transport committee

A CAMPAIGN urging the Scottish Government to address a host of problems along the A83 could be referred to Holyrood's transport committee.

The Scottish Government's petitions committee put a series of questions to Transport Scotland to determine what it is doing to upgrade Argyll's main arterial route in response to the Sign for the A83 petition.

If dissatisfied with the response, the committee can ask the transport committee to carry out a further investigation into Transport Scotland's work.

Problems

The Sign for the A83 petition was launched by Argyll First last year and calls on the government to tackle landslides at the Rest and Be Thankful, widen pinch points on the road, create safe crossings in Ar-

drishaig and Tarbert and upgrade the road between Kennacraig and Campbeltown to trunk road status.

Signed by more than 10,000 people across Scotland, the petition has had three formal hearings by the petitions committee in the Scottish Government.

Argyll First councillor Douglas Philand said he was reassured by the petitions committee's stance.

Islay GPs joy at donation

ISLAY'S GPs say they're delighted after becoming the first in the UK to have an ICARE tonometer to measure eye pressure.

Donated by the manufacturer of the equipment, it helps doctors detect glaucoma which has the potential to lead to blindness.

The donation was made possible by islander Walter MacLean.

Stone throwing

LAST Friday police received reports of youngsters throwing stones in the Glenside and Ralston Road area of Campbeltown.

There has been a series of complaints of this sort in the area recently.

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Major police operation in Kintyre

A MAJOR police operation will get underway in Kintyre today (Friday) as Strathclyde Police aims to tackle crimes that are worrying local residents.

The operation, dubbed Myriad, will run for two weeks and see the local police draw on specialist teams within the force to target specific crimes.

The launch of the operation comes after a public survey was carried out in Kintyre at the end of last year that asked residents about their 'priority concerns'. Issues such as the abuse of

alcohol and drugs, disorderly behaviour and vandalism, violence, theft and speeding motorists were highlighted.

Specialist teams

Inspector Tom Harper at Campbeltown Police Station said: 'We will utilise specialist teams to help officers in pre-planned events, for example using sniffer dogs to identify drugs, use automatic number plate recognition and work with other partner agencies such as trading standards and Revenue and Customs to identify bogus workmen.'

Argent still remains in Campbeltown Loch after running aground two months ago

'We have to keep monitoring it until we get the nod to say it's getting salvaged'

AFTER running aground just over two months ago, the Argent fishing boat remains in Campbeltown Loch with no sign of an imminent salvage.

The FV Argent ran aground on Macringan's Point on December 21.

Fuel was immediately removed from the vessel to lessen the risk of pollution, but plans to recover it have still not been agreed.

It continues to be monitored to ensure it does not break up.

Harbour master Stephen Scally said: 'The weather is good

which is in our favour. In bad weather the pilot boat checks for any debris so no other ships get damaged.

Monitoring

'We have to keep monitoring it until we get the nod to say it's getting salvaged.'

Mr Scally added he would advise people to stay away from the vessel and to not board it as it could collapse at any time.

A spokeswoman for the council said: 'The boat is still being monitored and we are seeking to salvage it as soon as possible.'



The FV Argent remains in Campbeltown Loch, two months after running aground.

Alcohol confiscated from teenagers

TWO young men had alcohol confiscated from them by police after being caught on Main Street on Friday night.

The pair, who were both under 16, had been drinking.

They were sent home and a report has been submitted to social work and the Children's Panel.

Development plan on the agenda

TARBERT and Skipness Community Council will discuss the new local development plan and what it means for the community when it meets this month.

Held at Tarbert Arts and Leisure on March 14, the community council will also discuss road safety at the A83, affordable housing and the forest plan for Cruach Chorrach.

The meeting starts at 7pm.

Busy year for harbour

Continued from page 1 frastructure and development John Semple said: 'What we really want for the harbour and for the local economy here is to highlight the potential for renewables in Kintyre.'

Mr Scally added: 'To me, that's what you want for a harbour.'

The long-term future is also looking bright for the harbour, as the council looks to brand the Machrihanish area as an international hub for renewable energy.

Lead councillor for in-

'We want to try and big up Kintyre as a place for renewable development in Scotland. Campbeltown has the facilities at the harbour already without more investment required.'

Indecent images of children

Continued from page 1 businesses in the town, including one selling fire extinguishers across Islay and Scotland.

As a member of the Islay Baptist Church, he often led services in Port Ellen and Bowmore, although the church say his work did not involve contact with children.

Jim McNulty, who took over as minister when the charges were brought against Sutherland said: 'The church

suspended his membership and put restrictions on him.

'We do take child protection very seriously.'

He added Sutherland's future in the church would be decided soon once he had consulted with other members of the church. He was not remanded in custody and returns to court on April 11 for sentencing and has been placed on the sex offenders' register.

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DESPITE recent shop closures, hospital bed cuts and the postponement of the ferry service to give us plenty to moan about, there are signs 2013 could still be a great year for Campbeltown.

With harbour works nearing completion in the next couple of months, the town's seafront will be ready to welcome in visitors from all over the country - and even the globe.

Cruise liners will be able to come in and its occupants sample what Campbeltown and Kintyre have to offer, whether it is hotels, shops or golf.

Not only that, but the increase in ships coming in and out of the harbour either loading or unloading their goods will bring more money into the town.

While things on the seafront are swimming along nicely, at the airport there is more good news.

Flights on a Sunday evening are set to run throughout the summer, allowing those wishing to get out of the town a chance to escape to Glasgow for a weekend, while those living outside can come down, visit the sights and return on a Sunday evening, ready to return for work the next day.

As several local businesses come together to start a marketing group with the aim of enticing visitors to the area, it is clear that Campbeltown has to seize its chance to make the town a place to be proud of.

Therefore, rather than moaning and groaning, as it is all too easy to do, we have to show visitors this is somewhere they should want to spend their weekend, and make use of a 40 minute flight to Glasgow, rather than having make a three hour long drive. This can be a good year for Campbeltown, but we have to make it so.

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New road layout is infuriating

Sir,

The new road layout is completely infuriating. As a driver, I find myself stuck at the bottom of Longrow, waiting for traffic to pass going to and from Aqualibrium Avenue. Often people don't indicate, making it confusing as to where they're going.

As a pedestrian, I'm surprised I haven't been hit by anything yet. The traffic whizzes past and with the majority of people having to cross there to get to the Co-op or Post Office, it's an absolute nightmare, especially for older people and parents with prams.

You either stand for ages waiting for the traffic to die down, or take your life in your hands to get across.

A pedestrian crossing is desperately needed. Either that, or the road needs to be closed off completely when turbine towers are not being transported to the harbour.

Someone needs to do something soon, before someone has an accident.

Yours Sincerely,

C Tucker

Better tasting meat from your butcher

Sir,

I would like to take the time to comment on how much better meat tastes when it's been bought from the butcher.

I have to say I was one of those people who would buy their meat from the supermarket along with the

rest of their weekly shop, but since discovering most of what I ate probably contained horse, I have decided to make the switch and go to my local butcher instead.

All I can say is - it has been a revelation.

Never have I tasted better meat and now I know exactly what's in it and where it's from.

Furthermore, it's a win-win situation for both me and the local economy. I get great tasting beef and lamb while the butcher gets my money, stimulating the economy.

I urge other people to do the same, you won't be disappointed.

Yours Sincerely,

Alan Smith, via email.

Brass neck!

Sir,

Alan Reid MP has a brass neck in feigning concern for council budgets when it is his Tory-led London government that is doing the cutting.

Thanks to Alan Reid and his coalition allies Scotland is facing a severe 18 per cent cut in real terms to the national budget, cuts that have to be passed down the line to Scotland's councils.

Argyll and Bute Council have to find savings of £6million every year for the next seven years in spite of the same demands for funding as before. There is no magic wand that can conjure up funding which means that difficult decisions have to be taken.

Rather than posturing from the sidelines Alan Reid and the Liberals have a responsibility to set out the projects they would cut before rush-

ing to *The Courier* and shouting for extra spending.

In the week that Westminster's austerity drive led to the loss of the UK's Triple A credit rating, costing Scots a further £1billion and a failed policy of borrowing to fund further cuts Mr Reid should be considering his position. Supporting George Osborne in London whilst complaining about the cuts in Argyll is simply not tenable.

But, of course, it does not have to be like this - because for Scotland there is a real alternative. The independence referendum in Autumn 2014 will be an opportunity to ensure that the key economic decisions are taken in Scotland for Scotland, allowing us to invest in infrastructure, skills and public services and grow the economy to help create more jobs.

