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Anger at hospital cutback plans

REDUCING the number of beds at Campbeltown Hospital will provide 'enhanced services in the local community' according to NHS Highland.

The statement comes as the health board announced that not only will the number of beds at the hospital be cut, but a review is also being undertaken of out-of-hours radiography services, such as x-rays.

NHS Highland said the reason for the review is due to the frequency of on-call periods for radiography staff, as well as recent changes to pay agreements for on call and a difficulty in attracting new recruits because of the high level of out-of-hours work.

The possibility of further reductions at the hospital, which come after last month's decision to cut 11 beds, has angered members of Campbeltown Community Council.

Speaking at a recent meeting, community council member Ann Gallacher said: 'They might as well shut the hospital.'

Many members also felt that the substitute prescribing clinic was being pushed through at the expense of facilities at the hospital.

However, NHS Highland has been quick to dismiss any connection between the two, with a spokesman saying: 'The reduction in the



Members of Campbeltown Community Council are against cuts to beds and services at Campbeltown Hospital.

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number of beds has nothing to do with saving money or providing substitute prescribing, as the financial resources released from these beds will be utilised to provide enhanced services in the local community.'

Meanwhile, Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, has spoken out against the cuts to the hospital. He said: 'I am very worried about these cuts and have written to Elaine Mead, the health board's chief executive, expressing

my concerns and asking her to think again.'

Michael Russell, MSP for the area has also called on the NHS to listen to the local community. He explained: 'I am opposed to the rundown of services in Campbeltown

Hospital and I hope that NHS Highland are listening to the local community and are focussed on providing high quality continuing health care that is designed for a community at some distance from other services.'



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Coffee morning with a difference raises £600

CAMPBELTOWN'S Inner Wheel Club raised £600 at their coffee morning with a difference on Saturday as visitors were invited to have their blood sugar checked.

This year's president, Jenny McFarlane, had decided to choose the Campbeltown Diabetes Foundation as their chosen charity for this year as it is a cause close to her heart.

She said: 'My husband

who died ten years ago died of diabetic complications.'

Those who came to the coffee morning expecting the usual tea and biscuits also found a stand manned by diabetes nurse Judy Semple, who was offering blood sugar tests.

Jenny added: 'We have been overwhelmed with support. We would love to thank everybody for all their donations.'



Judy Semple gives Inner Wheel member Pat Mordey a blood sugar test.
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Fun for all on Gigha

DARTS, an auction and quiz night are all coming up on the Island of Gigha in the next month.

Today sees the 11th anniversary quiz night taking place, with all money raised going to Comic Relief. It starts at 8pm in the hotel bar.

Tomorrow, the final darts league takes place at 9pm, also in the Gigha Hotel Bar.

In April, the annual auction will be held at the village hall at 2pm on the 20th.

Argyll and Bute Council now offers free support to help local businesses supply goods and services to the public sector, through its membership of the Supplier Development Programme. This includes access to free workshops including:

Supplier Development Programme

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- **Thurs 11th April, Argyll and Bute Council Chambers, Kilmory, Lochgilphead. 10.00 to 12.30**
- **Fri 19th April, Queen's Hall, Dunoon. 10.00 to 12.30**
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This workshop is designed for companies and third sector organisations that have had little or no experience of tendering for public sector contracts and would like to become 'tender ready'. It will help you decide if tendering is for you and if so how to go about it, give an overview of the tendering landscape and share some tips on successful tendering.

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- Deciding if your business is ready for tendering
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After attending this workshop you will be able to decide if supplying the public sector is right for you, implement the first stages of entering this market, recognise the compliance issues that must be addressed, understand the basic requirements of the market and find and examine initial opportunities through appropriate channels.

To book a place at this workshop please register with the Supplier Development Programme at www.sdpscotland.co.uk. Registration is free and takes only a few minutes. You will then be able to book for this workshop or any of the other free workshops offered across Scotland.

An informal 'Meet the Buyer' networking event will follow each of the workshops above, 12.30 - 14.00. Come along to meet members of the Council's procurement team, ask questions and find out about opportunities to supply the Council.

To find out more about the Supplier Development Programme visit www.sdpscotland.co.uk or contact Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway team on 01546 605459.



Delight as distillery secures store loan

Kilchoman looks forward to more storage space

ISLAY'S newest working distillery is beginning to emerge from the shadows of its larger neighbours thanks to a £450,000 loan to build a new store.

Kilchoman Distillery, which went into production in 2005 and now produces around 120,000 litres of alcohol annually, secured the loan from the Clydesdale Bank last week.

Its new store is being built at Conisby.

The distillery is currently loaning cask space at three other sites on Islay and had been struggling to obtain a loan to meet its increased production.

Distillery manager John MacLellan said: 'With the help of the Clydesdale Bank we can build an asset that will completely change the way we run things.'

'The investment moves up into a stage where we are more in control of our own destiny. We have stock at distilleries

all over the island: Port Ellen, Bowmore and Bruichladdich.

'We are grateful to these companies for being so helpful because the industry is booming and everyone is crying out for more storage space.'

'But we are looking forward to getting all our stock under our own roof.'

'Kilchoman is growing rapidly and we are looking to increase our output by up to 6,000 cases this year.'

Anthony Wills, managing director of Kilchoman Distillery, added: 'Even though the business is growing, some banks ran a mile when we sought investment. Clydesdale Bank, on the other hand, was willing to listen to our needs and was prepared to support us.'

Kilchoman Distillery had a turnover of £1.6million last year and employs 16 permanent staff.

Don't drive while tired

POLICE are advising drivers to stop and rest if they feel tired after pulling over a man at Kennacraig last week at 6.20am.

The driver claimed he was tired after arousing police suspicion.

Police say if drivers feel sleepy they should stop.

Kintyre Way on the move

THE KINTYRE Way is making a move from an office in Tarbert to Campbeltown as part of its long-term plans.

The group is currently in the process of leasing a property in Campbeltown, which it aims to fill with three paid job

posts. Eventually they aim to have six or seven posts, including a project manager and marketing, which can be paid for with their current grant funding for two years.

Work will start in April, with a consultation period on the extended

route down to Southend after that.

John Bakes, a member of the Long and Winding Way, the organisation which runs the Kintyre Way, said: 'Once we have got lines on the map we can get the work on the ground started.'

Youngsters lead tour in Gaelic

YOUNG people on Islay will be leading a tour in Gaelic as part of work towards their John Muir Award this year.

Zoe Wells, Hannah Gillies, Caitlin Marrion, Heather Hope, Isla Montgomery and Scott Mitchell will all take part

in the award following last year's successful pilot.

Comunn na Gàidhlig is developing the schedule, with each activity carried out in the language of the Gaels.

The emphasis of the course is fun and

friendship, making connections with the environment and other young Gaelic speakers.

Motion capture cameras will also be used to record wildlife movement on the Gruinart reserve, with the photos and film to be exhibited at Fèis Ìle.

Dawnne in running for Jolomo award

A CAMPBELTOWN woman who studied art in Ohio before returning to live in Scotland has been nominated for Scotland's biggest art prize.

Dawnne McGeachy, who first studied art at the Grammar School, has been shortlisted in the Jolomo Bank of Scotland Awards and stands a chance of winning a share of the £35,000 prize fund.

Inspiration

Dawnne, 43, now of Glasgow, credits Kintyre as the inspiration for her art, where her father worked as a fisherman.

The winners are set to be announced at a gala dinner at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in June.

Fuel theft warning

PEOPLE with diesel or fuel tanks are being advised to keep them secure after reports of a theft of red diesel at Killeonan Farm, Campbeltown last Thursday.

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It is believed 400 litres of the fuel were stolen; a day or so after it was delivered to the farm.

If anyone has any information regarding the red diesel theft, they should contact Campbeltown Police.

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The Barrow Band entertains the crowds with a number of fruit and vegetable based songs. 20_c11localproduce01

Arran ferry link still on course

A FERRY between Campbeltown and Ardrossan via Brodick could still be introduced this year, according to local councillor John Semple.

Speaking at Friday's Kintyre Initiative Working Group (KIWG), Mr Semple said Argyll and Bute Council was still in discussion with the Scottish Government over commencing the service, as 'there is a real will to get it up and running'.

