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Green light for projects

CAMPBELTOWN is set to benefit from an injection of more than £1 million towards key town centre projects.

Argyll and Bute Council agreed to release funds for the next phase of Kinloch Road Regeneration Project, including improvements to the new housing in the former Park Square site, and the long awaited all weather pitch (AWP).

The AWP, proposed for Kinloch Green, will benefit from £480,000, which will represent match funding, sitting alongside the council's £380,000 application to sportsotland.

The application will need to be successful in order for the project to progress and a decision will be announced later this month.

It was also agreed to release £800,000 to Argyll Community Housing Association for the next phase of its Park Square housing development.

It was good news too for the public realm element of the Kinloch Road Regeneration project.

This will allow the next phase of the project to progress.

Sea cadets' keepsake from HMS Campbeltown



DONNIE Cameron, of Campbeltown Sea Cadets, was presented with an ensign, something to remember the town's namesake ship by. Commanding Officer of *HMS Campbeltown*, Keri Harris, presented Donnie Cameron of *TS Campbeltown* Sea Cadets with the ensign after a service at Lorne and Lowland Church on Sunday; it was one that had been used by the ship at sea. For a full round up of photographs for *HMS Campbeltown's* farewell to the town see pages 12 and 13.

£9million boost for tourism plans

by **RUTH McCLEAN**

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A £9 MILLION tourism development on the Kintyre peninsula will see the restoration of a town centre hotel in Campbeltown and the go ahead of the Machrihanish Dunes scheme. Highlands and Islands

Enterprise (HIE) is ploughing in £2.2 million to support the restoration of the Royal Hotel, in Campbeltown and The Ugadale Hotel at Machrihanish, by the Kintyre Development Company (KDC).

KDC is a subsidiary of Southworth International Holdings Ltd, a US based international golf and leisure developer which currently owns the new Machrihanish Dunes golf course and the Ugadale Golf Cottages.

The restoration of these two hotels will

result in the creation of more than 50 jobs.

The HIE board was in Machrihanish and Campbeltown on Thursday to meet a range of businesses delivering key projects for the area.

HIE chairman, William Roe, said: 'The Kintyre peninsula has a

long history as a leisure and golfing centre.

'This significant investment from HIE demonstrates our ambition for the area and our desire to see a vibrant community and economy attracting visitors from around the world.

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President John Bakes, Erin McSparran, Sheena McAllister and Jim Angus who presented the music prize on behalf of Phyllis Milne. 0_c11rot01

Sheena is citizen of year

CAMPBELTOWN'S Citizen of the Year and Most Promising Young Musician awards had a nautical feel.

As well as the usual guests, President John Bakes, of Campbeltown Rotary, welcomed to the Argyll Hotel a large company of Rotarians, partners plus two officers from *HMS Campbeltown*, Lt Commander Rob Welford, and Warrant Officer Nick Kershaw, as well as Nick Beattie, whose father was in command of the original *HMS Campbeltown* during the daring raid at St Nazaire during the Second World War.

After an excellent meal, the president invited Lt Commander Welford to say a few words. The officer expressed his pleasure at being present on an important evening for the Rotary club and gratitude for the warmth of the welcome extended to everyone connected with *HMS Campbeltown*.

Rotarian Chris Mordy then read the citation for the citizen of the year for Sheena McAllister.

Sheena is well known to all who visit Campbeltown Heritage Centre and has been since the centre first opened.

In her thanks, Sheena said the honour was for the Heritage Centre as much as for herself.

Chris then read the citation for the most promising young musician. Phyllis Milne gave the Norman and Phyllis Milne award in memory of her late husband. Erin McSparran received an engraved cup and a cheque for £200. Her main instruments are cornet and trumpet, but she also studies piano and xylophone.

After receiving her award, Erin gave a performance, accompanied on keyboard by Chris Ashall.

Tourists 'encouraged to stay for longer'

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'Southworth's commitment and investment is having a major impact on the future opportunities for our communities. The restoration of these magnificent hotels will complement the renowned golf courses in this community and encourage visitors to stay longer to enjoy the benefits the wider area offers.'

The project itself will redevelop The Ugadale Hotel, which overlooks the famous Old Tom

Morris Machrihanish Golf Club and is minutes away from the Machrihanish Dunes Golf Course. Both courses have been featured in the list of Top 100 Scottish and World courses. The hotel will comprise 23 rooms, a day spa and a beautiful restaurant and bar.

The Royal Hotel, located in the centre of Campbeltown, will be reconfigured and refurbished to provide 23 rooms, all en suite, a pub and a high quality full service restaurant.

FISH Argyll landmark

FISH Argyll, which provides welfare rights assistance to tenants, has reached another milestone - £1million of unclaimed benefits has

been brought in for people from all over Argyll and Bute, and has meant more than 800 tenants have now been helped to claim cash.

New talks on sale of Machrihanish base

by JOANNE SIMMS
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QUESTIONS have been asked in the House of Commons about the water and sewerage problems facing residents in the Sound of Kintyre

Alan Reid MP for Argyll and Bute asked about the future of the former RAF Machrihanish base on Monday.

Mr Reid told Andrew Robathan MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence: 'The main problem is the age and condition of the water supply system.'

'I hope that the MOD will continue to work with the Scottish Gov-

ernment, the local council and the Machrihanish airbase community company to ensure that it will be viable for the community company to buy the base and use the facilities to regenerate the local economy. This is an ideal big society project.'

Mr Robathan replied: 'For more than two years, the MOD has been trying to dispose of this site, and the sooner we can do so the better for all concerned.'

Agreeing to meet with Mr Reid to discuss the problem, he added: 'The disposal of RAF Machri-

hanish was announced in October 2008, and it will be sold as soon as possible.'

Committed

'We are currently committed to working with the local community body to achieve a sale under Scottish community right to buy legislation.'

'A final decision from the Scottish Executive on whether the community can proceed is awaited.'

Mr Reid said afterwards: 'I welcome the Minister's agreement to meet me to discuss the future of the Machrihanish base.'

'I will try to persuade him that it is in every-

body's interests for the Ministry of Defence to upgrade the water and sewage infrastructure at the base before selling it to MACC.'

The Sound of Kintyre is made up of the renovated family accommodation from the base; people living there have had nightmare with loss of water supply in bad weather and legal wrangles over their water utilities.

Andrew Hemmings who chairs the Sound of Kintyre Residents Association told *The Courier*: 'I'm really pleased Mr Reid is taking this seriously and taking things forward; things seem to be moving at last.'

'Speak out over roads'

START complaining! That's the advice from an Argyll and Bute councillor to Campbeltown Community Council about the roads in the town and throughout Kintyre.

Members were discussing the state of the roads at their March meeting.

Councillor John Semple told the meeting that as the Provost of Argyll and Bute, Councillor William Petrie had just visited Kintyre for the *HMS Campbeltown* celebrations and now had seen first hand the problems.

'A letter to the Provost would do absolutely no harm,' he said and he added that people should be specific in their complaints, citing where the damage and potholes were rather than just a section of road.

Dog owner pays penalty

A DOG owner has been caught letting their pet foul on Kinloch Green by a council officer.

The dog owner did not clean up afterwards and now finds they've got a £40 fixed penalty fine to pay.

'Street scene officers are being vigilant; we have had a number of people complaining about the state of the area, and we are on patrol,' said a spokesman for the Argyll and Bute council street scene officers.

Anger as cash for Old Quay work is cut

ARGYLL First Councillor Donald Kelly fought his corner for Campbeltown Old Quay at last week's meeting of Argyll and Bute Council when the capital budget was decided.

He wanted to know why the money for the refurbishment of Campbeltown Old Quay - to include the repair of the fish quay - had been cut so severely, given the importance of the quay to the Campbeltown fishing community and other harbour users like the lifeboat.

Councillor Kelly said:

'Given the significance of the Old Quay to Campbeltown, I felt it important to establish why the proposed capital sum allocated to this project has been cut from a previously budget paper from £1.9M to £800,000.'

'The response from the director and his reassurance that this project will move to a full business case has given me some comfort in the short term.'

'But I would stress that this work requires to be carried out as a matter of urgency.'



Donald Kelly and Jamie McGrigor MSP who has given his support to the harbour project.

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Police Files

Warning:

ROOF climbing appears to be becoming a bit of a craze in Campbeltown and police officers fear that a young person could get hurt badly if these dares continue.

The Courier has previously carried police reports of youngsters climbing up onto roofs at Highland Parish Church and Castlehill Primary School.

This week Campbeltown Police Office has received more reports of youngsters on roofs; they have usually run away by the time police officers get there.

Once again the police emphasise that parents must, for their children's safety, stop this from happening.

Extra patrols are taking place and community officers will be visiting schools.

Slow down:

SLOW down in the town, is the message from police at Campbeltown this week after eight drivers were issued with fixed penalty tickets for being over the speed limit.

Vandalised:

A SOLAR powered garden light was taken from a garden in Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown, last week and vandalised; it was found smashed up near by.

Charged:

AFTER a domestic incident at a house in Campbeltown on Sunday a man has been charged with an alleged breach of the peace.

Disorder:

POLICE in Campbeltown report that three people were arrested for minor acts of disorder in the town centre over the weekend.



Fond farewell: Tony Lambert and Ian Fawcett with fellow members of the Streetscene team, in Linda's garden at the Burnett Building, Campbeltown. 0_c11ret01

Scene will never be the same again!

Trio will be a hard act to follow, says chairman

by JOANNE SIMMS

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THE Streetscene department at Argyll and Bute Council is losing three of its stalwarts in Kintyre who are due to retire soon.

Tony Lambert, Streetscene area manager for Kintyre, Ian Fawcett the assistant Streetscene manager for Argyll and Brian Sharp from the

Streetscene team are all saying farewell; all three are from Campbeltown.

The team is responsible for street cleaning, gardens, park areas and cemeteries as well as collecting the rubbish; Ian is also a director of Kintyre Recycling.

All three have long service records dating

back to Strathclyde and Argyll and Bute District Council days.

Councillor Donnie Macmillan, who chairs the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands Area Committee said: 'I have been associated with these fellows for a long time now I am very impressed with their professional approach.

'They have held this council in good stead for

many years. They are first class tradesmen and they will be a hard act to follow; I wish them all a happy retirement.'

All three report that it won't be a restful retirement to begin with, as they have lists of projects at home to do.

Tony is well known for his orchids and as Brian said: 'I've been trying to paint the garage doors for the last 20 years!'

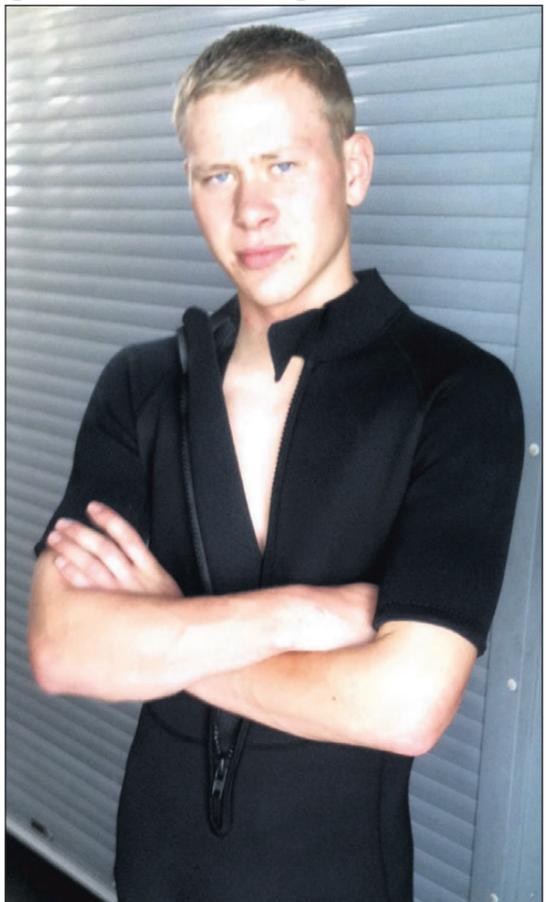
Diver's dangerous assignment

A DIVER from Campbeltown, who is on his first tour with the Royal Navy, is currently in the gulf clearing mines.

