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# Skykon saved?

- Joint venture given 'preferred status'
- Takeover on cards 'within weeks'

by **JOANNE SIMMS**

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IT is the news that Kintyre has waited to hear for so long; Skykon's future now looks secure.

First Minister Alex Salmond made a surprise visit to the factory at Machrihanish on Wednesday afternoon as the announcement was made that Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) and Marsh Wind Technology have created a joint venture to save the factory which has been in administration ever since its Danish parent went bankrupt.

'It's what we've all been waiting for; we've been in

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Fitters Stuart MacKenzie and James McKinven were amongst the Skykon staff who met First Minister Alex Salmond as he toured the factory on Wednesday. 0\_c10sky02

## Town bids a fond goodbye



Convener of Campbeltown Community Council, Jim Martin, presents a script to the Commander of HMS Campbeltown, Keri Harris. The vessel is paying a farewell visit to Campbeltown before she is decommissioned after 22 years service. 12\_c10hms02 See also page 2.

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## Hopes high for future of Skykon factory

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meetings every Friday since November hearing what's been happening,' said one shop floor worker.

The joint venture is called Wind Towers Ltd and has been granted 'preferred bidder status'.

Now that administrators, Andrew Davidson and Colin Dempster of Ernst and Young have agreed this, Wind Towers begins a process of due diligence when it has full access to the company details, and also has to present its own business plan.

Workers were told during a meeting with Andrew Davison on Wednesday morning and also that Wind Towers plans to have completed its diligence on the business by the end of April.

'There are a number of significant matters to resolve but we hope that today proves to be a milestone in our endeavours to find a buyer for the business,' said Mr Davidson.

Mr Salmond said he was delighted: 'Scottish and Southern Energy is one of our biggest developers in wind energy.'

He pointed to their plans not just for on shore but off shore, a market that Wind Towers will be able to service.

He also paid tribute to the workforce and thanked Siemens for their co-operation and helpfulness; Siemens had been footing the

**It is our aim to build the Campbeltown operation into a stable and reliable partner to our customers'**

wage bill for the company for most of the time Skykon had been in receivership while an order for its Clyde wind Farm was completed.

The First Minister added his praise for the administrators, and SSE and Marsh.

Ian Marchant the chief executive of SSE said: 'With the right business plan and management, it should be a sustainable business in every sense.'

But he added that 'some restructuring may be necessary' but the 'substantial majority of the workforce' would be retained with the 'potential of redeployment opportunities.'

The new factory extension was verging on completion just before Skykon went under.

William Marsh, principal shareholder of Marsh Wind Technology, added: 'It is our aim to build the Campbeltown operation into a stable and reliable partner to our customers with a singular focus on creating value in the supply chain.'



Clachan Primary supporters protested at last week's meeting of Argyll and Bute Council; the school wanted to make it a positive event for the children so they baked cakes for councillors and played music for them. 16\_t10clachan01

## Supporters pledge to 'Save Our School'

CLACHAN turned out in force to last week's meeting of Argyll and Bute Council to protest at plans which could see the closure of its village primary school.

The school's Parent Council chairman, Owen Paisley, said the vote by councillors was just the start of the process and they had a long way to go.

'We need to try to actively increase the school roll as well as promote the school and encourage children to come to the village,' said Mr Paisley.

'With the continued

support of the community I believe we can win this battle and ensure the survival of Clachan Primary School well into the future.'

Frances McNeill, who jointly chairs the Rhunahaorine Parent Council, also facing closure, added: 'I just get the feeling that they decided the whole thing before they held this meeting.'

Rhunahaorine parents, the school and the community as a whole, will meet Mike Russell MSP in the Tayinloan Village Hall today (Friday).

In all, 12 Schools in Argyll and Bute will go

forward to a pre-consultation process for closure; the first of its kind in Scotland.

Along with Clachan, Rhunahaorine, and the 'paper exercise' closure of St Kieran's in Campbeltown, which has already been mothballed, Ardchnonell, North Bute, Toward, Luss, Achaleven, Ardchattan, Minard, Skipness and Ashfield could all be shut by Christmas.

SNP, Argyll First and The Argyll and Bute Independent Councillors' Group all opposed the motion to go out to pre-consultation.

Councillor Ellen Morton, Argyll and Bute's spokeswoman for education, said: 'No councillor would ever close a school on a whim.'

'There is a danger of this process becoming a tick box list and that is not the right approach,' she added.

'I have looked at every school considering the number of pupils, how many placing requests, the capacity of the receiving school, educational benefits, transport, the journey to the receiving school, school building conditions and so on.'

## Coastguard debate off

JIM Mather MSP has expressed dismay at the news that the House of Commons Backbench Business Committee has postponed a key debate on the future of UK Coastguard services that was due to be held on Thursday afternoon.

The topic will not now be debated until March 24, which is the last day scheduled for the consultation process that proposes a radical and damaging reduction in the Coastguard service, particularly in Scotland where it is proposed that only one full time station will be retained in Scotland at Aberdeen with a part time, daylight presence in either Shetland or Stornoway.

'The utter disregard exhibited here by ditching this at less than 48 hours notice beggars belief and has to be questioned,' he said.

'There seems to be little or no perception down there in Westminster of how essential Coastguard services are to our fishing, ferry and marine transport.'

## Daffodils at An Ceardach

SPRING has finally reached Peninver and the daffodil meadow at An Ceardach is in full bloom.

The garden will be open this Saturday and Sunday afternoons with a collection being taken for The Picture House, Campbeltown, restoration fund.

## Packed programme of events to mark HMS Campbeltown's visit



HMS Campbeltown was escorted to the NATO jetty on Wednesday by various boats from the town, including Mull of Kintyre Seatours and Kintyre Express and the town's lifeboat.

Photograph courtesy of Haydn Chambers.

CAMPBELTOWN is saying farewell to its ship this week with a final visit from HMS Campbeltown.

After 22 years' service around the globe, the Royal Navy frigate is to be decommissioned and she is visiting her affiliated town of Campbeltown from Wednesday March 9 and leaving on Monday March 14 for the final time.

She was escorted into port by a number of local boats and as is tradition, the ship's company

conducted a parade through the town, with a huge crowd turning out to support them.

Today (Friday) a number of local schools go on board for a visit and tomorrow the ship will be open to the public from 10am to noon.

HMS Campbeltown will sail from Kintyre for the last time at 10am on Monday March 14.

A number of events are being held over the weekend including football matches and a church service.



Commander Keri Harris of HMS Campbeltown presents the original telescope given to the ship by the RNLI back to George Bradley, operations manager of Campbeltown Lifeboat. 12\_c10hms03

## Carry out carried off

A GROUP of youths on Islay found their carry out carried off by the police on Saturday night.

After a complaint from a member of the public about a group of youths in the grounds of Islay High School, Bowmore, police paid them a visit and the drink was discovered.

'They were found to be in possession of a quantity of alcohol, which was seized by police and confiscated. The youths were moved on,' said a police spokesman.

## Probe into dog attack

A DOG has been put down after a four-year-old boy was bitten on the face.

The boy's injury needed a couple of stitches, police on Islay report, after a neighbour's dog bit him on Saturday and police say their inquiries are continuing.

## Man held on Gigha

FOLLOWING a domestic incident on Gigha on Saturday police were required to attend and given the time of night the police helicopter was used to take them to the island.

One man was arrested for an alleged offence; he was taken off the island later by ferry and a report was sent to the procurator fiscal.

## Appeal for witnesses

POLICE in Campbeltown are appealing for witnesses to come forward with any information following a housebreaking at a flat in Longrow, Campbeltown, early on Sunday morning.

## Armed threat investigation

POLICE inquiries are continuing this week after a juvenile claimed he was threatened by another boy, with 'a weapon of some description,' Campbeltown police said this week.

## Wee Archie needs plenty of puff!



Archie McVicar likes playing the tuba, even though at the age of eight it is almost as big as him. Archie and his E-flat bass were performing with the Junior Brass at the Campbeltown Brass pancake tea on Saturday.

See also page 8. 04\_c10brs02

## Couple's Christmas celebrations turned sour after bust-up in pub

CHRISTMAS Day turned sour for a Tarbert woman who ended up spending the night in a police cell, Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week.

Victoria Baikie, of 15 Oakhill, Tarbert, admitted pushing her victim on the body causing him to fall to the ground, and picking up a barstool, refusing to leave and breaching the peace, at the Islay Frigate Hotel, Tarbert, on December

25. Depute procurator fiscal Stephen Ferguson said that the accused had been in a relationship with the victim for four years, and he was in the pub having a drink on Christmas night.

'The accused was heard shouting outside and came into the bar and began screaming. She was asked to leave,' he said.

'The defendant pushed her partner causing him to fall.'

He said at some point the 20-year-old picked up a barstool.

