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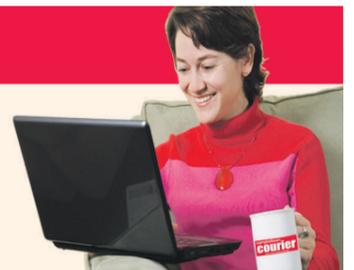
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'Lifeline' transport fears allayed for time being

'The Red Cross is very well aware what the service means to people in the area'

FEARS about an end to a 'lifeline' transport service for older people living in rural locations in Kintyre have been allayed – for the time being at least.

The contract Argyll and Bute Council has with the British Red Cross to carry out the service was due to run out at the end of March but has been extended for another month.

A British Red Cross spokesman said the extra month would provide a breathing space giving the council time to assess whether it can continue to fund the service.

Currently the Red Cross ambulance picks people up from their homes in various rural parts of the area, providing a vital lifeline service to some.

It allows them to attend GP appointments, community events and to access other services.

The *Courier* understands Argyll and Bute Council is hopeful the money would be found to maintain this service, which has been described as 'a lifeline' to older and less mobile people living in rural locations.

Robert Colburn, British



GARETH Harvey and Matthew McKerral were amongst the many people who took part and visited a Diecast Model Show on Saturday.

From cranes to diecast models of local hauliers to lifeboats and buses and trains, there was something for everyone to see from the variety of collectables.

Many people travelled from Oban, Mid Argyll and across Scotland to be part of the action.

Local charities will benefit from £540 raised on the day through a raffle and entry fees-

Red Cross senior services manager for Mid Scotland and Argyll, said: 'The Red Cross is very well aware of what the service means to people in the area.'

'At the moment we have extended the contract ourselves until the end of April. In April we

will hear from the council on the future funding levels they can provide.'

'We had this same situation last year and the service was able to continue. I would hope the same thing will happen again, though we are very aware of the financial pressure on councils.'

Campbeltown Nursery will receive £240 and Campbeltown Hospital will received £300.

Organisers would like to thank everyone who came along to support the now annual event in aid of local charities.

Special thanks to June who's magnificent baking kept all the exhibitors going during the day and to Goldie who made the day possible by bringing together exhibitors from other parts of Scotland to show off their models.

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At a meeting of Campbeltown Community Council on Monday, several locals who use the service said its loss would risk isolating older and less mobile people in their own homes.

Some users had been under the impression that the ambulance serv-

ice would stop from April, at the end of the current financial year.

Emotions ran high at the meeting, with some present saying the loss of the ambulance would have a severe impact on older people, especially those living in rural locations.

Tenth anniversary celebrations on Gigha

GIGHA was alive yesterday (Thursday) as people travelled to join in the celebrations for its tenth anniversary of community ownership.

Campbeltown Junior Pipe Band piped the children from the local primary school down the main road to the hotel to emphasise the change in the number of children on the island.

The children donned their new uniforms to mark the occasion, carrying the Gigha flag.

Fundraising has been on going over a period of time to raise cash towards the celebrations. To date more than £3,500 has been raised, and events have included a race night, celebrations at New Year, and a quiz night.

Last night islanders gathered for the ceilidh to bring the celebrations to a close.

Two bands performed, including McAdam, which was at the official handover 10 years ago.

A book has been written by James Hunter about community ownership and features Gigha highly.

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£600 fine for assault on his girlfriend

A CAMPBELTOWN man was fined £600 and warned about his future conduct after being found guilty of assaulting his girlfriend at an address in the town last year.

The accused, who is not named to protect the identity of the other family members involved, was also found guilty of behaving in a threatening and abusive manner during the same incident on July 3.

The court heard there had since been a reconciliation between the ac-

used and the complainant, and they were living together again.

Defence solicitor Christian Kane said his client had been drinking and 'frustration had got the better of him' after the crying of a child had disturbed his sleep.

Sentencing the accused, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'You are a man with responsibilities.'

'If you can't behave yourself when you have been drinking you need to do something about that drinking.'

Lithuanian man fined £250 for assault in lay-by

A LITHUANIAN man, living and working on Islay, assaulted a woman during a roadside argument.

Viktoras Mockunas, aged 27, a self-employed building contractor, pleaded guilty to assaulting the woman on July 26 last year.

Procurator Fiscal, Kevin Doherty, told Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Wednesday the victim had accepted a lift in the car with Mockunas and two other men,

one of whom she knew, following a night out in Bowmore Hotel, Islay.

Other friends of the victim contacted her and she asked Mockunas to stop in a lay-by where they were waiting.

Following a scuffle in which the accused was struck in the face by another woman, Mockunas grabbed hold of his victim and dragged her to the ground.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC fined Mockunas £250 for the assault.



Members of Kintyre Amenity Trust who have helped to make the restoration happen. 20_c11bunk01

New bunkhouse opens its doors

by RUTH McCLEAN
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HUNDREDS of people turned out on Saturday to get a look inside the restored Old Free Church School at Big Kiln, Campbeltown.

Kintyre Amenity Trust (KAT) opened the doors of what has been turned into a modern bunkhouse.

As well as a modern kitchen and wet rooms there are also two separate bedrooms with bunks in each and a comfortable, bright living space.

It is being aimed at walkers and people using the Kintyre Way, but is open for anyone to use.

The two bedrooms will sleep 16 people, with the bunks also designed for adults.

The Grade B listed building has been given new life at Campbeltown Backpackers and it is hoped will bring more travellers down the peninsula and into Campbeltown.

KAT were on hand to give tours around the bunkhouse as well as offering tea and home baking.

The public's response was positive with many surprised at how much room there was inside and how modern the facilities are.

The Old Free Church School was one of the key buildings in the Campbeltown Area Regeneration Scheme and Townscape Heritage Initiative and received funding from a variety of sources.

The furniture has been locally sourced where possible to help keep the business in Campbeltown.

An official opening will take place in the near future.

New national service for registration of births and deaths launches on Monday

A NEW, free national service to make it easier to register a birth or a death is being launched on Monday.

'Tell Us Once' will be launched by Argyll and Bute Council in partnership with the Department of Work and Pensions.

It will mean you will only have to give details once instead of having to repeat the same information to a number of different agencies and departments. When people register a birth or a death they usu-

ally also have to inform a wide range of other government services.

This can sometimes be time consuming, difficult and stressful.

From council tax and blue badges to HM Revenue and Customs and the Electoral Registration Service, Tell Us Once means people can choose to provide information which the registrar will pass securely to the relevant service or external agencies.

For more information visit the council's website.

NHS shortlisting GPs for Bowmore post

NHS HIGHLAND has this week confirmed it is shortlisting potential GPs for the vacant post in Bowmore, Islay.

The closing date for job applications was March 10 and dates for interviews are scheduled for next month. NHS Highland refused to say how many applications had been received.

CGS gets involved in World Book Night

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar School is getting involved with World Book Night next month.

Through Skills Development Scotland and other organisations the pupils will be learning about literacy as well as maths in the workplace.

They will be getting books through the Kintyre Cultural Forum, and the aim of the event are to get people, who would not normally read, back into books

and reading regularly.

World Book Night is a celebration of reading and books, which sees tens of thousands of people gift books within their communities to spread the joy and love of reading on April 23.

In 2012 World Book Night will be celebrated in the UK, Ireland, Germany and America.

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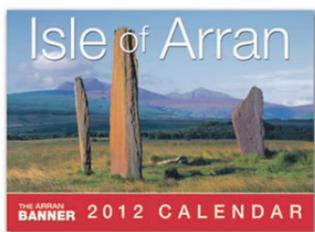
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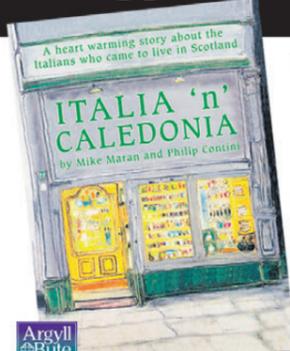
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Police Files

Breach of the peace:

A MAN was reported for allegedly breaching the peace after an incident in Shore Street, Campbeltown, in the early hours of last Friday night into Saturday morning.

Drink driving:

POLICE arrested a man for being allegedly drunk at the wheel on the B842 Southend Road at around 1am on Sunday morning.

Police retiral:

A LONG-SERVING police officer will retire this week, meaning and will have started and finished his career in Campbeltown.

Sergeant Malcolm Hannah joined the force 30 years ago and after 10 years in the town moved to Greenock before coming back to Kintyre - first to Carradale and then again to Campbeltown when he was promoted to Sergeant.

Anti-social behaviour:

CAMPBELTOWN Community Council heard complaints on Monday evening of anti-social behaviour outside the premises of a town centre pub. Police have said they will check up on the situation.

Kintyre is now an official fairtrade zone

'Hoping for extra volunteers to get involved'

by **TONY GARNER**
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KINTYRE'S fairtrade movement has taken a huge step forward by winning official status.

The worldwide movement to give better prices to farmers in developing countries gave Kintyre its official status as a fairtrade zone in recognition of the area's progress.

As well as working with local supermarkets and cafes which have made fairtrade goods available, the Kintyre group had to show they were promoting fairtrade education in the community.