He added that if the ferry was to start this year it would be seen as a staging year, with the following two years the official pilot.

There are still to be discussions over the timetable, as previous suggestions had meant the ferry would leave Campbeltown mid-week at 5am.

John Semple said: 'This is an opportunity to have Campbeltown no longer as a dead end. I feel that the problems

in Campbeltown can be overcome with reasonable timetabling and addressing the needs of people.'

He added he was still also in discussions with South Ayrshire over getting Campbeltown a direct route. He explained: 'It does not mean we have lost sight of a direct route. I contacted South Ayrshire again after the ferries plan was published. In spite of that they were still interested in exploring a ferry route.'

Despite this, several people at the KIWG meeting appeared wary at the idea of continuing

to pursue a ferry service via Arran. Councillor Rory Colville has said he is dead against it, comparing the proposed Arran ferry to the doomed Ballycastle service which, like the Arran route, lacked advertising and signage.

He explained: 'That was a disaster. It was the decision of Argyll and Bute Council that the service should be delayed and it seems to be going ahead anyway.'

'For the decision to be taken without proper consultation of the service users of the harbour is not helpful.'

Garden rocks with eat fresh and local message

FRESH fruit, vegetables and meat were all on the menu at Monday's Rock up in Red event in Campbeltown's Community Gardens.

A number of local producers from the area turned up to offer their wares to visitors, with freshly made soup, burgers and smoothies all available.

The event was organised locally by Inspiralba along with the British Heart Foundation, whose annual UK-wide campaign to stamp out

heart disease took place last month.

Experts on heart disease were on hand to explain how poor diets lead to the illness and to emphasise how eating fruit and vegetables, especially those grown locally, was the best way to stamp the disease out.

Children's band The Barrow Band also turned up from Central Scotland to entertain the children in attendance with songs about carrots and strawberries.

Campbeltown Police open day marks end of an era

STRATHCLYDE Police are holding an open day to give the public a chance to learn more about the changes in their area when the police becomes a single force.

The event will take place tomorrow (Saturday) between 1pm and 3pm at Campbeltown Police Office and members of the public can have a look around the office as well as ask questions. It will be a chance to mark the end of an era for Strathclyde Police before Scotland's police merge on April 1.

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Trust duo call it a day after 40 years

AFTER amassing almost 40 years of service between them, two of Kintyre Amenity Trust's longest serving members have retired.

George McMillan – one of the last founding members of the Trust – and Sheena MacAlister were presented with prints of the Kintyre Heritage Centre at a special ceremony at Campbeltown Backpackers hostel on Monday.

Local businessman George, a former provost of Campbeltown, said that, at 82, he felt the time was right to step aside, having helped establish the Trust in 1992, but said he was pleased with the progress the Trust had made over the years.

Sheena, meanwhile,

talked of her 'real passion' for the social history displayed in the Campbeltown Heritage Centre and will continue to work on the collection.

Speaking at the ceremony, George said: 'I really enjoy it. I'm pleased we've now got the bunkhouse up and running – I hope everything goes well with it.'

Wonderful

'I think the Heritage Centre is wonderful. We've worked for many years on a shoestring and hoped that admissions and the odd tea and coffee will keep us going but hopefully now the Backpackers will eliminate that.'

'There comes a time when you've got to step aside though so I'm do-



George McMillan, front left, and Sheena MacAlister, front right, who were presented a picture of the Heritage Centre taken sometime in 1902, after retiring from the Trust last week. Wishing the pair well are Trustees, from left, Alister Nimmo, John Bakes, Elizabeth Kelly, Alan Milstead, David Gardiner and Trust employee Michael Russell. c11heretire1

ing that now, although I will still be involved where I can.'

After clocking up 18 years of service, Shee-

na said: 'The passion I have for the social history we have here is as strong as ever. That will be the part I'll find hard-

est to give up. However, I'm becoming a member of the Trust and I will continue to work on the social history.'

Paying tribute to the work of the pair, the last founding member of the Trust, Current Trust chairman, Alan

Milstead, said: 'We will miss them, there is no question.'

'They've done so much here over the years.'




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Residents urged to make use of town's Backpackers Hostel

LOCALS are being urged to make use of Campbeltown Backpackers as the hostel celebrates its first anniversary this week.

Around 600 people stayed at the bunkhouse over the past year and the Kintyre Amenity Trust hope to boost those numbers in the coming year.

Speaking shortly after

welcoming a good-natured bunch of golfing pals from Islay, Trust founding member, David Gardiner, said: 'It was well used last summer despite the fact we couldn't advertise it in advance because we weren't sure when it'd be open.'

'But this year we've got loads of adverts out there and we've got

our Facebook page; the Youth Hostelling Association has also advertised us.

'So we're in a good position and we've already got some bookings coming in for the year ahead so hopefully we'll surpass last year.'

Funds generated by the hostel go into the Heritage Centre, helping

make repairs and contributing towards running costs.

Fellow trustee John Bakes, added: 'We'd like to see some more local people making use of the Backpackers though. A lot of people think it's only for visitors but it's ideal for people who have relatives or friends coming over for occasions.'

Brush up on social media

PEOPLE in Argyll are being offered the chance to become social media savvy after Argyll Voluntary Action received funding from Big Lottery Awards for All.

The money will also go towards support for people in locations across Argyll, while allowing younger people to interact with older people

as well as gaining new skills.

Training and support will be given at The Social Media Cafe, which is an informal drop in designed to advise people about how to use social media.

Engage

Training will be open to everyone, although the emphasis will be on

encouraging older and vulnerable people to engage with social media to reduce social isolation.

Younger people involved will be supported with Train the Trainer and given help to choose possible future careers.

The project will begin next month across Argyll.

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Rotary Club honours town's leading lights

GLASSES were raised in honour of two of Campbeltown's leading lights last week when the Rotary Club presented its citizen and young musician of the year awards.

Solicitor Jane Gallacher couldn't hide her

pride after Rotary Club president Chris Mordey presented her with a certificate marking her contribution to the community in 2012.

Meanwhile Campbeltown Grammar pupil Morbheinn McAllister was presented with the

Norman and Phyllis Milne award after being named the Most Promising Young Musician of the Year award, also receiving a trophy and a £200 cheque.

Speaking at the presentation in the Argyll Hotel on Thursday, Chris

congratulated the pair on their achievements and said they were an inspiration to all.

Jane, who is originally from Campbeltown but was brought up in Ardrishaig, was nominated for the Citizen of the Year award thanks to her involvement with various local groups.

From 1991 to 2011, she was involved with helping young people with special educational needs and has served on the Kintyre Forum for Community Care.

Groups

She has also been involved in promoting and assisting with various sporting groups, including Campbeltown Tennis Club, the Canoe Club and Kintyre Sports Council. After receiving the award, she said: 'I'm very honoured. I still don't know what to say.



Jane Gallacher receives her Citizen of the Year award from Campbeltown Rotary Club president Chris Mordey. 20_c11janegallacher1

I'm very grateful.' Morbheinn, 17, received her award in recognition of her skill on the piano and clarinet. Also a talented singer, she has taken part in competitions at Kintyre Music Festival from primary school level. As well as playing the organ in Highland Parish Church, she helps and encourages other younger singers and musicians.

Set to attend the University of Edinburgh to study architecture, she received her award from Phyllis Milne, 97.

Morbheinn later entertained the Rotary and Inver Wheel club by playing a movement from Beethoven's Piano Sonata in C minor.

Speaking afterwards, Chris said: 'Jane and Morbheinn are thoroughly deserving of these awards and we're delighted we could do something to recognise Jane's work and Morbheinn's talents.'

Morbheinn later entertained the Rotary and Inver Wheel club by playing a movement from Beethoven's Piano Sonata in C minor.



Most Promising Young Musician of the Year award winner Morbheinn McAllister, flanked by Rotary Club president Chris Mordey and Phyllis Milne. 20_c11morbheinn1



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After the slashing of Argyll and Bute Council's budget, with the raft of cuts that followed, it seems that in future we will be seeing fewer and fewer of the things we need.

While a number of these reductions are difficult, and at best, irritating, no one could have foreseen anyone actually cutting the truly important things – like health.

