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Lead councillor for education tenders his resignation

ARGYLL and Bute Council's ruling 'Fragile Alliance' suffered a major blow this week after its lead councillor for education, Michael Breslin, tendered his resignation.

In a letter to the SNP this week, seen by *The Courier*, the former principal of Argyll College said disagreements within the party, 'duplicity' and an 'unwillingness' to reconsider proposals to close Dunoon's Struan Lodge care home all led to his decision.

He also expressed disappointment at the 'poor behaviour' following former leader Roddy McCuish's illness in January and subsequently indicated his willingness to end his spell as leader.

He also stated new leader, James Robb, was 'the wrong person for the job'

The resignation reduces the administration's majority at the council to just one member. Helensburgh's Richard Trail will step up as Mr Breslin's depute to lead for education.

Mr Robb expressed regret at Mr Breslin's resignation, adding: 'It is important that the business of the council continues as normal.'

Eight Bangladeshis arrested by UK Border Agency

EIGHT Bangladeshi men were arrested in Campbeltown this week following two separate raids led by the UK Border Agency.

Seven of the men have now

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Litter and water blamed for Sanda closure



Michael Meier and partner Berna Civileker, who managed the Sanda Hotel, on the island last year.

The Sanda Hotel, which is now closed to the public.

Hotel and restaurant will close

A SWISS millionaire has blamed littering, difficulty finding employees, lack of visitors and warning about the water supply for closing Sanda Island to the public.

Property developer Michael Meier, who bought the island along with Sheep Island and Glunimore in 2010 for £2.5million, announced on his website last week that the island was now private and visitors would not be welcome.

His partner Berna Civileker - who managed

the hotel and restaurant - this week told *The Courier* they had not had many visitors to the island while open last year and had collected a huge amount of rubbish left by those who did come.

She said: 'We really worked hard to keep it open and recruit local staff. It was hard to find staff too.'

She added they could only find staff willing

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Major police operation finds drugs on first day

Operation Myriad continues till March 15

A MAN was arrested for possession of drugs on the first day of a new major police operation in Kintyre.

Operation Myriad, an initiative which hopes to tackle issues that are worrying local residents, started on Friday with a vehicle check on the road just outside Clachan, stopping 81 vehicles in its first day.

All commercial vehicles were pulled over to check their condition and insurance documents. Private vehicles were also pulled over for general road safety checks.

A small quantity of

drugs was found on one man, who was arrested and his car taken back to Campbeltown Police Office for a further search, although no further drugs were found.

A van was also not allowed to return to the road until an unsafe tyre was replaced.

Inspector Tom Harper said: 'I'm very, very happy with the results and from a public reassurance point of view I think it's important to show the public we fully participate in these events, even in remote areas such as the Kintyre Peninsula.'

There were ten officers

working on the scene in all, with two representatives from trading standards on hand to check for bogus callers.

While no one was stopped for this offence, trading standards said they hoped people would come forward if they believed they had dealt with a bogus workman.

The operation continued at Kennacraig ferry port on Monday, and while there were no major arrests on this occasion, further road checks will take place at another location next Friday.

Operation Myriad continues until March 15.



Some of the officers involved on the first day of Operation Myriad, dealing with road traffic offences. 20_c10police01

Marketing group welcomes a full house to the launch

AN AMBITIOUS marketing group that aims to promote Kintyre to the world welcomed a full house to its launch in the Putechan Hotel on Monday.

Scores of local business people turned up to hear for themselves how the new Kintyre and Gigha Marketing Group plans to boost tourism to the area by taking advantage of national and international tourism markets.

First initiative

The first initiative by the group is to create a website containing information about all the businesses in the area, which also went live on Monday.

For a membership fee, any business can be included on the website, which aims to entice

people to come to the peninsula.

Andy Groom, owner of the Putechan Hotel and one of the group's committee members, explained: 'It's a group for everybody, which aims to put more bums on seats and heads on beds.'

As well as using the website, the group also intends to go to national tourism trade fairs such as next week's tourism summit in Bute and the Visit Scotland Expo in Glasgow.

Kintyre and Gigha Marketing Group will also act as a voice for businesses by lobbying for changes that would improve the area for tourists.

A number of different issues were discussed at Monday's event, but signage in Lochgilphead

to encourage people to come down to Kintyre rather than go to Oban was seen as a necessity.

Better transport links by sea and air were also noted as important for encouraging visitors.

Full support

Members of Argyll and Bute Council and David Adams McGilp, regional director of VisitScotland, attended the launch to give their full support to the group, which comes under the umbrella of Argyll and the Isles Tourism.

Mr McGilp said: 'Kintyre has a lot of unique and special features and with marine tourism you have an opportunity to make something of it.'

'Kintyre has benefited from really clever investment.'

£20million road upgrade welcomed

CONFIRMATION that Transport Scotland is to spend £20million on an upgrade of the Kennacraig to Campbeltown stretch of the A83 have been welcomed this week.

However, Kintyre councillor John Semple said he would continue to watch the condition of the road closely to ensure standards of the road remain high, with some £400,000 per annum currently spent on maintaining the road.

Mr Semple said: 'I've driven on some trunk roads in Scotland that fall below the standard that stretch of road currently boasts so it is something we will be keeping an eye on.'

'It's a positive step and it is important for this area.'

Clochkeil Beach clean on Monday

LOCALS are being encouraged to pick up a bin bag and help clean up one of the peninsula's most spectacular beaches.

Held on Monday, the community clean of Clochkeil beach will start at 11am. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Meet at the car park outside MacFadyens' quarry.

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Park Square flats not solely for Methadone users

'The association allocates its home on a points based housing needs system'

FLATS in the new housing development at Park Square in Campbeltown will not exclusively be used as accommodation for methadone users, Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) has confirmed. The announcement comes as NHS Highland told *The Courier* a methadone clinic would open in the town, despite public opposition.

The flats in Park Square, due to be completed in June, will be allocated using ACHA's standard system, giving priority to those in most need.

Rumours

Speaking as rumours circulated in the town that some of the flats would be dedicated to methadone users, Alastair MacGregor, chief executive of

ACHA, said: 'The association allocates its homes based on a points based housing needs system. We don't allocate homes on the basis of applicants' medication.'

Andrew Hemmings, chairman of Campbeltown Community Council, has campaigned extensively against a methadone-prescribing clinic and thinks if a clinic is built in Campbeltown, there should also be one in Lochgilphead.

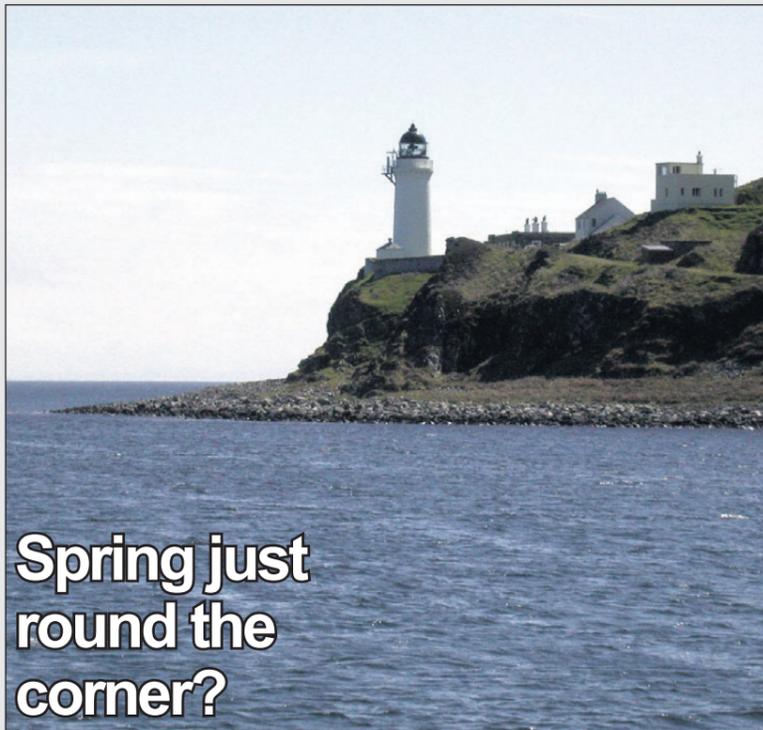
He said: 'I believe that if the NHS is truly committed to the view that people with addiction problems 'have aspirations and are entitled to the same level of service as everyone else' and 'travelling long distances to receive this treatment would necessitate

needless risk to these service users and that is why it is important that treatment is delivered locally', then a substitute prescribing service should also be available in Lochgilphead as this will take some of the pressure off Campbeltown'.

Committed

A spokesman for NHS Highland said: 'Our position remains unchanged in that the Community Health Partnership, as part of the Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drugs Partnership, is committed to establishing a substitute prescribing clinic in Campbeltown once we have the staff and protocols in place to allow this to happen.'

No decision has yet been made on when it will open.



Spring just round the corner?

Davaar Lighthouse basked in the sunshine last Thursday as Kintyre enjoyed a week of dry weather. People in Campbeltown cast off their raincoats last week as it appeared spring was just around the corner.

Kintyre recycling lorries to be used in promoting the social enterprise

KINTYRE Recycling will be using its collection lorries as a promotional tool as its aims to make the company logo as visible as possible.

The social enterprise has had its two lorries repainted recently and they now feature key facts about the organisation – what it recycles, how many people it employs and how much money it generates for the local economy.

The new look lorries were unveiled as the social enterprise said it would launch more recycling initiatives in April.

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No new road at the Rest as Task Force back cheapest solution



Up to £10million will be spent installing new landslide mitigation measures at the Rest and Be Thankful after Jacob's Red Option was selected as the preferred solution.

'The Red Option was the one that made the biggest difference in the shortest space of time'

THERE will be no new road at the Rest and Be Thankful with the A83 Task Force set to formally back the cheapest solution.

The stakeholder group - made up of local business interest, haulers, council officials and tourism representatives - informally notified Transport Scotland of its decision to back the Red Option outlined in

the Jacobs Report last week, with formal notification to be given at its next meeting.