Ron Wilson
Secretary Kintyre SNP

Tip of a huge financial iceberg

Sir,

In response to councillor Colville's letter of last week with reference to his suspicion that 'this could be the tip of a huge financial iceberg following budget decisions of the SNP Administration', he need not be suspicious because it was in black and white in our budget papers, clear for everyone, a seven year plan to balance the council's books because public funding in Scotland is being slashed by Westminster.

The challenge for all councils in Scotland is an iceberg made in London. It is the same iceberg that

caused his Liberal Party to sink their entire manifesto commitments to students in order to share power with the Tories.

It is the same iceberg that has seen the rise of UKIP decimate support for the Liberal Party South of the Border and, the same iceberg that drives a wedge between these islands and Europe. I am amazed that Scottish Liberals cannot see the writing on the wall for Scotland as part of titanic UK.

Regards,

Councillor
John Semple
South Kintyre

Self-Harm Awareness Day - March 1

Sir,

We would like to invite your readers to support Self-Harm Awareness Day 2013 (March 1) by joining thousands of people tweeting and talking about the issue.

Self-harming among young people has risen dramatically in the UK in recent years. It has been estimated that one in 12 young people in the UK have self-harmed at some point in their lives, but we believe that this figure could be even greater.

Our aim is to get the nation talking about self-harm, so that we can challenge the many misconceptions around why young people do it and how we can best support them. You can find out more about Self-Harm Awareness Day on our websites and join in the debate on twitter via #selfharm.

Sue Minto,
Head of ChildLine

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Bringing Kintyre and Gigha into the tourism market place



Remember to renew photo

MOTORISTS throughout Kintyre are being reminded to renew the photo part of their driving licence every 10 years.

Police are reminding people that the picture on their licence must be updated every decade and any changes to their personal information, such as a change of address, must be recorded with the DVLA.

Failure to provide an up to date driving licence could result in a fine of £1,000.

Guidance is available at www.gov.uk/browse/driving/driving-licences.

Supermarket abuse reported

POLICE are investigating two incidents of youths abusing and annoying people at Campbeltown's Tesco.

At 7.30pm on Wednesday, young people were reported causing annoyance at the door.

Half an hour later, two youngsters were reported abusing customers at the store.

Police are following up inquiries and will be providing extra attention to the store.

Broadband contract still not signed

A CONTRACT, which would deliver broadband throughout the Highlands and Islands has still not been signed.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and BT were due to sign the contract early this year, after it was originally going to be signed last year.

Two and half years ago the UK Government gave HIE money for broadband infrastructure, which would deliver broadband to areas without it.

Alan Reid MP, who has been campaigning for broadband in Argyll said: 'I have asked Highlands and Island Enterprise for an explanation for these repeated delays and called on them to pull out all the stops to get work started as quickly as possible.'

The new Explore Kintyre logo will be officially unveiled at the Kintyre and Gigha Marketing Group launch on Monday.

'In 2013 we have to embrace the new world of IT and bring Kintyre and Gigha to the market place' - Peter Stogdale

PROPOSALS on how to effectively promote Kintyre and Gigha to national and international tourism markets will be unveiled at a special event on Monday.

The newly formed Kintyre and Gigha Marketing Group will hold an official launch event where its new Explore Kintyre initiative will be explained to local businesses and residents. A logo for the initiative will be unveiled whilst the Explore Kintyre website will be launched at the event.

The group, which sees businesses working together to promote the area under one umbrella organisation, is one of eight marketing groups that make up Argyll and the Isles Tourism.

Working under the theme stronger together, the group will equally represent all businesses, large and small, throughout Kintyre and Gigha and give exposure to all members at national trade fairs such as the VisitScotland

land Expo in Glasgow.

The group will use various outlets and media to promote the area to the masses, highlighting the area's renowned landscape and potential for marine, wildlife and adventure tourism.

It aims to capitalise on the events that are unique to Kintyre and welcome journalists to the area to experience the hospitality in the area, with a view to gaining coverage in the national and internal press.

Peter Stogdale, former owner of the White Hart Hotel, said: 'I am very passionate about our area, and when I was asked to form a marketing group to represent Kintyre and Gigha I did not hesitate in my reply.'

'In 2013 we have to embrace the new world of IT and bring Kintyre and Gigha to the market place, joined together with the Argyll and Isles global branding. We have to be part of the Tourism jigsaw.'

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Peninver Players Drama Club Youth kicked off Tuesday's proceedings in good spirits with David Campton's Victorian spooky tale *Who Calls?* Zara Shaw was the other-worldly presence casting a shadow over, from left, Linsey Cairns, Maria Cairns, Amy McCallum, Caitlin Millar and Hannah Wilson. 20_c09drama1



Jennifer Wylie, Jo Chinn, Molly Gilbert and Hope Strang of Peninver Junior Drama Club. 20_c09drama08



Accent Players getting into character before their award winning performance of *Driving Force*. Patient Lea Gibson is surrounded by, from left, Mau-



Sparkling fairies, overseen by Oberon, King of the Fairies, from Tarbert Academy Drama Club. 20_c09drama05

Accent Players win dra

ACCENT Players from Campbeltown came out victorious in this year's Campbeltown Drama Festival, receiving the coveted 1st prize last Wednesday.

The drama group's take on the play *Driving Force* by Sue Welch received first prize from adjudicator Michael Emans at the prize giving ceremony last week.

Carradale Drama Club, Carradale Juniors, Peninver Players, Peninver Youth, Peninver Juniors and Tarbert Academy also picked up awards at the end of three evenings of high quality entertainment.

Mr Emans congratulated all those who performed and reserved high praise for the younger drama clubs.

The first and second prizewinners, as well as the youth winners will go on to the divisional finals in Stranraer and Eastwood. Accent Players and Carradale Drama Club will be performing between March 21 and 23, while the Peninver Juniors will compete on March 16.

Campbeltown Grammar School played host to more spectacular productions on Tuesday and Wednesday at the festival.

Peninver Players Drama Club Youth kicked off Tuesday's proceedings in good spirits with David Campton's Victorian spooky tale *Who Calls?*

Carradale Drama Club then took to the stage with *Swan Song*, a poignant drama by Vanessa Brookes,

Noticeboard

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reen Johnson, Robert Black, Martha Rennie, Chris Mordey, Catrona Lang and Elise Glendinning. 20_c09drama2



Sporty kids were a feature of Peninver Juniors' production, ably acted by Laura Spence, Hannah Black, Emma Wilson and Gregory Weymss along with two very green aliens, Maryanne and Alison Wylie. 20_c09drama07



Some of the cast of Tarbert Academy's production of *A Thirty Minute Dream*, ready to head on stage. 20_c09drama04



Sue Stansfield, left, with Mary with Donald Macalister Hall, who performed Vanessa Brooks' *Swan Song*. 20_c09drama3



Showing off their trophies, the winning directors. Back row: Kenny Johnson of Accent Players, Michael Emans, the adjudicator of the festival, Tony Leighton of Carradale Drama Club and David Barbour of Peninver Players. Front row: Mary Macalister Hall of Carradale Juniors, Peter Tyler, who played Oberon and Theseus in Tarbert Academy Drama Club's production, and Anne Leith, of Peninver Youth and Peninver Juniors. 20_c09drama09



Linsey Cairns, Connor Chinn, Aimee Spence, Bethany MacLean and Jack McLellan of Peninver Juniors show off some wacky hairstyles playing the parents in *Mam, There's a Spaceship in our Backyard*. 20_c09drama06

ma festival

before Accent Players rounded off the evening with *Driving Force* by Sue Welch, a drama about a hit and run accident.

Wednesday night saw Tarbert Academy Drama Club tackle Shakespeare with *A Thirty Minute Dream*, while Peninver Juniors closed the festival with comedy, *Mam, There's a Spaceship in our Backyard*.

The prizewinners were: 1st place: Accent Players; 2nd place: Carradale Drama Club; 3rd place: Peninver Players; Best Production: Carradale Drama Club; Best Stage Presentation: Tarbert Academy; Best Moment of Theatre: Peninver Youth; Best Comedy Performance: Carradale Juniors; Youth Winners: Peninver Juniors.



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Peninver Juniors to raise funds for the finals

by PAMELA PATERSON
 editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

PENINVER Drama Club Juniors are holding a Sunday Teas event to raise much needed funds to compete in the Youth Divisional Finals.

After winning the junior category of the SCDA Drama Festival in Campbeltown, the club is preparing for its trip to Glasgow for the next round.

'Space age'

The Sunday Teas event, which will take place on March 10, will have a 'space age' theme and

will feature the space-ship which appeared in the juniors' play.

Friendly aliens and other space cadets are very much welcome at the event which will be resplendent with sweet and savoury treats, teas and coffee.

The money raised will also replenish club funds for the coming year, which was very successful in the Campbeltown competition, coming home with three trophies in total.



