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Town hall could close

'We know this has been said before but this really is the last chance'

by RUTH McCLEAN

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IF PEOPLE do not come forward one of Campbeltown's most iconic buildings could be lost.

This was the message from the driving force behind the project in an effort to get the town hall on Campbeltown's Main Street restored to its former glory.

The Town Hall Project Group (THPG) is made up of representatives from the South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) and Campbeltown Community Council.

They have been working hard to try and get the old building, dating back to 1760, reinstated to its rightful place – at the heart of the community.

However a lack of 'active' volunteers could force the project to a standstill.

'We need more active people,' Glenn Millar, director of SKDT stressed.

He said the building's condition has got significantly worse and stressed that if people want to do something about it, this is the time.

'We know its been said before but this really is the last chance,' convener of Campbeltown Community Council.

Volunteers

'If we are going to take this any further and apply for more funding, we really need the community behind us; not just people showing their support, but active volunteers.'

Despite a cosmetic external facelift in 2009, the building is sliding into a dilapidated state.

It has been identified as a key building for the Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) and, as such, is eligible for funding for the external works.

Studies commissioned by Argyll and Bute Council have estimated to refurbish the building it will cost around £1.2 million.

Community surveys revealed 82 per cent of people in the area believe that the town hall is Campbeltown's most important building. Almost 70 per cent of survey respondents said there is not the right mix of community facilities in the town.

A variety of uses could be made of a refurbished town hall including soft play facilities, wedding receptions and offices.

The modernised building would be fully acces-

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Branch diving officer Linda Bryce, left, examiner Donald Lees.

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Campbeltown divers in the swim

FIRST timers had the chance to try out the sport of underwater diving for free on Sunday at Aqualibrium, Campbeltown.

Campbeltown Sub Aqua Club organised a try dive session with two visitors from the national sub aqua club.

The try dive session was free and the perfect opportunity for non-initiates to the wonders of the deep to find out whether the sport was for them.

More sessions like these will be run in the future in Campbeltown which will be dependant on interest.

Southend could soon have its own post office again

SOUTHEND residents could soon have their own post office again after learning the position of subpostmaster for the village would be advertised.

Applications are invited from local residents who are interested in providing the service.

Councillor Donald Kelly, who has been campaigning since the previous post office shut three months ago, said he was pleased with the decision and hoped candidates would come forward.

He said the absence of a post office in the village was having a severe impact especially on elderly residents.

A spokesman for Post Office Ltd said the company had initially tried, without success, to find a neighbouring postmaster who would be willing to take on an outreach service to Southend.

Interested parties will find the vacancy advertised on www.ukpo.com.

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Fatal crash driver blames buzzard for distracting him

'You would need to be stupid to overtake in a place like that'

A WHITEHOUSE motorist who overtook at a notorious blind bend on an Argyll road, causing a fatal crash claimed a buzzard distracted him. Clifford Dickson from Whitehouse, Tarbert, was convicted of causing the death of 55-year-old Christine Beard by dangerous driving at Glasgow

High Court last Friday. The collision took place on the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban road around 1pm on August 12, 2010. Dickson, 68, admitted he was on the wrong side of the road as he approached the blind crest in his Kia Sportrak 4x4, but denied he had been overtaking.

The court heard that seconds after Dickson pulled out he hit a red Subaru, in which Mrs Beard was a back seat passenger. Beverley White, who was driving her car in front of Dickson said she believed he was trying to overtake her. Asked by the prosecution if she had seen



Christine Beard died a few weeks after the August 12 crash on the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban road.

any animals or birds at the side of the road, she replied: 'No'. The court heard that her husband Bryan, who was a keen bird-watcher and had a pair of binoculars in the front passenger footwell, had seen no birds. Dickson, a retired stonemason, told the court: 'There is a blind crest with double white lines. You would need to be stupid to overtake in a place like that.'

through my windscreen in the past. I thought this thing was going to crash into my windscreen. I put my hand up to try and prevent the glass showering me.'

Accelerator

He explained to the court he had taken his foot off the accelerator but had then re-applied his foot to the accelerator, instead of the brake.

Dickson then tried to get back onto the correct side of the road, but there was no room.

He told the court that he was haunted by the crash and that in the immediate aftermath he apologised to the occupants of the Subaru.

'I can't sleep at night for thinking about it. I made such a terrible

mistake,' he said.

The court heard that Mrs Beard, who was airlifted to the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow, had to undergo surgery to her abdomen and bowel but died on September 2, 2010 from a massive pulmonary embolism caused by injuries suffered in the crash.

The court heard that Mrs Beard's husband and daughter suffered serious injuries as a result of the crash.

After the verdict judge Lord McEwan deferred sentence on Dickson until next month for background reports and allowed him bail.

Lord McEwan also ordered Dickson to be disqualified from driving in the interim.

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sible to disabled persons and could result in the return of regular coffee mornings, reinstating a long-standing Campbeltown tradition.

If you are keen to help contact Glenn Millar on 01586 553458, at the SKDT office at Harvey's Lane, Burnside Square, Campbeltown, or attend the annual general meeting of the group on March 20 in the town hall's council chambers at 7.15pm.

Still time to respond to ferries review

THERE is still time to give your response to the Scottish Ferries Review.

Locals are being urged to make their views known about the different proposals in the document, including a ferry running from Campbeltown to Troon.

Some local businesses have given their response, and there is strong feeling the Claonaig to Lochranza ferry service should be retained.

To give your thoughts on the proposals you can email Colin Grieve from Transport Scotland on colin.grieve@transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk.

Fingerposts to be improved

FINGERPOSTS to help guide people around Campbeltown are to be improved.

A review is now taking place of the posts which were put up in 2009, and include local attractions.

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A MICRO-hydro scheme for land at Torrisdale, East Kintyre, has been approved planning permission.

The construction of a 99 kilo-watt electricity scheme on the Lephincorrach Burn on land at Lephincorrach Farm, Torrisdale included the intake, penstock, turbine house, outflow, access road and temporary construction compound area.

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Disturbance in Longrow:

POLICE were called to a flat in Longrow, Campbeltown at around 9.30pm on Monday after reports of a disturbance.

One man was arrested for alleged assault and two women for breach of the peace.

Speeding drivers:

NUMEROUS speed checks were carried out in the area over the weekend. On Saturday March 3 three people were issued with fixed penalty notices after being caught speeding on the A83 coming into Campbeltown.

Weekend incidents:

THERE were several incidents in the centre of Campbeltown at the weekend.

In the early hours of Saturday morning a man was arrested for an alleged assault in Main Street, and two other men were picked up for breach of the peace in separate incidents on Kirk Street and Main Street.

Two women were arrested on Friday night, also for breach of the peace.

Dead seal found:

ENVIRONMENTAL health officers attended to dispose of a dead seal found on the beach at Muasdale Cottages, West Kintyre on Sunday.

Jura ferry's future secured

THE future of Jura's passenger ferry service has been secured after Transport Scotland confirmed it would provide most of the funding for the next two years.

The total funding given to run the ferry for the next two years is £106,192.



A WELL-KNOWN Campbeltown butcher retired on Saturday after 28 years on the Main Street. The last day of trading for Alex Wilson and his wife Marilyn came two days before Alex's 65th birthday. Many of his loyal customers dropped in on his last day to pick up a final cut of meat and wish him well for his retirement. The Wilsons now plan to take a holiday in Malta before returning to Campbeltown where Alex is looking forward to spending more time on the golf course and in the garden. 21_c10retir01

Groups urged to find out more about fundraising

KINTYRE'S charities and community groups are being encouraged to find out more about fundraising initiatives taking place later this month.

The event, which is focussing on non-grant methods of funding, will provide inspiration and information on everything from valuing volunteers and donors, renewables, tax breaks and wills, sponsorship and generating income through social enterprise and social media.

The event, taking place in Lochgilphead

on Saturday March 17, has Finlay Craig, from Factsinternational, as guest speaker.

Councillor Rory Colville, Argyll and Bute's third sector spokesman, said: 'The council has been involved with local community groups and charities for many years, and we all benefit from the tremendous work these organisations carry out.'

'These are challenging times for third sector organisations and I would urge them to come along to this event to increase

their funding awareness and explore as many income generating opportunities as they can.'

The event will run at Kilmory Castle, Lochgilphead and is being organised by Community Planning Partnership (CPP) partners, Argyll and Bute Council and the Third Sector Partnership, with support from InspirAlba.

If you would like to participate, please register with Eileen Bellshaw at eileen.bellshaw@argyll-bute.gov.uk or telephone her on 01546 604189.

Future of ring and ride

THE future of the ring and ride service in Campbeltown will be in the hands of Argyll and Bute Council's Executive meeting next month. The service will run as normal before a decision is made on April 19 at the meeting.

This is following a consultation which was carried out with service users.

February rainfall down

FEBRUARY saw a decrease in rainfall compared to the same period last year in Campbeltown.

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Bunkhouse opens its doors

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MORE than five years of on going time and effort to get an old schoolhouse in town renovated has paid off, as it is re-opened as a bunkhouse.

The Old Free Church School at Big Kiln, Campbeltown has been given new life as Campbeltown Backpackers and the first bookings have been taken.