With Transport Scotland having already backed the Red Option, it means between £9-10million will be spent installing 440m of new debris flow netting or other landslide mitigation measures, improving drainage and an exten-

sive planting programme.

The decision comes shortly after Argyll and Bute Council said its long-term preference was for the Green Option - a new road to be built at the other side of Glen Croe - however it also backed the Red Option as the one most likely to have an immediate effect.

Campbeltown's John Semple,

lead councillor for transport, said the council would continue to apply pressure for a new road if the Red Option failed to prevent closures of Argyll's main artery.

He said: 'The Red Option was the one that made the biggest difference in the shortest space of time. If the Red Option works and there are no more landslips,

great. If there are further landslips though, we will then be pushing for work to start on another option to get a secure route.'

Of the £9-10million to be spent on the Red Option, £3.25million will come from the £4million of overall improvements Transport Scotland will make on the road in 2013/14.



DROP IN EVENT



Update to Changes Within
Campbeltown Hospital

Thursday 14th March,
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Members of the public are invited to drop in at any time and meet with local NHS Highland staff to discuss the recent changes to care provision within the hospital and the community.

In addition to staff from the NHS and Social Work there will also be representatives from a number of other organisations who provide services in the community such as Carr-Gorm, the Red Cross and Tele Care.

Local businesses urged to turn area's natural assets into experiences

ARGYLL'S flagship tourism summit will urge local businesses to make the most of their surrounds and turn the area's natural assets into experiences.

Held on March 13 at Mount Stuart on Bute, the annual event organised by Argyll and the Isles Tourism Cooperative (AITC) aims to share ideas and to build on existing visitor numbers.

Welcoming a mix of local business and national experts, this year's event will see the launch of the organisation's new web-

site, Uniquely Argyll. With partnership working a key message at the summit, lead councillor for renewables and tourism at Argyll and Bute Council, Donald Kelly, said: 'The 2012 Tourism Summit attracted 130 delegates and generated a wealth of new ideas and networking opportunities for local businesses.'

'We know that we have spectacular tourism assets in Argyll and Bute, but we are competing in a global market for visitors, so it's important to work together.'

Petition to name national tree presented to MSPs

A PETITION calling on the Scottish Parliament to name a national tree has been presented to MSPs by a Campbeltown-born tree lover.

Alex Hamilton, who grew up at Tomaig Farm south of the town, has presented a petition to the parliament asking for the proclamation of a national tree.

The petition has received support from several MSPs and most of the main Scottish conservation groups.

Thanks to the petition, a poll is being carried out by The Woodland Trust to allow people in Scotland to choose their favourite tree, with the results being presented to parliament in April.

Oak, juniper, rowan

and Scots pine are just some of the options in the poll.

Alex said he hoped the Scots pine is recognised as the national tree as it is 'so distinctive in appearance and most supportive of environmental diversity'.

To cast a vote for Scotland's national tree visit www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/NationalTree

Stihl saw stolen from car

WITNESSES are being sought after a Husqvarna stihl saw was stolen from an unlocked car in Campbeltown last Wednesday.

Anyone with information should contact local police.



Voluntary Action volunteer of the year awards

IT IS time to nominate groups and individuals - young and old - who volunteer for the community for the Argyll Voluntary Action (AVA) volunteer of the year awards.

The awards, held annually, will be taking place in Kilmory in May, with nomination due in by April 12.

There are various awards in the competition, including Individual Volunteer of the Year, Young Volunteer of the Year and Voluntary/Community Group or Organisation of the Year.

Those nominated for the six categories should be able to show their impact on the community, their personality and commitment to volunteering.

To pick up a nomination form, visit AVA in Campbeltown and send it to Argyll Voluntary Action, 21 High Street, Oban, PA34 4BG or email Kathleen@argyll-voluntaryaction.org.uk.

Postcode lottery win for Tarbert family

A FAIRYTALE win on the People's Postcode Lottery could be set to send a Tarbert family to Disneyland - maybe even for a dream honeymoon.

William MacFarlane and his partner Kirsty Pilne have been together for 14 years and have a five-year old daughter - all of whom were delighted when their PA29 6TE postcode scooped them £10,000.

Working off-shore, the prize luckily landed when 48-year old William was at home, meaning he could join Kirsty, a part time dental nurse, and daughter Andi in celebrating the big win when it arrived.

Magical trip

Over the moon that her parents have won, Andi is not only keen that they get married, but that the cash will take the trio on a magical trip to Disneyland. William didn't comment on possible nuptials

but said: 'Andi has wanted to go to Disneyland for a wee while. A couple of friends have been recently and said it was a fantastic experience.

'I would love to take her there, especially while she's still young and so excited about it all. Our win will just make her dream possible.

Desperate

'But it's not the princesses and fairies that she's wanting to see - she's a bit of a tomboy so it's more the characters of Toy Story that she's desperate to see in real life.'

People's Postcode Lottery ambassador and street prize presenter Scott Quinnell said: 'I really hope that William, Kirsty and Andi make it over to Disney - it was great to meet the whole family and share their win with them.'

'No delay' in next generation broadband

THERE is 'no delay' on the start of a project to roll out next generation broadband across the Highlands and Islands, according to the body set to roll the scheme out.

Final stages

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) says it is in the final stages of agreeing a contract

with BT to roll out the £120million upgrade of the digital infrastructure, with work due to start this year.

Pilot project

HIE has also received a £10million boost from Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) for a pilot project to roll out the scheme.

HIE's comments come

after Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid criticised what he says is a fresh delay between BT and HIE signing a deal for the work, claiming it was supposed to have been done in August last year, then by the start of this year.

A spokeswoman for HIE said: 'There is no delay on the potential

start date for this project, our aim has always been to begin Next Generation Broadband rollout in 2013 and we remain on course to achieve this.'

Details

She added that further details on when faster speeds will be available will be announced once the agreement is signed.

William and Kirsty celebrate their £10,000 win on the People's Postcode Lottery.

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THE decision by Michael Meier to close off Sanda Island to the public will no doubt stir up a debate that seems to have died down recently.

Legislation protecting the rights of people to roam across Scotland's wild spaces was welcomed and abhorred in equal measure when it was passed in 2003.

Walkers, nature lovers and tourists embraced the ability to explore some of the country's most remote and enchanting areas while landowners said it infringed their right to protect their property.

A lack of widespread problems has meant concerns over the legislation have dwindled, but a question mark will arise over Mr Meier's reasons for his decision.

In a message on the Sanda Island Facebook page, Mr Meier said: 'Thank you for giving us peace and silence to be able to join privacy, wildlife and nature.'

'By Scottish law, everyone can come ashore/offshore, but any disturbing of wildlife, farm animals or polluting of the coast by cleaning boats with poisoning liquids or leaving rubbish will be reported immediately.'

Not exactly welcoming for visitors but the second paragraph quoted highlights an important point.

Right to roam doesn't just give people carte blanche to do as they please. On the contrary, it actually obliges people to treat the countryside with the respect it deserves – and that means not dropping litter when exercising that right.

Similarly, it demands recognition from the landowner that Scotland's countryside should be there for the enjoyment of the many and not the fortunate enough few who can afford to buy it.

It is hoped then the same respect requested by the owners is reflected towards those who wish to enjoy Sanda's unique landscape.

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Why was Charles Gush's son buried on Sanda?

Sir,

There is an interesting headstone in the little graveyard adjoining St Ninian's church on Sanda commemorating a son of Charles Gush, described as a "Diver."

The Gush family were well known divers – at least one of them worked on the Spanish galleon in Tobermory Bay.

As the name is not local I wondered why Charles Gush's son was buried on Sanda?

It is disappointing to see the headstones and the remains of one of Argyll's historical church sites being so badly trampled and damaged by sheep through want of repairing the perimeter fence.

Yours faithfully,
Iain Thornber
Morvern

A true Samaritan on the Mull of Kintyre

Sir,

Through your letters column, I would like to thank the very kind gentleman who came to the assistance of my wife and myself on Saturday February 16.

We had driven to see the lighthouse at the end of the Mull and coming back on the single-track land, I managed, whilst reversing our car, to put it into the ditch at the side of the track.

Two kind gentlemen agreed to stop at the farm

a mile or so down the track and request assistance for me from the farmer and his tractor.

Forty minutes later the farmer and his tractor turned up and proceeded to lift and tow my car out.

The farmer then politely refused any remuneration for his time, use of fuel in his tractor and expertise in rescuing my car.

Regrettably I did not get his name or address of his farm, so I can only hope he reads this.

A true Samaritan.

Yours Sincerely,
R. W Wallace,
Ellon

SNP can't blame Westminster for the Council's problems

Sir

Re: last week's letters from the SNP.

They can't blame Westminster for the Council's problems.

The UK coalition Government gives the Scottish Government £1,600 extra for each person in Scotland compared to what is spent in England.

The reason for the council's financial problems is nine years of Council Tax freeze.

The council officials warned the SNP that their cuts would see elderly people living in deteriorating conditions. That's too big a price to pay for a Council Tax freeze.

I don't want to live in a country where elderly people live in deteriorating conditions. I appeal to the SNP – stop these cuts.

Yours sincerely
Alan Reid MP

Saddened to hear Sanda Island is closed

Sir,

Our family enjoyed the sea trip, the warm welcome and the gourmet lunch on Sanda in August 2012.

I am saddened to read that the island is closed for the foreseeable future due to some problem with the water supply. It makes you wonder how the lighthouse keepers and the Russell family lived there for decades without apparent trouble.

Also, why would the owner and his partner choose to live on Sanda for months this summer?

Yours Sincerely,
Marjory Macsween,
Inisrail Cottage
Southend.

Meningitis is a devastating disease

Sir,

Every year 757 people living in Scotland will get meningitis. It's a devastating disease that can affect anyone, of any age, at any time - striking in minutes and killing within hours.

This Mother's Day will be my first without my wonderful son, Alex. He was taken from us on August 1 2012, 11 years after contracting meningitis. The disease left him wheelchair-bound, with memory issues and in constant pain. Alex was only 18 when he died.