Kintyre piping fraternity call the tune

AN EXCELLENT night's piping was heard at the Kintyre Piping Society recital on Saturday.

Starting off was pipe major Iain McKerral with a selection of marches, Strathspeys and reels.

Next up was John Brown, who is a member of Strathclyde Police Pipe Band, then Julie Blue, member of Inveraray Pipe Band.

A small group from Kintyre Schools Band played a lot of selections, some of

which they will be playing at the various competitions this year.

Donnie McKerral also played in the second half.

The next recital will be on April 12 in the Masonic Hall.

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Iain McKerral, Sarah Muir, John Brown and Julie Blue who played on Saturday.

History Week at the library

MERMAID sightings, the devil and a giant serpent are all topics of a small exhibition in Campbeltown Library running throughout March.

The exhibition will be part of Scottish History Week, which runs from tomorrow until the following Saturday.

The theme of this year's Scottish History Week is superstitions and folklore, giving the library a chance to show off all things spooky relating to Kintyre, including tales of brownies and mermaids.

Juveniles hold annual concerts

KINTYRE Juvenile Pipe Band Association will once again be staging its annual concerts on March 14 and 15 at Campbeltown Grammar School.

A packed evening of entertainment has been promised, featuring a range of local talent from members of Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands. The MC will be Thomas Jordan. Some tickets are still available for each evening, which are available for purchase at the Yorkshire Building Society.

The concerts commence at 7.30pm on the Thursday (doors open 6.30pm) and 8pm on the Friday evening (doors open 7pm).



The team at Tarbert Soup Group enjoyed a lunch day out at the Tarbert Hotel last week.

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Straw or sawdust?

TESTS to see if sawdust could be a viable alternative to straw as bedding are under way at Kintyre Monitor Farm's cattle shed.

Duncan Macalister at Barrmains decided to try out composted sawdust instead of traditional straw in the shed due to the difference in cost as well as the problem of wetter harvests making straw less available and rotten.

As much sawdust as straw is used in the shed and while the farm managed to grow its own straw this year, some still needed to be bought in to get through the winter.

Duncan explained: 'You put in a foot of sawdust and then add two or three buckets of straw a week.'

It can then be used for sheep once the cattle are turned out.

The cost of buying

in good barley straw is £115 per ton, while sawdust is £65 per ton.

However, the sawdust cannot come from a sawmill and must be composted for a year.

Depending on how it goes in the Barrmains shed, Duncan hopes to eventually use sawdust across the farm.



Angus heifers and 'black baldies'. 20_c09monitor02



The Monitor Farm's Hereford bull.

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Portnahaven praised by armed forces charity

THE VILLAGE of Portnahaven, on Islay, has been praised by an Armed Forces charity after sending hundreds of parcels and messages of support to troops in Afghanistan.

The tiny settlement – population 120 – has been responsible for sending more than 300 packages in the past year, a figure that has not gone unrecognised by the Armed Forces Support Group.

The charity has sent a thank you letter to the village's postmaster, Alistair Redman, who sends the welfare parcels from residents onto the charity.

The postmaster explained: 'I get letters and even phone calls of

thanks from Camp Bastion. One of these calls was from a soldier who had both legs blown off. He had been through this ordeal, yet he took the time to thank me for £10 worth of confectionary!'

The welfare packages contain various items, including sweets, magazines and tobacco but every one of them contains Wyvex Media's map of Islay.

JURA

Community store wants shop manager

PLANS to operate Jura Stores as a community venture took another step forward this week as the newly-formed Jura Stores Community Interest Company began advertising for a shop manager.

In an island ballot last November 77 per cent of the population vot-

ed to buy the local shop for the market value of £95,000.

But although funding is still to be concluded, the company is pressing on with filling the post.

Sarah Compton-Bishop, of Jura Development Trust, who has been leading the community buyout said: 'Because this is such a fast-paced project we have started the search for a manager.'

'It will have to be someone really special because this is not just a shop, it is a community project.'

The closing date for applications to the post is March 9.

TARBERT

Traffic island rejected

A PROPOSAL to build a traffic island on the A83 in Tarbert has been rejected by the local community council as it reignites its campaign

SKIPNESS

Trio of celebrations

SKIPNESS Primary School pupils are planning a trio of celebrations - during the same afternoon - as they aim to mark Red Nose Day, World Book Day and Climate Change Week.

From 2pm on March 7, locals are invited to come along dressed as their favourite character from a children's book, in return for a £1 donation to Comic Relief.

Guests can also read a passage from their favourite children's book in return for a £1 donation and pupils will also make a short presentation on climate change.

Big British Birdwatch

KEEN eyed pupils at Skipness Primary School helped spot 34 birds during the Big British Birdwatch - before a curious pheasant took to the table.

After building their own bird table and putting food on it they observed the birds from the classroom and took careful note of every species that turned up. The most common bird spotted was the chaffinch.



Steven Flanagan helps Skipness Primary School's pupils put together their next newsletter. They are, from left, Peter, Heleana and Joseph McAllister. 08_t09skipnessps1

'Hold the front page' at Skipness Primary School

PUPILS at Skipness Primary School welcomed the Courier's Steven Flanagan on Thursday to help prepare the latest edition of the school newsletter.

Brothers Peter, 10, and Joseph McAllister, 7, together with sister Heleana, 6, quizzed Steven on how to improve their newsletter, the Skipness News, and how the editorial team at The Courier fill the pages every week.

Running since 1991, the newsletter has 30 subscribers and each month

a copy of the pupil-compiled paper goes to Picardie in France, where the school previously enjoyed an exchange visit.

Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver is among past contributors to the school's recipe corner, the pupils' poetry is a favourite and the crossword - made by Joseph - is always popular with locals.

The school thanked Steven for his visit and The Courier looks forward to reading the Skipness News this and every month.

for a pedestrian crossing.

Tarbert and Skipness Community Council has snubbed the recommendation of the Jacobs report on the A83, which suggested a traffic island will allow people to cross the road safely in the village.

Instead the community council said a pedestrian crossing should be built, allowing people to cross without concern about traffic between the Bank of Scotland and Co-op.

Brian Mearns, chairman of the community council, said: 'What we want is some kind of controlled traffic light crossing so mums with buggies or the elderly and disabled have a safe place to cross.'

'We would now like Jacobs to go back and look at the options. There may be a reason why they did not include a pedestrian crossing but for us it's the best option.'

CLACHAN



Clachan pupils look for William Mackinnon's birthplace.

Clachan children learn about William Mackinnon

PUPILS at Clachan Primary have been exploring Campbeltown while learning about shipbuilder and businessman, William Mackinnon.

Children studying the 19th century Campbeltonian looked in the archives

at the town's library as part of the topic, reading letters and looking at photographs from the time.

They also took photos of statues of William Mackinnon and followed a map to find his exact birthplace.

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The winners: Andrew Ralston, Paul Newall, Andrew Reid, James Young and judge Ian McKerrel.

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Ploughing match finally goes ahead

AFTER two postponements, Kintyre Agricultural Society finally held their annual ploughing match on what was a perfect day for competition last weekend.

The event took place at Tonrioch farm on Saturday after the previous two weekends had been too wet for ploughing.

Andrew Ralston from Dalivaddy farm was the overall winner on the day, winning his second ploughing match medal.

Ian McKerrel from Island Farm on Islay was judge and said he was impressed with the ploughing on show.

Mrs Shona Barbour presented the prizes at the end of the competition.

The Agricultural Society thanked the Barbour family for hosting the ploughing match, Ian McKerrel for judging, Sue McGuire for providing the refreshments and to all competitors and helpers for making the day a success.