Robert Scally is on board HMS Grimsby and is half way through his nine-month tour serving between Bahrain, Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

Robert, aged 20, is the nephew of harbour master Stephen Scally, and is son of Robert Scally, brother of Elisabeth and Luke Scally and grandson of Robert and Betty Scally.

He is due to spend his 21st birthday in July serving on HMS Grimsby as he is expected back in August this year. He was deployed on November 2010 and harbour master Scally told The Courier when a mine is found Robert is sent down to set a charge and explode the



Tobacco clampdown

A PROJECT to help tackle underage smoking is being run by Argyll and Bute Council's trading standards team.

Teenagers aged between 14 and 16 are working with the council by attempting to buy tobacco from shops across the area.

A scheme which ran earlier in Campbeltown caused outrage among traders.

The scheme will see the number of sales, refusals and ID requests are logged so that shops illegally selling to underage consumers can be identified.

Shops which fail in the tests can face a maximum fine of £5,000.

Worker dies after cable laying tragedy

A MAN working as part of the team laying an electricity cable off Islay has died after being caught in the anchor chain of the ship he was aboard.

The man, who is of Polish origin and in his 40s, was working aboard the Forth Guardsman off Brodale Island in the Sound of Islay when the incident happened.

The ship owner, Fife-based Briggs Marine, has suspended its work to re-lay the cable while an investigation into the incident takes place.

The crew had finished for the day and the man was picking up a pre-laid mooring at around 7.30pm. It is believed he was then hit by the anchor cable and thrown into the water.

The crew of the vessel managed to get him out of the water within 10 minutes and into a rigid inflatable boat. The Islay lifeboat was called out to assist.

The man was then taken by helicopter to Crosshouse Hospital but died from his injuries just after 9pm.

Police confiscate TVs and music equipment

POLICE who were called out to deal with a noisy neighbour complaint ended up hauling away half a dozen televisions from a flat on Main Street, Campbeltown.

They also took away other music equipment.

The incident took place on Saturday evening.

A police spokesman

said: 'We took away and seized a quantity of TVs and other sound producing equipment after a complaint from neighbours.' The householder can reclaim the property from the police station in Campbeltown within 28 days and has been issued with a £40 fixed penalty for anti-social behaviour.

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Housing cash boost for Gigha

ISLANDERS have been given a cash boost to improve the standard of housing.

The Isle of Gigha Community Trust have been given funding to provide two grants of up-to £60,000 per dwelling, from Argyll and Bute Council's strategic Housing Fund.

Donald MacVicar, head of community and culture, told a meeting of the council's executive committee: 'This is an enhanced grant for properties on Gigha.'

'Gigha is showing a remarkable improvement, the population has increased by 50 per cent but some of the properties on the island are pretty close to dilapidated. Because the island is in trust ownership there is no way they can access any more money to improve the properties.'

Councillor Robin Currie added: 'The rise in population has been possible because of improvement of accommodation on the island. A partnership was formed to work on the island and provides local worthwhile employment.'

'When you can see the big gaps in windows and rats in kitchen cupboards there is no doubt you would want to accelerate this programme.'

Councillor Duncan MacIntyre added: 'There is an issue with property standards in the whole of Argyll and Bute and we need to reflect this good practice in other areas.'

Energy workshops

PRIMARY School teachers across the area will take part in renewable energy workshops funded by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE).

About 100 teachers are expected to take part to raise awareness and understanding of renewable energy, passing on their knowledge to P6 and P7. It is one of many projects managed by HIE's Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths initiative.

Eyecatching designs bag top prizes

KEY historic buildings in Campbeltown were the topic of a competition for school children in Kintyre.

The pupils from primary schools in the area were invited to take part and draw the buildings that could then be printed on to shopper bags.

The competition was organised by the Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) and pupils from Castlehill and Dalintober Primary Schools were shown a selection of photographs of local buildings to give them inspiration.

More than 70 children took part in the workshops and six designs were selected for printing on Fair Trade Cotton Shopper Bags.

The bags are avail-



The successful pupils from Castlehill and Dalintober with their winning designs.

able to purchase now in selected local shops, aiming to reduce the amount of plastic bags used in the town.

Images

The winning images were designed by Kaelan Ramsay and Kirsten

Soutar from Castlehill Primary School and Iona McDougall, Eilidh Anderson, Nicole Thomson and Amy McGougan from Dalintober Primary.

The funds raised from the sale of the bags will

go to the Campbeltown Christmas Lights Fund.

The Campbeltown THI is funded by Argyll and Bute Council, The Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Scotland and Argyll and the Islands LEADER.

No funding and no operator for ferry

THE chance of a three-way vehicle ferry service between Campbeltown, Ballycastle and Ayrshire has been sunk.

A passenger only service is being run by Kintyre Express starting this summer but a potential operator stood down from talks for a vehicle ferry, citing the current financial climate.

Argyll and Bute Council leader Dick Walsh expressed his 'extreme disappoint-

ment' at a council meeting that a ferry service is now unlikely in the foreseeable future due to the lack of an interested operator and no funding being available. He said this was despite promises by the Scottish Government that funding would be available.

Councillor John Semple said: 'This is a missed opportunity for opening up links on the west coast.'

'It is a great shame

that there was an investor interested but he walked away when the financial crisis hit. They couldn't take a risk.'

The Scottish Government claims that with Westminster imposed spending cuts, ferries budget priorities continue to be existing contracts, including Caledonian MacBrayne and NorthLink along with the vessel and harbour projects to which it is already committed.

Keith Brown, Trans-

port Minister, said: 'The Scottish Government remains supportive of a ferry service between Campbeltown and Ballycastle and we are pleased to note the new service to be run by Kintyre Express.'

'I recognise the benefits that this will bring to the people across Scotland and Northern Ireland and wish the company every success for the future when the service begins next summer.'

Fairtrade fortnight draws to a close in Kintyre

FAIRTRADE Fortnight has come to a close and the Kintyre steering group thanked everyone who took part in events or tried out the range of products available at the supermarkets and smaller independent shops.

Some events included Tommy Millar and Deirdre Henderson, of the steering group, offering free Fairtrade food samples in the foyer of the Co-op in Campbeltown twice last week.

Pupils at Campbeltown Grammar School made Fairtrade cotton 'bunting' that has been sent off to Fairtrade in London as part



Put out more flags: the kids from CGS did their bit to get Fairtrade cotton bunting into the Guinness Book of Records.

of a Guinness Book of Records attempt for the longest bunting.

The cotton material came from India. The pupils also made Fairtrade cotton shopping bags, designed and

finished by pupils in home economics and art classes. Whilst Fairtrade Fortnight is now over, Lorne and Lowland Church is about to take up the Just Trading Scotland Challenge of

selling 90kg of rice.

This is the equivalent of the amount needed to be sold by a farmer in Malawi in order to pay for a year's basic secondary education for one child.

Council agrees cash for repairs to roads

ROADS, roads and more roads were the order of the day at Argyll and Bute Council's full council meeting to discuss capital projects.

Improving the road network is one of the council's top priorities, with £15.6 million being spent over the next three years on improvements and upgrading.

Some £7 million will be spent in 2011-12, with an additional £4.8 million and £3.8 million in the second and third years.

And the future's bright for street lighting, with £600,000 set aside for new LED lighting, which is more powerful, longer lasting and lower energy.

Leader of the council, Councillor Dick Walsh, said: 'Despite making cuts in some areas we have to continue investing in roads, buildings and other structures.'

'We need to make sure we spend our budget

wisely concentrate on keeping our remaining buildings, schools, roads and libraries in the best possible condition we can.'

Other approved spending included £16 million to be spent improving and maintain school buildings. This includes rewiring, window replacement and re-roofing to improve the condition of these buildings.

Nearly £7m will be spent on community facilities and private sector housing support. There will be money spent to upgrade community education centres in Lochgilphead, Bute, Kintyre and Dunoon.

And the council agreed to continue with capital investment, which is already underway. Waterfront improvements in Campbeltown, Helensburgh, Oban, Rothesay and Dunoon will continue under the CHORD project.

Teachers to vote on possible strike action

TEACHERS in Argyll and Bute are to be balloted on strike action.

Changes to terms and conditions being introduced throughout Scotland would see a reduction in non-contact time, sick pay and guaranteed pay for promoted posts.

Teachers Union, Education Institute for Scotland (EIS), has said it rejects any change and is encouraging teachers to take action.

The EIS said negotiations with the Scottish government and Argyll and Bute Council

through the local authority body Convention on Scottish Local Authority (CoSLA) have 'come to an end.'

The changes to teachers' terms include a two-year pay freeze but it was other proposals, which caused the talks to break down.

The union objected to a cut in sick pay and lower pay for those who stayed on promoted salaries when their posts were abolished.

The EIS will ballot its members on the proposals during March.

Pledge to protect cut-price bus fare scheme

BUS pass use has 'peaked', a meeting of Argyll and Bute Council heard.

Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, spokesman for transport and infrastructure, said: 'People are not travelling as much on buses.'

The Scottish Government has said it plans to protect the bus pass.

Jim Mather, MSP, said: 'The consistent message that I get from my constituents is that the Con-

cessionary Fare Scheme is a lifeline for many and I am pleased to be able to confirm that the SNP pledge to protect it.'

'We are committed to retention and expansion of the Concessionary Bus Travel Scheme and wishes to protect Scotland's progress in creating a society that looks after our pensioners, our vulnerable citizens and our disabled veterans,' he said.

Why no new surface for A83?

WHY is Argyll and Bute Council laying a nice new surface in the car park at Ardrishaig and not spending the money on the A83 south of Kennacraig?

Campbeltown Community Council wants to know.

In the whole of Kintyre there are no trunk roads and the road network is maintained by Argyll and Bute Council.

With the surface of the A83 in very bad condition in places with numerous potholes the council members were angry to see that money was being lavished on a council car park in Ardrishaig.

Councillor John Semple, who was the Argyll and Bute councillor attending the meeting said he would inquire further.

'People travel at 10mph in the car park and 60mph on the A83, it does seem strange.'

Busy few days for harbour

THIS weekend will see nearly 3,000 tonnes of timber being exported from the Port of Campbeltown.

The Red Duchess and Fingal are due into the harbour over Saturday and Sunday to load the wood from Kintyre's forests.

A 30,000 tonne tanker is also due to arrive at the NATO jetty over the weekend to take fuel from the hill.

On Wednesday the Red Duchess will be arriving, followed by the Red Baroness to again export around 3,000 tonnes of timber from Kintyre.

The Hebridean Princess is due back to Campbeltown next Sunday.

Royal day off confirmed

ARGYLL and Bute Council has confirmed it is giving staff and pupils an extra day off for the Royal Wedding on April 29.

The decision was made at an executive meeting of the authority.

Joint venture set to secure Skykon factory future

Campbeltown breathes a 'huge sigh of relief'

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POLITICIANS of all colours have welcomed the 'preferred bidder' in place to buy the Skykon wind turbine tower factory at Machrihanish.

Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) and Marsh Wind Technology have formed a new joint venture company - Wind Towers Ltd - which will submit its proposals to acquire Skykon within weeks.

Liberal Democrat MP Alan Reid and the party's candidate for the seat at the Holyrood elections in May have welcomed the news.

Encouraged

Mr Reid said he was 'encouraged'.

'I hope that their bid will succeed and the new factory will soon be producing towers,' he said.