Baikie's defence agent told the court that this was their daughter's first Christmas and they had family members coming round.

He said Baikie went to the pub to find her partner.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC deferred sentence for six months until September 1 for her to be of good behaviour.

## Sailing club claims Rotary quiz title

ROTARIANS manned the collecting tins at Campbeltown Co-op, on Saturday, February 26, collecting money for the Rotary charity 'Thanks for Life.'

In only six hours, £290.51 was raised. The club made this figure up to £300 and a cheque for that amount has now been sent to Rotary Foundation.

The club wishes to thank the public for the generosity shown which

has enabled Rotary to help others.

Last Friday, the annual Rotary Quiz took place in the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown.

John Kerr set the questions and Clive Good was quizmaster for the evening.

Everyone present enjoyed a close contest, which was eventually won, on the fourth tiebreak question, by Campbeltown Sailing Club with a team com-

prising Judy Orr, Hilary Lord, Dave Morris and David Lord. The Rotary team was a close second, with the team from Accent Players a further point behind in third place.

President John Bakes presented the prizes, and congratulated the Sailing Club.

The winning team will now have the pleasure of admiring the much-coveted Rotary Shield for the next year.

# Cash at last for all-weather sports pitch?

by RUTH McCLEAN  
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CAMPBELTOWN could have an all weather pitch (AWP) in time for next winter, it was claimed this week.

Funding for the pitch would come from the remainder of cash earmarked for a new marina through an Argyll-wide project.

Councillor John Semple said that false assumptions made in a business case for Campbeltown through the Campbeltown, Helensburgh, Oban, Rothesay and Dunoon (CHORD) project by consultants DTZ, meant that there might be money available to use towards an all weather pitch.

There has been an ongoing campaign for an all weather pitch for Campbeltown for a number of years, and it was due to be included

in Argyll and Bute Council's capital programme, which was being discussed by councillors as the Courier went to press yesterday (Thursday).

Councillor Rory Colville, chairman of the Campbeltown CHORD Project Board, told a meeting of the South Kintyre Sports Council that it was not going to be included in the capital programme.

He told *The Courier* that by yesterday (Thursday) he expected to have secured the agreement of the council to provide almost £500,000 for the pitch, to allow them to access the sportscotland funding of just under £400,000 confirmation of which is due late March.

'I have been successful

in persuading the council administration that given the very exceptional circumstances, some of the money for the marina should be transferred to the AWP.'

Councillor Semple said he is pressing the administration to accept that both projects, the marina and the all weather pitch, could go ahead and that false assumptions have been made in the business case for the marina that indicate it isn't a viable proposition.

'When you address these assumptions it becomes very much a viable proposition. Savings in the capital cost of the marina would allow the all weather pitch to be funded as well. So you could do both,

'The leader of the council needs to recognise this but he has not,' he added.

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## Victim struck on head with glass

A NEW Year assault saw a Campbeltown man have his sentence deferred for good behaviour.

First offender, Robert Fox, aged 18, of 3 The Moy, Campbeltown, admitted assaulting a man

and striking him on the head with a glass, causing it to smash to his injury, on January 1 in Whisky Macs, Shore Street, Campbeltown.

Fox's defence agent said that although he didn't spend time in

custody, he was 'very lucky' on this occasion.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC deferred sentence until September 1 for him to be of good behaviour when he appeared at the town's sheriff court last Wednesday.

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## Defendant locked up

SHERIFF Ruth Anderson QC handed an eight month prison term at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Thursday to a man who brandished a hammer and threatened violence.

In the dock was William Gordon Elliot, aged 55, of 6B Kirk Street, Campbeltown, who previously had admitted behaving in a threatening and abusive manner at an address in Campbeltown on January 17.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC had deferred sentence until March 3 for a probation report to be drawn up.

After considering the report, she decided on a custodial sentence.

## Proposed cut in duty on fuel

THE plight of remote rural petrol stations has been recognised with a proposed five pence duty cut.

Danny Alexander MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury said at the Scottish Liberal Democrat spring conference in Perth on Friday said the discount was intended to help 'hard-hit families' who generally pay higher fuel prices due to their outlying locations.

Mr Alexander said: 'We will be submitting a formal application to the European Commission to deliver a 5p discount on fuel duty for Highland communities, the Northern Isles, the Inner and Outer Hebrides, the Islands of the Clyde and the Isles of Scilly too.'

'These are places, more than anywhere in the country, feeling the pressure of high fuel prices.'

'The pressure is huge on families in these areas, and I'm delighted to be part of the Government that, for the first time ever, is going to deliver that help to hard-hit families.'

## Louise has got plenty to smile about

**LOUISE Conley, from Campbeltown, became the first person to be treated at the town's new dental clinic.**

**Orthodontist Ewan White, from Mid Argyll travelled down to Campbeltown to hold a clinic and Louise, aged 15, was first patient of the day on March 2.**

**The dental hospital will soon be fully open.**

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# Petrol pumps to run dry in Carradale

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CARRADALE has had its last delivery of petrol and diesel as James Semple and Son is closing down its pumps.

The rest of the business, the shop, post office and garage will continue but as proprietor Kenneth Semple said about selling petrol: 'I'm working as a tax collector.'

The high level of taxation and, he added, bank charges for handling

payments by card made selling fuel unviable for the small retailer, especially as the business now faces the need to replace both pumps and tanks.

'The youngest tank here is over 40 years old,' he said.

East Kintyre Community Council is now considering a community buyout of the petrol and diesel sales.

Shelagh Cameron, chairwoman, told the March meeting of the council last week that she would research the possibility of a buyout if the rest of the council were agreeable, and they were.

'Applecross was in the same situation two years ago and got some help from Highlands and Islands Enterprise; they formed a trust and bought out the petrol station and run it as a not for profit organisation,' she said.

Having no petrol sales in the village could hit tourism and will be especially difficult for pensioners or others who keep a car only to travel about the village or the Carradale area.

'It will mean a round trip of 32 miles into Campbeltown to buy petrol,' she said. 'Semple also provide an excellent service and will open up if there is an emergency and you need petrol.'

## Clachan station operators to retire

CLACHAN Petrol Station would like to see the proposed discount introduced for petrol sales in remote rural locations but as owner Cathy McLean said, she's not holding her breath.

'It's been talked of before,' she said.

Cathy and her husband Calum have been running the petrol station with its store, newsagents and post office for 14 years and they are now ready to retire; they have put the business up for sale and hope that a younger buyer will come along.

Ever since they took over the business the couple have kept the profit margin on fuel at a minimum and frozen.



**Clachan petrol station, now for sale with its store and post office. 04\_c10petrol01**

They have seen it steadily eroded by increases in duty.

'So who's ripping who

off?' said Cathy.

'Rural petrol stations do not make money; they have to have a store

alongside.'

'Someone will come in and buy £50 worth of petrol and pay with a credit card and after the charges you are not making anything on it,' she added.

If it were not for the thriving shop alongside, Clachan would not have a petrol station.

'You supply petrol more as a service,' said Cathy.

Cathy and Calum have enjoyed their time running the business but now feel it is time to retire.

'Clachan is a friendly wee place and we have enjoyed our time here. It would be a lovely business for someone younger to take on,' she said.

## Damage to roof

AFTER reports of young children seen climbing on the roofs of both Castlehill Primary School and at the Highland Parish Church, in Campbeltown, parents

are being warned by police to keep their children safe. At Highland Parish Church youngsters damaged an outbuilding roof and police are appealing for witnesses.

### Advertising feature

## How to ensure your pension beats inflation

by IAIN REID

THE Post War generation is retiring and needs to decide how best to secure pension benefits.

But whatever their pension's worth, it'll have to last no end. That might mean a good few decades, as we are living longer.

The financial implications aren't as rosy. After 20 years, a 66-year-old will see their annual income shrink by half based on the conservative assumption that living costs will only rise by 3.5 per cent each year.

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Don't delay considering your options. Annuity rates have been reducing in recent years and are being squeezed further by legislation



looming on the horizon. Many people are waiting for a little bit extra growth on their funds as they recover from the devastation at the end of 2007 before purchasing a pension annuity. In the current climate, I have to challenge this.

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This option is not without risk but is it any more of a gamble than the effects of inflation on a level pension?

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**Police Files**

**Drunk and incapable:**

POLICE officers took a woman into custody on Friday night from the Smith Drive area of Campbeltown, after she was found too drunk and incapable of taking care of herself.

She was released when sober and given a warning.

**Incident in town centre:**

A MAN had the chance to sober up in the cells of Campbeltown Police Station on Sunday after allegedly obstructing officers in the execution of their duty.

He was arrested following an incident in the town centre.

**Abuse:**

AFTER he allegedly started shouting abuse at members of the public on Main Street on Saturday night, a Campbeltown man found himself arrested and facing a charge of breach of the peace.

