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Traders' delight at traffic being allowed again on Cross Street

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SHOP owners are breathing huge sighs of relief with the re-opening of Cross Street, Campbeltown to traffic following a year's closure.

They said trade suffered after safety fencing was put around a crumbling and potentially dangerous tenement on the corner with Main Street.

Now the building, one of the town's oldest dating back to the late 18th century, is set for extensive restoration work and shop owners hope it will mean brighter times for them too.

'The road closure defi-

nitely affected business,' said Fiona Armour, manager at ladies clothing shop J L Farmer.

'It's just been a long, protracted mess.

'We had to ask Argyll and Bute Council if the rusty barrier at the end of the street could be replaced. It made the street look derelict.

No information

'The road was not maintained while it was closed and we got no information about what was happening.'

Graeme Baird, manager at The Old Bookshelf, said: 'We're delighted the road has re-opened.

'Already we've noticed more people coming past.

'It's just a shame it took so long.' He said the barrier blocking the road was an eyesore and put people off coming down the street, adding: 'People weren't sure if the street was open.'

After the road was closed on January 17 last year, discussions began to find a developer for 50-52 Main Street/2 Cross Street.

A contractor has now buttressed the outside of the building as well as prop the interior with a steel scaffold structure. Meanwhile, £390,000

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Teacher Agnes Stewart, one of the Gambia group leaders, is welcomed home by her daughter Kirsten, while her parents Agnes and Alistair, and uncle John Kerr look on.

Warm welcome home

VOLUNTEERS to Gambia received a warm welcome when they returned to Campbeltown Grammar on Sunday after nearly two weeks away on a 'life-changing experience'.

Pupils and leaders carried out construction work at a Gambian school and immersed themselves in the tribal culture.

Catriona Hood, school rector, said: 'This has been a life-changing ex-

perience and the families of all involved are so proud of this group. It was brilliant to welcome them home - pupils' parents and wider family, leaders' families and some parents, staff, friends and pets were there. It was a superb school family moment.'

For a full report on what the pupils got up to along with pictures, see next week's Courier.

Death driver jailed for nine years

A HIGH speed driver from Tarbert who crashed his car and killed a teenage passenger has been jailed for nine years.

James Neill, 35, pled guilty to driving dangerously and causing the death of Natasha Clark, 17, also from Tarbert.

Full story on page 4.

MSP's call over landslips

MSP Jamie McGrigor is calling for more landslip prevention measures on the A83 between Arrochar and Cairndow after yet another road closure at the weekend.

Fully story on page 13.

Rally coming to Machrihanish

MACHRIHANISH Air Base has been confirmed as a venue for the Blue Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship in July.

Rally drivers and cars will be at Campbeltown Grammar School today (Friday) promoting the event and the sport while stressing the importance of young drivers staying safe on the roads at all times.

Full stories on pages 9 and 24.

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Cross Street shop owners breath a huge sigh of relief

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of Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) funding has been set aside to repair and renovate the building pending planning and grant approval.

A developer has been identified to bring the building back into use with enhanced shop-fronts and private lets above.

Councillor Rory Colville, chairman of the Mid Argyll,

Kintyre and the Islands committee, said: 'We have secured the building, ahead of the main work beginning in the summer.'

'Without the intervention of Argyll and Bute Council, the building may well have been demolished leaving a gap site on the Main Street.'

'Now it will be fully renovated and brought back into use.'

The project is the final target building for the THI in Campbeltown, which is part of the CHORD regeneration project and has already restored and renovated a number of key buildings in the town.

The Cross street traders praised the support received from THI staff.

Historic Scotland in 1971 described the Cross Street building as 'Campbeltown's



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Cross Street is open again to vehicles after being closed for a year. 20_c09cross01

Police files:

Driver was avoiding potholes
A DRIVER dodging potholes sparked a police alert.
A Campbeltown Police confirmed this week that officers stopped and breath tested a driver on the A83 on Sunday evening after receiving a report of erratic driving at Kilkenzie.
'It turned out he had been simply trying to avoid potholes,' said a police spokesman.
Another report of a possible drink driver on the A83 at Tayinloan last Wednesday also produced a negative breath test.

Man found unconscious
A MAN was found unconscious at the Cross on Main Street at 10.50pm on Sunday after having too much to drink.
An ambulance attended and he was taken back to the boat he was staying on by friends.

Teenager found drinking
A REPORT has been sent to the children's reporter after a 15-year-old boy was found under the influence of alcohol on Longrow, Campbeltown in the early hours of Sunday morning.
The boy was taken home by police.

Drugs found
A MAN has been reported following the discovery of drugs in premises on Princes Street, Campbeltown last Friday night.

Breach of the peace
A WOMAN was arrested outside licensed premises on Shore Street in the early hours of Sunday morning for a breach of the peace.

Careless driver caught
A 19-YEAR-OLD man has received an anti-social behaviour order notice after being charged with careless driving on Hall Street, Campbeltown on Sunday night.

Car damaged
A CAR in Bowmore, Islay was reported damaged last Friday at 3.30pm because of vandalism.
The passenger side of the vehicle appears to have been vandalised and police are appealing for anyone with information to call 101.

Teenager sought
POLICE are appealing for information after a teenager was reported as acting suspiciously near Stewarton last Tuesday.
The boy in his late teens was wearing a dark jacket, grey hooded top and luminous green gloves.
He was seen around 5.15pm but police could find no trace of him.
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Two years in jail for attack on pregnant partner

A MAN who attacked his partner when she was eight months pregnant has been jailed for two years.

Neil Johnstone, 24, of 6 Millers Park, Campbeltown, was convicted earlier this month at a six-day jury trial at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

The court heard how he had pulled clumps of hair from the woman's head and spat on her.

The jury agreed he had assaulted the woman at her home address in Campbeltown on July 14 last year by attempting to force her down stairs, repeatedly punching her on the head and

body, seizing hold of her by the hair, pulling hair from her head, spitting on her face and pushing her against a wall, all to the danger of the life of her unborn child.

Pled guilty

Johnstone had earlier pled guilty to shouting, swearing and uttering threats at 6 Millers Park and Campbeltown Hospital on July 14 of last year, as well as obstructing police, struggling violently with officers and attempting to bite one of them.

During sentencing, Johnstone's defence agent Christian Kane asked the sheriff to consider a community pay-

back order as this would 'benefit all those involved'.

He said: 'This is a fairly spectacular first offence. He accepts it's a serious offence. It's clear alcohol is a problem and he accepts it has played a significant role in this offence.'

He also admitted that Johnstone had a high risk of reoffending.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC described Johnstone's criminal justice social work report as 'not positive' and said a custodial sentence was the only option as the offence involved an 'assault of serious aggravation'.



Helpers Alix Geyer, left, and Hannah Colville, with some of the prizes up for grabs at the prize raffle. 20_c09prize01

Prize raffle raises £3,000 for Billy

A PRIZE raffle in aid of former Campbeltown man Billy Irving, who is being held in an Indian prison, has raised £3,000.

The raffle at the Burnside Bar last Thursday was organised by a group of Billy's friends from Campbeltown and the money raised will go towards legal costs to bring him home.

They said they were hugely grateful to everyone who took part and those who donated prizes.

Winners included David Paterson, who won first prize - Billy's booze

basket, Colin Stalker, who picked up a day's car hire, and James Rennie, who won a Serenity Spa voucher.

In October the former para was imprisoned along with the crew from the anti-piracy ship

where he worked.

They are accused of carrying illegal weapons on board and wrongfully obtaining fuel.

Billy has been refused bail six times as his family fights to bring him home.

Information sought over television sellers

POLICE are appealing for information after arresting two men who were going from house to house selling televisions on Monday evening.

The men were charged with failing to have a street trader's licence and police are keen to hear from anyone approached by the men.

Anyone with any information should call 101.

Kintyre Recycling expansion could create six jobs

KINTYRE Recycling is to receive funding worth more than £56,000, allowing it to purchase land to expand the business.

The charity will receive £41,230 from the Scottish Land Fund, part of the Big Lottery Fund, and £15,000 from the Enterprise Ready Fund, organised by the Scottish Government.

The money will allow Kintyre Recycling to buy land on the outskirts of Campbeltown where they will relocate to expand, diversify and create jobs.

Amanda Card, business manager at Kintyre

Recycling, said: 'This funding will enable us to build on 20 years of community support during which we have been providing recycling services and employment opportunities for people with additional needs in the Kintyre area.'

'We will be able to develop new premises, supporting 22 existing jobs, and pursue plans to create a further six jobs including employability placements.'

The Scottish Land Fund, funded by £9 million from the Scottish Government and administered by the Big Lot-

tery Fund, gives rural communities the chance to own and manage land assets. The Enterprise Ready Fund helps maintain, develop and grow the third sector in Scotland and supports the long term development of organisations.

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Nine years for speeding driver who caused Tarbert teenager's death

A HIGH speed driver from Tarbert who crashed his car and killed a teenage passenger has been jailed for nine years.