The Grade B listed building has two bedrooms, sleeping up to 16

people with Wi-Fi available for visitors.

The concept is designed to attract budget travellers down the peninsula as well as surfers and Kintyre Way walkers.

It will provide more accommodation for the town's major events like the 10k and music festival. It has already been reserved for the Kintyre Way Relay race in June.

The project has been carried out by the Kintyre

Amenity Trust (KAT) which is holding an open day tomorrow (Saturday) from 10am to 2pm.

'There have been numerous challenges along the way, from brick suppliers who went into liquidation to the question of whether to put a pot on the fourth chimney,' said a spokesman for KAT.

'This is a great project that has removed a bit of urban decay and replaced it with a new business opportunity that capitalises on what Campbeltown has to offer.'

War memorial work to start

THE first phase of the reconstruction work on the war memorial on Kinloch Green will start next week.

Scaffolding will thereafter be erected during the month of April.

It is expected that the work, beginning on March 12, will take up to eight weeks to complete.

The work is required to re-point it and make it watertight.

Chairman of the group Argyll First councillor Donald Kelly said: 'I am pleased to have been able to keep the pressure on the council to get this project started.'

'We are currently working with the Royal British Legion in an effort to secure funding for the second phase which

will replace the existing tablets at the base of the structure.

'As a donation to the project McFadyens Contractors has agreed to carry out any necessary groundwork. It is my aim to have all work completed in time for this year's Remembrance Parade.'

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Speakers at the summit from left to right: Robert Pollock, Argyll and Bute Council; Carron Tobin, director, ruralDimensions Ltd; Iain Jurgensen, general manager Portavadie Marina; councillor Neil Mackay; Malcolm Roughead OBE, CEO of VisitScotland; James Stewart, CEO of the Royal Yachting Association; Mike Story, vice chairman AISTP.

Kintyre connections on summit's agenda

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SOUTH Kintyre tourism's major problem of 'connectivity' dominated the agenda at the second Argyll and the Isles Tourism summit last Thursday.

The need to improve access into the region by road, air and sea was highlighted at the summit attended by 140 delegates at Portavadie Marina.

There were calls for better air links to make it easier for tourists to arrive in the region.

Argyll and Bute provost William Petrie said improvements to air links including helipads could bring in 'the super-rich' and give a massive economic boost.

At a question and an-

swer session, Kintyre businessman Brian Keating drew attention to high landing fees and weekend closures at Campbeltown Airport.

Mr Keating's Kintyre Development Company recently re-opened the upmarket Ugadale Hotel in Machrihanish.

The question was passed to VisitScotland chief executive Malcolm Roughead, who said a new national airport

strategy was due out in June.

Admitting there was a need to increase the number of flights into and out of South Kintyre, Mr Roughead said: 'We have to join up national and local strategies.'

'At the moment there's a fundamental issue with how the airlines use Prestwick Airport which we need to get resolved.'

Fight 'tooth and nail' Argyll businesses told

TOURISM businesses must fight 'tooth and nail' to attract more tourists.

That was the message from Mike Story, vice chairman of the body set up to promote Argyll and the Isles as a visitor destination.

The former corporate chief, now at the helm of the Argyll and the Isles Strategic Tourism Part-

nership (AISTP), said improving transport and marketing was a must for the area.

Marketing

But public investment in transport had to be matched by better marketing from businesses, Mr Story said.

He warned time was running out to attract large numbers of people who would want to get

out of London during this summer's Olympics: 'A market only exists for a short period of time and if we don't penetrate it we will get nothing out of this.'

'Businesses should be looking at it and asking what specific offers can be put in place to attract the market. I don't see that happening at the moment.'

Tarbert fears addressed

CONCERNS from Tarbert will be addressed by the Argyll and the Isles Strategic Tourism Partnership (AISTP), the summit heard.

A question and answer session heard claims the village is suffering from a lack of brown signage and short opening times for its visitor information centre.

Robert Pollock from AISTP said changes to signage and visitor information centres were among the tourism partnership's four main priorities along with transport and marketing.

A question from the floor asked why Tarbert's information centre had

remained closed over Easter last year, when tourists were likely to be passing through.

VisitScotland chief executive Malcolm Roughead said he thought the centre should have been open over Easter.

However, he also said there was not always a good argument for keeping information centres in places like Tarbert open for longer: 'We have to look at the way people access information much more flexibly these days.'

'Tourism centres are important but they are expensive beasts to run and they have to be sustainable.'

Trouble finding funding for culture projects

A UNIQUE culture and heritage was highlighted as a key part of Kintyre's tourism strategy at the summit.

However Susan Paterson from the Kintyre Cultural Forum said her organisation had been having trouble securing funding from Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) for a new culture project in Campbeltown.

Following the summit, HIE confirmed the reason funding had not been granted:

'There would have been significant potential displacement of other projects in the area,' a spokeswoman said.



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Poor mobile phone coverage putting the brakes on economic progress

THE tourism summit saw broad agreement that the poor state of mobile phone coverage across Argyll and the Isles is putting the brakes on economic progress.

Argyll and Bute MSP, Michael Russell and tourism chief Mike Story both attacked the failure of the major networks to improve their coverage.

Mr Russell described 'a real dearth of good mobile phone coverage in Argyll and Bute', while Mike Story called the current situation 'a disgrace', requiring 'political will' to change.

The lack of coverage was blamed for putting tourists off visiting the region, as well as inconveniencing local people.

'There are many people not coming back because they cannot for example check their emails on their smart phones,' Mr Russell said.

'We also see emergencies where it's a real

danger to life.'

Communication is a reserved matter and last year the chancellor George Osborne announced £150 million to improve mobile phone coverage in rural areas.

The government said the funding applied to areas with 'a limited commercial case for market-driven private investment' and should increase total UK mobile coverage from 95

per cent to 99 percent by 2015.

Argyll and Bute Liberal Democrat MP Alan Reid said he was concerned parts of Argyll and Bute may be in the remaining one percent.

'Following the concerns expressed at the summit I will write to the cabinet minister responsible, urging him to increase the coverage requirement to 100 per cent,' Mr Reid said.



The Kintyre Express returns to Campbeltown after taking representatives to the summit at Portavadie. 21_c10kintyreexpr

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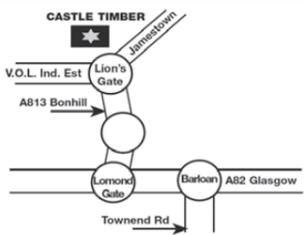
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Betty McSporrán holding the framed photo alongside Helen Watson
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Auchinlee gets framed photo from the Queen

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SHARING their 60th anniversary with that of the Queen's coronation inspired staff and residents of Campbeltown's Auchinlee nursing home to write a letter to her Majesty.

In return they received a framed photograph showing the monarch at various different stages of her life.

Pictured holding the royal gift is Betty McSporrán, originally from Ardrishaig, who at 85 is exactly the same age as the Queen.

Alongside her is Helen

Watson, from Campbeltown, who said she remembered attending the street party in the town on the day of the coronation back in 1953.

Dementia garden

In its sixtieth year Auchinlee hopes to open a new dementia garden at the front of the building, with work already underway to clear away space.

The fundraising drive has already begun with the annual pancake tea on Shrove Tuesday raising £600 to put towards the garden.

Next up will be a concert at the Grammar school with Helen Gilchrist and friends on April 20.

During 2010/2011, staff at Auchinlee organised various events and raised more than £5,000 towards the project.

The Friends of Auchinlee group has also been raising money and will be helping out with some of the cost for the garden.

To mark its anniversary, Auchinlee will be holding a service of celebration and Thanksgiving in July and hopes to officially open the garden at this point.

Argyll's 'must see' scenic routes

ROADS in Argyll and Bute have been billed as the 'must see' scenic routes in Scotland.

The road from Tarbert to Islay is one of the routes that has been selected by the transport columnist in the Scotsman.

Highlands and Islands MSP Mike Mackenzie said: 'The exciting thing is that interest in the area is stimulated globally attracting visitors from all over the world who will, in turn, discover the beauty of not only Argyll but the entire Highlands and Islands making a return visit a promise.'

'The Scottish Government is working with Argyll and Bute Council to ensure that on each successive visit our roads will be seen to have improved.'

Services for older people to be kept in house

SERVICE provision will be kept in house for older people in Argyll and Bute.

The Adult Learning Disability Day Services and Day Care Services for older people had been considered for an external tender. It has been decided neither would result in best value for Argyll and Bute Council.

The changes to services are necessary because of the proposed introduction of Self Directed Care by the Scottish Government.

In Adult Learning Disability Day Services there has been extensive consultation with those who use the services, carers and staff.

Service users say they are happy with current providers whether internal or external and these decisions provide a level of continuity, which was highlighted as important.

In Day Care Services for older people the bids received as part of the tender process would produce a cost substantially higher than the current service budget. It would be less expensive to retain services in-house.

Ferry from Campbeltown to Ayrshire coast via Arran

'WE don't want to shoot ourselves in the foot', warned the chairman of the Kintyre Initiative Working Group.

Councillor Rory Colville referred to the Scottish Ferries Review proposals to get a ferry from Campbeltown to the Ayrshire coast via Arran.

His colleague, councillor John Semple, started the ball rolling to get people backing a campaign to get the ferry direct to the Ayrshire coast more than once or twice a week.