**Penalty:**

A FIXED penalty ticket was issued by police to a man caught urinating in Kirk Street, Campbeltown, early on Sunday morning.

**Speeding:**

SIX motorists across Kintyre were issued with speeding tickets this week, Campbeltown police station reports.

**Reported:**

A MAN was arrested following an alleged breach of the peace in the Skipness area on Sunday and a report is to be sent to the procurator fiscal about the incident.



Retired Macmillan nurse Margaret Mitchell cuts the ribbon, as left to right, Stuart Danskin, Janice Preston, Donnie Cameron, Maggie Wilkieson and Kitty Millar look on. 04\_c10sun01

# Bringing sunshine to patients' lives

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FOUR years of fundraising has finally paid off as the long-awaited Macmillan Sunroom was officially opened in Campbeltown on Tuesday.

A ribbon ceremony marked the opening of the new suite for seriously ill cancer patients and their loved ones at the local hospital.

During the last four years a fundraising appeal has seen the community raise almost £100,000 with a further grant of £50,000 from Macmillan Cancer Support making it possible for dreams to become reality.

One of the original project leaders, retired Macmillan nurse Mar-

garet Mitchell, cut the ribbon.

She was joined by Macmillan senior development manager Janice Preston, Donnie Cameron, NHS Highland clinical services manager for Kintyre and Islay and Macmillan community nurse specialists, Maggie Wilkieson and Kitty Millar.

Local fundraising committee members from Mairi Semple and Macmillan Cancer Support and members of the public got the chance to look round the suite on Tuesday.

Janice said: 'For the first time in this area it will enable relatives to stay overnight and remain close to their loved

one in hospital. 'The public support has been tremendous and the tireless fundraising over the years is to be highly commended.'

Patients are admitted to the hospital from across the Kintyre and Gigha regions and sometimes relatives must travel long distances to be with them.

Donnie Cameron, NHS Highland clinical servic-

es manager for Kintyre and Islay, said: 'Margaret Mitchell started the project to provide this facility for the people of Kintyre several years ago.

'We would like to thank Macmillan for its support but most of all we would like to thank the people of Kintyre for their generosity and patience in waiting for the project to be completed,' he added.

'I am sure that when they see the facility for themselves they will understand that it was worth waiting to get something of this quality.'

Macmillan nurses Kitty and Maggie thanked the community for its fundraising efforts and its support throughout the project.

**It will enable relatives to remain close to their loved one in hospital.**

## Call for further meeting over airbase buyout

A MEETING to let key stakeholders have their say in the buyout of Machrihanish Airbase, is being pushed by Councillor Donald Kelly.

Councillor Kelly told the February meeting of the Kintyre Initia-

tive Working Group that two or three years ago a meeting was organised with the director general of operations for defence estates.

He told the meeting he felt it was important to rearrange another meet-

ing with defence estates

at local level to ensure everyone who wanted to have an input had the chance to do that.

'Pre Christmas I asked the director general for operations to set up another meeting' he said.

'He has again agreed to have a meeting in the

near future.

'I feel quite strongly if it is to be handed over to the community it has to be done in a gradual manner over a period of four or five years. I think it is a sensible way forward and something we need to look at.'

## Motorist refused to give a blood sample

A MAN who refused to give a blood sample when the breath test machine at Campbeltown Police Station broke down was fined £300 and disqualified from driving for 12 months when he appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Thursday.

Derek Robertson, aged 45, of Sound of Kintyre, Machrihanish, pleaded not guilty to failing to provide a specimen of blood at Campbeltown on November 27 last year, after he failed a roadside breath test near his home.

When taken to Campbeltown Police Station Robertson said: 'I don't

give blood. 'I will blow in your machine but I don't give blood.'

The court heard that Robertson, a self-employed woodcutter, had a previous bad experience when giving blood.

**Refused**

He also claimed he was never offered the alternative of giving a urine sample, which he would have done, and his request for a lawyer was refused.

He claimed part of the breath test procedure had not been carried out in that one of the statements that officers should have read to him was not done.

## Opinion split over war memorial hedge

SHOULD the hedge by Campbeltown War Memorial be dug up and replaced by a fence?

Opinions differ on the town's community council.

At their February meeting members were told by Councillor Donald Kelly of the proposal to replace the hedge with a decorative wrought-iron fence of a style used by many war memorials across the country.

The members were split; some favoured

keeping the hedge as it is a good mature one and helps to drain the waterlogged land near the memorial.

**Renovate**

Others felt that the hedge trapped litter.

The hedge proposal is part of the scheme to renovate the war memorial; the work includes repairing the name plaques and laying a wider path, which would be easier for people in wheelchairs to negotiate.



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## Scheme launched to help elderly switch to digital TV

A HELP scheme to make it easier for elderly people to switch to digital TV in May has been launched.

The scheme is run by the BBC and offers everyone aged 75 and over or those registered disabled, practical help to switch one

of their TVs.

Jacqui Campbell a Help Scheme networker, said: 'Not everyone finds it easy getting used to new equipment, but once you take the time to explain to someone how a new remote control works and how

to access the new TV channels most people wonder why they were worried in the first place.'

People who think they are eligible but who haven't received a letter by the end of March should call 0800 40 87 654.

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



A FRIEND of mine has recently bought a little Smart car.

As you know this is not a large vehicle! When she was going up the track to High Bellochan-tuy, she met four-year-old Dougall who looked at the car and in a puzzled tone asked, 'Where is the rest of your car, Fran?'

Dougall is used to tractors and trailers and just couldn't quite fathom the dimensions of such a little vehicle on a farm track.

I thought this a little bit like faith – we don't always need to have a huge amount to get us through the day.

However, sometimes the road does seem too rough or too long, and we just can't face the journey.

We feel we do need a tractor and a trailer load of faith to get us up the hill we're on.

Our little car of faith does indeed seem too small.

How can such a small car get up such a high hill, which is so dangerously peppered with pot-holes?

How can our little amount of faith get us up the hill of troubles when it is so peppered with problems?

Where can we find a suitable trailer we can attach to see us through our dilemmas?

Maybe it's not a trailer we need after all, but a word of encouragement or a friendly greeting on our journey.

Maybe the right word at the right time will provide us with a bit of extra acceleration for the last summit.

Maybe when we get to the top and look back we will wonder how we did it, and we will remember that for the next time.

Maybe God will give us a 'Dougall' on the way to make us smile and carry on with the journey.

# Down Memory Lane



It is the season for bull sales and shows and here is a flashback to a century ago when Chevalier was champion in the Highlands Cattle Society Show in Oban in 1915. The magnificent bull was bred by Lord Southesk and bought by Lt Col John Campbell of Kilberry. The young lad so proudly holding the rope is Ian Livingstone, whose father was farm manager of Kilberry. Ian grew up and married Morag Kerr and one of their wedding presents was this photograph, given by Mrs Campbell of Kilberry to Morag. A big thank you to Ian and Morag's daughter, Marion Warnock for loaning us this photograph.

## Legion goes on growing

Sir,  
The Royal British Legion Scotland Campbeltown Branch was established and granted Legion status in June 2010.

We have seen our membership grow every month. We have achieved a lot in these few short months, fundraising for Help for Heroes and Erskine Hospital, giving donations and support to local groups.

We organised the Remembrance Day parade last year with the support of the council and community council and hope this annual event will continue and grow in the future. It is important that the whole community remembers those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

The poppy appeal was a great success. We would like to thank the Rotary Club for their efforts over the years in carrying out this very important task.

You do not have to be serving or ex-services

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to join the legion. You can join as an associate member enjoying the same privileges as ordinary membership. We have associate members at present and actively encourage non service persons to join.

There is also an excellent social side to the Legion. We hold dances regularly and have many events planned for the rest of the year.

Everything from parades to dances, afternoon teas and family barbecues. We will also be starting an indoor bowling league for the winter months.

Anyone wishing to join can attend one of our regular monthly meetings, which are held in Lodge St. John's No.141 recreational club in Campbeltown every second Friday of the month at 7.30pm.

**George Rahman,**  
Campbeltown branch  
RBLS

## Speaking frankly. . .

Sir,  
How ironic that The King's Speech won the Oscars a week after Argyll and Bute Council cut speech therapy by 50 per cent.

**Jane Gallagher**  
1 Hutcheon Court  
Campbeltown

## All weather pitch funding

Sir,  
I am delighted to be able to say that reports of a funding shortfall for Campbeltown All Weather Pitch are totally wrong.

In fact I am very confident that by this Thursday, March 10, I will have secured the agreement of the council to provide almost half a million pounds for the pitch, to allow us to access the SportsScotland

funding of just under £400,000 confirmation of which is due late March.

The planning application is due to appear before the planning committee next week and if approved work could start as early as this summer.