Alex spent most of his short life passionately raising awareness of meningitis and the work of a charity very close to his heart, the Meningitis Trust. The year before he died, Alex became a Young Ambassador

for the Meningitis Trust – a job he loved to bits.

This Mother's Day, I am continuing his work – raising life-saving awareness of meningitis across the UK – hoping to appeal to every mother (and indeed father, grandparent and carer) out there. I am urging everyone to learn about the disease that took my wonderful son. Knowledge can save lives when it comes to meningitis.

When you visit the Meningitis Trust's website, you will see Alex – so happy and smiling. He always was! During his life he inspired so many people with his positive attitude, including the staff and supporters of the Meningitis Trust and they have set up an appeal in his memory, ensuring that his important work with the charity continues.

Please don't let my son's death be in vain – help us today to help others. Please donate as much as you can online at www.meningitis-trust.org/alex.

Every penny will help in the fight against meningitis.

Yours sincerely,
Alison Williams
Alex's proud Mum

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Rebecca Ward Draper on our Facebook page says:

Hi, is there any chance of putting an article in the paper about horse riders on the roads to ask drivers to slow down?

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Maryanne Stewart (back left), Pat Dean and Diana Mackenzie (front right) from AVA, with the ladies who attended the STEPS reunion at AVA in Campbeltown last Friday: From back left, Jackie Ross, Wilma Campbell, Liz Croft and Elizabeth Moran. 20_c10ava01

STEPS reunion at Argyll Voluntary Action

A REUNION was held at Argyll Voluntary Action (AVA) for people who participated in a programme to boost self-confidence.

While at the reunion, the women who took part discussed the benefits of being involved in the STEPS to Excellence programme, which uses activities, discussions and reflection time to increase motivation and self-belief.

Maryanne Stewart, who works at AVA said the programme has achieved really positive results. She added: 'It is an expensive course to run but the results we have had over the years have been amazing. People get back in employment or come and volunteer in here.'

Most need

Funding for the programme is based on how much money they are given, which means

only those who most need to take part in the programme get the chance to do it.

AVA now plans to offer STEPS courses as part of its Survive and Thrive project, which assists those who have experienced domestic abuse.

The programme is available to both adults and teenagers, but they must no longer be in the abusive relationship to take part.

Community care transport vehicle for Carradale

'The ultimate thing is to provide care for all people in Carradale'

by PAMELA PATERSON
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A COMMUNITY care project in Carradale plans to kick start the scheme by getting a community transport vehicle.

At a Carradale Community Care meeting last Thursday, it was decided the first thing the village needed was a method of transport that could take elderly people shopping or on trips.

The group intends to raise funds of around £30,000 for the vehicle, which would accommodate wheelchairs and be driven by volunteers.

Shelagh Cameron, who is involved in Carradale Community Care said: 'Our urgent need is transport. It will show that we can do something as we need more supporters.'

Social care

Eventually the group aims to have three or four carers who can provide both personal and social care to people in the village.

These carers would be able to do everything from waking them up in the morning, to fixing a shelf in their house. A

directory would also be created with who can provide certain services. These would be paid for using a person's attendance allowance.

Shelagh added: 'The ultimate thing is to provide care for all people in Carradale, by Carradale.'

By following the example of Coll's Development Trust, which has raised over £1million for various projects, the group hopes to raise huge amounts of money through various funding streams.

Shelagh explained: 'If Coll can do it, we can do it.'

Planning sought for disused workshop

PLANNING permission is being sought to make MacEachran and Robertson's disused workshop part of an extension to a house.

The old slaters yard and workshop will give additional garden ground to 2 Meadows on Tomaig Road.

The partial demolition and extension work will also make improvements to off street parking provision.

Electricity supply compensation

HOUSEHOLDS in the Highlands and Islands who are cut off from electricity supply for more than 12 hours will soon be able to claim compensation.

Energy watchdog OFGEM has confirmed the current exemption for the area will be lifted in 2015, with homes able to claim a payment if left for 12 hours without power.

Nine court payments in arrears and four remain unpaid

OF THE 32 Sheriff Court fines imposed in Campbeltown between 2012 and the beginning of 2013, nine payments are in arrears while four remain unpaid. There were £10,000

worth of fines imposed during this period and 58 per cent have been fully paid, as of January 11.

Meanwhile, of the 36 fiscal direct penalties imposed, including fiscal

fines, 10 are behind on payments while 17 are fully paid.

Only two payments are in arrears of the 143 antisocial behaviour fixed penalty notices imposed by police in

Campbeltown. Of that, 87 have been fully paid.

Campbeltown has the third highest percentage of the number of court fines fully paid for North Strathclyde, with Oban and Du-

noon just beating it to the post.

In Scotland, nearly £4 million worth of fines have not been paid in the past six months.

The Scottish Court Serv-

ice pursues all outstanding fines and use a range of enforcement actions including benefit deductions, freezing bank accounts, arresting wages and seizing cars.

New social work out of hours number will be answered locally

A NEW out-of-hours emergency number for social workers in Argyll and Bute will start in April - with calls to be answered locally for the first time.

The new Social Work Emergency Service will be the first point of contact with on-call social work staff for police, health care staff and other professionals and will provide essential cover in situations where children or adults may require protection or emergency intervention.

The service will be administered by Carr-Gomm, on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council, and replaces the existing call-handling service which has been based in Glasgow.

Lead councillor for adult services, Anne Horn, said: 'Staff answering the phones will have a better knowledge of the area, and will be able to work more closely with the local social work teams.'

The new numbers for SWES calls are 01631 566491 and 01631 569712.



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Kintyre group gets crafty for Easter

KINTYRE Crafters Group will be holding their annual Easter Craft Fair in the Putechan Hotel on March 31.

All items on display will have been made by crafters from the group. They can also make items to particular specifications.

An Easter Egg hunt as well as Easter Lunches will be on at the hotel, with everyone welcome.

All of the money raised is in aid of Leukaemia and Lymphoma research.

The event will run from 11am-4pm.

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The great Peninver bake

TURKEYS, beehives and ladybirds were just some of the entries at a tantalising Great Peninver Bake Off on Sunday.

Peninver Village Hall was filled with cakes, biscuits and fruit loaves, as budding bakers vied to be the best in each category.

After receiving a huge number of inventive entries, including - biscuits shaped like Peninver Village Hall - Maryann Gosling was named

top baker. People poured in to the hall to view the cakes and enjoy afternoon tea - such was the interest the queue to get in extended right out of the door.

The judges of the competition commended all those who took part, but gave a special mention to Drumlemble Primary School, as every pupil submitted cupcakes for the children's competition.

Maryann Gosling was named overall champion,

also winning the prize for the Tea Loaf category.

Linda Hutchinson picked up the Biscuits prize, Jenny Semple was the winner of the Decorated Cake category and Rory McGrory won first prize in the children's Cupcakes competition.

Highly Commended in this P1-3 category were: Claudia Graham; P4-5: Amber Hamilton; P6-7: Robbie Macalister.

Each winner received a

Peninver Bake Off apron, while Drumlemble Primary School was presented with a certificate.

'We were amazed by the response to the event,' said Hilary Oman, who had the original idea. 'The standard of entries was astonishing.'

The judges, Alex Russell from Argyll Bakeries, Elizabeth Semple and Mary Cameron had a hard task in judging the three adult and one children's category.'



The winners: Rory McGrory, Linda Hutchinson, Maryann Gosling and Jenny Semple with each of their entries. 20_c10bakeoff03



Rory McGrory shows off his prize-winning cupcakes. 20_c10bakeoff02



Right: There were some very creative entries in the decorated cake category. 20_c10bakeoff04

Left: This turkey design was one of the most unusual cakes on display. 20_c10bakeoff05



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Community Noticeboard

Rotary Club of Campbeltown ANNUAL QUIZ

Argyll Hotel, Main Street
 Friday 15th March at 7.30pm
 Entry £5 per person (£20 per team of four)
 Includes buffet supper
 Teams wishing to take part, please contact the secretary J Angus, telephone 810304, by Wednesday 13th March

The Inner Wheel Club of Campbeltown COFFEE MORNING

In aid of Campbeltown Diabetes Foundation
 Saturday, 9th March
 10am - 12 noon in the Red Cross Hall
 Entry £1.50
 Home baking, Raffle.

KINTYRE MUSIC CLUB and MID ARGYLL ARTS ASSOCIATION (Scottish Charity No. SC006711) Present CUILLIN SOUND

Kintyre - Lorne & Lowland Church Hall, Tuesday 12th March 7-30pm £10, Free (school)
 Mid Argyll - Council Chamber, Kilmory, Saturday 16th March 7-30pm £9, £8 (conc), Free (school)
 Restricted seating please phone 01546 603412 to reserve seat
 Or e-mail secretary@maaa.org.uk

MESSY CHURCH

Lorne & Lowland Church Hall
 Monday 11th March
 3.30pm - 5.30pm
 Everyone welcome

Kintyre Antiquarian & Natural History Society 'Campbeltown in the First World War'

An illustrated talk by George Baxter in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown, on Wednesday 13 March, 2013, at 7.30 p.m.
 All welcome (non-members £2.50 at door).

Peninver Players Drama Club
 Invite you to
Afternoon Tea
 in Peninver Village Hall
 Sunday 10th March
 2pm - 4pm
 Out of this World Teas/Coffees
 Starry Sandwiches
 Heavenly Home Baking
 Cosmic Raffle

MID ARGYLL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Red Cross Centre, Lochgilhead
 Monday 11th March 7 - 9pm
Topic - THINGS OF INTEREST
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Inveraray & District Accordion & Fiddle Club

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 Wednesday 13th March
 at 8.00pm
 Guest Artistes
 From Prestwick
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Mid Argyll Marie Curie Cancer Care
Fundraising Group Soup Lunch
 Baptist Church Hall
 Lochgilhead
 Saturday 9th March
 12noon - 2pm

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Stargazers ask for blackout during Earth Hour

PEOPLE in Kintyre are being urged to switch their lights off for WWF's Earth Hour on March 23 by the West Kintyre Stargazers.