'I am, however, concerned by SSE's statement that not all the existing workers will be kept on. Less than two years ago, Mr Salmond promised us 450 new jobs in Kintyre. These jobs never came and now it looks as if Kintyre is going to lose more jobs. The Scottish Government must tell us what they are going to do to keep their 2009 promise of 450 new jobs.'

And Alison Hay, PSPC said: 'The axe which has been hanging over Campbeltown since last October may now be lifted.'

'Campbeltown needs as much assistance as it can get with jobs and this is good news for the workforce. But I'm a bit dismayed to read that there may be some redeployment and restructuring and I hope that all the workforce can be kept on.'

Hope

Jamie McGrigor, Scottish Conservative MSP for Highlands and Islands, said it was a 'huge relief'.

'I have visited the factory several times, including last year with Annabel Goldie and have been involved in the campaign to keep the factory alive.'

'This news will also come as relief to other companies in the area who rely on this plant for business. Let us hope now there is a solid future for the manufacture of wind tower turbines in Scotland, for both onshore and offshore developments. This Campbeltown yard is a flagship for an industry which should thrive and prosper as renewables remain such a policy priority.'



From left: First Minister Alex Salmond; Jim McPhillimy, managing director, group services, Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) Ltd; Michael Nielsen, Marsh Wind Technology Ltd; Michael Haggmann, CEO, Marsh Wind Technology Ltd; Jim Wilson, Investment Manager, SSE Venture Capital Ltd. Photograph: Donald MacLeod/Scottish Government.

Authority worked closely with the First Minister

AT Argyll and Bute Council, the leader, Dick Walsh said they had been working closely at local and national level to help save the factory.

The welcome news came, he said, just a few weeks after he and several senior officers met with First Minister Alex Salmond to discuss the future.

'We never had any doubt that the combination of the excellent manufacturing and assembly facilities and the skilled, committed workforce would ensure that the plant would be of interest to some of the biggest players on the renewable energy stage, and that has proved

to be the case,' he said.

'This has clearly been a very worrying time for Campbeltown and the wider Kintyre community.'

Councillor Donald Kelly, of Argyll First said: 'I hope this will be a new beginning for the workforce at the site and that this news will usher in a period of genuine stability which will boost the whole of the Kintyre economy.'

Councillor John Semple added: 'Alex Salmond has heard first-hand how good a workforce we have here and recognises, I'm sure, the enormous asset that workforce will be in meeting our Government's renewable energy targets.'



The Secretary of state for Scotland the Rt Hon Michael Moore MP, second left, visited Skykon with Alan Reid MP for Argyll and Bute, left, for talks the the Skykon managing director David Steele and Andrew Davidson, Ernst & Young, far right. 04_c08sky01

'Unemployment remains a problem'

MICK Rice Scottish Labour's prospective candidate for Argyll and Bute, met Andy Kerr MSP, Scottish Labour's Shadow Secretary for Finance, to discuss the South Kintyre economy and Skykon.

Mr Kerr said he was aware of the problems of the area and said that an incoming Scottish Labour Government would give it high priority in order to improve the appalling unemployment in Campbeltown - even with Skykon working, there are 13 unemployed people are chasing every job vacancy.

Mr Rice said Campbeltown's remoteness was clearly a turn-off for businesses wishing to relocate to the area and an inhibiting factor in the growth of local traders.

He said they also agreed that a ferry link to the Ayrshire coast would establishing a new, viable, tourist route into the Highlands.

Friends hope to staff museum

THE Friends of Campbeltown Museum are hoping to staff the complex on Saturday mornings this year during July and August from 11am till 3pm.

Unfortunately, the museum was closed last summer for roof repairs. It is now open again. This year the group proposes to have a membership drive with a view to fundraising to buy equipment such as display cases for the exhibits.

The museum's professional staff is led by Dr Sharon Webb who has been very busy cataloguing. Anyone who is interested in assisting on a voluntary basis in this work will be made very welcome. Knowledge of the use of a computer is essential.

The Friends are in the process of obtaining charitable status, which had unfortunately lapsed.

The next meeting of the committee is on Thursday, March 24, at 2pm in the Marriage Room of the Burnet Building.

Anyone who is interested in the Friends should call 01583 431321 or email archbiscuits@aol.com or r.rubin@tesco.net.

Row over 'time wasting'

AN OPPOSITION motion to delay the setting of the capital budget at Argyll and Bute Council was quashed last week by the administration as 'time wasting.'

Some members felt there was 'a lot of confusion' about the budget and with less than a week to study the budget papers without a seminar with officers they were unsure about voting it through.

Councillor Douglas Philand said: 'We just want a bit of time; many of us are just not quite sure what we are signing up to. We should delay it a few weeks to get a better understanding.'

Councillor Gary Mulvaney said: 'This is merely a time wasting motion by the opposition.'

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shelden



HAVING lived most of my life in the city, I have been used to 'the big screen' when it comes to going to the cinema.

There is a choice of about 20 films on 20 state of the art ginormous screens in each cinema. The foyer has an abundance of shops offering everything from a peanut to a pizza.

An escalator takes you to the lounge bar where a refreshment may be enjoyed while waiting for the big film.

Parking is always a nightmare and extra time has to be allowed to find somewhere safe to leave the car. In comparison, going to the cinema in Campbeltown is a joy! Parking could just not be easier and from then it just gets better.

If so desired, reservations can be made and a personalised hand-written name pinned to the appropriate seat guarantees your booking.

There is a great feeling of anticipation in the chatter of the crowd waiting outside when all the latest news is shared. Once inside there is a buzz of excitement as another highly acclaimed film comes to town.

No, we're not in the backwaters down here as the cinema provides us with all the latest movies almost as soon as the big cities. But the best is yet to come!

Instead of the amorphous gathering of disparate people in the city cinemas, in Campbeltown we meet all our friends and neighbours sitting all around us. It's like the family gathering round the TV as popcorn is passed round and news is shared.

In this day and age where we are often sold the concept that bigger is better, I remember the wise words of my granny who said that 'guid things come in wee bulk'.

How very true, and reminds me that faith need only be as big as a mustard seed to make a difference.

Down Memory Lane



Today most people know her for her work in the physiotherapy department at the Campbeltown Health Centre but here is Margaret McKiernan back in October 1979 with her Queen's Guide Award. She was presented with her award by her former Brown Owl, at a special meeting with fellow members of her Guide company (red ties) and Brownies from her former pack. The adults in the background are Margaret Turner, Division Commissioner, Mrs M MacIntyre, Brown Owl, and Mrs A Steven, District Commissioner. Margaret's parents were also present.

Support your marina

Sir,
After receiving many inquiries from constituents seeking clarity on the funding for the All Weather Pitch (AWP) I feel it is appropriate to give my opinion.

I'm delighted and would like to congratulate the Sports Council and All Weather Pitch Campaign Group for their unstinting commitment and determination, without which, this project may never have reached this stage.

I'm delighted to have been able to offer my full support to the project from the outset. The AWP will greatly benefit both present and future generations of local sportspeople and I look forward to seeing the first turf cut on Kinloch Green.

Whilst this is a very welcome development,

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as a local councillor I have a duty to question the 'powers that be' in Kilmory who, in order to achieve this, decided to take the required funding from the Campbeltown Marina element of the CHORD project as opposed to supporting the AWP through the council's Capital Programme as previously agreed; a point I argued vehemently in the Council Chambers.

Regardless of previous reports, it is my opinion that the Campbeltown Marina project has not been properly evaluated as to its viability; it is the most likely element of the CHORD project to bring economic benefit to Kintyre.

It is essential this project continues to be supported.

I believe an alternative option would be to reduce the proposed funding for the cosmetic and Public Realm work, which is earmarked for the Kinloch Road Regeneration Project, the cost of which, in my opinion, will be excessive. I raised this previously with Argyll and Bute Council's Director of Roads and Amenity Services.

The specifications proposed for this project are, in the current economic climate, extremely lavish and go far beyond what is required.

As a believer in practical projects, which de-

liver best value for the public purse, I feel a proportion of the Kinloch Road funding should be redirected to support the Campbeltown Marina development, thus ensuring ALL three elements of the CHORD project are successfully delivered.

Councillor Donald Kelly, Argyll First.

Memorable farewell

Sir,
On Monday morning our namesake ship *HMS Campbeltown* sailed out of the Loch for the last time. It seemed as if the whole town turned out to make it a memorable farewell and that

typified the whole visit where the community did what Campbeltown does best.

Commander Keri Harris and his ship's company were given a real Scottish welcome and were touched by their reception wherever they went in Campbeltown.

Thanks to those people who played key roles in the parade and visit would fill *The Campbeltown Courier* but please allow me to single out our wonderful pipe bands and brass band whose playing set the scene for a ceremony in Main Street which will live long in the memories of those who attended and those who saw it on Reporting Scotland, thanks to Jamie.

Gratitude to the rest, you know who you are, will not go unrecorded, suffice to say every single person who was asked to help agreed willingly and that made the organisation so much easier.

Finally, our thanks to all the people of Campbeltown who turned out on a cold and wet March evening to mark the farewell ceremony in Main Street.

**Nancie Smith
Campbeltown
Community Council**

Suez squaddies

Sir,
I am preparing a small book of photographs involving the Suez Crisis during November 1956.

If others would like to have their photos included to ensure that these images – ships, blockships, aircraft, general views, troops, paratroop drops, etc are not lost to posterity, would they care to loan them to me briefly for scanning and enhancing, together with appropriate information?

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Correction

A photograph featured in last week's *Campbeltown Courier* of *HMS Campbeltown* coming into dock was wrongly attributed, and should have said courtesy of Neil Brown.

Apologies for any confusion or embarrassment caused by this error.

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Islay

UNITED Auctions held their annual early Spring sale of all classes of cattle at Islay Auction Mart last Saturday when 578 head were sold.

Bullocks averaged 176pence per kilo or £659 per head whilst heifers averaged 171pence per kilo or £585 per head.

In keeping with current mainland trends these values reflect a decrease on last year's high levels. Bullocks sold to £940 for Limousin crosses from Kilchiaran and heifers sold to £915 for Charolais crosses from Eorrabus. Ardbeg led the prices per kilo when their Limousin heifers sold to 223pence and Aoradh led the bullock prices per kilo when their Charolais crosses sold to 213pence.

Breeding cattle from Knockrome sold to £900.

Islay United Auctions

Bullocks

Aberdeen AngusX: £710(5) Craigens £700(10) Aoradh £700(8) Craigens £690 Knockrome £660(8) & £650(8) Craigens £645 Ardfarnal £635(10) Craigens.

British Blue X: £915 Ardbeg £795(3) Starchmill £710 Ardbeg £680 Starchmill £660(2) Dunlossit Estate.

Charolais X: £840, £835(2) & £830(2) Aoradh £820(8) Brybruich £805(3) Aoradh £800(17) Eorrabus £760 & £755(7) Aoradh £700(2) Eorrabus £690(4) Aoradh £650(3) Eorrabus £635 & £620 Carrabus £615 & £600(2) Aoradh.

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Aoradh £605 Ballytarsin £600 Aoradh.

MontbeliardeX £775 Brybruich SimmentalX: £865 & £795 Kilchiaran.

Heifers Aberdeen AngusX

£555(2) Ardfarnal British Blue X: £690 Neriby £565 Ardbeg.

Charolais X: £915 Eorrabus £810(2) Aoradh £735(4) Brybruich £720(4) Eorrabus £695(5), £690(7), £675(3) & £630(8) Aoradh.

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Breeding cattle In-calf heifers £900 Knockrome

Prices per kilo **Bullocks**

Aberdeen Angus X: 186p(10) Aoradh 183p(2) Calumkill.

