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Get there early!

New security means you'll need to be at airport ONE HOUR before take off

PASSENGERS travelling from Campbeltown Airport have been told this week to allow enough time to clear the increased security screening before flights, starting from Monday. Changes to security procedures from Monday March 23 mean that screening before departure may take longer and passengers should arrive at least one hour before their flight is due to depart.

The advice from Highlands and Islands Airport Ltd (HIAL) is because of changes in the security screening

regime at the airport; this is due to the more frequent use of larger Saab 340 aircraft for flights to Glasgow.

HIAL will invest in new screening technology for the airport this year, but until this work is carried out there will be what is described as 'an enhanced manual screening process'. In the meantime additional security staff will be deployed at the airport to help speed things up.

Alan Shaw, who is the director of safety and operations at HIAL

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Simon King, Richard McAllister, Hughie McAllister and Spud the dog, and Dave Myers. ©12bit01

The Hairy Bikers roar into Argyll

THE Hairy Bikers took to the water last week when they visited Kintyre and not only cooked, but caught their supper.

The television chefs who are just as famous for their motorbikes as their love of good food and the craic were well at home in Campbeltown and Tarbert with

wonderful scenery to drive through and fabulous fresh local produce to sample.

Simon King and Dave Myers went out on the fishing boat *Perseverance* with Hughie and Richard McAllister and Spud the dog and came back to port with langoustines. From there they went to Springbank

Distillery for a tour.

The pair competed against chef/owner Clare Johnson in a special seafood 'cook-off' at the Kilberry Inn and visited Tarbert where they sampled the black pudding and Lorne sausage at Hyslop & Sons the butcher.

They then set up their mobile kitchen for a

cooking demonstration on the quayside. The trip won two new converts to Kintyre and the film will be featured in their next series and be great publicity for tourism and Kintyre produce.

The programme will be shown in late summer on BBC2 at 5.30pm, the final date has yet to be announced.

US firm buys control of Dunes

AMERICAN company Southworth Development LLC announced on Tuesday that it has bought a controlling interest in the Kintyre Development Company (KDC) through an affiliated company.

KDC owns and is developing the Machrihanish Dunes Golf Club, as well as the Ugadale Golf Cottages and the Old Clubhouse Pub, formerly known as The Beachcomber.

KDC also owns the Ugadale Hotel in Machrihanish and the Royal Hotel in Campbeltown. Brian Keating, the founder of KDC, will remain a shareholder and a director in the company.

Southworth had been a minority shareholder of the company since 2006.

The company said it has injected 'several million pounds' into the project to ensure that the property is finished to the highest standard. The golf course and practice

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The White Hart Hotel

From Monday 23rd March at 6pm, Grace and David Eaton have the pleasure of opening as the new owners of the White Hart Hotel in the centre of Campbeltown

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The White Hart Hotel, Main Street, Campbeltown. Tel: 01586 552440

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range will open on May 2 for play while the Ugadale Golf Cottages will open towards the end of May. In addition, construction is underway at the golf course on a building named The Golf House, which will serve as the permanent course snack bar and caddy house.

The company plans to keep the Old Clubhouse Pub, formerly known as The Beachcomber and will be giving it a makeover.

'When the opportunity arose to purchase a controlling interest in the KDC we jumped at it. In addition to opening Machrihanish Dunes, we will soon begin the restoration of the historic Ugadale Arms and Royal hotels, as well as launching the sale of the fractional free-hold golf cottages,' said David Southworth, president and chief executive officer of Southworth Development.

Good news for airbase company

'It is now in the community's hands to bring companies and employment to our area'

GOOD news this week for the Machrihanish Airbase community company as it has secured more than the 600 required members and supporters to declare an interest in the base.

The group now intends to carry on adding to that number.

'Declaring the interest under the Land Reform Act of 2003 gives our community the right to be consulted on any future use of the base and the group's intention is to confer with the relevant parties regarding a strategy to maximise its potential,' said Ian Wardrop, chairman.

Consideration

'The community has been submitting various ideas for consideration and the group will look to negotiate with the Ministry of Defence and Westminster government to bring

the base into a 'fit for purpose' standard in the form of investment to prevent any further deterioration.

Employment

'The Kintyre area population has dropped by over 2000 in the last eight years. Around 80 per cent of school leavers go into further education but with little hope of employment to return to this area.

'It is now in the community's hands to help bring companies and employment into our area by utilising such a resource as the ex RAF Machrihanish Airbase we hope for continued support,' said Mr Wardrop.

See letters page and for further information contact the secretary Marcy Docherty, 7 North Shore Street Campbeltown or by email at macc@machrihanish.org.



Friends of Campbeltown Museum

Dr Sharon Webb, far left, with volunteers from the Friends of Campbeltown Museum. Dr Webb is director of Kilmartin Museum and also acting as curator for the Campbeltown Museum in the Burnet Building. The friends group has been relaunched to help boost the museum by raising money for new equipment and helping to open the collection to the public on Saturdays. The next meeting will be on March 26, all welcome. C12mus01

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said: 'In recent years passengers have seen a number of changes to the UK security regime. 'The new procedures at Campbeltown are necessary to meet Department for Transport requirements and have come about because a larger aircraft is now regularly used for the Glasgow service. 'We

have discussed the changes with Loganair and we are both keen to ensure that passengers allow extra time to clear security for flights.

'The important advice to passengers is to arrive in plenty of time for their flight, to be aware of what they can and cannot carry in hand luggage and

co-operate with the security process, as it is ultimately there for their safety.'

Mr Shaw added that as an airport operator HIAL wants to make the process as straightforward as possible and is keen to ensure that passengers are prepared.

'And that includes allowing for slight increases to processing times if these occur,' said Mr Shaw.

The terminal open-

ing hours are 9am until noon and 2pm 5.40pm.

'Flights depart Campbeltown for Glasgow at 10am and 5.40pm. So if passengers could arrive for 9am for the morning flight and at least an hour before the afternoon one that would be ideal,' said HIAL spokesman Nat Anderson.

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Plan to drop speed limit 'ridiculous' says MP

KINTYRE could become even more remote with news that the UK government is considering cutting speed limits on most rural single-carriageway roads to 50mph. Ministers believe the

potentially unpopular move may be needed to cut the number of deaths among motorists and pedestrians. Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid is against the idea, which he feels would not have the de-

sired effect. 'It is a ridiculous idea because some of our single carriageway roads are perfectly safe at 60mph. Drivers would look at speedometers rather than the road and this would cause accidents.'

The Automobile Association said that there should be no 'blanket' reduction, and instead called for a 'targeted approach'. Currently the speed limit on almost all single carriageway roads out-

side of towns is 60mph, except for at accident blackspots. But safety minister Jim Fitzpatrick is looking at reducing limits in a bid to improve the UK's road safety record, which used to

rank among the best in the world, but has slipped in recent years. A Department for Transport spokeswoman said: 'This is something that is being looked at, but no decisions taken yet.'

Government throw out plans to lease Argyll forests

'After serious consideration, I decided to rule out the leasing option'

Hundreds of forestry workers across Argyll have celebrated a victory as the Scottish Government announced it would abandon controversial plans to lease publicly owned forests to private companies. The news has been welcomed by environmentalists and political opponents across Scotland. Environment Minister Roseanna Cunningham said the Government's proposal to lease parts of Scotland's forests, which included almost all of Argyll and parts of Galloway's forests, would not go ahead. Roy Laird, Forestry Commission Union representative in Lochgilphead, said: 'I'm extremely delighted. We can now all look forward to a brighter

future with the Commission and working in partnership with the community. 'I'd like to thank everyone for all their support over the last few months. The public were very supportive.' **Delight** Dan Convery, a member of the Dalriada Branch of the SNP, who fiercely opposed the plans, said: 'I would like to express my absolute delight that the pressure from the lower level Scottish National Party have been successful in getting the Scottish Government to alter their attitude to the whole question.' Welcoming the announcement, Alan Reid, Liberal Democrat MP for Argyll and Bute, said: 'This is a

tremendous victory for the community in Argyll and Bute who had strongly opposed the SNP plans to sell our forests. 'I am delighted at the SNP climbdown. However, it is important to realise that the SNP only abandoned these plans after they realised that they couldn't get their sell-off plans through the Scottish Parliament.' Ms Cunningham said: 'Argyll's national forests are vital to its infrastructure and contribute significantly to the economic, social and environmental aspects of the region. They are part of Scotland's global responsibilities too.' **Innovative** 'Forest leasing was an innovative idea - but for many it was also a controversial one. A consultation is there to get views so that we can collectively come to a decision that works best. 'I have now taken that decision. After serious consideration, I decided to rule out the leasing option. Instead, we will move on and find different ways to fund woodland creation for climate change.'