With the status now

secured, the group now intends to press on in widening the presence of fairtrade goods in Kintyre, a move they believe can generate good publicity and attract visitors.

Deirdre Henderson, chairwoman of the Kintyre Fairtrade Steering group, spoke to *The Courier* during the 'Fairtrade Fortnight' - which has seen a plethora of events in the Campbeltown area.

She said: 'Lots of people have worked hard to get this official status. People have volunteered their time and the re-

sponse from the schools has been great.

'To keep moving forward we're hoping for extra volunteers to get involved, and help from the council in the form of a renewal of the resolution they made several years ago to support fairtrade.'

Deirdre added that the link with Campbeltown Grammar School, which was granted official fairtrade school status three years ago, has been a key factor in the group's success.

A lot of the credit there goes to religion and enterprise teacher, Ron Wilson, who is also on the Kintyre steering group.

Also key has been the link with churches such as Lorne and Lowland Church in Campbeltown, where group treasurer Tommy Millar has held several events.



Deirdre Henderson and Tommy Millar with a stall at fairtrade partners, the Co-op in Campbeltown. 21_c11fairtrade1

A83 petitions handed over

PETITIONS, signed to get the A83 upgraded, and address various other issues along the route, will be handed over to the Public Petitions Committee at the Scottish Parliament at the end of the month.

The convenor of the committee is to meet with campaigners to officially hand over the petitions. There is still time to sign the online petition through the 'Sign for the A83' Facebook page.

Hedge or fence?

A PUBLIC consultation will decide whether a hedge or a fence should surround Campbeltown's war memorial.

The restoration project began this week at the memorial on Kinloch Green, and members of the public will soon be encouraged to submit their views on the hedge or fence debate. Details of the consultation will be made public shortly.

Fairtrade's 'African Kitchen'

Fairtrade will turn the Victoria Hall into an 'African Kitchen' for a day. The event, organised by the Co-operative supermarket, will feature Masterchef finalist and food writer Fi Bird.

Plans are afoot to make it easier to find out where fairtrade produce is available in Kintyre, by producing an online directory and a leaflet to be made available in the tourist office.

New volunteers would be warmly welcomed to help with this and in any other way. Anyone interested should contact Deirdre Henderson on 01586 830669 or by email at fairtradekintyre@hotmail.co.uk.

Crewman airlifted to hospital

A SICK crewman was removed from a motor tanker north west of Islay on Sunday morning.

Clyde Coastguard tasked Rescue Helicopter 177 to airlift the crewman from *Furemas* to Crosshouse Hospital at Kilmarnock at 7.49am.

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Youth cafe will be unveiled this month

by RUTH McCLEAN
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FINALLY, after years of time and effort, a youth café in Campbeltown will be opened at the end of this month.

The Kintyre Youth Café has been 'a long time coming' according to development worker Mandy Robertson who has been driving the project since the end of last year, and has been involved since the start.

For the last five years work has been going on behind the scenes after

a series of focus groups facilitated by the Princes Trust highlighted young people felt there was nowhere they could access identified activities at times when they wanted them and had little access to developing skills to help them after school.

Invest Time

'Our young people are our town's future,' explained Mandy. 'So we have got to invest time and money to help them grow and learn.'

Although there has not been a physical base for the project, it has not stopped the young, and not so young, volunteers being involved in community work. Young people took part in bringing the memory garden at Campbeltown Grammar School back to its former glory during their recent holiday. The youth café also ran lantern workshops that more than 60 people attended and took part in the lantern procession at the annual switch-on of the town centre's Christmas lights.

Based at the old Kintyre Healthy Living building on Kinloch Road, the facility has been revamped to provide a safe and fun environment for young people.

The design ideas and the activities all came from young people.

The project incorporates the South Kintyre Young Carers Group and works in partnership with a variety of third sector and statutory agencies including education, health, police and THE children and families team which should continue a specialist service that is going to improve the changes and outcomes for all our young people.

Expand skills

Funding has been received from a number of sources to establish the base and for activities. The groups are continuing to apply for funding to provide a variety of different things for the children and young people to do and help expand skills that can be learnt through the café.

It is hoped that more volunteers will come forward to get involved which will help increase the time the café is used.

The café will be open at the end of the month for young people.

Mandy can be contacted on 01586 550053, 07988640259 or at cyc2008@live.co.uk.

Concern over new licence charges

CULTURE and community event organisers in South Kintyre are concerned about the possible introduction of new licence charges for free events.

A change to Scotland-wide legislation means from April 1 councils can require groups putting on free events to have a licence costing around £150.

The issue has sparked

protest in other parts of the country since Glasgow City Council said last month it intended to implement the charges, a decision since postponed.

Correction

Highland Council was forced to issue a correction last week after the organisers of a children's Easter egg hunt were initially told they would need to pay £153 for a

licence.

After protests from the group and wider media attention, Highland Council said the charge had been a mistake and they did not intend to change their licensing rules to charge for free community events.

Argyll and Bute Council has given no indication they intend to change their existing licence rules.



Minnie Mouse cut the ribbon to open the park, witnessed by children and adults. 20_c11mach03

New Machrihanish playpark opened by Minnie Mouse

CHILDREN and parents in Machrihanish enjoyed a day of fun on Saturday to mark the official opening of their new play park.

A costumed cartoon character, face painting and balloon modelling were among the attrac-



Sarah Livingstone with other members of the Laggan Opportunity and Amenity Fund who have worked hard over the last few years to reinstate the play park. 20_c11mach04

tions laid on to entertain the 100 plus people who attended.

The kids also had the chance to take advantage of the superb new facilities the £100,000 play park has provided them with, following a long fundraising campaign by the Laggan Opportunity and Amenity Fund (LOAF).

As well as the hard fundraising work of LOAF volunteers, the park was aided by Southworth Development, Argyll Community Housing Association and Argyll and Isles LEADER.

Sarah Livingstone, from LOAF, said: 'It was a great day and the rain stayed off so the kids stayed out. They were delighted to see Minnie Mouse.'

With LOAF having fulfilled its main objective,

Sarah Livingstone and the other volunteers will now take a break from fundraising.

But she added the charity has not disbanded and may take up other local projects in the future.



Heather Millar was one of the children who tried out the new equipment at Machrihanish Play Park on Sunday. 20_c11mach05

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GRADUATION



Seona McNaughton, daughter of Sandy and Christine McNaughton, An Cala, Campbeltown, has recently graduated from the University of Stirling with a BSc in Adult Nursing. Seona is due to take up a post as a Staff Nurse at Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Larbert.

Keeping older people out of hospital and in their homes

KEEPING older people out of hospital and in their homes will be the new strategy for Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership (CHP) as it tries to cope with Kintyre's ageing population.

That was the message delivered by a spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute CHP, to Campbeltown Community Council.

Christina West told the community council the number of elderly being treated in emergency admissions, was 'unsustainable'.

She said: 'Hospital is not always the right place to be for older people.'

'We can get better care for older people if we look at how we spend and target our resources.'

The community council heard resources would be refocused on outreach services, diagnosing health problems before they reached the emergency stage.

Fears were expressed that the new focus would mean a further reduction in beds at Campbeltown hospital.

Christina West said the new bed modelling would take account of use by all age groups and not only older people.

NHS statistics show the number of over 75s in Argyll and Bute is expected to increase by 80% by 2033.

With older people the biggest drain on health-care, the £4.5 billion currently spent by Argyll and Bute CHP would go up to £5.6 billion by 2016 if the current spending patterns continue.

Rotary's top awards are won by Marie and Frank

PARTNERS, friends and guests gathered to celebrate two prestigious awards given by the Rotary Club of Campbeltown.

Well-known Camp-

beltown lady Marie Kennedy was awarded the Citizen of the Year 2011, for her long service to the town, including her involvement with the local trading association

and the Christmas lights group.

Mention was made in the citation of Marie's service in dictating *The Campbeltown Courier* onto tape for the benefit of the visually impaired.

Most Promising Young Musician of the Year was awarded to Frank Rochford for his proficiency in both fiddle and bagpipes.

Youngest

He has studied at the Royal Scottish Conservatoire for some years, and in October 2011 he was invited to compete at the annual Glenfiddich Fiddle competition. As the youngest entrant, Frank received great praise for his playing on that occasion.

Following the presentations, Frank entertained the company with three sets, firstly a traditional two-four pipe march, followed by the reel *Dancing Dolly* by Donald Riddle. The company then heard a modern tune, *Farley Bridge* by Duncan Chisholm, and the short recital ended with the traditional tune



Frank Rochford received his award for Most Promising Young Musician of the Year, the Norman and Phyllis Milne Award, from Phyllis Milne. c11rotary02



President elect Chris Mordy presented Marie Kennedy with her certificate for the Rotary Club of Campbeltown's Citizen of the Year. c11rotary01

Ewe with the Crooked Horn, and a traditional pipe jig.

Presented

Phyllis Milne presented him with an engraved cup and with a cheque for £200.

The Norman and Phyllis Milne award was started in memory of the late Sheriff Norman Milne, but for some years has been given in the names of both Mr and Mrs Milne.

They received their certificates at a meal in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown after president elect Chris Mordy welcomed the company, in the absence of the president.

Rotarian Clive Good read the citations for both winners.

The very happy and most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the final toast to Rotary International.