Admitted

Fisherman James Neill, 35, of 45 Eastfield, was also banned from driving for 15 years after he admitted causing the death of his passenger

Natasha Clark, 17.

Neill had pled guilty to driving dangerously and at excessive speed on August 20, 2012 on the A83 near to Erines Cottage, Erines, Tarbert. He was repeatedly urged to slow down by his passengers, the High Court in Paisley heard last month.

Neill reached speeds

of up to 110mph and experts estimated his sporty Honda Civic R had been driving in excess of 70mph when the car spun off the road and smashed into a large rock.

Minor injuries

The impact trapped Natasha and her friend Sandra Harvey who were in the back seat.

Neill and his friend Sean McGregor, who were in the front, had minor injuries.

Miss Clark was airlifted to a Glasgow hospital but died the following day from multiple injuries.

Miss Harvey suffered a broken leg and a suspected spinal injury.

When Neill appeared for sentence at the High Court in Edinburgh last week, judge Lord Stewart told him his speed had been 'grossly excessive'.

Disregard

The judge continued: 'The danger to passengers of your vehicle and other road users was obvious, but you continued in complete disregard of pleas to slow down.'

Advocate depute Tim Niven-Smith, prosecuting, said Neill drove too fast throughout his journey.

He added: 'Sandra Harvey looked at the speedometer and saw it was reading a speed of 110mph.'

'She saw that Natasha Clark looked frightened.'

'Sandra Harvey held Natasha's hand and closed her eyes.'

Shop assistant

Miss Clark, of Oakhill, Tarbert, worked as a shop assistant in Lochgilhead's Co-op.

Van driver Coll McFarlane, who was travelling in the opposite direction, estimated the Civic's speed at more than 100mph.

His passenger, David Russell, later told the police it was the fastest he had seen a car travelling on that stretch of road.

Solicitor advocate Simon Whyte, defending, said that since the accident Neill had been treated for anxiety and had been unable to work.



Elaine McGeachy, right, has said thanks on behalf of herself and her sister Mairi McKillop, who have been raising money for the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre and Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust. 20_c05coffee02

Charity fundraising sisters say a big thanks

MONEY has been rolling in for two sisters who have embarked on a year of fundraising for two charities close to their hearts.

Elaine McGeachy and Mairi McKillop are spending this year trying to raise as much money as possible for the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre and Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust.

Their months of holding and entering as many events to raise money as they can will culminate in a sponsored walk of the Great Wall of China in October. Over the past few weeks the pair have raised more than £300 at a charity pub quiz night in the Burnside Bar, which will go to the Beatson, and held a prize bingo at Campbeltown Bowling Club yesterday (Thursday).

Elaine said: 'I would just like to say a huge thanks to the local community, friends and family for supporting

our charity fundraising over the past few weeks. We must thank the regular quiz goers at the Burnside Bar for donating £100 to the Beatson from their charity fund.

'We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone and are really pleased that our targets are almost achieved for our two chosen charities of the Beatson Cancer Centre and Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust.'

Their grand raffle was drawn early after all 1,000 tickets sold within two weeks. The winners were Mrs McMullan, who won a stay at the Ugadale Hotel, Machrihanish, Hannah McPhee, who won Ardshiel Hotel, Campbeltown, vouchers and Lorna Armour who won a luxury hamper.

Anyone who wishes to donate or sponsor Elaine and Mairi can do so on their Just Giving page at justgiving.com/elainemcg.

Drugs haul found in Campbeltown

TWO men have been arrested after £2,800 worth of cannabis was recovered from houses in Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown.

Police revealed this week that officers, acting on intelligence, seized the drugs following searches in two houses in the street earlier this month.

Two men, aged 25 and 40, were arrested for alleged offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act.

Detective Sergeant Darren Munogee at

Campbeltown Police Office said: 'This operation is part of our ongoing commitment to crack down on drugs in our local community.'

'We are dedicated to keeping people safe and would encourage anyone with any information on drug dealing in the area to contact Police Scotland on 101. Alternatively contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, where anonymity can be maintained.'

A report is being sent to the procurator fiscal.

ACHA to build 60 new homes

A £2.3 million loan facility has been agreed between Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) and Argyll and Bute Council to support the association's new build housing development programme.

The money will allow the construction of ACHA's 40 new affordable homes for rent at Glenshellach in Oban where the waiting list is more than 600.

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Rangers legends on their way

CAMPBELTOWN'S many Rangers fans are in for a massive treat this summer.

The town's supporters club has secured a clutch of famous 'Gers names for its big annual charity fundraiser.

Former 'nine-in-a-row' stars Andy Goram, Nacho Novo and Charlie Miller have agreed to take part in Campbeltown Loyal Rangers Supporters Club's Jimmy Taylor memo-

rial match between the club's under 25s and over 25s.

Also in attendance could be up to five legends from the victorious 1972 European Cup Winners' Cup side.

Striker Colin Stein and winger Willie Johnston have already confirmed and may be joined by Tam Forsyth, Alex MacDonald and Colin Jackson.

They will show the cup, won against Mos-

cow Dynamo in Barcelona, at the Campbeltown game and again at the question and answer session followed by a dinner dance at Campbeltown Grammar School.

'This will undoubtedly be our biggest event yet, bringing so many big names,' said a club spokesman.

'The fans love these visits, and the legends love coming here because we look after them so well.

'The evening will see a proper dinner dance with singer Vicky Gold and everyone is welcome.'

Last year, goalkeeping great Andy Goram won the fans over when he spent many hours with them, joking with them and telling football stories.

Former captain Richard Gough has also visited twice.

This year's planned event, set for June 21, will easily surpass all the previous ones.

As in other years, sup-



Campbeltown Loyal Rangers Supporters Club members Billy Gilchrist, Dick McFadyen and Greg Sargeant are pictured donating £600 to Hazel McIntyre, a dementia link worker who received the money on behalf of Alzheimer's Scotland Campbeltown.

porters club members will probably treat the former Rangers players to a round of golf at Machrihanish or Machrihanish Dunes before the charity football match, where the admission will be £3.

The supporters have just handed over a cheque for £600 to

Alzheimer's Scotland Campbeltown from last year's event.

This year, the town's young footballers will benefit with money raised going to Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association. McFadyens, Peter McKerral Haulage, West Coast Motors, D. Mc-

Nair Shipping, D&M Steadfast and Tavies Taxis are among the regular backers of the charity event.

The thriving supporters club has more than 100 members and organises a bus to Rangers' home games, with the charge of £20 for adults and £15 for youngsters including

Meeting will hope to start a traders' association

A FURTHER meeting is being held with the aim of re-establishing a Campbeltown Traders' Association.

It will be held on Wednesday, March 5 at 7.30pm in the Tasting Room, Bolgam Street, Campbeltown.

A spokeswoman for Explore Campbeltown said: 'We had an encouraging turn out to the first meeting at the end of January and there were traders who were very keen and enthusiastic to get this organisation set up as soon as possible.'

'We hope that by holding the second meeting we will be able to form a solid committee which will be for the good of all traders and assure the traders have a strong voice within the community.'

'For that reason it is important that as many traders as possible come along and show their support.'



Prolific Rangers striker Colin Stein, who scored in the memorable European Cup Winners' Cup final win against Moscow Dynamo.

Council invests in local economy

MORE than £90 million will be invested in Argyll and Bute over the next two years as the local authority aims to make the region more attractive to businesses and families.

Councillors have agreed to set aside £80m to support growth in the local economy, with £40 million of that dedicated to improving roads and infrastructure.

A further £11.8 million in the council's reserve fund has also been earmarked for economic development.

It is however understood that funds will be split between the four administrative areas of the council, with area committees taking a much more active role in driving economic regeneration within their respective towns and villages.

Delivery

Sally Loudon, chief executive of Argyll and Bute Council, said the economic projects and action plans for their delivery would be 'firmed up' in the next year.

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Centre concerns

THANKFULLY, the longstanding problem of the crumbling building on the corner of Campbeltown's Main Street and Cross Street is being resolved. It was an eyesore no town centre would want and it did no favours to traders in Cross Street who through no fault of their own almost looked closed for business.

With work due to start on a £1.3 million upgrade of the adjacent town hall the appearance of that part of Main Street should improve dramatically by the end of the year. Unfortunately, there is no shortage of work still needing to be done to improve many town centre buildings.

The former post office on the corner with Argyll Street remains a bugbear, with its owner seemingly happy to do little with it after buying it more than 20 years ago.

Then there is the huge problem of what is generally out of the public eye. As the Courier highlighted last year, the rear of many town centre buildings are a 'ticking time bomb' (to quote councillor Donald Kelly), displaying a frightening level of decay and deterioration.

The commitment to restore 50-52 Main Street/2 Cross Street has prevented one gap site from occurring but that will happen repeatedly elsewhere if action is not taken sooner rather than later. Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative has carried out excellent restoration and renovation work - reversing 70 years of decline - since it began as part of the CHORD project but unfortunately this funding scheme is time limited despite the fact it could be kept busy for years to come.

We could pay a heavy price in the long term not keeping that good work going.