At 8.30pm, individuals, schools, landmarks and businesses across the globe will be plunging into darkness to draw attention to the need to protect the planet.

West Kintyre Stargazers, as part of Earth Hour, are encouraging local residents and businesses to switch off their lights for the hour and to adopt a more sustainable approach to lighting, as well as asking people

to take advantage of the reduced lights to look at the night sky.

Louise Duncan of West Kintyre Stargazers said: 'We are proud to take part in WWF's Earth Hour and our members are excited to be involved with such a great and inspiring event.'

'Everyone can make a difference to help protect our planet and we all have a key role to play.'

Last year, hundreds of millions of people across the world turned off their lights at the same time, while 152 countries took part.

Campbeltown Young Farmers on song

SINGING, dancing, laughs and nonsense are all on the agenda at tomorrow's Young Farmers Concert.

After the success of last year's concert the majority of members were more than happy to help either on stage or behind the scenes this year.

Having lost some members to outside commitments, the

group has gained some fresh faces this year including Donnie McKerral, Greg McMurchy, Graeme McMillan and Alison Millar.

Lindsay Ronald and Karen Semple will be singing solo songs again this year, as part of the extravaganza of music, dance and acting.

The concert starts at 7.30pm at the Victoria Hall in Campbeltown.

Joy comes to Carradale

MULTI-AWARD winning Gaelic singer Joy Dunlop took a trip to Carradale to perform as part of a mini tour around Argyll on Saturday night.

Joy, who is from Connel, near Oban, performed a number of songs from her new album *Faileasan* (Reflections) as well as number of classics exclusively from the Argyll area.

Guitarist Sorren Maclean, piper and whistler Lorne MacDougall, and pianist and harmonium player Andrew Dunlop joined her on stage at the Carradale Village Hall.

Joy's debut album, *Dusgadh* (Awakening) was critically acclaimed and she was nominated as Gaelic Singer of the Year in 2010 and 2011.

Her other awards include *Roots Recording of the Year* at the Scots New Music Awards and the *Fatea Tradition Award*. She was also the proud winner of the Royal National Mòd Gold Medal in 2010.

Her new album, which was released in January, features songs uniquely from Argyll.



Joy Dunlop performed in Carradale at the weekend as part of a three-day mini tour of Argyll.

Corran Halls, Oban
Thursday 25th April, 5pm
Box Office: 01631 567 333

Renowned trio to play in Campbeltown

RENOWNED wind trio, Cuillin Sound, will be visiting Campbeltown as part of a series of concerts in Argyll.

The group is made up of Amina Hussain, who recently joined to play flute, Sarah Watts on the clarinet and Laurence Perkins on the bassoon.

They are described as an 'innovative wind trio with a passion to perform in major concert venues and for local communities.'

On March 12, they will play pieces by Beethoven, Mozart, Haydn, Poulenc and Bozza. The concert begins at 7.30pm at the Lorne and Lowland Church Hall.

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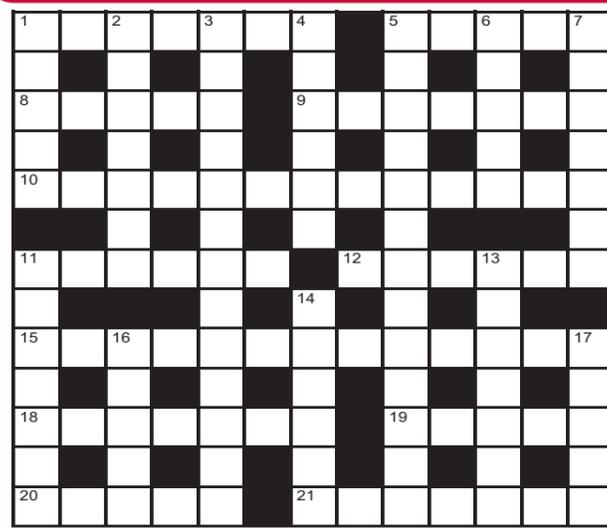
SYNOPSIS

Synopsis: Wreck-It Ralph
 Wreck-It Ralph (voice of John C. Reilly) longs to be as beloved as his game's perfect Good Guy, Fix-It Felix (voice of Jack McBrayer). Problem is, nobody loves a Bad Guy. But they do love heroes... so when a modern, first-person shooter game arrives featuring tough-as-nails Sergeant Calhoun (voice of Jane Lynch), Ralph sees it as his ticket to heroism and happiness. He sneaks into the game with a simple plan-win a medal-but soon wrecks everything.

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Across

- 1 Shoe leathers (7)
- 5 Bird on a building site? (5)
- 8 Flower colour (5)
- 9 One of two? (7)
- 10 Unable to be kept up (13)
- 11 Action to keep one moving (6)
- 12 Forcefully (6)
- 15 Cannot compete (13)
- 18 Entertainer at the circus (7)
- 19 Bridal path (5)
- 20 Short form addressed person is (5)
- 21 With enthusiasm (4,3)

Down

- 1 Projections in the small intestine (5)
- 2 Sweet white wine (7)
- 3 Open to disapproval (13)
- 4 Subdivision (6)
- 5 Fight back (13)
- 6 Go off script (2-3)
- 7 Plead (7)
- 11 First (7)
- 13 Get it off your chest (7)
- 14 Pure (6)
- 16 A horn (5)
- 17 Correct text (5)

Last week's solution



It pays to advertise in the Campbeltown Courier

The Village in the running for top UK award

'Our investment was in the area as a whole, with the goal of sustainability'

JUST weeks after the first anniversary of the re-opening of the Ugadale Hotel, The Village at Machrihanish Dunes is in the running for a UK enterprise award.

Next Wednesday sees delegates from Machrihanish Dunes head to London for the Countryside Alliance Enterprise Award, where they could come home as top enterprise in the UK, in what is set to be a busy year for the resort.

Nominated

Since the re-opening of the Ugadale last year, the Village at Machrihanish Dunes has been nominated for a number of awards, including the Golf Inc 'Development of the Year' global com-

petition where it came runner up.

'Our investment was in the area as a whole, with the goal of sustainability,' explained David Southworth, president and CEO of Southworth Development, an affiliate that owns and operates Machrihanish Dunes.

He continued: 'To build a course reminiscent of the way golf began was a start, but we also had to act as a model for future sustainability and retain the picturesque beauty of Machrihanish in the process.'

'We also chose to restore two historic hotels in the area rather than create new ones, because the buildings were such important icons of

the area's social fabric.

'Finally, we've placed great emphasis on our staff training. Without the warmth and professionalism of the staff, we won't retain visitors, so building that support and those skills for future development is critical.'

Golf course

This year will see a number of golfing championships take place at the golf course including the Men's and Ladies' Champion of Champions Tournaments to be held in April.

The Machrihanish Dunes Hickory Open is to be held in September and the 15th Annual International Pairs Competition scheduled for October.



The re-opening of the Ugadale Hotel - part of the Village at Machrihanish Dunes resort - last February. 21_c09ugadale06

Transport Scotland to ignore pleas for special Tarbert tourist route sign

PLEAS for a special tourist route sign to be erected on the A83 to highlight the value of Tarbert are to be ignored.

Tarbert and Skipness Community Council has called for a brown tourism sign declaring it an 'historic fishing village' to be erected for several years at the junction with Glenralloch Road as satellite navigation have been directing visitors along the bypass

and away from the village.

However, the fact the village is on the A83 and not on the bypass means Transport Scotland won't erect a sign.

A spokeswoman for the roads authority said: 'We appreciate the desire of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council to promote their area, however brown tourist signs are used to direct visitors to small towns or villages which are

not on the main through route.'

'As the A83 runs directly through Tarbert there is no need for drivers to leave the route to find it.'

The spokeswoman said Transport Scotland would not deviate from its signage policy and set a precedent.

Bob Chicken of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council said: 'This decision needs challenging. Tourism is

one of the biggest industries in Scotland and our roads have a big part to play in that. Saying they won't help us because it sets a precedent is appalling.'

'The other point is that mapping companies have a monopoly - they have become the signposts now. They don't say this is a historic fishing village with an important castle or facilities, we rely on the road signs to do that for us.'

Storm at Sea commended in the Royal Scottish Academy Schools Art Award

A TALENTED first year pupil at Campbeltown Grammar School has had her painting commended in the Royal Scottish Academy Schools Art Award.

Shannon Ellis' painting, *Storm at Sea*, was highly commended in the junior section of the award that celebrates the artwork of school pupils across Scotland.

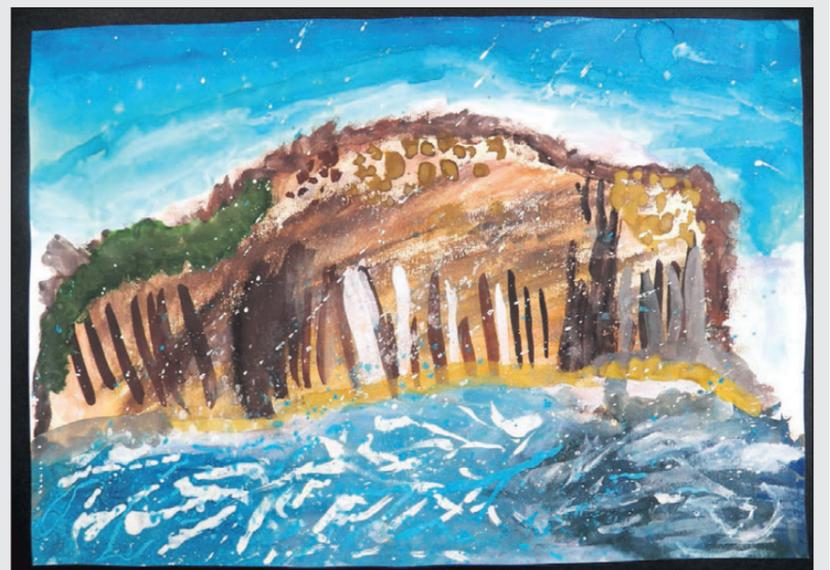
Several pupils from the school submitted artwork for the award, which can be seen on the school's website.