Results: Horse class: 1 Neil MacPhail, Extra Prizes: All Neil MacPhail, Best Break; Straightest; Best First Six Furrows; Best Last Six Furrows; Best Ins and Outs; Best Finish. Class 1 (10 – 12 inch): 1 Andrew Reid, Elyston; 2 Iain McKendrick,

High Dalrioch. Extra Prizes: Best Break: Andrew Reid Straightest; Andrew Reid; Best First Six Furrows; Andrew Reid; Best Last Six Furrows; Andrew Reid; Best Ins and Outs; Iain McKendrick Best Finish: Andrew Reid. Class 2 (Over 12 inch): 1 Paul Newall, Campbeltown; 2 Willie Reid, Ballybracken; 3 Stewart McConnachie, Blasthill; 4 Thomas Ralston, Kilkivan. Extra Prizes: Best Break: Thomas Ralston; Straightest: Stewart McConnachie; Best First Six Furrows: Stewart McConnachie; Best Last Six Furrows: Willie Reid; Best Ins and Outs: Stewart McConnachie; Best Finish: Paul Newall. Class 3 (Reversible): 1 Andrew Ralston, Dalivaddy; 2 James Young, Drum; 3 Drew McKendrick, Glenrioch; 4 Ian

Barbour, Kiel Point; 5 Stuart Newlands, Killeonan; 6 John Ronald, Ormsary; 7 Fraser MacPhail, Gargalfra, Moy; 8 Margaret McKendrick, Glenrioch; 9 Daniel Ferguson, Killervan. Extra Prizes: Best Break: Andrew Ralston; Best First Six Furrows: Andrew Ralston; Straightest: Andrew Ralston; Best Last Six Furrows: Andrew Ralston; Best Ins and Outs: Drew McKendrick; Best Finish: Stuart Newlands. Special Prizes: First on Field: Neil MacPhail; First finished: Andrew Ralston; Least Experienced: Fraser MacPhail, Daniel Ferguson and Stewart McConnachie; Youngest Competitor: Fraser MacPhail; Least Assistance: James Young; Furthest Travelled: Neil MacPhail; Oldest Competitor: Neil MacPhail; Best Looking Ploughman: Stuart Newlands; Hardest Luck: Daniel Ferguson; Worst Plot: Iain McKendrick; Tidiest Yoke: Stuart Newlands. Tractor Prizes: Best Maintained: Andrew Reid; Second Best Maintained: Stuart Newlands; Oldest Tractor: Paul Newall; Newest Tractor: Daniel Ferguson. Cup Winners: Kintyre Agricultural Cup and Winner of the R.H.A.S. Medal: Andrew Ralston; Messrs Ralston Cup for winner in Non-Medal Class: Paul Newall; John Cullen Cup for winner of Reversible Class: Andrew Ralston; John McKay Cup for best lot by 25-year-old or younger: James Young; Glen-side Cup for most points using Case/International Tractor: James Young; Hamilton Bros. Cup for most points using Massey Ferguson Tractor: Andrew Reid; Ford Cup for most points using a Ford tractor: Paul Newall.



Paul Newall battles the elements to show off his ploughing skills.

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- March – 18/19, Campbeltown; 19/20, Helensburgh; 26/27, Rothesay

The "Practical Basic Book-keeping" workshop

Book-keeping is a core business skill, and, even if someone else does it for you, you still need to understand and value the process.

If you want to know the starting point for good record-keeping, this is the course for you. Those new to business and with little or no formal training in bookkeeping will particularly benefit.

- March – 1, Helensburgh; 12, Inveraray;

Introduction to social media for your business

This workshop is aimed at people that are very new to or still sceptical about the idea of using social media for their business.

Course objectives:

- Provide delegates with a basic understanding of what social media is and what benefits there may be of using it for business
- Give delegates a chance to explore some of the basic technical aspects of well-known social media sites (Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter)
- Show delegates how to get the most out of using social media and how to deal with negative feedback

The workshop will explain the principles behind what social media is, how it works and why it is so popular. It will explain how the "process" of social media allows it to be used for a wide variety of business objectives. It will discuss and explain a number of the most popular social media sites including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Blogger, etc.

- March – 4, Inveraray; 18, Helensburgh; 21, Mull

Improve your business website performance

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Course objectives:

- Provide delegates with a basic understanding of which factors are key to the success of a website
- Show delegates how these factors can be used to create a good design
- Give delegates examples of common mistakes made
- Provide delegates with a number of online sources that provide further good practice and advice The course will discuss the 4 key success factors of website development: visibility, appearance, functionality and compatibility. It will cover issues including graphic design, layout, navigation, the online sales process, search engine optimisation, browser compatibility and site feedback.

- March – 4, Inveraray; 7, Oban; 18, Helensburgh; 20, Mull

Build your own business website

Aimed at small businesses looking to build their own business website. It is aimed at those with no technical web development skills or experience but basic PC skills are required. The course will include some very basic online trading.

Course objectives:

- Introduce delegates to the basics of good website design
- Explain the various (online) tools available to build a website and how to choose the one best suited for the purpose
- Show delegates the kind of activities that are involved in building their own website using an online tool

Delegates will be introduced to the basic essentials of website design, how to make it findable as well as attractive and at the same time usable. The course will explain which tools are available and how to pick the one that would be best suited for the purpose. Delegates will learn a wide variety of skills using a simple online website building tool. These skills include working with text, images, colour and layout as well as managing pages (navigation) adding links and some simple functionality.

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vately throughout the year as and when the cattle are ready.

We also have a very eager clientele for our steak and mutton pies along with hen and duck eggs, which one of our children, Harry, is developing.

Ifferdale is always delighted to supply meat for functions and are involved in a number of events, as well as supplying Dunvalanree, Craigard, Putechan and Kilberry Inn, throughout the

year.

Recently we have been renovating the old steading to provide bunkhouse and self-catering accommodation, where customers can sample our produce and prepared meals.

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WITH the scandal over what ingredients ready-meal producers actually use still dominating headlines, there has never been a better time to look local for food.

Where once mechanically reclaimed meat was deemed the worst thing you could find in your microwave lasagne, now consumers could be forgiven for questioning if any item in their pre-packaged food is what the producer says it is.

However, you need never have such fear on the west coast. One doesn't need to look far to find a plethora of fine produce right on your doorstep.

Looking local doesn't even mean reduction in choice. Every taste can be catered for.

Providence is the buzz word and Argyll's beef is among the finest anywhere – the area's lamb and game are held in equally high regard. Under no circumstances will you find traces of horse,

kangaroo, zebra or any other creature from local producers' products.

Never far away from the sea, our local seafood is also the envy of the country and never is it better when it can be had fresh. Couple that with the service offered by local fishmongers, and you need never be left wanting for something delicious for your meals.

Having meat on your plate alone isn't a complete meal though – which is why a trip to the local grocer to peruse the tasty and healthy locally-grown options is essential to add irresistible flavour and tantalise any tongue.

Most satisfying of all though, is putting those ingredients together yourself - tasting the difference that can only be had by looking local first. Not only will it taste fresher, but it will be healthier too, with no chemicals or other nasty unknowns to be

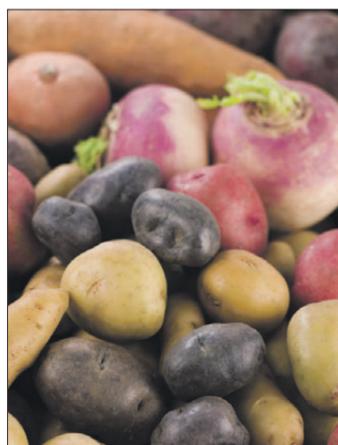
found.

Of course, cooking isn't for everyone and looking local for food doesn't mean you'll have to become the next Gordon Ramsay. Many of our restaurants and cafés serve up meals made entirely of local produce and will be able to tell you where their ingredients come from – something you don't get from a wrapped, supermarket meal.

Even after dinner, you can look local for your food – with cheeses, biscuits, drinks and sweets all produced by local companies who pride themselves on producing top-quality products.

Better than that, looking local doesn't mean costing the earth – as many cooks will tell you, buying fresh and cooking yourself often saves tens of pounds from the weekly shop.

So the next time you head out to the shops, try local first and taste the difference for yourself.



ROCK UP IN RED

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LOCAL PRODUCE, Kintyre has teamed up with **NHS Highland** as part of their **Rocking Red Heart Roadshow** to promote the health benefits of using good wholesome local food. Events will be held in local Community Gardens with trained staff on hand.

THE BARROW BAND will perform and sing LIVE bringing the magic, history and beauty of fruit, vegetables, animals and minerals to the world based around a market barrow.

An **Argyll based CHEF** will cook samples of good, local food on the day and demonstrate how cooking fresh foodstuffs is easier and more nutritious than frozen or preserved produce.

It's also about raising awareness of the **KEEP WELL** coming soon to Campbeltown, Dunoon & Oban. Keep Well health checks can make a positive difference to your health as well as cutting the possible risk of heart disease. Visit www.keepwellscotland.org.uk for more info.

Thursday 7th March – Benderloch Farmer's Market, Oban (11am - 3pm)
Monday 11th March – Campbeltown Community Orchard & Garden (2pm - 6pm)
Tuesday 12th March – Cafebarge, Tarbert (11am - 3pm)
Wednesday 13th March – Bowmore Primary School, Islay (11am - 3pm)
Tuesday 19th March – Bute Produce (next to Rothesay Joint Campus) (2pm - 6pm)
Wednesday 20th March – Argyll Gardens, Dunoon (11am - 3pm)

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Business workshops across Argyll

A MEET the buyer event and a workshop on public sector work is among the activities available for businesses in Argyll in coming weeks.