What they say:

Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor: 'I believe this to be the right decision by the government.'

Director of Conservation for the Scottish Wildlife Trust, Jonny Hughes, said: 'To lease out 25 per cent of our public forest estate would have substantially eroded the role of the Forestry Commission, which in turn would have had a detrimental impact on individual species, habitats and future action to adapt to climate change across Scotland.'

Tavish Scott, leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, said: 'The new Environment Minister has performed the welcome u-turn that Mike Russell was too arrogant to see through.'

Anne Douglas, national secretary of Prospect, the union for specialist staff in the Forestry Commission, said: 'We have fought against these proposals as they were ill-conceived and likely to result in the loss of several hundred good quality jobs in some of Scotland's remotest rural areas.'

David Stewart, Highlands and Islands Labour MSP, said: 'I am sure there will be relief in the rural communities which were likely to have been affected by these absurd proposals.'



Young musician and citizen of the year, from left: Sarah Muir, Phyllis Milne, Michael Taylor Susan Paterson. C12ef01

Celebrating the best in Campbeltown society

THE Rotary Club of Campbeltown, members of the Inner Wheel Club and other invited guests gathered at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown, on Thursday to celebrate good citizenship and musical excellence. After enjoying an excellent meal, President Michael Taylor went on to the main business of the evening. First of all he introduced the Citizen of the Year 2008, Susan Paterson. He spoke of how frequently he had met her and how she was always at the centre of things that had to be done. Clive Good, president elect, read out the citation. He listed the

many organisations Susan attends and has often chaired: community council, Dunaverty Hall Committee, Mull of Kintyre Music Festival, Kintyre Cultural Forum, South Kintyre Development Trust, the committee for ACHA and she also teaches at Argyll College. **Enjoyed** Mr Taylor presented Susan with a framed certificate after which Susan spoke of going into shock when she was told. She just enjoyed being busy and helping people. She was very, very grateful for the honour and to the people who had nominated her. Mr Taylor then introduced Sarah Muir, the

Most Promising Young Musician of 2008. Clive again read the citation, which spoke of Sarah's prowess in playing the bagpipes and as a talented composer for that instrument. She won the George McIntyre Memorial Trophy in 2006, 2007 and 2008. In 2007 she won the Tony Wilson Memorial Quaich for Piping and over the years had won numerous competitions around the country. Sarah has now turned her talents to the clarinet and the fiddle. Mrs Phyllis Milne then congratulated Susan and presented her with the Norman Milne Memorial Trophy, a framed Certificate and a cheque for £150.

Trouble on Islay

A MAN was arrested on Islay on Sunday for alleged public order offences and assaulting a police officer. In a separate incident on Friday evening police were called in after several complaints in the Port Charlotte area about the conduct of a man and woman who were causing a disturbance.

Traffic checks

TRAFFIC police have been carrying out a number of speed checks in Kintyre and a number of warnings given to motorists on the A83 at Snipefield at Tayinloan. Also a number of people have been warned about not wearing seatbelts and using their mobile phones while driving. Police advise that these checks are to continue.

Parked car vandalised

A CAR parked on Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, was vandalised during Friday night. Police are appealing for any witnesses to come forward.

Conduct warning

FOLLOWING an incident in the Glenside area of Campbeltown on Sunday two people were warned about their conduct.

Man charged

A MAN has been charged with an alleged assault and breach of bail in Campbeltown town centre on Monday night.

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Tarbert Village Hall officially opens its doors

£640,000 refurbishment gives hall new lease of life

TARBERT Village Hall was officially unveiled last Saturday (March 14) to an audience of delighted local guests.

The hall, which has had a £640,000 facelift, was opened by Mrs Gillie Mackie Campbell, whose late husband's grandfather gifted Tarbert the hall in 1902.

Dr Neil MacDonald, chair of the Tarbert Village Hall committee, said: 'It has been a long up-hill struggle to get to this point of opening the new hall - your hall, our hall, and isn't it

By Jenny Sutherland

beautiful.' On opening the hall, Mrs Mackie Campbell, said: 'It is a great pleasure and privilege to open our rebuilt village hall, and I would like to thank all those public spirited committee members, who over the last hundred years, have worked so hard to keep the hall going.

'Without their dedication we would have had no hall to rebuild. And today, many thanks and appreciation, to the present committee and

to the youth groups, who have raised so much, so that at last they have their own space.'

The youngest member of Tarbert Youth Group, Joshua McBride, presented Mrs Mackie Campbell with a bouquet of flowers.

Heather Bellshaw of Tarbert Youth Group, said: 'I would like to thank all the young people who gave up their weekend, those who helped on the day and the generous donations from the village in general.'



Pictured from left to right is David Green of the Big Lottery Fund with Tarbert Village Hall trustees, John Hunt, Douglas Robertson, Dr Neil MacDonald, Dr Douglas Barker and Harry Landsborough. a12tar05



Pictured are the trustees and committee members of Tarbert Village Hall. a12tar07



Duncan and Jean Shaw are pictured with John Hunt, a trustee of Tarbert Village Hall and David Green of the Big Lottery Fund. a12tar04



Main speakers during last Saturday's official opening were (back row) David Green of the Big Lottery Fund, Dr Neil MacDonald, Margaret Sinclair and Mrs Gillie Mackie Campbell, who officially opened the hall. a12tar06



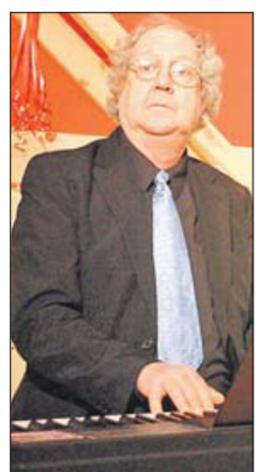
Pictured is Joshua McBride, who presented Mrs Mackie Campbell with flowers, during the ceremony.



Caragh Sinclair (left) and Lauren Prentice played some beautiful songs during the official ceremony. a12tar03



Pictured are members of Tarbert Youth Group with Janie Milne, chair of Tarbert Youth Group (left), Suzi Thomson, Tarbert Youth Group leader (middle) and Heather Bellshaw, Tarbert Youth Group leader (right). a12tar01



Pianist Bill Murdoch entertained guests during the official opening last Saturday. a12tar02

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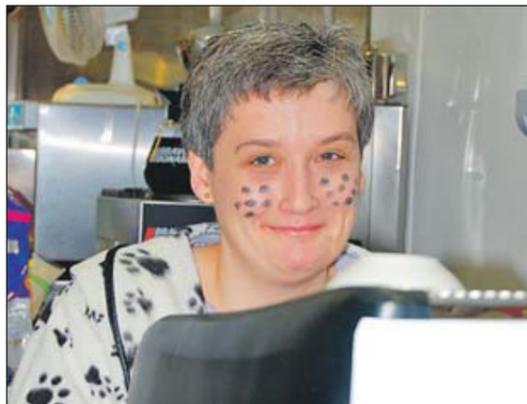
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Heather McGougan was dressed up behind the counter at Mussel Ebb Bistro. c12red02



Southend Primary and Pre-Five Unit had a great time doing something funny for money, the Comic Relief theme for 2009. The Pre-Five children dressed up in something big and the school pupils were hilarious in a variety of costumes. Primary 7s were sponsored to do things in the morning and we had great stalls in the afternoon. Altogether over £130 was raised.

John moves to Motherwell



JUST over 14 years after Constable John Logan came to work with Campbeltown police he has decided to transfer to the N Division in Motherwell.

John began his career in 1986 and has served with CID and was part of the community policing unit in Campbeltown before this move.

John told *The Courier* he has enjoyed his time in Campbeltown. He said: 'It has been one of the most welcoming and pleasant places to work and live. I would like to thank all my friends, colleagues and the locals who made my stay in the town so pleasurable.' c11log01



The children at Castlehill primary School had fun events and fancy dress on Friday to mark Red Nose Day. c12red04



Red noses in the kitchens at Mussel Ebb Bistro at Aqualibrium as worn by Shona Anderson, left, and Louise McGougan. c12red03



The staff at the Campbeltown branch of Moss Chemists on Main Street, all went to work in fancy dress. c12red01



Carradale School pupils raised the wonderful sum of £185 for Comic Relief



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Water music for Campbeltown Brass

Good luck at the championships!

CAMPBELTOWN Brass travel to Dundee at the weekend to compete in the Scottish championships after a week at sea for musical director Craig Anderson.

Craig, who will be conducting the band in its first year in section one on Sunday, lives in Ayr and usually clocks up the miles travelling down to Campbeltown for band practice.