Councillor Colville told the meeting: 'It is very hard to make a business case for Campbeltown to Ayrshire.'

We don't want to shoot ourselves in the foot and lose the Cloanaig to Lochranza ferry.'

He raised concerns the Cloanaig to Lochranza ferry could be scrapped if this link was brought in, as there was little point in two ferries running from Kintyre to Arran.

'Nobody wants to have a direct link to Brodick, no one sees benefit in that in terms of a stop off from Campbeltown to Ayrshire,' said John Semple.

The Campbeltown to Ayrshire link is the only new route proposed in the Scottish Ferries Review.

Extra money for housing projects on Islay, Iona and Ardfern recommended

EXTRA money for housing projects on Islay, Iona and in Ardfern has been recommended for approval at yesterday's executive meeting of Argyll and Bute Council.

Councillors on the executive were asked to support the recommendation to grant an extra £203,532 to the Rural Housing Development Fund (RHDF) to allow the three projects to go ahead: ACHA's Port Ellen Leodamus Place development, costing £479,865; Fyne Homes' Ardfern development at £293,667; and Iona Housing Partnership's project costing £180,000.

Approval of the bids for Ardfern, Iona and Port Ellen amounts to £953,532 and would deliver 16 new homes for rent and one shared equity property.

Green light

Islay-based councillor Robin Currie, the council's spokesman for housing, was confident his colleagues would give the extra funding the green light and described the recommendation as 'very exciting'.

He added: 'With regards to the Port Ellen development in particular, I am over the moon at the news. This proves our RHDF initiative works.'

Mary's Meals awareness week

SCHOOLCHILDREN in Kintyre will soon be taking part in an important charity awareness week.

The Mary's Meals campaign will be highlighted in local schools from March 26 to 30.

Tony Begley, education co-ordinator for the Dalmally-based charity, said: 'We thought it would be good to give children a chance to compare their opportunities of access to food and education with poor children in developing countries.'

All pupils have to do to contribute is eat a school meal for lunch - 10 pence from every meal will go directly to the charity.

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with Marilyn Shedden



I'm glad we bought a wee rowing boat as sometimes I feel it would be more appropriate to row down the road these days than drive along it.

Everyone is fair scunnered with all this rain and we have been awash for months it seems.

The beasts look miserable as they stand dolefully amidst the glaur, and the emerging daffodils collapse under the relentless downpours.

The land is saturated and surely cannot contain any more water.

We are deprived of sunshine and our vitamin D levels are sorely depleted.

As lambing begins we worry for sheep and farmers alike and hope the weather will change to be kind to them.

The days lengthen, but all it seems to mean is that we can see the rain for longer!

It's been a gloomy few months and we may feel like troglodytes emerging from the caves of winter.

It's hard to imagine the warmth of the sun on our backs as we gaze into the greyness of the mist.

Yet there is beauty in the grey. There is a softness as the horizon of the sky melts into the sea and a shaft of light catches the surf of a wave.

At this time of Lent, we may think of the darkness in the world as we follow Jesus in these last painful days, yet we remember that a glorious resurrection will follow.

The sun rises even on rainy days and offers the possibility of beauty and goodness.

Amidst the graffiti found on the walls of a concentration camp at the end of the war were these words:

'I believe in the sun even when it doesn't shine.

I believe in God even when I can't see him.'

There is glory in the grey, and we may find beauty when we least expect it, if we look beyond the rain.

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Letters to the Editor

Councillor's thanks

Sir,

I was fortunate to be invited to Clachan to attend the world premier of the film show A Youth Club View of Clachan.

The children made the film themselves with resources funded by the West Kintyre Windfarm Trust.

It was a great night and yet again shows the tremendous abilities of the young people in our villages.

Thank you to all involved who helped make this happen.

Kind regards

Councillor
Anne Horn,
Kintyre and the
Islands.

Forestry track diversion

Sir,

The Scottish Government's decision to upgrade the forestry track at the Rest and Be Thankful to allow vehicles to use it when the A83 is closed by a landslide is a welcome start.

However I was very disappointed to find out that it will take up to an hour for a vehicle to use the diversion route. This is because of the very slow convoy system that will be used. I was only able to drag this information out of Transport Scotland officials at last Friday's meeting in Lochgilphead after persistent questioning. The average extra time that it will take to use the forestry track diversion is estimated to be about 40 minutes. For a vehicle setting out from Inveraray this is not much quicker than using the existing diversion via Crianlarich.

The Scottish Government must upgrade the forestry track to a proper two-lane road or, alternatively, upgrade both



Down Memory Lane

CAMPBELTOWN-BORN John McMaster went off to fight in the First World War on horseback and survived to tell the tale.

Though John passed away in 1961, aged 78, his family decided to send this photograph after seeing the Stephen Spielberg film *War Horse* in the Picture House cinema in the town.

John, born in Kirk Street, enlisted in the Second Scottish Horse Regiment in December 1915, and was later transferred to the First King Edward's Horse Regiment which won honours

at some of the bloodiest battles of the conflict including Ypres, Flanders and Mons.

Disbanded

The regiment was disbanded in 1924 as horses became increasingly obsolete in wartime, and John moved back to Lanarkshire where he spent most of the rest of his life.

He was the uncle of Lizzie Sugarman and the late Florence McSpornan and her sister the late Lizzie Johnson, all three with the maiden name McMaster.

the forestry track and the old road so that each can take one-way traffic.

I have written to the Scottish Transport Minister calling for the work to be done to provide a proper two-way diversion route. The Argyll and Bute economy desperately needs a reliable diversion route that can

be relied on to take less than an hour. The SNP Government could easily find the money if they gave us a fair share of road spending instead of pouring all their money into the east of Scotland.

Alan Reid MP
95 Alexandra Parade,
Dunoon.

Windfarm scheme raises a number of points

Sir,

I write about the article in last week's issue,

'Windfarm proposals on display' which included a photograph of the Chairman Burcote Wind, others involved in the organisation and myself as the only local.

This plus the name of the site Creggan, has left a number of people to assume that I am somehow behind it all. I am not against the use of wind power but I do believe this scheme raises a number of points.

I have never heard of a new business being able to guarantee a dividend of £234,000 over the first 25 years of its life. This is only possible because of political support through taxpayer's cash and a sustained high price for the product, both of which are variables, as is also the weather pattern.

The height of the structures is 400 feet and I am told higher than any others put up here.

The lower part of the site is on land quite recently in receipt of grant for forestry and the necessary infrastructure to deliver these massive pieces of machinery will destroy it long before it has reached maturity.

The central section is over very unstable ground which is full of springs that once provided water for this area.

The site has been frequently described as 'remote' by the developers.

It is not, with 12 permanently occupied dwellings, a school and beautifully sited war memorial within or very close to within the 800m exclusion zone normally applied for fewer structures than those proposed here. It is also a typical area of low ground and hill farming.

Adam Bergius,
Glencreggan,
Glenbarr,
By Tarbert.

Correction

IN LAST week's article about the blood pressure monitors at Campbeltown Medical Centre it was Owen Morgan that was in the photograph and not Owen Paisley. Apologies for any confusion caused by this error.

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ISLAY

Festival of the Sea

SOUTH Islay Development organisation has begun early preparations for the Festival of the Sea 2012, which will be held on July 6, 7 and 8 following a successful and popular first event last year. Volunteers, ideas and suggestions are welcome, and organisers would like to hear from anyone who is interested in being involved in this year's festival days.

Also, local businesses wishing to advertise in the Festival of the Sea programme, please contact Kirsten on 302505. Intending stallholders, please contact Emma McGeachy on (day) 302244 or (evenings) 302387.

Broadcaster in training

ISLAY born broadcaster, Glenn Campbell, is in training for a high altitude charity hike in the Andes.

The 36-year-old Newsnight Scotland presenter and BBC correspondent hopes to raise at least £4,215 pounds for Macmillan Cancer Support

on a four day hike from Cusco to the lost city of the Incas at Machu Picchu.

The fundraising target matches the highest point on the Inca Trail, 4,215 metres at Dead Woman's Pass.

The former Bowmore Primary and Islay High School pupil, who now lives in East Lothian, is one of 44 people from across the UK taking part in the expedition and volunteered to join team Macmillan in the Andes following the death of his father, Lamont, in June 2010.

CLACHAN

Evening's entertainment

MEMBERS of the Clachan community were treated to an evening's film entertainment in the school recently.

Last year Clachan Youth Club and Clachan Primary School acquired movie making equipment as part of a joint project through a grant from the West Kintyre Windfarm Trust.

Throughout the last year the young people have been recording a variety of events and this was made into a film for everyone to see.

A Youth Club View



PARENTS and members of the community joined children from Clachan Primary School for a Readathon. Last Friday evening everyone took along their favourite book and shared an extract for it. At the end of the evening a midnight feast rounded off the event which will hopefully encourage more people to read more.

of Clachan 2011 was a lively, reflective trip through the inspiring environment and vibrant community life. It included a beach clean, the Red Arrows flypast over Dunskeig, Miss Dewey's wonderful farewell party, ceilidh dancing lessons in the village hall, the youth club float at Campbeltown Music Festival and the village fun day, amongst many.