Reverend Catriona Hood, rector of Campbeltown Grammar

School, said: 'This is a real achievement for

a pupil of Shannon's age and the Grammar

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Budding artist Shannon Ellis' painting, *Storm at Sea*.

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The Garden In March



March can be a dodgy month from the weather point of view. You are as likely to get deep, penetrating frosts as you are warm, sunny days, and icy winds can be as likely as the balmy spring breezes we have all come to value. As with last month, the plants can get confused with some pretty devastating results, so once again, you must consider providing protection. Water too may be required since those windy days can dehydrate even the hardiest of subjects.

On top of all that, this is the month when you should be making final preparations for the coming growing season. However, soil and weather conditions are what count, not the calendar, which will mean being out and about in the garden as much as possible - just to keep your finger on the pulse so to speak.

Carry on breaking down the rough dug soil that you didn't manage to attend to last month. However don't attempt it if the soil is waterlogged. Fork over the surface then rake to a smooth, level surface, finally firming down with flat boards on which you can trample heavily. While you are forking it over, work in some mature compost or one of the proprietary dehydrated manure concentrates. After firming down, sprinkle a compound fertiliser over the top and rake it in, working first one way then at right angles till the soil looks as fine as possible.

You can begin sowing as soon as the soil temperature reaches 13° C and maintains it for a couple of days. And it's worth buying a soil thermometer to check this because you will get much better results if the soil is the right temperature. The way to check the soil is to stick the thermometer in to a depth of around three inches, late evening and early in the morning. The type of soil you have is also worth taking into account. Heavy clay takes a long time to warm up but maintains heat well. Light sandy soils however, warm up rapidly but cool down again even faster. While you are waiting for the temperature to be just right, keep an eye open for weed seedlings. Raking over the surface on a daily basis should do the trick.

Seeds need three things to germinate fast - which is what you want. Moisture, air and warmth are all essential. To this end, the soil should not be allowed to dry out completely which will mean watering occasionally even before you do any planting. Air is found in the soil but if you plant seeds too deep they won't get enough so follow the instructions on the packets exactly. Don't be tempted to plant any more shallowly than recommended however or the seeds will dry out and never germinate. An old trick on very light soils that dry out fast in the first breeze that comes along, is to lay the seeds on the surface then cover them with leaf mould or any old compost that has been passed through a fine sieve, then water lightly after sowing. On heavy, easily saturated soil, cover the seeds with sharp sand, perlite or vermiculite. Warmth of course will be taken care of by the soil as long as you remember to check carefully before you sow. Again another trick is to place cloches or portable frames over the area to be sown a week or so before you intend to start. This will allow the soil to warm up more rapidly. However remember the note about sandy soils above, and beware, cloches could give you a false sense of security.

If the ground is too cold for seed germination it will probably be fine for planting. New border perennials can go in about mid month along with summer flowering bulbs and corms. All kinds of shrubs and trees can be planted and if the hedge was looking more than a touch moth eaten last year, now is a good time to start planting a new one.

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SOUTHEND

Fishermen's sweaters at Southend SWRI

MEMBERS of Southend WRI were given the chance to learn about fishermen's sweaters at their February meeting.

Jeanette Brodie and Kate Oman gave a talk about the Guernsey, or Gansey woollen sweater, worn by seamen.

The jumpers were warm, hard wearing and helped resist the wind and sea spray which affected fishermen fishing for herring around the coast.

Jeanette, who now makes Ganseys, showed off some of the jumpers she has knitted herself.

Five years ago she decided to have a go at knitting one with the

guidance and knowledge of Ann Stewart.

After several weeks, she created her first Gansey with the Campbeltown pattern, although the anchor was in fact upside down.

Every month she meets with fellow knitters and continues to make jumpers.

The next meeting will be at the annual Bulb Show on Monday and all entries must be in St Blaas's Hall between 2pm and 4pm.

Competition results: Baking - Fish Pate: Jean Ives, Gold; Elizabeth Semple, Silver; Margaret McDowall, Silver; Margaret Bakes, Red; Margaret Penman, Red; Fiona Rowland, Red. Knitting - Cushion Cover: Jen Ronald, Gold; Margaret Penman, Silver. Any Craft - Fish: Fiona Rowland, Silver.

DRUMLEMBLE



Primary 5-7 at Drumlemble Primary School has started their forest schools programme with weekly visits to a forest at Glenbarr.

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BELLOCHANTUY

'Dinner by Candlelight'

COOKING by camping gas cooker was the demonstration given to members of the SWRI Bellochantuy on February 18.

Mrs Lois Fell, a local cook, was guest demonstrator at the meeting. Titled 'Dinner by Candlelight', Lois' demonstration showed how to make a three-course meal using a camping gas cooker.

Meatballs were made from local pork, with a home made tomato sauce and then served with cooked noodles. The starter was a prawn and melon cocktail. For dessert, a crepe suzette with caramelised banana and honey.

Members then sampled Lois' cooking while she judged the competitions.

The next meeting will be the Bulb Show on Monday.

garet MacTaggart from Kintra on the island, produced two television programmes for BBC Alba on Lewis.

These two productions have been shortlisted in the sport category of the awards, which take place in Swansea between April 24 and 26.

The programmes are called: Trusadh: Hiort Agus Clann-Nighinn Nan Curach'; (St Kilda and the Kayak Girls) and Trusadh: Camanachd Leòdhais - Dubh Agus Gorm.

Islay athletes meet Team Scotland hockey player

ISLAY'S aspiring athletes got a chance to meet Team Scotland hockey player Michael Bremner as part of the build up for next year's Commonwealth Games.

Pupils from Islay High gathered at the University of Strathclyde on Friday for the first of the year's Lead 2014 conferences.

A partnership between sportscotland, Youth Sport Trust and Glasgow 2014, Lead 2014 is designed to help develop the skills of youth leaders.

The intention is to use sport as a springboard to hone and develop leadership ability among young people and, in turn, provide an opportunity for children

across the region to engage with the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

GIGHA

Achamore gets ready for Spring

AFTER finishing some redevelopment work, a section of Achamore Gardens on Gigha has been reopened.

The area around the pond has been re-lined is now accessible with a reinstated path, which according to head gardener, Malcolm MacLachlan, will become a 'valuable feature' in the garden as it develops.

Now that the worst of the winter is over, Achamore is getting ready for spring. Windblown trees continue to be tidied up, some rhododendrons are trying to make a start and a New Zealand tree called the Atherosperma moschata, is in full flower.

MACHRIHANISH

Public toilets at the beach to close?

FEARS that the public toilets at Machrihanish beach are set to close have been dismissed.

Ken Nicoles, who says he grew up Campbeltown and continues to be a regular visitor to the area, wrote to the Courier to express his fears

over the future of the facility at the picturesque seaside location.

Rumours had circulated among some that the toilets were to close under the raft of budget cuts confirmed by Argyll and Bute Council last month.

However, the authority has insisted there is no truth to the rumour and has told the Courier - 'the toilets are staying open'.

TARBERT

Academy pupils get to grips!

PUPILS from Tarbert Academy grappled with the idea of wrestling competitively after welcoming two prospective Commonwealth athletes last week.

Twin sisters Fiona and Donna Robertson, from Campbeltown, hope to represent Scotland in Glasgow next year in the freestyle wrestling, having originally competed in judo on the international stage.

Visiting the school in their new role as Champions in School for S2, they hope to inspire the athletes of the future.

During their first of three workshops at the school, pupils were set a 'Champions Challenge', encouraging them to set and achieve personal goals and keep diaries of their diet and exercise habits. Fiona and Donna will return to the school in five weeks.

After six months of complaining door is fixed only after it falls off its hinges

'I wouldn't like anybody else to go through what I have gone through'

AFTER more than six months of complaining to her social housing provider, a Campbeltown woman only had her front door fixed after it fell off its hinges.

Cathy Duncan, who lives in an Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) house in Glenside, has had problems with her door since she moved in, as it has always had a gap at the top between the door and frame.

Last Wednesday, however, it came off its top and middle hinges, forcing Cathy to leave it leaning against her wall, completely open.

It meant her house was insecure overnight until ACHA arranged to have it fixed on Thursday – by a contractor from Dunfermline.

She said: 'When I came home on Wednesday night I couldn't get the door open at all as I had to lift it up. Then I couldn't get it shut.'

'It's been a proper nightmare. I wouldn't like anyone else to go through what I have gone through.'

Prior to its collapse, contractors for Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) came to fix

the door three or four times, but according to Cathy they only tightened the screws and 'levelled it back up again'.

When an engineer came to rewire her flat a few weeks ago, Cathy was told to 'get it sorted' as it would 'get worse'.

After contacting ACHA she was told someone would come to fix it last Tuesday. No one turned up and she was informed it would then be Monday of this week as the contractor was coming down from Glasgow.

Alastair MacGregor, chief executive of ACHA said: 'The door concerned was installed as part of the Association's capital investment programme and was under warranty to the main contractor, Sidey.'

'That is why the necessary work was carried out by the contractor's tradesmen.'

'The snagging work which does occur in the year following major works is carried out by the contractor in batches unless the repair is of a major concern and it is then carried out timeously.'



Cathy's house was insecure overnight after the door came off its hinges last Wednesday.



Returned: One tall penguin, found on Westport Beach. C09penguin01

Missing Penguin p-p-p-picked up on Westport Beach

A 45-INCH tall, carved wooden penguin stolen by thieves two weeks ago was returned to its owner last Tuesday.

The penguin, which was a Christmas present, was spotted on Westport Beach next to a campfire by a passer by who contacted police.

Doorstep

It was taken from its owner's doorstep with no trace during the night on February 22.

It is still not known who 'p-p-p-picked' up the penguin or why, but the owner was glad to see the ornament returned to its home.

RSPB looking for inspiring conservationists

INSPIRING conservationists in Kintyre are being sought as part of RSPB Scotland's Nature of Scotland Awards.

