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# Wind investor attacks 'selfish' opponents

## 'We are a business and we have to make money'

by **TONY GARNER**  
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THE owner of an investment company has described as 'quite selfish' the local opposition to his applications to build wind turbines at different locations across Kintyre.

Mark Wilson owns Lanarkshire-based Intelligent Land Investments (ILI), which has made 26 applications across Argyll, including 12 in Kintyre, for individual 46 metre high turbines.

Through a government tariff scheme aimed at supporting renewable energy, individuals who build turbines on their land can receive returns far above the market value of the electricity they produce.

ILI works with landowners, promising 10

per cent of the profits if they agree to apply for a turbine on their land.

For a 46-metre turbine, Mr Wilson said this would be in the region of £20,000 for the landowner each year, with the rest split between ILI and the developers.

### Objected

Several local people have objected, saying the applications should not be considered individually, but as a wind farm spread over a large area.

Margaret McDowell, a member of Southend Community Council, where one of the applications has been made, said: 'It's a different story if it's the farmers who are making the applications but it's not –

it's one company, and I think they are trying to get a wind farm in through the back door.'

ILI managing director Mark Wilson said it was 'irrelevant' that all the applications were made by one company, and they should each be considered on their own merits. He said: 'Single turbines are completely different animals from wind farms.'

He denied the feed in tariffs were designed mainly to help individuals serve their own energy needs, adding: 'We are a business and we have to make money. Anything else but supporting this I think is quite selfish.'

'Our business strategy is to work with government in Scotland. We are here to support gov-

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**CAMPBELTOWN** was buzzing at the weekend with hundreds of people of all ages completing the Sport Relief mile, and raising money for charity. Pictured is event organiser Fiona Irwin from Jog Scotland with Stuart McQuaker, who had swum the mile in the pool at Aqualibrium. For more pictures from the sport relief events turn to the back pages.

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## Stabbing incident outside grammar school

A 16-YEAR-old Kintyre schoolboy was injured in a stabbing by a fellow pupil outside Campbeltown Grammar School on Monday morning.

Local sources confirmed the victim was Hamish Duncan, who was taken to Campbeltown Hospital following the incident at around 9am.

The alleged attack happened as a school bus dropped pupils off at a parking area 100 yards from the school building.

It is understood the boy was stabbed in the leg, and a police spokesman said his injuries were not life threatening.

The spokesman said: 'A 14-year-old local boy has been arrested in connection with this. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal and the Children's Panel.'

There has been an increased police presence at the school all week, which will continue after the Easter holidays.



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**Face slapped:**

A WOMAN in her seventies was slapped across the face on Friday evening on Long Row, Campbeltown.

A local man was arrested and reported to the procurator fiscal for alleged assault.

The woman did not sustain serious injuries as a result of the incident.

**Alleged breach:**

A TAKE AWAY in the town was the scene of an alleged breach of the peace attended by police in the early hours of Saturday morning.

The man concerned was arrested and reported to the procurator fiscal before being released from custody.

**Drugs:**

A TIP-OFF led police to stop a female disembarking from the last ferry to arrive on Islay on Sunday evening.

A small quantity of controlled drugs in her possession, and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

**Alleged assault:**

A 19 year old woman was arrested for alleged assault, breach of the peace and resisting arrest, after an incident in the town centre in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The woman was released from custody after she had sobered up, and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

**Bike stolen:**

A HIGH VALUE mountain bike was stolen from an address on Glebe Street near to the ATS Garage last Thursday night or Friday morning. Police are continuing their enquiries and are appealing for witnesses, though the bike has since been recovered.

# Music festival headliners announced

THE Mull of Kintyre Music Festival has announced the headline bands for this year's 20th anniversary festival from August 16-19.

Headlining the Saturday night concert in Victoria Hall will be The Saw Doctors, while The Tannahill Weavers will headline the Traditional Concert in Campbeltown Heritage Centre.

The Festival Ceilidh Night on August 17 will feature the return of Fergie MacDonald's Band - by popular demand - to play the ceilidh set, with bluegrass specialists The Moonshiners lined up to play the concert set.

Firm festival favourites

like Survivors Night, Mitchells Glengyle Dairiada Connections Concert, Young Folk Night, Festival Parade, Doon the Green, and the Festival Club will all be in place to ensure there is something for everyone.

There will also be the usual range of workshops and sessions, as well as Kintyre Schools and Sound of Kintyre Pipe Bands, and children's entertainment with The Funky Chickens.

Event Manager Iain Johnstone said: 'We are really looking forward to this year's 20th anniversary year and we are delighted to have secured top headline acts.



Irish band The Saw Doctors have gained a cult following as well as chart success since they formed in the 1980s. They are currently in the middle of a US tour.

The Saw Doctors are a truly top class band to headline the main Victoria Hall concerts, as are the Tannahill Weavers

and The Fergie MacDonald Band in the Traditional and Ceilidh concerts.'

The rest of the bands

playing will be confirmed soon. For more information go to www.mokest.com or email mokest@hotmail.co.uk



Campbeltown Nursery children Callum Gibbs and Mia Maclaren next to the vandalised Wendy house 2\_c13nursery1

## Children hoping for a new Wendy house after old one was valdalised

CHILDREN at Campbeltown Nursery are hoping to get a new Wendy house after the current one was vandalised.

Nursery teacher Viv Campbell said the vandalism happened last month, at the same time as damage was done to property at neighbouring Castlehill Primary School.

An afternoon of fun

will take place on Saturday April 7 in Victoria Hall, with proceeds going to a new Wendy house and other playground equipment.

A bouncy castle, face painting and other entertainments will feature

alongside teas, coffees and home baking.

The total amount required is around £600-£700, with £240 already raised thanks to a donation from a recent sale of diecast models in the town.

## Portrait of the third Duke of Argyll to go on sale

A PORTRAIT of Archibald Campbell, third Duke of Argyll, will go on sale in Edinburgh valued at around £25,000.

The painting by Scottish artist Allan Ramsay will go under the hammer on April 19 at art auctioneers, Bonhams.

The third duke was among the 31 Scottish Commissioners who negotiated the 1707 Act of Union with England.

## Kintyre Express III officially launched

THE Kintyre Express III - the newest member of the three boat fleet for the service between Campbeltown and Ballycastle in Northern Ireland - was officially launched last Friday.

Built by Redbay Boats, the new vessel was specially adapted to accommodate the equipment of the many cyclists and golfers who use the service.

Staff from Kintyre Express and Redbay were joined by guests on a glorious sunny day for an inaugural trip to Cushendall, where the boat was built.

Colin Craig, Managing Director of Kintyre Express, said: 'We are delighted with Kintyre Express III and would like to thank everyone at Redbay for using their vast experience and expertise to create the perfect ferry for our passengers.'

The service will start to run regularly next month, completing the three hour round trip between Campbeltown and Ballycastle up to three times a day throughout the season until October.

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**High driving test pass rates**

SOUTH Kintyre has one of the highest driving test pass rates in the UK, statistics from the Driving Standards Agency have revealed.

In 2011 almost three in every four people who took a test at the test centre in Campbeltown passed.

And belying certain stereotypes, Campbeltown's women were more successful than the men, with a 5 per cent higher pass rate.

The statistics showed Campbeltown's test centre carried out a total of 96 tests last year, of which 70 resulted in passes – 72.9 per cent.

Campbeltown was ahead of Lochgilphead, which had a 70 per cent pass rate, and Oban, with 59 per cent.

None were able to match Mull, with a pass rate of 92 per cent, the highest in the UK.

**Let there be light!**

FUNDING is to be sought to light up the skate park beside the Meadows in Campbeltown.

The popular facility, used by skateboarders and BMX bikers, currently does not have any purpose-built lighting.

Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel decided to pursue funding for lighting as a priority at its Annual General Meeting last week.

The meeting heard £2,000-£2,500 is thought to have been allocated by Argyll and Bute Council for the project.

The total cost was said to be £8,000-£8,500, giving a shortfall of around £6,000 which

needs to be raised by other means.

New panel chairman, Andrew Hemmings, confirmed: 'We will try to raise £6,000 through the grants system for lighting the skate park.'

Phil Edwards, information worker with Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service (KYES), which spearheaded the initial skate park project, welcomed the news, as did Shane Paterson, 18, a volunteer at KYES.

Mr Paterson said the skate park was well used by skaters and bikers in the town, and the presence of lighting would encourage more use of the facility after natural light faded. He said:



The skate park is also used by BMX bikers.