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Let down over Methadone service

Sir,

I have to take issue on a number of points with the Methadone letter from an Oban writer in last week's Courier.

Firstly, to state that clearly there has been a breakdown in communications or a misunderstanding between NHS Highland and the community groups in Campbeltown is simply wrong. NHS Highland has long known what was expected of it by Campbeltown regarding the issue of a possible Methadone service and chose to override it.

Secondly, the writer states their disbelief that this service would attract 'hard drug users from outwith the town'. Why not, if a Methadone service is there in tandem with cheap, available accommodation?

As for the claim they would not want to leave family and friends to move here I would say a lot of addicts have exhausted the patience of their families and non-drug taking friends.

The letter then makes the highly contentious claim that most addicts fund their addictions by working or from their benefits. Seriously? £50 to £100 a day habits and a chaotic lifestyle? Where are these jobs and benefits?

To further contradict that claim, we are then told of a GP citing he would rather have a girl on Methadone than selling her body to get money for drugs. So no adequate job or benefits there then.

It has to be remembered amid all this that Methadone is no wonder cure. It is a highly contentious method of

drug treatment.

NHS Highland chooses to set up a service in Campbeltown to save a handful of people a fortnightly bus trip to Dumbarton to be given a prescription because it fits with its policy. NHS Highland chooses not to have a full cancer treatment facility in Campbeltown but instead requires sufferers to commute to Glasgow because that also fits with its policy.

Finally, the letter writer states 'once this issue is investigated and dealt with so there is no repeat incident' - repeat of what? The deed is done. Campbeltown now has a service imposed upon it - despite Government assurances that would not happen.

Name and address supplied and withheld on request.

Council's 'bedroom tax' failure

Sir,

I welcome the cross party support in condemning Argyll and Bute Council's refusal to mitigate in full the effects of the 'bedroom tax'.

The Scottish Parliament's funding is not being used as intended with the council predicting more than half a million pounds unspent.

This leaves more than 200 families being callously left to choose between food, heat or rent and the possibility of being removed from their communities and support networks.

Labour, the SNP and even the Liberal Democrats supported this funding at the Scottish Parliament. Labour and the SNP are committed to abolishing the 'bedroom tax' after independence.

It is recognised that the 'bedroom tax' affects not only the poorest but particularly those with a disability, with caring needs or those in a position not of their own making.

The SNP council group put forward a proposal to compensate everyone affected by the 'bedroom tax' in full as intended.

The Conservative and Unionist administration at Argyll and Bute Council has put Tory political ideology before the needs of some of our most unfortunate residents.

The funding is available, so individually they must look to their consciences, ignore their leadership and support this group of vulnerable people as soon as possible.

**Councillor
James Robb
Argyll and Bute
Council.**

SNP abused community's trust

Sir,

The Courier leader column last week hit the nail on the head when it described the behaviour of the SNP Government as disappointing.

Clear assurances from ministers were given in a public meeting, and reproduced on paper. They told us that no Methadone clinic would be imposed if local people were not happy.

The SNP ministers broke that promise only six months later, and now there's a deep sense of betrayal in the community. We all accept that not every decision can go the way we would each like. However, what's never acceptable is saying one thing and doing the opposite. Worse

still, doing so secretly, with no communication or explanation of the complete u-turn.

The people of Kintyre will now find it very difficult to believe any assertion or promise uttered by the current SNP Government, given these events. Trust is a precious thing, and once breached can be impossible to rebuild.

**Mary Galbraith
Labour Parliamentary candidate, Argyll and Bute.**

Reality of a currency union

Sir,

One week the Prime Minister is 'lovebombing' the Scots with his good cop routine, the next his Chancellor, Mr Balls and Mr Alexander are acting as bad cop, ruling out a formal currency union in the event of Scottish independence.

As the polls narrow such acts of desperation are to be expected, but it is a dangerous game the UK Government is playing as it would of course leave them having to pick up the entire UK debt.

A currency union clearly makes economic sense for both parties. The UK balance of trade deficit is £35 billion a year and Scottish oil and gas exports amount to £30 billion, with Scotland being the second-biggest export market for the rest of the UK after the US.

For Scotland not to continue to use sterling would double the sterling zone trade imbalance and have a massive negative impact on the currency.

In addition, transaction costs will lead to businesses in the rest of the UK losing hundreds of millions of pounds and destroying jobs.

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New flats will ease Tarbert housing crisis

TARBERT'S social housing crisis will be eased by a plan to build eight new flats at a cost of £1.1 million.

However, Tarbert councillor John McAlpine has said more still needs to be done to provide good quality family homes.

A planning application by social landlord Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) was unanimously passed by Argyll and Bute councillors at last Wednesday's planning meeting.

The housing initiative will include eight flats across two blocks, one block with four one-bed flats and the second including four two-bed flats.

Councillor John McAlpine said that

while he welcomed the project more needed to be done.

'In order to address the real needs of the public we require quality three-bedroom housing. I hope to hold a public meeting within the next two to three weeks to address this situation,' he said.

'I will give a presentation and people will be asked to fill in an application form to show there is a need for it.'

Councillor McAlpine added: 'I will be releasing details about the time and place of the meeting in the near future.'

The proposal also included 14 parking spaces and one disabled space.

Work, which will be carried out by Lochgilhead builder M & K



Councillor John McAlpine says three-bedroom housing is needed in Tarbert.

MacLeod, is expected to started on site in the near future.

Brian Mearns, chairman of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council, said: 'This is excellent news. This is something we have been really anxious to get done for some time.'

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Maintaining the currency union post independence will help Scotland with trade and energy sales to the rest of the UK, and in addition help the rest of the UK maintain the sterling zone's balance of payments at a manageable level.

For the rest of the UK to try and prevent Scotland continuing to use sterling would be tantamount to economic suicide, effectively cutting off its nose to spite its face and is yet another example of scaremongering we Scots are intelligent enough to see through.

Alex Orr
77 Leamington Terrace
Edinburgh

Thanks for community spirit

Sir,
I am the father of Billy Irving who at present is in prison in India, having been arrested in October 2013 along with the 35 crew and Marsec men whilst working as a marine security officer on board an American anti-piracy support ship.

We as a family are still trying to get Billy out of prison and as you can guess, it is a stressful and logistically difficult time trying to work with Indian lawyers.

Billy's friends in Campbeltown led by Shaun McDaniel and Sharon Gillies have organised a raffle to raise cash to assist with Billy's legal costs. The draw was in the Burnside Bar last Thursday night and the amazing sum of £3,000 was raised, once again the community spirit of Campbeltown has come to the fore.

I would like to take this opportunity through the Courier to thank each and every one of you who contributed your cash and your time to this effort. I will be writing to Billy tonight and will let him know.

At this point in his life he is in great need of cheering up. Many thanks to all of you and hopefully we as a family will be down to Campbeltown after Billy's release to thank you all.

Jim and Margaret Irving
Vienne, France

Last week's Courier revealed that travellers are facing lengthy closures and/or detours averaging once a month on the A83, as a result of accidents or landslips. We asked for your views.

Paul Crookes: That road will never be fixed - heavy rain leads to landslides.

Simon Holland: Block the road permanently and start your own kingdom of Kintyre.

Harry Hood: Replanting the Forest of Caledon would hold the soil in place. Reducing deer numbers by 95 percent and sheep numbers by 99 percent would ensure the trees would be able to grow.

Charlie Mclean: They spent all that money on the old military road but it will not help, as they say it will use a convoy system which would delay you up to 45 minutes. This is not good enough - why did they not go the full hog and make the old road double lanes and use it to replace the one further up the mountain?

The Courier's story two weeks ago that a Methadone prescribing service had been introduced in Campbeltown contrary to assurances given by the Scottish Government prompted our biggest Facebook response to date. Here are some further comments:

Elizabeth Conley: Nobody is denying these folk treatment, just don't think the townsfolk want the clinic here. We are last to get other things here that are needed, why put a clinic at the end of the road down here?

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

Sharon Herrod: What a joke, Campbeltown kept in the dark again. We signed a petition for what? It still went ahead anyway. Disgraceful.

Nanette Jackson: How in God's name can anyone think that taking heroin is not a choice? Do you think the bags of heroin jump across the street and smack the users on the face and shout take me? A Methadone clinic for the Wee Toon is a disgrace.

David Farrell-Shaw: Methadone is used by government to keep drug users hooked. It is worse than heroin (which in itself was created to get people off opium). Pharma companies and their outlets (chemists) make a fortune from the misery.

Karen Deavy: The only way you could get on Meth was through a drug treatment and testing order. You have to break the law in a big way for you to get the help.

Michelle Ross: Why do we need a Methadone clinic when the few drug addicts that already live in Campbeltown can get it at the chemist? The clinic is offering little more than this. These people need help to get clean, not stuck on Methadone for the rest of their lives. The number of addicts in Campbeltown is low to the amount of people living here, we do not need more moving to the area. I hope none of my family are affected by this problem but if they were I still wouldn't see this clinic as the answer.