The aim of the awards is to recognise innovation and excellence from individuals, projects and organisations that work to conserve Scotland's nature, habitats and species.

Difference

There are six categories in the awards, as well as two new ones to celebrate those who bring the natural world closer to children and young people as well as those who make a difference in their community.

Shortlisted entries will be announced at a reception at the Scottish Parliament on June 18, with the awards taking place

on October 30.

The deadline for nominations closes on Friday, March 15.

To make a nomination visit www.rspb.org.uk/natureofscotland

Open Day to say farewell to Strathclyde Police

AN OPEN day is being held to bid farewell to Strathclyde Police in Campbeltown next Saturday.

The open day, to be held at Campbeltown Police Office, is to mark the end of Strathclyde Police as Scotland's crime law enforcement is merged into a single force on April 1.

A time has yet to be confirmed for the event.

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The dry spell is helping out

WELL, when starting to write my second column, I've decided I'm not going to give up the day job just yet to become a journalist. I'm more prone to be found standing at the hind end of a cow than sitting at a desk - my mother will vouch for that.

At the moment we are finding ourselves very busy, no time for office work, most of our drains have now been sorted and the puddles have disappeared - for the meantime anyway.

We have been finding the majority of the drains are running not too badly. It's plain to see that ground is compacted when digging and so not letting the water down to the drains.

This dry spell is helping everyone out and that lovely stuff called slurry seems to be getting applied to the land everywhere. We seem to have had no short-

age of slurry this year. I worked out our slurry tower caught 150000 gallons of rainwater last year with the predicted 60 inches that fell. With that in mind, if we have many more years like last, we may have to consider putting a roof on the tower to keep the rain water out.

We have now walked the farm for the first time this year and measured all the pastures with a plate meter. It measures how much grass is in each field and if we walk the farm once a week it will tell us what rate our grass is growing at per day.

The sheep have eaten more grass than we had thought and so there is on average 1,717kg of grass dry matter on every hectare, we need the average cover to be 1,950kg before our farm has sufficient grass stocks to let cows out to graze during the day.

I would hope next time I write, the cows should be well into their grazing rotation and turning plenty of the green stuff into milk.

And finally to finish on, the horsemeat scandal. Who knows how long this has been going on for? In some ways it's probably a good thing that this has come to light, as we have all taken for granted for years where our food comes from and to what standards it has been produced to.

Meats, milk, fish and veggies don't just appear on the shelf. Do you look at the label on your foods to see what country it was produced in?

Have a look, you may be amazed that some supermarkets are able to sell 'fresh lamb' from, wait for it, New Zealand. It may be good enough lamb, but fresh?

Thomas Irwin.



Thomas, who farms alongside his parents at West Drumlembie Farm, reminds everyone to know the origins of where their food is produced or raised before they eat it. 20_c09farmingcol01

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Representatives from the farming, aquaculture and forestry industries will join forces with private landowners and education bodies to equip young people with the skills needed to work in rural industries. a10aye01no

Ambitious initiative to attract young people to a career in rural industries

AN AMBITIOUS initiative that aims to bolster Argyll's declining population by attracting young people to a career in rural industries was established last week.

The AYE (Argyll's Young Experience) initiative, the brainchild of MSP for Argyll and Bute Michael Russell, aims to get Argyll's young people excited about their environment and equip them with the skills needed to work in industries prevalent in the area.

AYE is inspired by the successful Queensberry Initiative, which gets children out of the classroom and working on projects on a country estate.

Rural skill course

The initiative runs a rural skills course and has seen the number of young people choosing to stay in the area and pursue a career in a land-based industry increase.

The AYE initiative will see Mr Russell work with the National

Farmers Union, Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll College and representatives from the farming, aquaculture and forestry industries to create a similar model in Argyll.

Addressing the launch party of the AYE initiative on Friday, attended by representatives from 50 organisations, Mr Russell said: 'We have a declining population in Argyll, there is no doubt about it. One way we can keep people in rural communities is making sure they

understand the opportunities in rural areas and ensure they are able to take those opportunities.

'When I visited the Queensberry Initiative I was immensely impressed. What it provided was a clear focus on opportunity.

Understanding

'From tourism opportunities on the estate through to forestry, farming and game keeping there were lots of things for young people to find out about. Perhaps some

didn't want to take it further, but there was an understanding created that there were important activities within rural Scotland and that these activities were attractive in terms of jobs.'

A working group has been established to create the model in Argyll. It will aim to identify an organisation to host the initiative and appoint a co-ordinator to liaise between schools, colleges and industry bodies.

Sisters are doing it for themselves

A GROUP of sprightly elderly ladies on Islay have succeeded in persuading the council to do its job – by threatening to do it for themselves.

Portnahaven Scottish Women's Rural Institute became so frustrated at

a year-long delay to replace a safety railing in the village that they offered to raise the cash required.

Replace

And after hearing of the ladies' pledge via *The Courier*, the council has

this week stated it plans to replace the handrail.

The railing, which leads from the top of the village downhill to the local shop and Post Office, was removed after it fell into disrepair.

But elderly residents

claimed the path was too dangerous when it iced over and last week called on the handrail to be replaced immediately.

SWRI member Betty Ross, who this week welcomed the council's commitment, said: 'There are a lot of pensioners that use it to get to the only shop in the village, which is the social hub of Portnahaven – one of the ladies is 95 years old.'

'If money is the issue, my message to the council would be: give us a figure. Tell us what you have and we'll raise the rest.'

Promised

In response the council's head of roads and amenity services Jim Smith promised the authority would act to do the work – and pay for it themselves.

He added: 'This is clearly an important issue to the community of Portnahaven, and the will of the SWRI to take practical action themselves is very encouraging to see.'



Ladies of the Portnahaven SWRI have demanded a safety railing is installed on the path down to the village post office.

Litter forces Sanda closure

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to work for a few weeks rather than a full summer.

A boil water notice was served on the businesses last year by the council as they were dissatisfied with the quality of the private supply. According to Ms Civeleker, installing filters to rectify the problem is 'impossible' due to the lack of permanent electricity on

the island.

While the restaurant and hotel will close, Ms Civeleker conceded that people would still be able to visit the island due to right to roam legislation.

Accept the law

She said: 'We accept the law but the pier cannot be used.'

Visitors will be allowed to anchor offshore but cannot use the island's pier or moor-

ings as they are privately owned by Mr Meier.

The newly launched Kintyre Marketing Group hopes to hold talks with Mr Meier in a bid to return the island to the tourism map.

Rebecca Maxwell Macdonald, joint chairperson of the group, added: 'It's a shame. If their situation changed we would do what we could to help them promote the island.'

Eight Bangladeshis arrested

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been sent to the detention centre at Dungavel after overstaying the period allowed in their visas. One was released but must regularly report to the police while an outstanding immigration case is concluded.

The operation, which took place over Monday and Tuesday, was led by the UK Border Agency with co-operation from

local police officers.

The men lived in Campbeltown and worked at The Bangladeshi Tandoori in the town.

The business will be served with a civil penalty notice for employing the men and must now provide evidence that legally required pre employment checks were carried out before giving them a job, otherwise a fine of £80,000 will be imposed.

An employee at the restaurant, who wished to remain anonymous, told *the Courier* they were fully co-operative with the UK Border Agency the men detained were 'good people'.

He said the men were unaware there were any potential visa problems, adding: 'Some people were planning on leaving already. They did not do anything wrong and did not do any harm.'

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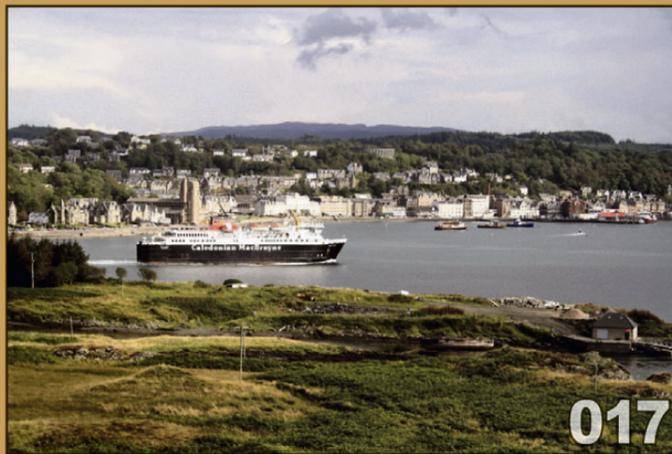
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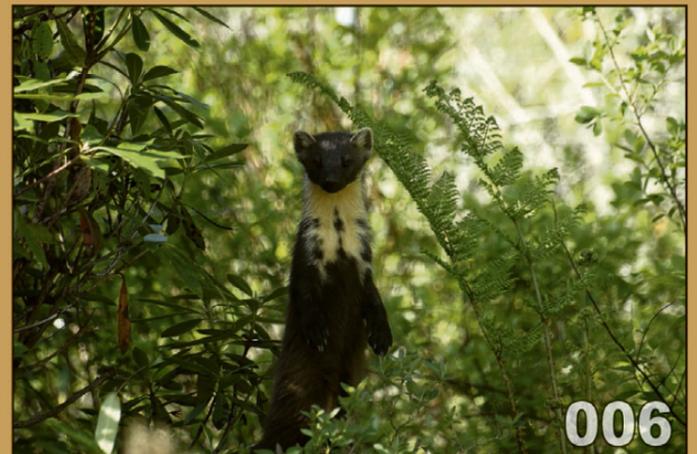
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13/00431/PP	Change of use of land for the siting of 3 containers.	Kilmory Home Farm Kilmory Industrial Estate Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8RR	Ardrishaig Area Office

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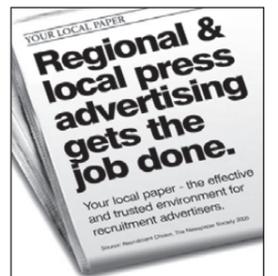
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Maimie Wotherspoon, Gigha.

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

BIRTHS



HART - GILCHRIST

Pauline and Billy are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Billy Duncan, born February 9, 2013. Thanking all midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit.