British Blue X: 201p Ardbeg 184p Starchmill(3) & Dunlossit Estate(2). Charolais X: 213p(4) Aoradh 210p(4) Calumkill 209p & 205p Carrabus 199p(3), 198p(9), 192p(2) & 190p(2) Aoradh.

LimousinX: 203p(7) Ardbeg 202p(9) Dunlossit Estate 200p(9) Aoradh 198p Ardbeg 194p (5) Carrabus 193p(9) & 192p(9) Aoradh 192p(7) Ardbeg 190p Starchmill.

SimmentalX: 210p(3) Calumkill.

Heifers British Blue X: 197p Ardbeg

Charolais X: 222p(2) Aoradh 204p(4) & 196p Calumkill 195p(3) & 190p(7) Aoradh.

LimousinX: 223p & 197p Ardbeg 195p Sarchmill 191p(3) - Ardbeg.

SimmentalX: 204p & 196p(4) Calumkill.

Oban

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd had forward 121 store cattle, 37 young bulls, breeding and OTM cattle, plus 738 sheep at Oban Livestock Centre.

Bullocks averaged 170p (+6p) and sold to 198p per kg for a 220kg Aberdeen Angus from Snishival, South Uist and £685 for a 440kg Simmental from Blargour, Dalmally.

Heifers averaged 163p (+2p) and sold to 171p per kg (twice) for a

360kg Charolais from Balliemeanach, Dalmally and Upper Largie and £615 for a 360kg Charolais from Balliemeanach, Dalmally.

Bulls averaged 144p and sold to 155p per kg for a 220kg Aberdeen Angus from Snishival, South Uist and £470 for a 340kg Simmental from Stroneskar, Lochgilthead.

Hoggs sold to £90 for Texels from Barguilean, Taynult, while feeding ewes sold to £126 for Suffolks from Tiraghoil, Isle of Mull.

Tups sold to £102 for a Suffolk from Achnacree-more, North Connel.

Bullocks: 0-250kgs-£460 Turnault, 198p Snishival; 251-300kgs-£580 Balliemeanach, 193p Balliemeanach; 301-350kgs-£615 Lurginish, 189p Upper Largie; 351-400kgs-£645 Balliemeanach, 175p Snishival;

401-450kgs-£685 Blarghour, 156p Blarghour.

Heifers: 0-250kgs-£385 Knockvoalogan, 157p Knockvoalogan; 251-300kgs-£460 Annat, 159p Upper Largie; 301-350kgs-£590 Upper Largie, 171p Upper Largie; 351-400kgs-£615 Balliemeanach, 171p Balliemeanach.

Sheep **Hoggs**

Cheviot: £82 Cailaich; Blackface: £78 Soroba; Suffolk: £88 Ardshel-lach;

Mule: £71 Creich; Continental £77 Achavaich; Texel £74 Keepers Park.

Ewes: Texel: £100 Inion; Mule: £80 Clonaig; Cheviot: £78 Shenavallie; Cross: £76 Lagganulva; Grey-face: £70 Strongorm.

Tups Suffolk £100 Creich; Texel: £80 Rhulios;; Cheviot £76 Dummore; Blackface: £56 Creich.

Stirling

UNITED Auctions sold 7,627 prime sheep in-



Left to right: Linda McLean, Duncan Macallister, Peter Beatie and Alan Boulton before Wednesday's meeting. 12_c11qms01

Glenbarr hosts monitor farm meeting

THE first in a series of five monitor farm meetings this year, was held at Glenbarr Farm on Wednesday.

Farmers from across the area gathered at the farm to hear from owner Duncan Macalister, as well

as Peter Beatie from Quality Meat Scotland (QMS). QMS announced Glenbarr Farm as its new monitor farm. The joint facilitators for the Argyll Monitor Farm are Linda McLean and Alan Boulton;

Funding is provided by QMS and the Scottish Government under the Skills Development Scheme with support from NFUS and the Argyll and Bute Agricultural Forum.

cluding 5,992 hoggs averaging 196p/kg (+7.5p) and 1635 ewes and rams at Stirling last Thursday when they also hosted the Cheviot prime hoggs show sponsored by the Cheviot Sheep Society and judged by R Lawson. Mr Lawson selected as his champion a 40kg lamb from Mr Braes, Burnshot which sold to £92, with a 40.2kg from Mr Fotheringham, Ballinloan which sold to £90 as reserve. Texel lambs from Newton Of Collessie and Suffolks from Old Mill sold to £130, with Cheviots from Guardswell to £109.50. Ewes sold to £136 for Suffolks from Oldmill and Texels from Connachan. Rams sold to £125 for a Texel from Glenehervie £125.

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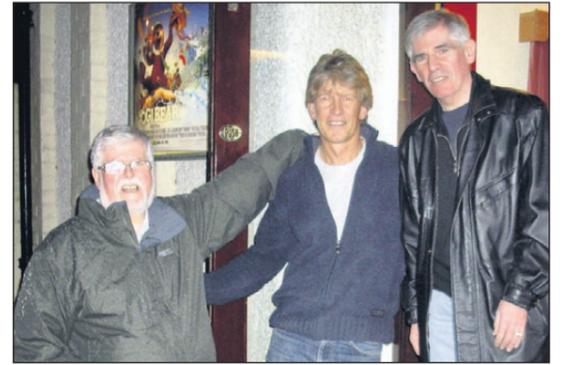
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Community Noticeboard



Ian White performs in front of 150 in Picture House

STUART McLean and Jim Raeside welcomed Ian White to Campbeltown last Friday as part of his 25th anniversary tour.

The Christian singer and songwriter performed to around 150 people in Campbeltown Picture House.

They heard him give witness about his Chris-

tian life through his music and songs and during the concert Ian had the audience singing and clapping along with him. A follow up Fellowship evening will be held in the Salvation Army Hall, tonight, (Friday) at 7.30pm for anyone wishing to know more about the Christian Faith.

Argyll and Bute Concert Tours welcome **THE SCOTTISH REED TRIO** Featuring "Dalriada" by Oliver Searle (World Première) Mid Argyll - Kilmory Council Chamber Saturday 19 March-7.30 (reservations only) Phone - 01546 886 384 Kintyre - Lorne + Lowland Church Hall Tuesday 22 March-7.30 (tickets at the door)

Clachan Indoor Car Boot Sale Saturday 26th March 2011 1pm - 3pm Refreshments Telephone 01880 740250 to book

Campbeltown Heritage Centre **PRIZE BINGO** in Argyll Bowling Club on Thursday 24th March Doors open 7pm Eyes down 8pm Books £5 including raffle.

The Kintyre Committee of the Red Cross invite volunteers past and present, and anyone wishing to join their fund raising team, to an afternoon tea in their newly refurbished hall in Kirk Street, on Monday 28th March from 2 - 4pm.

32nd Mid Argyll Music Festival Registered Charity SC032232 Saturday 19th March - Chanter and Piping Lochgilphead Joint Campus 10am Monday 21st - Friday 25th March 2011 Competitions daily in Ardrishaig Halls Admission to each session £1 Songs from the shows, Wednesday 7pm £2 Saturday 26th March Lochgilphead Joint Campus Choral and Instrumental Competitions from 9.30am Bands Competition 6.30pm Admission £5 Children £2

Table Top Sale & Coffee Morning Saturday 19th March 10am - 1pm Community Centre, Lochgilphead £5 per table Call Mary 01546 606358 (evenings) to book All proceeds to Fyne Families (EiFs, After School Club and Dunchigian Family Centre.

The Ecology and Conservation of Seabirds A talk by Professor Bob Furness of Glasgow University The Marriage room, Burnet Building, Campbeltown March 24th 7pm to 8pm Booking is not required for this FREE event More information is available www.kilmartin.org or call 01546 510278

Tarbert Music Centre **CONCERT** Thursday 24th March 7.30pm Tarbert Village Hall Adults £4.00 Concessions £3.00 Primary age children £2.00

Natural History of Antiquarian Society of Mid Argyll Friday 25th March 2011 **AUCHINDRAIN** latest developments and discoveries Bob Clark, Development Manager Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead 7.30pm

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Scottish Reed Trio visit Argyll

THE Scottish Reed Trio consisting of Catherine Earnshaw on oboe, Frances Pybus on clarinet and Heather Kent on bassoon, will be giving a concert in Kilmory tomorrow (Saturday) and Campbeltown on Tuesday.

Part of their programme will be the world première of a new work *Dalriada* by eminent Scottish composer, Dr Christopher Soames.

See Community Noticeboard for more information.

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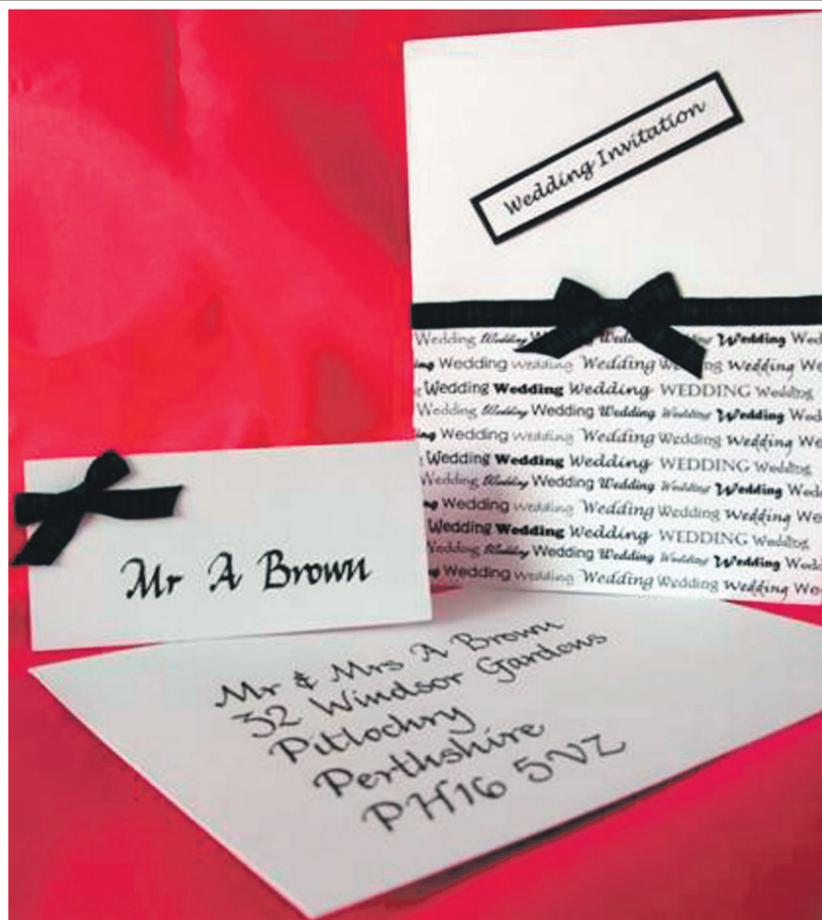
want to come here to get married so make sure you book your wedding venue and your reception early. So many hotels, castles, country houses and even the National Trust for Scotland are now all licensed to hold wedding ceremonies. Many people choose to hire a hall or village hall and bring in their own caterers or cater for themselves. Wedding marquees are growing in popularity for the summer. Today many companies hire out wedding marquees with wooden flooring, carpets, proper opening

doors and heating so that you could have a tented wedding reception almost any time of year in the UK. For families with land it can be an ideal solution. Marquees come with kitchen sections and there are companies offering luxury portable we hire. In short, the hotel comes to you. Many outside caterers include tables, chairs and linen, china, glass and cutlery hire as part of the package or you can source these from other hirers. This all helps keep your budget manageable.