Iain McKerral: Maybe we need to ban the sale of alcohol and cigarettes. What about Mars bars etc? Isn't obesity a huge problem? The NIMBY brigade can shout as loud as they want, but Campbeltown is a very poor shadow of its former self, and that has nothing to do with heroin or Methadone.

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Spring clean to take place at Westport Beach

KINTYRE residents are being called on to get their hands dirty at a beach clean on Westport Beach.

Organised by Surfers Against Sewage, the beach clean is part of a nationwide campaign to clear beaches of debris after weeks of winter storms battering British coasts.

The environmental initiative hopes to bring together thousands of volunteers at 150 beaches across the country to help conserve and enhance the British coastline.

Westport's Big Spring Beach Clean will take place on March 29 between 10.30am and 1pm.

Surfers Against Sewage is an environmental charity protecting the UK's oceans, waves and beaches through community action, campaigning, volunteering, conservation, education and scientific research.

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Kintyre SWRI holds bowling competition

THE KINTYRE Group of the SWRI held its annual indoor bowling competition on Saturday at the Masonic Hall in Campbeltown.

There were eight teams in the competition, five from Southend's institute and three from Largieside.

The contest took the form of a

knockout competition with the last two teams competing for the trophy.

Both teams in the final were from Southend and consisted of Jane McCorkindale and Marion Warnock against Elsie Ronald and Patricia Jones. The winners were Jane McCorkindale and Marion Warnock.



Competition was close at the annual indoor bowling competition. 20_c09bowl01



Eight teams from Southend and Largieside institutes took part in the knockout contest. 20_c09bowl02



Elaine Hemmings, left, presents the trophy to Jane McCorkindale and Marion Warnock.

Sale of the Century set to take place

CAMPBELTOWN'S Victoria Hall is to once again host the Sale of the Century on March 7 and 8, organised and run by the town's Rotary Club.

These sales are very important money raisers for the club's charities account and they enable the club to help others locally, nationally and internationally.

There will be the usual variety of goods on offer and auctioneering will, as always, be in the capable hands of resident auctioneers Cecil Finn and John Kerr.

If buying something is out of the question, it is still worth paying a visit to the hall for the sake of hearing the entertaining sales patter. The usual bric-a-brac

stall will be available from 3.30pm until 5pm on Friday and throughout the day on Saturday.

Also on Saturday, the Inner Wheel Club of Campbeltown will provide tea, coffee, soft drinks, filled rolls and biscuits, which helps boost its funds.

The auction starts at 10am on Saturday, March 8.

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Machrihanish rally gets the green light

MACHRIHANISH Air Base has been officially confirmed as a venue for the Blue Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship.

The inaugural event will take place on July 5 and 6 this year.

Organised by Dunfermline Car Club, which has been organising motor racing events for more than 40 years, the Kintyre rally has already attracted interest from motor racing teams and fans across the world. David Hatrick, event organiser, said: 'We can now get down to the serious job of preparing for what promises to be the hottest event in the motor sports calendar in 2014.'

'We'd like to thank everyone involved – including the Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) – for their incredible work and unstinting enthusiasm in helping to make



The Blue Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship will have 11 rounds in total across Scotland, including Machrihanish.

this rally a reality.'

Kieran O'Kane, Blue Machinery (Scotland) Ltd, said: 'As title sponsor of the championship, we are very pleased to be involved in this fantastic new venue and also looking forward to competing.'

'We would also like to say a massive well done

to the guys at Dunfermline Car Club for pulling this together and also to the community near Machrihanish for what, no doubt, will be a fantastic event for everyone involved.'

As well as the rally excitement, competitors and spectators will also be treated to live enter-

tainment, including the sound of local band The Twisted Melons on the Saturday night.

Machrihanish Dunes resort is also getting involved by offering a special rate of accommodation at their hotels over the weekend.

On the Sunday morning, the teams will get

down to business in the final stages of the rally, followed by the prize giving.

For more information on the inaugural Kintyre rally visit dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk or join a growing number of Facebook fans on [facebook.com/events/183102015219484](https://www.facebook.com/events/183102015219484).

Businesses urged to enter leading food and drink awards

NOMINATIONS are being sought for Kintyre food and drink businesses in the 10th Highlands and Islands Food and Drink Awards.

Entries are now being accepted for 12 categories in the awards, which recognise and re-

ward businesses across the Highlands and Islands which are displaying best practice, achieving exceptional standards and pushing boundaries.

Quintin Stevens of the Highlands and Islands Food and Drink Awards

committee said: 'We've specifically brought forward the opening and closing dates for entries this year to give businesses a chance to consider, complete and submit their entry before they get too distracted when the main season

gets well and truly underway.

'Throughout the spring we will be actively encouraging producers to enter their products into one or more of the award categories; owners and managers of pubs, restaurants, cafés, shops and delis to enter the restaurant, eatery and/or retail categories; and businesses throughout the industry striving for quality and excep-

tional standards to claim recognition for their efforts. In fact, everyone who believes in the high quality of local and regional food and drink should be involved in these worthy and prestigious awards.'

The deadline for entries is April 23 and the awards ceremony will take place on October 24 in Inverness. For more information visit hifoodanddrinkawards.com.

Kintyre Club seeking applications for donations

APPLICATIONS are being sought for the next round of donations by the Kintyre Club, a charitable organisation set up by Machrihanish Dunes.

The hotel business re-established the Kintyre Club and it aims to follow in the charitable tradition of the original Kintyre Club, which ran from 1825 until 1981.

All member dues are used to fund worthy

causes in the Kintyre region.

All charities and other similar organisations are invited to apply for a donation, with priority given to those recognised by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator or those benefiting children in Kintyre.

The next meeting for this round of donations will take place in March.

This time the Kintyre Club is particularly looking for organisations or groups which are interested in holding events or functions.

To apply for a grant, contact The Kintyre Club, care of The Ugadale Hotel, Machrihanish, PA28 6PT or email kintyreclub@machdunes.com.

All applications must be received by today (Friday).

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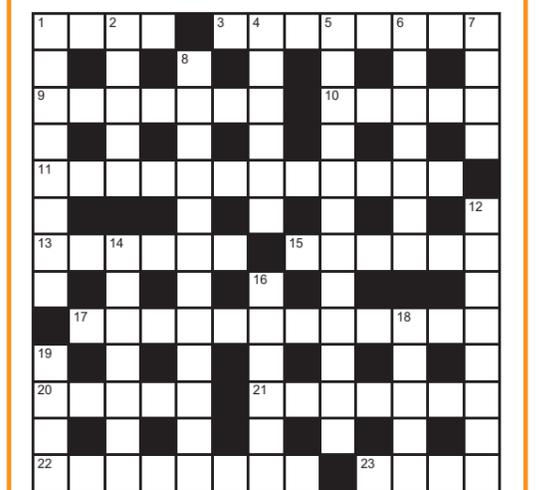
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Courier farming

Monitor farmer takes his lambing outside

KINTYRE monitor farmer Duncan Macalister has taken the decision to lamb all his ewes outside in a move which he admits 'took a lot of nerve'.

Mr Macalister owns and farms the 1,730-acre Glenbarr Farm. He has a sheep breeding flock of around 500 ewes, mainly Lleyl crosses. All lambs, other than retained replacements, are finished.

Prior to the 2013 lambing Mr Macalister had split his ewes into two equal-sized lambing groups. The earlier lambers, lambed inside, started on March 25, with the later group, lambed outside, starting a month later.

Lambed outside

In 2013, all the Glenbarr ewes were lambed outside, with an April 20 kick off. In 2012, a total of 746 lambs were marked. For 2013, when all ewes were lambed outside, 737 lambs were marked.

'I couldn't have picked

a better year to put the start of lambing back to April,' said Mr Macalister. 'In March this area was hit by some of the worst snow we've seen here.'

'Many farms were without electricity for more than a week and livestock losses, particularly ewes and young lambs, were high. I lost just eight ewes.'

To breed female replacements he has been purchasing Performance Recorded easy lambing Lleyl tups.

He explained: 'I needed to work with a breed which matched our environment and had strong weather instincts and good mothering ability.'

The Lleyl was developed on the North Wales Lleyl Peninsula, an area with similar conditions to Kintyre.

'If the weather is really rough, the ewes get high energy blocks with trace elements, and that's all the feeding they get. This means that during lambing when I drive

very slowly and quietly around the ewes they don't associate the vehicle with food, so they're not disturbed.'

Mr Macalister said: 'If a ewe is in trouble I help her, but also quickly spray mark her and any ewe lambs to make sure only ewe lambs from trouble-free births are considered for replacements.'

Calving herd

Mr Macalister also runs a spring calving herd of 140 suckler cows which calve at the same time as the lambing.

He said: 'As we didn't have to dedicate time to the indoor lambing ewes in 2013, it was great knowing we could spend much more time with the cows if needed.'

'I don't intend to go back to lambing any ewes inside.'

'The ewe needs to be territorial and have excellent mothering ability and be able to stand her ground to protect her lambs against predators.'

Rural college holds soil workshop

SOIL was the topic during a well debated workshop at Glenrioch Farm, Campbeltown.

Seamus Donnelly from Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) delivered a practical and realistic address.