However, the NHS continues its review of services, with 11 beds already being cut in Campbeltown Hospital, and the possibility of even more care being redistributed if it is 'after hours' or can be moved into the community.

While of course it is better for people to be sent back to their homes to be cared for, if the care provision is available and they're well enough, but one does have to wonder if people could be sent packing from the hospital before they're ready.

More and more of the 7,000 strong population of Kintyre could end up being sent up to Glasgow if they happen to fall ill when the hospital is full or at an inconvenient time. This could even be the case if they need a simple x ray to check a limb isn't broken.

However, nothing is yet certain, and if the community continues to fight against this, perhaps the battle can still be won.

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Concern voiced over speed of Tayinloan traffic

Sir,
Through your Opinion page I wanted to express my severe concern about the welfare of drivers and walkers in Tayinloan village.

Yesterday while waiting to turn out of the north entrance, as I do every day coming to work, I had a very near miss as a van going far too fast skidded towards me completely out of control as it came up behind a vehicle waiting to turn in to the village from the north.

That is just one of many times that my heart has been in my mouth as I attempt to leave the village, be it from the north or south exit.

Surely it is time for the powers that be to act and get a 40mph speed limit through the village, or are they going to wait until someone is hurt or even killed?!

As a regular walker with small children between Tayinloan and Largie I can tell you that one false move by a child on the pavement would end in disaster as the cars go past at very high speeds.

The 'Tayinloan straight' is notorious for speeding motorists and has been for as long as I can remember. I know someone who has brought this issue up at several Community Council meetings recently but is told each time that it is not considered necessary! As this is now one of few lo-

cal villages without a 40mph zone, how has this been decided?

Rebecca Harvey, Tayinloan.

Was Charles Gush working on wreck of the PS Clansman?

Sir,
I reference the letter from Iain Thornber on the gravestone on Sanda. I can only deduce, from articles on the web, that this is the grave of Charles Gush's son Charles Henry Hodder, born in Greenock May 2 1870, and died in the Parish of Southend on May 2, 1870.

I assume that Charles Senoir was working on the wreck of the PS Clansman, which had come to grief on Sanda on July 20 1869.

Charles Senior died in Greenock in January 1890, aged 62.

His son James (1862-1937), also a well-known diver (as was his grandfather), died in London.

It may interest some readers to know that Sanda Islands group were first surveyed by G Thompson, from Rothesay, in 1792, at which time Paterson Rock is first referenced on a chart.

The earliest Hydrographic survey, by triangulation, of the west coast of Scotland is by Murdoch MacKenzie about 1755, but he does not name any submerged rocks. In Chester's "A Tour in Scotland and Voyage to the Hebrides" of 1772 p191-2, it is referred to as Peterson's Rock, so called from its being the station of the Danish fleets. According to the Register of Sasines for Argyll

1617-1780 there was a John and Archibald Paterson/Petersone, Merchants, Campbeltown, ensconced there in September 1754.

Whether there is a connection I don't know.
Craig Osborne, Gourrock

Islay railings decision is welcome

Sir,
I welcome the very successful campaign by the SWRI ladies of Portnahaven to replace the handrail in the village.

Thanks must go to the local community and to *The Oban Times* and *The Campbeltown Courier* for bringing this story to light and I am glad the council has come to the correct decision on this matter.
Alastair Redman, Islay community councillor and Portnahaven postmaster, Isle of Islay

Who will take responsibility for Argent rubbish?

Sir,
Could someone tell me who is responsible for debris scattered along the beach from just before the sewage works right up to Macrangan's point now that the Argent fishing boat has begun to break up?

The entire beach is full of various types of rubbish all emanating from the boat which I am sure most people will agree should have been salvaged before this situation occurred.

I have mentioned the matter to Environmental Health at the council and I am waiting for a response. Given the circum-

stances, surely the owners of the boat have some responsibility for the current environmental mess which is spoiling a very picturesque walk, let alone the injuries the debris may cause to members of the public and children utilising the walk from now until the situation is resolved.

Keith Abendroth, Campbeltown

Barnardo's Scotland say thanks

Sir,
On behalf of Barnardo's Scotland, I'd like to say a big thank you to all of the toddlers from Tighnabruach Pre-5 Unit, Clyde Nursery (Helensburgh), Clyde Cottage Nursery (Dunoon), Cairndow Community Childcare, Dalintober Primary Pre Five Unit in Campbeltown and Taynuilt Nursery who took part in Big Toddle events in 2012.

Together they raised an amazing £2,505.77 to help fund our vital work with under-5s and their families.

Of course, I'm sure those taking part had great fun too. Children love dressing up and if they thought our 2012 'superhero' theme was fun, I am sure our theme for 2013 – fairytales and nursery rhymes – will be a great success.

If you're interested in taking part in this year's Big Toddle you can find everything you need by visiting www.bigtoddle.co.uk or calling 0800 008 7005.

Thank you for your continued support.

Martin Crewe, Director of Barnardo's Scotland

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Police and coastguard checks reveal defects on every vessel

EVERY boat inspected by police and coastguard during safety checks in Campbeltown and Tarbert were found with defects – one serious enough to be detained.

Organised as part of Operation Myriad, inspections were carried out over Thursday and Friday last week, with seven boats checked.

Led by Campbeltown CID along with the Small Ports Unit, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), Marine Scotland Compliance and Revenue and Customs, the inspections also

One boat detained until repairs are carried out

saw boats checked for offences linked to drugs, illegal immigration and terrorism.

Four boats were checked in Campbeltown, with one deemed so unsafe it was detained at the port until essential repairs were made. Two were found to have serious deficiencies requiring urgent repair and one a minor repair.

Two of the three

vessels checked in Tarbert were found with serious problems and one required minor repair.

Nobody was charged or arrested as a result.

A spokeswoman for the MCA admitted it was unusual for every boat checked to be found with faults, but added that it was 'just like an MOT'.

She said: 'One vessel's defects were deemed

serious enough to see it not allowed to sail. It may not have been able to cope in an emergency.

'Repairs will be made in a matter of days and once complete the boat will be allowed to sail again.'

'With the major deficiencies, again, they will have to be repaired sooner rather than later.'

The boat inspections coincided with road vehicle checks, with fuel tanks dipped for red diesel. No problems were found in the 40 road vehicles checked.



Leading the inspections last week were Trainee Detective Constable Sarah Mason and Detective Constable Chris Bain. 20_c11myriad1

Don't forget Carradale

LOCAL councillor Rob-in Currie has called on Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) to help Carradale, referring to the village as a 'forgotten community'.

Speaking at the Kintyre Initiative Working Group (KIWG), councillor Currie made comparisons between East Kintyre and Jura and South Islay where HIE has stepped in to help out.

He said: 'It worries me that Carradale is the forgotten community and it desperately needs assistance and I think HIE can do that.'

'It concerns me greatly that we see local businesses closing down, empty properties and an ever decreasing number of young people retained in the community.'

At the next meeting of the KIWG, an officer from HIE will be invited to speak at the meeting and explore what can be done to help Carradale.

Tides start to break up grounded Argent

WHILE legal wrangling over the recovery of a grounded fishing vessel off Campbeltown Loch continues, rough tides have started to break the vessel up.

After resting on rocks since December, water started to inundate the Irish-registered Argent last week with some damage observed at the rear end of the boat.

With the weather now threatening to do the job the council has been unable to – due to ongoing legal matters regarding the circumstances leading to the boat's grounding – there are fears the boat could break up and lead to pieces of metal and wood being washed onto the area's popular tourist beaches.

Andrew Hemmings, chairman of Campbeltown Community Council, said: 'I don't know



The Argent, yesterday. c11argent01

how long these things take but it does seem to be dragging on a bit.

'The last thing we want is bits of metal on our beaches rusting.'

Local councillor Rory Colville said the council was working hard to resolve the question over who is responsible for rescuing the boat and meeting the cost of doing so.

He added: 'Maritime law is different from other laws and there are

issues over who is responsible – unusual circumstances led to this – but we don't want it becoming an eyesore or our shoreline covered with wrecks.

'I'll be pushing the council to find a solution.'