Then followed several feature films. *Beach Clean* included a stunning shot of the group enjoying toasted marshmallows against

the backdrop of a West Coast sunset.

Red Arrows Flypast featured another great shot of villagers silhouetted along almost the whole profile of Dunskeig waving to the Red Arrows streaking overhead in formation in the clear morning sky behind.

Hard Times had a spoof opening showing the youngsters boarding the Glasgow bus on a dark and rainy winter's morning, emerging wearing bright yellow tee-shirts at the Apple Store where they learned how to combine music and film.

Another spoof story

was told about the role of Clachan Youth Club's festival float in the pursuit of a dastardly villain repeatedly spotted boarding or dismounting throughout Kintyre, always evading capture.

Last, a Celtic style

story entitled *Your History, Your Future*, which was a passionate appeal to everyone to take better care of the planet.

Coffee evening

TODAY (Friday) a coffee afternoon is being held in Clachan Primary School to support Mary's Meals and celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight.

The children were given a homework challenge and asked to create their own cupcake recipe using as many Fairtrade ingredients as possible, some of which will be on offer during the afternoon.

The event is taking place from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

GIGHA

Plans approved

A PLANNING application for alterations and

an extension to a house on Gigha has been approved.

The works are for Ardailly Mill Croft on Gigha and were permitted by Argyll and Bute Council last week.

JURA

Reduced hours

JURA Stores will reduce its opening hours as of March 12 in a bid to curb running costs.

Owner Stephen Martin said the changes were not permanent and he would reconsider the times when the tourist season started.

Mr Martin said the changes, which will see the shop operate half days Monday to Friday, were due to a lack of support from islanders.

Jura Stores will still be able to deliver groceries to the north end of the island, despite concerns this service would cease.

Death of Mòd gold medalist Robert Forrest

THE DEATH on February 18 of Bowmore resident and Mòd gold medallist Robert Forrest came as a profound shock to the Islay community and greatly saddened many far beyond its shores.

Robert was an only child born in 1936 into a musical family in Bowmore. In his early days he was surrounded by Gaelic music, Scots songs and choral arrangements and this instilled in him a life long interest in and love of music.

His taste in music covered a wide spectrum, he numbered Mozart among his favourite composers, and he had a special interest in the tenor voices of yesteryear. He himself possessed a fine lyric tenor voice, which was enjoyed by many and secured for him the gold medal at the National Mod in Inverness in 1984.

This success led to many further solo singing engagements.

His early working life

was spent in the building trade, the local distillery and the lighthouse service and was interspaced by National Service served in the Scots Guards.

He found his forte in 1971 when he joined Glasgow District Council and became the welcoming and friendly face at the City Chambers reception area in George Square. He was highly regarded by both councillors and staff and guided thousands of visitors around the imposing Victorian edifice.

He was an active chorister throughout his life and while in Glasgow was a stalwart member of the Glasgow Islay Gaelic Choir.

Health problems led to his early retirement in 1991 and 6 years later he and Belle, his devoted wife for over 20 years, returned to Bowmore where Robert delighted in being back among his ain folk.

On his return, he joined Còisir Ghàidhlig Ìle where he acted as their

dedicated Gaelic reader and also shared his language and music skills with both junior and senior competitors prior to their participation at both local and national Mods.



Robert Forrest

A severe heart attack in 2000 curtailed his activities but he remained cheerful and retained his interests in people, local events and the fortunes of Hearts football club.

Robert was a true Highland gentleman, a

real Gael and committed Christian and ever friendly, thoughtful and kind.

He was held by all in the highest regard and this was evidenced when close on 300 mourners gathered to pay their respects at his funeral service conducted by the Rev Dr Rob Barlow in the Round Church, where Robert regularly worshipped, on Thursday February 29.

He was later interred alongside his parents in Bowmore cemetery

Hearts go out to his wife Belle as she comes to terms with the pain of loss and separation now and in the days that lie ahead.

Robert's presence and personality greatly enhanced the lives of his fellow Ìleachs, who felt privileged to journey on life's pathway with him.

Goodbye, dear and valued friend, and rest in peace. 'You have run the race and kept the faith. Enter now into the joy of your Lord'.

ADVERTORIAL

Take the Leap - stop smoking!

THE theme for this year's No Smoking Day next Wednesday is 'Take the Leap'.

No Smoking Day takes place on Wednesday March 14, and oral health nurse Caroline Glenn and smoking cessation officer Jill Denton will be going into schools and the local college to promote the day.

Displays will also be put into dental

surgeries, the hospitals and health centres across the area.

Cessation

A new evening smoking cessation class starts on No Smoking Day from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

Anyone is welcome and there is no need to book a slot, just go along.

Classes are fun and you have support from others in the group.

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with Jill Denton

No Smoking day
Wednesday March 14th
Take the leap with No Smoking Day!!

Evening Smoking Cessation classes start at the Health Centre 5.30-6.30pm on No Smoking Day Any one is welcome.

Contact Jill on 07768145324 or email jill.denton@nhs.net

Eyes down for The Picture House

IT WAS eyes down instead of eyes on the screen for The Picture House last Thursday night in the Argyll Bowling Club.

The efforts of the local supporters group to help raise funds for the new digital projection equipment were rewarded with £573.50 taken on the night.

Thanks must be given to the huge generosity of the businesses and shops in the town that donated a wealth of exciting prizes for the bingo players.

The directors of the community business are extremely grateful for this continued support.

They would also like to thank Isabel and Liz, who ran the show, and

those who handed out the prizes so efficiently for their help.

The digital projection fund has also been swelled by two other recent donations.

One was from the Balure Trust and the other from The Rotary Club of Campbeltown.

'It is heart warming to see this support from such varied sources in Kintyre,' said a spokeswoman for the Picture House.

'This enforces to external funders that the whole community sees the importance of maintaining this historic and important community asset. Once again the directors are extremely grateful for this tangible support.'



Some of the cast members from Campbeltown Young Farmers who will be taking to the stage for a variety concert on March 31. 21_c10yfc01

Young Farmers variety concert

by RUTH McCLEAN
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

COSTUMES are being finalised and lines rehearsed for the Campbeltown Young Farmers concert at the end of this month.

The cast have been working hard over the last few months for the first young farmers concert to take place in the town since 1998.

A *One Night Stand* is a variety concert, which is taking place in the Victoria Hall,

Campbeltown on March 31 and tickets are available from George McMillans, Jim Martin Supplies and the Beauty Store.

Perform

Some of the cast travelled to Stirling last Friday to perform the opening and closing act at the Young Farmer's Clyde and Central Talent Spot.

The local young farmers hope to welcome members of other clubs to Campbeltown for the concert.

A dance will be taking place in the White Hart Hotel in the evening.

Pipe band ceilidh

THE annual concert and ceilidh for Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association takes place tomorrow (Saturday).

An abundance of local talent will be taking to the stage at Campbeltown Grammar School.

A packed afternoon of entertainment will see performances from the Novice Grade Pipe Band, Beginners Band and Ian McKerral's Chanter

Group, amongst many others.

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

This will be taking place in the afternoon, with another concert and ceilidh on Saturday evening with the Kinloch Ceilidh Band.

Diecast model show

DIECAST model enthusiasts will be gathering in Campbeltown tomorrow (Saturday), for the annual exhibition.

Taking place in Kinloch Guide Hall, there will be a huge variety of collectables on show, including from many locals.

Following on from the success of last year's event, organisers decided

it would be great to turn it into an annual exhibition and welcome members of the public to come along and have a look.

Proceeds

All proceeds raised will be going to Campbeltown Hospital, with a raffle and teas and coffees on offer too.

The event will be open from 9.30am to 5.30pm.

Afternoon tea at Peninver

PENINVER Players Drama Club is inviting the public to an afternoon tea this Sunday to raise funds for the junior club to compete at the divisional finals.

Taking place in Peninver Village Hall on March 11, money raised will be used to enable the junior team to travel to Kilmarnock to compete at the Youth Divisional Final on March 24 after they won the local drama festival last month.

Fundraising is also required to pay for the hire of the hall, rehearsals, costumes and set design. It is hoped any money left over will give the younger members a chance to participate in theatre workshops.

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10 week course. Start Tuesday 13th March 6.30-9.30p.m.
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Start Tuesday 17th April 6.30-9.00p.m. Lochgilphead Community Centre
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Date and time to be confirmed.
Contact Kirsty Simpson for enquiries and enrolments:
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Community Learning and Development Services

Inner Wheel Club of Campbeltown are holding a
COFFEE MORNING
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Red Cross Hall, Kirk Street
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Baking stall

Cancer Research UK PRIZE BINGO
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Admission £5.00
including free raffle

Coffee Morning
run by St. Margarets Baptist Church
Lochgilphead for SCIAF
Sat 10th March
10am till 12noon
All Welcome

Kintyre Songwriters Festival seeks new acts for 2012 festival, which takes place in Campbeltown on 01 - 03 June 2012. If you're interested in performing at an open mic session or the bigger evening events we'd be delighted to hear from you, please email us at info@kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk - closing date for entries is 19th March.
www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk

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Songwriters' festival



Performers from last year's Kintyre Songwriters Festival.

THE bandwagon has already started rolling towards the 2012 edition of one of Kintyre's most popular music events.