Topics covered in the discussion included soil types, compaction checks using a spade, checking root systems and soil structure. He emphasised the importance of pH and how correct liming applications improve the uptake of fertiliser to maximise crop growth.

A practical demonstration by the host highlighted the importance of rodding drains and the linkage of a well thought out drainage system using the correct materials and size of pipe. This will cope with large downpours of rain and maintain a low water table. They also learned of the importance of oxygen to plant growth, mindful of the flooding problems of farmers in Somerset.



Farmers had a practical workshop on soil at Glenrioch Farm.

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WRI members learn floral art

LADIES at Whitehouse WRI recently enjoyed an evening of floral art with Pauline Simson from Clachan.

All members participated as Pauline demonstrated how to make floral arrangements.

Everyone made a small arrangement which was then judged in competition as follows: 1 Margaret Pratt, 2 Dorothy O'Donnel, 3 Pam Caley.

Hostesses for the evening were Dorothy O'Donnel and Mary Elder.



Gaelic lessons for Clachan pupils

CLACHAN Primary School pupils and their class teacher have been learning about Gaelic during a five-week block of tuition from David McEwan.

Last Thursday, the pupils showed off their new language skills by hold-

ing an open afternoon for parents and members of the wider community.

They presented drama, songs and music in Gaelic. The pupils are pictured in their Gaelic cafe with David McEwan.

CLACHAN

Fabric collage crafter inspires Clachan SWRI

MEMBERS of Clachan SWRI were left inspired after a talk by crafter Julie Griffiths at their February meeting.

Julie, who did part of her art training in textile design, now specialises in fabric collage. She brought many examples of her meticulous work to show members, while explaining how she goes about creating a picture.

She uses a large collection of mainly cotton material, pieces of which are carefully cut out and either glued or stitched to the background.

Several members felt inspired to try it out for themselves at home and Julie was thanked for showing

off her techniques. She judged the competitions as follows: Animal ornament: 1 Paddy Alderson, 2 Gill Francis, 3 Pat Dean; Prettiest scarf: 1 Glynis Lewin, 2 Joyce Andrews, 3 Pauline Simson. Tea was provided by Jane McCallum and Pauline Simson before the raffle was drawn.

be seen off the coast, as well as various whales and sharks.

He said, however, that fish numbers were much reduced, because of, in part, plastic waste, which is a big threat to marine life in general. When broken down it resembles tiny sea plants and animals and is eaten by fish.

Owen will continue leading divers and doing underwater survey work when the weather improves.

He was thanked for his presentation, accompanied by photographs, and for giving everyone so much to think about.

KILCALMONELL

Guild learns about local sea life

KILCALMONELL Guild members learned about life in the sea at a recent talk by a marine conservationist.

Owen Paisley explained how the west of Scotland was one of the richest places in the world for both plants and animals in the sea, and there was a pod of 55 dolphins which can



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Islay has made the top 10 for best islands in the UK by travel website TripAdvisor.

Islay named eighth best island in UK

ISLAY has been named the eighth best island in the UK by travel directory and review website TripAdvisor in its 2014 Travellers' Choice Islands awards.

Islay places behind Lewis and Harris, Orkney mainland, Mull, Jersey, Skye, Arran and the Isle of Man on the list.

Islay did not feature on the top 10 list last year.

The winners of the awards are determined based on the quali-

ty and quantity of the most highly-rated hotels, restaurants and attractions listed for each island on TripAdvisor over a 12-month period.

Paradises

Lewis and Harris landed fifth in the website's list of the top 10 islands in the world behind tropical paradises Belize and Bora Bora.

Mike Cantlay, chairman of VisitScotland, said: 'With

hundreds of islands, each with their own unique character, diverse landscape and rich wildlife, it's no surprise that these islands have been recognised in the TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Islands awards.

'It's always great to get this kind of recognition and I'm sure it will help to encourage even more people to visit these incredible islands in 2014, the year Scotland welcomes the world.'

MSP demands more landslip prevention measures

McGrigor's call follows yet another A83 closure

JAMIE McGrigor MSP is pressing for more landslip prevention measures on the A83.

It follows a road closure on Sunday and Monday following a slip at Butterbridge between the Rest and Be Thankful and Cairndow - the second there since October.

The road was closed to traffic between Arrochar and Inveraray from noon on Sunday until the following morning.

Travellers to and from Glasgow were forced to make a lengthy detour via Loch Lomondside, Crianlarich, Tyndrum, Dalmally and Inveraray.

Mr McGrigor, MSP for Highlands and Islands, said: 'I share the concern and annoyance of my constituents and local businesses at yet another closure of a key route in and out of Argyll and Bute.'

'It is of real concern this landslide and October's occurred at locations outside the area where the emergency relief road at the Rest and Be Thankful can be used in the event of closures.'

'The transport minister Keith Brown previously assured me studies are under way at the Glen Kinglas, Cairndow and Loch Shira sections of the road with the aim of providing these locations with a similar level of risk reduction to that at the Rest and Be Thankful.'

'Following this landslide at Butterbridge I will be writing to the minister to push for these studies

to be completed as soon as possible and for practical landslip prevention measures on these sections to be implemented without delay.'

'The A83 is of strategic importance to Argyll and Bute and our economy simply cannot afford repeated road closures with the lengthy and costly diversions these entail.'

Last week, the Courier revealed that travellers are facing lengthy closures on average once a month on the A83 as a result of landslides and accidents.

The road was also subject to traffic restrictions last month following a minor landslide at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Landslides risks

A Transport Scotland spokeswoman said this week: 'We have always been aware there are other landslide risks along the A83 and that is why we are having the surveys at Glen Kinglas, Cairndow and Loch Shira carried out.'

'We will be in a better position to decide what the most appropriate action will be when they are completed. We are concentrating on mitigation works at the Rest and Be Thankful because this was where the majority of the recent landslides occurred. The sum of £3.7 million has been invested in the project to date bringing total investment in landslide debris mitigation measures to £4.9 million since 2009.'

Cars negotiating debris from the landslip just before the road was closed on Sunday. Picture courtesy of Kirk McInnes. Inset: Jamie McGrigor MSP is pushing for more landslip prevention measures.



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Argyll to host first rural parliament

THE inaugural meeting of Scotland's rural parliament will be held in Oban on November 6-8.

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, said: 'I am delighted Oban has been chosen. It will give Argyll and Bute the opportunity to showcase the strengths

and achievements of rural communities.'

'The beauty of our wild landscape coupled with the immense knowledge and expertise of our rural communities makes Oban the ideal location for Scotland's first rural parliament.'

'This is a fantastic opportunity for our area's communities to bring forward discussion and debate about how we can improve living and working in rural areas.'

'Rural parliaments work well across Europe and I would urge all communities get involved in this project.'

Top entertainment at Kintyre Drama Festival

DUNAVERTY Players proved their acting skills were top notch after coming out victorious in last week's Kintyre Drama Festival.

The drama group's version of Nick Warbur-

ton's play Easy Stages, following the backstage drama at a production of Hamlet, was awarded first place by adjudicator Ronnie Mackie.

Dunaverty Players will now go on to represent

Kintyre at the Western Divisional Finals in Castle Douglas on March 29.

Peninver Juniors, meanwhile, picked up the youth winners prize for their rendition of

Domby Dom, also by Nick Warburton.

They will take centre stage at the Youth Divisional Finals in Campbeltown Grammar School on March 15.

This year's festival saw six amateur drama clubs battle it out over two nights, with five of the six teams picking up prizes.

Four teams from Kintyre took part - Accent Players, Dunaverty Players, Peninver Juniors and Peninver Juniors - while two groups from Mid Argyll made the journey south - Mid-

Argyll Drama Club and Lochgilphead Drama Club. Judge Ronnie Mackie praised the actors and directors for two nights of varied entertainment before making his decisions.

Results: 1 Dunaverty Players, 2 Accent Players, 3 Lochgilphead Drama Club; Youth winners: Peninver Juniors; Best moment of theatre: Mid-Argyll Drama Club; Best comedy performance: Peninver Juniors; Best stage presentation: Accent Players; Best production: Dunaverty Players.