Argyll and Bute Council added: 'The council is pursuing the matter with the owner of the Argent and as soon as we have permission we will salvage the boat.'

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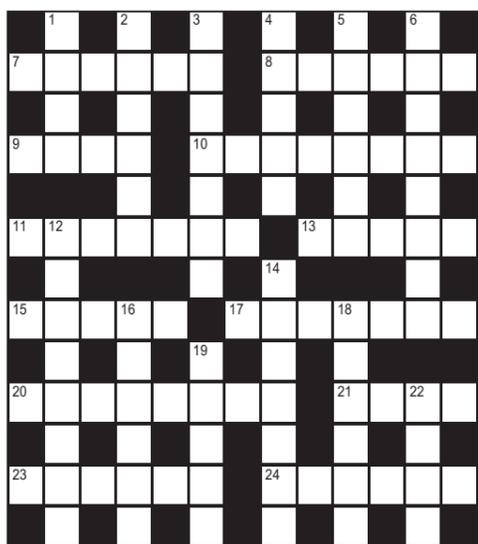
Coming Next: Saturday 23 March
A Good Day To Die Hard (12A)

Coming Soon
Jack The Giant Slayer (12A)

SYNOPSIS
Synopsis: Django Unchained
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| 24 Red dog (6) | 22 Any thing (4) |

Last week's solution



Campbeltown Young Farm concert brings music and l...

MUSIC and laughs galore were on the agenda at this year's Campbeltown Young Farmers concert which took place on Saturday night.

There were group performances of songs, solo performances and several amusing sketches, showcasing the talent of the members of the club.

The concert began with a rousing series of songs performed together as a group, including *Living on a Prayer*.

Then followed a series of comedy sketches, several of which written by the young farmers themselves.

The highlight of the evening came during the segment called The Farm-

er Factor, where Thomas Ralston, Graeme McMillan and James Young showed off some very impressive skills using wheelbarrows.

Lindsay Ronald and Karen Semple both sang solo numbers, rounding off an entertaining evening for those who braved the cold to go to the Victoria Hall.

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The Young Farmers get ready to head out on stage in the Victoria Hall. 20_c11yfarmers06



The full cast bow at the end of the evening of entertainment. 20_c11yfarmers01



Graeme McMillan gives a vote of thanks at the end of the performance. 20_c11yfarmers02



Top: John Pirie as Purdie and Thomas Cameron as Kermit O'Dreary in the Farmer Factor. 20_c11yfarmers04

Above: Thomas Irwin and Thomas Cameron take part in one of the sketches. 20_c11yfarmers03



Lindsay Ronald sings True Colours. 20_c11yfarmers05

Kris Drever starts the Isle of Jura Concert Series



Well-known folk duo Kris Drever and Eamonn Coyne who will be performing in Jura on April 13. cjuraconcer01no

NEXT month sees Kris Drever of BBC Folk Award Winners LAU in concert in Jura to mark the start of the Isle of Jura Concert Series.

The concert, due to take place on April 13, will feature Kris playing with his long time collaborator, Irish banjo player Eamonn Coyne.

Songwriter Karl Culley will also be returning to the Jura Hall after previously winning over the Jura crowd with his virtuoso acoustic guitar stylings.

Kris, originally from Orkney, was nominated for the 2011 BBC Folk

Singer of the Year Awards and is widely known as the guitarist and singer from LAU. His duo with Eamonn Coyne is a well-established pairing, which won huge critical acclaim for the 2007 album 'Honk Toot Suite'.

Karl Culley, meanwhile, is a fingerstyle acoustic guitarist, songwriter and singer from the North of England who has recorded two albums at the Sound of Jura studio.

The concert starts at 8pm at the Jura Hall, Craighouse, with tickets still available.

First acts for Mokfest announced

SKIPINNISH and Joy Dunlop have been the first acts announced for this year's Mull of Kintyre Music Festival.

Traditional folk singer Fiona Hunter

has also been confirmed for this year's festival, which is in its 21st year.

The event will run from August 22 to 25 with more performers to be announced next month.

ISLE OF GIGHA PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Friday 15th March - 11th Anniversary Quiz night at 8.00 p.m. to raise funds for 'Red Nose Day' in the hotel bar

Saturday 16th March - 11.00 a.m. Beach Clean at The Twin Beaches

Saturday 16th March - Final darts league in the hotel bar at 9.00 p.m.

Friday 29th, Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st March - Easter weekend - Three for two nights at the Gigha Hotel including vouchers for entry to Achamore Gardens, bike hire and a round of golf.

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By buying locally, a customer can be sure of picking up something that is freshly grown, with their money going towards local people they can see on the street, and also knowing there has been no impact on the environment, as it has not been shipped across from the other side of the world.

While food is one of the main

things around Campbeltown, there are also gift shops, full of presents for birthdays or any special occasion.

There are splashes of colour from florists and plenty of DIY bits and bobs to keep you going no matter what the project.

Not only is Campbeltown a great place to buy things, but it's also one of the best places to visit.

There are beautiful beaches everywhere, which, on the right day, can offer bright blue seas and light coloured sand, and lots of potential activities to boot.

Water sports are a particularly popular attraction, as well as boat trips around the fascinating coast.

A stroll by the harbour shows off Campbeltown's esplanade, with palm trees which wouldn't look out of place in a tropical country.

The hive of activity surrounding the two quays shows Campbeltown is a bustling hub of activity for boats from all over the world.

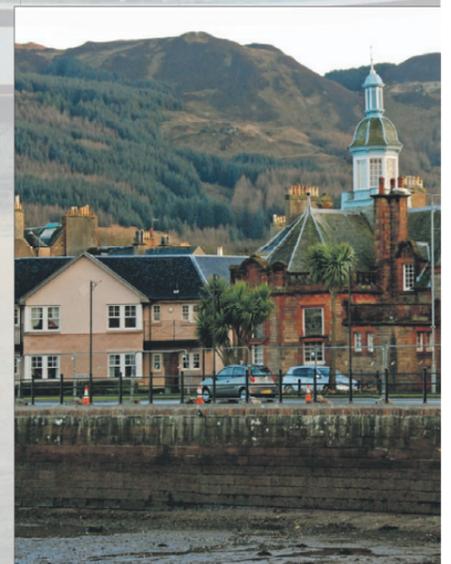
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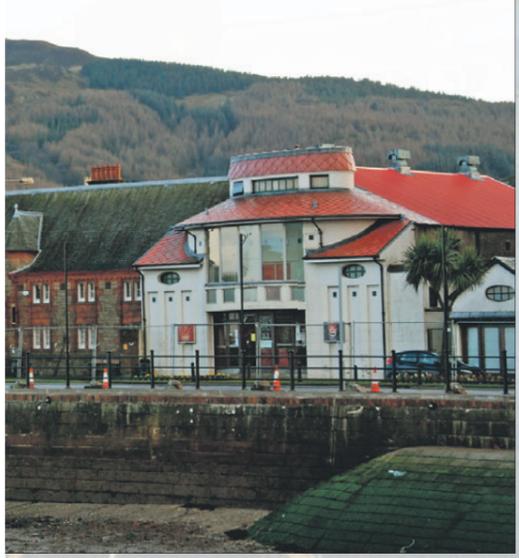
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CARRADALE

Tearoom renovation complete

EXTERIOR work to renovate the Carradale Tearoom has been completed, with the focus now on finding someone to run it.

Speaking at the East Kintyre Community Council meeting last Thursday, Alan Walker, chairman of Network Carradale, which is the organisation working on the tearoom, said the interior work was all that was left to be done.

He said: 'It is looking beautiful.

'We have to keep our fingers crossed we can find someone to run the place.'

It is hoped someone will be found soon so

the tearoom can be opened at the same time as the adjacent bikes and buggies centre, which is holding its grand opening on Good Friday.

Clothing bank removed

IT HAS been decided one is better than two in Carradale as one of their clothing banks is being removed.

For some time there has been a clothing bank in Carradale Primary School and Tormhor car park, but several community councillors feel there is no real need for both.

As the money from the bank in the school goes towards school funds, it was decided it would be retained and the larger clothes bank in the car park removed.



Heather Millar and Caitlin Russell man the FairTrade stall.