MACMILLAN - David and Andrea are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Ceitidh Violet, at Darlington Memorial Hospital, on February 23, 2013. A lovely little sister for James.

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ENGAGEMENTS



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DEATHS

KELLY - Peacefully, at the Sue Ryder Hospice, Cheltenham, on February 25, 2013, Theo McKerral, in her 90th year, formerly of Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Eddie Kelly, much loved mum of Don and Katrina and a loving granny of David, Matthew, Charlotte and Ben.

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JEFFREY - Dr J Colin S, MBE (Argyll/Edinburgh). Colin, (GP in Lochgilphead 1960 - 1980) beloved husband of the late Mair, died peacefully in Edinburgh on March 3, 2013, in his 93rd year. He was much loved and will be very sadly missed by Christopher and Juliet and their families. Funeral at Mortonhall Crematorium, Pentland Chapel, Edinburgh on Monday, March 11 at 11.30am.

LINDSAY MACDOUGALL - Katherine, peacefully at home, on February 28, 2013, aged 97, much loved aunt, great aunt and dear friend to many. Funeral Service will be held at Christ Church, Lochgilphead, on Monday, March 11, at 11.00am, followed by interment at Kilvaree, Craignish. Flowers welcome. Donations, if desired, to Educational Project Zambia, cheques payable to Christ Church, Invereyne Lodge, Lochgilphead, PA31 8PY.

MACDONALD - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on March 4, 2013, Christopher MacDonald (Chris), in his 87th year, Broomhill, Drumore, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Eva, much loved dad of Christine and a loving papa of Christopher. Service in St Kiarans Episcopal Church, Argyll Street, Campbeltown on Monday, March 11 at 2.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown.

MCGEACHY - Peacefully at home, Lismar, Stronvaar Avenue, Campbeltown, on March 2, 2013, Jamesina Hughes Sym (Jasmine), in her 81st year, dearly beloved wife of John McGeachy, much loved mother of John, loving granny of Mairi and Iain and great granny of Charlie and Harry.

MEENAN - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on February 28, 2013, Jessie Meenan (Netta), in her 85th year, Kirk Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Denis Meenan, loving mother of Jamie and Margaret and a much loved granny and great granny.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GILLIES - Angus, Neil, Tom and their families would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, cards and visits received following their recent sad loss of Margaret. Special thanks to the nursing staff at Glassary Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, for their exceptional care and attention to Margaret during her time in hospital; and also to Mary McKellar and Mary MacLean for their dedicated care of Margaret whilst at home. Our thanks also to Rev Hilda Smith for a lovely service and tribute; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their efficient and caring arrangements and to the Stag Hotel for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to those who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. Your kindness and support was greatly appreciated. The retiral collection so far has raised the generous amount of £600, for Alzheimer's Scotland.

IN MEMORIAM

BARBER - Formerly of Bridgend, Islay. In loving memory of our dear mum, Betty, who died March 5, 2012. Loved and remembered every day.

- From all the family, home and away.

BURTON - For our boys, Paul Burton and David Burton, always in our hearts. - The Burton family, Oban and East Kilbride.

COLVILLE - Precious memories of a very special and much loved wife, mum and grandma, Frances Mary Robertson, passed away March 7, 2012. Sadly missed and never far from our thoughts.

- Hugh, John, Andrew, David and all the family, home and away.

COLVILLE - In loving memory of our sister, Frances, who died March 7, 2012.

Though absent you are very near. Still loved, still missed and very dear.

- From the family xo.

FERGUSON - In loving memory of Barbara, who died March 4, 2009. Also remembering Mary Crawford, who died March 12, 1999. Always remembered.

- Charles, Dadie and family. **GALBRAITH** - Treasured memories of a dear son and brother, Finlay Neil, who passed away on March 5, 2010.

Your photo stands in pride of place.

A lovely smile upon your face, You always seem to be so near,

How we wish you were still here. Sadly missed.

- Mum, Dad and Christine.

GILCHRIST - Precious memories of Leonard, a dearly loved husband, dad and grandad, who passed away March 5, 2010.

We will always love and miss you.

- Your loving wife, Gloria, and family, home and away.

MCMILLAN - Gordon McMillan, August 19, 1984 - March 7, 2007.

Our lives all changed forever, the day you went away

What we thought important then, seems trivial today

You taught us to live for the moment and not to worry what life may bring

We should make the best of it, as we'll never be here again

A short life lived to the full, like yours, was a lesson to those you left

To take each day as a blessing and our loved ones, a precious gift

Gordon, you're missed and loved by all your family x.

WARDROP - Our beautiful Lynsey.

Somewhere over the rainbow We love you.

- Mum, Dad and Fallon xx.

WARDROP - Our beloved granddaughter.

We miss you so much.

- Love, Granny and all the family, at home and abroad.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"Taste and see that the Lord is good"

Sunday Services

Ardrishaig at 11:00am Achahoish at 12:30pm

Registered Scottish Charities SC010713 and SC010782

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 10th March 2013

Tarbert Service 11.45am

Sunday School 11.45am

To be held in Tarbert Free Church

Kilberry Service 2pm

Rev. Tommy Bryson

Board and Session Meeting

Tuesday 12th March 7.30pm

to be held in Tarbert Free Church

For all church enquiries and pastoral care

Telephone 01880 821012

Everyone very welcome SC002622

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Bishopston Road, Lochgilphead 01546 602315

Eucharist service

Sundays 11 am

Everyone welcome

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- From the family xo.

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Charity No. SC016097

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at 10 am

Gaelic Service in Lochgair Church at 3 pm

Glenaray and Inveraray

Charity No. SC016665

Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday, 10th March 2013

Glassary 11.30a.m.

Family Service

Mrs. J. Acklam and team

All welcome

SC002121

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

Sunday 10th March 2013

11am Morning Service

Wednesday 13th March

Messy Church

From 4.30pm

Jumpstart Group

Friday 10.00 - 11.30am

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GROWING IN GRACE

is an informal christian meeting held at 7.15pm every Thursday in the Meadows Pavilion Sports Hall, behind the creamery.

Planting the roots of our lives into the fertile soil of the Gods amazing grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ is the ground for real spiritual growth and fruitfulness . 2 Peter 3v18 .

All are welcome.

If interested just turn up and for more information contact 01586 830215.

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 10 March 2013

11.00am

Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch

Speaker: Graham McLean

"Burdens into song"

Thursday 14 March 2013

7.30pm

Praise, prayer & sharing

All Welcome

Highland Parish Church



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Sunday 10th March 2013

11.15am Morning Service

Mr. William Tavener

Fun Day Club and JAM in Church

Tuesday 12th March 2013

Badminton Club Kirk Street Hall

Primary 1 - 5 6pm - 7pm

Primary 6 & 7 7pm - 8pm

Wednesday 13th March 2013

Bible Study fellowship group

Balliwilline Farm 7.30pm

Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SCO11686

Saturday, 9th March

Elders' Lunch - New Hall

Sunday, 10th March

Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.

(Crèche, Triple C and Next Generation)

(Rev. Philip Burroughs)

Monday, 11th March

Messy Church - 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The Guild - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 12th March

Mothers & Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.

Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys - 6:00 p.m.

Boys' Brigade Junior Section - 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, 7th March

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. (in the manse)

Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 8th March

Lunch Club - 12:00 noon.

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Sunday Services

10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz)

6.30pm Evening Worship

Tuesday

12.15pm Lunch Club (Over 60s)

1.30pm Home League

Wednesday

House Group 7pm

Thursday

7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 10th March 2013

10.00am Breaking of Bread

Mr John Ives Southend

10.50am Coffee - All welcome

11.15am

Family Service with Crèche

Mr John Ives Southend

7.00pm Youth Group

Wednesday 13th March 2013

10am Parents and Toddlers Group

7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer

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Sunday Service

11:00 am

with Sunday School

Tea & coffee after the service

Baby & Toddler Group

10:00 - 11:45 am

every Thursday (term-time)

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NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 10 March

Tayvallich Church 10 am

Family Service followed by

Stated Annual Meeting

Rev. Cliff Acklam

All welcome

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ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY

Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm

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All Welcome (SCO002876)

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George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 10th March

12.45pm Worship Service

Rev Finlay Mackenzie

The Journey of Life

11.30am Sunday School

Thursday 14th March

12 noon Bible Study and Prayer

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Burnside win darts league

BURNSIDE have won the Campbeltown District Darts Association League with three weeks to go after beating Fiddlers B by 7-3.

Martin Coffield scored a 180 while teammates Kenny Docherty scored 106 and Bobby Matheson scored 144 as they marched towards league glory during round 15.

Elsewhere Kilbrannan won 10-0 against Kinloch while Kilbrannan B versus Commercial and Southend v Ailsa both ended in 5-5 draws. Fiddlers enjoyed a bye.

Coaching for youngsters

ASPIRING young footballers in the Campbeltown area are being offered their first steps into the game this Friday.

Campbeltown and District Junior Football Association (CDJFA) will hold a four week block of 45 minute sessions at the Victoria Hall from 4.45pm starting this Friday.

Aimed at children aged between three and five years of age, it will give them a chance to learn to enjoy the game.



Some of the pupils who took part in the February holiday activities, with team leaders from Campbeltown Grammar School.

PRIMARY school pupils tried their hands – and feet – at a variety of sports during their February holidays.

Active Schools held a variety of multi-sports sessions for all primary school age pupils, with 26 attending the mix of fun games for lower primary age pupils and team sports for the older kids.

Campbeltown Grammar School's Ross Colville, Kathryn Howell, Lori McLatchie and Martin McCallum received special thanks from Active Schools co-ordinator Lindsay Ramsay for leading the sessions.

Active Schools will also be holding an Easter Programme, with information to be out in schools within the next week.

Kintyre athletics clubs to merge

AFTER 21 years, Kintyre Athletics Club will merge with Kintyre Athletics after a lack of volunteers meant it could no longer be run.

As of April 1, the club will come under the umbrella of the organisation run by Active Schools.

Argyll and Bute Council will now deal with

the organisation of events and will appoint local coaches to deliver training sessions in South Kintyre.