When it comes to honeymoons people seem less prepared to do it themselves and turn to professionals like Tommy Millar Travel Counsellor. Tommy has a loyal following of customers in Kintyre and Mid Argyll. 'When it comes to honeymoons people prefer to

use a professional rather than do it themselves online,' he said. The most popular destinations with local people for their honeymoons are the Maldives, Mauritius, the west coast of the USA; California, Las Vegas and San Francisco. 'Most young couples have already holidayed abroad a lot and want something special for

their honeymoons,' he said. And just as people have wedding lists with department stores, Travel Counsellors offers a bridal registry where people can give money towards the cost of the couple's honeymoon. 'Many people have already set up home and have everything so this is a good idea for a present,' said Tommy.



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The Kilt Shop, Longrow

Monday, March 21 signals the opening of The Kilt Shop on Longrow, Campbeltown. This is the latest venture by Celtic Clothing of Stornoway, who have a well established reputation for quality and service. 'We've been busy making a brand new stock of both traditional and contemporary kilts as well as all the other bits and pieces that make up

a kilt outfit for any occasion. It's very exciting and there is a lot to prepare. Attention to detail is paramount.' So says Kathleen, master kiltmaker and co-owner. The Kilt shop is about so much more than just kilts. There is a wide range of wedding related gifts for not just the groom and best man, but also for the bridal party. There is so

much to plan and prepare for the big day so it is refreshing to find "a safe pair of hands". Over the last 15 years, Celtic Clothing's reputation throughout the Western Isles has become legendary. Kathleen says "Kilts these days are primarily worn on special occasions,

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Commander Keri Harris RN, left, Commanding Officer on board HMS Campbeltown, formally signed the visitors book at Campbeltown Town Hall, when he came ashore on Wednesday last week at the start of the visit. He was welcomed by chairman of Campbeltown Community Council, Jim Martin, left, and the Provost of Argyll and Bute Council, Councillor William Petrie OBE JP. For this occasion, Councillor Petrie wore the original Campbeltown chain of office. 0_c11hms02



The top table, left to right: convenor of Campbeltown Community Council Jim Society, Commander of HMS Campbeltown Keri Harris



AB Ross Petro is the only sailor from Argyll and Bute who is serving on HMS Campbeltown. AB Petro, aged 18, already has two years' service as he joined straight from Hermitage Academy, Helensburgh, at the age of 16 and has studied to be a warfare specialist working on radar, weapons systems and sonar. 0_c11hms01



Lord Lieutenant Kenneth MacKinnon inspects the ship's company. 12_c11hms15



A Sea King helicopter winches a dummy onto Campbeltown Lifeboat in a sea rescue. 12_c11hms03



Cathie Duncan of Campbeltown Community Council and Commander Keri Harris at Friday night's cocktail party. 0_c11hms25



Left to right: members of Campbeltown Community Council with Flora Grant and Marion MacKinnon from Ardsheil Hotel. 12_c11hms06

Crowds gather farewell to HMS

by RUTH McCLEAN
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PEOPLE gathered on Campbeltown's promenade to say farewell to its namesake ship as she fired an 11-gun salute to mark her visit.

HMS Campbeltown left the town for the last time on Monday morning in style as she carried out the salute with the ship's company lining its decks.

A six Verrey pistol salute from Dalintober Quay, a lone piper at Campbeltown's New Quay and locals eager to see her off packed the front of the town.

The type-22 frigate is due to be decommissioned in Plymouth on April 7 and ar-



Commanding officer Keri Harris with Jim Campbell of Lorne and Lowland Church and TS Campbeltown's Sea Cadets and a few of the ship's company who all attended the service in the church on Sunday. 12_c11hms22



Cathie Duncan and friends of Broom Cottage put on soup and rolls for a group of the ship's crew on Saturday and gave them small gifts including home-made tablet. 12_c11hms20



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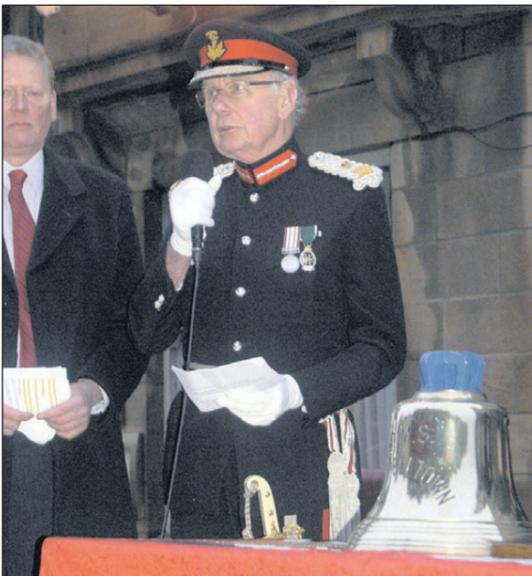
Jim Martin, Lord Lieutenant Kenneth MacKinnon, Nick Beattie of St Nazaire and Provost of Argyll and Bute William Petrie. 12_c11hms11



Commander Keri Harris of *HMS Campbeltown* presents the bell back to Campbeltown via Provost William Petrie. 12_c11hms17

to say a fond to Campbeltown

arrived in Campbeltown Loch last Wednesday, surrounded by a fleet of local boats. During her stay as well as a day at sea, locals were allowed on board to see the ship for the very last time. The ship's company went ashore to take in the best on offer in Campbeltown and as well as surfing the crew played golf and clay pigeon shooting. The parade last Wednesday evening saw the bell handed back to Campbeltown, Scotland, as locals turned out to show their support. The ship will head for St Nazaire, France, on March 25. She will leave St Nazaire from Devonport on March 31 for her decommissioning on April 7 when a group from Campbeltown will attend the ceremony.



Lord Lieutenant Kenneth MacKinnon announced his retirement during the ceremony for *HMS Campbeltown*. 12_c11hms18



Brothers Billy and Tommy Morran of the Royal British Legion led the parade from Castlehill to Campbeltown Town Hall. 12_c11hms12



HMS Campbeltown fires her 11-gun salute. 0_c11hms30



HMS Campbeltown's chaplain Alen McCulloch, right, with Mike Lind of the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown. Mr McCulloch took the service at the church on Sunday and said it was wonderful to be back in the highlands as he used to be the minister in Staffan, Isle of Skye. 12_c11hms21



Harbour master Stephen Scally hands over a £20 which commanding officer Keri Harris won after Campbeltown Lifeboat challenged *HMS Campbeltown* to a race. The type-22 frigate topped 30 knots, whereas the lifeboat managed 26 knots. 0_c11hms26



Aonghas Peden, aged nine, (left) and brother Matthew, 7, from Tarbert enjoyed their day at sea. 12_c11hms07



Campbeltown's Jamie Hardie tries out weaponry on *HMS Campbeltown*. 12_c11hms08

ISLAY AND JURA

Sub-sea electricity cable repair

A LARGE-scale operation to fully repair the sub-sea electricity cable between the islands of Jura and Islay was to begin this week.

Three ships, a dive vessel and two riggers with crew, and 25 Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) staff will undertake the work, which will take a total of four weeks to complete.

The sub-sea cable runs from the mainland to Jura and then to Islay and Colonsay, supplying all three islands with their mains power.

The link between Jura and Islay was damaged at the end of September last year and both Islay and Colonsay had been running off a back-up generator in Bowmore, Islay, before temporary repairs were carried out at the end of 2010.

A full repair to the cable was scheduled to begin on Monday (March 14) for two weeks. Workers will break for Easter on March 28 before a further two weeks of scheduled work.

There will be brief interruptions to the power

supply during the repair but SSE said islanders will be notified in advance of these.

A spokesman for SSE said work was initially due to commence at the end of February but the weather and tides were unsuitable to undertake the repair.

He added: 'We have two ships berthed in Port Askaig ready for the work and they will be joined by a third vessel.

'The power will still be on while this work is taking place, as the connection will be through a temporary cable. However, there will be short periods when the power is off. Anyone who will be affected will be notified well in advance.

'For the vast majority of the time people won't notice any difference at all.'

The spokesman also stressed that the timetable for repairs is subject to change, depending on weather and tides.

He said: 'We invest millions of pounds in our network every year but if there is a fault, especially sub-sea, there is a lot of effort to repair it.

'This is a big exercise but the main thing is we keep the lights on for our customers.'



The parents with their babies and toddlers in Glenbarr Primary School with kids' entertainer Lori Silven. 04_c10todd01

GLENBARR

Parent and toddler group up and running

A PARENT and toddler group is up and running in Glenbarr Primary School.

The club used to be run

by people in A'Chleit and Clachan areas, who have given all the toys and funds they had to the group.

The Wee Ones and Rascals group is up and running again and meet on a Monday at Glenbarr Primary School.

Anybody is free to

join the group and older members of the community have volunteered to come and help with the children.

The group meets from 2pm to 3.15pm at the school.

Right: Casey McArthur, aged two.

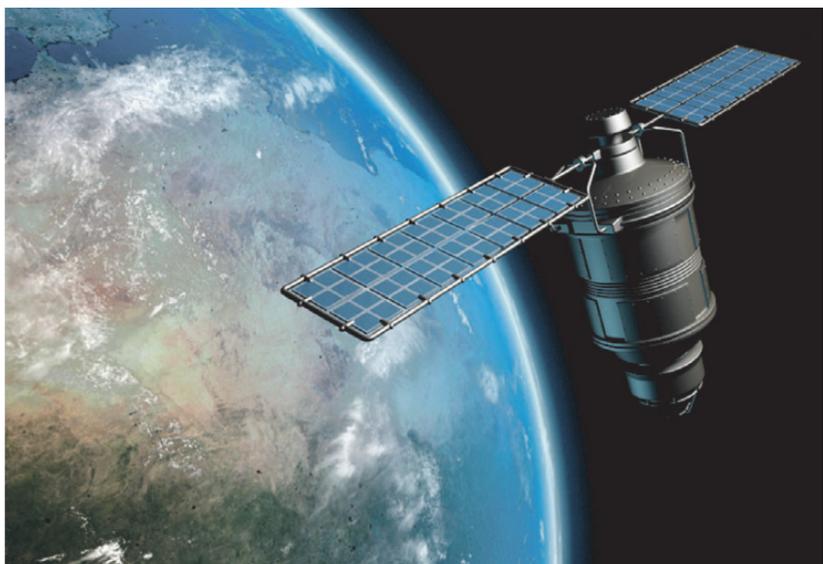
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STEWARTON



MEMBERS of the club that meets at Stewarton Village Hall every Wednesday, for a soup lunch and games of carpet bowls and cards afterwards. Club members are worried that threats to the British Red Cross minibus service might mean there will be no transport to get them to and from the club in the future. 04_c08stew01



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LARGIESIDE

Flower arranging at SWRI

THE February meeting of the Largieside SWRI was held in Tayinloan Village Hall on Thursday, February 17.

The speaker for the evening was Ann Clark, one of its members, who did a demonstration on flower arranging.

Ann made a variety of corsages and buttonholes using different methods and different flowers.

The different arrangements were suitable for both men and women. She then invited members of the Institute to try their hand at arranging their own flowers which resulted in a wide range of stunning corsages and buttonholes. The vote of thanks was given by Enid Williams.

The hostesses for the evening were Adrienne Bradley and Katie Pendreigh.

Competitions: Decorated Egg, Katie Pendreigh and Linda Hutchinson 5, Trish Johnstone and Adrienne Bradley 4. Easter flower arrangement, Linda Hutchinson 5, Adrienne Bradley and Helen Steel 4.

A thoroughly pleasant evening with members going home bearing the fruits of their labours.

JURA

Distillery visit

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

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

Cinema

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

The films come from a charitable organisa-

tion, Moviola, which takes care of the public performance licence for a reasonable fee and a percentage of ticket sales.

Equipment has also been borrowed from Islay.

CLACHAN

Rural bulb show

CLACHAN SWRI's annual rural bulb show takes place on Wednesday.

Children from Clachan Primary School entered this year, in the painted stones category.