Only the trouble this week has been that the road works on the A83 at near Tarbert have closed the main road every night and prompted a long detour.

Ferrying

Step forward Mike Taylor of Mull of Kintyre Seatours who has been ferrying Craig between home and Campbeltown every night this week.

Craig has been arriv-

ing at about 6.30pm, taking band practice and then getting up the next morning to travel back on Mike's RIB to begin work at Cumnock Academy.

Yesterday (Thursday) Mike and Craig were due to be joined by three band players returning from university to play in the championship: Mark Good, Ewan Bannatyne and Tom Poulson.

Drama festival curtain call

FIFTEEN one-act plays from all over Argyll are all heading for Ardrishaig for the sixty-first Argyll Drama Festival from April 21 to 24.

The Festival Committee are delighted and have met recently to put in place the usual efficient organisation to guarantee another successful festival week of high drama.

Everyone remembers last year's celebrated Diamond Jubilee Festival at which the audiences were the highest they had been for many

years. The Festival Committee believe this year's array of talented teams will be even better than last year and urge last year's and new supporters to come along and enjoy this feast of Argyll talent.

Among the talent are five junior teams, two from Oban with the Argyll Youth Theatre, regulars Accent Juniors from Campbeltown and Tarbert Academy Drama club, and new faces from Arran, Shiskine Junior Drama.

The ten adult produc-

tions include the first, second and third places at the recent Kintyre Drama Festival, Accent Players, Peninver Players and Carradale Drama Club; the famous Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club with two dramas; two comedy - drama presentations by last year's first place winners, Lochgilphead Drama Club; Arran's Shiskine Drama Club return with another comedy; and for the first time, Tobermory Amateur Dramatic Society are coming over with two comedies.

The festival committee, chairwoman, Margaret Annan and secretary, Jim Morrison, urge all those in Mid Argyll and beyond to note the festival dates in your diaries and ensure that you do not miss what is going to be an exceptional Argyll event.

Bowling afternoon for WRI

A PLEASANT afternoon was spent carpet bowling at the Masonic Hall, Campbeltown by the ladies of the Kintyre SWRI.

In an exciting final Margaret McLean and Josephine Milligan of Southend defeated the Stewarton pairs of Anne Thomson and July Skilbeck.

The day was rounded off with a meal at the Argyll Hotel.



Winning Juvenile Quartet, left to right: Pipe Major Ian McKerral, Ross Ferguson, Sarah Muir, and Fiona Mitchell.

Kintyre 'band of the day' at quartets

KINTYRE Schools Pipe Band sent five quartets of pipers to the annual Juvenile Quartet competition held at Dumbarton.

Altogether 25 quartets from eight pipe bands took part.

In Juvenile Grade, Kintyre Schools unveiled its new Medley and was undoubtedly the band of the day, with Kintyre's 'A' quartet winning both the Medley and March Strathspey and Reel events.

The quartet comprised Ian McKerral, Ross Ferguson, Sarah Muir and Fiona Mitchell. For good measure, Kintyre's 'B' quartet, consisting of Stephanie Brodie, Craig Barbour, Lewis Anderson and David



Happy Threesome, with trophies, minus Pipe Major, left to right: Fiona Mitchell, Ross Ferguson, Sarah Muir.

Armour came second in both these events.

'The quartets is great fun,' said Pipe Sergeant Fiona Mitchell, 'though we were all a wee bit nervy as it's impossible to hide any mistakes when there's just four of you. It's good that it forces us to practice hard early in the season. Our concerts in the Grammar School

this coming Friday and Saturday should also help with performance quality before the competition season starts in earnest.'

In Novice Grade, Kintyre Schools 'B' Quartet consisting of Julie Blue, Abbie Semple, Jamie Morrison and David McFadyen did well to claim Second Place in the March Strathspey

and Reel event. Also attending, but missing out in the top three placings this time, were Kintyre Schools Novice 'A' and 'C' Quartets, including up and coming pipers Bruce Cowie, Ashleigh Jordan, Calum Cowie, Thomas Jordan, Craig Galbraith, Lindsey Campbell, Rhiann Middleton and Clare Russell.

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KSPB concert and ceilidh packs them in

THE KINTYRE Juvenile Pipe Band Association held a two-night showcase of its talented members at the weekend.

The association's concert is so popular that it is held on Friday and Saturday night at the Campbeltown Grammar School and the hall was packed both nights.

On Friday the band's chanter group performed and on Saturday the bands were joined

by three times winner of the World Bass Section Championships and former North American Solo Tenor Drumming Champion, Tyler Fry from Canada.

Workshop

He had held a workshop with drummers earlier in the day.

Other guests were percussionists Eric and Lynn Ward, with a fantastic display by James McCorkindale Dancers and fiddle solos by

Frank Rochford. As part of the evening the band played sets of competition tunes for this year's season.

The schedule for competitions begins with the Mull of Kintyre Pipe Band Championship on May 2 and ends with the juvenile band competing at Scotsdagen, Belgium. The juvenile band has also been invited to Celtica Festival, Courmayeur, Italy in July.



Footnote dancers, at their Christmas party, presenting a cheque to the Queen Mother's Hospital for £600. The money was collected at last year's Music Festival Parade and since little Gregor Craig was given the best of attention there, it was thought only proper to try and give something back to this wonderful Hospital.

Get frivolous with Footnotes

Long hours and hard work have gone into this production

FOOTNOTES Dance Company is holding another of its spectacular shows at Campbeltown Grammar School on Friday March 27 called *Footnotes Frivolities*, the fourth show since Footnotes reformed in 2001.

The doors will be open at 7pm for the show to start at 7.30pm for a night of fun.

They have taken their inspiration from the musicals and it promises to be full of fun, high jinks and goings on – not to be missed. Long hours of hard work and dedication have gone into

this production with 36 dancers now raring to go and eager to please the audience.

Joining them for the first time are the Stirling Uni Dance Society, ably lead by Shona Angus, a former member of Footnotes and a well-known Campbeltown lass. Footnotes also have the privilege of a solo routine performed by Shona's partner, Will Freeman.

Finally, a big thank you should be given to Megan Fortune who has travelled all the way from Edinburgh to perform with Footnotes.

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The Footnotes annual prize winners were presented with their trophies and the winners

are as follows: Junior Winner, Jessie-May Dewar; runner-up, Kathryn MacBrayne; senior winner, Louise Mitchell; runner-up Fiona Cook; Judy Angus Memorial Dancers' Dancer, Jessie-May Dewar.



Tyler Fry, Eric Ward, Julie Blue and John Brown. C12pip04



Hannah McGuinness and Karen Semple. C12pip03

Mid Argyll Music Festival

THE 30th Mid Argyll Music Festival kicks off tomorrow with a week of poetry, piping, pianos and much more.

Tomorrow will see the piping classes take place and for the first time since the festival started, a drumming class has been introduced. A large contingency of Kintyre pipers are expected to travel to Lochgilphead's Joint Campus to take part.

Monday will see the poetry competitions in Ardrishaig Public Hall. These classes are always popular with schools across Mid Argyll.

Adjudicator

Tuesday night sees the piano classes take place in Ardrishaig Public Hall. The adjudicator this year will be Michael Hancock.

On Wednesday, both Ardrishaig Public Hall and the North Church Hall will be packed with primary pupils taking part in the singing competitions. At night songs from the shows will entertain audiences in the Public Hall.

Thursday is one of the busiest days with secondary pupils taking part in the vocal solo and duet competitions in the morning and the piano solo and duet competitions taking place in the afternoon in Ardrishaig.

And on Friday competitors will take part in a variety of classes including the folk guitar, violin and accordion at Ardrishaig Public Hall and the North Church Hall.

The final day of the festival is the turn of the choirs with schools coming from Helensburgh, Oban and Campbeltown to take part. All competitions on Saturday will take place in Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

Sheila McCallum, of the Mid Argyll Music Festival committee, said: 'We could not run the festival without the support of our sponsors and friends and we are especially grateful to our major sponsors – The Scottish Co-operative, Strategem and MacLeod Construction Ltd.'

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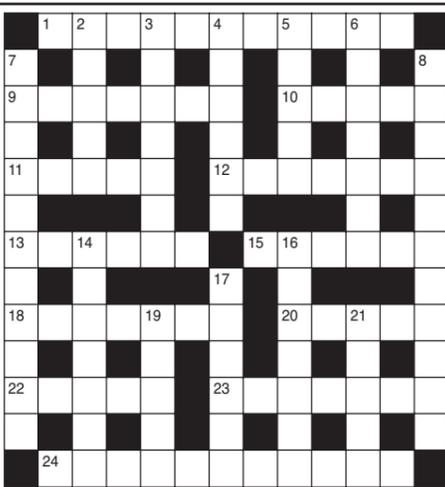
Michael discovers that Hanna loves being read to and their physical relationship deepens. Hanna is enthralled as Michael reads to her from "The Odyssey," "Huck Finn" and "The Lady with the Little Dog." Despite their intense bond, Hanna mysteriously disappears one day and Michael is left confused and heartbroken.