Free Church centenary

A SPECIAL service is taking place this Sunday to mark the centenary of the Free Church in Campbeltown.

This Sunday, March 18, the church will mark 100 years since it opened on March 17, 1912.

As the 100-year-old church has been showing signs of its great age, it is presently undergoing extensive repairs and improvements.

Currently the focus is on external work, mainly the repointing of the whole building. Once that is complete, attention will be given to the redecoration and renovation of the inside.

It is the congregation's hope that the building will continue to be a place of worship for many years to come and be used for many events that will be of benefit and blessing to the local community.

To mark the centenary weekend, there will be a special service at 5pm on Sunday March 18, and led by Rev Billy Graham from Edinburgh.

The congregation extends a warm welcome to all to join with them at this centenary service.

Sustainable design awards

THERE IS still time to enter the Argyll and Bute Sustainable Design Awards 2012.

There are four categories for this year's awards, which are open to any building that has been designed and built over the past two years that has a completion certificate.

The deadline for entries is March 30.

The awards were first held in 2009 and recognise, promote and celebrate examples of exceptional design quality across the area.

The categories are: new build resi-

dential, single or small scale; new build large-scale residential development; new build non residential and redevelopment or refurbishment of an existing building.

Demonstrated

Sustainability is the theme which runs through all four categories, and this must be clearly demonstrated in entries.

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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



WE just couldn't believe our eyes!

There in the night sky above us at Clachan on March 3 was an amazing sight.

We thought it was a plane on fire or a helicopter. This strange object had a trail of fire attached to it and was visible for just about 20 seconds.

We watched in disbelief, as we had never seen anything like it before.

It was going south down the peninsula and we wondered where it would land - and I hoped it wouldn't be on top of our house.

The next day we discovered that thousands of people all over the UK had witnessed this event, and we were to learn that it was a meteorite.

This object had come from outer space to make impact with the earth's surface and cause great excitement with many earthlings.

The sky at night holds many wonders and secrets and leaves us star struck by its beauty.

On March 5, Mars the Red Planet was its closest to earth for a few years, at a mere 62.6 million miles away.

Meanwhile just a few nights ago Jupiter and Venus had a glittering rendezvous with the Moon and the heavens seemed to dance with joy.

The psalmist sang: 'The heavens declare the glory of God and the skies proclaim his handiwork.'

No wonder he also added: 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them?'

It is difficult for our finite brains to grasp the concept of infinity and when we gaze into the star studded sky, to which there is no ending, we can only stand and wonder.

It is even more amazing to know that in all the wonders of the Universe, the same God who flung the stars into space is the one who has the hairs of our head counted.



Down Memory Lane

JACKIE Kennedy style beehive hairdos were in vogue when this picture was taken at the Campbeltown Beauty Pageant of 1966.

The picture was sent in by Rosemary Coutts, fourth from left in the back row, who was 16 at the time it was taken.

Rosemary has since moved to Maine in the US, but she still holds happy memories of her time in Campbeltown.

She wrote in her letter: 'I don't know all the

names, but in the back row from left to right are: Marion McGeachy, Muriel McLellan, don't know, Rosemary Coutts, Maria Miller.

Winner

'And in the front row left to right are: first two I don't know; Ann Mitchell, Una McArthur, and Margaret McLaughlin.'

Winner of first prize was Maria Miller, with Una McArthur second, Margaret McLaughlin third, and Rosemary herself fourth.

HIE to pull support for arts centre

Sir,
Regarding the article in *The Campbeltown Courier* edition of March 9, on my comments at the tourism summit, I said that in our approach to Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) I was not necessarily looking for funding but support for the project.

HIE has now decided that Campbeltown has 'sufficient cultural input' and they will no longer support a cultural/arts centre in Campbeltown - 'We have the Picture House and the heritage centre'.

In the past HIE was very supportive, even providing seed funding, of the Kintyre Cultural Forum meeting the needs identified by the

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cultural/arts community for a centre. A view endorsed by the community.

However it is disappointing that, more recently, HIE has indicated that it will no longer support the cultural/arts centre as it had 'the potential to displace other projects in the area'.

The centre is not a cinema nor is it displaying heritage items.

It will meet the needs of the various musicians, dancers, writers, other artists, tourism businesses and community groups, working with the cinema and the heritage centre.

It is a project, which

will bring much needed economic benefit through jobs, provide tourism opportunities, and training for many different types of work.

**Susan Paterson,
23 Wallace Cottages,
Southend.**

Falklands War 30th anniversary

Sir,
This spring marks the 30th anniversary of the Falklands War.

In 1982, the battle to recapture the Falkland Islands cost 255 British lives.

It is a conflict that re-

mains in the minds of the soldiers, sailors and airmen who were involved.

All remember their comrades who didn't return, but for some the memories have become too painful.

It is a tragic fact that more Falklands' veterans have taken their own lives since the war than died during the conflict itself.

As we remember the bravery of all those who fought in the Falklands, we should also remember that the scars of war can be both physical and mental and often remain long after a conflict is over.

Last week saw the death toll of British servicemen in Afghanistan go past the 400 mark - many, many more suffer horrendous injuries, the results of which will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Last year alone, the Kintyre division of the military charity Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) Forces Help assisted 24 residents within the Campbeltown area who were members of the forces community, including veterans of all ages.

More than £10,000 was almonised for these individuals in need in Campbeltown and more than £60,000 was made available to the whole of Argyll and Bute.

If you or someone you know has ever served in the Royal Navy, British Army or Royal Air Force then SSAFA Forces Help is here to provide practical, emotional or financial support.

Your area's caseworkers are Heather Dryden, Ann Morrans and Margaret Richardson and are here to help those service and ex service members in need.

**Mike Richardson,
Secretary,
SSAFA
Forces Help,
Argyll and Bute**

Story didn't do justice to scenic route

Sir,
Your small piece (page 5 last week) about the *Scotsman* billing Argyll roads as one of the areas most scenic routes does not do justice to the original article.

The road described as Tarbert to Kennacraig in fact took in the whole east side via Carradale to Campbeltown and back up to Kennacraig - a detail totally missed in favour of the SNP MSP claiming credit for the roads.

While the B842 is a very scenic route the surface condition is poor, a fact not acknowledged by the MSP who has probably not been down this way since the last election.

The original article can be accessed via The Carradale Goat web forum.

**Alan Milstead
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Carradale**

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Council prepares work programme on European funding

by RUTH McCLEAN
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A WORK programme designed to maximise the drawdown of European funding is being prepared and developed by Argyll and Bute Council.

The Executive committee agreed the proposal after hearing of the authority's success in securing funding for

various projects in the 2007-2013 European programming period.

The programme will look at how the council would like to see European funds delivered in the Highlands and Islands, and across Scotland more generally; which European themes align with

Argyll and Bute Council's priorities and how best the authority can maximise the successful bidding for European funds. During the current European programming period, 2007-2013, Argyll and Bute Council has delivered and is still in the process of delivering projects, which have benefited from nearly £7m of funding from various

European sources. Of particular note was the council's European team facilitating the process to secure £3.95m for the Kintyre Renewables Hub project – the highest European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) grant approved by the Highlands and Islands partnership Programme under the current ERDF programme.

Be aware of vulnerable birds and animals

SCOTTISH Natural Heritage (SNH) is urging walkers and cyclists to be aware of vulnerable birds and animals as spring approaches.

Lambs and ground nesting birds are particularly vulnerable in spring, so SNH is asking dog walkers, cyclists, hill walkers, and anyone enjoying the

outdoors to be particularly careful.

A campaign is being launched to reinforce the message and emphasises the Scottish Outdoor Access code, promoting responsible access and how to enjoy the outdoors responsibly, and also includes mail-outs to dog walking companies, vets,

and digital ads on walking websites.

Ashleigh Tooth of SNH said: 'Scotland has some of the best access laws in the world for those who enjoy the outdoors – but with that comes responsibility for our wildlife. We want to encourage everyone to enjoy Scotland's nature while caring for

Scotland's countryside at the same time – whether that means keeping your dog under control, avoiding fires, or picking up litter.'

For more information on how to enjoy nature responsibly and outdoor access rights, see www.outdooraccess-scotland.com.

New owner waiting to assess the market

STABILITY is the watchword this year for the new owner of the camping and caravan park at Machrihanish.

Ewen Macdonald told *The Courier* he was waiting to assess the market before making any big decisions on which way to go with the site.

'We don't want to do too much too soon,' Ewen said. 'We need to get a feel for it first.'

Ewen, who used to work with his parents running their caravan site at Lochgilphead, has been involved with the camping and caravan trade for years.

He said one of the attractions of the Machrihanish park was that it needed relatively little work before being 'ready to go'.

With static pitches and 'wigwam'

style wooden huts already in place, Ewen has modified some of the interiors, with the aim of continuing to cater for budget travellers: 'We are aiming for a younger market. We're thinking of groups of five lads coming for a weekend's golfing or surfing.'

He hopes better use of Campbeltown Airport will encourage more visitors to come who might be on a stretched budget.

'It's much cheaper than people think to fly from

Glasgow,' Ewen said.