The 'Is the Public Sector Right for You?' introductory workshop is designed for businesses and third sector organisations that have had little or no experience of tendering and would like to become 'tender ready'. The workshop will provide businesses with enough information to decide if the public sector market is for them, give an overview of the tendering landscape and share some tips on successful tendering.

The workshops will take place on April 11 in Lochgilphead, April 19 in Dunoon and April 26 in Oban. Anyone wanting to attend should first register with the Supplier Development Programme (SDP) and then book a place via the website, www.sdpscotland.co.uk.

An informal 'Meet the Buyer' networking event will follow each of the workshops. This gives an opportunity for businesses to meet members of the council's procurement team, ask questions and find out about opportunities to supply the council.

Local events will continue to be added to the SDP schedule for the year.

Once a business has registered they are able to attend events in any other participating local authority area.



Sciallino's range of yachts are now available from West Coast Yachting in Lochgilphead.

West Coast Yachting agrees deal with Italians

ITALIAN yacht manufacturer, Sciallino, has confirmed a deal with an Argyll company to sell its range of vessels.

West Coast Yachting enjoys a strategic position in the heart of Argyll at Lo-

chgilphead and hopes the deal will enhance the range of services it offers.

Owner Ruaridh MacCallum, said: 'Situating at the heart of Scotland's finest cruising area, West Coast Yachting is well placed to be the central agent for

Sciallino boats in Scotland.

'Providing all pre and after-sales services they have plenty of experience in what makes a boat 'work' for the area and are excited to be bringing Sciallino to Scotland.'

Reminder for tax credit claimants

TAX credit claimants in Argyll and Bute are being reminded to report any changes in their circumstances or they may receive more money than they are entitled to.

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) says anyone who receives extra money after failing to report any changes will be forced to pay it back and may also face a fine. Changes to financial circumstances which should be reported could be about working hours, childcare costs, living arrangements or income.

HMRC's director general of benefits and credits, Nick Lodge, said: 'Many people forget or fail to tell us about important changes – such as having a partner move in or an increase in income.'

'This could mean that they don't get all the money they are entitled to. Or they could receive more money that they have to pay back.'

The tax credits helpline number is 0345 300 3900.

RBS claims to have helped 1,500 Scottish businesses

A BANK owned by the taxpayer has claimed it has helped more than 1,500 Scottish small and medium sized businesses through a government lending discount scheme.

The Royal Bank of Scotland its NatWest bank say it has granted £254million of loans through the Funding for Lending Scheme since it was launched six months ago.

Graham Galloway, managing director for RBS Commercial Banking Scotland said: 'Where there is an opportunity to lend we have proved we will try harder than any other bank to support growth.'

Learning programme for young people

YOUNG people in Campbeltown are being offered the chance to learn skills which will put them ahead of the crowd when applying for jobs.

The Social Enterprise Academy, based in Inverness, specialises in learning programmes to help develop confidence and allow young people to progress in their ca-

reers. The Growth for Leadership programme starts in Campbeltown today (Friday) with another session tomorrow at the Putechan.

There will be another 12 days of the programme before summer, with all sessions in two-day blocks.

Academy programme manager David Bryan said: 'A couple of

years ago we noticed that young people under 25 or so were not getting involved. So we put together a learning programme to meet their own needs – growth through leadership. Young people tell us its nothing like anything they have ever come across at school or college, and they really enjoy it.'

The programme explores young people's strengths and skills through group challenges, outdoor activities, and practical visits to social enterprises, while covering key skills required to get into work.

Anyone aged 16-24 is welcome to get involved in the programme which starts today at 10am in the Putechan Hotel.

Practical help, advice and support for new and growing businesses

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One-to-one support for Argyll businesses

BUSINESSES throughout Argyll looking to stabilise, enhance or grow their operation are being offered free, confidential mentoring from experienced traders across Scotland.

The Scottish Business Mentoring Programme aims to help those companies that have been operating for at least a

year by matching them with mentors across the country who could lend their expertise for up to a year to give priceless advice.

This one-to-one support can cover any subject from cash-flow and diversifying income streams, to marketing and dealing with the specific challeng-

es posed by the current economic climate.

Pauline Cameron, who matches the businesses to mentors on behalf of Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the Scottish Chambers of Commerce from her base in Oban, said: 'The programme matches volunteer mentors, who have significant business and

management experience, with businesses seeking to grow and looking for an objective sounding board or support to work through specific business issues.'

For more information on the mentoring programme or to get involved email Pauline on pcameron@businessmentoringScotland.org.

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THE GRAND FINAL - A photo finish

THE FINALISTS for our Photo of the Year have been decided after a deluge of votes from readers – and it looks like it will be close.

Scores of stunning photographs from amateur snappers from across the country

sent us their images showing us why west is best, and there's certainly diversity among the entries.

But there was no doubt as to what our readers liked, and the race for the People's Choice prize is likely to go to the wire.

You can now vote for your favourite to win the top prize from the entries below. With voting so tight, resting on your laurels isn't an option.

You can vote for your favourite entry by sending us a text to 88010 using the key word POY followed by the code beneath your picture of choice. For example, if the number below your photograph is 123, your message would read POY 123.

Terms and conditions: Editor's decision is final. Competition is for amateur photographers only. The winner must be willing to take part in publicity. Photographs not of a high enough resolution to appear in print will be disqualified. By submitting to the competition, including but not limited to digital video and images, mobile text messages, blogging, message boards, emails and audio submissions, you automatically grant Wyvex Media the royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable, exclusive right and license to use, reproduce, modify, edit, adapt, publish, translate, create derivative works from, distribute, perform and display such material (in whole or part) worldwide and/or to incorporate it in other works in any form, media, or technology now known or later developed for the full term of any rights that may exist in such content. Prizes are as stated, no cash alternative. Employees of Wyvex Media and their immediate family are prohibited from entering. Text votes cost £1 plus one message at standard network rate.



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Lucy Thornhill, Oban: Sunset from Pulpit Hill, Oban. T52lucythornhill1no 023



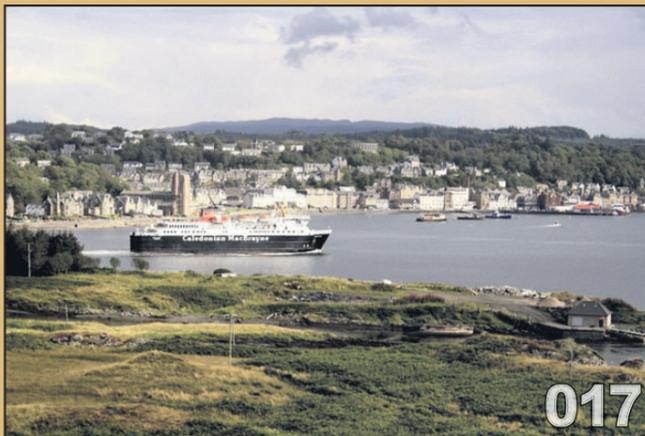
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June Macintyre, Campbeltown: Time off for Bob and Jim at Gleneherve Shore. T03junemacintre1no 051



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Wayne Lee: Highland Cow, late October, near Kilmartin. T05waynelee2no 062



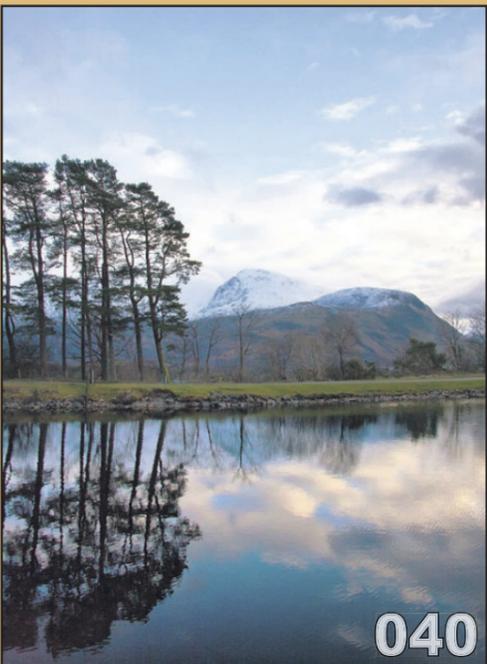
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Adam Brown, Oban: A view of Bonnie Oban Bay taken from the Isle of Kerrera at the end of Summer 2012. T52adambrown1no 017