Eight years later, while Michael is a law student observing the Nazi war crime trials, he is stunned to find Hanna back in his life – this time as a defendant in the courtroom

Visit The Wee Pictures website for more what's on and coming soon.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE DOUBLE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Karlheinz, German avant-garde composer born in 1928 (11)
 - Feline mammal also called the desert lynx (7)
 - metal is a substitute for gold leaf made from thin sheets of copper (5)
 - Milton, Ugandan president deposed by Amin in 1971 (5)
 - 'The Castle of ---', novel by Horace Walpole (7)
 - Seventh planet from the sun (6)
 - Liquid alkane hydrocarbon found in petroleum (6)
 - French city on the Vienne River which is a centre of the porcelain industry (7)
 - Brightest star in the constellation Cygnus (5)
 - City in N.E. France which became capital of the dukes of Lorraine in the 12c (5)
 - TV Western series which featured the Cartwright family (7)
 - See 5 Down.



- DOWN**
- The trunk of the human body (5)
 - Jean, author of *Les Enfants terribles* (7)
 - James, author of *Goodbye Mr. Chips* (6)
 - and 24 Across. 1911 novel by Joseph Conrad (5,7,4)
 - European republic whose capital is Tallinn (7)
 - 1975 musical with songs by Marvin Hamlisch and Edward Kleban (1,6,4)
 - 1898 volume of short stories by Stephen Crane (3,4,4)
 - 1827 novel by Stendhal (7)
 - Progression of chords giving an effect of closing a section of music (7)
 - Line on a map connecting places of equal atmospheric pressure (6)
 - Flat-topped submarine mountain common in the Pacific (5)
 - Jack, actor who starred in the David Lynch film *Eraserhead* (5)

- SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK**
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE - Across:** 1 Capybara; 5 Adam; 9 Argo; 10 Schumann; 11 Azafia; 12 Amphora; 13 Live and Let Die; 18 Pakistan; 19 Pudu; 20 Tenniel; 21 Horae; 22 Kiss; 23 Devonian.
- Down:** 2 Abruzzi; 3 Yaoundé; 4 Richard Hadlee; 6 Diamond; 7 Mondale; 8 Purple; 13 Lipetsk; 14 Vikings; 15 Austin; 16 Typhoon; 17 Indiana.
- QUICK - Across:** 1 Fireside; 5 Chic; 9 Isle; 10 Assassin; 11 Sloth; 12 Imitate; 13 Trading vessel; 18 Athletic; 19 Safe; 20 Stealth; 21 Merry; 22 Tier; 23 Admitted.
- Down:** 2 Insular; 3 Ejected; 4 Distinguished; 6 Hussars; 7 Conceal; 8 Famine; 13 Transit; 14 Achieve; 15 Ideals; 16 Suspect; 17 Enforce.

- QUICK CLUES ACROSS**
- Art of handwriting (11)
 - One who flees for safety (7)
 - Fire-rising (5)
 - Cleave (5)
 - Portfolio (7)
 - Assemble (6)
 - Maintenance (6)
 - Crush (7)
 - Turf (5)
 - Surpass (5)
 - Plain (7)
 - Question (11)

- QUICK CLUES DOWN**
- Impressive (5)
 - Inheritor (7)
 - Voracious (6)
 - Unfriendly (7)
 - Supposition (11)
 - Fearlessness (11)
 - Tidy up (7)
 - Transient (7)
 - Heavenly body (6)
 - Verify (5)
 - Vigilant (5)

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Good year for Holsteins

THE KINTRYE Holstein Club held its AGM with 25 members and friends attending.



James McLean awards the new James McLean Cup to William Ralston.

Retiring chairman John Ralston reported that another full calendar of events had been enjoyed by the membership with two of the highlights being the successful trip to Cumbria and the Scottish Holstein Open Day at Drumalea and West Darloch Farms.

The winner of a new cup this year, the James McLean Cup kindly presented by Mrs Marlene McLean and family, of Kilmaho, for most points gained in club competitions in the year was announced as William Ralston, West Darloch.

The winner of the KF Cup for Show

points was Sandy Pirie, Machrihanish.

Office-bearers for the coming year: James Wallace, chairman; Donald Armour, vice-chairman; Tommy Ralston, secretary; Alister Graham, treasurer; committee: John Ralston, James McLean, James McPhee, William Turner. Guest speaker for the evening was Mr Johnny Cousar of Howcommon Holsteins, Kilmarnock. He gave a very interesting account of his experiences and knowledge gained, not only on his farm at home but also through his many years involvement with the Great Britain and Ireland



Johnny Cousar, guest speaker for the evening presents the KF Cup Sandy Pirie.

Holstein Society, both nationally and across Europe. The evening was brought to a close with a vote of thanks from new chairman James Wallace.

Neriby Limousin bullocks sell to 226p per kilo on Islay

UNITED Auctions held their annual Early Spring Sale of 730 store cattle and suckled calves at Islay Auction Mart last Saturday.

An excellent show of quality bred cattle were on offer. A strong force of mainland buyers were present and all stock was easily cleared at levels above seller's expectations.

The 490 bullocks averaged £633.34 per head and 184.6 pence per kilo, while the 240 heifers averaged £583.98 per head and 176.3 pence per kilo.

Bullocks sold to £905 twice for Limousin crosses from Lossit Farm and to 226 pence per kilo, also Limousin crosses, this time from Neriby Farm.

Heifers sold to £810 twice for Charolais crosses from Knocklearach Farm and to 221 pence per kilo for British Blue crosses from Ardbeg Farm.

UA's £250,000 Dalmally market upgrade shows commitment to Argyll farming

UNITED Auctions (UA) is to spend over £250,000 on an upgrade to Dalmally Auction Mart in a move which it says shows a further commitment to farming in Argyll and the islands.

The upgrade to the mart, which is one of the most important seasonal markets in Scotland, will include a new sale ring, brand new metal penning, concrete resurfacing, a new washing system and digital weighing equipment. In an eco-friendly addition the new overhead washing system will use water collected on the roof of the mart.

Donald Morrison, managing director of UA's west coast operations, which includes Argyll and the islands, said the substantial investment at Dalmally was an indication of the company's continued commitment to farming in the area.

Mr Morrison said 'We want to emphasise that the company is looking to the future. You don't spend money in this economic climate, when stock numbers are certainly not increasing,

unless you are committed to the area.

'We are committed to the auctioneering of livestock at Dalmally.'

Highlands and Islands MSP, Jamie McGrigor, who as a farmer himself uses the mart, congratulated UA for understanding the importance of Dalmally.

Mr McGrigor said 'I wrote to the cabinet secretary Richard Lochhead last year requesting assistance for Dalmally Mart and am glad to see that this assistance has been forthcoming and that the improvements to Dalmally are to go ahead.

'This will be welcome news to those who use the market and to many who may now wish to use it in the future.

'Hopefully more buyers will be attracted to Dalmally because of this new investment and I can only encourage them to come there as the standard of livestock is extremely high.

'Let us hope that the future of Dalmally Mart is now secured which will give a boost to the confidence of the farming industry throughout the west of Scotland.'



Some of the Campbeltown Young Farmers who attended the talk. c11yfa01

Police encourage farmers to think about their driving

YOUNG Farmers from Kintyre were given an eye-opening presentation from Strathclyde Police's Road Policing

unit from Glasgow this week.

On Monday night they gathered in the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown

to hear constable Graham Rutherford and sergeant Alastair Lewis talking about different areas of driving includ-

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My Village Glenbarr

Glenbarr's famous abbey. c12vii03



Neil MacPhail with Tommy, one of his beloved Clydesdales. At the end of this month Neil and a team will be off to Ayrshire to take part in a ploughing match to be held on land that was worked by Robert Burns. 'To plough the same land as Burns, that's something to say you've done,' said Neil. 'The ploughs have not changed much in design, but back then they'd have been wooden.' c12vii01

Born at Skernish Farm in 1940, Neil MacPhail has lived and worked in Glenbarr all his life. He farms at Skernish and keeps sheep and Clydesdale horses, and he takes them to compete in ploughing matches all over the country.

What makes the village special for you?

The peace and quiet, the beautiful sunsets and the good neighbours. Everyone is friendly and there is a warm welcoming feel to the village.