This will mean that Campbeltown will have its very own all weather pitch in place before next winter, something that I and many others have been working on for years.

There is £1.2m still available in the Campbeltown CHORD Project, which was earmarked for the marina.

Unfortunately, the business case for the marina has met the same fate as that for the one in Oban and the one in Dunoon – the business case just does not stack up, therefore under the rules of the programme the project as originally

envisaged cannot go ahead.

However, I have been successful in persuading the council administration that given the very exceptional circumstances, some of the money for the marina should be transferred to the AWP.

The Campbeltown Project Board today agreed this recommendation, which will go to the main Project Board and the Executive Committee on Thursday.

**Councillor Rory Colville,**  
Campbeltown  
CHORD Project  
Board chairman.

## 'A very responsible step'

Sir,  
SSE have taken a very responsible step and now many of the risks in the development of golfing tourism at Machrihanish have been lifted, I hope soon we will see scaffolding around the Royal Hotel and Ugadale Hotel.

I have, through my position as councillor and spokesamn in the previous administration of the council, pushed the view that a better location would be in the area identified by Marine Scotland to the south east of Campbeltown which would not impinge on tourism developments and would be a more advantageous location in terms of attracting contracting companies to base in Kintyre and use the harbour facilities in Campbeltown rather than Northern Ireland, which is a risk.

This view has been accepted by Argyll and Bute Council and I hope this will be considered as an important factor when assessing the viability of our community.

**Councillor John Semple**  
South Kintyre

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## Increase in price paid to milk producers

FIRST Milk is keeping price momentum going with the news that from April 1 it will increase the standard litre price it pays to producers in its liquid pool by 1.2 ppl to 26.2ppl.

From the same date it will boost the price it pays to producers in its cheese and balancing pools by 1ppl to 25.52ppl.

These increases include a 0.5ppl production bonus.

The production bonus is a simple monthly calculation and will be paid on all litres if the volume produced in the month is higher than the same month in the previous year.

‘These moves mean that in 2011 alone, we have lifted the liquid pool price by 2.57ppl and the cheese and balancing price by 2.25ppl as a result of negotiating increases from our customers and continuing to run our own business more effectively,’ said Bill Mustoe, chairman of First Milk.

‘In recognition of the leap in farm input costs and the strength of alternative markets for milk, we are maintaining price pressure on all our customers to enable us to pay a sustainable return to our members.’



Malcolm presented with President's Medal - a keepsake for winning Supreme Championship at Show - by Glasgow Agricultural Society's President Tom Clark of Muirton House, Abbey Farm, Madderty, Perthshire.

# Fine filly takes the honours at Stirling

by JOHN ZAWADZKI

The Clydesdale International Shires Today magazine

A FILLY owned by Malcolm McFadyen swept the board at the 150th National Stallion Show held under the auspices of The Glasgow Agricultural Society at Stirling Agricultural Centre, on Saturday.

Malcolm, of Kilarbie, Drumore, Campbeltown, is a past president of the Clydesdale Horse Society and an Honorary President of the Clydesdale Horse Society.

He was showing Carnaff Lady Lucinda and she came home with everything: first prize yearling filly in a class of 17 (largest class of day) with the James Chapman Trophy; champion female, James Fleming Memorial Trophy and Supreme Champion Clydesdale, Prince of Wales Trophy.

The judges were Tony Bull, Arclid Stud, Cheshire and Tom Tennant, Single Stud, Borders.

Carnaff Lady Lucinda was foaled January 2010,

bred by brothers Michael and Danny McKay, Ballymoney, Co Antrim. Her sire is Whinhill Lord of the Isles, a stallion bred by Malcolm McFadyen out of his mare Barlauchlan Lady Lynne and her dam is Torrs Karis.

This was Carnaff Lady Lucinda's second show appearance in Scotland.

She was shown jointly by Malcolm McFadyen and breeders D & M McKay in November 2010 at Clydesdale Horse Society's Winter Fair at the same venue where she was Champion Foal. Malcolm became sole owner of filly after this show.

The result at the 150th NSS is Malcolm's greatest show success with a Clydesdale in many decades of competing. The filly was a very popular winner.

‘She's a quality filly, and if she goes forward well she should have a future,’ said Malcolm.

## Southend ploughman seals top five place at Mullahead

A SOUTHEND ploughman has been ranked fifth in his class in one of the largest competitions for horse ploughing in the country.

Stephen Jones of Brecklate, Southend, joined a group of six from Kintyre who have returned from the Mullahead Ploughing Match in Ireland.

Neil and Lorraine MacPhail from Skernish, Michael and Heather Mayberry from Bellochantuy and Stephen Jones and Stephen Livingstone from Brecklate travelled to compete in the annual match.

Travelling to Cairnryan, sailing to Larne then driving to Portadown meant a long tiring day before the match.

Saturday, February 26, dawned bright and dry but with a cold wind.

Preparing the horses meant a busy early morning then a walk down to the field to check the plots.

A stubble field, the ground was good despite the rain the area had suffered the previous week.

A huge entry meant there were 41 pairs of

horses and two pairs of donkeys competing at the Richardson Estate in Moyallan, Portadown.

In the adjacent fields were the competing tractors as far as the eye could see; more than 130 vehicles of all ages.

Stephen Jones had his horses Joyce and Finn yoked up to the plough and Stephen Livingstone was leading them.

Neil MacPhail and Michael Mayberry had Ceilidh and Jeannie ready to go. Heather was the official photographer and Lorraine was chief cook and bottle washer!

At the end of a long, cold but thoroughly enjoyable match there was nothing to do but settle the horses for the night and head off to the presentation dinner.

The group was delighted when it was announced that Stephen had been placed fifth in his class. What an achievement in such a big competition.

A jubilant Kintyre contingent made its way home on Monday February 28 with plans afoot to make the journey again next year.



Stephen Jones and Stephen Livingstone with Joyce and Finn.



Neil MacPhail and Michael Mayberry with Ceilidh and Jeannie.

## European ruling could spell disaster for bracken control

THE ability of Scottish farmers to prevent bracken from encroaching on hill pastures is under threat with the key product used to control it possibly being banned in two weeks.

There is a very real possibility that a European committee could ban the use of Asulam, marketed as Asulox, the primary chemical used to combat bracken in Scotland.

NFU Scotland is deeply alarmed and views the continued use of Asulox as vital to keeping many of Scotland's hills and uplands in a grazable condition. Its loss could be an environmental disaster in terms of uncontrollable bracken growth.

‘There is nothing else to keep bracken back apart from a massive amount of manual labour

or hundred and hundreds of cows,’ said Duncan Macalister of Glenbarr Farm; and both of these are impracticable.

‘Part of our cross compliance for subsidies is to keep bracken under control.’

The NFUS has lobbied Scottish MEPs to speak to their colleagues in other member states, as although bracken may not be an issue in their own coun-

tries, representatives from their countries will nevertheless be involved in making the decision on whether to licence Asulox for its control.

NFU Scotland Vice-President, John Picken, said: ‘Such is the importance of Asulox to Scottish hill farmers that we are throwing every resource into seeking its continued use in controlling bracken.’

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# Night to remember for piping society

MEMBERS and friends from throughout the world of piping helped Kintyre Piping Society celebrate its 60th anniversary on Saturday with a dinner and recital at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown.

Willie McCallum Snr welcomed the guests and the evening began on a poignant note with a minute's silence for three well-known members who had past away in the last decade, John Sinclair, Margaret Anderson and Janette MacDougall.

Willie, who has been a member since the day the society was formed, said the society had stuck to its aims all these years; running recitals with world class players and pipe bands, and the jewel in the society's



**Roddy Macleod MBE, principal of The National Piping Centre, Glasgow, presented Willie McCallum Snr with six scholarships for the society to award as part of its 60th anniversary celebrations.** 04\_c10pip01

miniature whiskeys to mark the occasion. He said that thanks to the advent of lessons in Kintyre schools, piping had come on leaps and bunds and he thanked

Robert Stewart, Inveraray, was to be presented with an inscribed velum life membership for his work as a judge for more than 40 years but was unable to attend due to ill health.

Once the meal was over Willie McCallum Jnr and Stuart Liddell gave a short recital to the delight of everyone. 'Things continued into the wee small hours, a splendid celebration indeed,' said Willie Snr.

Pipe Major Iain McKerrall for all his hard work and wished the youngsters all the success for the future. Elizabeth McNaughton was presented with a Campbeltown Pottery music dish with the tune *Bengullion* as a thank you for her many years' dedication as a president and member.