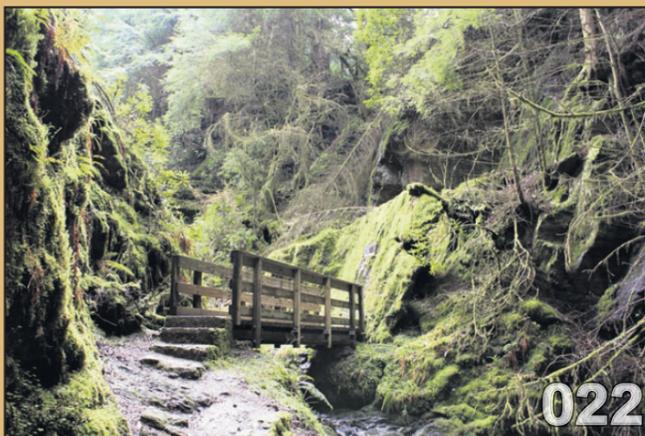
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Hazel Moran, Appin: Pine Martin in the wild Argyll, summer 2012. T49hormoranpine1no 006



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Elspeth Gordon, via email: Ben Nevis looking over the Caledonian Canal in January snow. T02elspethgordon1no 040



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Linda Anderson Kerr, Oban: A spring walk through Puck's Glen. T52lindaAnderson-kerr1no 022



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Fay Rowantree. Acharacle: Whilst running my tour business, we came across this exceptional Ardnamurchan stag just coming out of velvet. T01fayrowantree1no 028

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PLANNING

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

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

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/02792/PP	Erection of domestic double garage and formation of cook school (part retrospective)	Corrie House Craobh Haven Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8UA	Sub Post Office Ardfern
13/00181/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank.	Plot 2 Ardnacross Farm Peninver Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6QP	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
13/00295/PP	Installation of modular galvanised steel access ramp	15 Bayview Machrihanish Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6PX	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
13/00327/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Garden Ground Of Karlin Tarbert Road Ardrishaig Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA30 8EP	Ardrishaig Area Office

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

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/00340/LIB	Clad existing skew stones with lead at gables of terraced block	15,17,19,21,23,25,27,29,31, 33,35,37,39,41,43,45,47,49, 51 And 53 Dalaruan Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6HG	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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.

COUNCILLORS SURGERIES

Councillor John Semple (Ward 1 South Kintyre) will be holding a drop in surgery in the Peninver Village Hall, PENINVER on Thursday 7th March from 5.30pm - 6.30pm.
Councillor Semple can also be contacted by e mail - john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by telephone on 01586 553765.

Councillor Sandy Taylor (E.W.3 Mid Argyll) will be holding a drop in surgery on Monday 4th March 2013 in the Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern from 5.00pm - 6.00pm.
Councillor Taylor can also be contacted by e mail - sandy.taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by telephone - 01546 604184.

Councillor Donald Kelly (Ward 1 South Kintyre)
Councillor Kelly can be contacted on Tel: 01586 810193/07977327751 or by email donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk
Councillor Kelly will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

Councillor Rory Colville (Ward 1 South Kintyre)
Councillor Colville can be contacted on Tel: 01586 820209 or by e mail - rory.colville@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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

**APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION
GLENCRERAN ESTATE HYDRO DEVELOPMENT**

An application has been made to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) by Dominique Collinet for authorisation to carry on controlled activities at, near or in connection with Glenchreran Estate Hydro Development, namely:

Description of controlled activity	Waters affected	National grid reference
Construction and/or operation of Impounding works up to 2m in height Construction and/or operation of	Allt Buidhe	NN 0212 4427
Impounding works up to 2m in height	Un-named tributary of the Allt Buidhe	NN 0217 4435
Combined abstraction from both intakes of up to 54,170 m ³ per day of water	Allt Buidhe and Un-named tributary of the Allt Buidhe	NN 0212 4427 and NN 0217 4435
Return of abstracted water approximately 1.7 km away from abstraction point	Allt Buidhe	NN 0071 4481

SEPA considers that the above controlled activities may have an impact on the water environment and on the interests of other users of the water environment.

A copy of the application and any accompanying information may be inspected free of charge, at the SEPA Registry below, between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday (except local and national holidays) and by prior arrangement at SEPA's Lochgilphead office, 2 Smithy Lane, Lochgilphead, Argyll and Bute, PA 31 8TA. 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/1100607:

Registry Department, SEPA Dingwall office, Graesser House, Fodderty Way, 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:

- assess the risk to the water environment posed by the carrying on of the activity or activities;
- assess the indirect effects of that 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 and 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 to grant the application.

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**Thursday 7th March 2012
7.30pm**

Campbeltown Hospital Seminar Room

Network Carradale Ltd. AGM

**Thursday 21st March 2013
At 7.30 pm**

In the Meeting Room Carradale Village Hall
All members and non-members warmly invited

Templar Arts & Leisure Centre Trust

AGM

**Wednesday 27th March
At 7.30pm**

**In the centre
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Ardrishaig Horticultural Society

AGM

ARGYLL ARMS HOTEL ARDRISHAIG
7.30 PM Monday 11th March 2013
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Moving On - Mid Argyll helping the homeless in mid Argyll

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Arduaine Garden, near Kilmelford requires a
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 Fixed term seasonal position, Friday to Sunday, 22.5 hours per week.
 For job description and application form call Maurice on 01852 200366 or email mwilkins@nts.org.uk

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Customer Services



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The Association is seeking to recruit a Temporary Customer Services Assistant. The main purpose of the post is to provide excellent front line customer service to tenants, applicants, owners and other stakeholders as well as administrative support to other sections of the Association.

Applicants should possess general administration experience in a busy office environment. Must be a good communicator and be fully competent in the use of Microsoft Office.

To request an Application Pack for either post please contact May Tosh, Corporate Services Manager at Crannog Lane, Oban, PA34 4HB or telephone 01631 564451 or email may@westhighlandha.co.uk

Closing date for Applications will be Monday 11th March 2013, with interviews being held week commencing 18th March 2013.

Quality Monitor Mallaig

16+ hours per week

We currently have a vacancy for a Quality Monitor to work at the Company's premises at Mallaig.

Reporting to the Assistant Product Quality Manager, the post holder will be expected to provide competent and efficient technical support and service to ensure that the product meets the Company's requirements, including legal compliance and customer expectations.

Candidates must have a good level of IT literacy, excellent communication skills, good attention to detail and have the ability to work on their or as part of a team when required.

A full clean driving license is also essential as the job may require some business related travel to other company sites.

The post is part-time, working a minimum of two 8 hour night shifts per week for which a shift premium will apply.

If you are interested in applying for this post please apply in writing to: Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Limited, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William PH33 7PT. The closing date for the receipt of applications is Friday 15th March.



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If you are looking for a challenging career within a highly motivated team then please send your up to date CV, along with covering letter to: **Zaneta Korzeniecka, Group HR Administrator, BSW Timber Ltd, Carlisle Sawmill, Cargo, Carlisle CA6 4BA, or email: zaneta.korzeniecka@bsw.co.uk**

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PORTNALONG

Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd is currently seeking a highly motivated and strong individual for the post of Trainee Assistant Farm Manager based at the Company's Seawater site at Portnalong, Isle of Skye.

Applications are invited from individuals who are genuinely interested in developing their career within the organisation. Potential candidates should have at least two to three years practical knowledge and experience of fish farming. Initiative, the ability to manage and motivate staff, good planning, organisation & computer skills and a proven ability to achieve results without close supervision are some of the necessary skills required for this post.

The successful candidate will be expected to attend the necessary training courses to gain sufficient knowledge on feed & stock management, grading planning, asset management, performance and HSEQ management. In return the candidate will benefit from an attractive salary package, including bonus.

If you would like to be considered for this post, please apply in writing no later than Friday 15th March 2013 to: Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Limited, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William PH33 7PT.



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Assistant Farm Manager

Loch Garry

Salary - £24,700 - £26,947 plus overtime

Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd is currently looking to identify a suitably qualified and self-motivated Assistant Manager for our Freshwater site at Loch Garry.

Potential candidates should possess several years' salmon farming experience, have a sound understanding of fish husbandry and be conscientious in relation to recording and maintaining reliable data records. Good communication & planning skills and a high degree of computer literacy is also essential. It is also a requirement of the post that the incumbent be an effective deputy for the Manager as and when required.

The post brings with it significant responsibility and the appointed Assistant Farm Manager will be required to be flexible in terms of total hours worked, in order to satisfy the demands of the role.

In addition due to the Company's stocking rotation plan Loch Garry is fallow for a few months each year and during this period staff are required to work at other sites within the Company.

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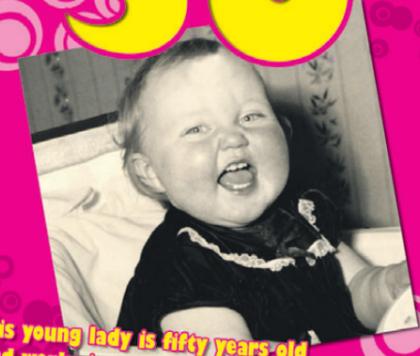
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BIRTHS



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GOLDEN WEDDINGS



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DEATHS

BRADLEY - Suddenly at his home, 7 Stag Park, Lochgilphead, on February 22, 2013, Angus James Bradley, aged 77 years, husband of Anne Bradley, much loved father of Glynis, Morag, Scott and the late Grant and adored papa to his five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. A good friend, dear neighbour and former work colleague to many. A popular and well loved character, who will be sadly missed. Funeral service details to be announced at a later date.