Ewen on the crazy golf course at Machrihanish Camping and Caravan Park 21_c11ewenmac1



Archie McIntyre, Clare Mead, Pat Dean and Mary-Anne Stewart from AVA. 21_c10ava01

Pick a card, any card

FIRST lieutenant Marion Willet from Campbeltown's branch of the sea cadets asked people to 'pick a card, any card' last Sunday at a fundraising event for local charities.

'Fun in Campbeltown' is a regular event run by Argyll Voluntary Action, allowing local charities to raise money for their projects.

Other charities which set up stalls in the Kinloch Guide Hall included Marie Curie, Homeless in Kintyre, Homestart and the Red Cross.

Attractions offered were free massages, tombola and kids' games as well as home baking aplenty.



First lieutenant Marion Willet 21_c10ava02

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Hilary Lord and Frank Chinn manning their bric-a-brac stall. 21_c10riding02



Jo Chinn and her brother Connor were among stallholders at the fundraising event. 21_c10riding01

Ian White returns to the Picture House

by RUTH McCLEAN
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AFTER the great success of his concert last March, Ian White will be returning to Campbeltown Picture House on March 23 as part of his Sound and Vision UK Tour.

At the age of 21, Ian made a deep and lasting commitment to Christ after studying for an arts degree at Aberdeen University.

Ian decided to dedicate all his musical talent to God, and he began to gain a reputation locally as a Christian singer.

However at that time nothing was materialising financially and Ian decided perhaps it was right that music would remain just a part of Presbyterian parish worship, which interested him.

He applied and was accepted as a candidate and returned to Aberdeen University and successfully completed a Divinity degree.

Since he started his career in music Ian has travelled the world, produced more than 20 albums and

has combined sales from his Scotland-based record label, Little Misty Music, of about a quarter of a million pounds.

Everyone who attended last year's concert enjoyed the music, the atmosphere as well as joining in with some of the songs, and we would encourage anyone who missed the chance to be there to take this second opportunity to hear a great singer.

Tickets are available from various shops in Campbeltown and for further details email csmstuart@gmail.com.

South Kintyre Riding for the Disabled hold fundraising day

A VARIETY of stalls were raising funds for the South Kintyre Riding for the Disabled last weekend.

As well as flowers there were stalls selling bric-a-brac and home baking, and tea and coffee on offer.

Organiser Alison Eynon said she was pleased with

the turnout and the money raised would help go towards the upkeep of the horses.

Last year the group gave riding opportunities to around nine local disabled people including six children.

Coffee morning

A COFFEE morning will be held tomorrow (Saturday) by the Salvation Army.

Taking place at its premises on Burnside Street, Campbeltown there will be fresh baked goods and a huge jumble sale from 10am to noon.

Church guild annual sale

WILLIAM Crossan will open the annual sale of work for Lorne and Lowland Church Guild tomorrow (Saturday).

There will be the usual stalls in the church hall from 2pm with afternoon tea also on offer.

Pancake tea at Stronvaar

CAMPBELTOWN Brass will feature at a Pancake Tea in Stronvaar Bowling Club, Campbeltown tomorrow (Saturday).

From 2pm to 4pm, the event will also feature beginner players and have the usual stalls.

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Kosmos Trio perform for 100 magical minutes

Sting trio Kosmos performed one of the most memorable concerts ever staged by Argyll and Bute Music Tours (ABCT) and the Kintyre Music Club.

AN EXPECTANT audience, with not an empty seat in Lorne and Lowland Church Hall, Campbeltown welcomed String Trio Kosmos on Tuesday evening.

Harriet Mackenzie on violin, Meg Hamilton on viola and Shirley Smart on cello provided one of the most enthralling and captivating nights of music ever staged by Argyll and Bute Music Tours (ABCT) and the Kintyre Music Club.

Kosmos, an innovative and quite unique string trio, perform their own arrangements, compositions and improvisations, and at this concert, music from more than a dozen countries was featured including Greece, Israel, Spain, Bulgaria, Tunisia, Russia and Brazil.

In a concert that lasted for 100 magical

minutes, Kosmos played fifteen different scenarios which featured Balkan, Arabic, Klezmer, Tango, Gypsy, Russian and Greek folk music.

The informative programme for the concert, alongside the engaging introduction to each set given by the three artistes rapidly spread an increased understanding of and liking for the foreign music – the applause after each number was enthusiastic and prolonged.

Throughout the concert the close understanding between the Kosmos trio shone out over and over again, as themes were tossed one to another and violin, viola and cello took it in turns to play solo, in unison and in harmony. In the centre, the role of the cello was vital – at times a guitar, then a walking

double bass, plucked strings and bow constantly interchanging, with Shirley's relaxed rhythmic playing fascinating to behold. The cello provided the necessary stability and sonority for the trio, permitting the virtuoso playing of the violin and the viola to take the eager audience on a musical journey few had ever encountered before.

The musical arrangements, compositions and improvisations flowed, all very different and unique, yet strangely linked together by the unifying feature of being played in a minor key. The virtuoso playing of Kosmos was quite exceptional - passionate yet always refined and controlled - and the unique programme presented by Harriet, Meg and Shirley for this ABCT tour broke new ground and will long be remembered.

Campbeltown Brass gain two awards

CAMPBELTOWN Brass had much to prove against its strong opposition on Saturday, but yet again came out amongst the front rank of bands.

The band travelled to Glenrothes for the Scottish Brass Band Championships and were up against 11 other bands, but finished in a strong third place, bringing home the Boosey and Hawkes Challenge Trophy and the Best Instrumentalist SBBA Gold Medal, only one point behind second placed Coalburn Silver, and just one further point behind first place Croy Silver.

No time for complacen-

cy, but definitely a day to remember, and a sharp shock for those big-name bands who might have written off Campbeltown Brass as a spent force after dropping from the first section during the rebuilding phase necessary after losing many key personnel recently.

A good friend of Campbeltown Brass and rival conductor, John Boax, both of whose bands were beaten by Campbeltown in the competition, summed up this remarkable result: 'I've never known a place like it, nowhere else have I seen such a stream of talent consistently produced.'



The band had to leave early before the results were delivered on Saturday, however its youngest member Archie McVicar was on hand to represent the band and collect the trophy from Alasdair Hutton.

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100th birthday approaches

ON SUNDAY the Hippodrome Cinema in Bo'ness celebrated its hundredth birthday and despite pipping Campbeltown to the post of oldest cinema in Scotland the local cinema sends its congratulations on this great achievement.

The day of glory for the Wee Pictures is fast approaching too and is being tracked on its website by a Countdown Clock to watch the seconds tick by till that moment next year on May 26 when The Picture House too will reach its centenary.

The Wee Pictures has also launched its Facebook page, so everyone can sign up and follow developments.

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Across

- 1 Deep red soup (6)
- 4 Nervy (2,4)
- 9 On which to write? (7)
- 10 Suit (5)
- 11 A feeling (5)
- 12 Hairstyle for men (4,3)
- 13 Document case (8,3)
- 18 Sweet potato instrument (7)
- 20 Elbow (5)
- 22 One with a cover story (5)
- 23 Catch (7)
- 24 Religious ministers... (6)
- 25 Regular (6)

Down

- 1 ...religious teacher (6)
- 2 Bow rub (5)
- 3 Make haste to keep in line with gossip? (5,2)
- 5 Chivalrous (5)
- 6 Actual (2,5)
- 7 Housing en masse (6)
- 8 Journeying outwith the Earth's atmosphere (5,6)
- 14 Picture (7)
- 15 This enables speech and hearing simultaneously (7)
- 16 Tile pattern (6)
- 17 Thus (6)
- 19 Topping sounds chilly! (5)
- 21 Excitement (5)

Last week's solution

Windfarm guidelines published

GUIDELINES to help wind farm developments have been published.

Scottish Natural Heritage has published the new set of guidelines to help local authority planners and developers make good developments happen in the right places.

It covers siting, design and assessment issues associated with small-scale wind energy developments.

It also helps applicants and planners assess the extent to which a devel-

opment could affect protected areas for birds, and provides a steer on assessing the cumulative impact of onshore wind farms.

Energy Minister Fergus Ewing said: 'I welcome the launch of Scottish Natural Heritage's new wind farm guidance. It will help planners and developers consider the needs of people, renewable energy and nature and will help ensure a consistent, streamlined approach to wind turbine applications.'

Busy bees at Clachan

BEEKEEPING classes have started in Clachan.

A mixture of experienced and potential bee keepers from Kintyre and Mid Argyll took part last week.

A total of 17 people attended the initial meeting in Clachan Primary School on March 5, with another meeting planned for March 19. Anyone interested is welcome to join in, for more details contact either 01880 740 637, 01880 730 262 or 01880 740 647.

Clachan Youth Club are taking part in geocaching with Kintyre Way ranger Owen Paisley this Friday.

The youth club is open to any young person aged 8 or over and all young people are welcome.



The Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band on stage with Pipe Majors Ian McKerral and Julie Blue. 20_c11pipe02

Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band hold concert and ceilidh



John Wilson, originally from Campbeltown, was MC for the night. 20_c11pipe01

THE cream of talent from Kintyre took to the stage on Saturday at the grammar school.

As well as the novice grade pipe band, Bethany Kelly, Ian McKerral's Chanter Group and Frank Rochford were part of the programme.

Organised by the Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band, a matinee concert took place, and then an evening concert and ceilidh at night.