Accent Players, which had a cast of only three people, opened the festival with Blood Ties, a play about the aftermath of a neighbour's wedding. 20_c09drama01



Above left: Peninver Juniors picked up the youth winners prize and best comedy performance in Domby Dom. 20_c09drama06



Ronnie Mackie was adjudicator for the evening. 20_c09drama08



Above: Lochgilphead Drama Club closed the festival with Who is Millbank Milly. 20_c09drama07



Peninver Players closed the first night of entertainment in a gripping comedy-thriller about five coach passengers stranded at a remote roadside inn at the mercy of a notorious highwayman. 20_c09drama04



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Mid Argyll Drama Club opened proceedings on the second night of the festival with a comedy play, The Tea Dance. 20_c09drama05



These girls were on hand to sell raffle tickets. 20_c09drama02



Left: Dunaverty Players won the annual festival with their play, Easy Stages. 20_c09drama03

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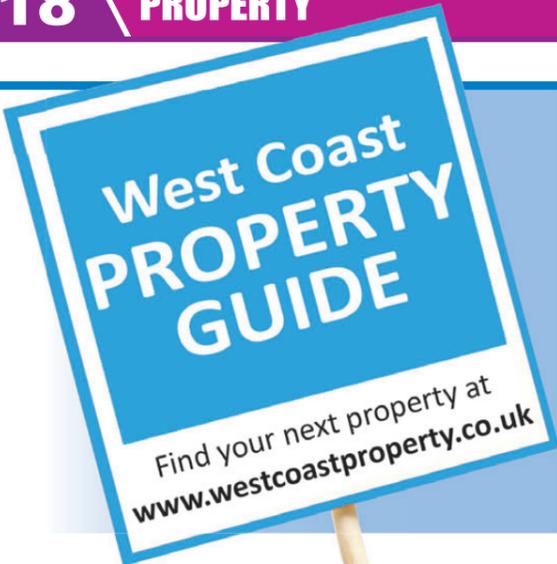
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- Councillor Sandy Taylor (Ward 3 Mid Argyll)**
Councillor Taylor will be holding a drop in surgery in Tayvallich Village Hall on Monday 3rd March 2014 from 4.30pm - 6.00pm
Councillor Taylor can also be contacted by e mail - sandy.taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by telephone - 01546 604184
- Councillor Anne Horn (Ward 3 Mid Argyll)**
Councillor Anne Horn will be holding a drop in surgery on Friday 28th March from 1.00pm - 2.00pm in Bruichladdich Hall, Isle of Islay.
Councillor Horn can also be contacted by Tel: 01880 820496 and by email - anne.horn@argyll-bute.gov.uk
Councillor Horn will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.
- Councillor Donald Kelly (Ward 1 South Kintyre)**
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- Councillor Rory Colville (Ward 1 South Kintyre)**
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- Councillor Robin Currie (Ward 2 Kintyre and the Islands)**
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- Councillor Dougie Philand (Ward 3 Mid Argyll)**
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IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR FREE EARLY LEARNING & CHILDCARE PROVISION (PREVIOUSLY PRESCHOOL EDUCATION PROVISION) ?

- Early Learning and Childcare from August 2014 will be available for:-
- Four year old children whose birth date falls between 1st March 2010 and 28th February 2011
 - Three year old children whose birth date falls between 1st March 2011 and 29th February 2012
- A list of current preschool education providers, including those offering Gaelic Medium, is available from:
- All Early Learning & Childcare Providers
 - All Primary Schools
 - <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/preschool-education>
 - Early Years Helpline noted below
- Information leaflets will be available from Early Learning & Childcare Providers at the time of registration and parents can obtain further guidance from the Early Years Helpline, Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Telephone 01369 708503).
- Parents of eligible children should register at their preferred provider, taking along their child's birth certificate or passport, during week commencing 3rd March 2014 during the normal operational hours of the unit.

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Argyll Bute COUNCIL

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

TAXI FARE REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that Argyll and Bute Council, having consulted with taxi operators licensed by the authority, propose to make the following changes to the maximum fares for taxis operating within the jurisdiction of Argyll and Bute Council. It is proposed these maximum fares will become effective from 9th June 2014.

Any person wishing to lodge representations in respect of these proposals should do so by writing to the Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT no later than 28th March 2014.

Tariff 1 Hirings from ranks or "flag"
Hiring between 7am and 10pm
Initial charge (860 yards or part thereof) £3.00
Subsequent charge (each 176 yards or part thereof) 20 pence
(general effect - increase of 30p to 'initial charge' and distance for each unit of 'subsequent charge' reduced from 200 to 176 yards)

Tariff 2 Hirings from ranks or "flag"
Hiring between 10pm and 7am
Initial charge (860 yards or part thereof) £3.60
Subsequent charge (each 150 yards or part thereof) 20 pence
Tariff 2 also applies to hirings from ranks or "flag" between 6pm and 10pm December 24th, 6pm and 10pm December 31st and between 7am 2nd January and 7am 3rd January
(general effect - increase of 40p to 'initial charge' and distance for each unit of 'subsequent charge' reduced from 170 to 150 yards)

Tariff 3 Hiring from ranks or "flag" between 10pm 24th December and 7am 27th December and between 10pm 31st December and 7am 2nd January
Initial Charge (860 yards or part thereof) £4.20
Subsequent Charge (each 120 yards or part thereof) 20 pence
(general effect - 50p increase to 'initial charge', subsequent charge yardage to remain the same)

Soiling Charge - £100 maximum (with permission to display warning signs indicating that there may be an additional charge for any potential loss of earnings suffered as a consequence)

Waiting Time - 35 pence per minute commencement of journey, charged on a pro rate basis per second
(general effect - increase of 5p)

Taxi called by mean of telephone - 30 pence additional charge

Large Mini-bus type vehicle (carrying 5 or more passengers together at their own request) -

- Where Tariff 1 would apply - charge Tariff 2
- Where Tariff 2 would apply - charge Tariff 3
- Where Tariff 3 would apply - surcharge £1.00

Fee by negotiation - for all journeys commencing within but finishing outwith Argyll and Bute, in a place of the above charges, such fares may be charged as prior to the acceptance of the hire, were proposed to the hirer and accepted by him/her

Ferry Fares - The hirer shall be liable for the cost of a return ferry fare for any journey involving a ferry



west coast recruitment

Argyll College UHI

Argyll College UHI Ltd provides access to a range of further and higher education opportunities. We require the following post:

Financial Director

The post is part-time for a fixed term of 2 years.
Salary and hours negotiable.

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The primary purpose of the post is to develop sound financial strategies towards achieving our mission.

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The successful candidate will be subject to an application to join the Disclosure Scotland Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme.

An application for this post can be downloaded from the vacancies section of our website at: www.argyllcollege.ac.uk

All applications must be made on the Argyll College application form.

Please send/e-mail to: Moira Gillespie, HR Admin Assistant, Argyll College UHI, Glenshellach Business Park, Oban PA34 4RY

E-mail to moira.gillespie@uhi.ac.uk

The closing date for applications is Friday 21st March.

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Applicants must be able to demonstrate effective communication and interpersonal skills and possess a high degree of computer literacy. Whilst it is not a requirement of the post it would be advantageous if applicants possessed a further education certificate in a related discipline. A driving licence is also essential.

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COURIER CLASSIFIEDS

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



STANDING at the edge of the Grand Canyon in Arizona was one of the most amazing experiences of my life.

The canyon is 277 miles long, 18 miles wide and more than a mile deep.

Parched earth and rock changed from purple to orange to red as we tried to find some shade and water from the relentless glare of the sun.

Carved by the Colorado River more than 17 million years ago, it attracts visitors from all over the world.

For thousands of years the area has been continuously inhabited by Native Americans who build settlements within the canyon and its many caves.

These wise people have the most intimate relationship with nature and the land.

However, we have missed much of the spiritual wisdom inherent in these people, and this is our loss.

They have been much maligned on our TV screens in the many bloodthirsty cowboy films which always portrayed the cowboys as 'the good guys' and the 'Indians' as savages.

It is interesting to note that the word 'Indian' comes from the term ascribed to them by Christopher Columbus (not their dearest friend).

In his native Spanish he described the rightful inhabitants of the land, un gente que vive en dios – a people who live in God.

En dios – indios – in God.

And from this we called these Native Americans, Indians.

What a wonderful compliment to be called 'a people who live in God'.

They saw God in all things and regarded being human as a sacred responsibility which required us to account to God for our care of this earthly home we enjoy and all its inhabitants.

Christina Rossetti said: 'Tread softly – all the earth is holy ground'.

So as I remember the Grand Canyon and her people, my prayer is that we will all become a people 'in dios'.

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New treatment post at hospital

A NEW post has been created at Campbeltown Hospital 'to suit the community's needs'.

Since Monday patients have been able to see a nurse to deal with dressings, suture removal, phototherapy, plaster checks and plaster removal.

Appointments are available in the mornings and evenings through the week with the possibility of Saturday appointments becoming available once a month.

Hilary Rankin, sen-

ior charge nurse, said: 'People who need these things done won't need to wait in accident and emergency for long periods. The post will probably expand as time goes on.'

The new service will also incorporate the chronic wound clinic on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Staff nurse Catherine McTaggart, left, with senior charge nurse Hilary Rankin at Campbeltown Hospital.

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New exhibition at Gigha Gallery

GIGHA Gallery is hosting island artist John Archbold at its latest exhibition launch tomorrow (Saturday). John taught art at Tobermory High school on Mull for 30 years before retiring in 2010. Since then, he has continued to produce artwork inspired by the Scottish islands, often painting outside or from the comfort of his converted van studio.

The work on show at the gallery has been inspired by Gigha and the exhibition will run until April 10.



John Archbold in his converted van studio.

Getting road safety message over fast

A FLEET of rally cars are set to cruise into Campbeltown Grammar School today (Friday) to promote the inaugural Kintyre rally taking place later this year.