GILLIES - Peacefully after a long illness, borne bravely, with her family by her side, at Glassary Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, on February 22, 2013, Margaret S Gillies, née Cameron, in her 80th year, of 6 Letterdaill, Cairnbaan, beloved wife of Angus Gillies, loving mother of Neil and Tom, much respected mother-in-law of Doreen and Marina, and adored granny of Tamara. A dear sister, aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Thursday, February 28, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BONE - Margaret Bone wishes to thank the many friends and neighbours for their lovely expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of Robert. Your words of comfort have helped over this difficult time and are much appreciated.

COLVILLE - The nephew, family and step family of Robert would like to express their sincerest thanks to everyone for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent sad loss. Many thanks to the doctors and staff of Campbeltown Hospital for their care and attention; to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for friendly and professional arrangements; to the Rev Philip Burroughs for his comforting service and to the Ardshiel Hotel for excellent purvey. Also thanks to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside. The sum of £96.60 was raised for the Acute Ward.

MACCALLUM - Betty, Iain, Gail, Yvonne and Gary, the family of the late Robert MacCallum, would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours, for the many kind expressions of sympathy and for cards, flowers and kindness received in their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to the district nurses for all the kind care and attention received and to doctors and all medical staff. Thanks also to Dr Roddy MacLeod for his comforting service and fitting tribute, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Coach House Inn, Cardross, for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at Cardross Crematorium.

MACDONALD - Ina and the family of the late Ian MacDonald wish to thank family and friends for the kind expressions of sympathy and support they received following their recent sad loss. They wish to thank the Argyll and Bute Homecare carers for their friendship and devoted care of Ian for the past three years, Dr Sloan and the district nurses, Carr Gomm and the Marie Curie nurses for their kind attention, the Rev Dr Roddy MacLeod for his comforting service at home and his inspiring service in Kilcalmonell Church, Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their helpful and efficient arrangements and Isabel Grieves and the girls for excellent purvey. Our thanks to everyone who paid their respects in the church and at the graveside and to everyone who contributed to the collection, which raised £620 for Erskine Hospital and Kilcalmonell Church.

MATHEWSON - The family of the late Peggy Mathewson, wish to thank everyone for kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to carers and district nurses for all care and attention received, to Rev Ian Miller for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Coach House Inn for an excellent lunch and to all who paid their last respects at Cardross Crematorium.

WEDGWOOD - The family of the late Phyllis Wedgwood, John, George and Gilbert, would like to thank everyone most sincerely, for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in the sad loss of their mother. Special thanks to all staff at Ardfeinaig Care Home, Ardrishaig, for the kind care and attention received, to Rev Thomas

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IN MEMORIAM

LITSTER - David. Every day we talk about the laughs and happy times we all had with you. It has been four years and we still miss you so much. - All my love, Taz xxxxxxxx. **MACTAVISH** - In loving memory of our dear father, Douglas MacTavish, who died February 27, 2001. Always in our thoughts. - Malcolm, Ross and daughter-in-law, Aimée. **MACVICAR** - In loving memory of my dear wife, Teena (Christina MacInnes), died March 1, 2007. Every hour of every day, my thoughts return to you, Of how you always saw the good in what people did, I'll never forget your helpful smile of caring and respect, When helping others along the way and making life's journey meant. - Johnnie.

For a loving mother and nana, Till roses lose their petals, Till the heather has lost its dew, Till the end of time dear mother We will remember you. - Catherine, John, John, Niall and Michael. **SMITH** - Douglas, died March 2, 2008. Dearly loved and sorely missed by Morven and family. **WAREHAM** - Cherished memories of John, much loved husband, dad, papa and great papa, who passed away peacefully on March 4, 2012. Love and miss you every day. - Catherine and family.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

GROWING IN GRACE is an informal christian meeting held at 7.15pm every Thursday in the Meadows Pavilion Sports Hall, behind the creamery. Planting the roots of our lives into the fertile soil of the Gods amazing grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ is the ground for real spiritual growth and fruitfulness. 2 Peter 3v18. All are welcome. If interested just turn up and for more information contact 01586 830215.

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Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 3 March
Bellanoch Church 10 am
Morning Worship
Jim Malcolm
Friday 1 March
World Day of Prayer Service
Bellanoch Church 7 pm
Thursday 7 March
Messy church 4 - 6 pm
Kilmartin LSCC
All welcome
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Saturday 2 March 2013
Quarterly Prayer Breakfast
Breakfast: 8.00 - 8.30am
Praise & prayer: 9.00am
Sunday 3 March 2013
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean "God uses broken things"
Thursday 7 March 2013
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

TARBERT LOCHFYN AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 3rd March 2013
Tarbert Service 11.45am
Sunday School 11.45am
To be held in Tarbert Free Church
Rev. Tommy Bryson
Guild meets Monday 4th March
Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre
2.30pm
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome
SC002622

Highland Parish Church
SCO02493
Sunday 3rd March 2013
11.15am Morning Service
Rev. Catriona Hood
All Age Family Service in Church
Tuesday 5th March 2013
Badminton Club Kirk Street Hall
Primary 1 - 5 6pm - 7pm
Primary 6 & 7 7pm - 8pm
Wednesday 6th March 2013
Bible Study fellowship group
Ballivilline Farm 7.30pm
Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Friday, 1st March (Today)
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon.
World Day of Prayer
Salvation Army Citadel - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, 2nd March
Walking Group - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, 3rd March
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
(Crèche, Triple C and Next Generation)
Rev. Philip Burroughs
Monday, 4th March
Kirk Session
Congregational Board - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 5th March
Mothers & Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys - 6:00 p.m.
Boys' Brigade Junior Section - 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, 7th March
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
(Advance Notice)
Saturday, 9th March
Elders' Lunch - New Hall

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kids)
6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club (Over 60s)
1.30pm Home League
Wednesday
House Group 7pm
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 3rd March 2013
10.00am Breaking of Bread
Mr George Stewart
Kilmartin
10.50am Coffee
11.15am
Family Service with Crèche
Mr George Stewart
Kilmartin
7.00pm Youth Group
Wednesday 6th March 2013
10am Parents and Toddlers Group
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
Friday 1st March
At the Salvation Army
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Sunday 3rd March 2013
Third Sunday of Lent
10.45am Morning Prayer
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Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 11.30 am
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Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Short Service in Chalmers Court at 2.30 pm

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday, 3rd March 2013
Ford 11.30am.
Mr. Jim Malcolm
Friday, 1st March 2013
The World Day of Prayer service for both parishes will be held in Bellanoch Church at 7p.m.
The Stated Annual Meeting will be held in Kilmartin Hall on Thursday, 7th March, 2013 at 7.30p.m.
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George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 3rd March
12.45pm Worship Service
Rev Finlay Mackenzie
11.30am Sunday School
Thursday 7th March
12 noon Bible Study and Prayer
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Sunday 3rd March
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ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
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Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
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Family Service followed by shared lunch
Monday 4th March
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Commonwealth Games medallists visit school

TWO FORMER Campbeltown Grammar School pupils have been demonstrating the skills that led them to Commonwealth Games medals as part of a national programme.

Demonstrate

Donna and Fiona Robertson visited their old school to demonstrate judo and wrestling while also leading 29 S1 pupils in warm up activities,

sprints and reaction games at the Champions in Schools programme.

The programme teams up sports champions with schools to inspire pupils in setting their own goals and personal targets.

Donna and Fiona will be working with the pupils in a series of visits and workshops with the next one taking place after Easter.



Donna and Fiona Robertson with the 29 S1 pupils who took part in the first of a series of Champions in Schools workshops.

Coaching workshop

SEVENTEEN coaches from Campbeltown took part in a workshop to learn more about Positive Coaching Scotland.

The coaches came from both Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association and Campbeltown Pupils AFC.

The workshop, was hosted by Argyll and Bute Council football development officer, Martin Rae and looked at developing a football culture in Campbeltown where young players are developed positively, learn to win through effort and gain skills for life through football.



The group of Primary twos and threes who came out to play in the Fun Fours league.

Fun Fours league gets underway

A FUN FOURS League has started for children in the primary two and three age groups on Sundays.

The kids are split into designated teams for the session and any kids in the age group are welcome to

come along to enjoy the small side games.

Primary one pupils will be catered for separately as normal.

The sessions will run for four weeks.