Bring and buy sale raises £500 for Forest Schools project

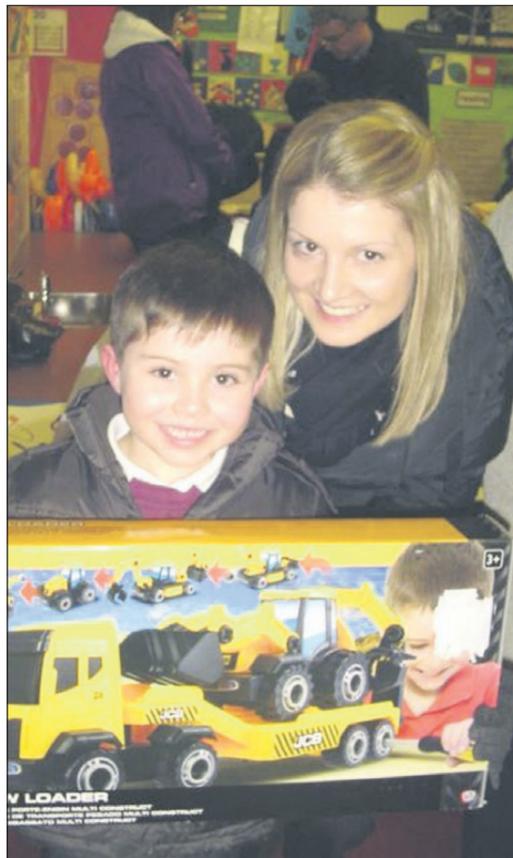
SOUTHEND Primary School raised £500 to go towards their next Forest Schools project after holding a bring and buy sale last Thursday.

There were several different stalls at the event, including a

SOUTHEND

FairTrade stall with products all made from FairTrade ingredients.

Southend pupils would like to thank anyone who attended or helped on the night.



Daniel Semple shows off one of the items up for sale with his mum, Alison.

CLACHAN

SWRI spotlight on pyramids

AN EXPERT in a disease caused by sandflies was the guest speaker at Clachan SWRI's latest meeting on February 27.

Douglas Barker, who has done groundbreaking work on Leishmaniasis, a disease which is spread through the bite of female sandflies, travelled widely throughout the world and in his spare time investigated the pyramids in the area.

His presentation to members was entitled 'Step pyramids and pyramids with steps' and covered the mysteries which were uncovered when structures and building techniques were compared across the world.

Douglas was thanked for his informative and intriguing talk before judging the antiques.

The results were: 1 a carved ivory ball, Jane Griffiths; 2 a metal baby bath inside a small table, Pauline Simson; 3 a family heirloom ring, Barbara Bell.

TANGY

Windfarm weather mast plan

PLANS are in the early stages for the erection of a meteorological mast at Tangy Wind Farm.

The mast, if built, will be 80 metres tall and will monitor the potential for an extension to the wind farm.

It is not yet known how many turbines could be added to the two already there.

SOUTHEND

International guest speaker at Burns Supper

SOUTHEND Burns Supper welcomed an international guest speaker who had to fly back from Brussels while battling snow and flooding in January.

George Lyon MEP was delayed in his journey to the 56th Southend Burns Supper as a result of severe weather on January 25.

Once he arrived he performed the Immortal Memory while the new Southend Minister Reverend Stephen Fulcher, said grace.

The haggis was piped in by Donnie McKerral Jr and addressed by David Barbour. After the meal, Myra Miller, Iain MacPherson and Peter McKerral entertained with their singing and were accompanied by David McEwan on the keyboard.

Callum Semple provided the toast to the lassies with Kirsteen Ross giving the response and Robert Miller did a recital of Tam O'Shanter.

Malcolm Ronald thanked chairman Donald Taylor as well as all the artists.

GIGHA

Get set for annual Gigha challenge

KEEN walkers, runners and cyclists are once again being given the chance to take part in the annual Gigha Challenge, which takes place on May 4.

The challenge starts from the craft units going first to the north of the island then to the south pier and back to the craft units, which is around 11.2 miles.

Each group of participants will set off at different times with walkers leaving at 11am, runners at 1pm and cyclists at 2.30pm.

Those who finish first, second and third in each category will win prizes, while everyone who takes part will receive a t-shirt and medal.

Any money raised through the entrance fee will go towards the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust, a charitable organisation that was set up to conserve, develop and manage the island on behalf of the islanders.

There is a shorter route from the craft units to the south pier and back for those who would prefer a 5k run.

For health and safety reasons, under-16s are not permitted to take part in the run section of the race but can do the walk or cycle section.

Those who wish to run, walk or cycle can register in advance by post or on the day.

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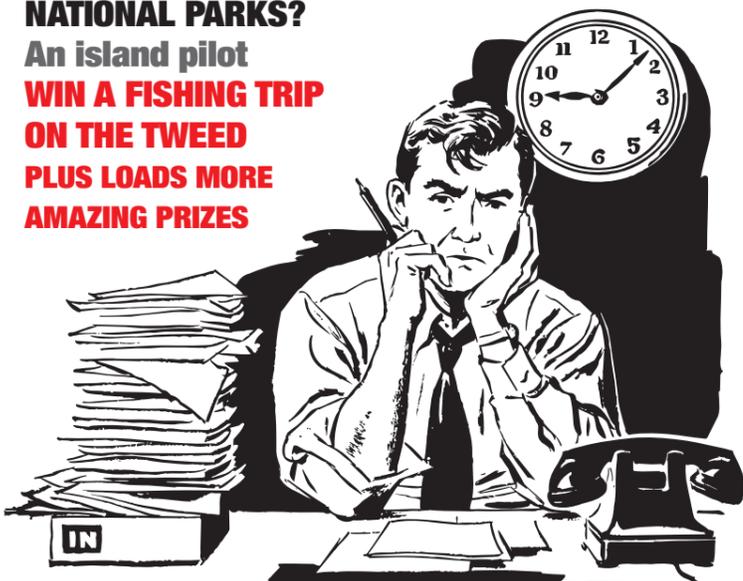
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Foresters of the future

Enthusiastic tree planter Connor Ewart helps forester Mike Read plant the last section of trees to complete the Glenraigs Diamond Jubilee Wood, watched on by his fellow pupils. 20_c11tree1.

BUDDING young foresters from Campbeltown Grammar School got dug in last week as they helped plant one of the peninsula's forests of the future.

The pupils from the learning support department pulled on their

wellies, grabbed their shovels and headed for Glenraigs Farm on Thursday to help plant more than 200 trees.

With some 500 trees already planted by local forester Mike Read, the pupils were in fact

putting the final touches on the Glenraigs Diamond Jubilee Wood, which will feature a mix of indigenous species.

Royal Oak

Among those planted by the pupils were a Royal Oak sapling tak-

en from the Royal estate and an ancient oak.

Farmer David Young, who has 30,000 trees on his estate, said: 'I wanted to do this for three reasons; to make the area more attractive, to help wildlife and to put some-

thing back into the community.'

Jill Donnachie, from the Woodland Trust Scotland, joined the troops to help plant the trees, as did Andrew Hemmings, chairman of Campbeltown Community Council.

'Four-star' service from council website

ARGYLL and Bute Council's website has been named a 'four-star' service for the second year running by a communication technology association.

The professional association SOCITM, also listed the website

in the local authority top 20 listing for 2013 due to its clear instructions, friendly approach, jargon free information and ease of use.

It described the website as: 'Comprehensive and helpful - a very good site.'

Armed Forces Day Parade

A PARADE will be the main event at this year's Armed Forces Day in Campbeltown on May 11.

Members from the Royal British Legion Scotland Riders Branch and Kintyre Schools Pipe Band will be leading the parade, followed by the Royal British Legion Campbeltown Branch, veterans and a number of other local groups including Campbeltown Brass. The parade will leave Kinloch Green at 11am and make its way through the centre of town.

Banana curry on the menu at Fairtrade Fortnight

BANANA curry was the unusual dish on the menu at Campbeltown Grammar School's Fairtrade stall last Thursday.

Fourth year hospitality pupils from the school were serving the vegetarian dish as part of their stall for Fairtrade Fortnight during lunchtime, which also featured Fairtrade cakes and other treats.