In its fifth year now, the Kintyre Songwriters' Festival has put out a call for artists interested in performing.

The event is happening over the weekend from June 1 to 3 in different venues in Campbeltown.

As in previous years, up-and-coming songwriters will have the chance to perform alongside more established ticketed acts.

All styles of music – individuals and bands - are welcomed and songwriters keen to perform are asked to get in touch with the organisers by March 19 at info@kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk.

Gaelic course for language and music

GOING on the success of last year, a weeklong Gaelic course for language and music is being offered on Gigha.

From March 24 to 31, the event, which was attended by learners and musicians from far and wide last year, will feature language tutor Kevin Rodgers as well as Gaelic songstress Sarah Sutherland.

Kevin will be taking on units one to 24 of the ULPAN method of teaching Gaelic.

Kintyre's own Alex McPhee will be teaching traditional music by ear, bodhran, guitar, accordion and mandolin.

People interested can go for the whole week or just parts, and can contact Henri at Gigha Gallery for more details on 01583 505 150 or email henri@smashingglass.com.

Kintyre Red Cross branch celebrates its centenary this year

THIS year Kintyre Branch of the British Red Cross Society will mark its centenary.

Discussion about a Red Cross branch first took place at a public meeting in the town hall, Campbeltown on August 2, 1912.

On October 9, 1912 an organising committee for Kintyre was formally constituted.

Since then the Kintyre

branch has served the people of Kintyre and raised funds for disaster relief across the world.

Events

A number of events to mark the centenary will be held throughout 2012.

The Inner Wheel Club of Campbeltown is holding a coffee morning on March 17 in support of the Red Cross Disaster Fund.



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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

The Descendants
From Alexander Payne, the creator of the Oscar-winning SIDEWAYS, set in Hawaii, The Descendants is a sometimes humorous, sometimes tragic journey for Matt King (George Clooney) an indifferent husband and father of two girls, who is forced to re-examine his past and embrace his future when his wife suffers a boating accident off of Waikiki. The event leads to a rapprochement with his young daughters while Matt wrestles with a decision to sell the family's land handed down from Hawaiian royalty and missionaries.

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- Just (6)
- Surprised (6)
- Remove fat (4)
- Slap or secretive payment (8)
- Man of eminence (7)
- Perhaps able (5)
- Steep sided, flat topped hill (5)
- Energy derived from vegetable matter (7)
- Alongside (8)
- Loathsome creature? (4)
- Bottle for perfume (6)
- Backside (6)

Down

- One who attracts customers loudly (6)
- Light supporter? (4)
- Call for sleep (3-4)
- Opening egg? (5)
- Place to clean up (8)
- Yellow flowered feathery plant used as flavouring (6)
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Monitor farm hears grass is key

'GRASS is God' was the message from the latest speaker to address South Kintyre farmers in an event organised by Quality Meat Scotland (QMS).

Northern Ireland born Michael Shannon was at Duncan Macalister's Glenbarr farms - the area's 'monitor farm' under the QMS project aimed at helping the red meat trade develop.

Outwintering

Mr Shannon told the crowd of around 30 that it should be possible to fatten high quality beef cattle on grass in the summer and kale in the winter without resorting to buying in feed.

Surprising many of the farmers present he said he keeps his cattle grazing outside right through the winter.

He illustrated his talk with photographs and



Alan Boulton from QMS with Michael Shannon at Glenbarr. 21_c10glenbarr01

diagrams showing how he runs Thankerton farm in Lanarkshire where he has about 250 cattle, mostly Aberdeen Angus. The key, he said, was to start with a good quality grass seed to avoid weed intrusion.

He recommended splitting fields into smaller paddocks and rotating cattle regularly around them so the grass does not grow too long in any one area.

Before Mr Shannon's talk, Alan Boulton from

QMS presented the results of soil analysis on Glenbarr farms.

While phosphorus and magnesium content was good the results showed a lack of microbial activity and a lower than ideal pH level.

Holstein club aggregates

FOLLOWING the Kintyre Holstein Breeders Club's annual stock judging at West Trodgal Farm recently, the prizes for aggregate score were awarded:

Three Cattle Club Aggregate Score:

Gents:

1 and winner of Gartvaigh Cup Sandy Pirie, 2 Matthew Ralston and 3 Andrew Reid.

Ladies:

1 Joan Pirie, 2 Anne Ralston and 3 Mary Colville.

Young Farmers:

1 and winner of YF Cup Craig Barbour, 2 Thomas Ralston and 3 Graeme McMillan.

Juniors: 1 Charles Turner, 2 Fraser Turner and 3 Neil Littleton.

Mr Shannon said that for grass seed to fulfil its potential higher pH would be needed.

He recommended spreading lime, 'little and often' to ensure the soil maintains high enough pH levels.

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Lady Lucinda becomes national Clydesdale champion at Stirling

'She has turned out to be a dream animal for us' - Malcolm McFadyen

TWO-year old Clydesdale filly Carnaff Lady Lucinda added another prize to her impressive track record at the weekend.

The animal, owned by Malcolm McFadyen of Kilarbie Farm at Drumore near Campbeltown, was National Champion at the National Stallion Show in Stirling.

Lucinda was originally sired by one of Malcolm's stallions, which he had hired out to a breeder in Northern Ireland.

On a later visit he liked the look of her so much that he brought her back to Drumore.

He said the decision was a good one as she picked up prizes at several shows including top yearling at the Royal Highland Show in Ingleston in June and overall champion at Campbeltown in 2011, before this latest triumph last week.

'She has turned out to be a dream animal for us,' Malcolm told *The Courier*.

Submit your questions to Kintyre meeting panel

A DISTINGUISHED panel of speakers will be participating in a healthy discussion of beef, sheep and dairy issues.

The Kintyre Winter Discussion Group from the Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) has organised the panel meeting.

It will be taking place in the Ardsheil Hotel on Tuesday March 13 at 7.30pm.

The speakers for the evening are Allan Bowie, NFUS vice president; Drumdown Farm, Wigtownshire and Patrick Lambert, general manager at CG Greig (Farms) Ltd, Pitlochrie, Fife.

This night is sure to have plenty of healthy debate. To ensure discussion covers beef, sheep and dairy issues, the chairman for the evening, John Forster, would be grateful if those who would like to question the panel please submit their questions by Monday March 12 to the SAC office.

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Helping to secure the future of Gigha



Since the community buy-out in 2002, the famous 'Dancing Ladies' of Gigha have brought in around £100,000 per year for the island's heritage trust.

Faith, Hope and Charity, the island's three v27 wind turbines in the south of the island were bought second hand from a Cumbrian wind farm, and were erected and commissioned in 2005.

The community reaps the benefits of the turbines: the profits from the energy company which sells the electricity, Gigha Renewable Energy Ltd goes straight back into the island's redevelopment.

This project was the first ever Scottish community-owned wind farm, to be connected to the national grid.

The amount of profit the island receives depends on how much wind blows each year. To date however the turbines have successfully generated approximately £100,000 of profit per year for the trust. This money is an essential contribution to the regeneration of the island.

They are known locally as The Dancing Ladies or Creideas, Dòchas and Carthannas, Gaelic for Faith, Hope and Charity.

The trust is currently working on a project for the installation of a fourth turbine.

The wind farm has allowed trustees to borrow money for projects on the island such as housing.

The island of Gigha celebrates 10 years of community ownership



GIGHA is gearing up for celebrations for its tenth anniversary since the community took ownership of the island.

Businesses on the small island off the west coast of Kintyre are flourishing, the population has substantially increased and the island now has a healthy population of teenagers to secure its future.

Islanders will be reflecting on the last 10 years of change and looking forward to the future as they gather to celebrate on March 15.

So much has been achieved on Gigha since its 96 residents took the brave step into community ownership by raising £1million towards its £4.25million price tag.

Other funding came from the Scottish Government, The National Lottery and Argyll and the Isles Enterprise.



Gigha Renewable Energy Ltd



GIGHA residents are celebrating a successful 10 years on the island since the buyout in 2002.

Through the buyout, one of the most popular assets Gigha Heritage Trust acquired was Achamore Gardens.

Since then a number of businesses have been set up on the island, with some relocating to be based there. The new and existing businesses have helped to provide both employment and facilities for visitors. This has helped to boost the tourist numbers on Gigha, which has more to offer than ever before.

Last year the heritage trust received a prestigious award for regeneration work on the island.

The Chartered Institute of Housing presented the award to the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust and its partners for its redevelopment work on the island.

Gigha Heritage Trust has turned island life around, not only for those living there but attracting people to move back to the seven-mile long island.

The trust has been making life better for everyone: renovating properties and promoting the island itself, doubling the population and substantially increasing the school roll.

ACHAMORE'S beautiful gardens benefits from the warming influence of the North Atlantic Drift and within 54 acres, contain exotic and unusual plants in abundance. The trust owns and manages the gardens with gardeners employed.

Hard work has been put into getting the garden reopened for the new season in the last weeks; it officially reopened at the weekend.

It is advised that anyone wishing to visit the gardens should wear sturdy footwear.

Contained within the gardens is the glorious Achamore House.

The trust sold Achamore House when it first took over the island to fund part of this £1million it was required to pay back.