The display of competitor's work took place in Clachan Village Hall on Wednesday March 16 with ladies from Largieside and Whitehouse SWRI joining Clachan for the event.

WHITEHOUSE

Visit to Uganda talk

PAULINE Simpson, Clachan gave a very interesting talk and slide show about her recent visit to Uganda during Whitehouse SWRI's recent meeting.

Competitions: Brooch, 1 Christine Dickson, 2 Margaret Pratt, 3 Mary Elder.

Flower arrangement in an eggcup, Annette McLulich, 2 Christine Dickson, 3 Margaret Pratt.

Hostesses: Annette McLulich and Christine Dickson. Raffle winner: Mary Elder.

CAMPBELTOWN

Gaelic service at St Kieran's

ST Kieran's Church, Argyll Street, Campbeltown, will be holding a Gaelic service on Sunday, March 20 from 10.45am, with Gaelic music from 10.30am.

There will be guest singers, readers and organist; special musical arrangements and opportunities for the congregation to participate in the Gaelic language, with help given with Gaelic pronunciation.



Clachan ceilidh raises £343 for Mary's Meals and Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative

A CEILIDH in Clachan Village Hall raised £343 for charity recently. The event, in aid of Mary's Meals and Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative (MALI), was hosted by Dunskeig Singers with a good supporting cast of Fynesiders, David and John Hunt, Alex McPhee, local musicians and children. Organisers would like to thank all those who contributed to the half time refreshments, and raffle donations.

Interesting talk for SWRI

MEMBERS of Campbeltown SWRI enjoyed a very interesting talk and slide show by Pauline Simpson at their March meeting, who went on a guided tour of Africa.

She met up with her sister and a friend who do voluntary work in Ethiopia and Uganda, working with street children, widows and children with AIDS.

Hotel accommodation was basic and food variable but the people friendly and happy.

She showed slides of children attending school, all receiving a uniform.

Classes can be up to 100.

The land is very dry and unfertile and to supplement their income they make carved wooden animals, crosses for churches, hats and bags made from paper beads.

Pauline also brought along the type of stove they use for cooking.

Floral arrangement: Ella Young, gold; Joan Grady, Annie McLaughlan, silver. Morag Johnston, Agnes Nichol, red; Christine Duncan, Margaret McIntyre, Isobel Scally, blue.

Prettiest teacup: Jenny Graham, Isobel Scally, gold; Christine Duncan, Agnes Nichol, silver; Emily Davidson, Morag

Johnston Jane Millar, red; Joan Grady, Margaret MacIntyre, Annie McLachlan, blue.

SOUTHEND

Disruption to electricity supply

A FAULT in the overhead power network in Southend caused disruption to the electricity supply in the village.

Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution received reports of voltage fluctuations on Monday afternoon and its engineers attended and identified the fault.

They carried out emergency repairs as quickly as possible and isolated the supplies to 92 properties just after 6pm.

The engineers carried out the full repairs and the supplies were restored by 8.20pm.

Samantha O'Connor, as a spokeswoman for Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution said: 'We would like to apologise to all of those affected by the interruption to the supplies.'

GIGHA

Building programme

IT'S that time again for the Gigha Challenge

when walkers, runners and cyclists will flock to the small island to take part in the 11.2-mile annual event.

Taking place on Saturday April 9, the event starts and finishes at the craft units, with various starting times for walkers, runners and cyclists.

All proceeds from registration and sponsorship go to the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust.

For more information email gighachallenge@btinternet.com or phone 07881426616.

Car wash

YOUNG firefighters from Gigha will be holding a charity car wash to raise funds for the Firefighters Charity.

The unit will be holding the event at the island's fire station with teas, coffees and home-baking available between noon and 3pm, tomorrow (Saturday).

Stained glass workshop

FOLLOWING the success of a stained glass workshop on Gigha recently, organisers are keen to run another in the future. Held at the Gigha Gallery, 11 people took part over the course of a weekend, with Eilidh Keith from Glasgow Art School teaching the intricate art.

PENINVER



Left to right: Maryann Wylie, Zara Shaw and Caitlin Millar. 12_c11pen02

Sunday Tea raises £670

PENINVER Juniors Players raised £670 at its Sunday Tea at the weekend.

The money, raised at the Peninver Village Hall, will go towards a trip to Stranraer to compete for a place in the Scottish Finals for the Scottish Community Drama Association's (SCDA) junior section.

The club competed at the Kintyre SCDA Drama Festival, and will go up against five other youth teams from the west of Scotland tomorrow (Saturday).

They will all be vying for a coveted place at the Scottish Finals on June 18.

The club is grateful to the local community for



Elfin King's horrible elves greeted guests as they arrived at the hall. They were joined by other weird characters from the world of myth and legend. 12_c11pen01

its support, and thanks everyone who has donated money towards the trip, and to the Rotary Club of Campbeltown for its donation.

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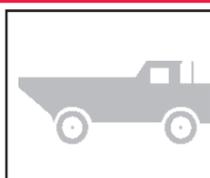
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- April 20th** Aqualibrium, Campbeltown, 3pm to 8pm
- April 21st** Glencruitten Church Hall, Oban, 3.30pm to 7.45pm

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SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION PLANS

● **Ref No: 11/00287/PP**
Applicant: James Macalaster Shepherd
Proposal: Alterations to dwelling house and formation of new access.
Site Address: Northlea Barmore Road Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6TT
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert

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

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● **Ref No: 10/01611/PP**
Applicant: Mr Jonathan Christie
Proposal: Erection of 6 modular buildings to provide office and welfare facilities (Retrospective).
Site Address: Corputechan Farm Bellochantuy Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6QE
Location of Plans: Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

● **Ref No: 11/00281/PP**
Applicant: M MacDonald
Proposal: Change of use of land to form 10 no. hard standing areas for holiday let lodges/caravans, formation of new access and installation of treatment plant with partial soakaway.
Site Address: Land South Of Bellochantuy Cottages Bellochantuy Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

● **Ref No: 11/00343/PP**
Applicant: Argyll Community Housing Association
Proposal: Re-roofing of dwellinghouse (Retrospective).
Site Address: 4 Mansecroft Clachan Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6YP
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert

● **Ref No: 11/00364/PP**
Applicant: Stonefield Farms
Proposal: Erection of 2 dwellinghouses, installation of 2 septic tanks and formation of vehicular access
Site Address: Land North Of Bridge Cottage Ashens Stonefield Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6YJ
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert

● **Ref No: 11/00367/PP**
Applicant: Dr Andrew St Lawrence
Proposal: Erection of storage shed (Retrospective).
Site Address: Land North Of Killochra Cottage Bellochantuy Campbeltown PA28 6QE
Location of Plans: Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

● **Ref No: 11/00377/PP**
Applicant: Fyne Initiatives Ltd
Proposal: Amended house types (blocks N and O) and alterations to layout (block M2) of planning permission 09/00950/DEI for residential development - 88 dwellings, formation of access roads and open space
Site address: Former Lochgilphead High School Blarbaie Road Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Area Office, Ardrishaig

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A weekly list of applications can be viewed at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST and Argyll and Bute Council Libraries.

Any letter of representation the council receives about a planning application is considered a public document. Please therefore note that representations will be made available for public inspection and, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, will be copied on request. They will also be published on the council's web site.

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A poll is to be held for a Member to serve in the Scottish Parliament for the above Constituency. Nomination papers may be delivered to the Returning Officer at The Election Office, Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RT between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday after the date of this notice, but not later than 4.00 pm on Tuesday 29 March 2011.

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A person shall not be validly nominated as a candidate for return as a constituency member unless the sum of £500 is deposited by him/her, or on his/her behalf, with the Returning Officer at the place and during the time for delivery of Nomination Papers. The deposit may be made either (a) by the deposit of any legal tender; (b) by means of a banker's draft; or (c) with the Returning Officer's consent, in any other manner including by debit or credit card (a transaction fee of 1.89% will be charged in respect of the use of a credit card).

If the election is contested, the poll will take place between the hours of 7.00am and 10.00pm on Thursday, 5 May 2011.

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Applications to cancel or alter existing postal and proxy votes, or to change from postal to proxy voting MUST reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Kilbrannan House, Bolgam Street, Campbeltown PA28 6HZ by 5.00pm on Thursday 14 April 2011.

New applications to vote by post MUST reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the above address by 5.00pm on Thursday 14 April 2011.

New applications to vote by proxy MUST reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the above address by 5.00pm on Thursday 21 April 2011.

If as the result of a disability an elector becomes incapacitated after 5.00pm on Thursday 21 April 2011 an application to vote by proxy due to that disability MUST reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the above address by 5.00pm on the day of the poll.

For advice on postal or proxy voting contact the Electoral Registration Office 0800 980 0470.

Sally Loudon
Returning Officer
Council Offices
Kilmory
Lochgilphead PA31 8RT
11 March 2011, Tel: 01546 603264
Fax: 01546 606874, E-mail: elections@argyll-bute.gov.uk
Web: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/elections

Note
The attention of candidates and electors is drawn to the rules for filling up nomination papers and other provisions relating to nomination contained in the Scottish Parliamentary Election Rules at Schedule 2 of the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2010

Every person guilty of a corrupt or illegal practice will, on conviction, be liable to the penalties imposed by the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2010.

Nomination Papers may also be downloaded from www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/elections. The website gives other election information.

**WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES
(SCOTLAND) ACT 2003
WATER ENVIRONMENT (CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES)
(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2005
APPLICATIONS FOR VARIATION OF AUTHORISATION
CAMPBELTOWN FLOOD ALLEVIATION AND WWTW**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Regulation 13 of the above Regulations, that applications have been made to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) by Scottish Water to vary water use licence numbers CAR/L/1003474, CAR/L/1000560 and CAR/L/1047270 authorising the carrying on controlled activities at, near or in connection with Campbeltown Flood alleviation and WWTW, as follows:

Licence	Description of change to controlled activity	Water affected	National grid reference
Campbeltown Sewage Treatment Works CAR/L/1003474	• A Dry Weather Flow has been modelled for the Slaty Farlan treated sewage effluent as 3169.7 m3/day	Campbeltown Loch	NR 74344 20621
Kinloch Park Pumping Station CAR/L/1000560	• A storm storage facility of 4,375 cubic metres functional capacity shall be provided. • Spills from Kinloch Park Pumping Station will consist only of flows in excess of 900 l/sec at the storm overflow weir. • A permanent standby generator will be provided.	Campbeltown Loch	NR 7227 2062
Kinloch Park Pumping Station Pumped CSO Overflow to Campbeltown Sewage Treatment Works CAR/L/1047270	• Provision of an emergency overflow on the stormwater facility at Campbeltown Sewage Treatment Works	Campbeltown Loch	NR 7452 2052

SEPA considers that the above change(s) to controlled activities have or are likely to have an impact on the interests of other users of the water environment.

Any person affected or likely to be affected by, or having an interest in, the applications may make representations to SEPA in writing within 28 days beginning with the date of this advertisement, at the following address, quoting reference numbers CAR/L/1003474, CAR/L/1000560 and/or CAR/L/1047270:

Registry Department, SEPA Dingwall office, Graesser House, Fodderty Way, Dingwall, IV15 9XB

Copies of the applications may be inspected free of charge, at the above address, between 09.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday (except for local or national holidays) and by prior arrangement at Lochgilphead Office, 2 Smithy Lane, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8TA, 01546 602876.

Written representations received by SEPA within 28 days of this advertisement will be taken into consideration in determining the applications. Any such representations will be placed in a public register unless the person making them requests that they should not be. Where such a request is made SEPA will include a statement in the register indicating that representations have been made which have been subject of such a request.

When ready to determine the applications SEPA will serve notice on any person who has made a representation within 28 days of this advertisement, informing them of SEPA's proposed determination and giving them the opportunity to notify the Scottish Ministers in writing that they object to SEPA's proposed determination within 21 days of the notice being served.