'If there are little kids playing you might not see them if it's too dark. Lighting would just

make it a safer place to be.'

It is hoped the new lighting could be in

place by the end of the summer, when daylight hours begin to shorten again.

**Kirsty on shortlist for national award**

A CAMPBELTOWN teenager has reached the final three to be short-listed for a prestigious national volunteering award.

Kirsty Cairns, 19, will travel down to Glasgow next month to attend a ceremony for the Young Scot/Daily Mail volunteer of the year.

Over the last four years she has dedicated as much as 400 hours a year to volunteering through the Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service (KYES).

Phil Edwards, information worker at KYES, said Kirsty was the pride of the service, and everyone there was hopeful she can win the award.



Kirsty Cairns

Kirsty's voluntary and charity fundraising activities have seen her washing and repainting the walls of a burned-out pub, competing in raft races, and being handcuffed to a friend for 24 hours.

In the last few months she has helped run the life-skills class in her local community centre, giving advice to young people including some with learning difficulties.

**Coastguards to the rescue**

CLYDE Coastguard airlifted a patient from Campbeltown to a Glasgow hospital on Thursday morning.

The helicopter Helimed 5 was used in the successful operation.

Meanwhile a walker was taken to hospital after injuring himself near Tarbert. Tarbert Coastguard Rescue Team were called out but stood down before arriving on scene after a local farmer who found the injured walker called an ambulance.

**Facilities can solve youth disorder problem**

YOUTH workers in Campbeltown are hoping new facilities can improve the problem of youth disorder in the town.

A meeting of the Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel last week was told by a member of the new community police team that youth disorder was one of the major headaches for police.

The constable described a problem of a certain number of kids causing trouble, saying: 'It's not on our statistics because they don't commit crimes but it is general disorder. It's the elderly and young families that are affected.'

It is hoped the opening of the new Youth Café on Kinloch Road, an event planned for today, Friday, can make a difference.

Mandy Robertson, development worker at

the café, told *The Courier* she thought the age



Facilities in the new youth café include computer games, pool, a relaxation room, internet access, and comfortable sofas

group of the trouble-makers was around 14, right in the middle of the café's remit for 12-25 year olds.

She said: 'We hope the cafe will make a differ-

ence by giving the kids somewhere to come at night.

'We want to encourage the community police to come in here when all the wains are here. There seems to be quite a suspicion with young folk and the police. It's about breaking down the barriers.'

With work beginning on the floodlit all weather sports pitch beside Aqualibrium - just across from the cafe - Mandy believes that will provide a valuable additional focal point for young people.

'There's the new community football association that will probably make a difference too,' she said.

'There is also the skate park. When the lighter nights come in it's packed with kids from toddlers right up to teenagers.'

**Alex wins prestigious national award**

A MACHRIHANISH land-based industries student has won a prestigious national award.

Alex Pirie, who studies at Argyll College, took first place in the CARAS Scotland award at a ceremony at Crieff Hydro this month.

CARAS – the Council for Awards of Agricultural Societies – recognises achievement in agriculture and

other related industries.

Alex is studying an HND in Countryside Management with a view to progressing to degree level - he hopes to go on to study at the Scottish Agricultural College in Ayr.

On receiving the award, he said: 'When I first heard the college wanted to nominate me I was shocked. I just wanted to bring my best.'

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# Airbase talks 'close to a conclusion'

by **RICHARD HADDOCK**  
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TALKS which would see the local community takeover the former Machrihanish Airbase are 'close to a conclusion', according to com-

munity company chairman Ian Wardrop.

Mr Wardrop told *The Courier* negotiations between the Scottish Government, the UK

Government and the Ministry of Defence are ongoing with a final decision on the takeover expected in the next two months.

Mr Wardrop said: 'The area was selected by the Scottish Government as one of 10 area for renewable energy excellence, and this would help us capitalise on that. The community will own it and benefit from it.'

'It's about the regeneration of the area and the community being in control of it.'

MACC plan to encourage both local companies and firms from outside the area to move into the former airbase, creating jobs and providing a boost to the local economy.



Machrihanish Airbase may be set for a regeneration project c20bas01

## Kintyre crime statistics

POLICE constable Craig Bate, one of the members of Kintyre's new community policing team, read out crime statistics at the Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel's AGM.

On request PC Bate gave statistics for the whole of Kintyre for the month of February.

Out of a total of 61 crimes reported, 37 were detected. There were 11 breaches of the peace, seven assaults, 11 crimes of vandalism, five drug offences and 16 thefts or robberies.

Police carried out 87 stop and searches and handed out 28 traffic penalties. 10 penalties for anti social behaviour were issued, and police visited licensed premises on 602 separate occasions to carry out routine checks and to answer call-outs.

Constable Bate was also asked how much use was being made of the drug box and bicycle - both items bought with funds from the crime prevention panel.

He said the drug box had been taken round schools for educational use, most recently at the end of last year, but the bicycle was currently not being used.

## Volunteer of the Year Awards

IT is the time of the year when unsung heroes in our local communities are recognised and rewarded for their hard work throughout the year.

Argyll Voluntary Action are the proud hosts of the ceremony and awards being competed for - including two new titles of Social Enterprise of the Year, sponsored by Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network, and Health Volunteer of the Year, sponsored by NHS Highland and Argyll Community Health Partnership.

Other awards being hotly contested are Individual Volunteer of the Year, Young Volunteer of the Year, and Voluntary Group/Organisation of the Year.

Last but by no means least, are the Regional Timebank Hero awards, for volunteers in all areas of Argyll and Bute whose tireless efforts build and maintain communities.

This year's award ceremony is to be held at Kilmory Council Chambers in Lochgilphead on June 8.

For details of how to

get nomination forms, contact your local AVA office, by email at: [Antonia@argyllvoluntaryaction.org.uk](mailto:Antonia@argyllvoluntaryaction.org.uk), or download a form online at [www.argyllcommunities.org](http://www.argyllcommunities.org) Nomination deadline is Friday May 4.

## Campbeltown SWRI hear about organic garden

The March meeting was held in the community centre with guest speaker for the evening, Chris Holden from the community organic garden.

Members were very grateful to Chris for stepping in at such short notice.

His talk was very well received by all who attended, with members interested to hear how the garden was progressing.

The members heard the garden is very keen to have more volunteers who are willing to help in any way.

Competition winners were also announced:

3 whoopee cakes: gold, Ella Young; silver, Jenny Graham; Red, Christine Duncan.

Poem: gold, Christine Duncan; silver, Jenny Graham.



Members of the Kintyre Crime Prevention panel including new office bearers, Andrew Hemmings (back row far left), Eva MacDonald MBE (back row second from left) and Secretary Lyndsay MacPhail (front row second from left) 2\_c13panel1

## Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel hold AGM

KINTYRE Crime Prevention Panel held its AGM last week and elected the office bearers to serve on the panel for next year.

Andrew Hemmings was elected unopposed as the new chairman, replacing William Durance.

### Continues

Eva MacDonald MBE and Walter Bell will continue as vice chairwoman and treasurer respectively, with Lyndsay MacPhail also continuing as secretary.

Last year's notable achievements were summarised including the distribution of beer mats carrying a 'don't drink and drive message' to all licensed premises in Kintyre.

Another key step was the purchase of a gazebo to use for presentations at future events the group will attend.

For the coming year the panel voted unanimously to attend Kintyre Agricultural Show again in August, presenting information and materials

at a stand at the show.

After a request from Mid Argyll Community Safety Forum, the panel also agreed it will collaborate with the forum to promote workshops warning of the dangers of internet bullying and addiction, as well as specific dangers to older people.

### Conferencing

Chairman Ian Hemmings and David Brown will link up with the Mid Argyll forum through video conferencing to Lochgilphead.

## £23M waste water upgrade completed

A CIVIC reception was held in Campbeltown last week to officially mark the completion of a huge overhaul to the town's waste water infrastructure. The Courier reported last month on the £23 million facility upgrade, carried out by Scottish Water.

Last Thursday's event saw Argyll and Bute councillors, members of Campbeltown Community Council, and representatives from Campbeltown Community Forum joining Scottish Water officials at the plant, for it to be officially declared open.

Jane McKenzie, Scottish Water's regional community manager, said: 'We were delighted to host the reception and visit to mark the completion of the improvement work and to thank the people of the Campbeltown area for their support, co-operation and patience while the work progressed.'