Athletics in the local community is still continuing to grow, with a number of athletes representing Campbeltown at the Sports Hall Finals in Oban last week.

In addition to this, two new blocks of athletics have already started for pupils in P1 – P3, led by Leanne Thomson and Fiona Armour, with P4 – P7 led by Jamie Morris and Moira Mclellan.

For any queries or further information, please contact Lindsay Ramsay on 07917073424.

McCallum nets a hat-trick

Pupils too strong for the Bankies

SAFL Premier Division Two Clydebank 1

Campbeltown Pupils 5
A STRONG second half performance saw the McFadyen sponsored Campbeltown Pupils extend their lead at the top of the division.

The result was a welcome boost against a team renowned for being a tough nut to crack and the management will strive for consistency with six crucial games left to play.

The big three have still to meet one more time this season, but games against the other contenders are equally important, starting immediately with another away game at Carlton this coming Saturday.

Defending off the ball will be important during the run-in and the Pupils will look to improve upon an early goal lost within two minutes of the start - a speculative ball to back post presenting a free header to

the incoming forward.

The visitors were level within minutes when a surging run and cross from Paul Grumoli found John McCallum, who slotted ball home at the near post.

A dour first half saw the teams finish level at 1-1, but there were better things to come from the promotion chasing visitors.

Outpacing

The Pupils stormed into the lead within minutes of the restart, John McCallum outpacing the home defence to steer the ball beyond the keeper.

The willingness of McCallum to go beyond the last defender became a feature of the second half, and when Gary Grumoli slotted the ball across the face of goal, McCallum was there to volley home from close range to complete his hat trick.

Midway through the second period, a long clearance from C Lam-

ont was controlled instantly by Ryan Gilchrist and his early ball to Gary Grumoli was dispatched in clinical fashion to give the visitors a three goal cushion.

Clydebank were now at sixes and sevens, and again the pace of McCallum proved crucial. Breaking through a square back four, he sent Gary Grumoli clear to finish in style past a now demoralised goalkeeper.

It wasn't all plain sailing and after a less than satisfactory start, a fine game from sweeper G Grant kept the back door shut and allowed his team-mates to grab most of the glory.

More of the same is required and the Pupils must remember that a team is only as good as its next game.

That message will no doubt be ringing in their ears when they face Carlton YMCA in Paisley tomorrow.



WIN £500 JACKPOT

All you have to do

We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright.

To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact

centre of the ball.

Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown,

Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday.

You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners who each receive £25 are: M MacPherson, Ralston Road, Campbeltown and H Fairbairn, The Walk, Campbeltown



Poor showing from Carradale as they lose Wilson Cup tie

Wilson Cup
Carradale 2

Clydebank Rovers 4
CARRADALE crashed out of the Wilson Cup to Clydebank Rovers on Saturday after a poor first half showing left them three goals down.

Playing at the all weather pitch in Campbeltown, Carradale had hoped to put on a strong performance

against the visitors, but left themselves with a near impossible task after a horror first 45 minutes.

Much livlier

However, the hosts looked much livelier after the restart and were within grasp of rescuing the tie with Daniel Campbell and Darren Anderson netting to bring the score back to 3-2.

The home side created

numerous more chances but were unable to convert. Then, in the 89th minute, with Carradale flooding forward, Clydebank broke away and put the tie beyond doubt by scoring in the last minute.

Carradale head to play Brucehill in the CDL Cup this weekend and will be hoping to improve on what was a disappointing performance in the Wilson Cup.

Left: Campbell Ramsay skips past a Clydebank Rovers player during Saturday's disappointing performance. 20_c10carradalefc02

Training schedule for Mull of Kintyre half marathon and 10k

WITH the eighth annual Mull of Kintyre (MOK) Half Marathon and 10k just over two months away, runners will be turning their mind to training.

The Courier has teamed up with the MOK run committee to bring you a full training schedule to prepare you for the event, whether you're taking part in the 10k or the half marathon.

Designed for both the beginner and intermediate runners, the programmes will help you prepare in the best possible style for your chosen distance, getting you there in good time.

Taking place on May 26, some 800 runners are set to take part in what has become one of the biggest annual events on the peninsula.

Each week, we'll print a schedule of training sessions to get you ready for the race, tailor specifically to which race you're running.

You should get a physical exam and consult with your doctor before beginning any exercise program.

Remember, do not exercise if you have any physical problems that might influence your ability to become more active. Stop exercising and call your doctor if you feel dizzy, nauseous, short of breath, or if you feel pain in your chest.

Beginners' 10k training schedule

This is a 10K training program that will prepare you to run a 10K in 60 minutes or less.

Whatever your level of fitness you should comfortably be able to build from nothing to running continuously for 30 minutes in the space of 12 weeks. All you need to do is make a commitment to run at least three times a week and follow this simple run-walk programme which will gradually ease you towards the goal.

A few things to bear in mind:

- Allow at least a day between runs when you begin.

- If in doubt, slow down. You should be able to hold a conversation while you run. Respecting your body is the best route to progression.

- Walk purposefully, and be strict with your run/walk timings.

- Don't be afraid to repeat a week, or drop back a week. Everyone's different.

- Take heart - you will get there!

This week should consist of three equal sessions.

Start with five minutes of walking, then spend ten minutes running for 30 seconds then walking for 30 seconds. Spend the next five minutes walking.

Repeat twice more over the week.

Beginners' half-marathon training schedule

This is a 12-week half-marathon training program that designed to prepare you to finish a half marathon race.

This program will prepare you finish a half marathon and run the entire distance. It is not intended to train you to run a fast race or to improve your speed.

You should be able to run comfortably for three miles before starting this program.

If you have some experience running, but cannot run three miles, gradually build up to that level with a period of base building, composed of easy running, before starting this program.

Sessions will be broken up over the course of the week.

Week 1.

Sunday: Six miles long run.

Monday: Rest

Tuesday: Three miles hard run.

Wednesday: Rest.

Thursday: Three miles quality run.

Friday: Rest.

Saturday: Three miles easy run.



£1,400 raised for Fishermen's Mission

A WELL attended pool competition at Carradale's Cruban Bar has helped raise nearly £1,400 for the Fishermen's Mission.

The Dugald John Memorial Pool competition attracted a hefty entry list and high spirits ensured an enjoyable evening of competition.

The overall winner on the night was Scott Ferguson, with Iain Dunlop finishing runner up.

Runner-up

Iain Dunlop is pictured receiving his runner-up prize from Charles McMillan and Dugald John's Mum, Jean Campbell.

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Crowning glory for Dookers as they march into Coronation Cup semis

Coronation Cup - quarter final

Tarbert 1

Easthall Star 1

(Tarbert won 4-3 on penalties)

A HEROIC comeback from Tarbert AFC saw them to progress into the semi finals of the Coronation Cup in what was a thrilling encounter at Cil Andreis at the weekend.

The hosts were not enjoying the best league form going into the tie and player manager James Prentice urged his players to turn their season around with a good performance against the League 1A leaders and fight for the trophy the club last won in 2008.

While the visitors took the lead in the tie, the Dookers were not to be denied – with goalkeeper John Martin the hero as he stopped two penalties in a shoot out to secure progress.

The home side started the better and put a well-marshalled Easthall defence under early pressure but without reward.

Player manager Prentice went close twice after some good play between McDougall and McCormick, but his shots went narrowly wide.

Easthall Star themselves forced several corners, but the Tarbert defence of Johnstone, Martin, Smyth and Meechan coped well with the industry of the forward line throughout the first half.

Great tackle

The first chance of the second half fell to Easthall, when White looked certain to score from a cross from the right. However, James Smyth appeared from nowhere to block with a great tackle.

This spurred the Dookers on and some terrific wing play from Nikki McDougall found Prentice in the box, but he couldn't finish.

Ronald's long throw-ins caused chaos in the Easthall defence, but on each occasion the visitors managed to get the ball clear.

Jamie Stuart was having a frustrating afternoon but he battled on and hit an unbelievable shot from a tight angle which was tipped over the bar by the keeper when it was bound for the top corner.

The home side had to make a change with 20 minutes to go when a groin in-



Tarbert AFC's goal hero Lewis McNaughton, right, battles for possession during Saturday's thrilling Coronation Cup tie against Easthall Star.

jury forced Meechan from the field, to be replaced by McCaffery.

With the game becoming more stretched, the away side took the lead with just eight minutes left. A partially cleared corner was volleyed into the roof of the net from 16 yards. Wild celebrations followed from the visitors who thought they had won the tie.

The Dookers did not lie down though and levelled within three minutes after another dangerous Ronald throw-in found its way to the back post, where young Lewis McNaughton reacted quickest to score.

McCormick's through ball put Prentice in on goal in the dying seconds but he was unable to convert.

Cheering

The tie went straight to penalties, held at the 'Big Valley' end, with the large local support cheering their favourites.

Easthall went first but Martin saved two penalties, leaving Prentice to fire home the decider into the bottom left hand corner, sparking wild celebrations.

Tarbert return to league duty on Saturday when they travel to play Millbeg.



Tommy wins £900 in Dunaverly Golf Club lottery

A JACKPOT prize of £900 went to Tommy McGrory of Campbeltown after he won the Dunaverly Golf Club lottery.

Tommy had luck on his side as he picked 3, 13 and 20 to scoop the top prize. The next draw will be on Sunday, March 17, when the prize fund returns to £100.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, the Commercial Inn and Muneroy Stores. 20_c10lottery01

SAFL results and upcoming fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur Cup 7th round - Colville Park 2 Oban Saints 2; Coronation Cup quarter final - Tarbert 1 Easthall Star 1. Tarbert won 4-3 on penalties. Premier Division 2 - Clydebank 1 Campbeltown Pupils 5; Division 1B - Goldenhill 7 Lochgilphead Red Star 2.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup 7th round replay Oban Saints v Colville Park; Premier Division 2 - Carlton YM v Campbeltown Pupils; Division 1A - Millbeg v Tarbert; Division 1B - Whitehill FP v Lochgilphead Red Star

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