**Ardrishaig
Public Hall
AGM
Tuesday 29th
March 2011
7.30pm
In Public Hall
All welcome**

**Ardrishaig
JUNIOR
Shinty CLUB
AGM
Thursday 31st
March 2011
8pm
Arms Centre,
Lochgilphead
All welcome**

**Campbeltown
Lawn Tennis
Club
Annual General
Meeting
on Tuesday, 22nd
March
at 7.30pm in
Ardshiel Hotel.**

**Kintyre
Canoe Club
AGM
Tuesday 22nd
March
7pm Community
Centre
All Welcome**

**Campbeltown &
District MS Society
AGM
Thursday 31st March
at 7.30pm
in Campbeltown Hospital
Darren Miller, West of
Scotland Development Officer
will attend.
Anyone with an interest in MS
should come along and will be
made most welcome.**

**SEN Parents
Support Group
AGM
Tuesday 29th March
7.30pm
at the Kintyre
Support Network
Centre, Hazelburn
Business Park
To discuss the
group's continuation**

CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATOR

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The Contracts Administrator will have a key role in delivery of the above-mentioned service. The main duties are to:

- Maintain an up to date archive of all contract information
- Liaise with scientists and finance staff to ensure all relevant project information is collected
- Assist with submissions of routine financial information to funders

Good numerical and communication skills are essential, as is the ability to manage your workload, meet tight deadlines and work quickly and accurately.

For a full job description and to apply for this job online, go to: www.sams.ac.uk. Alternatively, please write to: Human Resources, Contracts Administrator, Job Ref D13/10.DB, The Scottish Association for Marine Science, Scottish Marine Institute, Oban, Argyll PA37 1QA or e-mail recruitment@sams.ac.uk

The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 1st April 2011

SAMS is a registered Scottish charity (SC 009206), has an equal opportunities policy and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.



The Scottish Salmon Company is a leading independent producer of high quality Scottish Salmon. We are committed to high standards of animal welfare, sustainable operations and promoting a responsible environmental policy.

We are currently recruiting for a key individual to assist with the management of our Processing Plant at Cairndow in Argyll:

Plant Processing Assistant Manager (A/PROC/CW/004)
(Salary £23,000 - £26,600 per annum dependant on experience, based on a 40 hour week)

The ideal candidate must have knowledge and proven experience of working within the food processing industry, which will include having several years' practical experience. You will be required to support the Plant Processing Manager, in all aspects of the day to day running operations of the department efficiently and effectively. In addition to co-ordinating product processing, packing, dispatch and supervision and maintenance of all equipment within your area of control, the successful applicant will assist in all aspects of staff management to ensure that the processing process is carried out to the highest of hygiene and quality standards ensuring best practice as well as customer satisfaction is reached.

The candidate will have good man management skills, able to demonstrate team leadership and interpersonal skills, with strong IT, communication and organisational skills are all important for this position, as is the ability to work well within the existing team. Applicants will have the ability to problem solve, motivate staff therefore achieving the best results through applying your leadership skills and abilities to manage a large already existing team successfully.

A full, clean driving licence is also essential for this position.

In return, the Company offers a comprehensive pay and benefits package.

For an application form and job description, please contact:

HR Department, Ardkinglas Estate, Cairndow, Argyll, PA26 8BH.

Tel. No. 01499 600 435 Email: caimdownhr@scottishsalmon.com

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We are currently recruiting for the following vacancies located at our Marine Site on the Island of Mull:

Senior Marine Operatives (Ref SMO/SM/11/03-A)

(Salary £21,630 to £24,720 per annum dependant on experience)

The ideal candidate will have experience in fish husbandry and have the capability to lead a small team in the day-to-day operations. This position would suit someone who is self-motivated, with good communication and organisational skills and be able to demonstrate prior experience in working within a small, focused team in a constantly changing and challenging environment. They should also have a good understanding of Health and Safety requirements and the awareness of environmental issues. Experience of aquaculture and boat handling is essential for this post, the Company can also offer further development opportunities. Applicants should also have good IT Skills.

Marine Operatives (Ref MO/SM/11/03-B)

(Salary £15,965 to £19,570 per annum dependant on experience)

The ideal candidate will be enthusiastic, self-motivated, have good communication skills and be able to demonstrate prior experience of working within a small, focused team in a constantly changing and challenging environment. Previous aquaculture and boat handling experience is desirable but not essential as the company will also offer further development opportunities through its in-house training and also through external providers.

Working hours are normally 40hrs per week Monday to Friday, with weekend working required on a rota basis. Overtime is paid at enhanced rates.

A full, clean driving licence is also essential for both these positions.

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If you are interested in this post, please apply in writing to: Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Limited, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William, PH33 7PT no later than Friday 25th March 2011.

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Informal enquiries to: Mr Kevin Willan, Estates Officer, Tel: 01546 605604.

Application packs are available from HR Department, NHS Highland, Argyll & Bute CHP, Aros, Lochgilhead, Argyll, PA31 8LB - Tel: 01546 606788 (24 hour answering service) or Email: recruitment.ab@nhs.net

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Bell Hatton

would like to thank all family and friends for a fabulous 50th Birthday Party and for all the lovely presents received. Thanks to the cake maker also and Thomas for keeping the night going - the music was fantastic. Cheers everyone.

JO-ANNE



On the 23rd March you're 21 A grown up party, lots of fun A little girl you are no longer To celebrate you will want something stronger Happy Birthday Love, Granny & Granda xx

Sincere thanks to my neighbours and friends for all their help at the time of my unfortunate mishap, for all the lovely cards, gifts and visits, to the Ambulance crew and all staff at the Mid Argyll Hospital for kind care and attention. My family for all the T.L.C since getting out of hospital. All very greatly appreciated
- Cathie McLellan, 3 Weem Flats

THANK-YOU ALL

Jessie would like to thank the members and staff of the Machrihanish Golf Club, also family and friends for the numerous gifts, cards and well wishes received on the occasion of her retirement.



There is a wee lass from Kilmichael Who favours Bacardi as her tippie On Saturday she'll be dancing the night away At her 70's disco partyay! Happy 40th



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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

God says, 'As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease' (Genesis 8:22).

BIRTHS

GIBBS – Kirstine and Andy are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Zoe Elizabeth, on March 4, 2011. A wee sister for Callum. Thanks to Dr Mathers and his team at Princess Royal Maternity and all the Campbeltown midwives.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

MACINTYRE – MARTIN – On March 17, 1961 at Lochend Manse by Reverend James P Young, William to Janet.

DEATHS

BRODIE – With great sadness, the passing of Eddie Brodie, at the age of 74, at his home in Sutton in Ashfield, on Friday, March 11, 2011, beloved husband of Enid, son of the late Hector and Crissie Brodie, brother of the late Angus (Gus), much loved brother of Margaret and brother-in-law of Donnie. Ashes will be brought back to Campbeltown. An announcement will be made later. Sadly missed.

CAMPBELL – Isobel. On March 14, 2011 peacefully at the Cumberland Infirmary, Isobel, aged 77 years, dearly loved wife of Dugald, for 53 years, loving mother of Martin, Gavin and Neil, and dearest mother-in-law and grandmother. Funeral service will take place at Carlisle Cathedral on Tuesday, March 22 at 10.00am, followed by interment at Hayton Church yard. Family flowers only please, donations if desired may be sent to The Renal Unit, Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle. All enquires to George Hudson & Sons, Funeral Directors, 118 Wighton Road, Carlisle.

FAIRLIE – Suddenly, but peacefully, after a short illness, on March 9, 2011, at his home, 31 Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead, Duncan Alexander Fairlie, aged 55 years. Much loved son of the late Alastair and Susan Fairlie, cherished brother of David, dear brother-in-law of Michelle and treasured uncle to Nryee. A good friend to many, and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Monday, March 14, 2011 followed by interment at Carsaig Cemetery.

FLATT – Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital on March 13, 2011, the Reverend Canon Roy F Flatt, loved and loving husband of Andrina Ferguson, father of Andrew and Alexander, a brother, uncle and great uncle to the family, Rector of Christ Church Lochgilphead, St Columba's Poltalloch and All Saints Inveraray, and former Dean of the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles. Funeral service to be held at Christ Church Lochgilphead on March 22, 2011 at 1.30pm followed by interment in the church grounds, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited.

MCCORMICK – On March 13, 2011, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Barbara McCormick (née Miller), aged 67 years, beloved wife of the late John McCormick (Tayinloan), much loved mother of Leslie and Ishbel, dear mother-in-law of Debbie and Dugald, and a dearly loved granny and great granny. Funeral service was held at Ardrishaig Parish Church, on March 16, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery.

MCGREGOR – Peacefully at the Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, after a short illness, on March 14, 2011, Bet McGregor, of Blarbuie Farm, Lochgilphead. Beloved wife of the late Dermid and loving mother of Christine, Jimmy, Katrina and the late Eleanor. Much loved granny of Carole, David, Kyra and Lorne. Dear mother-in-law of George, Carol and Willie. A dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Friday, March 18, 2011 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

MCLELLAN – Marceline, formerly of Campbeltown, died March 7, 2011 in hospital in Ostend, Belgium, after a short illness, widow of Alex McLellan, she leaves behind her son Roy, his wife Fiona and her three grandchildren.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BROWN – The family of the late Janet Brown would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy at this sad time, the Rev Burroughs for his comforting service, Alasdair and Kenny for their thoughtful arrangements, Kitty Millar and the nurses of the Sunshine Room. The collection for the MacMillan nurses raised over £800.

MACINTYRE – Isabella "Ella". Zandra, Euan and Iona would like to thank all of their relatives, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received following their recent sad bereavement. They would also like to extend special thanks to the family doctors, doctors and nursing staff in Medical High Care at Ayr Hospital and the nursing staff of Urquhart Ward, Biggart Hospital for their tremendous efforts. They would also like to express their gratitude to the Rev Stuart Birse for his personal and uplifting service and to Mr McCrindle and everyone else at M L Williams who carried out the arrangements so professionally and gave the family so much support.

PILGRIM – Jean's family wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their calls, cards and flowers, the doctors and staff of the Acute Ward, Campbeltown, Louise Burke and her ICT team and the Marie Curie nurses, Rev Burroughs for his uplifting service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for all the help and efficient services and to the people who attended church and graveside, our heartfelt thanks.

IN MEMORIAMS

DURNIN – Treasured memories of our dad and papa, Gus, who went to sleep on March 18, 2010. Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts. Miss you, Dad.
- Love always, your family, home and away.
GRUNEWALD – In loving memory of Ian "Grouse", who died March 21, 2005. Always loved and remembered.
- Marie and son Ian.

KELLY – In loving memory of our dear Betty, who died March 23, 2008. We think about you everyday And miss you more than words can say.
- John, Laura, Lucille, Cathie, Stephen and Elizabeth.

MACPHAIL – In loving memory of John, our dear son and brother.
- Love Mum, Caroline and Linda.

MCGEACHY – In memory of Margaret, my lovely lady and best friend, taken from me on March 18, 2010. Little did I know that fateful day God was going to call your name In life I loved you deeply In death I do the same It broke my heart to lose you But you didn't go alone Because part of me went with you The day God called you home You left me peaceful memories Your love is still my guide And though I cannot see you You are always by my side Our family chain is broken And nothing seems the same Bus as God calls us one by one The chain will link again. Ae Fond Kiss - Leslie.

MCGEACHY – Treasured memories of our mum and granny, Margaret, who died March 18, 2010. Wherever we go, whatever we do Memories keep us near to you.
- Leslie, Lesley, Lewis and Logan xxxx.