A group of the Castlehill Primary children who are in Ian McKerral's Chanter Group and performed on Saturday. 20_c11pipe05



Frank Rochford on stage. 20_c11pipe03



Bethany Kelly. 20_c11pipe04

Mental health strategy launched

A NEW mental health wellbeing strategy was launched last week.

The new strategy by Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership provides framework and guidance to organisations about how to support and promote mental wellbeing for the communities they serve.

Examples of the recommendations in the new strategy, which runs from 2012-2014 include improving opportunities for people to access social activities; linking people in with welfare rights services; promotion of contact details where people can access counselling and support; and access to training for staff and the public.

In addition to the launch of the strategy, Community Planning Partners will be signing the 'See Me' pledge, which highlights their commitment to promoting anti stigma messages. Argyll and Bute Council have also committed to signing the pledge, amongst many other organisations, and plan to do so with the full council present at a forthcoming council meeting.

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Coast and Countryside Trust views sought

ARGYLL and Bute Council is encouraging people to attend workshops and give views on the proposed Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust.

The council is working in partnership with the Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network through the Argyll and Bute Local Services Initiative, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Forestry Commission Scotland to develop the proposed trust.

The remit of the trust would include outdoor access, marine and coastal, built environment and biodiversity projects.

Workshops will be held across the area during April and May to determine public support.

Internet safety programme is being shown in Kintyre primary schools

TO HELP parents and children to become more aware of and understand the risks involved in using online and mobile technology, an Internet safety programme is being shown to all primary schools across Kintyre.

Community Learning and Development Homelink is working in partnership with the schools and Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP).

As well as helping them to understand the risks, Homelink also supports children and parents to use applications safely.

Delivered

This is being done through the CEOP Think U Know Internet Safety Programme delivered in classrooms to both parents and children by a Homelink worker.

All parents of children in Primary 5, 6 and 7

are being invited along to their child's school where the Homelink worker delivers an Internet Safety presentation which has been designed purely for parents.

Dalintober and Castlehill have so far received the presentation.

Homelink is now in the process of offering the programme to the remaining seven primary schools throughout Kintyre.

100 years of the Red Cross in Kintyre

A BOOKLET is being created to celebrate 100 years of the local Red Cross branch.

In June an art competition for children is being organised in conjunction with Postcards 4 Red Cross when the local branch hopes to have a silent auction. The postcards painted by local, and not so local, artists will be auctioned off at this event in the Red Cross Hall. Cash raised will go to the Disaster Fund.

Later in the year an Edwardian tea party is being organised.

The Red Cross continues to deliver

library books to people on a regular basis as anyone who is housebound wishes from the library at Aqualibrium.

Red Cross Week takes place from May 6 to 12 and as usual members of the local branch will be around town and throughout Kintyre with collecting cans.

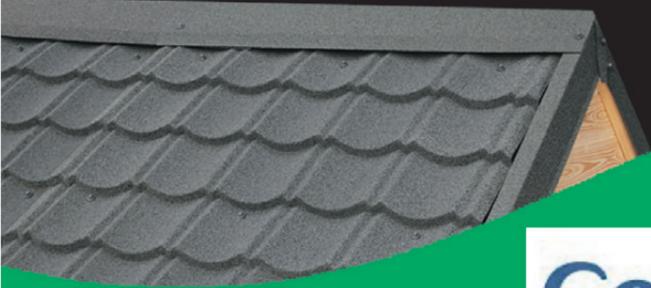
Tomorrow (Saturday, March 17) the Inner Wheel Club of Campbeltown is holding a coffee morning in support of the Red Cross Disaster Fund at the Red Cross Hall, Kirk Street, Campbeltown from 10am to noon.



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Neil MacPhail of Skernish with assistant Michael Mayberry who added another trophy to their collection from Buchlyvie Ploughing Match at the weekend.

A GLENBARR ploughing duo brought home yet another trophy to add to their ever-growing collection at the weekend.

Neil MacPhail of Skernish with assistant Michael Mayberry won with the Ransome plough at Buchlyvie at Balfour Station, the first time the match has gone ahead in three years.

A rather wet field meant that conditions underfoot were a challenge for both man and horse.

The weather was kind on the day but bitterly cold in the wind.

However, the hospital-

ity was warm and welcoming and the Skernish team were glad to have finally managed to attend after five years of trying.

Grand job

Clydesdale horses Jeanie and Tommy worked well and made a grand job of ploughing the plot.

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Simmental Cross: 241p(4) - Calumkill.



Gavin Semple received the trophy for the most points gained in the year in club events.



Richard Beard presented Sandy Pirie with his trophy for the most points gained throughout the year at shows.

Holstein Breeders hold annual general meeting

KINTYRE Holstein Breeders Club held its annual general meeting recently with the office bearers from last year remaining in place.

They are as follows: chairman Donald Armour, vice chairman Dugald Young, secretary Tommy Ralston, treasurer Alistair Graham, committee: James McPhee, William Turner, William Armour, Sandy Pirie and Gavin Semple.

The guest speaker for the evening was Richard Beard, field officer of

Holstein UK Society.

He addressed the membership on his 44 years experience with the Holstein breed that included work in Canada, USA and New Zealand and with Pioneer Holstein's company before joining the UK Society 16 years ago.

Mr Beard presented the year-end trophies to Sandy Pirie, for the most points gained in year at shows and to Gavin Semple for the most points gained in year in club competitions.

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Ayrshire Breeder's AGM

THE current president of the Ayrshire Cattle Society was the guest speaker at the Kintyre Ayrshire Breeders Club annual general meeting.

After welcoming 20 members, chairman Archie Reid paid tribute to four former members whose passing had brought sadness during the past year: Jock Galbraith, Thomas M Ralston, Alex Ronald and Ronald McLean had all been keen supporters of the club and would be greatly missed.

He then gave a full report on club events during the year and congratulated the Barr family on their Highland Show Ayrshire Championships with Calderglen Silverbell seventh and the Ralston family, East Drumlemble on being awarded the prize for Scottish Dairy Farm of the year at Agri Scot in November.

The treasurer, John Ferguson, reported a surplus of £125.58 on the year's activities, leaving the club with a closing credit balance of £2,826.04.

The office bearers were appointed to lead the club forward: chairman Murray Ralston, East Drumlemble, vice chairman Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh, secretary Archie Reid, Coniemore and treasurer John Ferguson, Killervan.

Invited

Margaret Howie, the current president of the Ayrshire Cattle Society was then invited to address the meeting.

After mentioning that her family originally moved to Hert from Ayrshire, she explained that her enthusiasm for Ayrshire cows stemmed from her early working life as a relief milker, where she had experienced milking all breeds of dairy cattle at one time



Retiring chairman Archie Reid, second from right, hands over to new chairman Murray Ralston, right, and vice chairman Thomas Cameron, left, with guest speaker Margaret Howie. c11farm02

or another.

Consequently, she now milks her own herd of 100 Ayrshires at Ridley Court Farm, Sevenoaks, where 350 rented acres also support all young stock, 70 ewes and numerous horses and ponies.

Forages

Calving is all round the year, with milk being sold to Dairy Crest through a broker. The farm is mostly down to grass, but 30 acres of maize, 17 acres of barley and 17 acres of Lucerne provide a variety of forages for the herd.

Being in such a low rainfall area means it is possible to out-winter

dry cows and youngstock and cows-in-milk are generally turned out by mid March.

Her message throughout was very positive about the future of the breed, for presently Ayrshires are meeting a healthy export trade and enjoying renewed interest especially amongst the younger generation of dairy farmers domestically.

A vote of thanks was then proposed by Murray Ralston. In particular he wished to thank retiring chairman Archie Reid for all his efforts during the past two years to ensure the club's continued success.



Craig Barbour is presented with the cup for the most points in the young farmer's section from the stock judging events by Margaret Howie from the Ayrshire Cattle Society. c11farm01

Scottish farmers could receive £25m cash boost

SCOTTISH farmers could receive an unexpected £25million cash boost to the Single Farm Payment (SFP) next year.

The current EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) comes to an end in December 2012. New legislation is allowing CAP to continue for an extra year until the present reform is agreed and implemented for 2014. However it does not allow the Scottish Government to transfer money from direct payments into rural development funding.

This means that unless the commission's proposals are amended on the regulation of the application of direct payments for the year 2013, the Scottish Rural Development Programme will be cut by £25 million next year and instead Scottish farmers will enjoy a huge boost to their Single Farm Payments.

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SOUTHEND

Refurbished community hall

MOMENTUM is building behind the community's drive to have a refurbished community hall for the 100th anniversary of the original hall next year.

Work has already been done to put suitable electrical connections in place, and the hope is to start building later this year.

The community council is making a wide range of applications to different funding bodies to push the £130,000 already raised up to the £500,000 needed.

Local person for post office

RESIDENTS welcomed news the Post Office will advertise for a local person to take on the role of subpostmaster, after three months without a post office in Southend.

Chairman John Bakes told a community council meeting the post would be advertised for an interested local person who had suitable premises.

There were expressions of interest but the

premises requirement emerged as the major problem.

The new owner of the Argyll Arms, where the previous post office was, said she had other plans for the space.

It was decided the community would ask the post office for help buying a portakabin to operate on the site of the new community hall.