How would you describe the village to someone who has never been there?

It is a very pretty area with lovely woodland, beaches and glen. There is an abbey, a caravan site and a shop with a post office and a tearoom and a farm shop, which all helps to keep the village thriving.

Do you have a favourite place in the village?

The corner at the phone box where we all used to meet when we were young! It is still a good spot for a wee bleather with anyone who is passing.

How much has it changed since you were a child?

Quite a few new houses have been built over the years and some old ones have been renovated. The Old Smiddy

is a good example of modernising a building but keep the character of the original.

And the main road now bypasses the villages, which makes it a quiet and safe place now.

Is there a time of year when you just want to be there?

I love to see the first snowdrops. There is a beautiful carpet of snowdrops at the bottom of the village, although I notice that they are getting earlier and earlier every year.

Were you born there?

Yes, I was born in Skernish, went to school at Glenbarr and worked the farm with my father when I left school. I still farm the land and live in Skernish.

Do you have family there?

I am the second youngest of six children. I have a sister, Margaret, in Bellochinty; a brother David and sister Cathy in Campbeltown and a sister Mary in Ayrshire. My eldest brother Adam died last year and he lived in Uddingston. My son Neil John and

my two grandchildren Alasdair and Rachel live in Campbeltown.

We have a good com-

How would you improve your village?

munity here and I would like to see that improve and encourage people to visit the village and wander or drive up the glen to admire the natural beauty of the area.

There is a popular badminton club and lots of activities at the school.

We need families to stay in the village to keep the school roll up; the school plays a vital part in village life and encouraged local pride in the children.

The new tearoom and farm shop is a definite

improvement and encourages people to visit the village and wander or drive up the glen to admire the natural beauty of the area.

Do you have a favourite building?

It would need to be the Old Smiddy.

I have fond memories of taking the horses there to be shod when I was a boy.



Phone boxes old and new. It's still as good a spot to meet folk for a bleather as it was when Neil was a lad. c12vii02

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Wedding extravaganza

PICTURE THE scene – a beautiful sunny day, a picturesque church with a stunning bride and her handsome husband. Months of preparation have gone into making this day a success and to help those preparations the Campbeltown Branch of the Leukaemia Research Fund has organized a Wedding Extravaganza this Wednesday, March 25th, in the Guide Hall.

You don't have to be a bride to enjoy this fabulous evening because there's something for everyone in this showcase for local businesses and people who can help to make the big day a success.

On the night, Elspeth from Hi Lites will create the perfect hair for a wedding; Beauty by Catrina will do the make up for the bride and bridesmaid; David from Strelitzia will design the beautiful wedding bouquets and flower arrangements and Marie Martin will decorate the wedding cake.

Complementing the demonstrations will be stalls showing everything necessary for the wonderful day. Need a hat? Mothers of the bride or wedding guests need go no further than Jean Farmer who will be showing a selection of gorgeous creations in every colour imaginable to go with that special outfit.

The right shoes can make an outfit and Neil Kennedy's Rainbow Club satin shoes can be dyed to match any bridesmaids' or flower girls' dresses. The mother of the bride and wedding guests can choose from the specially dyed satin shoes or a wide selection of shoes and sandals.

What about quality catering for a wedding meal? Kilbrannan Catering will be there with some of their delicious nibbles and wedding packages and menus to show what they can do. They can cater for private dinners, weddings and dinner parties, providing hot or cold buffets or full sit down meals.

Staff at Hi Lites offer brides a wedding trial in the salon beforehand. On the day, they can put on the veil and head dress after applying their new range of make up – New id – which will be on sale at the Wedding Extravaganza.

Grant Logan will be showing some of his quality jewel-

lery, ideal for weddings and engagements, not to mention gifts for the bridesmaids and best man. Bespoke jewellery to suit any pocket can be designed and customers can discuss their needs and browse through the catalogues.

Krisp Printing and Stationery will be at the Wedding Extravaganza with their full wedding package. A very nice touch is the thank you cards which can be personalized with a photograph of the happy couple and for those brides who wish to make their own cards, there is a selection of cards and papers which can be cut to any size.

The Scottish Tablet Company, based at Carradale, will have a stall showing some of the different flavours of tablet, including whisky, Irish Cream, walnut and vanilla. Ideal for favours.

Another idea for favours is whisky miniatures and Springbank will be showing some of their products at the Wedding Extravaganza.

For the special gift, look no further than Duncan McMillan who will have a selection of Dartington Glass, Le Creuset, Typhoon Kitchenware, WFM cutlery on show. Wedding lists, gift vouchers and gift wrap are some of the services on offer along with a delivery service.

Every bride wants to look her best on her wedding day and Beauty by Catrina can provide a personal service – from waxing, tanning, manicure and pedicure, nail extensions, eyelash tinting and perming as well as a full range of make up. See some of her products at the Wedding Extravaganza.

Treat yourself to a delicious

night out, starting with a glass of sparkling wine and a piece of wedding cake or short-bread and finishing with the beautiful bride in all her glory. Don't miss it! Tickets are available from Jean Farmer, Neil Kennedy and Hi Lites.



Michelle Ross (nee Armour) was married in February and will be the featured bride at the Wedding Extravaganza, where she will be getting her hair and make up done as part of the live demonstration

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Thought for the week

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WE used to live near someone who knew how to start a job, but not how to finish one. And before anyone starts thinking of our friends in the nineteen years since we moved to Argyll, this was long before we came to live in this lovely part of Scotland!

Our friend was a real craftsman, and that was part of the problem.

He was such a perfectionist that he couldn't always do things up to his own high standards. As a result, he got so far with most jobs and then lost heart and moved on to something else.

God is a perfectionist, but he knows how to do everything perfectly.

He never starts a job and fails to complete it.

Like the late Magnus Magnusson, God could say, 'I have begun, so I will finish.' And one of the things God always finishes is the work he begins in a person's heart.

If you accept the Lord Jesus as Saviour, and God begins a work of grace in your heart, then you, like the Apostle Paul, can be 'confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus'.

(see Philippians 1:6)



Down Memory Lane

Here's a Down Memory Lane photograph remembering two things now gone from Campbeltown – the Jaeger factory and Park Square. It was kindly loaned to us by Isa Anderson of Saddell Street, Campbeltown, and shows the factory's charity football team in Park Square in 1993. Back row, from left to right: Samantha Carmichael, Joanne Thompson, Hazel Maloney, Caroline Sharp, Kirsty Smith, Heather Arkell, Mandy Lay, Shona McCallum, Nicola Martin, Tracey Middleton, Randal Robertson. Front row, kneeling down: Angela McGougan, Sharon Scott, Lisa McGougan, Christine Morrison.

Airbase

Sir,
I would like to reiterate the views I expressed at the public meeting of the Machrihanish Airbase Company which were not included in the report in last week's *Courier*.

I feel that it is important that the community considers registering an interest in the disposal of the base. We must ensure that everything is done to protect the currently employment within the base and that the lifeline and Public Service Obligation services with Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd operate are retained.

Further to this, a long-term commitment is re-

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quired in order to continue to provide water and sewerage service etc, to both the residents of the South of Kintyre and surrounding farms.

It has been reported in recent times that potential uses for the base could be an open prison or decommissioning of nuclear waste to name but two. Community involvement would guard against this and also prevent so-called developers stripping the base of all its assets.

In my opinion, the best outcome for Kintyre would be for Defence Estates to retain a holding interest, thereby maintaining the main functions of the base whilst allowing the areas deemed surplus to requirements to be developed, in order to encourage potential new sustainable businesses to the site.

This could be achieved if all current users, in conjunction with the Scottish Government, Defence Estates HIE, Argyll and Bute Council and the community pull together in a positive and constructive manner.

The base is one of Kintyre's major assets and it is therefore important that the commu-

nity have an opportunity to express its views and concerns regarding its disposal.

In supporting the Machrihanish Airbase Company by registering your interest, you have nothing to lose and potentially everything to gain.

Councillor Donald Kelly, South Kintyre.

Best possible outcome

Sir,
With reference to the article in last week's *Courier* regarding the future of RAF Machrihanish the group wishes to make it clear that all debate and comment is welcome.

Unfortunately Councillor Semple missed the start of the meeting where his stated concerns were in fact raised and answered, but can I just reiterate we are 100 per cent behind the wind turbine factory and new gold course and have members from both in the group.

We are in contact with Highlands and Islands Enterprise and wish to work with Scottish Government and Argyll and Bute council to encourage the Ministry of

Defence to invest in the base, bringing it into a 'fit for purpose' use before disposing of it.

Councillor Kelly gave us his full support at the meeting and we have letters and emails of support from MSPs.