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## Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



I doubt if there was any crowd control in Jerusalem.

The crowd was jubilant with joy and ecstatic with enthusiasm for this new leader who had emerged.

They certainly roared approval and hailed him as a king.

He was a strange kind of leader.

He was certainly charismatic, but he was also ordinary. He was eloquent and conversant with the scriptures, yet he seemed to have no time for the religious elite and the Holy Willies of his day.

He associated with the poor and spent time in the most dubious of company. He was a strange kind of leader. He was passionate about justice and equality and abhorred prejudice and false piety. He called a spade a spade and when he called the holy elite hypocrites, they did not like that one bit.

He rode into the holy city wearing an ordinary robe and riding on a donkey – a strange way for a king to appear.

His feet were calloused and dirty and he looked tired. He had been on a journey and it wasn't over yet.

He was a strange kind of leader. He didn't want to be part of the temple hierarchy, but he called God his father. He didn't want to dine with the most important but preferred to share a simple meeting with friends in an upstairs room.

He was a strange kind of leader. He talked about love and a kingdom that would bring peace and love and parity for all.

Jesus was going on a journey that would change the world.



## Down Memory Lane

EVERYONE knows the story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin, whose tune the children followed through the town.

In this picture, sent in by Ronnie Gay who now lives in Dunoon, it's the drummer who the children are following.

The occasion was the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' 'freedom of the town' parade through

Campbeltown in May 1968. *The Courier* has previously featured photos from the parade in 'Memory Lane' but the ones Ronnie sent were well worth the inclusion.

Readers may well recognise faces among the crowd, even at the distance of more than 40 years.

The eagle-eyed may also spot which street it is, and what changes have taken place since. c13memory1no

### Campbeltown's persistent offenders

Sir,  
What do the following have in common? Holding up a shop at knifepoint, heroin, tampering with an electricity meter, possession of class A drugs, breaching the peace, shouting and swearing, cannabis, fighting on main street, valium, bypassing of meters was a growing problem, 15 people, uncapped syringes, assaulting a woman by butting her on the head, assault causes loss of vision, fined for causing a fracas and racial abuse?

Answer one: they all occur in articles in your edition of the 23 March 2012 before page 6 letters.

Answer two: sentence previously de-

## Letters to the Editor

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ferred, reports, committed whilst on bail, a report will be submitted, he's certainly got a significant habit and granted bail after making no plea.

Laughably my wife and I had been visiting the town with the hope of finding somewhere quiet for family holidays and retirement.

Funnier still there are some folk hoping to sell Loch side properties for £385k and upwards in Campbeltown.

What Campbeltown needs is a small jail and legal officers willing and able to lock up persistent offenders.

The kind of sheriff one

finds in the USA - hard labour, pink pants and tents - not the sort that bails violent thugs and drug addicts to endlessly reoffend.

Off to Beirut next, safer and sunnier.

**Name and address supplied**

### Thanks to organisers of running event

Sir,  
I took part in yesterday's Sport Relief running event in Campbeltown, and should like to thank the team from Jog Scotland who organised the race.

It was a cheerful and enjoyable occasion, and happily uncompetitive. Even so, it will have needed a good deal of organising, if only to ensure the safety of those taking part on public roads.

I understand about a hundred people, many of them children, entered – a huge increase from the handful (of whom Jean and myself were two) who ran or walked in the first of these now annual events.

That of course must be in itself a source of satisfaction for the organisers; but it must also add to the organisational problems, and to the re-

sponsibility the organisers undertook. As far as I am aware however, everything went without a hitch; and for this competitor at least it was a memorably happy experience. Thank you again, Fiona and Gail, and everyone else who had a part in making it so.

Yours faithfully,

**Ian Teesdale**  
Ardbeg,  
High Askomil,  
Campbeltown

### Can any of our readers help find Mr Ashford?

Sir,  
Some time ago, an elderly gentleman ordered two books at Martin's bookshop.

One of his requests has arrived, but the phone number he gave us - that of his married daughter who stays here - is not correct.

We do not have her name but the gentleman's name is Mr Ashford and he told us that he used to work at a cinema here a long time ago.

Enquiries have led us to believe that it was the Rex cinema.

We would be most grateful if any reader could help!

Many thanks.

**Pam Francis**  
Campbeltown

### Sam Torrance and the Four Course Classic

Sir,  
As a golfer who loves the game so much I have made it my career, I have often said I could play from sun up to sun down.

I'm now writing to ask local golfers to do just that.

The Four Course Classic will see teams of four golfers make the most of the longest day of the year on Friday June 22 by taking on an epic challenge, teeing off at sunrise to play 72 holes in just 16 hours.

It's a fantastic opportunity to explore four different courses of your choice while fundraising for the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign, the UK's leading charity fighting against muscle-wasting conditions.

To find out more visit [fourcourseclassic.co.uk](http://fourcourseclassic.co.uk) or call 020 7803 4830.

**Sam Torrance OBE**

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# Clock is ticking on Campbeltown's iconic town hall

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'ONE of Scotland's finest town houses', was how a 1971 Historic Scotland report described Campbeltown town hall.

A recent community survey revealed a wide awareness that the building should be a source of pride for the town. Some 85 per cent of people who responded think the town hall is Campbeltown's most important building.

This is perhaps not surprising, given the diversity of uses the building has had.

In the past few decades it has been used for council meetings, as a registrar's office, polling station, election hall, and an exhibition space; as well as diverse fundraising and social activities.

In the words of a recent report: 'There will be barely an adult in the town that has not had an affiliation with the town hall.'

But the building's civ-

ic history goes back far beyond current generations.

The tapering tower is the oldest part, dating back to 1778.

Law and order was an important function in former times, with prison cells on the ground floor, a courtroom on the first, and a debtors' prison above that.

The move to a more civic purpose coincided with a major refurbishment in 1866. It was then the hall obtained its marble entrance, corniced ceilings, and fluted columns.

This was the period of greatest investment in the physical structure of the town hall. In contrast, more recent times have seen a lack of investment and a slippage into neglect.

Efforts are now being made to reverse that decline and restore the town hall to its former glory.

At the centre of these is Campbeltown Town-

scape Heritage Initiative (THI), a grant scheme which has identified the hall as one of two key buildings it wants to improve.

THI can distribute grant funding if a suitable application is made, and £350,000 has been ring-fenced towards the town hall in expectation of this.

As part of the process towards making an application to the Big Lottery Fund, a needs analysis report was recently commissioned by South Kintyre Development Trust and Campbeltown Community Council.

### Doubt

If anyone was in any doubt about the urgency of the situation, this report dispels those doubts.

Describing a multitude of structural issues that need to be addressed, the report states: 'Unless these issues are addressed soon, further rapid deterioration is bound to occur.

In this case the building will become too costly to repair and maintain, and will have to be moth-balled, taking it out of use and out of the hands of

the community permanently.'

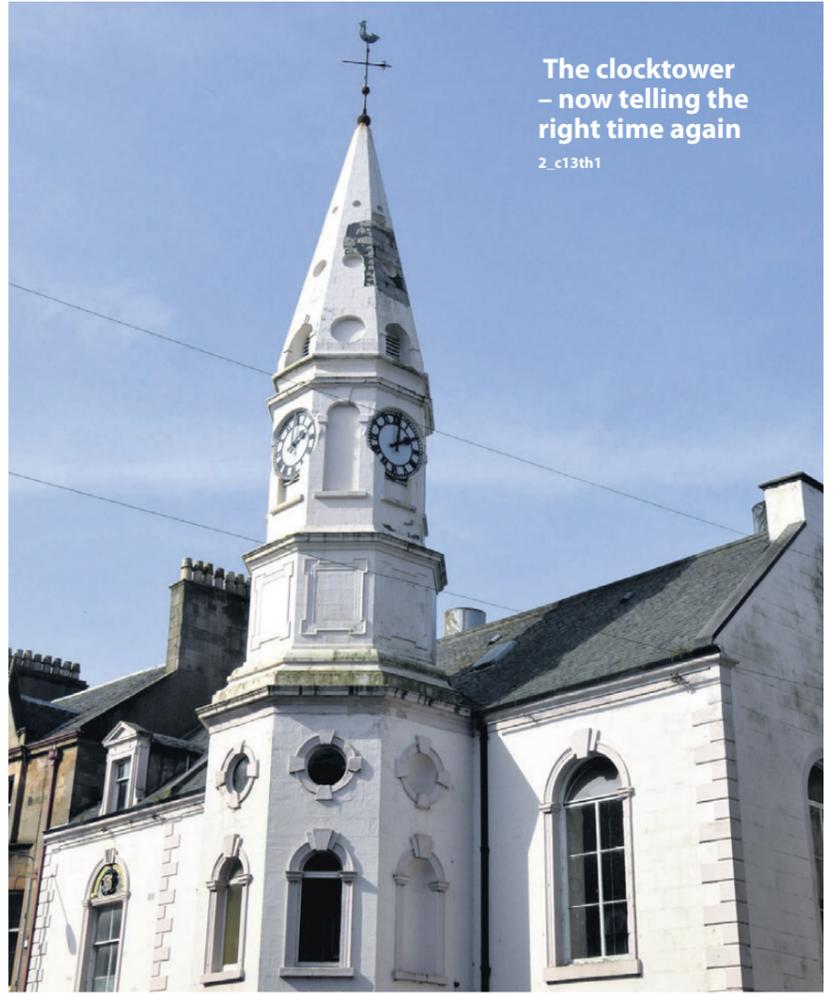
The author of the report, Eric Spence, told *The Courier*: 'The impact of this would be catastrophic both socially and economically.'