Wear and tear fixed

A REPORT on the play-park came back all clear, with some minor wear and tear fixed.

Cumbria-based play-ground equipment company, Playdale, wrote the report and carried out the repairs at a cost of £195 plus VAT.

The ropes on the climbing frame were tightened and small sections of benches were mended.

Southend in Bloom

A 'SOUTHEND in bloom' competition will be held this year for the first time, with residents asked to create hanging baskets for display.

The competition will be judged on Sunday July 1 with prizes for first, second and third.

CLACHAN



CHILDREN from Clachan Primary School took part in a beach clean last week. They got to work collecting 21 bags of rubbish from Clachan Beach with the help of Julie Fairbrass from the GRAB Trust.

Potholes and flooding

POTHOLES and flooding on the B842 continues to be a problem, particularly at the section between Lephinstrath and Carskief.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesman said residents should contact the council as soon as they find a problem area.

The spokesman said time pressure forced workmen to carry out cold filling repairs, which though not ideal were better than no action at all.

Queen's jubilee

DIFFERENT ways were discussed at the community council meeting for marking the Queen's jubilee on the first weekend in June this year.

The most popular idea was a bonfire celebration – similar to the one for the silver jubilee – and further plans will be made at a future date.

Columba's footprints

IMPROVEMENTS are needed to maintain the popular Columba's footprints path near Southend, the community council agreed.

It was decided to contact the landowner, offering to pay him to help with spreading gravel on the section of the path from the bottom of the steps to the gate.

TAYINLOAN

Pier behind schedule

DUE to bad weather the works at Tayinloan Pier are running a few weeks behind schedule.

The project was due to be completed on June 22, but weather at the start of the year has meant it is now envisaged to be finished in early July.

KILKENZIE

Plans withdrawn

A PLANNING application for Shorefield, Drumalea Farm, near Kilkennie has been withdrawn.

It was for the site of a house and installation of a septic tank.

JURA

Festival of Oral Culture

THE line-up for this year's Jura Festival of Oral Culture has been announced.

Tip of the Tongue – Bàrr mo Theanga will feature prize-winning Canadian author Anne Michael and South Uist-raised poet Angus Peter Campbell.

Others will include travel writer James Atlee, Gaelic singer Clare Jordan, who will be accompanied by a bevy of Islay musicians.

The programme includes daytime and evening events, island tours and cinema.

Jura's oral tradition will be at the fore with ceilidhs, workshops, song cycles, oral histories and a wonderful children's programme.

A book and DVD will be launched with an event from Gary Cordingley, Pete Shaw and Karen Scott. It documents 10 years of their storytelling work at the famous Jura Music Festival.

The full programme and

ticketing is available at www.tipofthetonguefestival.com.

The event has been made possible by a Quality Production award from Creative Scotland and support from Jura Development Trust's Argyll and the Islands Leader and HIE funded GatE Local Development Officer.

Jura Hall celebration

A CELEBRATION to mark the completion of improvements to Jura Hall took place on Saturday.

More than 50 locals and dignitaries were welcomed to Craighouse to witness the ribbon cutting by local Rhona Paton.

In keeping with the green minded improvements to the hall the ribbon is being reused to wrap local charity dish cloths to benefit Jura Parish Church.

Growth at the Edge local development officer Rob Tigear explained the project, thanking funders and contractors and the people of Jura who supported the hall committee in their ambitious plans.

Jura Development Trust led the work along with the hall committee. It included the hall receiving a new eco-friendly, insulated coat, windows and doors, making it warmer and smarter.

The land next to the hall became a car park, easing congestion in the

centre of Craighouse and providing park and ride opportunities for locals and visitors alike. It's next to the Jura Passenger Ferry jetty and well located for access to the Paps of Jura.

Funding came from the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund, Argyll and the Islands LEADER, Jura Development Trust and the Hall's own fundraising.

CARRADALE

Plans approved

THE erection of a house on land north west of Bayview, Carradale has been approved planning permission.

The application was permitted by Argyll and Bute Council and includes the formation of an associated access road.

TARBERT

Demolition permitted

A PLANNING application for the demolition of a house at Rhu Lodge, Tarbert, has been permitted.

The application was also for a replacement house to be built with detached garage and the installation of a new septic tank.

SOUTHEND

Scarecrow competition

SOUTHEND'S ever-growing Scarecrow Sunday competition takes place next month.

Scarecrows, created by locals, will start appearing across the area as April 8 approaches.

The event will be taking place at St Blaans Hall, Southend on April 8.

GRAB Trust visit

JULIE Fairbrass from the GRAB Trust will be visiting the school next Friday to take about keeping the environment tidy and free from litter.

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Name of Ward	Number of Councillors to be elected
1 South Kintyre	3
2 Kintyre and the Islands	3
3 Mid Argyll	3
4 Oban South and the Isles	4
5 Oban North and Lorn	4
6 Cowal	3
7 Dunoon	3
8 Isle of Bute	3
9 Lomond North	3
10 Helensburgh Central	4
11 Helensburgh and Lomond South	3

Nomination forms can be obtained from The Election Office, Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RT after the date of this Notice. This office is open for the issue and delivery of nomination papers on weekdays from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Completed nomination papers MUST be delivered to the Election Office at the above address by 4.00pm on Thursday 29 March 2012.

If the election is contested, the poll will take place between the hours of 7.00am and 10.00pm on Thursday, 3 May 2012.

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New applications to vote by proxy MUST reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the above address by 5.00pm on Wednesday 25 April 2012.

If as the result of a disability an elector becomes incapacitated after 5.00pm on Wednesday 25 April 2012 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 13 March 2012**

Tel: 01546 603264, Fax: 01546 606874, E-mail: elections@argyll-bute.gov.uk Web: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/elections

NOTES

1 Nomination Packs : Nomination packs may also be downloaded from www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/elections. The website gives a list of local offices where nomination papers may be obtained (but not lodged) and other election information.

2 Electoral Register : The deadline for applications to be included in the Register of Electors to be used at the election is Wednesday 18 April 2012.

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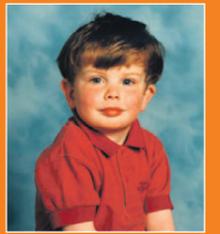
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/00383/PP	Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse and erection of detached garage	Cladach Bothan Tayinloan Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6XQ	Sub Post Office Tayinloan
12/00428/PP	Erection of wind turbine (46 metres high to blade tip) and formation of temporary access track	Land North West of Calliburn Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
12/00435/PPP	Site for the conversion of existing barns to form dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank	Craiganterve Beg Ford Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8RH	Ardrishaig Area Office
12/00436/PP	Erection of wind turbine (45.7 metres high to blade tip) and formation of temporary access track	Land North East of High Dalrioch Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6PH	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
12/00449/PP	Alterations and erection of conservatory	Marchbank House Moineuadh Carradale Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6QG	Sub Post Office Carradale
12/00465/PP	Removal of condition 2 (occupancy restriction) relative to planning permission reference 07/02323/DET (proposed island bothy)	Island Bothy Eilean Mor Castleton Argyll and Bute	Ardrishaig Area Office

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/00522/LIB	Maintenance and repairs including re-rendering and painting of walls	The Arches Inveraray Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Inveraray

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

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

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COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES

Councillor Donald Kelly (E.W.1 South Kintyre)
Councillor Kelly can be contacted on Tel: 01586 810 391/07977327751 or by e mail donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk
Councillor Kelly will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

Councillor John Semple (E.W.1. South Kintyre)
Councillor Semple can be contacted on Tel: 01586 553 765 or by e mail - john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Donnie MacMillan (E.W. 3 Mid Argyll) can be contacted on Tel: 07979 086093 or an appointment can be made by phoning Members Services on Tel: 01546 604209. Councillor MacMillan can also be contacted by e mail - donald.macmillan@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Alison Hay (E.W.3 Mid Argyll) can be contacted on Tel: 01546 604209 or by e mail - alison.hay@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Douglas Philand (E.W.3 Mid Argyll) can be contacted on Tel: 01546 606575 or by e mail on dougie.philand@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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Depending on experience, we offer a salary package in the range £33k-£39k, along with the opportunity to develop your management career within a company at the forefront of UK trout farming. Assistance with housing may be available.

If you are interested in applying for this position please send your CV, by Thursday 29th March 2012, to:

Lindsey Elder, HR Assistant, Dawnfresh Seafoods Ltd, Bothwellpark Industrial Estate, Uddingston, G71 6LS. Office 01698 810008, E-mail: lindsey.elder@dawnfresh.co.uk

Informal enquires can be made to Sean Lydon, Seawater Manager, Office 01866 822549, E-mail sean.lydon@dawnfresh.co.uk

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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BIRTHS

MACDOUGALL – John is delighted to announce the safe, but speedy, arrival of his little brother, Campbell Aitchison Robert, born on Sunday, February 26, 2012 at home in Tarbert. Fourth grandchild of John and Margaret MacDougall and second grandson of Alexander Martin, Moira and Lachie Wood and Wilma MacKenzie. Special thanks to the midwives at the Mid Argyll Maternity Unit.