Initiative

Having taken part in the initiative for several years due to the school's Fairtrade status, this year the hospitality class

decided to do something different from past years and set up a stall with the delicious curry which was made using a secret recipe.

Matthew Armour and Steven Brodie from the Grammar School's fourth year hospitality class were on hand serving curry and cake at the Fairtrade Fortnight stand. 08_c11fairtrade01



Back up your local baker

KINTYRE'S best bakers could be in with a chance of being named amongst Scotland's top crust. TV judge Paul Hollywood is backing the competition run by Scottish Bakers has urged locals to nominate their favourite baker and be in with a chance of winning one of six iPads.

He said: 'I would encourage every shopper in Scotland to go and sample the products your local baker is creating.'

To vote, visit www.scottishbakers.org/scottishbakeroftheyear or pop into your local baker to pick up an entry form.

Get your Boat



back in the water

With Easter fast approaching, yacht and boat owners across the west coast and beyond will be thinking about an exciting sailing season ahead.

Some will be ahead of the game and will be keen to get their boat in the water. Others will need to carry out some extra maintenance – either way, the businesses within this feature are here to help.

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All welcome

Top dairy farmer to speak at Campeltown

SCOTTISH Dairy Farmer of the Year 2009, Gregor Colquhoun, is to speak at the Kintyre Holstein Breeders Club Annual general meeting (AGM) next Tuesday. Gregor, of Dendoldrum, Inverbervie is also a columnist for The Harbro newsletter. The AGM will be held at 7.30pm at the Argyll Hotel in Campbeltown. All are welcome.

Ardbeg calves sell to £1280 in Islay

UNITED Auctions held their annual March sale of all classes cattle at Islay Auction Mart on Saturday when they had a record entry for this time of year of 794 head.

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Bullocks sold to average £868.88 per head or 229.31 per kilo against £884.93

last year. Heifers sold to average £744.68 per head or 215.65 per kilo against £749.04 last year.

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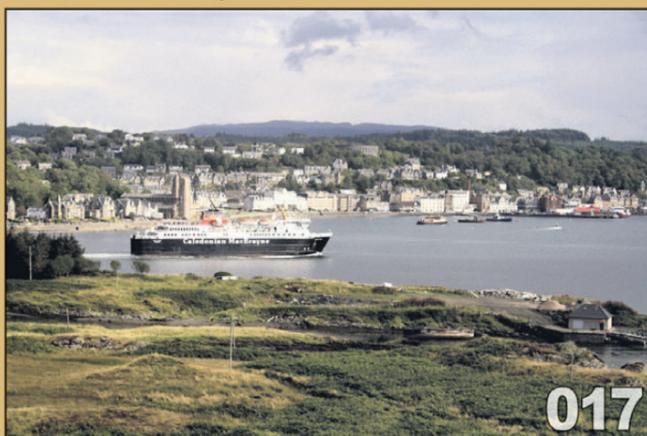
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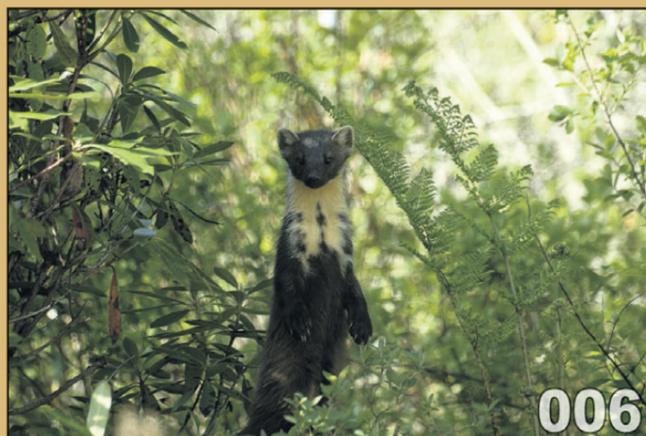
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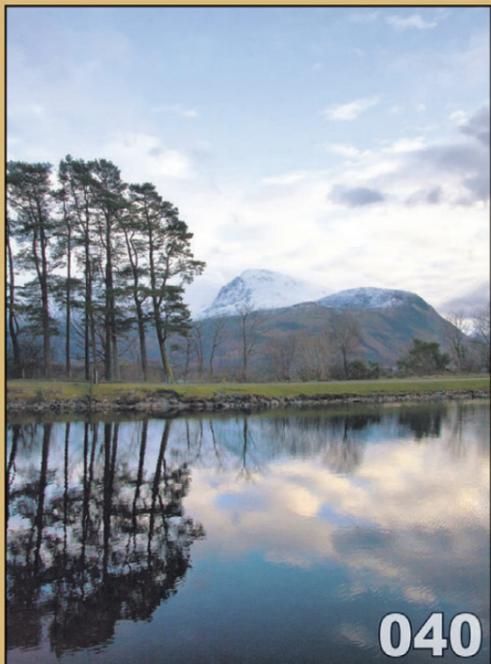
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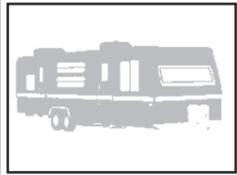


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I would like to thank most sincerely all social work home carers in Campbeltown past and present who visited three times a day to attend to Jasmine's needs during her long illness. I feel the home carers do not get the recognition they deserve for all their patience and hard work, a lot of which is carried out during unsociable hours and goes unnoticed. Their help and kindness during what was a difficult time is very much appreciated by me and my family.

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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
BARR - BROWN - Craig and Mairi are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Jack Craig, on March 2, 2013 at Campbeltown Maternity Unit. A second grandchild for John and Lorna and third grandchild for Andrew and Lorna. Special thanks to all the midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit.

ENGAGEMENTS

WILKINSON - ELLIOTT
 Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Iain, son of Alistair and Margaret, Campbeltown, to Caroline, daughter of Shiona, Glasgow, on February 10, 2013.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

BEATON - MUNRO
 Robert and Frances, married at Inveraray, on March 15, 1963, by Rev D W McKenzie.

DEATHS
JORDAN - Suddenly, at Lorn and Islands Hospital, on Monday, March 11, 2013, Joseph Jordan, aged 87 years, Cairnban, North Connel, beloved husband of Dolly (née Livingstone), dear father of Neil, Lorna and Ian, a loving father-in-law, grandfather and great grandfather. Sorely missed.

MACBEAN - On March 3, 2013, suddenly at Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban, Gillian Sheena MacBean, in her 77th year, beloved sister of Janet and the late Forbes and Lily. Sadly missed. Funeral service at Achnaba Church, Benderloch, by Oban, on Wednesday, March 20, at 12 noon, interment thereafter at Achnaba Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

MACDONALD - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 7, 2013, Dr Reginald William Donald MacDonald (Bill), in his 85th year, Hawthorne, Low Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Isabella McCallum Gillies MacKenzie (Isobel), much loved father of Isobel and the late Norman and Kenneth and a much loved grampa and great grampa.

MACINTYRE - Suddenly, at his home, 11 Sinclair Drive, Lochgilphead, James (Jim) MacIntyre, aged 50 years, much loved dad of Allan, cherished son of Nan and the late Eachan MacIntyre and dear brother of Iain and Margaret. Loving uncle and cousin to all the family. A good friend, dear neighbour and work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Kilchrenan Parish Church, at a date and time to be announced.

MICHIE - Suddenly, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on March 7, 2013, Ian Michie, aged 68 years, of 5 Dunadd View, Kilmichael

Glassary and formerly of Upper Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig, beloved husband of Pepe, much loved father of Iain, Allan and Katie, much respected father-in-law of Liz and Garry and loving papa of Colin, Kerry, Denise and Natalie. A dear brother-in-law and uncle to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Tuesday, March 19 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to the local ambulance service.

PYLE - Peacefully, at Auchinlee Residential Home, Campbeltown, on February 22, 2013, Catherine McMaster, in her 87th year, Cardhu, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Ken Pyle, much loved mother of the late Fiona, loving grandmother of Ben, Joanna and Jenny and great grandmother of Amber and Rafael. Service in St Kierans RC Church, Campbeltown on Friday, March 15 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

SMITH - On March 8, 2013, suddenly but peacefully, at Freeman Hospital, Newcastle on Tyne, Dugald Mitchell Smith, in his 85th year, beloved husband of the late Jessie Munro, much loved father of Lorna, Maureen, Sheena and the late Iain, a dearly loved grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church on Friday, March 15 at 12 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, for British Heart Foundation.