Since the formation of the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust in 2002 the population has grown from 96 people to more than 150 and the average age has fallen sharply. The school roll tells the story: from only six children and earmarked for closure, the school now boasts 17 children at primary level with a healthy population of teenagers taking the ferry to secondary school each day.

HOUSING improvement was the biggest task the trust took on, and one of the main points they were credited for a regeneration award received last year.

When a housing survey was carried out by the trust after the buyout, it revealed of the 42 state houses, 75 per cent were listed as 'below tolerable standard' and should not be lived in.

Another 23 were classed as 'in serious disrepair'. The survey also revealed a high rate of hidden homelessness; parents and siblings providing homes for adults.

It costs the trust around £160,000 to renovate each house, bringing it up to a modern standard for living. The trust has been awarded two £60,000 grants from Argyll and Bute Council for further renovation works to the remaining buildings. It is hoped a further two properties will be renovated per year, with the help of this funding.

Gigha Heritage Trust has been working with building companies which all have strong Gigha connections despite being based on mainland Kintyre.

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One of the Trust's most popular assets acquired as part of the buyout is Achamore Gardens.

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Frosts and snow are rare in the garden, with the gardens lying between 10 metres and 100 metres above sea-level, and stunning views out toward the sea.

The trust owns and manages the gardens with gardeners employed by the trust, essential to keeping the gardens running.

The present compartment woodland layout was created by Colonel Horlick and his assistant Kitty Lloyd Jones in 1946. The woodland compartment, linked with meandering signposted paths, allow the vast number of rhododendrons to grow and flourish.

Contained within the gardens is the glorious Achamore House.

The trust sold Achamore House when it first took over the Island to fund part of the £1million it required to pay back to the Scottish Land Fund, within the first two years of community ownership of the island.



The trust has been trying to keep as much of the work within the area as possible and through the DPC Consortium has managed to succeed in this.

DPC Consortium is made up of Duncan MacGrigor, Paul Sloan of Sloan Builders, and Calum McKinven of McKinven & Colville.

Out of the total of 42 houses to receive work, the trust only has 16 left to complete.

Many of the houses have had to be completely stripped back to the bare walls and the insides refurbished.

Since the buyout many islanders have chosen to buy plots to build their own houses, something which would never have happened before the buyout.

RESIDENTS have come together to make sure the tenth anniversary celebrations are ones that will be remembered for years to come.

A committee of islanders has been working hard on the celebrations for March 15 with many visitors expected. Some of Campbelltown's Junior Pipe Band will be making their way to the island.

It is hoped the band will pipe the school children from the primary school down the main road to Gigha Hotel as part of the celebration. This will emphasise the change in the number of children the school has now compared with 10 years ago.

To mark the celebrations a song has been written called *Tenacious Gigha*.

Schoolchildren will be singing this at the celebrations. It is hoped they will also be donning new uniforms to celebrate the anniversary.

There will be people making speeches and it is hoped a display of press coverage over the last 10 years will be in the gallery.

In the evening a ceilidh is taking place with two bands being welcomed to the island to keep people dancing through the night.

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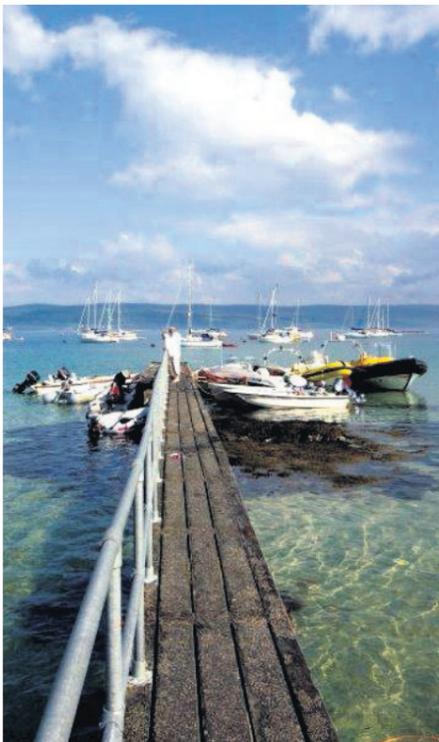
THE future of Gigha and its residents is looking bright. Plans are being put in place for further development of the island's assets to attract more visitors and people to the island, not just in the short term, but the long term too.

Gigha Heritage Trust manager Lukas Lehmann stressed that getting a core set up in the trust's plans is key.

'As well as the housing developments we are looking at more unusual things. We are looking at facilities for the yachts and have taken over the moorings. 'There are a lot of different ideas. Our business plan is tailored for all the different organisations. 'It's split into our core, and into all the different kinds of projects that we are working on.'

The trust is also looking at agricultural investment into the farms on the island.

It is also working with a number of local businesses to promote the island, not just in Kintyre but farther afield. 'We are looking at apprenticeships,' said Lukas. 'There is a group of young people coming up to that age and as part of the ongoing development of the island we will be asking them what they are interested in and what skills they would like to achieve. 'It's maybe a case that this is an option for us to provide help for them to achieve this, but even if they are interested in something else we can't do, we can point them in the right direction.' 'People on the island are the future and we need to improve their skills so we can benefit from that.'



Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust

On the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the community buyout of the Isle of Gigha the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust would like to say a big "Thank You!" to everyone near and far who has given their much needed support to the community in the last ten years (and before). We could not have got here without you and look forward to working together with you in the future. *Tapadh leibh uile!*






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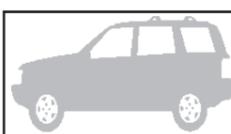


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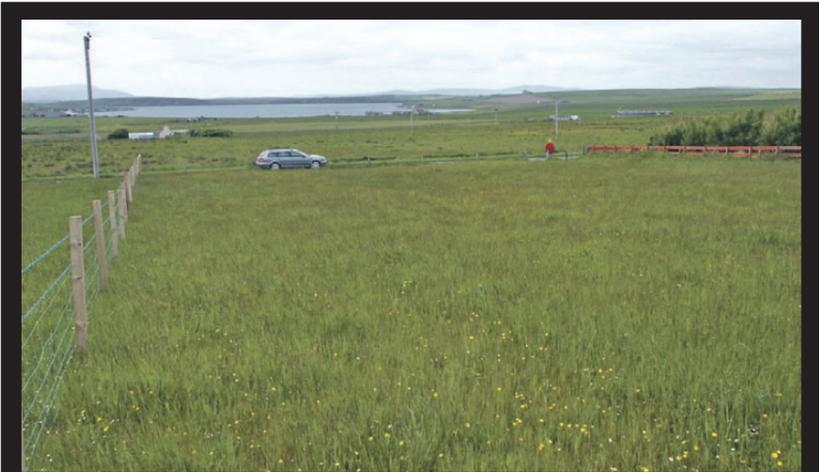


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PLANNING

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

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location Of Plans
12/00451/PP	Erection of conservatory	Corrylach Farmhouse Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6NX	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location Of Plans
12/00342/PP	Demolition of east gable chimney stack	Victoria Bank Pier Road Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6UF	Sub Post Office Tarbert

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST.

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

Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website.

Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

(UC59 RAF MACHRIHANISH ROAD, A83 KENNACRAIG TO CAMPBELTOWN ROAD AND VARIOUS STREETS, CAMPBELTOWN) (TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) ORDER 201_

The Scottish Ministers have granted Argyll and Bute Council an extension to the Order making process as required by Regulation 16 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 as amended. The final date for making the order has been extended from 6th August 2012 until 5th January 2013.

The above named Order will be signed and made effective following the completion of new section of road at Park Square.

Sandy Mactaggart, Executive Director, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD

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	55° 35.64'N	55° 35.66'N
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	05° 27.92'W	05° 27.96'W

(WGS84)

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Carradale West Post Office

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Mai Henderson

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(Ref: 044-330)

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant' (Psalm 135:3).

BIRTHS



BALKEEN

Samantha and Martin are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter, Emily, on January 10, 2012. Thank you to all family and friends for cards, gifts and special wishes and also to the staff at Mid Argyll Maternity Unit.

MCMILLAN

CONNELLY - Michelle and Paul are delighted to announce the birth of Katie Eve, born on February 27, 2012 at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. A beautiful little sister for Liam.

RAMSAY - Craig and Lindsay are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Finlay John, on Thursday, February 16, 2012. A grandson for Bob and Maureen Owen, Carradale and first grandson for John and Moira Ramsay, Campbeltown. Thanks to all the midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.

ENGAGEMENTS

MCLAREN - HARROW - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Graeme, son of Robert and Joan, Crieff, to Paula, youngest daughter of Alan and Carole, Sycamores.



RODGER - FRIER

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of William Rodger, Tayinloan, to Lucy Frier, Minard, on February 29, 2012.

DEATHS

HASTIE - Peacefully at Auchinlee Residential Home, on March 5, 2012, Euphemia MacCallum (Amy), in her 83rd year, formerly of Castleacres, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Charles Hastie, much loved mother of David, Kenneth and Rhona, a loving and much loved granny and great granny and a dear sister and aunt. Service in the Highland Parish Church on Friday, March 9 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Auchinlee and the Highland Parish Church.