Dire warnings indeed, but alongside is a feeling of optimism. Mr Spence added: 'We are heartened by the responses to our community consultation and are confident that, with the support of the community, we can build a viable and sustainable model for running our Town Hall.'

There is a feeling that the corner has been turned, and already, small steps have begun to make a difference.

The clock, which was telling the wrong time, has been reset to give townsfolk an accurate reminder of the hour of day or night as they walk past.

A reminder too, that unless the community comes together to help obtain and supplement the grant funding THI can offer, time will keep ticking on the life of this precious building.



The clocktower - now telling the right time again

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## Wartime chic for fashion students

WARTIME chic was the theme for a photo shoot by fashion students of Argyll College.

The six students studying for an SVQ level three qualification combined forties hairstyles

with modern fashions for a striking look.

They found the perfect ruined bunker atmosphere at Homeston Farm near Southend.

Vicki McDonald, who tutors the course, said:



Robyn Blackburn from Campbeltown Cadet Force came to lend a military touch, pictured here with student Alicia Graham

'The students need to do either a hair show or a photo shoot, and this year we have chosen the photo shoot.

'We have decided to centre on World War II because there's a lot of pointers to that still in the area.'



Pictured from left to right are models Lesley Norris, Tamara Lafferty (also a student), Kaeley Pattison and Mary Blackburn

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# Italia n' Caledonia gets them going

THE Victoria Hall provided an appreciative audience for a theatre show about the experiences of Italian emigrants in Scotland - including those who came to Campbeltown.

The hall was full last Friday for the show, 'Italia n' Caledonia', starring Mike Maran with David Vernon on accordion.

It was the music - a mixture of traditional

Neapolitan songs, and original lyrics in English and Italian - that really got the audience going.

Maran, formerly a rock star opening shows for the likes of The Electric Light Orchestra, showed his capacity to still hold a tune, while Vernon's accordion playing - sometimes playful, sometimes melancholic, sometimes impersonat-

ing a telephone - was a delight throughout.

The show's climax was a tragic one, as Maran recounted the sinking of the Arandora Star, a boat carrying 1200 Italians out of Britain during the war.

But the finale was the comic highlight, as the wily performer lured some audience members onto the stage with the promise of a glass of

chianti, then asked them to enact a tug o' war.

There was much hilarity as several thirsty faces fell, but credit to Maran - he was as good as his word, and they got their wine in the end.

Following the show, it was on to the Masonic hall where some excellent live music and Italian-themed snacks rounded off a truly special night of culture.



David Vernon's versatile accordion playing was a delight. 2\_c13italia1



## Highland Parish Church holds a successful sale of work

HIGHLAND Parish Church Guild held a successful sale of work on Saturday in the Church Hall on Kirk Street.

Pictured (left) selling fresh vegetables and flowers are Agnes Johnston, Catherine Wareham and Isobel McLean.

Some of the vegetables were grown by the stall holders while others were generously donated to the sale, which raised money for church funds.



Lily Morrison at the Church Guild sale of work. 2\_c13sale3

# Community Noticeboard

**Kintyre Craft Group**  
**easter craft fair**  
 Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown  
 Friday 6th April 6pm - 9pm  
 Saturday 7th April 10am - 4pm  
*In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support*  
 Come and have a look at our sixteen interesting stalls, including the award winning marmalade.

The Heritage Centre opens for the season on Saturday 7th April from 10am to 4pm with a display of social history of the Campbeltown Glasgow Steam Packet Company (The Steamers)  
 Read all about it  
 Teas, coffees and home baking on sale  
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 Also Car Boot Sale and Farmers Market 10am - 1pm

Royal British Legion Scotland  
 Campbeltown Branch  
**COFFEE MORNING**  
 Saturday 31st March  
 10am - 1pm  
 Red Cross Hall, Kirk St.  
 Raffle, home-baking & bottle stalls  
 Admission £2

**Leukemia & Lymphoma Research**  
 You are invited to join us for an "Old Fashioned Afternoon Tea"  
 Sandwiches & cakes  
 In Guide Hall,  
 Kinloch Road, Campbeltown  
 Saturday 31st March 2012, 2-4pm  
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**EASTER DANCE**  
 in Skipness Village Hall  
 on Saturday 7th April  
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 All proceeds to go into Kilmartin Pensioners fund.

**Argyll Bowling Club**  
**OPENING OF THE GREEN**  
**Saturday 14th April**  
 Names by 1.30pm for 2pm start  
**Presidents v Vice Presidents**  
**Followed by buffet and prize-giving**  
**Annual fees may be paid on the day.**

**PRIZE BINGO**  
*In aid of Guide Hall Funds*  
 Thursday 5th April 2012  
 in Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
 Doors open 7.30pm  
 Eyes Down 8.00pm  
 Admission £5.00  
 Includes raffle ticket

Tarbert Free Church,  
 Sunday 1st April, 6.30.  
 Lachie Macleod of 'Something for Romania' will give a presentation about Palliative care for the terminally ill in Romania. Refreshments will be served. All welcome.

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**M.A.L.I. Craft Fair & Egg Fest**  
 (Scottish Reg Charity SC038694)  
 Saturday, March 31  
 Baptist Church, Lochgilphead  
 10am-4pm  
 Face painting/Easter egg design contest  
 Coffee & cakes/lunchtime soup & roll  
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 (All proceeds to education in Zambia)

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**In aid of Hall Funds**  
**Clachan Village Hall**  
**Indoor Car Boot Sale**  
**Saturday March 31st**  
**1-3pm**  
**Refreshments**

# Stone heads in Argyll schools

PRIMARY schools across Argyll and Bute received some unusual deliveries last week.

Models of the famous stone heads from Easter Island in the Pacific came to schools including Kintyre primaries Dalintober, Castlehill, Southend, Drumlemble and Glenbarr.

The half-metre high heads were made by Corachie Clematis Garden Plants in Taynuilt, and were free of charge to the schools.

Each primary received one or two

of the model heads, which can be 'planted' with 'hair', as part of Argyll and Bute Council's cultural education project.

There were also bags of compost delivered to fill the hollowed out heads with before planting.

Fiona Blakey, cultural co-ordinator, engineered the project. She said: 'It is up to each school where they put their stone head, what grows in it and whether the heads are used by a specific year group or teacher.'

'Along with the head

schools will also receive 3 expressive arts tasks. There will also be a list of suggested cross-curricular themes and creative learning ideas for using the heads.'

Staff at Dalintober Primary in Campbeltown were delighted with the new model heads.

They said they hoped to plant one of them soon at the school's allotment garden, which was being run with the help of Chris Holden from Campbeltown Community Organic Garden.