SOUDEN - Suddenly, but peacefully, after a long illness, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 9, 2013, Neil Souden, in his 72nd year, 149 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Isobel McLean, much loved father of Louise, Ronnie and Paul and a loving and much loved grandfather and great grandfather.

STIMPSON - Suddenly, at Campbeltown Hospital, on March 12, 2013, Flora Scally (Fona), in her 78th year, 2 Millers Park, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Pete Stimpson, much loved mother of Dawn and Betty and a loving and much loved granny and great granny. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Saturday, March 16 at 12 noon, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
MCGEACHY - John and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for expressions of sympathy and for cards, flowers and kindness shown to them in their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to all the home carers for their personal care and attention to Jasmine, to Rev Philip Burroughs for his comforting words and uplifting service and to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their efficient help and professional services, also to Flora and staff at the Seafield Hotel for catering. Our thanks to everyone who paid their last respects at the church and at the graveside and to everyone who contributed to the retiring collection, which raised £587.58 for Lorne and Lowland Parish Church.

MEENAN - Denis, Jamie, Margaret and their families would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards and visits received following their sad loss of Netta. Special thanks to all the staff at Campbeltown Hospital for their exceptional care to Netta during her time there and to the nurses who cared for her at home. Our

thanks also to Father Azad for a lovely service and tribute, to Alasdair Blair for sensitive and efficient funeral arrangements and to the Ardsiel Hotel for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. Your kindness and support was greatly appreciated. The retiring collection for the Sunshine Room at Campbeltown Hospital raised £420.

IN MEMORIAMS

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

MACDOUGALL - Treasured memories of Alasdair MacDougall, who was tragically taken from us on March 13, 2007. Always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts. Loved so very much See you later x. - Love Mum, Dad and Keli x. **MACDOUGALL** - Precious memories silently kept, Of one that we love and will never forget. Forever in our hearts and thoughts. - Love Nikki, Mhairi and Codi xxx.

MACDOUGALL - In loving memory of our dear grandson, nephew and cousin, Alasdair, sadly taken from us on March 13, 2007. Time may hide the sadness, like the smile that hides the tears, But loving memories hold you dear, despite the passing years. Loved and missed always. From all your family in Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead xxx.

MACPHAIL - In loving memory of John, our son and brother. - Love Mum, Caroline and Linda. **MCCORMICK** - In memory of Barbara, loving mum and granny. Sadly missed. - Leslie, Debbie and family xx. **MCCORMICK** - Barbara, March 13, 2011. Precious memories of a loving mum and granny. Your presence we miss, Your memory we treasure, Loving you always, Forgetting you never. - Ishbel, Dougal, Christopher, Kyle and Morgan.

MCGEACHY - In memory of Margaret, my lovely lady, taken from me on March 18, 2010. Your memory lights my way and guides me on my sad and lonely journey without you. I will love you forever. Ae Fond Kiss. - Leslie. **MCGEACHY** - In memory of a much loved mum and granny, Margaret, who died March 18, 2010. Your life was full of loving deeds Forever thoughtful of our needs Today and tomorrow, our whole life through We will always love and cherish you. - Debbie, Gary, Leslie, Lesley and family. **ROBERTSON** - In loving memory of our dear sister and aunt, Margaret, died March 6, 2006 and our dear brother and uncle, Jim, died March 14, 1997. Though absent you are very near Still loved, still missed and very dear. - Love Norma, Jim and family.

SMITH - In loving memory of Duncan, beloved brother and uncle, died March 17, 2012. Forever in our thoughts. - Jean and family.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

Highland Parish Church

 SCO02493
Sunday 17th March 2013
 11.15am Morning Service
 Mr. Matthew Ramsay
 Fun Day Club and JAM in Church
Tuesday 19th March 2013
 Badminton Club Kirk Street Hall
 Primary 1 - 5 6pm - 7pm
 Primary 6 & 7 7pm - 8pm
Wednesday 20th March 2013
 Bible Study fellowship group
 Ballinwilline Farm 7.30pm
Thursday 21st March 2013
 Kirk Street Hall
 Congregational Board meet at 7pm
 Kirk Session meet at 7.45pm
Saturday 23rd March 2013
 Congregational Sale of Work
 Kirk Street Hall 2pm
 Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
 Scottish Charity Number SCO11686
Sunday, 17th March
 Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
 (Crèche, Triple C and Next Generation)
 (Rev. Philip Burroughs)
Tuesday, 19th March
 Mothers & Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
 Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys - 6:00 p.m.
 Boys' Brigade Junior Section - 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, 21st March
 Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.
 (in the manse)
 Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 22nd March
 Lunch Club - 12:00 noon.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 17th March
 12.45pm Worship Service
 Mr Sean Ankers
 11.30am Sunday School
 All welcome
 Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church

 Argyll Street, Campbeltown
 St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
 Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 17th March 2013
Fifth Sunday of Lent
 10.45am Family Communion
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 Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
 10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz)
 6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
 12.15pm Lunch Club (Over 60s)
 1.30pm Home League
Wednesday
 House Group 7pm
Thursday
 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
 All Welcome
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 17th March 2013
 11am Morning Service
Monday 18th March
 Ladies Meeting 2.30pm
Jumpstart Group
 Friday 10.00 - 11.30am
 Scottish Charity SC015187

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
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 Rev Michael Kitchener
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 Easter Sunday Eucharist taken by Rev Michael Kitchener at 9.00am followed by coffee at the Easter Fair in the Rectory Please note there will be no service at 11.00am.
 SC013787

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Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
 Charity No. SC016097
 Morning Service in Furnace Hall at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
 Charity No. SC016665
 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

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 75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 17th March 2013
 10.00am Breaking of Bread
 Mr Robert Holden Ardrishaig
 10.50am Coffee - All welcome
 11.15am Family Service with Crèche
 Mr Robert Holden Ardrishaig
 7.00pm Youth Group
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 10am Parents and Toddlers Group
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 Speaker: Graham McLean
 "Breakthrough"
Thursday 21 March 2013
 7.30pm
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 All Welcome

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Amateur football's Hall of Fame shock for Duncan McAulay

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils' Duncan McAulay received the applause of his peers last week after being inducted into the Scottish Amateur Football League's Hall of Fame.

Duncan's unstinting dedication to amateur football stretches back 38 years when, at the age of 14, he became the youngest person to play for the Pupils.

As well as winning almost everything there is to win in the amateur game, Duncan is renowned as the longest serving team captain of the Scottish Amateur League side.

Such were his talents that Greenock Morton's legendary manager and player Allan McGraw, signed Duncan to play for the club during a spell in the 1980s.

Duncan, 52, was kept in the dark about the



Duncan McAulay, right, receives a commemorative award after being inducted into the SAFA hall of fame, from the SAFL's president, Frank McCann.

award though and was shocked when it was announced at Glasgow's Crown Plaza Hotel at the weekend.

The former winger and

central midfielder said: 'It was a complete surprise to me. My wife knew about it but didn't say anything, same with the boys.

'There was about 350 people there so it was really good. Thankfully there weren't any speeches.'

Still coaching the pupils, Duncan was modest about his being recognised and the reasons for it.

'It's just something I enjoy doing,' he said. 'There's some other people who maybe deserve it more but maybe it's just a case of your time coming.'

Over two decades of his playing career, he became one of the SAFL's longest serving players and captains, leading the Pupils to success in the Baxter Trophy, the 'Scottish Cup' for Scottish Amateur Football Association registered leagues and associations.

Duncan also had a spell playing for Drumchapel Amateurs.



The prizewinners from this year's Junior Winter League are, from left, Archie McKellar, Fraser MacBrayne, Daniel Kane, Alistair Ferguson, Valdemar Hundebøll, Harry McLean, Dean Graham, Mitch Graham, Cameron Reid, Louise Dott, Andrew Renton and Andrew Dott.