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## Brass fundraisers bowled over



**THE friends and supporters of Campbeltown Brass packed out the Stronvaar Bowling Club on Saturday afternoon for a fundraising pancake tea. The band raised £780 for the National Youth Brass Band of Scotland. Erin McLellan, Dylan Brown and Suen Yee Walker were helping to run the bottle stall and younger members of Campbeltown Brass performed.** 04\_c10brs01

## On song for Ian's concert in Campbeltown

Stuart McLean and Myrtle Reid were hard at work at the Salvation Army coffee morning in Campbeltown, selling tickets for the Ian White concert at The Picture House tonight (Friday). Ian is a well-known Christian gospel musician.



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## Cooking up pancake day cash

Margaret Houston, Fiona Gillies, Sharon Scott and Dean Slater were all hard at work in the kitchen at the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church Hall, Campbeltown, cooking up pancakes for everyone who turned up to support the Auchilnee sensory garden appeal.

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 Tuesday 22 March-7.30 (tickets at the door)

**Kintyre Branch SNP Meeting**  
 Wed. 16 March at 7.30pm  
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**Lorne & Lowland Church Guild**  
**Annual Sale of Work on Saturday 12th March at 2pm**  
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NATURAL HISTORY OF ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY OF MID ARGYLL  
 Friday 11th March 2011  
 Conservation on Mull, Coll and Tiree  
 Colin McFarlane Area Office SNH Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead 7.30pm

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## Celebrate Big Green Tarbert's achievements

BIG Green Tarbert's (BGT) current projects end on March 31 and on March 19 the group will be celebrating its success.

Thirty years from now people will still be eating the fruits of their labours, literally, in the community orchards and more people know how to grow their own food.

And work BGT did on energy reductions in a 1960's block of flats is a key legacy that can be replicated in similar properties across Scotland.

Likewise its Householders Energy Reduction Manual can be used by people in the West of Scotland to carry out carbon reduction in their homes.

The BGT project developed the Community Garden, which won funds to create an outdoor classroom at the Health Centre.

This will be a major asset for the community.

Back in November 2008 Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust was awarded a grant from the Climate Challenge Fund and set to work.

The aim was to make the area greener, healthier, wealthier, fairer, smarter, safer and stronger through on the ground projects and help the community face up to Climate Change and Peak Oil.

There have been three objectives: reduce the community's CO2 emissions by using less energy and more renewables; help withstand the shocks from increased energy prices and Climate Change, and raise well being, particularly amongst the young and those on low incomes.

BGT worked with, and brought together, the whole community, including schools.

● See next week's advertisement for details of the celebrations.

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## World Book Night give-away

KINTYRE Cultural Forum, Kintyre Writer's Circle and a local book group gave away 48 books in less than half an hour as part of the inaugural World Book Night.

The book 'give-away' took place at the entrance to the library in Aqualibrium on Saturday March 5.

The book, *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid was the book that Iain Johnston of Kintyre Cultural Forum (KCF) received as part of one of the largest national book events.

Local bookshops The

Old Bookshelf and Martin's Booksellers also received copies for distribution.

The aim was to share a love of reading and books with other people by giving the book away on Saturday, March 5, with the recipient then passing it on for someone else to enjoy while also registering on the World Book Night website tracing the path of their book.

KCF project worker Iain Johnston said: 'We would like to thank all the members of the local book and writing groups who came along

and helped on the day to give out the books.

'We would also like to thank all the members of the public who attended. The response and feedback we have received has indicated that there is a demand for more events like this in the future.'

The KCF is currently finalising the details for their next event when well-known comedian Arthur Smith will play a fundraising comedy night on July 22. For more details on this please email kintyreiculturalforum@hotmail.co.uk



Nothing beats a good read! From Left: Lauren and Lisa McKellar, Jean Gilchrist, Helen Watson, and Iain Johnston. 04\_c10bok01



### Young sellers

Dylan and Savannah Kelly helped their mum run her stall at the car boot sale held at the Campbeltown Heritage Centre on Saturday morning, alongside the Argyll Country Market.

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The Kintyre Schools' squad of 12 pipers who attended the quartets contest at Dumbarton on Saturday with their trophies.

## Success in piping quartets

A DOZEN pipers from Kintyre Schools Pipe Band travelled to the annual quartets contest at Dumbarton on Saturday, bringing silverware back to Kintyre.

Kintyre's 'A' quartet of Pipe Major Ian McKerral and pipers Bruce Cowie, Michael McKinlay and Donnie McKerral achieved first places in both the Novice March event and the

Novice March, Strath-

spey and Reel (MSR) competition. They also played up a grade and were delighted to get a second place in the Juvenile MSR event against more experienced opposition from Oban, Inveraray and Paisley.

Kintyre's 'B' quartet, led by Calum Cowie in his debut as Pipe Major, with pipers Stuart O'May, Andrew Wallace and Jason Cordell,

were please to get third place in the Novice MSR event.

### Good run

Kintyre's 'C' quartet did not figure in the final prize list, but had a good run with Pipe Major Cameron Ronald at the helm, ably supported by pipers Molly Semple, Alison McGuire, Andrew McAllister and Colin Ronald who stepped in as reserve piper at the last minute.

## Zumba to boost Comic Relief

GET your dancing shoes looked out as Zumba is taken to a whole new level in Campbeltown.

A Zumbathon to raise money for Comic Relief will take place in the town's Victoria Hall next Friday.

As well as tuition throughout the two hours on March 18 from 7pm to 9pm, a raffle with exclusive Zumba wear up for grabs will be helping to boost funds. Entry is £5. Contact Aqualibrium, Campbeltown for more details.

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Visit the wee pictures website for more what's on and coming soon.

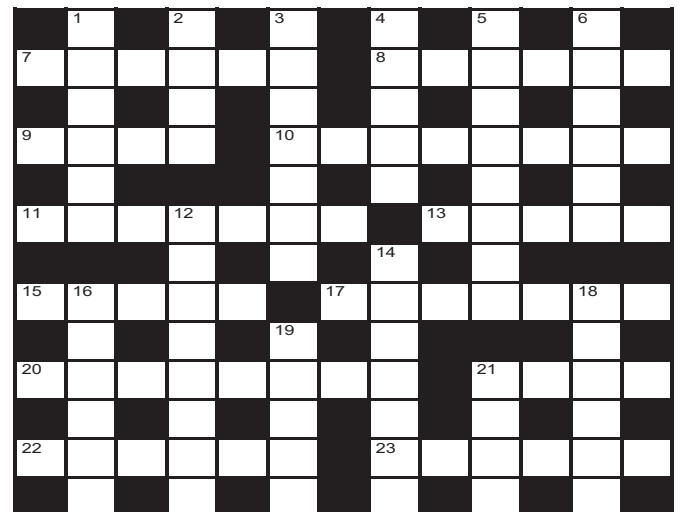
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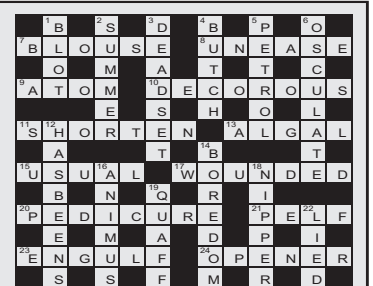
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- 15 Large North American mammal (5)
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- 20 Light (8)
- 21 Not us (4)
- 22 Clear (6)
- 23 Discordant (6)

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- 3 Science (7)
- 4 A while (5)
- 5 Small drink (8)
- 6 Rice dish (6)
- 12 Untidy (8)
- 14 Remove from self or truck (7)
- 16 Decide not to join in (3,3)
- 18 Boring tool (6)
- 19 Profundity (5)
- 21 Captured (4)



### Last Week's Solution



## CLACHAN

## Pupils in hot water

A SOLAR panel which pupils at Clachan Primary School made will be used to create a hot water system for washing their hands after gardening.

The children were given a talk about renewable energy by Kerr MacGregor of MacGregor Solar and then got the chance to make their own solar panel.

Mr MacGregor held workshops in the village hall and in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road, Campbeltown recently.

The system will be run with recycled rain water.

## Beach clean

A BEACH clean will be run at the end of April in Clachan.

Organised jointly by Clachan Youth Group and Clachan Primary School the annual event is due to take place at the end of April with children and parents from north Kintyre taking part.

## Wildlife and woodlands

EVERY Thursday children from Clachan Primary School venture out into the woods in the area.

They learn about wildlife and the woodlands around about them with the help of Morag Duff, forest school leader, who lives in the village.

## Visit to golf course

A GROUP of children from Clachan Primary School visited a local golf course to learn about its work to conserve the natural land.

The children visited Machrihanish Dunes to learn about its work to preserve the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) on Monday and take a tour of Kintyre's newest golf course.

## Owl centre

AS PART of their project this term, Clachan Primary

School children took a visit to the Owl Centre in Campbeltown last month.

The children have been learning about 'the woods' as a topic during the term and at the owl centre learned about the tawny owl as well as getting the chance to see a flying display.

## Science trip

LATER this month Clachan Primary School will be taking a trip to the Science Centre in Glasgow.