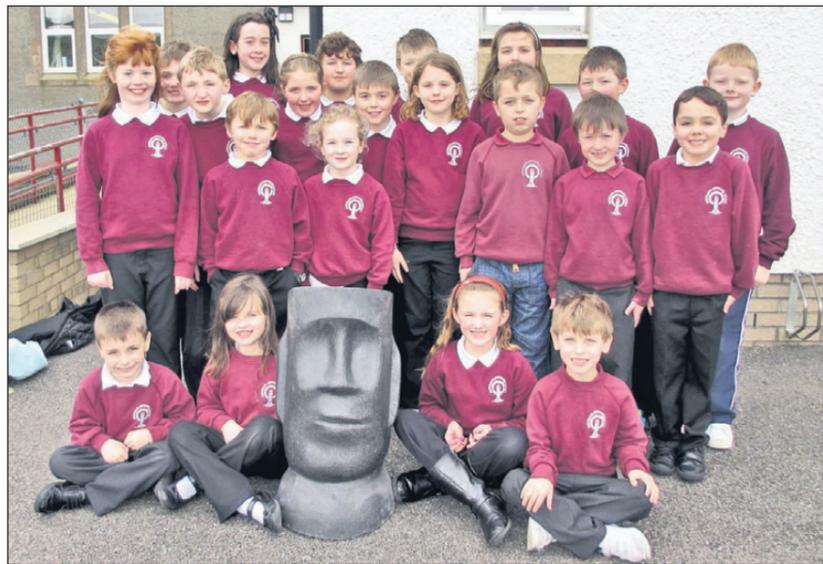
## Singing and dancing at Castlehill

Youngsters at Castlehill Primary delighted a crowd of teachers, parents and friends of the school with singing and dancing at a show in the school hall this week.

The theme of the show was 'time machine', with each class choosing a different year to inspire their performances on Monday and Tuesday. The P4s vis-

ited the year 3000 and entertained the crowd with songs from Busted and the Beatles.

The P3 pupils' routine was inspired by the TV show 'The Good Old Days' as they performed war-time classics such as 'Daisy Daisy', 'I'm forever Blowing Bubbles' and 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary'. 20\_c13show01



Pupils at Southend Primary with their Easter Island Head.

## Peninver pipped at the post for place in drama finals

PENINVER Drama Club Juniors travelled to Kilmarnock at the weekend to compete for a place in the SCDA Scottish Youth Finals.

Six youth teams from the Western Division were competing and a variety of plays were performed at a very high standard.

### Brilliant

Despite a brilliant performance, Peninver Jun-

iors were unsuccessful, but the large audience in the Palace Theatre were certainly entertained and full of praise for the team.

### Thank

The club would like to thank the East Kintyre Windfarm Trust, Rotary Club of Campbeltown and the Kintyre community for the overwhelming financial support and good wishes given to the

team for their trip to Kilmarnock.

While the senior team continues with rehearsals for the Ardrishaig Drama Festival in April, the juniors will take a well-earned break to concentrate on forthcoming exams but will meet up again in the autumn to start rehearsals on a new play for the 2013 Campbeltown drama festival.

## Afternoon Tea

AN 'OLD-fashioned afternoon tea' will be held in Campbeltown tomorrow, Saturday, to raise funds for leukaemia and lymphoma research.

The event is at Kinloch Guide Hall, Kinloch Road from 2-4pm and will feature stalls with baking and, of course tea, coffee, and cakes.

The organisers hope as many people as possible attend this event - celebrating a refined tradition and raising money for a good cause at the same time. Entry is £3.

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Synopsis The Muppets: On vacation in Los Angeles, Walter, the world's biggest Muppet fan, and his friends Gary (Jason Segel) and Mary (Amy Adams) from Smalltown, USA, discover the nefarious plan of oilman Tex Richman (Chris Cooper) to raze the Muppet Theater and drill for the oil recently discovered beneath the Muppets' former stomping grounds. To stage The Greatest Muppet Telethon Ever and raise the \$10 million needed to save the theater, Walter, Mary and Gary help Kermit reunite the Muppets, who have all gone their separate ways. Fozzie now performs with a Reno casino tribute band called the Moopets, Miss Piggy is a plus-size fashion editor at Vogue Paris, Animal is in a Santa Barbara clinic for anger management, and Gonzo is a high-powered plumbing magnate. With secret, signature, celebrity cameos, "The Muppets" hits the big screen Nov. 23, 2011  
Synopsis The Artist  
Hollywood 1927. George Valentin (Jean Dujardin) is a silent movie superstar. The advent of the talkies will sound the death knell for his career and see him fall into oblivion. For young extra Peppy Miller (Bérénice Bejo), it seems the sky's the limit - major movie stardom awaits. THE ARTIST tells the story of their interlinked destinies.

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD**

**Across**

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- Clean (5)
- They sing low? (5)
- Appearance of someone from the past, related (7)
- Wide bodied (6-7)
- Bad feeling (6)
- Character drawn to cheer one (6)
- Good or bad, they let you know what's to come (13)
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- Enter (5)
- Chopper blade (5)
- Steadfastly (7)

**Down**

- Bigwig (5)
- Airhole (7)
- Radio wave detector (6,7)
- Shade (6)
- Gathering at church (6,7)
- Take up space (5)
- Christening (4,3)
- Sound barrier (7)
- On which a frog may sit (4,3)
- Falling star (6)
- Correct (5)
- Threadbare (5)

Last week's solution

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# Brass members dominate Mid Argyll Music Festival

MEMBERS of renowned band Campbeltown Brass again dominated the band and instrumental classes of the recent Mid Argyll Music Festival.

The festival, now in its 33<sup>rd</sup> year, saw a host of Campbeltown Brass members perform in the instrumental competitions on Saturday, outshining many of their Argyll counterparts.

### Impressed

Members of the band impressed judges so

much that they won all the brass solo competitions, with Mathew Tanner gaining the highest mark ever by a brass solo performer in the history of the festival.

Judge Alan Fernie, renowned music composer and conductor, told audiences of the festival that it was a 'privilege' to adjudicate performances from the Campbeltown musicians.

Mr Fernie, who has enjoyed a great career playing and conducting

brass bands, also paid tribute to the band's conductor Jamie MacVicar, urging him to 'keep-up the good work.'

### Competition

The band competition saw Kintyre Schools Junior band win the Helen and Hugh Smith Trophy; Campbeltown Grammar School Wind Band win the Frank Spicers Trophy and Campbeltown Brass The Gifford Bowl for the highest mark gained by a choir or band.



Campbeltown Brass performed to rapturous applause at the Mid Argyll Music Festival on Saturday night. 06\_a12music73



The Campbeltown Brass Trombones and Campbeltown Junior Brass Quartet dazzled judge Alan Fernie with their performances. 06\_a12music60



Fourteen-year-old Maria Cairns from Campbeltown won the Wilson Trophy for the second year in a row in the Scots folk song category for pupils in S1 to S3. Second Place went to Bethany Kelly, also from Campbeltown Grammar. L-R: Maria Cairns, Fiona Cupples, Molly Francis, Bethany Kelly and Alistair MacLean. 06\_a12music30



Rhona O'May from Castlehill Primary School won the Robert Lepley Cup for her performance in the brass solo primary competition. 06\_a12music51



Lindsay Armour accepts the Gifford Bowl on behalf of Campbeltown Brass. 06\_a12music67



Ruairidh Wallace of Dallintober Primary, centre, took first place in the primary 4-5 vocal solo boys section. Louis MacMillan, right, was second while Aidan Kerr took third place. 06\_a12music11

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## Gigha islanders stage pantomime

FOLLOWING on from the 10th anniversary celebrations of their community buyout, Gigha islanders staged a pantomime on Saturday.

The old story of Jack and the Beanstalk was chosen, with some well-known faces on the island getting into character to stunning effect.

Pictures were sent in to *The Courier* by Don Dennis.



Amy Norton as Simple Simon c13panto3no



Tristan Holmes as the Giant.

**MACHRIHANISH**

**Low response to questionnaire**

VILLAGERS are asked to take more interest in the future of Machrihanish Village Hall after a low response to a questionnaire that went out.

Only 28 questionnaires were returned out of 96 distributed, giving a limited mandate for future fundraising unless more interest is shown.

A recent architect's survey report showed the building was in a state of disrepair and substantial funds were needed to bring it up to standard.

Currently the hall is underused by the community, with the questionnaire showing only seven had attended a function there in the last year.

Most of the income at the moment comes from surfers but levels are said to be inadequate to cover costs.

**Pupils raise £190 for Mary's Meals**

PUPILS at Carradale Primary raised £190 for Mary's meals with a tea and coffee morning at the school last Fri-

day. As well as the liquid refreshments, there was also a baking stall with homemade baked goods.

**ISLAY**

**Distillery plans extensions and renovations**

A PLANNING application was made for extensions and renovations to Bruichladdich distillery on Islay.

Among other alterations it is planned to add an external staircase to the listed building.