Machrihanish juniors enjoy night golf

FOR SOME, golfing during the day is hard enough. For the hardy members of the Junior Winter League at Machrihanish Golf Club – playing at night is the name of the game.

Playing using flashing golf balls and glow sticks, the players played a round completely at ease with not seeing the rough from the fairway.

The pitch-black game was seen as the perfect way to round off the Winter League, with prizes given out for their efforts at the conclusion of the day – but not before Daniel Kane

and Darren Renton triumphed over their peers to win the night golf competition.

Valdemar Hundebøll was the winner of the Winter League Singles competition, while Louise Dott was named the league's best girl.

Søren Hundebøll said: 'Thanks to Craig Barret and parents for helping out and to Ken Campbell at the pro-shop for sponsoring prizes.'

The competition will return in October with a fixture list available for competitions from April-September.

Summer fixtures will

commence with group coaching by Ken Campbell on April 7.

Junior Winter League Prizewinners.

Winter league, singles: 1 Valdemar Hundebøll; 2 Daniel Kane.

Match play 2012 juveniles, Donald Keyte trophy: 1 Grant Halley; 2 Mitch Graham.

Match play 2012 junior, Neil McKerrall trophy: 1 Valdemar Hundebøll; 2 Cameron Reid.

Winter league, team competition: 1 Susan Shaw, Andrew Dott and Valdemar Hundebøll.

Winter league, special prizes. Best girl: Louise Dott; Best single Stableford round: Dean Graham.

Golf Olympics, discipline winners: Chipping, Harry McLean and Andrew Renton; Bunker play, Valdemar Hundebøll and Andrew Dott; Speed golf, Fraser MacBrayne and Alistair Ferguson; Driving, Archie McKellar and Cameron Reid; Pitching, Cameron Reid.

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This week's nearest the ball winners who each receive £25 are: H Gorman, Isle of Gigha and R Hanna, Ralston Road, Campbeltown

Pupils hit three second-half goals to keep league lead

SAFL Premier Division Two
Carlton YMCA 0
Campbeltown Pupils 3

THE CHILL blast of a strong first half wind failed to deter the progress of the McFadyen sponsored Campbeltown Pupils, and, with five games left to play they still lead a competitive league into the final quarter of the season.

The elements certainly restricted good football in the opening forty-five minutes, a half in which the local favourites struggled to find good possession with the wind in their faces.

However, they could have turned a goal ahead, but their joy was short-lived when a scrambled effort was chalked off for dangerous play.

The second period was much more productive, and the visitors were two ahead within ten minutes of the restart, the first arriving courtesy of a corner kick in the 49th minute.

When the home defence failed to clear its lines, they were soundly punished by Robin Barr who drilled the ball beyond the stranded keeper from the edge of the box.

Three minutes later it was two, a sweeping move releasing R Barr

on the left flank. The Pupils wide midfielder sent a cross into the box, where John McCallum continued his rich vein of form by scoring with a weighted volley from close range.

With the wind at their backs, both Pupils full backs caused untold trouble by continually outflanking a desperate home rearguard, Lorne Robertson in particular having his best game in a Pupils shirt this season.

A typical burst from midfield by Paul Grumoli settled the tie as a contest, his all-action style taking him beyond the despairing goalkeeper. From a wide position he managed to turn the ball goal-wards, and the incoming John McCallum made sure with a header from point blank range.

After a non-productive first half, the Pupils retained their composure to grab three vital points, a platform built on sound first half defending by S McKinven and G Grant.

In receipt of a free week, the Pupils have no game tomorrow (Saturday).

Islay sports date set for July

THIS year's Bowmore Sports event is set to go ahead on July 27, with fundraising already underway to ensure the Gladiator Run can be offered to children free of charge.

Bingo nights will take place in the Gaelic Col-

lege in months ahead, while a pub quiz will be held at the Bowmore Hotel on Saturday, March 23.

The annual Duck Race, meanwhile, will be held on Easter Sunday - March 31 - at Bridgend.



From left: Club president Robert MacCallum, pairs winner Jimmy Anderson, ladies president Jean Miller, pairs winner Steven Dickson and finalists Robert Dalziel and Archie Johnston.

Anderson and Dickson win Campbeltown Open Pairs

LAST WEEK'S Campbeltown Bowling Club Open Pairs competition saw a welcome increase in participants.

Newly elected club vice president Jimmy Anderson and Steven Dickson came out victorious in the final on

Thursday night with a well-contested and skilful match against Archie Johnston and Bob Dalziel.

The match swung in Jimmy and Steven's favour in the sixth end when Jimmy produced what was effectively

the match winning shot by removing a bowl for a five shot gain and a lead that they were not to relinquish. The losing semi-finalists were John Gallagher and Colin Lang (Lowland) and Callum McLean and Jimmy Simpson.

The Archie and Fiona Smith Trophy and prizes were presented by president Robert MacCallum, now in his second term of office, and Ladies' president Jean Miller who is now in her fourth term of office.



Ryan Shields heads for the goal for his 2005s team.

Youngsters enjoy Fun Fours and Fives at Lochgilphead

THE YOUNGEST teams in Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association enjoyed a day out to Mid Argyll to play Fun Fours and Fives against Lochgilphead.

The coaches were delighted with the performances by the 2005 and 2006 teams from Primary 2 and 3, with everyone enjoying a few hours of football.

Late controversial goal knocks out Carradale

AFTER a controversial late goal, Carradale AFC lost their CDL Cup away match against Brucehill United on Saturday with a 2-1 result.

The Meridian Salmon Group sponsored team travelled to Dumbarton with 18 players unavailable for various reasons. This meant the side was down to the bare bones.

The players who did take part took the game to Brucehill and went ahead in the 18th minute through a Robert Docherty 25 yard strike that gave the home keeper no chance.

Brucehill drew level on the 68th minute resulting from a quick throw in.

The winning goal arrived on the 79th minute. It was a dreadful error by the referee, as the away defence let the ball run out for a bye kick, but to their astonishment, with the ball clearly well over the line, the referee let the goal stand after it was knocked across the goal and put into the net from close range.

The Brucehill players and management apologised for the goal after the game.

Carradale now look forward to the fourth round match of the Scottish Welfare Cup tomorrow (Saturday) in a home match against FC Fochabers.

Dalintober pupils' success in Sports Hall final

A PUPIL at Dalintober Primary School has come third overall in the under 9 category of the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics Competition.

Nicole Shields scored 15.5 points overall, placing third at the competition on February 23.

The competition saw youngsters from across Argyll compete in indoor athletics competitions after qualifying in regional contests at the beginning of the year.

Glen finds 180 finish in local darts league

ALAN Glen scored a finishing score of 180 for the Kilbrannan at the Campbeltown Darts League on Monday.

Iain Smith had a finishing score of 112 also for the Kilbrannan.

The league singles have been changed to April 8 and the Alex McKerral singles will be held on Monday in Southend.

Results: Commercial 2 Kilbrannan 8; Fiddlers 9 Kinloch 1; Burnside 7 Southend 3; Kilbrannan B 6 Fiddlers B 4; Ailsa/Bye.

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Young Kintyre swimmer completes charity triathlon

Nathan Armstrong on the first leg of his triathlon, which consisted of 40 lengths in the pool (1 km), a 2 km bike ride and a 1 km run. 20_c1triathlon01

One kilometre swim, two-kilometre bike ride and one kilometre run

A SPORTY 11-year-old from Kintyre has raised £220 for Comic Relief by taking part in a triathlon on Saturday.

Nathan Armstrong decided to hold his own triathlon to raise money for the charity after

being inspired by the Brownlee brothers at the summer Olympics.

He completed the one kilometre swim; two-kilometre bike ride and one kilometre run on Saturday afternoon.

Nathan, who swims

for the Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club, said the first leg of his challenge was the best.

He said: 'The easiest bit is the swimming. I like it best.'

When asked why he had decided to take on

a triathlon he added: 'It looked like fun.'

'I've always done something for Red Nose Day.'

While his dad stayed with him poolside at the Aqualibrium, his family and friends remained in

the viewing gallery waving banners and cheering him on as he completed his 40 lengths.

He then had the small task of a bike ride along Low Askomil and a run back to the Aqualibrium.

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