The children will be going to the centre on March 30 to learn about and watch a film about the sea, which is their topic for next term.

## Yoga class

YOGA classes are now being taught in Clachan Primary School.

The children are being taught the exercise by a parent.

## ISLAY

## Reprieve for Keills school

EVERYONE connected with Keills Primary School was relieved to learn that the newly published list for proposed school closures did not include Keills.

However, this situation is still not secure, as the council's statement that 'Argyll and Bute Council will consider holding consultation meetings with communities which could affect any future decisions to amalgamate primary schools.'

'The additional consultation will give community representatives the opportunity to have their opinions included in community impact assessments, which will give the council better understanding of how changes to schools could be managed.'

Councillors voted on the proposed list last Thursday.

## Feis Ile 2011 Gaelic events

THE PROGRAMME for Fèis Ile held from May 20 - 29 this year is coming together nicely.

The hard-working Fèis committee has been planning loads of events

to show everyone how much Islay's culture has to offer, in addition to the island's whisky trail.

There will be sporting events, concerts and ceilidhs and arts events including a Gaelic 'taster' (the language, not the whisky!) session available every weekday during the Fèis at ICCI, Bowmore.

Margaret Mactaggart will give a talk on the Islay Bards at the White Hart Hotel in Port Ellen during Feis Ile this year, while her daughter Iseabail will be giving an 'Introduction to Gaelic Song' at ICCI.

## JURA

## Outing for the Over-60s

ISLANDERS aged over 60 are being invited to an Islay outing next Friday (March 18).

Jura Care Centre has received a donation to provide transport from Jura to Ardbeg Distillery by Alec Dunnachie's bus and Mobility vehicle and a short tour thereafter.

## Two films to be shown

JURA Cinema will be starting in May showing two new release films in the refurbished village hall.

The films come from a charitable organisation, Moviola, which takes care of the public performance licence for a reasonable fee and a percentage of ticket sales.

Equipment has also been borrowed from Islay.

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## Everything's coming up roses in children's garden



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people drawn from its local community, or who have local connections. Abbeyfield Week will be held between Friday June 10 and Sunday June 19 this year.

## Beaches 'in a mess'

RECENT southeasterly gales have left the beaches around Carradale in a mess, the East Kintyre Community Council members heard at their meeting last week.

They have decided to organise a beach clean before Easter and ask the GRAB Trust to get involved as well.

## Poppy bed proposals

PLANS for improving the gardens around the Carradale War Memorial include, fittingly, a poppy bed.

The appeal went out at last week's meeting of the East Kintyre Community Council for donations of plants, seeds or seedlings.

## NORTH KINTYRE

## Powering on

A SUBSTANTIAL investment is being made in the electricity supply in North Kintyre.

The low voltage power network in the area is currently being refurbished with the latest high-tech electrical equipment as part of a wider multi-million pound investment programme.

Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution (SHEPD) is making the £700,000 investment in the North Kintyre area alone to ensure a safe and reliable supply of electricity.

Samantha O'Connor, a spokeswoman for SHEPD, told The Courier, that this would help ensure supplies are restored as quickly as possible in the event of power failures.

She said in 2010/2011 the company plans to invest around £210million in its distribution networks.

## COUR

## Wind farm objections

OBJECTIONS have been coming in against the planned wind farm at Cour, Councillor John McAlpine told members of East Kintyre Community Council at their March meeting in Carradale last week.

He said feedback showed that North

## PENINVER

## Players' plea for cash

PENINVER Youth Players have applied to East Carradale Community Council for a grant to help them pay for the cost for its trip to the youth finals of the Scottish Community Drama Association, which are being held in Stranraer this year.

The council is to consider its application.

## CROSSAIG

## Sub-sea cable

THE PLANNED sub sea electricity cable to Ayrshire will be going between Crossaig and Cour near to where the electricity sub station is, East Kintyre Community Council was told last week.

## Beautiful Bellochantuy



Bellochantuy is awash with colour as a crop of 5,000 daffodils has started to blossom. The Jones family, at High Bellochantuy, planted the daffodils on the shore field a year and a half ago, and is the second crop of the flowers.

There are six different varieties which are picked daily and will be available right through until May at the stall at High Bellochantuy Farm's road end.

Pictured is 18-month-old Henrietta Jones with her pretty daffodils. 04\_c10daff01

## Feathers flying at Carradale



Micheal Charlwood, Ryan McConnachie and Declan McAulay, members of the Carradale Badminton Club which meets every Thursday evening at the village hall and for members of all ages. 0\_c10bad01

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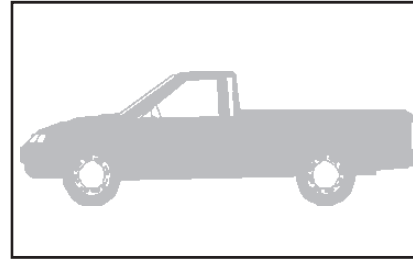


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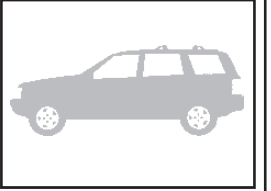


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Proposal: Site for erection of 8 dwellinghouses  
Site Address: The Old Sawmill Tayinloan Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6XG  
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'Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres'  
(1 Corinthians 13:7).

**BIRTHS**



**FLETCHER - PHILIP**  
Julie and Andy are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Elsie May, on February 28, 2011 at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. Another lovely granddaughter for Susan and Blair and first grandchild for Candy and Dave.

**O'HANLON - MUIR**  
- Aaron and Stephanie are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Austin, on February 23, 2011 at the Southern General Hospital. A wee brother for Lewis and Logan. Thanks to all midwives involved.

**MARRIAGES**

**ANDERSON - GREEN**  
- At St Conan's Kirk on February 19, 2011 by the Rev Liz Gibson, Cameron Edward, King Edward, Banff to Emily Kathryn Stewart, Lochgair.

**DEATHS**

**HIGGINS** - Peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital on March 1, 2011, David Higgins MBE, aged 78 years, of 10 Brodie Crescent, Lochgilphead. Beloved husband of Margaret, loving father of Sandra, Lesley and Tony and cherished father-in-law of Tom. A dear friend and much respected former work colleague to many. Funeral ceremony was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, followed by ceremony at Cardross Crematorium. Margaret and family would like to thank all doctors, nurses, MacMillan nurses and hospital staff for their excellent care to David, and all family and friends for their many kind expressions of sympathy. Sincere thanks to Belinda Braithwaite for a comforting service, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their professionalism and caring assistance and to all who attended at the church and crematorium.

**WILSON** - Suddenly after a short illness at The Royal Infirmary Glasgow, on March 2, 2011, Wilma Wilson, née Flynn, aged 51 years, of 59 MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead. Much loved mother of Arlene, Michael, William, Christopher and Hannah, and adored nana of Paul and Alexander. Wife of Michael. A dear sister, sister-in-law, and aunt to all the family. Funeral service was held in St Margaret's Church on Monday, March 7, 2011, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BUNTAIN** - The relatives and friends of the late Willie Buntain, would like to thank everyone most sincerely, for the many kind expressions of sympathy received, following their recent bereavement. Special thanks to Erskine Hospital for their kind care and attention, Rev Louis Bezuidenhout for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, George Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Erskine raised £325.00.

**MACLEOD** - Renee and family would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received at this sad time. Grateful thanks to the Rev Philip Burroughs for his comforting service, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for professional services and to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside.

**MCALISTER** - Brenda and family would like to thank relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy following Donald Neil's sudden passing. Thanks for Matthew's comfort and fine words at church and graveside and to Alasdair and Kenneth for their efficient arrangements.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**DILLON** - Remembering today and every day our treasured Karon, who died March 14, 2005, in her thirty-eighth year. Beautiful memories, cherished forever. Of happy years we spent together. Love you always - Mum, Dad and Gill. Forever in my thoughts Always in my heart. All my love - Aunt Margaret. Locked in our hearts to stay. Precious in every way. - Love Morag and Peter.

**HUME** - In loving memory of granda and pappy, Johnnie. Miss you always and love you forever. - Lorna and Megan.

**MACDOUGALL** - Precious memories of our son, Alasdair, who was tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007. Forever young, forever loved, forever in our hearts. A huge miss. - Mum and Dad x.

**MACDOUGALL** - Treasured memories of my big brother, Alasdair, who was tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007. Your life was a blessing, Your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words. And missed beyond measure. - Lots of love, Keli xxx.

**MACDOUGALL** - In loving memory of our brother and uncle, Alasdair.

Four years gone by and never a day forgotten. Forever in our hearts and thoughts. Love and miss you. - Nikki, Mhairi and Codi xxx.