MCGEACHY – In memory of a much loved mum and gran, Margaret, who died March 18, 2010. God saw you getting tired And a cure was not to be So he put his arms around you And whispered come to me A golden heart stopped beating Hard working hands now rest God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.
- Debbie, Gary, Hollie and Connor.

MCGEACHY – In loving memory of Margaret, much loved sister, sister-in-law and aunt. May the winds of time blow softly Whispering for you to hear That we will always miss you But know that you are near.
- Fay and family.

MCKINLAY – In loving memory of our dad and grandad, William McKinlay, who died on March 17, 2010. Heavenly Father, hear our prayer, Guide our dad and grandad with tender care, Love him in heaven as we did at home, The dearest dad and grandad this world could hold.
- Isabelle, Richard, Andrew and Alastair.

MCKINLAY – In loving memory of our dad and grandad, Wullie, who died on March 17, 2010. You still live in the hearts and minds Of the loving family you left behind.
- Scott, Aliceanne, Rachel, Nicole and Iona. In loving memory of our brother, Wullie. There is a link death cannot sever, Love and remembrance lasts forever.
- Ruby and John.

MCPHAIL – (Jean Graham), who sadly died on March 21, 2009. Everything we see, Everything we do, Everyone we speak to, Brings loving thoughts of you. Mum, you will always be with us, Miss you loads.
- Your loving daughter and family, Catherine, Ian, Graham, Gemma and great granddaughter Elisha.

MCPHAIL – (Jean Graham). Taken on March 21, 2009. A daily thought, a silent tear, A constant wish that you were here. An empty space that no one can fill We miss you now and always will. Mum you're always in our hearts.
- Your loving daughter Isobel, Chris, Gareth, Thomas, Sarah xxxxx.

SINCLAIR – In loving memory of Joan, who passed away on March 17, 2010. Sadly missed and forever in our thoughts.
- Iain, Isabel, Jennifer and Fiona.

SINCLAIR – Joan, a dear mother and gran, died March 17, 2010. No longer in our lives to share But in our hearts you are always there.
- Love Verona, Anita and Ashley xxx.

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Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30pm
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Scottish Charity Number SC016097
Sunday 20th March 2011
Calling a Spade a Spade
Cumlodden Church (Furnace)
10.30 am
Lochfyneside Church (Minard)
12 noon
Lochgair Church 3 pm
Rev. Roddy MacLeod
Ceud mile fàilte
All Welcome

UNITED SERVICE
(incorporating Annual Business Meeting)
Sunday 27th March
Cumlodden Church
10.30 am

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday
10.00 a.m. Breaking of Bread
10.45 a.m. Coffee
11.15 a.m. Family Service with Sunday Club
Wednesday
10.00 a.m.
Jelly Tots Parent & Toddlers
8.00 p.m.
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All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 20th March 2011
11.00am Morning Service
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 – 11.30am
Tonight
"The Edge"
P1 – P7
6.30 – 7.45
Scottish Charity SC015187

Church of Scotland NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Morning Worship
Sunday 20th March 2011
Tayvallich Church 10am
Worship led by Rev Cliff Acklam
All welcome
Stated Annual Meeting After Morning Worship
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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday, 20th March
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Creche, Triplec & Bible Class)
Tuesday, 22nd March
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Thursday, 24th March
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 25th March
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 20th March 2011
Ford 11.30am
Rev Cliff Acklam
All welcome
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LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 20 March 2011
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"He stooped to conquer"
All welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 20th March 2011
Tarbert School 11.30am
Sunday school 11.20am
Afternoon Service 3pm
Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre
Margaret Sinclair
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Monday 21st March
Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre 2.30pm
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Thursday 24th March 7.30pm
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Sunday 20th March
11.15am Morning Service
"Tsunamis, Suffering and God"
Creche 0 – 3yrs: Church
FunDay Club (3yrs – P5):
Kirk St Hall
12.10pm
Prayer – James Angus
McKiven Room
Tuesday 22nd March
Badminton Club
6.30pm – 7.45pm: P1- P4
7.30pm – 9.00pm: P5 – P7
Wednesday 23rd March
7.30pm
Inter-Church meeting of officebearers with Presbytery representative re: Presbytery Plan - Kirk Street Hall
Thursday 24th March
7.30pm
Congregational Board – Kirk St Hall
Advance Notice:
Sunday 27th March
12.10pm
Stated Annual Meeting following morning service
Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone always welcome

Bobby retains the A-Words Trophy

IN THE 30 years since Campbeltown Bowling Club's (CBC) Gents' Open Singles started, the holder, as a general rule, has exited the competition in ignominy the following year and no one has ever defended the A-Words Trophy successfully.

Last week Bobby Mathieson of the Argyll Bowling Club proved to be the

exception to the rule when he defeated CBC's David Brown in an excellent and closely contested final.

Vice president Simon Rochford presented the players and losing semi-finalists Alec Black and Archie Johnston, both CBC, with their prizes and congratulated all the competitors who had been involved during the week.



Left to right: S Rochford, A Johnston, B Mathieson, A Black and D Brown.

Just 10 weeks to go

TRAINING schedules for week three for the Mull of Kintyre Run and 10k on May 29 are detailed.

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

The half marathon schedule is suitable for a beginner who aims to run a half marathon in just under 2hours 30minutes.

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

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

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

10k run schedule
Weeks to go: 10
from Monday
March 21

Mon	20 minutes
Tue	10 minutes
Wed	REST
Thu	15 minutes
Fri	10 minutes
Sat	REST
Sun	15 minutes

Half marathon training schedule

Start Date: Tuesday March 22

Weeks to go: 11

Day	Session	Distance	Pace	Time
Tue 22/3	Slow run/walk	5Miles	12:00	60 mins
Thu 24/3	Faster run/walk	4Miles	11:00	44 mins
Sun 27/3	Easy run/walk	7Miles	12:30	90 mins
Total		16Miles		3hrs 15mins



Autism Argyll bowled over by club's donation

Liam MacCallum, left, and Stronvaar Bowling Club president George McLellan, right, present Alison Leask of Autism Argyll with a cheque for £263 which was raised by the members on opening day in 2010.

Tall Ships race comes to Argyll

SO FAR a total of 44 ships have committed to taking part in the Cruise in Company leg of this year's Tall Ships Race in July, of which Campbeltown is an allocated port.

However, the town has yet to receive any ships, with many still decid-

ing on their route north. With the 44 ships, a total of 1,478 crew from 10 nations have committed to take part in the leg which also include Ullapool, Oban and Kirkwall.

Port Ellen is a welcoming port as a Cruise in Company port and plans

are in place for three shops to visit.

Oban will also be hosting ships as they celebrate the town's bicentenary. Campbeltown is currently putting plans together to welcome the ships' company and to organise events onshore.

Shinty back in Kintyre

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

Three weeks of shinty taster sessions will be delivered to the composite class or P4 in town schools.

There will be a shinty festival at the end of March to complete the programme, followed by two days of shinty during the Easter Holidays.

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

As a result of this six adults are now going through the Disclosure process and will be completing the Level One Shinty National Governing Body Award on March 27 in Campbeltown.

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



Left to right: Margaret Penman, Gregor MacGregor, Vince Jordan and Bill Penman.

Vince wins Alex McKerral Trophy

THE Alex McKerral Trophy for Campbeltown and District Darts Association was won by Vince Jordan.

The competition held in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend last Monday, saw Gregor MacGregor as runner-up.

A total of £120 was raised on the night which Margaret and Bill Penman of the Argyll Arms donated to charity.

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Weather defeats footballers

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils were due to take on a team from *HMS Campbeltown* on Sunday but due to the weather it had to be cancelled.

The local teams were also due to play matches on Saturday but once again the weather forced the games to be cancelled, in fact the whole of the Scottish Amateur League programme was wiped out with only one game surviving.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Oban Saints no game. Jimmy Marshall Trophy - Arkleston v Campbeltown Pupils 'A', referee Mark Cameron.

Premier Division Two - Clydebank College v Tarbert, referee Gary Fitzpatrick. Eaglesham v Dunoon, referee John Campbell.

Division One - Gourcock Thistle v Lochgilhead Red Star, referee Colin MacDonald.

Coronation Cup - Campbeltown Pupils 'B' v Aikenhead Thistle 'B', referee Jimmy Lister, kick-off 2pm.



Burnside are the champions

BURNSIDE Bar are the winners of this year's Campbeltown and District Darts League after the lads won their last game of the season against Argyll A on Monday night.

With one game to go

Fiddlers take runners up spot even though its team has not lost a game all season but three disastrous draws late on has cost it the title.

Week 17 results: Argyll B 1 Fiddlers 9,

Ailsa 3 Commercial 7, Southend 7 Hunting Lodge 3, Burnside 9 Argyll A 1, Kinloch /Bye.

Natalie Goddard scored 180 for the Ailsa and Gregor MacGregor scored 180 for the Burnside.

CHORD funding now allocated to all weather pitch

'The announcement of funding by the council has come at the right time'

SOUTH Kintyre Sports Council (SKSC) is delighted that funding has been allocated by Argyll and Bute Council to an all-weather pitch (AWP) for Campbeltown.

The proposals will see a full sized pitch erected with flood lighting on Kinloch Green as well as fully refurbished changing rooms; it will meet UEFA, FIFA and FA standards.

SKSC believes that the delivery of an AWP will create a legacy for sport that the CHORD project will recognise in years to come as one of their main successes.

A spokesman for the SKSC told *The Courier*: 'The funding by Argyll and Bute Council will go a long way to delivering a top class sports facility that Kintyre so badly needs.'

'The announcement of funding by the council has also come at the right time as we wait on news of the Stage 2 funding application to sportscotland. This has sent a clear message of the council's aspirations to deliver this facility in Campbeltown.'

Concerns

He said that concerns were raised about the initial proposed model of funding and SKSC is delighted that the three elected councillors all worked together to ensure the remaining money would not be lost with further investigations into marina provisions.

'The last thing we wanted was to be in conflict with any other project in Campbeltown but the proposals rubber-stamped

on Thursday means Campbeltown could see the delivery of both projects when at one stage it was looking like we would get neither,' said the spokesman.

Argyll First Councillor, Donald Kelly said: 'I would like to congratulate the All Weather Pitch Campaign Group for its unstinting commitment and determination, without which, this project may never have reached this stage.'

'I have been delighted to have been able to offer my full support to the project from the outset. The All Weather Pitch will greatly benefit both present and future generations of local sportsmen and women and I look forward in the very near future to seeing the first turf cut on Kinloch Green.'

Ronnie scoops £900 Dunaverty jackpot



Club captain, Campbell McCallum presents the jackpot cheque to winner, Ronnie Dickson.

A LOTTERY which has rolled over for 18 weeks has finally been won.

Lucky Ronnie Dickson of Campbeltown won Dunaverty Golf Club's fortnightly draw by scooping the £900 jackpot on Sunday March 6 with his numbers, 4, 16 and 18.

The next draw will be made on Sunday March 20, with £100 up for grabs and tickets are available from Dunaverty Golf Club's clubhouse and any committee members.

Former Machrihanish green-keeper has been awarded a top accolade

A GREEN-keeper who qualified at Machrihanish Golf Club has been awarded a top accolade by being named the De Vere group's 'Greenkeeper/Mechanic of the Year'.

Alan Glen, from Campbeltown, was up against his fellow green-staff and mechanics from De Vere venues across the UK and was announced as the groups 'Greenkeeper/Mechanic of the Year'.

De Vere own venues, hotels and resorts across

the UK, one of which is The Carrick, Loch Lomond.

Professionalism

Alan's involvement in the drainage and bunker works at The Carrick as well as his professionalism and hard work, led him to lift the prize.

Following course developments undertaken

in the last 12 months The Carrick enters 2011 in its best ever condition.

Alan said it was an honour to receive the award and will now benefit from a complimentary visit to the Golf Industry Show in Orlando, Florida as part of his prize.

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