**COLONSAY**

**Book festival on Colonsay**

THE ISLAND of Colonsay is having its first book festival during the weekend of April 27 to 29.

It carries the sub-title 'Conversations at the Edge' to reflect the remoteness of this tiny community in the Inner Hebrides.

Colonsay residents are playing host to an impressive line up - Liz Lochhead, Sandy McCall-Smith, Margaret Elphinstone, James Robertson, Sophie Cooke, Lesley Riddo-



**GLENBARR**

**Glenbarr pupils proudly show off their Eco green flag  
Second Eco Green Flag for Glenbarr Primary School**

GLENBARR Primary School received their second Eco Green Flag this year.

Pupils are looking forward to continuing their eco work by growing more vegetables in their new poly tunnel which was funded by a grant from Awards For All.

To end their topic about prehistoric life, pupils held an open afternoon to report to parents and members of the community about what they had learned. The children became palaeontologists

and scientists for the afternoon and created some interesting and messy experiments to demonstrate how scientists have found out so much about prehistoric life.

During the last week of term, pupils will be busy decorating eggs for the annual decorated egg competition, and on Sunday April 8.

Glenbarr Parent Council will be holding an Easter egg hunt in Glenbarr woods with teas in the village hall. The fun begins at 1pm.

ch, Kenneth Steven and Robin Laing. The latter is leading the main event on the Saturday evening, with an assortment of whisky-related tales and some of the real stuff.

The event is a warm-up for Colonsay's Festival of Spring celebrating the island's wildlife and history, particularly flowers, birds and archaeology.

There is a 'Flash Fic-

tion' short story competition, open to all, at colonsaybookfestival@hotmail.co.uk. Anyone interested can enter as many times as they like, 100 words exactly; total does not include the ti-

tle but one of the words used must be 'Colonsay'.

There is a deadline of April 20 and entries are to be judged by Maggie Fergusson, who recently wrote a much-acclaimed

biography of George Mackay Brown.

**SKIPNESS**

**Castle to open on April 1**

SKIPNESS Castle will reopen its doors to the public on April 1 after its usual closure for the winter season.

**CARRADALE**

**Volunteers wanted**

THE NETWORK Centre in Carradale is looking for volunteers to help clean up the grounds around the centre from 10am Thursday April 5.

As well as the tidy up, two trees will be planted on the day - a cherry tree and a plum tree. It is planned the two youngest and two oldest volunteers will take part in the planting ceremony at the end of the day.

**Easter craft fair**

**TAYINLOAN**

TAYINLOAN village hall hosted an Easter craft fair on Monday - an event jointly organised by the parish churches of Clachan and Killean and Kilkennie.

The Easter event followed a similar one that took place at Christmas time.

**SOUTHEND**



**Southend Primary School children run a mile for Sport Relief**

PUPILS at Southend Primary completed a mile for Sport Relief last week. The 12 pupils who did the distance had been trained up in the weeks prior to the event by Active Schools co-ordinator Robbie Kupris, also pictured. c13mile

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# FARM MACHINERY FOCUS

## A RISE IN DEMAND FOR MULTI-PURPOSE AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY



**AN INCREASE** in the overall size of farms, a much reduced workforce and the need for greater efficiency within both the cereal and livestock sectors of the agricultural industry has resulted in a rise in demand for multi-purpose agricultural machinery – in its many forms.

While the basic tractor gracefully evolved over many years to replace the working horse even on the smallest of agricultural units, the range and complexity of today's farm machinery ensures that the this rate of change has reached a pace where even the most modern of farms find it a challenge to stay in touch with developing technology. As input costs rapidly rise in tandem with this technology, many

farmers have turned to the secondhand machinery sector for much of their everyday requirements. This in turn has increased the importance and therefore the demand for regular and specialist maintenance from highly skilled agricultural mechanics. Throughout the country, numerous firms have developed to sell, maintain and advise on what is both available and affordable to the crofting and farming community. This important service industry, much of which specializes in the ATV and small tractor market, has increased to the extent that outlets are available within easy reach of most west coast mainland and island farms – this in turn means that these service providers must remain both competi-

tive and trained to a high standard if they are retain business. On the west coast where livestock farming remains dominant and the majority of cereal production is targeted as winter feed for stock, there is not the same degree of investment in the very large and heavy machinery that has revolutionized cereal production in other areas. Nor has there been the environmental problems that accompany the extremes of ever-bigger machines. A 2011 report claimed that Scotland's soils support agricultural businesses worth £700m to the Scottish economy however the report also highlighted that the use of increasingly heavy farm machinery and how they compact soils posed a potential

threat that was not fully understood in Scotland. Some machines used for harvesting crops can weigh up to 40 tonnes and those used in forestry up to 20 tonnes, the report said. Citing research from Germany and Denmark, the study also said heavy equipment was compacting soils at increasingly deeper levels. The report, The State of Scotland's Soils, which was put together from research by the British Geological Survey, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Macaulay Institute, Scottish Agricultural College and University of Glasgow, has also highlighted that some earths have a 'strong regional identity' and were culturally and historically important - such as the machair of the Western Isles.



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## Kintyre men win trophies at ploughing match

TWO KINTYRE men picked up trophies at The Lorn Annual Vintage Ploughing Match.

Winner of the horses was Neil MacPhail from Campbeltown, while first in the 10ins class was picked up by Gavin Reid also from Campbeltown.

The event, held at Shenavallie Farm in Benderloch on Saturday, was oversubscribed with keen competitors in the horse, 8ins, 10ins and trailing plough class.

The big winner on the day was Willie Buchanan, from Achnaba, North Connel, who picked up five trophies - The Oban Times Ploughman's Perpetual Trophy, Argyll Agricultural Engineers Perpetual Cup for best rigg plough and the Best Rigg by Mounted Tractor Plough cup.

He also took home the Alex McTaggart Trophy for best ploughman, which he had previously won in 2007. The first name inscribed on the cup in 1960 was Willie's

father Archie Buchanan. But most important for the 39-year-old was winning the Dochie Buchanan Memorial Cup for best local ploughman.

He said: 'I'm delighted to have my name on the cup. Of all the cups I wanted to win today this is the most important one.'

'Dochie Buchanan was a full cousin of my father. I used to call him uncle.'

'The cup was donated by the Buchanan family in memory of their grandfather and presented to me by Dochie's grandchildren.'

The trailing plough class was won by Morris Blacklaw from Fife using a Ransomes plough.

Entry was free but donations to Argyll Beats Cardiovascular Disease (ABCD) were asked for. Over the past 12 years there has been more than £8000 raised for the charity and Saturday's event raised a further £700.



Neil MacPhail from Skernish Farm won first prize in the horse class.

Results:  
Trailing Plough Class: 1 Morris Blacklaw, Fife; 2 Rab Birrel, Fife; 3 George Mutch, Abernethy.

Horse Class: 1 Neil MacPhail, Campbeltown; 2 Allan Thompson, Aberfeldy. 8" Class: 1 Willie Buchanan, North Connel; 2 Gregor MacCormick, Appin; 3 Donald Cameron, Connel; 4 Cameron Macfarlane, Oban

10" Class: 1 Gavin Reid, Campbeltown; 2 Ian MacKendrick, Campbeltown; 3 Tam Macmillan, Isle of Bute; 4 David Veitch, Scotlandwell

Overall: 1 Willie Buchanan, North Connel; 2 Gregor MacCormick, Appin; 3 Morris Blacklaw, Fife; 4 Donald Cameron, Connel  
Best Start: Gregor MacCormick, Appin. Straightest: Donald Cameron, Connel. Levellest: Morris Blacklaw, Fife. Best Finish: Willie Buchanan, North Connel. Youngest: Duncan Buchanan Jr, Benderloch. Best Work by David Brown Tractor: Charlie Campbell, Connel



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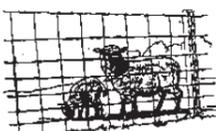
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## Kintyre farmers asked to help preserve rare species of geese

SCOTTISH Natural Heritage (SNH) says it is confident in the cooperation of Kintyre farmers to help preserve the population of a rare species of goose.

The Greenland white fronted geese breed in Greenland in the summer months, then migrate to the UK and Ireland over winter to escape the coldest of the Arctic weather.

Kintyre is one of the major UK wintering sites, with up to 3,000 of the 13,000 geese that winter in Scotland coming here.

The geese use the same wintering sites at Laggan, Tayinloan, Clachan, Glenbarr and Gigha each year.