PHILIPS – Robert and Alison, née MacNicol, are delighted to announce the birth of Alasdair Derek, born on February 3, 2012 at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. First grandchild for Alasdair and Fiona MacNicol, Turnalt, and the late Derek and Isa Philips, Ardrishaig. Many thanks to the midwives in Lochgilphead and Paisley and the staff at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

DEATHS

COLVILLE – Peacefully, in the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital, on March 7, 2012, Frances Robertson, in her 67th year, 37 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Hugh Colville, much loved mother of John, Andrew and David and a loving and much loved grandmother.

CRAWFORD - Duncan MacVicar, Brechnoille. At home on Friday March 9, 2012, dearly loved husband of Phyllis (nee Baxter), loving and much loved father of Jane, Duncan, Mairi, Colin and Ernie, devoted Papa of eighteen grandchildren and one great grandchild. Funeral service was held at Inveraray Parish Church, on March 14, interment thereafter at Kileven Cemetery.

GEDDES – Peacefully, after an illness, borne bravely, at the Beatson Hospital, Glasgow, on March 13, 2012, Patricia (Pat) Geddes, née Gibson, aged 68 years, of 'Tara', Ormsary Road, by Lochgilphead, beloved wife of Bill, much loved mum of Fiona, Jackie and Stuart and loving gran of Rory and Olly. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Monday, March 19, at 1.00pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. No cards or letters please, donations if desired, to 'Friends of the Beatson' and the Anthony Nolan Trust.

MCINTOSH – Peacefully, at home, 8 Tormore, Carradale, as she wished, on March 6, 2012, Flora McFadyen (Big Flo), in her 82nd year, dearly beloved wife of the late Douglas McIntosh, dearly loved mother of Duncan and Wendy, a much loved and valued mother-in-law of Gail and Colcen and a devoted and much loved grandmother of Laurene, Rowan and Douglas.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCGOWN – Cathie and Wallace would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following the recent loss of John. We have been overwhelmed by the number of cards, gifts and messages of support we received. A special thanks to Dr Lazarus and the staff at the Campbeltown Health Centre and Hospital and to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their very personal service. Finally, special thanks to the Rev Burroughs for a very fitting church service and to all who paid their respects at both the church and at the graveside. The retiral collection raised the sum of £650 for the Lorne and Lowland Church.

IN MEMORIAM

EDWARD – In memory of my beloved husband, George, died March 21, 2011. Sadly missed, never forgotten.
- Jean.
EDWARD – In loving memory of our dear dad, George, passed away March 21, 2011. Forever loved.
- Jeanette, Clive, Alex and family.

FERGUSON – Barbara (Granny Babs), died March 4, 2009 and Mary Crawford (Gren), died March 12, 1999. Never forgotten.
- Charles, Fiona, Lorna, Andrew, Cameron, Ewan, Holly and Anna x.

GRAHAM – Charlie, died March 22, 2011. A year has passed since you were taken away. Love and miss you more than words can say.
- Your loving wife, Nan and family, home and away.

MACDOUGALL – Precious memories of Alasdair, who was tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007. Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts. A huge loss, missed so very much!
- Mum, Dad and Keli. See you Later x.

MACDOUGALL – Alasdair. Remembering you is easy. We do it every day. It's just the pain of losing you. That never goes away. Forever in our hearts.
- Nikki, Mhairi and Codi xxx.

MACPHAIL – In loving memory of John, our son and brother, died March 15, 1995. Always in our thoughts.
- Love Mum, Caroline and Linda.

MCGEACHY – In memory of Margaret, my lovely lady, taken from me on March 18, 2010. There's no lips to kiss me tenderly. And make me smile again. Or arms to gently hold me. And soothe away my pain. Our time on earth together. So sadly had to end. Angels carried a soul up to Heaven. That soul was my best friend. Ae fond kiss.
- Leslie.

MCGEACHY – Treasured memories of a much loved mum and granny, Margaret, passed away March 18, 2010. Gone from our lives, but not from our hearts.
- Debbie, Leslie, Lesley, Gary, Hollie, Connor, Lewis and Logan.
MCGEACHY – In loving memory of Margaret, much loved sister-in-law and great aunt. You went to help in God's garden. Where the angels dance and sing.
- From Betty, Margaret and Bob and families at home and USA.

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SUNDAY 18th MARCH 2012
11.00 am
Worship Service
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 18th March 2012
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Sunday School 11.20am
Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre
Rev. Tommy Bryson
Guild meets
Monday 19th March
Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre
2.30pm
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Everyone very welcome
SC002622



Highland Parish Church
SC002493
Saturday 17th March 2012
4.00pm
Hall preparation
Sunday 18th March
11.15am
Special Service with Keith & Lynne Smith - Burkina Faso
FunDay Club(3yrs - P5) JaM (P6+)
Tuesday 20th March
Badminton Club
6.30pm - 7.45pm P1 - P5
7.45pm - 9.00pm P6 - P7
Wednesday 21st March
7.15pm
Bible Studies for Lent - Manse
Advance Note:
The Stated Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held after the morning service on 25th March.
Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone always welcome

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
Sunday 18th March
Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30pm
"Journeying with the Cross" (John 3)
Scottish Charity Numbers (SC010713 & SC010782)

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Church Services
18 March - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service
Furnace Village Hall at 10 am and AGM
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Sunday Club - all children are welcome to join

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 18th March, 2012
Glassary 10a.m.
Rev. Cliff Acklam
Tuesday 20th March, 2012
Session meet in Kilmartin Hall at 7.30p.m.
SC002121

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 18th March 2012
11.00am Morning Service
Monday 19th March 2012
Ladies Meeting
Tom McKay, Lochgair
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 - 11.30am
Scottish Charity SC015187

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church
Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
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George Street
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Sunday 18th March
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Rev W D Graham
'God's building'
(2 Peter 2:5)
All Welcome
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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Saturday, 17th March
Guild Annual Sale Of Work - 2.00 p.m.
Sunday, 18th March
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
(Crèche, Triple C and Bible Class)
Rev. Philip Burroughs
Monday, 19th March
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 20th March
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Thursday, 22nd March
Bible Study (in the manse) - 7:30 p.m.
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 23rd March
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon.
Ian White in Concert (The Wee Picture House) - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 27th March
A.G.M. in the New Hall - 7:30 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Saturday
10.00am - 12.00 noon
Coffee Morning
Sunday Services
10.30am
Morning Worship
5.45pm Prayer Meeting
6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
12.15pm Over 60's Luncheon Club
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Wednesday
7.00pm House Group
Thursday
11.30am Meet 'n' Eat Café
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Sunday 18th March
10.00am Breaking of Bread
Mr R H Craig
10.50am Coffee
11.15am
Family Service with Sunday School and Crèche
".....mainly women....."
A Service on Mothers Day
7.00pm Youth Group
Wednesday 21st March
10.00am Jellytots - Parent and Toddler Group
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
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Sunday 18 March 2012
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Stan Holloway
"Sit or Stand"
Thursday 22 March 2012
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 18 March
Tayvallich Church 11:30 am
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Hive of activity at bowling club

THE past few weeks have seen a hive of activity at Campbeltown Bowling Club as the winter indoor season draws to a close.

At the annual general meeting at the end of February, Simon Rochford was elected as president for the 2012 season. His first official duty was to present Archie Johnston and Bobby Dalziel with the Archie and Fiona Smith Trophy

for winning the club's open pairs.

This was followed last week by the men's open singles that was densely populated by a host of past winners. Four of these contested the two semi-finals that saw one shot wins for Gavin Semple over Vince Jordan and the holder Bobby Mathieson over Archie Johnston.

The final was also well contested but with Bob-

by always in command as Gavin tried in vain to keep in touch with him until eventually running out of ends to get a foothold on the match.

With an end to spare Bobby took the A-Wards trophy for the third consecutive year, becoming the first person to achieve this feat.

In the president's absence, vice president Robert MacCallum presented the prizes.



Bobby Dalziel and Archie Johnston with Simon Rochford.



Archie Johnston, Gavin Semple, Bobby Mathieson, Vince Jordan and Robert MacCallum.



THE Aucharua Cup was played for at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend on Saturday night. The winner was Duncan Watson and the runner up Jimmy Umpherson. Many thanks to David Barbour of Aucharua for presenting the cup to the winner.

50th Machrihanish winter league ends in style with Texas Scramble

MACHRIHANISH Golf Club's Saturday Winter Leagues 50th year ended in style last weekend with the now customary Texas Scramble followed by the dinner and prize-giving.

The ever-popular scramble format sees the names drawn from a hat, or similar, and teams generated at random.

That's the theory but in practice there are always last minute withdrawals

requiring subs to play and it was such a team that stormed to success.

Made up of David Graham, Ross Robertson, Brian Findlay snr and John McPhee the boys made light of the bizarre conditions to win on the day with a super net score of 53.6.

Wooden spoon

There was disappointment for Norman 'the Mighty' Gwynne who lost his permission slip

and failed to appear to collect his dreaded wooden spoon.

Not to worry Norman, there's always next year big man.

Other notable absentees, making it a bit quieter than normal, were wee Hector Tuesday McMurchy who was off to Las Vegas to win his fortune, Jimmy Simpson who chose sunshine and sangria rather than having to commit to 18

holes, and club captain Frank McHardy who wanted to spend his wedding anniversary on the links at Machrihanish but whose better half thought otherwise.

Good luck

Subject to conditions permitting club competitions will commence tomorrow, Saturday March 17, so good luck to all. The way things are at the moment you're going to need it.