With the community Right to Buy legislation we have a five-year period to consult with relevant bodies on the sale of the base and our aim is to achieve the best possible outcome for the area.

Iain Wardrop, Machrihanish Airbase Community Company.

Thanks from Glenbarr parents

Sir,
On behalf of all the pupils parents and kitchen staff we would like to thank more sincerely all those who supported us during the recent threat to our school meals.

We are extremely grateful to our local councillors and to Jamie McGrigor MSP for attending so many of our meetings and answering our questions to the best of their ability.

Thanks also should go to the many members of

Those Were The Days

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Irish Ferry Link

ANOTHER consultants' report was expected to be commissioned this week into the possibility of a Kintyre-Northern Ireland ferry link.

Argyll and the Islands Enterprise (AIE) was expected to be commissioned a fresh feasibility study into the project earlier this week.

AIE's Kintyre Development Officer Mr Ian Brown announced the new study at a meeting organised by the Kintyre Marketing Group in Campbeltown on the future of tourism in the area.

The new report follows a study carried out last year into the link which suggested Ballycastle would provide the best site for the Northern Irish Terminal.

Talks have also been held with Strathclyde Police, the Department of Transport and a firm of private companies about the security implications of the link.

If the service goes ahead Campbeltown will have to be designed as a port of entry under the terms of the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Warped windows fears

THE RESIDENTS of Parliament Place are on the warpath over the state of their windows which they say are dangerous.

Residents claim ill-fitting windows, broken hinges, broken handles and a lack of safety catches are threatening their children's lives and healths.

Heating bills are high because of the heat lost because of the ill fitting windows.

Dampness and mould problems have also been blamed on the windows.

Christine Mitchell, who lives at 5 Parliament Place with her husband Archie and her two children Keith and Fiona, has been unable to open a small window in her kitchen for four years.

After the handle broke it was locked shut but a storm blew it out and now it is nailed shut.

Talking peace

INTERNATIONAL peace campaigner Bruce Kent has urged people in Campbeltown to press the authorities to find out what would happen to them in the event of a nuclear submarine reactor accident off Kintyre.

Mr Kent, vice president of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) was speaking at a public meeting held in the town hall last weekend.

the public, who took the time to attend meetings, write letters and sign the petition.

The decision to close the six school kitchens in Argyll has been reversed and healthy school lunches remain in place.

Members of Glenbarr Primary School Parent Council.

Please clean up your act

Sir,
I am writing to appeal to dog owners to please

lift their dogs' excrement from the streets of Campbeltown.

On numerous occasions, my pram has been fouled by dog filth left by thoughtless owners. Through conversations with other mothers I know that I am not the only person to experience this.

We should be able to walk down the street without having to negotiate through canine faeces.

**Kristin Gillies
Lochend House
Campbeltown**

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Pupils ski their way through Italy

PUPILS from Campbeltown Grammar had a very early and welcome start to their February holidays when 40 of them, along with five teachers, headed for Rila, Italy.

They set off at 4am last Monday to Edinburgh Airport before arriving the Aosta Valley and once they all had a good nights sleep at the hotel, pupils and staff made

By Jenna Murray, CGS

their way up the slopes for their first day of skiing and snowboarding.

From the top of the slope they could see Mont Blanc, and were given lessons by tutors from the Italian Ski and Snowboarding School each day.

The sun was shin-



Claire Newlands shows off her snowboarding skills.



The five teachers and 40 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their ski trip to Italy.

ing everyday – some even came back with a tan, and as expected there were many falls along the way, including some teachers. The whole group really improved throughout the week and had a fantastic time.

As well as enjoying the ski slopes the pupils got a real taste of Italy by going to a traditional local restaurant for an

authentic Italian pizza. As well as this the group also went ten-pin bowling, to the arcades and also took part in a quiz night and a disco.

Certificates

At the end of their week the Ski School awarded certificates to all the pupils to show what level each one had achieved. There were also special certificates awarded from the teach-

ers at a prize giving during their last night in Italy.

Ewan Millar received an award for the Biggest Wipe Out after he fell and broke his collar bone in the last 20 minutes of skiing; Jenna Murray was awarded a certificate for Wearing the Silliest Hat; Duncan Hooper for Eating the Most Snow; Andrew McClement for Best

Snowboarder and the McFadyen twins, Gregor and Lewis for the Best Skiers who also achieved the top Gold level award.

All of the students and teachers had a memorable time in the Alps and would love to return; when it came to an early start to return to Scotland on Sunday morning nobody wanted to leave.

Rare Springbank

TWO rare bottles of Springbank 1919 have just been sold but don't worry there is one left - it will cost you £50,000.

J&A Mitchell and Co Ltd, the owners of Springbank Distillery, Campbeltown, has just sold two bottles of whisky distilled in 1919.

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Tarbert pontoons

TODAY (Friday) sees the official opening of the new pontoon system at Tarbert Harbour.

At 11am Argyll and Bute MSP Jim Mather, Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism, will perform the opening ceremony, which will be attended by representatives from all parties involved in the project.

Members of the public are invited to attend from 10.30am.

Pupils go bananas for Fairtrade

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar School pupils munched their way through 400 bananas as part of Fairtrade Friday last week.

In a UK attempt to break the world record for the most number of bananas eaten during a 24-hour period the pupils joined in on the challenge over the course of the afternoon.

As well as giving bananas away, the hospitality department also included them in recipes by making a banana curry as well as ice-cream.

This helped to highlight to the pupils the importance of Fairtrade and to secure a Fairtrade status for Campbeltown Grammar.

Generous Support

Enterprise and vocation teacher Ron Wilson said: 'Our pupils had a great day learning about the different Fairtrade makes to the lives of many small farmers across the globe. I would also like to thank both the Co-op and Tesco for their generous support of our Fairtrade Day.'



Jake Sanders, Sally Chute, Jamie Colville and Caitlin Miller gave up their lunchtime to hand out Fairtrade Bananas. The banner was made by local artist Jan Nimmo and pupils of Campbeltown Grammar School. c11ban01

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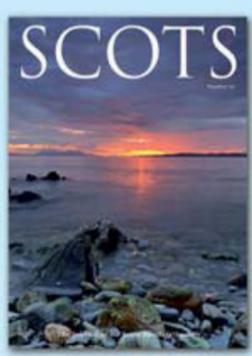


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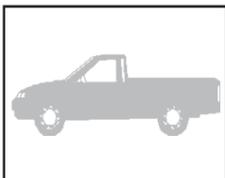
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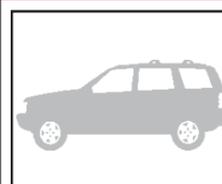


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Applicant: Mrs W Nairn
Proposal: Replacement of static caravan with dwelling house - amended proposal
Site Address: Caravan at Bardaravine Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YF
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Applicant: Mrs W Nairn
Proposal: Replacement of static caravan with dwelling house - amended proposal - Policies contravened - POL STRAT 4 (Departure) and RUR1 and RUR2 (Potential Departure) of the Kintyre Local Plan 1984 and 1st Alteration 1988
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Further information from and written applications only to Alan M. Urquhart, Secretary, Argyll & Bute Valuation Appeal Committee, 2 Millburn Drive, Kilmacolm PA13 4JF; tel: 01505-872458 or e-mail : alanm.urquhart@gmail.com

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Informal enquiries are welcomed by Alana Straughan, Clinical Services Manager on 01546 462090.

Application forms and job descriptions are available from the HR Department (Helensburgh), Argyll & Bute CHP by contacting Tracey McAllister at tracey.mcallister@nhs.net or Helen Cameron at helen.cameron2@nhs.net Tel. 01436 655059.

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Argyll & Bute

VOLUNTEERS WANTED
 Lochgilphead Contact Centre

Family Mediation Argyll & Bute currently runs contact centres in Dunoon, Helensburgh and Oban and is expanding its network of centres to include Lochgilphead. We are looking for volunteers to assist in running our Lochgilphead Contact Centre.

A Contact Centre is somewhere parents who no longer live with their children can meet them. Contact Centres aim to benefit children by protecting them from parental conflict.

Volunteers will be expected to provide a warm, friendly atmosphere for families using the centre and to show an understanding of family situations. The centre will normally be open on Saturdays and on the occasional Sunday. Volunteers will work on a rota basis and must be prepared to undergo the Scottish Network of Child Contact Centre Training.

These posts are subject to Enhanced Disclosure checks.

Applications for our Oban, Dunoon and Helensburgh centres are welcome.