Pupils will have the chance to learn about the thrills of professional motorsport from the experts, with an insight into what happens on the track and behind the scenes, as well as the chance to see some rally cars up close.

Part of the event will focus on road safety and provide advice for young motorists on how to enjoy driving while staying safe and legal - stressing the importance

of leaving motor racing with the professionals on the rally championship stages.

Rally event coordinator David Hatrick said: 'It's great to offer something back to a community that has been very gracious in welcoming and supporting the inaugural Kintyre rally.'

Perfect chance
'This is the perfect chance to fire up young imaginations about a future in motor sport - not just in driving and navigating, but also in mechanics, events management, organisation and safety.'

'It is also an opportunity to help children, who

will themselves soon be young adults behind the wheel, to appreciate how important it is to stay safe on the roads at all times.'

The grand finale of the fun day will be the announcement of a competition, with the organisers asking young people from all over Kintyre to come up with an official name for the new rally. The inaugural Kintyre rally, part of the Blue Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship, will take place on July 5 and 6 this year at Machrihanish Air Base and is organised by Dunfermline Car Club (see page 9 for full story).

Dramatic poet to perform at school

KINTYRE school pupils are to be treated to a performance from dramatic poet Jim MacCool on Monday.

As part of the national storytelling tour, the poet from the shanachie and travelling bard tradition will visit Campbeltown Grammar to give two performances of his interactive Celtic yarn-spinning show.

Travelled

Jim has travelled all over the world performing Irish and Scots folk ballads, poetry and tales.

The two performances on Monday are at 10am and 11.20am, with primary school pupils invited to share the second performance.

Builder's items stolen

A NUMBER of builder's items have been reported stolen from Port Ellen, Islay over a period of a few weeks.

The thefts were reported last Friday from Frederick Crescent and include a wheelbarrow, a can of petrol and a hammer.

Anyone with any information should contact police on 101.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge'. (Proverbs 23:12).

BIRTHS



ARMSTRONG

Lynne and Scott are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful son, Finn Andrew, on February 12, 2014. A first grandchild for delighted new grandparents, John and Dorothy Biggins.



COCHRANE

Duncan and Fiona (née Hume) are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Lucy Rose, on February 18, 2014 at Wishaw General Hospital. A lovely granddaughter for Brian and Hilary, and Wylie and Sheena.

JOHNSTONE - HALL - On August 8, 2013, to Neil and Stacey, a healthy big boy, Keegan-Riley Johnstone, 9lbs 6ozs.

MCMILLAN - Graham and Lesley are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Christina, on February 7, 2014. A wee sister for Grace. Thanks to Campbeltown Maternity and Southern General Hospital.

DEATHS

HAMILTON - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on February 19, 2014, Elizabeth Thomson Sinclair (Betty), in her 85th year, formerly of Meadows Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Stewart Hamilton, much loved mother of Elizabeth, Helen, Margaret and the late Maureen and Stewart, and a much loved nana.

MACCOWAN - Suddenly, on February 22, 2014, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Pam MacCowan, aged 88 years, of 7 Lower Achagoyle, Minard and formerly of PRC Roslin, beloved wife of the late Murdo, much loved mother of Hamish, Cathie, Ann and Maggie and adored granny and great granny. A good friend and neighbour to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochfyneside Parish Church, Minard, on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery, Crarae. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to the British Red Cross.

WALLACE - Peacefully at home, Fernbank, High Askomil, Campbeltown, on February 26, 2014, Margaret May Murchie, in her 77th year, dearly beloved wife of Robert A Wallace, much loved mother of Lesley, Susan and David, mother-in-law of Tim, Rob and Linda and a loving and much loved grandma of Clare, Andrew and Findlay. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in the church, in aid of the Marie Curie Nurses, Community Nurses and the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

WRAGG - Katherine Ray, née Brown. Peacefully at Lochside Care Home, Shandon, on February 23, 2014, Kay, beloved wife of Charlie, formerly of Glenmollochan Farm, Luss, much loved mother of Iain and Hazel, loving mother-in-law and granny. Funeral service at Luss Parish Church on Friday, February 28 at 1.30pm, followed by interment in churchyard. No flowers please, but if desired, donations to Alzheimer Scotland, Helensburgh Branch would be appreciated.

IN MEMORIAM

BROWN - In loving memory of Janet Nicholson MacLean, died February 28, 2011.

Sweet are the memories, silently kept Of ones we love and never forget.

- Peter Marshall.
BROWN - Janet Nicholson MacLean. In loving memory of a dear mum, died February 28, 2011. Sadly missed.

- Love from the family, home and abroad.

BRUCE - George (Scatton), died March 2, 2004.

Sadly missed by family in Johnstone, Elderslie and Lochgilphead.

MACTAVISH - In loving memory of our father, Douglas, who died February 27, 2001.

Always in our thoughts.

- Malcolm and Ross.

MACVICAR - In loving memory of a dear wife, Christina (Teena), who died March 1, 2007. Will never be forgotten. - Johnnie.

MACVICAR - In memory of a loving mother and nana, Christina, died March 1, 2007.

Dearly loved, never forgotten.

- Catherine, John, John, Niall and Michael.

MCGEACHY - In loving memory of my dear wife, Jasmine, who passed away March 2, 2013.

Gone but not forgotten So sadly missed

- Love, John and family.

MEENAN - In loving memory of Netta, who died on February 28, 2013, a much loved wife, mother, mother-in-law, granny and great granny.

Forever loved and greatly missed.

- Denis, Jamie, Margaret and families.

MEENAN - In loving memory of Netta, a dear sister and aunt, who died February 28, 2013.

Remembered always.

- Margaret, Joe and family.

MEENAN - In loving memory of our dear sister, Netta, who died February 28, 2013.

Sadly missed.

- Mary and Willie.

SMITH - Douglas, died March 2, 2008. Dearly loved and sadly missed by Morven and family.

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TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 2nd March 2014
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Guild meets Monday 3rd March
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Sunday 2nd
Who is God?
The Lamb of God - Saviour

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

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Sunday 2nd March
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SC0 02121

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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
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Praise & Prayer: 9.00am

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"In the glory realm"

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Praise, prayer & sharing
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Friday 7th March
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Thursday
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Sunday 2nd March 2014
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Friday 7th March 6.30pm Christianity Explored Course (meeting in Church flat at 4f Albert Place)

All Welcome
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World Day of Prayer

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Pace wins the day for the Dookers

Crowning glory in the mud

TARBERT, without top scorer James Prentice, did well to beat Neilston AFC who are sitting at the top of their league.

On a soft and muddy pitch, Tarbert gradually gained the upper hand as the Tarbert Hotel sponsored team used their pace on the wings.

There were several scrambles in the Neilston box from Tarbert corners and long throws but unfortunately the ball would not drop for a Tarbert player.

Good chance

Neilston had a good chance with a long range shot which keeper Martin did well to tip over the bar.

A crunching tackle on the halfway line by Elliott allowed McCormick to play Maclver in on

Tarbert	3
Neilston	1
Coronation Cup 2nd Round	

goal only for the Neilston defender to haul him down in the box.

Allan Blair scored with the penalty to give Tarbert a 1-0 half-time lead.

Neilston piled on the pressure in the second half but Tarbert stayed strong until giving a goal away in the 70th minute.

Martin punched clear a free kick from 25 yards and then made a great diving save to a first time shot but unfortunately it fell straight to another Neilston player who made no mistake from six yards out.

With the pitch now very heavy, the Dookers went ahead in 80 minutes when a quick free kick from defence was played to Johnson who produced one of his trademark runs to slip past three opponents before passing to Stuart who fired the ball into the far corner of the net.

Substitutions

Neilston made several substitutions in a final push but the back three of Elliott, Talbot and Blair gave nothing away and keeper Martin never had a save to make, although he did show great improvisation to

head away a long ball over the top after slipping on the soft pitch.

Tarbert added to the scoreline in extra time when Ronald fired a corner into the box and although the ball was sailing into the net at the back post the Neilston defender helped it over the line.

Battling display

It was an excellent battling display from the young Tarbert team against tough opponents for a thoroughly deserved win.

Hopefully the team can use this result as motivation when league duty resumes tomorrow (Saturday) at home to Eaglesham.

Man of the match was given to Callum Elliot and Iain Johnson.



Tarbert were awarded a penalty when Malcolm Maclver, centre, was brought down early in the match. 06_a09tarb05

Argyll Bowling Club's venture attracts new players

A VENTURE to introduce new people to indoor bowls has paid off for Argyll Bowling Club.

For the past three Sundays, teams have been playing at the club comprising no more than two recognised bowlers with two non-bowlers.

This has resulted in 80 people entering and playing in the competition.

Half of the teams, having been split into two sections, played a round robin format event on the first Sunday.

The top two teams from each section went through on the final Sunday to a further two section round robin event.

The successful teams were the section A team skipped by C Dickson and G MacLachlan, section B team of D Reid and C Robertson, the section C team with P Grumoli and J McCormick and in section D it was R McKellar and D Brown who progressed.

Six ends for each game resulted in some very tight matches going all the way to the last end.