Hazel White of SNH said: 'The farming com-

munity is crucially important to the survival of these birds by maintaining the agricultural landscapes on which the geese depend. The input of farmers into the local goose management group helps to highlight key issues.'

Farmers, naturally, are concerned to protect their crops, but when it comes to the Greenland geese most understand the efforts to conserve a rare species.

Duncan Macalister, owner of Glenbarr Farms, questioned the amount of responsibility placed on farmers to control other species. He said: 'We don't have firearms licences. We haven't created the problem, so why should we have to fix it?'

A farming representa-

tion on the local goose management group was unable to be contacted at the time of going to press.



The Greenland white fronted geese migrate thousands of miles across the North Atlantic each year.

Photo Ian Fulton, SNH

## Take care around vulnerable birds

WALKERS, cyclists and pet owners have been urged to take care around vulnerable birds and animals by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

There have been several incidents recently throughout Scotland of dogs that have been off the lead chasing and sometimes killing sheep.

The moment of impact can also be worse for the sheep as a ewe that has been attacked by a dog will often abort the lamb she is carrying even if she survives the attack.

Lambs and nesting birds are particularly vulnerable in spring, said SNH.

Ashleigh Tooth of SNH said: 'Scotland

has some of the best access laws in the world for those who enjoy the outdoors - but with that comes responsibility for our wildlife.'

'We want to encourage everyone to enjoy Scotland's nature while caring for Scotland's countryside at the same time - whether that means keeping your dog under control, avoiding fires, or picking up litter.'

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| Ref         | Proposal                                                                                                                         | Site Address                                                            | Location of Plans        |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 12/00602/PP | Refurbishment of dwellinghouse, including extending roof overhang, installation of structural overcladding system and re-roofing | 29 Macdonald Terrace Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8TE              | Ardrishaig Area Office   |
| 12/00650/PP | Deletion of conditions 2 (a) and 2 (b) of planning approval reference no. 03/02196/REM                                           | Toberanna Ardlarach Road Ardferrn Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8JA | Sub Post Office Ardferrn |

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The above Authority under Section 160 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 has made a Tree Preservation Order which takes effect on 23rd March 2012 and hereby gives notice that:-

- The Tree Preservation Order was made to ensure the protection of trees upon Land at Limecraigs, Campbeltown, Argyll and considered by the Authority as the Local Planning Authority to be of considerable merit and contribute to the overall setting of the property and the local area;
- A certified copy of the Provisional Tree Preservation Order and map has been deposited at Argyll and Bute Council Development and Infrastructure Office at 67/69 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, Argyll and may be inspected during all normal working hours;
- Objections and representation with respect to the Tree Preservation Order may be made to the undersigned in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order and Trees in Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2010, which Regulations state that:-
  - every objection or representation to the Planning Authority with respect to an Order shall be made in writing, shall state the grounds thereof, and specify the particular trees, groups of trees, or woodlands in respect of which it is made.
  - an objection or representation shall be duly made if it complies with Regulation 5 and is received by the Planning Authority by 27th April 2012
    - The Tree Preservation Order shall take effect on 23rd March 2012 and shall continue in force until the expiration of a period of 6 months beginning with the date on which the Tree Preservation Order was made unless before the expiry of said period of 6 months the Tree Preservation Order has been confirmed by the Authority. In the event that the Tree Preservation Order is confirmed within said period of 6 months, it shall continue until a Revocation Order is made by the Authority.

**CHARLES REPPKE, Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead**

**THE MACHRIHANISH GOLF CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of The Machrihanish Golf Club will be held in the Clubhouse on **Friday 6th April 2012 at 8.00pm.**

All members are respectfully invited to attend.

**A. Anderson Secretary**

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Secretary; **Stuart Irvine,**  
Heston, Carradale, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6SG. Tel. 01583 431278.  
E-mail: [irvine-carradale@fsmail.net](mailto:irvine-carradale@fsmail.net)

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**AGM**

in the Argyll Arms Hotel at 7.00pm

on 15th April 2012

**DALINTOBER & MILLKNOWE TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**AGM**

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

A prayer, 'Hear from heaven, your dwelling-place, and when you hear, forgive' (1 Kings 8:30).

**BIRTHS**



**HOUSTON**

Lexie is delighted to announce the safe arrival of her baby brother, Blair Alexander, born March 13, 2012, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. Fourth grandchild for Anne and Angus and second grandchild for Caroline and the late Christopher. Special thanks to Lochgilphead and Paisley midwives.

**GOLDEN WEDDINGS**

**MCSPORRAN-AYLING** - At the Highland Parish Church on March 30, 1962, by the Rev G S Cameron, Duncan to Mavis.

**DEATHS**

**DEANS** - Suddenly, but peacefully, at 30 Castleacres, Campbeltown, on March 26, 2012, William Conley Deans (Willie), in his 77th year, dearly beloved husband of Muriel McMurchy, much loved father of Paulene, Brian and Sandra, a dearly loved father-in-law and a loving granda of Mark, Claire and Ryan.

**MACDONALD** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 22, 2012, Elizabeth McCallum McKerral, in her 82nd year, formerly of New Parliament Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late James MacDonald, much loved mother of Jimmy, Jean and John and a loving granny and great granny.

**MARSHALL** - Peacefully at Fordingbridge, Hants on March 20, 2012, Louie (née MacInnes), aged 94 years, beloved wife of the late George Marshall and loving mother of Anne, Charles and the late Colin.

**SMITH** - Suddenly, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on March 17, 2012, Duncan Johnston Smith, in his 72nd year, 19 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, dearly beloved brother of John, Jean and Charles. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, April 2 at 2.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Lorne and Lowland Church.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**GEDDES** - Bill and all the family would like to thank everyone for their support, cards and sympathy at the sad loss of Pat. Special thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for her uplifting service, to Donald MacDonalds

for their efficient and professional funeral arrangements, and to the Grey Gull for their teas. £2,000 will be shared between the Friends of the Beatson and the Anthony Nolan Trust.

**MCINTOSH** - The McIntosh family would like to thank all family and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and all who paid their respects at the graveside following the recent sad loss of Flo. We are very grateful for all the cards, gifts and messages, and all the support over the last few months. Special thanks to doctors Elder, Leask and Ward and community nurses for their care, and to Matthew Ramsay and Alasdair Blair for ensuring the service was as Flo wished. £350 was raised for the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen.

**MILLER** - The family of the late Mr Andrew Chisholm Miller of Drumnamucklach Cottage would like to thank, most sincerely, all his friends and neighbours in Kintyre for their cards and messages of sympathy. Thanks also to Reverend Gary McIntyre for the lovely service at Falkirk and to Alasdair and Kenny Blair for the funeral arrangements.

**SPALTON** - Sue's family are very grateful for the support of professionals and friends over recent weeks. In particular, the staff of Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Community Hospital, showed respect, understanding and compassion which eased Sue's last days and hours. Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors, attended to all details in a kind, supportive, reassuring and unobtrusive way. Special thanks to Gordon, Mary and Scott for their contributions to a very fitting tribute to Sue's impact on those fortunate enough to encounter her. Sheila and Bruce of the Smiddy provided a feast that even Sue would have approved of. Thank you too to all friends near and far for their continuing support and kindness. The collection for Friends of Kenya's Children raised £775.

**IN MEMORIAMs**

**BRADLEY** - Margaret. In loving memory of our dear mother, who passed away April 4, 2011.

Always in our thoughts.  
- Sally, Ailsa and George.

**BURTON** - For our boys, David Campbell Burton, died 40 years ago on April 2 and Paul Gordon Burton, died 16 years ago on March 3.

Forever in our hearts and minds.  
- The Burton family, Oban and East Kilbride.

**MACAULAY** - With silent memories, no words are needed.  
- Mum, Dad, Thomas, Alec, Katherine.

For a special Auntie Diane.  
- Donna Marie, Chloe, Lucy xxx.

**MACAULAY** - In loving memory of Diane, my wee sister, best friend, 'special auntie'.

Treasured memories of times we had together will last forever.

We miss you every day.  
- Love Julie and Chloe xx.

**O'MAY** - In loving memory of our very special dad, Malcolm, passed away March 31, 2011.

When someone you love becomes a memory,

The memory becomes a treasure.

If love could have saved you,

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Sorely missed.  
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**O'MAY** - Treasured memories of my beloved, caring brother, Malcolm, who passed away March 31, 2011.