KELLY - Peacefully at home, 26 High Street, Campbeltown, on March 1, 2012, Janice Mary Armour, in her 70th year, dearly beloved wife of Neil Kelly, much loved mother of Duncan and Ann, loving grandmother of Emma and mother-in-law of Sarah and Douglas.

MACARTHUR - Peacefully, after a short illness, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on March 2, 2012, Duncan Campbell MacArthur, aged 89 years, of Brackley Lodge, Lochgilhead, beloved son of the late Peter and Jessie MacArthur, Brackley Farm, Lochgilhead, and loving brother of the late John. A much loved cousin to all the family. A private funeral service will be held in Lochgilhead Parish Church today, Friday, March 9 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please.

MASON - Suddenly, but peacefully, in the Victoria Infirmary, on March 4, 2012, Jane Williamson Cook (Sheena), in her 61st year, loving and much loved wife of Alex, mother of Isobel and Alister and granny of Kimmy, Caitlyn and Heather. Funeral private.

NEWLANDS - Peacefully, at Auchinlee Residential Home, Campbeltown, on March 2, 2012, Alister Newlands (Aldie), in his 94th year, formerly of John Street and Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, much loved brother of Maimie, James and the late Cathie and Hugh and a dearly loved uncle, great uncle and great great uncle.

SPALTON - Peacefully, on March 3, 2012, after a short illness, in the Mid Argyll Community Hospital, Sue Spalton, a loving and much loved partner, sister, aunt and friend. Memorial to be held in Ardrishaig Public Hall on Monday, March 12 at 1.00pm. No black ties! No flowers please, donations, if desired, to 'Friends of Kenya's Children'.

SWIFT - Suddenly at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 29, 2012, Yvonne Townsley, in her 42nd year, dearly beloved daughter of George and Bridget Townsley and a much loved sister.

WAREHAM - Peacefully at the Beatson Hospital, Glasgow, on March 4, 2012, John Wareham (Jock), in his 81st year, 19D Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Catherine Girvan, much loved father of John, Catherine and the late Robert and Joanne, a dearly loved papa, great papa and a much respected father-in-law.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

KILLEEN - Margie and family thank everyone for cards, flowers, telephone calls and letters received after Frank's death. We thank all who attended the services, both at Lochgilhead Parish Church and at the Crematorium in Glasgow. We greatly appreciated the excellent care given to Frank by all staff in Glenaray Ward, and by the Integrated Care Team. Thank you to the

Reverend Hilda Smith and John Morrison for a truly wonderful shared service in the Parish Church. Many thanks to Roddy MacDonald and staff for their help and expertise and to the Stag Hotel for lunch provided. Our thanks to John Summers for his rendition of our selection of music played before the service. Frank would have loved it. A special thanks to Hilda for being so helpful and caring to Frank and his family before, during and after his hospitalisation and for the service at the crematorium. Donations at both services amounted to £910 to be shared between Macmillan Nurses and Lochgilhead Parish Church.

THOMSON - Anne would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for all their support during her sad loss. Thanks to all medical staff, Rev Burroughs for his comforting service and Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for professional services. The retiral collection raised £304.58 for the RNLI. Final thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside.

IN MEMORIAMS

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 and in my heart. All my love - Aunt Margaret. Locked in our hearts to stay Precious in every way. - Love Morag and Peter.

FERGUSON - In loving memory of Barbara, who died March 4, 2009. Always remembered. - Charles and Dadie. **GALBRAITH** - In ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, Finlay Neil, who passed away on March 5, 2010. The pain still hurts, the memories are still clear, We wish in our hearts, that you were still here. You're not just a memory, or part of the past, You'll be loved and missed, for as long as life lasts. Always in our thoughts. - Mum, Dad and Christine.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of our dear grandson, nephew and cousin, Alasdair, sadly taken from us on March 13, 2007. Time may pass and fade away, But silent thoughts and memories stay. Loved and missed always. - From all your family in Ardrishaig and Lochgilhead xxx. **MCCORMICK** - Barbara, died March 13, 2011. A year has passed since you were taken away, Loved and remembered every day. - Leslie, Debbie and families xxxx.

MCCORMICK - Barbara, March 13, 2011, a special mum and granny. We think of you every day Love and miss you more than words can say. - Ishbel, Dougal, Christopher, Kyle and Morgan.

MCMILLAN - It's harder every year, to put our thoughts into words, because every year our thoughts of you are the same.

Though life has changed since you went away and we think we've moved on, we're right back there five years ago, when someone says your name. We toasted you the other night in traditional Gordon style, raised our glasses, drank our drinks and tried to hold a smile. We have moved on in different ways, we really don't have a choice, but whether it's five or fifty years on, we will always miss our boy. See you later, Flash x.

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. We miss you, not just today, but every day. - Love Norma, Jim and family.

WARDROP - Our beautiful Lynsey. Somewhere over the rainbow Miss you so much. - Love Mum, Dad and Fallon x.

WARDROP - Lynsey, our beloved granddaughter. We think about you every day. So sorely missed. - Granny and the family at home and abroad.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

THE SALVATION ARMY
Burnside Street,
Campbeltown
Sunday Services
10.30am
Morning Worship
5.45pm Prayer Meeting
6.30pm Evening Worship

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

Wednesday
7.00pm House Group

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



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St Kieran Episcopal Church:
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Scottish Charity No
SC023277

Sunday 11th March 2012
Third Sunday of Lent
8.30am Holy Communion
10.45am Morning Prayer

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WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Church Services
11 March - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service Loch Fyneside (Minard) at 10 am
Gaelic Service in Lochgair Church at 3pm

Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Sunday Club - all children are welcome to join

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 11th March 2012
Ford 10a.m.
Rev. Cliff Acklam

Thursday 15th March 2012
Congregational Board will meet in Kilmartin Hall at 7.30p.m.
Glassary Kilmartin and Ford

Sunday 18th March, 2012
Glassary 10a.m.
Rev. Cliff Acklam

Tuesday 20th March, 2012
Session meet in Kilmartin Hall at 7.30p.m.
SC002121

LOCHGILHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 11th March 2012
11.00am Morning Service with communion

Wednesday 14th March 2012
Fun and games
4.30 pm - 6.00 pm
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 - 11.30am
Scottish Charity SC015187

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 11 March 2012
11.00am

Visit of young people from Bridge of Weir followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"Give your life to God"

Thursday 15 March 2012
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 11th March 2012
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Sunday School 11.20am
Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre
Kilberry Service 2pm
Congregational AGM to follow service
Rev. Tommy Bryson

Tarbert Church Board Meeting
Thursday 15th March 7.30pm
Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
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Everyone very welcome
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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 11 March
Inverlussa Church 11:30 am
Worship led by
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All Welcome
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Highland Parish Church



SC002493
Saturday 10th March 2012
4.00pm
Hall preparation

Sunday 11th March
11.15am
Morning Worship
FunDay Club(3yrs - P5)
JaM (P6+)
3.00pm
Communion for senior members - followed by tea

Tuesday 13th March
Badminton Club
6.30pm - 7.45pm P1 - P5
7.45pm - 9.00pm P6 - P7

Wednesday 14th March
7.15pm
Bible Studies for Lent - Manse

Thursday 15th March
7.30pm
Congregational Board
Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone always welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number
SC011686

Sunday, 11th March
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
(Crèche, Triple C and Bible Class)
Rev. Philip Burroughs

Tuesday, 13th March
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, 15th March
Bible Study (in the manse) - 7:30 p.m.
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 16th March
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon.

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Mr George Stewart, Kilmartin
10.50am Coffee

11.15am
Family Service with Sunday School and Crèche
Mr George Stewart, Kilmartin

7.00pm Youth Group
Wednesday 14th March
10.00am Jellytots - Parent and Toddler Group

7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
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11.00 am
Worship Service
7.30 pm Youth Group, meeting in The Manse

Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome

TUESDAY 13th MARCH 2012
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Sunday 11th March
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Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30pm
Scottish Charity Numbers (SC010713 & SC010782)

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
George Street
Campbeltown

Sunday 11th March
12.45pm
Rev Robert MacLeod
All Welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SC003847

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Joe rolls back the years

IT was a familiar face that topped the podium on week 13 of Tarbert Golf Club's winter league.

Joe MacFarlane plotted his way round Glenralloch and posted a very impressive 21 points. Joe took one for the Sunday crew and showed the young pups how to play the course.

Second after a count back and in the money for the second week running was Gordon MacCaffery on the same score 21 points. Gordon is making a late charge for the league with only two weeks left.

Darts results

CAMPBELTOWN and District Darts Association's results from the last few weeks of play.

Week 13 results: Commercial 2 Burnside 8, Argyll Bowling Club 7 Southend 3, Fiddlers B 1 Fiddlers 9, Kilbrannan 9 Ailsa 1, Kinloch 8 White Hart 2.

Pete Todd scored 180 and Rosemary Todd scored 145 both for Argyll Bowling Club. Thomas McGuire hit a finish of 130 (triple 20, single 20 and bull).

Week 14 results: Burnside 8 White Hart 2, Ailsa 3 Kinloch 7, Fiddlers 5 Kilbrannan 5, Southend 6 Fiddlers B 4, Commercial 6 Argyll Bowling Club 4.

There were 180 scores by Kenny Docherty and Gregor MacGregor for the Burnside and Kenny Brown for the Commercial.