Making it through to the final were Robert McKellar, Richard Tavendale, John McLatchie and skip Grant Grant, who took on Robert McDonald, Stuart Blue, Gavin McLachlan and skip John McCormick.

John McCormick's team took the first end with one shot, however the second end developed into a 'must do' shot for the skip, as Grant Grant's team were lying three shots with the last bowl to come.

John was not quite on target and he left the

way open for Grant to secure four shots in the one end.

By the sixth and last end the delighted team skipped by Grant Grant had won 7-4.

A bottle of Springbank went to the winners, as did smaller bottles for four special awards to Scott McLachlan, Charlie Robertson, Mandy Robertson and Natalie Goddard. Runners up also received a bottle.

Argyll Bowling Club would like to thank Springbank for sponsoring some of the prizes.



From left: Richard Tavendale, Charles Robertson, Sammy-Jo Shields, Cathy Tavendale and Nicola Tavendale.

Charles and Sammy-Jo win Tavendale mixed doubles

THE Walter Tavendale mixed doubles darts competition last Monday saw 20 pairs turn out, raising £250 in the process.

Held at the Kilbrannan Bar, the money raised will be donated by the Tavendale family to aid funding of a local kidney dialysis machine.

Close game

The final was a close game with Pete Todd and Mary Ross playing Charles Robertson and Sammy-Jo Shields. Although Pete and Mary played well, Charlie and Sammy-Jo took the trophy.

Thanks were given to Elaine and

James of the Kilbrannan Bar for their hospitality and the bottle prizes, as well as to everyone who donated raffle prizes and bought tickets.

Week 14 results: Southend 2 Burnside 8, Kilbrannan A 4 Fiddlers 6, Fiddlers B 4 Ailsa 6, Commercial 4 Kilbrannan C 6, Kilbrannan B bye.

Alan Glen scored 180 for Kilbrannan A, John McIntosh scored 180 for the Commercial, Vince Jordan scored 180 for the Fiddlers and Kenny Docherty hit a finish of 108 for the Burnside. On Monday, March 3 the Alex McKerral singles trophy will take place in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend.



Back row, from left: runners up Robert McDonald, skip John McCormick, Gavin McLachlan and Stuart Blue. Front row, from left: winners skip Grant Grant, John McLatchie, Richard Tavendale and Robert McKellar.

Machrihanish Golf Club lottery

THERE were no winners during the past three weeks of Machrihanish Golf Club's lottery draw.

The winning numbers for week three of the lottery, drawn on Monday February 10, were six, nine and 20.

In week four, drawn on February 17, the winning numbers were six, 11 and 16.

In week five, drawn on February 24, the winning numbers were four, six and 15.

The next draw will take place on Monday, March 3, with a jackpot of £600.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse and pro shop.

Kintyre side suffer worst league defeat for three years

Pupils humbled by Kings Park Rangers

AFTER the heady heights of the Scottish Cup performance the previous Saturday, the McFadyen-sponsored Campbeltown Pupils crashed to earth with their worst league defeat in almost three years.

Football can be a cruel sport, and the absence of determination and intensity came back to haunt a team chasing promotion for the third year on the trot.

This result was simply inexplicable given what has gone before, a sobering experience and warning of what awaits if standards are allowed to drop.

Thankfully, the Pupils' nearest rivals Hillington also dropped points; however, it now gives third-placed Ea-

Kings Park Rangers	5
Campbeltown Pupils	1
SAFL Premier Division One	

glesham a great opportunity to put 'clear water' between themselves and their nearest title challengers.

No-one could have seen this coming, but credit must go to the home side's management for playing mind games with the opposition. Normally played on the wide expanse of Glasgow Green, the tie was transferred to a venue which barely met the legal standards of the league; in fact, in all intents and purposes it was no larger than a standard school park. With no space to inflict damage, the Pupils found themselves in a war of

attrition and failed miserably to make any impression on the game.

Kings Park were simply the better team on the day and ran out easy winners.

They took the lead in the 20th minute, an unchallenged run from midfield ending with the ball being dispatched beyond Craig Lamont.

Signs were ominous when a timid shot at goal took a wicked deflection in the muddy goalmouth, with luck deserting the visitors as the ball spun agonisingly over the line for a second.

The Pupils almost pulled one back 10 min-

utes later when John McCallum raced clear to send a shot off the face of the post, but it was to no avail as the first half finished with Kings Park firmly in the driving seat.

The home side began the second half on the front foot and were first to everything. If the second goal had an element of luck about it, then the third and fourth were crackers.

Kings Park increased their lead on the hour with a perfect strike into the top corner of the net, this followed by a sweeping move which carved the Pupils defence open and inflicted further damage.

Number five duly arrived as the visitors were in danger of being over-run, but the last



Paul Grumoli scored a late consolation on a day to forget. 08_c09paul01

word came from Paul Grumoli who hooked the ball home for a consolation goal near the end of what was a nightmare experience for the Pupils.

Only their second defeat in 29 league matches, the Pupils will try to put this one behind them as they prepare for a top of the league clash with Hillington, a game scheduled for Kintyre

Park, tomorrow (Saturday) at 2pm.

It now becomes a must-win situation for both clubs, and will give the Pupils lads a chance

to redeem themselves as they chase promotion to the Premier League, with back-to-back championship success still a distinct possibility.

Islay Golf Club results

ISLAY Golf Club result from Winter League played on February 16: 1 C Davey 44 points, 2 R Quail 39 points, 3 A MacLean 38 points. CSS 69.

Results from Winter League played February 26: 1 A Livingstone 38 points, 2 A Blair 36 points, 3 D Livingstone 35 points.



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inside this week:

Kintyre side
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league defeat
for three years

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Cammy Maguire worked tirelessly throughout the match and also scored three goals. 20_c09carrfoot03

Maguire makes the difference

CAMMY Maguire and Ryan McConnachie were in sparkling form with three and two goals apiece as they led Carradale to an important three league points.

McConnachie was involved in the first scoring chance of the match in 12 minutes when he sent a lovely ball through to Adam Graham whose shot brought a fine save from the Third Lanark keeper.

Third Lanark opened the scoring in the 19th minute when Paul Mc-

Carradale	5
Third Lanark	3
West of Scotland AFL	

Nab lost his marker to rise at the near post to head home a corner kick.

Graham then brought another good save from the Lanark keeper who pushed his shot around the post.

The visitors almost increased their lead when a first-time shot came crashing off the post, and that proved a wake-

up call for the McFadyen Transport sponsored side to promptly score twice in three minutes.

A Ewan McIlroy free kick found David Johnstone who headed the ball into the path of Maguire who fired it into the net from 10 yards.

Intelligent play from Maguire, named man of the match, saw a delightful back heel send McConnachie off down the right to unleash a fine shot into the far corner of the net from 12 yards.

This should have settled the home team but they gave away a dreadful goal in the 35th minute. William Dott was caught in possession and Third Lanark's Jordan Smith flicked the ball over McIlroy before firing a cracking shot

past the diving Reid Anderson.

Carradale responded quickly by scoring two more goals before half time.

Johnny McCormick slipped the ball through the Lanark defence for Maguire whose low shot into the corner left the keeper with no chance.

A few minutes later, it was 4-2 when Johnstone's perfectly-weighted pass set up McConnachie who showed great composure to slide the ball cheekily past the goalkeeper.

Unfortunately, Carradale never really got going in the second half with far too many misplaced passes.

Maguire, who worked tirelessly throughout the match, gained just reward when he dispossessed a Third Lanark player and ran 30 yards before unleashing a wonderful shot from outside the box to beat

the keeper.

Carradale lost another goal 13 minutes from the end when Craig Morris, playing at centre half, instead of his usual position, left the ball thinking Anderson was right behind him.

However, Lanark's Jordan Smith nipped in to strike the ball past Anderson.

Carradale could have extended their lead late on but Maguire took the ball too wide as he rounded the Lanark keeper and the chance was gone.

The match ball was sponsored by T.A. Blair Ltd.

Tomorrow (Saturday), Carradale are at home on Campbeltown's all-weather pitch to St Andrews who are one point and one place ahead of them in the league. A win would put Carradale into third.



David Johnstone, nearest ball, was instrumental in setting up Carradale's first goal for Cammy Maguire. 20_c09carrfoot02

Improving John Marrison takes Dunaverty honours

A BRIGHT, cool, rain-free, but windy day made a pleasant change for the golfers in Dunaverty's February medal.

Last month's winner Bobby Millar led the way with a nett 65 but was overtaken by Alex Roxburgh with a nett 64.

This was short-lived when an improving John Marrison returned a nett 63 to take the honours.

Campbell McCallum had the best scratch score with a 71. Course par was 65 and the CSS was 65.

Results: 1 John Marrison 80-17-63, 2 Alex Roxburgh 85-21-64, 3 Bobby Millar 76-11-65, 4 Raymond Harvey 84-18-66, 5 Campbell McCallum 71-4-67, 6 Alex Arkell 81-13-68.



Ryan McConnachie controls the ball well during a busy first half. 20_c09carrfoot01

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