**MACDOUGALL** - In loving memory of our dear grandson, nephew and cousin, sadly taken from us on March 13, 2007. Time may hide the sadness. Like the smile that hides the tears. But loving memories hold you dear. Despite the passing years. Loved and missed always.

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**ROBERTSON** - In loving memory of our dear sister and aunt, Margaret, died March 6, 2006 and our dear brother and uncle, Jim, died March 14, 1997. You're in our thoughts every single day. And in our hearts you will forever stay. - Love Norma, Jim and family.

**WARDROP** - Our beautiful Lynsey. Somewhere over the rainbow. We love you so much. - Mum, Dad and Fallon. **WARDROP** - Darling Lynsey, deeply loved and sorely missed. - Granny and all the family at home and abroad.

**ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES**

**Church of Scotland NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
Morning Worship  
**Sunday 13th March 2011**  
Inverlussa Church 10am  
Worship led by Rev C Acklam  
All welcome  
MINISTER: Rev. Cliff Acklam  
SC001002  
**01546 606926**  
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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH**  
**Sunday 13th March 2011**  
Tarbert Church 11.30am  
Sunday School 11.20am  
Kilberry Church 2pm  
Margaret Sinclair  
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Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
**Thursday 17th March 2011**  
Church Hall  
7.30pm  
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**CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR (Church of Scotland)**  
Scottish Charity Number SC016097  
Sunday 13th March 2011  
*Do not put out the Spirit's fire (1 Thessalonians 5:19)*  
Cumlodden Church (Furnace) 10.30 am  
Lochfyneside Church (Minard) 12 noon  
Seirbheis Ghàidhlig (Monthly Gaelic Service)  
Lochgair Church 3 pm (Tea to follow)  
Rev. Roddy MacLeod  
Ceud mìle fáilte  
All Welcome

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
**Sunday 13th March 2011**  
Kilmartin 11.30am  
Rev Cliff Acklam  
After this service Souper Sunday will be served in the Church Hall, Kilmartin and donations in aid of the Church of Scotland HIV / Aids Project will be gratefully received.  
All are welcome  
**Tuesday 15th March**  
Stated Annual Meeting  
Church Hall, Kilmartin  
7.30pm  
When it is hoped all members will attend  
SC002121

**LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
All Welcome  
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
**Sunday 13th March 2011**  
11.00am Morning Service with communion  
**Jumpstart Group**  
Friday 10.00 - 11.30am  
**Tonight "The Edge"**  
P1 - P7  
6.30 - 7.45  
Scottish Charity SC015187

**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH SUNDAY 13th MARCH 2011**  
11.00 am Worship Service  
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10.00 am - 12.00 pm  
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**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
**Sunday 13 March 2011**  
11.00am  
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Speaker: Graham McLean  
"The Journey of the Bride"  
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5.45pm Prayer Meeting  
6.30pm Evening Worship  
**Tuesday**  
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**Wednesday**  
7.00pm House Group  
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**Wednesday**  
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Jelly Tots Parent & Toddlers  
8.00 p.m.  
Bible Discussion & Prayer  
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**Highland Parish Church**  
SC002493  
**Sunday 13th March 2011**  
11.15am  
Morning Service  
**Preacher: Rev Alen McCulloch**  
Chaplain, HMS Campbeltown  
Creche 0 - 3yrs: Church  
FunDay Club(3yrs - P5): Kirk St Hall  
JaM (P6 upwards): Church  
6.30pm  
Service in Stewarton Hall  
**Tuesday 15th March**  
Badminton Club  
6.30pm - 7.45pm: P1 - P4  
7.30pm - 9.00pm: P5 - P7  
**Wednesday 16th March**  
8.00pm  
Bible Study Fellowship - Manse  
DVD: Jesus - Man, Messiah, or More? Pt 1  
**Thursday 17th March**  
7.30pm  
Kirk Session - Kirk St Hall  
Rev Michael J Lind  
*Everyone always welcome*

**St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church**  
Argyll Street, Campbeltown  
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277  
**Sunday 13th March 2011**  
**First Sunday of Lent**  
8.30am Holy Communion  
10.45am Family Communion  
**Details of services are on the church door**  
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**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Saturday, 12th March**  
The Guild Sale of Work - 2:00 p.m.  
**Sunday, 13th March**  
HMS Campbeltown Farewell  
Worship Service - 11:15 a.m.  
(Creche and Triple C)  
[Chaplain (SCC) James Campbell. RNR]  
**Tuesday, 15th March**  
Mothers & Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.  
**Thursday, 17th March**  
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.  
**Friday, 18th March**  
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

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## Grammar pupils try out volleyball skills

SENIOR pupils from Campbeltown Grammar School competed on Islay in the first round of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (MAKI) League.

In the form of a volleyball tournament, the competition was to a very high standard with Tarbert Academy

coming out on top. The second round of the MAKI League is due to take place in Lochgilphead at the beginning of March. This time it will be targeting boys and girls in S1-S3 and S4 to S6 who will be competing in a football competition.

## Students pass on tips to primary kids

SENIOR students from Campbeltown Grammar have recently taken part in a number of sports courses.

A total of 23 students attended the courses including SFA Early Touches, SHU Leaders, Junior Jog Scotland Workshop and SRU

Rugby Ready Course. These courses are encouraging and preparing the students to go into local primary schools in South Kintyre to deliver a three-week block of multi-sports sessions which started at the beginning of March.

## Fiona to offer zumba taster sessions

ACTIVE Schools recently helped fund local Fiona Irwin to attend her Zumba Instructors Course.

As a result of this Fiona will be delivering four weeks

of taster sessions in Campbeltown Grammar School on Thursday afternoons, straight after school targeting pupils in S3 – S6.

All pupils and staff welcome.

## Schools tee up

ALL schools in South Kintyre are taking part in the Club Golf Programme, either being delivered by

Lindsay Ramsay or Florence Chrystie during the curriculum or as an after-school club.

## Just 11 weeks to go

TRAINING schedules for week two for the Mull of Kintyre Run and 10k on May 30 are detailed.

These schedules are aimed at beginners who wish to complete the 10k event comfortably and a separate schedule for the half marathon.

The half marathon schedule is suitable for a beginner who aims to run a half marathon in just under 2hours

30minutes.

If you find the schedule difficult it may be better to adopt a more gradual one, or move onto the 10k one.

As a guide, 11minutes 20 seconds per mile pace will result in a 2h 28min half marathon.

All running should be at a steady, even pace, and you should consult your GP before embarking on any training schedule.

### 10K run schedule

**Weeks to Go: 11 from Monday, March 14**

Mon	15 minutes
Tue	8 minutes
Wed	REST
Thu	12 minutes
Fri	10 minutes
Sat	REST
Sun	12 minutes

### Half marathon training schedule

**Start Date: Tuesday, March 15**

**Weeks to go: 11**

Day	Session	Distance	Pace	Time
Tue 15/3	Slow run/walk	4Miles	12:00	50 mins
Thu 17/3	Faster run/walk	3Miles	11:00	35 mins
Sun 20/3	Easy run/walk	6Miles	12:30	75 mins
Total		13Miles		2hrs 40mins

# Entries sought for the ultimate test of stamina

ENTRIES are now open for 'Scotland's friendliest trail-run' along the length of Kintyre.

The Kintyre Way Relay, which takes place on Saturday May 7, along the Kintyre Way from Tarbert to Campbeltown is making a name for itself in the running world.

The annual event is known for its warm welcome and tasty home baking at checkpoints in Clachan, Tayinloan and Carradale as well as the 'Runners Revels' ceilidh in the evening.

It is really two events in one: the ultra-marathon race along the full 66 miles of paths and forestry tracks; and the relay race where teams of up to six runners share out the same overall distance.

The relay record, at 8 hours 38 minutes, was set by a team from Dumfries Running Club in 2010, but there are high hopes that this year will see the record broken by a team from Campbeltown Running Club on its home ground.

The individual record for the 66 miles was set by Lucy Colquhoun from Edinburgh in 2008 (11 hours 1 minute)



Neil McKnight running the Skipness leg of the Kintyre Way Relay.

with the male record (11 hours 53 minutes) set by John Kennedy the same year.

An innovation this year will be a 'mix and match' get-together on the Friday evening in Tarbert.

In the past, some people who were keen to

take part in the relay event found it difficult to persuade five other runners to make up a team,

so this year entrants can sign up individually for a chosen distance (for example 15 miles), and then come along to the pre-race social evening on Friday, May 6, and

form on-the-spot relay teams with other unattached entrants.

The relay event is also a great opportunity for people who fancy trying their hand (or rather their feet!) at going beyond the standard marathon distance without being committed to the

stunning scenery and the friendly welcome both from local people and fellow-runners,' he added.

For more details, log on to [www.kintyreway-relay.co.uk](http://www.kintyreway-relay.co.uk).

40plus miles of most ultra runs, because a relay team of two can split the 66 miles into 31 and 35, with a handover at Tayinloan.