Islay Under 14s lose out to Lochgilhead Red Star

ISLAY'S under 14 football suffered a painful defeat in Lochgilhead on Saturday after Red Star put in an astonishing performance.

Playing on the all weather pitch at Lochgilhead Joint Campus, Star dominated the friendly encounter from the off. Early shots from the home side went wide but Star soon gained the advantage as their striker Ritchie scored in the bottom corner.

With Star having most of the possession in the first half all the pressure was on the Islay's defence and the home team's relentless attacks soon paid off as a shot got past the unfortunate Islay keeper.

Despite words of encouragement for the Islay lads at half time, the goal tally worsened for the visitors as Star's MacKay scored three goals in quick succession.

Star continued pushing forward as a team and with some good play and powerful shots they clocked up a further seven goals to win 12-0.



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Creative player course held in Campbeltown

A GROUP of Campbeltown children were treated to a three day Creative Player Course last week to help develop their football skills.

Altogether 24 local children took part in the course, hosted by Argyll and Bute Council's football development officer, Martin Rae.

The course, which was held on the 3G pitch in the town, was designed to develop the creative aspects of the youngsters and create more technically able performers.

Martin commented: 'The enthusiasm

shown by the kids over the three days was just great.

'They were all very keen to learn and the interest and the respect they showed me and my fellow coaches, Stuart Crossan and Martin McCallum, is testament to their parents and Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association which they all attend on a weekly basis.

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

Crucial game for Pupils as they fight for promotion

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils found their tie against Carlton YMCA cancelled on Saturday due to a frozen pitch.

The match was due to take place in Glasgow, but due to frost in the morning and it not being known whether the weather would improve, the Pupils were advised not to travel.

It is getting very close at the top of the table, with Centre and Rutherglen just three points behind the Pupils with two games in hand, meaning the coming games are guaranteed to be close and exciting.

The Pupils will be playing away to Clydebank tomorrow, with every game crucial as the team

continue to fight for promotion.

□Campbeltown Pupils AFC enjoyed a two hour coaching and training session on Tuesday evening by Argyll and Bute Football Development Officer, Martin Rae, who was in town for three days to deliver the half term Creative Player course.

Millar Irwin tries to beat Cameron Reid, both P7.

Dooker dumped in port Glasgow

A POOR first half performance from Tarbert AFC saw the team go 4-0 down at half time when they took on Port Glasgow United on Saturday.

Playing away for the latest league fixture, the Dookers' Craig Martin and James Prentice clawed two goals back in the second half but it was not enough to secure a point and Tarbert lost 5-2 in the end.

The Dookers face a huge challenge tomorrow (Saturday) when they take on Easthall Star in the quarter final of the coronation cup.

Islay Golf Club

NORMAN MacDonald came out on top by just one point in week eight of the Winter League.

Results from last Sunday: 1 Norman MacDonald, 37 pts; 2 David Johnston, 36 pts; 3 Ruairaidh MacIntyre, 36 pts. 72 css.

Swimmers in West District Long Course event

SWIMMERS from Kintyre ASC competed in their first ever West District Long Course competition in East Kilbride after a number of good performances recently.

Held at Dollan Aqua Centre, the event saw Emma Lazarus finish eighth in the 100m breaststroke in 1:31.14 and Becky Dott swim in her first ever 200m backstroke long course event finishing in 2:54.40 in 13th place.

In the afternoon Caitlin Campbell swam 2:55.76 in the 200 individual medley followed by an excellent 100m butterfly where she narrowly missed out on the final, finishing in seventh in 1:21.10. The afternoon was completed with a fantastic swim in the 200m freestyle by Emma where she showed excellent determination in the last 50m to hold on to second

place, finishing in 2:23.81.

Emma continued her form on Sunday where she qualified for the 100m freestyle final, finishing in fifth place in a new long course personal best of 1:06.67. After a long wait Caitlin took to the pool for the 200m breaststroke and didn't disappoint with a determined swim which saw her finish in fourth place in 3:02.09 behind three swimmers from East Kilbride.

Excellent

Kintyre's Head Coach Stuart McQuaker was delighted with the girls' performance, in particular Emma's silver in the 200m freestyle.

He said: 'I told the girls to enjoy the experience of this and that any finishes in the top ten would be excellent.'

'For Emma to win silver was a fantastic achievement and shows

all our swimmers what is possible with committed, regular training.'

Kintyre swimmers have a busy month approaching with both the

Milngavie and Bearsden and REN96 graded meets in March.



Emma Lazarus, Becky Dott and Caitlin Campbell (not in order) after the West District Long Course swimming event.

Kilbrannan lose out to Pupils' youths

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils Youth Side once again defeated the Kilbrannan AFC on Sunday afternoon in a tight friendly match.

Despite trailing 3-1 and 4-3 the Youth side showed great character to equalise and then take the lead, finally winning the match 6-4.

Goalscorers for the Youths were: Calum Johnstone, Martin McCallum (penalty), Ryan Deans, Andrew Wallace, Stuart McBrayne and Stuart McPhail.

Kilbrannan AFC showed what a difference a week can make after losing 10-2 to the Pupils Youth on February 17.

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Carradale home at the Meadows

CARRADALE AFC was left with no football to play last weekend as their away match against Yoker Boys was called off.

The all weather pitch was deemed not playable after an inspection, meaning no football could take place.

Tomorrow sees Carradale host Clydebank Rovers in the Wilson Cup at at 2pm.

The match will be played at the all weather pitch after the Meadows was deemed unplayable.

Darts results and fixtures

MARTIN Coffield scored 180 for the Burnside at this week's round of Campbeltown District Darts Association. Donnie Lawson, also for Burnside, hit a 100.

The League's singles is now April 1 and the fixtures due to be played on April 1 should now be played on March 18.

Results of week 14: Commercial 7 Kinloch 3; Fiddlers 9 Southend 1; Ailsa 4 Fiddlers B 6; Burnside 9 Kilbrannan B 1; Kilbrannan/Bye.

Am-Am at Dunaverty

DUNAVERTY Golf Club's annual AM-AM competition will be taking place on Saturday April 6.

The entry sheet is displayed in the clubhouse of telephone bookings can be made with the club steward on 01586 830 677. Early booking is advisable.

£900 jackpot

DUNAVERTY Golf Club's three number lottery has rolled over to a huge £900 jackpot. The next draw will take place on Sunday and members and non members can purchase tickets from the clubhouse, committee members, Commercial Inn and Muneroy Stores.



Kate Cameron (centre) has won the Argyll Sportshall Athletics Championship every year for the last nine years. She, along with Ashleigh Conner (left) and Jenny Semple helped Campbeltown Grammar retain the Girls Schools Trophy. 16_t09ccathletics01

Nine in a row for Kate in Sports Hall Athletics final

A SOUTHEND teenager won the Girls Argyll Sportshall Athletics Championship for the ninth time on Saturday to become the Under 17 Girls Champion.

Kate Cameron, a pupil of Campbeltown Grammar, has won the county athletics competition for her age group every year since she began competing at eight-years-old. Her under 9 records in the standing long and triple jumps still stand.

Competing in the Argyll championship final in Oban's Atlantis Leisure, the teenager competed in running, throwing and jumping events to defeat Mull's Sian Henderson.

Speaking to *The Courier* on Tuesday, the 16-year-old said: I can't remember what age I was when I first became interested in athletics, I was probably about six or seven.

'I am pleased to have been able to win each year; I suppose having it [the championship title] it motivates me to try and retain it each year.'

The S5 pupil who enjoys PE at school will be eligi-

ble to compete in the championship next year, having the potential to retain her title for a tenth year.

Kate was one of three Kintyre girls to triumph at the championship, with Campbeltown Grammar pupils dominating in the female contest and retaining the Girls Schools Trophy.

Jenny Semple took first place in the under 13 competition, excelling in the two-lap and four-lap events, as well as the long and triple jumps. Another Kintyre girl Eilidh Anderson was second overall in the under 13 competition with wins in the speed bounce and vertical jump, whilst Ruth Turner was fourth.

Ashleigh Connor shared her win of the under 15 championship title with Olivia Kerr from Lochgilphead High. The girls, who gained 33 points, could not be separated in both the two-lap and four-lap races, with Ashleigh winning the long, triple and high jumps in addition to the vertical jump, reaching up to 55cm - very close to the Argyll age record.

Kintyre boys also fared well at the event with Andrew Dott from Castlehill taking second place in the under 9 boys championship and Lochlin Ellis from Dalintober sixth. Cameron Reid, also of Castlehill, was fourth in the under 11 boys contest.

The Kintyre athletes were amongst 82 young people to take part in the Argyll final, which followed five regional qualifying competitions in Lochgilphead, Campbeltown, Oban, Mull and Rothesay.

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