Further information, job descriptions and application forms can be obtained from Cathy Paterson, Service Co-ordinator, Family Mediation Argyll & Bute, 26 Alexandra Place, Oban, PA34 5PU
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- Thank you xxx

Happy 21st Sarah Jane

Love from Dad, Mum, Rogie, Iain and Julie

Malcolm O'May wishes to thank family and friends for gifts and cards received on his 80th birthday.

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The sum realised was **£3,625.00**

Thank you

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Thank you all.

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 (1 SAMUEL 7:3).

BIRTHS

MACDONALD - Jamie and Lisa (née Schroder) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Nuala's wee brother Finlay Calum who was born at home in Scourie on Thursday March 12, 2009.

STEWART - Jackie and Rachel (née Ross) are delighted to announce the birth of their son Logan Ross, on March 8, 2009. A grandson for Jackie and Irene and Goldie and Donela.

DEATHS

BLACK - At the hospital, Forster, New South Wales on March 11, 2009, Hector Gilchrist, aged 70, dearly beloved husband of Ailsa Thomson, dear father of Duncan and Daniel and loving grandfather of Archie and Ruby.

BRUCE - Peacefully at the Lynn of Lorne Nursing Home, Oban, on March 16, 2009, in his 94th year, George Edward Bruce, formerly of Caledonia Court, Ardrishaig. Son of the late George and Mary Bruce, late of Seaside, Ardrishaig. Loving uncle to Charlie, George, Donald and the late Mhairi and all their families. A good friend and much respected member of the community. Funeral Service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Thursday March 19, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

MACMILLAN - William (Billy). Passed away peacefully at the Southern General Hospital on Thursday March 12, 2009, William (Billy) Robert Stewart, beloved husband of Elizabeth (née Weir) and friend to all. A Funeral Service took place at Silver Rose Funeral Directors, 210 Paisley Road, Renfrew on Thursday March 19, 2009. A committal will take place on Friday March 20, 2009 at 2.00pm at Tarbert Cemetery, Tarbert Loch Fyne, to which all friends are welcome to attend.

LILLEY - Peacefully at the Colchester General Hospital on March 6, 2009, Catherine Scally McCallum, in her 87th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Edwin Roy Lilley, dearly loved mother of the late Elaine and the late Mary Morgan, a loving mother-in-law of Brian and a loving grandmother and great-grandmother.

IN MEMORIAM

COFFIELD - In loving memory of our dear brother and uncle, Johnny, who died on March 20, 2008. Loved and remembered every day.

- Archie, Mary and all the family.
CURRIE - Treasured memories of a much loved husband Donald, who died March 25, 2000. Miss you more each day. - Moira.

CURRIE - In memory of my dad Donald, who died March 25, 2000. Always in my thoughts. - Iain.

CURRIE - Dad, March 25, 2000. Nine years have passed since you went away But we still miss you every day. - Elspeth and Jim.

weeks, Rev Martin Grashoff for comforting service, the Argyll Hotel, Bellochinty for excellent purvey and Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for all their help and professional arrangements. A final thank you to all who attended church and graveside. The retiral collection raised £420 for A'Chleit Church.

GRAHAM - The family of the late Alexander (Alasdair) would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for all their kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, cards and flowers received after their sudden loss. Special thanks to Campbeltown Police for their assistance and compassion shown. Also grateful thanks to Alasdair's kind neighbours, the Harvie family taxi service, Scott and Maureen, Dr Norrie, staff at the Gartnavel Renal Unit and all his friends at the Ailsa. Thanks also to the Rev Michael Lind for his comforting service and the Ardshiel Hotel for their excellent purvey. Also Alasdair and Kenny Blair for their efficient funeral arrangements. A final thank you to all who attended church and graveside. A retiral collection raised £273.53 for Gartnavel Renal Unit.

HENDERSON - The family of the late Flo Henderson would like to thank all relatives and friends who attended her funeral in Gigha Parish Church for their support and sympathy, cards and flowers. Thank you to Rev Anne McIvor and Rev Bill Bristow for their thanksgiving address, the Gigha Hotel for catering and Blair's Funeral Services for their discrete and dignified funeral arrangements. The sum of £465 was raised for Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland.

MACINNES - The family of the late Barbara MacInnes would like to thank relatives and friends for their many kind expressions of sympathy following their sad loss. Thanks also to all those who attended both at the graveside and the Service of Thanksgiving. The sum of £220 was collected for North Argyll House, Oban

GRUNEWALD - In loving memory of Ian "Grouse", who died March 21, 2005. Always loved and remembered. - Inserted by Marie and son Ian.
HERROD - March 20, 2008. Not a day do I forget you Our lives have been empty since you were taken Remembered but not forgotten My wife and friend and mother, we miss you Always in our hearts and minds. - Love, as always, Jamie, Julie, Sarah and Gemma.
KELLY - In loving memory of Betty, died March 23, 2008. Beloved wife, mum and sister. We love and miss you everyday. - John, Laura, Lucille, Cathie, Stephen and Elizabeth.
KING - In loving memory of our beloved father, father-in-law and grandfather, Henry Hedley (Harry), who died on March 20, 2008. A cheery wave, a friendly quip, a love for his family and fellow man. Gone to rest, but never forgotten. The days seem to be less bright without him. With all our love now and forever - Margaret, John and Jeffrey.
KING - Thinking of you Dad but that is nothing new, We thought about you yesterday and the day before that too. We'll think about you tomorrow and as the years come and go, We'll think about you forever because we loved you so. - Your ever loving daughter Wilma, son-in-law Edwin and granddaughter Mairi.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

Highland Parish Church



Saturday 21st March 2009
 The 'Highland Gathering' - Kirk St Hall
 2.00pm
 Displays of church life, teas etc...
 7.30pm
 "Gifts for God": displays, drama, presentations, music, food & fellowship.

Sunday 22nd March
 11.15am
 Special All-Age Service celebrating "Gifts for God".
 Creche - Church (0-3s)
 No FunDay Club: children in church

Tuesday 24th March
 Badminton Club - Hall:
 6.30pm - 7.45pm P1 - P5
 7.45pm - 9.00pm P6 plus

Wednesday 25th March
 7.30pm
 Stated Annual Meeting - Kirk St Hall
 Rev Michael J Lind
 Everyone very welcome

CHRIST CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
 9am Eucharist
 11am Mattins and Eucharist

CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR (Church of Scotland)
 Scottish Charity Number SC016097

Sunday 22nd March 2009 MONTHLY COMBINED SERVICE

in **LOCHFYNESIDE (Minard) 10.30 am**
 (Note venue) will include Annual Business Meeting with Church Choir Tea to follow
 Rev. Roddy MacLeod
 Ceud mile fàilte
 ALL WELCOME

Songs of Praise Service on Sunday 29th March in Lochgair Church at 6.30 pm

Cumlodden & Lochfyneside Guild
 Wednesday 25th March
 Cumlodden Church Hall
 2.30 pm

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH



All Welcome
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 22nd March 2009
 11.00am Morning Service with communion
 6.30pm Evening Service

Wednesday
 Alpha 7.00pm
Thursday
 coffee morning 10.00 - 12.00pm
 Jumpstart Group
 Friday 10.00 - 11.30am
 Every Friday "The Edge" Kids Club
 6.30pm - 7.45pm
 5yrs to 11 yrs
 Scottish Charity SC015187

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 22 March 2009
 11.00am
 Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
 Speaker: Graham McLean
Thursday 26 March 2009
 7.30pm
 Praise, prayer & sharing
 All Welcome
 "Come and see"

Church of Scotland NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Morning Worship
Sunday 22nd March 2009
 Tayvallich Church 10am
 Worship led by Rev Douglas Bell
 All welcome
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GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2009
 Glassary 11.30am Mothers Day posies for children at this service
 Rev Alasdair Dunlop
 All most welcome
 Thursday 26th March
 Congregational Board 7.30pm followed by Kirk Session

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 22nd March 2009
 Tarbert Church 11.30am
 Kilberry Church 2pm
 Margaret Sinclair
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 Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Thursday 26th March
 7.30pm
 Church Hall
 For all church inquiries and pastoral care
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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity
 Number SC 11686
Sunday, 22nd March
 Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
 (Creche, Triple C and Bible Class)
 Rev. Philip Burroughs
Monday, 23rd March
 Guild Annual Business Meeting
 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 24th March
 Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Thursday, 26th March
 Ecumenical Bible Study for Lent - 7:30 p.m.
 Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 27th March
 Lunch Club - 12:15 p.m.