Or people who simply want a taste of trail running could enter a team of three doing an average of 22 miles each.

Race organiser Rob Reid said: 'It's amazing how trail-running has really taken off in the last few years.

'In the 90s, you either did half-marathons or hill races, and that was that.

'But runners who came for the Kintyre Way Relay last year obviously saw it as much more than just a running event, with many staying for the weekend and commenting on the stunning scenery and the friendly welcome both from local people and fellow-runners,' he added.

For more details, log on to [www.kintyreway-relay.co.uk](http://www.kintyreway-relay.co.uk).

## Lochgilphead and Kintyre lock horns

THE long awaited rugby trial between Kintyre and Lochgilphead became a reality on Saturday.

Nineteen enthusiastic boys - much to the dismay of the growing girls squad - travelled to Lochgilphead where D Aitken, 'Brockan', a stalwart of Mid Argyll Rugby Club as well as a respected coach, assisted by Duncan Galbraith and John Forster, agreed to host the event at Lochgilphead High School.

### Offload

The Lochgilphead boys, although slightly younger and lighter, were very good at executing the final pass, or the off load, which caught the Campbeltown squad on the hop on several occasions.

Lochgilphead took the

lead with a well-earned try which followed some swift passing.

The faults began to show on both sides, however.

### Alert

The Kintyre forwards fared well but as the game progressed alertness off the ball allowed Lochgilphead the opportunity to steal another try. All the boys were guaranteed a game so a rolling sub format continued for the whole game.

Undeterred by being two down, a few words said at half time saw the Kintyre team rally and bring the score back to two apiece.

Credit to everyone for a gutsy performance across the board and for the majority a lesson learnt that the basics are now a must if they are to

challenge other teams in Argyll, especially tackling and moving up on the opposition.

In the last quarter of the game both sides showed touches of brilliance and lapses of concentration and from deep in their own half Campbeltown managed to win the ball, passing through a few hands to Scott Anderson who powered his way to the line to score.

### Enjoyable

In all, it was an enjoyable day out for everyone and hopefully Kintyre/Campbeltown can now build on the experience going forward for more games.

Training takes place on Saturday mornings at The Meadows, from 11am to 1pm. A pitch has been marked by the council, which the club would like to thank.

## Islay golf results

JOINT winners of this year's singles stableford winter league are Graeme Hamilton and Ruairaidh MacIntyre with a total of 218pts each.

Third place Donald Logan with 215pts.

March Medal played on Sunday March 6: 1 Iain MacCuaig 73 less 7 net 66, 2 Neil Johnston 78 less 11 net 67, 3 David Johnston 80 less 13 net 67. CSS 68.



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## SFA Level 2 coaching course to be held in April

A SCOTTISH Football Association Level 2 (Coaching Youth Footballers Certificate) course will be held in Oban on Sunday 10 and Sunday 24 April from 10 am till 4pm.

This is the next step on the coaching ladder following the Level 1 course held at the recent Argyll and Bute Coaching Weekend in February.

Only coaches who have achieved the Level 1 standard are eligible to attend.

Argyll and Bute Football Development Officer Martin Rae wants as many coaches as possible in Argyll and Bute to achieve the Level 2 standard so he can organise a Level 3 (Coaching in the Game Certificate) course during the summer.

For further details contact Martin on 07767 391843.

## Want to be a football referee?

DUE to a shortage of qualified referees in Argyll and Bute, the Scottish Football Association would like to run a refereeing course in Lochgilphead within the next few months.

For further details contact Argyll and Bute Football Development Officer Martin on 07767 391843.

## Bobby's first hole in one

BOBBY Neilson from Carradale Golf Club achieved his first ever hole in one.

Watched by his partner and opponents Bobby managed the accolade on March 1 at the eighth hole on the course.

## Stand-in partner helps Colin secure bowls doubles title

AS THE semi finals of Campbeltown Club's Open Pairs got under way on Friday night, newly elected president George McLellan, assisted by Liam MacCallum, presented Alison Leask of Autism Argyll with a cheque for £263, a sum raised by the members on opening day in 2010.

Thanking George, Alison explained that the sum would help toward the cost of a training day later in the year.

Two closely contested semi finals produced a final between Lee Allan and David Reid (Argyll) and Colin Lang and Gavin Muir (Lowland Church) that was even more closely contested.

Colin, who has been a

regular competitor for many years, had qualified through the round robin stages with his regular partner John Gallacher but John was unable to attend due to other commitments so Gavin played as a last minute substitute.

Colin and Gavin went into the penultimate 10th end holding a four shot lead but this was reduced to one by Lee and David going in to last end.

The trophy looked as though it was heading for Millknowe as the Argyll pair peppered the jack with their brown bowls and only one Lowland black bowl in the head as second shot.

A superb last bowl by skip Colin delicately



Winners and runners up of the Open Pairs competition held at Stronvaar Bowling Club with vice president Simon Rochford (left) and president George McLellan (fourth from left). 04\_c10bw101

nudged the jack off the shot bowl on to the black to let Colin and Gavin take the Archie and Fio-

na Smith Trophy.

President George and vice president Simon Rochford presented the

trophy and prizes to the winners and runners-up and the losing semi-finalists who were David

Brown and Alec Black (CBC) and Grant Grant and Gary Grumoli (Argyll).

## Dramatic conclusion to winter golf season

SATURDAY saw the Winter league draw to a close for another year at Machrihanish Golf Club with the conclusion of the two remaining major trophies.

In the Bob McGeachy Cup it was last year's winners Jimmy Simpson and Stuart Campbell who saw off Angus Brown and Finlay Wylie after a pretty scrappy, but very close, match.

With Brown, clearly suffering jet lag and

playing with borrowed clubs having lost his in transit, and Wylie being up for most of the game it took a classic up and down from Simpson at the 14th to turn the tide.

However a glorious birdie from Wylie at the 18th sent the match in to extra holes.

Another birdie at the first put Brown and Wylie one up in the best of four holes and, with Finlay in pole position at the second, and with

a stroke, it looked all over.

However the reality of a victory over the legendary Simpson all proved too much and a duffed chip threw the momentum back the other way leaving Campbell and Simpson to grab an unlikely looking victory.

At the wrong end of the table Hector Thomson flew back from Australia to play a vital part in ensuring the buggy boys avoided retaining

the dreaded wooden spoon.

That honour goes to Norman 'the not so mighty' Gwynne and partner, vice-captain John Biggins. A really close call and hard lines boys. Better luck next year, you'll need it!!

The season closing Texas Scramble will be played on Saturday, March 12, and will be followed by the now traditional raffle, prize giving and fun and games.

## Trip to Kings Park proves tall order for Pupils

**Scottish Amateur Football League Premier One Kings Park 2**

**Campbeltown Pupils 1**

ANOTHER close-run game for the McFadyen sponsored Campbeltown Pupils; nevertheless, another defeat does little to help the cause at this stage of the season.

On the best surface in the league, Kings Park

produced a team of 'giants' who dwarfed their opponents in almost every department, and, needless to say, played a highball game throughout the 90 minutes.

Against such monumental disadvantages, it was great credit to the visitors for keeping the game alive with stoic determination, and, in a spirited response fought

back to equalise before half-time.

A throw-in caused the damage as Kings Park raced into the lead midway through the first-half, a header finding the net from inside the box. Gary Grumoli equalised for the visitors with 10 minutes of the first-half remaining, racing onto a through-ball to thump the ball home from 20

yards. An aerial bombardment in the second-half finally produced the winning goal, the home side scoring from a corner-kick.

This weekend the first 11 take on Duncanrigg at Kintyre Park, the reserves play Aitkenhead in the Coronation Cup at Meadows. A mixed side tackles HMS Campbeltown on Sunday, 1pm.

## Bid to revive shinty in South Kintyre

IN A bid to see shinty played again in South Kintyre, Active Schools has teamed up with Argyll and Bute shinty development officer, Darren Reid.

Three weeks of shinty taster sessions will be delivered to the composite class or P4 in town schools. There will be a shinty festival at the end of March to complete the programme, followed by two days of shinty during the Easter Holidays.

A public meeting was

held at the beginning of January to recruit some new adult volunteers to take shinty forward.

As a result of this six adults are now going through the Disclosure process and will be completing the Level One Shinty National Governing Body Award on March 28 in Campbeltown.

If you would like to attend this course, please get in touch with Lindsay Ramsay, Active Schools on 07917 073424.

## Easter activities

THE finishing touches are being put to this year's Easter Holiday Programme.

Active Schools has teamed up with Aqualibrium to offer a wide variety of sports throughout the Easter break.

Primary school pupils can take part in various activities including canoeing, tennis, shinty and pool fun.

Any queries, please contact Lindsay Ramsay, Active Schools, 07917 073424.

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