Castlehill team watch Scotland Under 21s



CASTLEHILL Primary School's football team got the opportunity recently to watch a UEFA under 21s European Championship in Paisley. The team travelled to watch the match between Scotland and The Netherlands at St Mirren Park, Paisley. They were accompanied by football coaches Kevan Gilchrist and Alan Glendinning and head teacher Anne Littleton.

Hector and Ray are the winter league champions

SATURDAY saw the final matches in this year's winter league at Machrihanish Golf Club taking place.

Hector Thomson and sub for the season Ray Mitchell came out as worthy champions after an epic season for all players.

Both are former winners albeit that was so long ago that few remember and woods were even wooden.

At the business end of the league there was severe disappointment for incoming captain John Biggins and Norman 'the mighty' Gwynne.

Wooden spoon

Results went against them in the last couple of weeks meaning that sadly the boys successfully defended their wooden spoon.

They now join a very select few who have done so.

Only plus is that big John can retain his ringtone for next year, the Otis Clay classic, The Only Way is Up.

The R McGeachy Cup final was also decided on Saturday with the buggieless Bob Tait teaming up with super sub Alan Baker to see off Angus Brown and Finlay Wylie to lift the trophy.

Bun fight

This weekend sees the annual bun fight in the

guise of the league dinner. No doubt it will be fun all round with the excuse being, though none

is needed, the celebration of the league's notable achievement of reaching its 50th year.

February Frenzy

GEORGE Conley was the overall winner of the February Frenzy around Lussa Loch, Kintyre recently.

George was the winner of this handicap event, organised by Campbeltown Running Club (CRC), with an overall time of 56:31 (real time 50:50).

This was the second annual February Frenzy race around the 6.5 miles of undulating route, forest track and road with runners setting off at handicap intervals clockwise and anti-clockwise.

There were 33 people who had started the

race, unfortunately one dropped out through to injury during the race.

Out of those people taking part, 14 runners were guests, so it was good to see a CRC event generate interest from other runners close to the surrounding areas.

Stephen Whiston set a new course record with his real time being clocked at 42:00, just beating Tommy Moran's time from last year by 11 seconds.

CRC would like to thank Donald, Suzy and Val for their work to make the event possible.

Club lottery numbers

THERE were no winners in the Tarbert Football Club lottery this week, with numbers 4, 18 and 91 drawn. The jackpot will be £400 next week.

The jackpot in the Tarbert Golf Club lottery draw will be £550 next week after another week passes with no winner. The numbers drawn this week were 8, 12 and 15.

Lynn beats dad again in winter league

SUNDAY was the last of the Tarbert Gun Club's winter league series of shoots, which saw teams fight for the top spot and avoid being awarded the wooden spoon.

Sunshine and calm winds provided the perfect weather for the final shoot and a lot of high scores were recorded. One came from young Niall Wilson who won his class with ease.

Ally MacDonnell's team finally won the team event, pipping Bob McGill's boys by a single target.

And how did Lynn do? Yes she beat her dad again by a massive 91 points. Norman has only won one out of five - oh dear.



Star of the season - Lynn MacDonnell who continues to outshoot her dad Norman.

Results: Class A: 1. Ally Macdonnell; 2. Brian Baird; 3. Andrew Macdonald. Class B: 1. J Paton; 2. D Thorburn; 3. Lynn Macdonald. Class C: 1. Niall Wilson; 2. Jonathan Gargan; 3. Roy McNeil. Class D: 1. Pierre Godts; 2. Andy Wilson; 3. Archie MacGilp Snr. Class E: 1. Michael Harvey; 2. Archie Currie; 3. Michael Harvey Jr.

Teams: 1. Ally Macdonnell, Andy Peden, Alisdair MacCallum, Ian Winnard and Michael Harvey; 2. Bob McColl, Akram Khan, Jonathan Gargan, Pierre Godts and Buddy Peterson; 3. Ivor Ferguson, D Thorburn, Ian Wilson, Archie MacGilp Snr, John Winnard.



THE last of six-week session for Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association was due to end tonight (Friday). The soccer centre was held on Friday nights for children from P1 to P7 with a good turnout each week. There was also a coaching session from Argyll and Bute Council's football development officer Martin Rae and his assistant Derek Millar. The next soccer centre will start after the Easter holidays.

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Football exhibition in Campbeltown

FOOTBALL has made an identity of Campbeltown over the years, and its history and impact on the area will be showcased in an exhibition.

Campbeltown Museum is due to launch an exciting and, in many ways, groundbreaking, community-focused exhibition.

'Kit and the Caboodle' – The Story of Football in Campbeltown looks at the changing faces of Campbeltown, including industry, commerce, transportation and communication.

It will focus on how football has offered a sense of togetherness over the years, enhanced community spirit and created many connections between Campbeltown and wider world.

The exhibition will be combined with the launch of the book: *Kit and Caboodle: A History of Football in the Wee Toon*, written by local football enthusiast Alex McKinven.

It offers a passionate

and insightful exploration into the story of football in Campbeltown.

Organisers of the exhibition, being run by Campbeltown Museum, with the help of Alex McKinven, want the people of the town to have an input into what goes on display, what is said and the stories that are told.

They are keen to hear from people about memories, anecdotes or artefacts suitable for the exhibition.

'We already have quite a range of material, from photographs, medals and trophies and potentially artefacts related to the industries that were originally associated with the game,' said Robin Patel of Campbeltown Museum. 'We are really keen in trying to extend this. We also have a working relationship with the Scottish Football Museum that is helping us with this.'

An official launch will be taking place in due course.

Silver and bronze for Gary

A KINTYRE athlete has set a new personal best time, taking silver and bronze medals at the Scottish Indoor Age Group Championships.

Gary Turner from Kilkenzie won silver in the 800 metres in the under 20s category, recording a personal best time of one minute 59.3 seconds.

He later won bronze in the 1,500 metres in a time of four minutes 17.3 seconds.

Gary is a student at Strathclyde University and competes for Shettleston Harriers.

Pupils' unbeaten league record comes to an end

SAFL Premier Division Two
Clydebank 2

Campbeltown Pupils 0
THE proud, unbeaten league record of the McFadyen-sponsored Campbeltown Pupils disappeared on Saturday on the windswept open spaces of Bearsden.

Kick and rush

On a narrow park, and, against a team of greater physical stature, the young Kintyre side learned the hard lessons

of kick and rush amateur football.

The environment and conditions were ready made for a much bigger Clydebank side; although, things could have been different if the few chances presented had been converted.

A free-kick from Paul Grumoli almost broke the deadlock when it bounced over a static defence, however, the home goalkeeper brought off a fingertip



The coaches from Campbeltown who took part in the level one early touches course. Photograph courtesy of the Kintyre Forum.

Coaches get an early touch

NINE football coaches from the area gained their level one early touch certificate at the weekend.

Martin Rae, Argyll and Bute Council's football development officer visited Campbeltown to host the course on the Meadows Playing Fields.

Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association's Willie Renton joined the local coaches, some of whom have recently started coaching and others who will hopefully join and support football in Campbeltown and Kintyre.

The course will assist coaches to develop their coaching technique, focus on skill development

and explore the best age specific activities for developing young players. There also was an emphasis on skill development and fun in a variety of individual and group activities.

One umbrella

The course was organised by the new Campbeltown and District Community Football Club. The club aims to take football under the one umbrella in the area from children's football right the way through to adults.

It has recently put together a coaching framework for courses to be held in Campbeltown and members are in discussion with Martin Rae to run the level one developing youth

players aimed at those coaching 12 to 18 year olds soon.

Chairman of the community club Alex McKinven said: 'After a long time at discussion level, Campbeltown football has at last moved under the umbrella of a common cause, a project run by an amalgam of the town's football groups under Campbeltown and District Community Football Club. 'Our aims are to encourage participation from like-minded individuals, improve coaching skills to the highest level possible and to use this knowledge to improve the skills level of our young people and the standard of football in our community,' he said.

Rugby boys do well despite no posts

Campbeltown Under 16s 1

Oban Under 16s 1
REALITY hit home for Campbeltown's under 16 boys on Sunday when they had their second full game of rugby against a more experienced young Oban side.

Playing conditions were near perfect but for the all too familiar problem of a lack of posts.

Oban was moving the ball wide and slightly faster but the endless defence training must have clicked because the Campbeltown boys did defend well.

Turnover balls proved a weak area for the home side but in the scrums the Kintyre side held their own against an experienced pack.

Oban created some good attacking positions but it was Campbeltown that struck first.

G Lang caught a good ball and from a quick line out J Greenwood stretched his legs to score in the bottom corner.

In the second half Campbeltown stuck to their task and fended off several nail-biting forays by Oban. The pressure took its toll and finally the bombardment paid off with a well-deserved try to level the scores.

At one point the home crowd on the touchline thought Greenwood was over for a second try when in fact he had only dived over the 22-line.

For the last 10 minutes Oban worked very hard to penetrate the home side's line and were unlucky not to steal a score near the end.

The Campbeltown boys will be pleased to have come away with a draw, even though there is still a lot of work to be done.

Players and coaching staff would like to thank the referee who was excellent in the manner he controlled the game, and Oban for providing excellent opposition.



Campbeltown's Aidan Laing wins a lineout in impressive style. 21_c10rugby02

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