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 11.15.a.m Family Service with Sunday School & crèche
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 The Old Manse
 "Church Spring clean week"
Wednesday
 Jellytots Parent & Toddler Group 10.00 a.m.
 Mid Week Bible discussion & prayer 8.00 p.m.
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 Pastor: Chris Holden
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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
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 Campbeltown
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Sunday 22nd March 2009
 Fourth Sunday of Lent
 10.45 am Family Communion
 Details of services are on the Church door
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
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Postal deliver against young Pupils side

SAFL Premier Division Pupils 1 Postal United 2
A SECOND half fight-back by Postal United secured them a crucial

victory in a game that had a draw written all over it. The Pupils secured the lead thanks to a family affair, Sean Grumoli's header at the far post

striking the underside of the bar, the resultant rebound turned home from close range by brother Gary. Unfortunately, the home side were unable



Action from last Saturday's match. c12pup02

Junior football to start soon

OUTDOOR football will restart again at the Meadows Playing Field on Monday March 30 for Campbeltown Junior sides for all school ages.

Forms to apply for this year's entry can be obtained from McIlchere's and McKellar's shops on Main Street. In past years there have been more than 200 members all coached on a Monday night by Campbeltown District Juvenile Football Association.

New members are always welcome and the association looks forward to seeing old faces as well.

From here the youngsters go forward to play for the Campbeltown United teams, aged from five to 18 for boys and girls and the girls have done very well in past.

to turn the screw, only showing their real potential in the latter part of a match that was blessed with two outstanding saves from the Postal goalkeeper.

Untested

Things started brightly for the home side, with young stand-in keeper Lorne Robertson virtually untested in the first 45 minutes.

In the first half the Pupils' passing was wayward, a lack of a constructive play that would eventually come back to haunt them.

A slack pass back in the opening minutes of the

second-half resulted in a free-kick on the edge of the box, goalkeeper Robertson unable to do anything else other than gather the ball.

A short pass wide of the wall created the angle for a wonderful strike, the ball finding the top right hand corner of the net to bring Postal level.

Ironically, this setback spurred the Pupils on, the final quarter of the match being their best spell of a tense match.

The Postal goalkeeper obviously had another agenda, making two outstanding saves in the

space of minutes to keep his side in the match.

The first from a wonderful free-kick by Darren MaGillveray, the keeper stretching full length to turn a goal bound shot over the top - definitely a candidate for save of the season!

A through pass produced his second outstanding stop in the matter of minutes, the visiting goalkeeper turning a certain goal to safety by blocking the ball with his prostrate body.

These saves were the turning point in an evenly-fought match,

the Pupils running out of luck when a counter-attack produced a crucial winner for the visitors. A deep cross to the far post found the unmarked striker in acres of space, his firm header flying into the net for the crucial winning goal.

Pupils mounted a last ditch siege on the visitors goal; however, these efforts failed to produce a reward.

The day was lost for a young Pupils side, a group who are learning the hard way, although their day will come in the not to distant future.

Dunaverty ladies golf

THE March Medal was played on March 14 in challenging conditions with winds around 25-30mph. Ten ladies played. SSC 65, CSS 68. 1, Elizabeth Marrison 88-14 = 74; 2, Catherine McKerral 104-25 = 79.

Friendly gala

KINTYRE Amateur Swimming Club has a friendly gala with Islay and Jura Dolphins and Dalriada Dolphins from Lochgilphead at Campbeltown's Aqualibrium, from 2pm - 4pm on Sunday (March 22).

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Jamie's 180

THE Alec McKerral Trophy was held in the Argyll Hotel Southend and was won by Gregor MacGregor, Jimmy Umpherson was runner-up.

There was some great darts played on the night, Jamie McGougan had 180 and there were also a number of high finishes on the night.

Football AGM called

CAMPBELTOWN and District AFL will hold its AGM in the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown, on Tuesday March 24 at 7pm. All eight clubs that have participated in the last season's league: Carradale, Southend, Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead, Campbeltown Utd, Davaar, Kinloch, and Whisky Macs, are invited to attend.

Pupils away to Duncanrig

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils travel to East Kilbride for their match again Duncanrig FP on Saturday, 2pm, referee D Murray.

Boys travel to Johnstone

CAMPBELTOWN Boys are away on Saturday (March 21) to Thorn Athletic from Johnstone at 2pm, referee J Allan.

Kintyre Park to be all-weather pitch site?

Fight continues to get all-weather pitch for Campbeltown

IT'S turning into the biggest fight in Kintyre's sporting history – getting an all weather pitch for Campbeltown. But sportsmen and women in the town are prepared to go the distance and met in the Burnet Building last week with South Kintyre's three councillors to plan the campaign.

Campbeltown remains the only major centre of population in Argyll and Bute without such a pitch.

For football clubs like the Pupils and the Boys it means training in the dark or by streetlight on wet, muddy, uneven surfaces and this is beginning to show in their results when bad

weather prompts a long lay-off.

One big step forward was the suggestion at last Wednesday's meeting by the Campbeltown Pupils that Kintyre Park be converted into an all weather pitch.

Soil samples would have to be carried out and it would have to be confirmed whether Scottish Amateur Football League matches can be played on the pitch.

The Meadows Playing Fields has always been a favoured site but the depth of the peat on the Meadows, which would have to be removed, would make this a very expensive option.

Putting the pitch along-



Sportsmen and women who gathered at the Burnet Building for the meeting to plan the all weather pitch campaign. c12pit01

side the grammar school is also an option; though the school estates has not yet decided what it is going to do about the future of the grammar school building.

It was agreed that Councillor John Semple would take the project forward and it may be a matter for the KIWG to consider.

'We have got to keep the pressure on,' said Coun-

cillor Rory Colville. Kintyre expects the council to fund the Campbeltown pitch in a similar manner to the other pitches throughout Argyll with funding from ABC alongside funding from Sports Scotland.

Councillor Donald Kelly added: 'We will keep shouting for this in the council chamber but it is going to be an uphill

struggle.'

A spokesman for South Kintyre Sports Council said: 'The meeting tonight was positive and a step in the right direction. We find it totally unacceptable that Kintyre remains the only place in Argyll and Bute Council with no access to all weather facilities. We cannot wait on the council agreeing the school estate; this

could be five to 10 years away.

'We are the only secondary school in Argyll with no all weather pitch.

'For sports clubs in Campbeltown to be training in the dark while all weather facilities have been provided elsewhere is unacceptable and Argyll and Bute Council should be highly embarrassed by this.'

Close contest for men's open

FOLLOWING on from the open pairs, Campbeltown Bowling Club last week hosted the men's open singles competition.

A good crowd turned out on Friday night to watch the last three matches that featured semi finals between Archie Johnston and Vince Jordan and Bobby Dalziel and Ranald Watson, all from the home club.

Two closely contested games produced a final between Vince and Bobby that saw Vince in the ascend-

ancy from the start with very consistent drawing bowls and with Bobby always trying to stay in the match as the ends ran out.

Match-winning

In the penultimate end, and with Vince with a match-winning lie, Bobby attempted to lift the jack for four shots but narrowly missed to give Vince his first singles title.

President John McLean, ably assisted by vice president Robert Hendrie, presented the prizes.



Photo from left: J McLean, R Watson, V Jordan, B Dalziel, A Johnston and R Hendrie.



Kintyre Primary Schools badminton tournament

MORE than 90 pupils from several Kintyre Primary Schools took part in a badminton competition on Sunday in the Victoria Hall.

After a very successful and highly competitive day's play the following trophies and prizes were presented by Anne Ralston.

Singles: P4/5 winner: Neil Littleton, Glenbarr; runner-up: Craig Kerr, Castlehill. P6 Winner: Murdo Watson, Castlehill; runner-up: Mehbub Hossain, Dalintober. P7 Winner: Calum Hooper, Castlehill; runner-up: Niels Andersen, Castlehill.

Doubles: Girls winners: Nicola

Blackstock, Dalintober & Amy Shaw, Dalintober; runners-up: Megan Adams, Castlehill & Emily Kerr, Castlehill.

Boys winners: Calum Hooper, Castlehill & Niels Andersen, Castlehill; runners-up: Ryan Deans, Castlehill & Andrew Wallace, Castlehill.

Mixed winners: Maura Cairns, Drumlemble & Calum Hooper, Castlehill. runners-up: Rachel McPhail, Dalintober & Andrew Wallace, Castlehill.

Best Kit: Scott McLellan, Saint Kieran's; Iain Wylie, Castlehill; Heather McCallum, St Kieran's; Lynzi Cairns, Castlehill.

Most Improved: Beth Ronald, Southend; Morgan Campbell, Dalintober; Lynzi McGougan, Castlehill; Raymond Gosling, Carradale.

Good Sportsmanship: Kyle Barrie, Castlehill; Scott Johnston, Castlehill; Gavin Mathieson, Castlehill; Michael McKinlay, Dalintober.



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