Swimmers in graded meet

NINE members of Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club travelled to Johnstone Pool in Renfrewshire earlier this

month to compete in the Milngavie and Bearsden Winter Graded meet.

The group narrowly missed out on medals

but had some extremely close swims.

On Saturday, Kirsten McLean finished third in the fourth heat of six swimmers in the 200 IM only to narrowly miss out on a bronze medal being edged into fourth place by 0.33 seconds in a time of 2:58.72

On Sunday Becky Dott also just missed out on bronze in the 50m Breaststroke by 0.26 of a second in a closely fought race won by Emma Williams from the host club. Emma Lazarus from Kintyre finished sixth. Emma also finished in fifth place in 100m breaststroke in a time of 1:33.15.

This weekend, a group of 10 swimmers travel to Helensburgh Pool to take part in a joint training session with swimmers from Dunoon and Helensburgh and then it's off to Johnstone again the following weekend for the REN96 Graded meet.



Gordon McKinven, left, and Cillian Morgan from Dunoon with Ann Gallacher from the local badminton club.

A GOOD day's badminton ended with Dunoon taking the top two prizes at the Argyll Cup Championships recently.

The Campbeltown/Mid Argyll team fought to the bitter end, and were just three games behind in the round robin competition.

Dunoon won the A and C Cup at the competition in Campbeltown which also saw celebrations taking place in the evening to mark the 60th anniversary of the competition.



Pupils from Drumlembie Primary School with their certificates and socks for taking part in the mile.

Pupils in training for Sport Relief

CHILDREN from all of Kintyre's Primary Schools are well into their training for Sport Relief next weekend.

Active Schools co-ordinator Robbie Kupris has been putting the kids from all of the area's schools through their paces.

As well as completing their own Sport Relief Mile, other events have been organised in the town on March 25.

There will be the Sport Relief Mile for members of the public, where people can walk, jog or run one mile, three miles or six miles.

Aqua Zumba will be taking place in the swimming pool at Aqualibrium and people can also take part in the Big Splash mile in the pool, which is equivalent to 64 lengths. This can be done as an individual or as part of a team.

Taking place on Sunday March 25, there will be something for everyone over the day, including families. Half the money raised will go to Sport Relief and the other half will go towards a chosen charity.

It is being organised through Jog Scotland and to enter go online for the one, three or six mile events, and for any of the other events going on in Aqualibrium over the course of the day, application forms are available from Wee Toon Sports. Discounts are available for people interested in taking part in a few events. Organisers are looking to get as many people involved as possible and to promote the benefits of not only running, but also water-based exercises.

Good scores recorded at Glenralloch

SOME good scores were carded at Glenralloch Golf Course last weekend after a slow start to week 14 of Tarbert Golf Club's winter league.

Keith Blair had a poor start but soon found some form to finish strong and card 17 points, taking place. Steve Bleasby came a close second to Keith, scoring 16 points in what was his first round of golf this year.

This weekend will see the winter league come to a conclusion, with awards presented after the final competition in the clubhouse.

Lottery numbers

THE jackpot in the Tarbert Golf Club lottery draw will be £625 next week after another week passes with no winner. The numbers drawn this week were 1, 9 and 18.

There were no winners in the Tarbert Football Club lottery this week, with numbers 8, 15 and 16 drawn. The jackpot will be £500 next week.

February Medal

RESULTS from Dunaverty Golf Club's February medal on February 25: Handicap 1 A Arkell 76-18=58, 2 J Downie 74-12=62, 3 H Taylor 76-13=63; Scratch: 1 R Sinclair 71(BIH), 2 C McCallum 71, 3 J Downie 74.

Tarbert at home

TOMORROW (Saturday) Tarbert AFC plays Duncanrig FP B at Cil Andreis, Tarbert with a 2pm kick-off in a division one fixture.

Ladies Medal

THE ladies of Dunaverty Golf Club played their March Medal in fine conditions on March 10. Margaret Barr's 67 won the medal from Linda Branigan by way of a better inward half.

Denise Fawcett finished a further two strokes behind; a total of 10 ladies played.

Result: Margaret Barr 93-26=67.

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Pupils go through in penalty shoot-out

Jimmy Marshall Trophy
2nd Round
St Joseph's 1
Campbeltown Pupils 1
(Pupils win 4-1 on penalties)

AFTER a pulsating old-fashioned cup-tie, the McFadyen-sponsored Campbeltown Pupils claimed another scalp from the higher divisions against St Joseph's in the second round of the Jimmy Marshall Trophy.

Punishing pace

No quarter was the rallying cry as both teams set a punishing pace in what was without doubt the best performance of

the season from the visitors.

There was a stronger shape to the Pupils line-up after a disappointing away defeat the previous Saturday, a balance in both defence and attack that proved effective as the game progressed.

An outstanding strike from Gary Grumoli gave the visitors the lead in the 21st minute of the match, the player making perfect connection to send the ball into the top corner from all of 30 yards.

It was a pulsating match with near misses at both ends; the pick of

the bunch, a ball driven across goal for a lunging Gregor McFadyen to miss by the skin of his teeth.

Industrious

The home side built up a head of steam in the second-half and at times the Pupils rode their luck. However, an industrious back four were in no mood to be overwhelmed.

The Pupils were always dangerous on the break, but chances were scorned as the final pass let them down.

The home side's pressure eventually paid off when they were awarded

a penalty at 82 minutes, the ball being dispatched to level the scores at the death.

It was down to a penalty shoot out, and Paul Grumoli, Gary Grumoli, Grant Grant, all scored.

Young Craig Lamont saved the opposition's first attempt, and, their third was blasted over the bar. Mark Barrett had the pressure, and, the eventual pleasure of scoring the winning kick.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Campbeltown Pupils play at home against Centre with a 2pm kick-off.



All the prizewinners from Sunday. 20_c11bad02

Feathers fly at Victoria Hall

GLENBARR'S Neil Littleleson excelled himself at Sunday's badminton championships in the Victoria Hall. More than 70 pupils from a number of primary schools in Kintyre

took part, and at the end of the day the following awards and prizes were presented by Catherine Muir.

Winners 2012: Singles: P4/5 winner Andrew Dott, Castlehill Primary, runner up Elliot Gemmill, Carradale.

Primary; P6 winner Cameron Campbell, Glenbarr Primary, runner up Josh McSporry, Castlehill Primary.

P7 winner Neil Littleleson, Glenbarr Primary, runner up Rhona O'May, Castlehill Primary.

Doubles, girls: winners Nicole Thomson and Susan Shaw, Dalintober Primary, runners up Louise McKellar and Annalise Shields, Castlehill Primary; boys: winners Neil Littleleson and Cameron

Campbell, Glenbarr Primary, runners up Gregory Wemyss and Brandon Simpson, Castlehill Primary.

Mixed winners Neil Littleleson and Nicola Wareham, Glenbarr Primary, runners up Josh McSporry, Castlehill Primary & Nicole Thomson, Dalintober Primary.

Additional Awards: Most Improved Performance: Jake Morrison Dalintober Primary, Alasdair Ferguson Castlehill Primary, Robert Todd Dalintober Primary, Brandon Simpson Castlehill Primary.

Most Sportsmanlike Performance: Suen Yee Walker Castlehill Primary, Rory Paterson Castlehill Primary, Nicola Wareham Glenbarr Primary, Harry McLean Castlehill Primary.

Best Kit: Ben Lafferty, Duncan Lang, Josh Barbour, Abbie Mathieson, all Castlehill Primary.



Steven Jordan runner-up and Charles Robertson winner.

Charles is the champ!

CHARLES Robertson was the winner of the league singles for the Campbeltown and District Darts League on Monday night.

Held in Argyll Bowling Club, Charles overcame 45 players to take the top spot, with Steven Jordan as runner up.

There were some great darts thrown on the night, the best being a 14-dart leg by Charles and a 15-dart leg by Jamie McGougan.

There were several 180s scored, two from Charles Robertson, and others from Steven Jordan, Jimmy Umpherson, and Jamie McGougan.

Vince Jordan had two high finishes in the same match of 101 and 113.

Rugby posts are going up

IT has taken a while, but it looks like the rugby posts are finally going up at Meadows Park.

Council contractors got to work on Tuesday afternoon and dug fresh holes for the posts, which have been lying idle since last year.

At the time of going to press (Wednesday) there

was as yet no sign of the posts themselves, but a council spokeswoman said the job would definitely be completed this time.

Much Needed

Coach of the local rugby team, John Forster, said the posts were much needed.

'It will mean we can

finally have a proper game of rugby. For those who aspire to kick goals they can finally do so, in training as well as in matches.'

Away teams visiting Campbeltown recently have been surprised to see a pitch without posts, with games reduced to tries only.



The Saturday Winter League celebrated its 50th year, and its members celebrated in style. See page 23 for report. 20_c11golff01

Dunaverty Golf Club Am Am

THE annual Am-Am competition at Dunaverty Golf Club takes place on April 7.

Tee off times are booking up fast but times are still available with the format of four persons per team.

Please see the competition sheet in the clubhouse or telephone 01586 830677. Please leave a message and someone will call you back, or email your booking to dunavertygc@aol.com. All competitors must hold a current handicap.

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