Sorely missed.  
- Jenny.

**PATERSON** - Fifty years. Remembering Hamish, our dad.

Forever in our hearts.  
- Don and Hamish, Carluke.

**REID** - In loving memory of our dear mum, Mattie, died April 2, 2011.

You're not just a memory or part of the past,  
You'll be loved and missed for as long as life lasts.

Love you always.  
- Family, home and away.

**ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES**

**ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
"Come and worship the Lord"  
in  
**Achahoish at 9:45am**  
and  
**Ardishaig at 11:00am**  
Scottish Charity Numbers (SC010713 & SC010782)

**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**  
Church Services Sunday 1st April Palm Sunday - all welcome!  
**Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair**  
Charity No. SC016097 Morning Service in Lochgair Church 11.30 am (Sacrament of Baptism)

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**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665 Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
Sunday 1st April, 2012 Palm Sunday Ford 10a.m. Rev. Cliff Acklam SC002121

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Come and join us in our Easter celebration.  
**Palm Sunday 1st April**, 11 am - Speaker: Deans Buchanan  
**Good Friday 6th April**, 7 pm - Speaker: Chris Holden  
**Easter Sunday 8th April**, 11 am - Speaker: Deans Buchanan  
All services are held at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road.

**FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
George Street Campbeltown  
**Sunday 1st April** 12.45pm  
Worship Service Mr Derek Malcolm 5.00pm  
'The Church in Turkey' Derek & Heidi Malcolm All Welcome  
Scottish Charity Number: SCO03847

*Highland Parish Church*  
  
SC002493  
**Sunday 1st April 2012** 11.15am  
Palm Sunday Family Service 6.30pm  
Service in Stewarton Hall  
*Advance Note:*  
**Good Friday: 6th April**  
Joint Communion Service with Lorne and Lowland in Kirk St Hall - 7.00pm  
Rev Michael J Lind  
Everyone always welcome

**THE SALVATION ARMY**  
**Burnside Street, Campbeltown**  
**Sunday Services** 10.30am  
Morning Worship 5.45pm Prayer Meeting 6.30pm Evening Worship  
**Tuesday** 12.15pm Over 60's Luncheon Club 1.30pm Adult Home League  
**Wednesday** 7.00pm House Group  
**Thursday** 11.30am Meet 'n' Eat Café New to you Stall  
**Major Dolores Thomson**

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 1 April**  
Tayvallich Church 11:30 am Palm Sunday  
Worship led by Rev. Cliff Acklam  
**Wednesday 4 April MESSY CHURCH**  
Tayvallich Hall 4 - 6 pm Food, Crafts, followed by a story, a song, a prayer.  
**Thursday 5 April**  
Tayvallich Church 7 pm Maunday Communion  
**Friday 6 April**  
Bellanoch Church Good Friday Meditations All Welcome  
**Easter Services:**  
Keills Chapel 9 am  
Tayvallich Church 11:30 am  
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**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Sunday, 1st April**  
PALM SUNDAY  
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche, Triple C and Bible Class)  
Rev. Philip Burroughs  
**Monday, 2nd April**  
Breakfast & Easter Reflections - 7:30 a.m.  
(in the New Hall)  
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, 3rd April**  
Breakfast & Easter Reflections - 7:30 a.m.  
(in the New Hall)  
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.  
Kirk Session Meeting - 7:30 p.m. (New Hall)  
**Wednesday, 4th April**  
Breakfast & Easter Reflections - 7:30 a.m.  
(in the New Hall)  
**Thursday, 5th April**  
Breakfast & Easter Reflections - 7:30 a.m.  
(in the New Hall)  
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.  
**Friday, 6th April**  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**NO LUNCH CLUB TODAY**  
Breakfast & Easter Reflections - 7:30 a.m.  
(in the New Hall)  
Joint Good Friday Worship with Highland Parish Church - 6:30 p.m. (in Kirk Street Hall)

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
  
75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 1st April**  
10.00am Breaking of Bread Mr R H Craig  
10.50am Coffee  
11.15am  
Family Service with Sunday School and Crèche  
Mr Tony Leighton, Carradale  
**6.00pm Youth Group**  
**Wednesday 4th April**  
10.00am Jellytots - Parent and Toddler Group  
**No Bible Study this week**  
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Scottish Charity No SC023277  
**Sunday 1st April 2012**  
**The Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)**  
8.30am Holy Communion  
10.45am Morning Prayer  
**Friday 6th April 2012**  
**Good Friday**  
10.45am Devotional Sunday  
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**LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
All Welcome  
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
**Sunday 1st April 2012**  
**Palm Sunday**  
11.00am Morning Service  
**Monday 2nd April 2012**  
Ladies Meeting  
Joan & John Swan  
Salvation Army  
**Friday 6th April 2012**  
Good Friday Soup and Roll  
Donation to local charity  
Jumpstart Group  
**Friday 10.00 - 11.30am**  
Scottish Charity SC015187

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
**Sunday 1 April 2012**  
11.00am  
Palm Sunday Service for all ages followed by light lunch  
Speaker: Graham McLean  
"Hosanna to The Lamb of God"  
**Thursday 5 April 2012**  
7.30pm  
Praise, prayer & sharing  
All Welcome

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH**  
**Sunday 1st April 2012**  
**Palm Sunday**  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
Sunday School 11.20am  
Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre  
Rev. Tommy Bryson  
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# Kintyre turns out for Sport Relief



The team from Slim World in Campbeltown who ran or walked the mile 2\_c13relief2



Members of Campbeltown running club prepare to stretch their legs over the six miles 2\_c13relief1



The Wilkes family ran together, with Duncan Lang on the right 2\_c13relief4



Campbeltown Grammar pupils prepare to start their three-legged miles last Friday 2\_c13grammar3



Lorne Paterson and Josh Arkell were among the youngest to do the mile on Sunday 2\_c13reliefs

## Dunaverty Winter League

CAMPBELL McCallum and Donald Brown have retained their Winter League trophy at Dunaverty Golf Club.

The pair held off Mark Eagers and James Williamson despite some hiccups in the last few games.

In the final McCallum and Brown knew they were going to be in for a hard game against Eagers and Alex Arkell, who stepped in after Williamson suffered an injury.

### Close affair

The final was a very close affair and after 18 holes the game was all square. In the four-hole play-off McCallum and Brown held their nerve to take the win.

In third spot were the self-proclaimed champions before the league started,

Darren Kelly and Robert Borthwick, while Jim Cooper & Terry Smith took the wooden spoon.

In the 'Duffers Cup', for all players knocked out in the earlier rounds of the cup and subs, Alex Arkell emerged as the winner with Terry Smith runner-up.

After the games there was a prize giving in the clubhouse with Captain Darren Kelly presenting the prizes this was followed by a buffet.

## Training schedule for the MOK half marathon

OVER the next 9 weeks *The Courier* will be publishing training schedules to assist you in the run-up to the Mull of Kintyre Run's half marathon and 10k events.

This week is the first week and should set you in good stead for the coming weeks of training.

The half marathon schedule is suitable for a beginner who aims

to run a half marathon in just under 2 hours 30 minutes.

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

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

The beginner's training schedule is aimed at beginners who wish to

complete the 10k event comfortably.

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

Junior race forms can be downloaded from [www.mokrun.com](http://www.mokrun.com).

There are still spaces available for a free talk by Brian Whittle and places can be reserved

by emailing [events@mokrun.com](mailto:events@mokrun.com).

### 10K schedule Weeks to Go - 9 from Monday March 26

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| Mon | 25 minutes |
| Tue | 10 minutes |
| Wed | REST       |
| Thu | 20 minutes |
| Fri | 15 minutes |
| Sat | REST       |
| Sun | 15 minutes |

### Half marathon training schedule

At the end of this week, you can test yourself over 10k (6.2M). This should be run quicker than the 10K in week one and certainly inside your goal half-marathon.

Start Date: Tuesday March 27 2010

Weeks to go: 9

| Day      | Session         | Distance                                                    | Pace min/mile | Time                                |
|----------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tue 27/3 | Slow run/walk   | 4Miles                                                      | 12:00         | approx 48 mins                      |
| Thu 29/3 | Faster run/walk | 3Miles                                                      | 11:00         | approx 33 mins                      |
| Sun 1/4  | Test run 10K    | 6.2Miles(10k)<br>(plus one mile warm-up/one mile cool-down) | 11:00         | target: 68mins<br>(plus 25mins jog) |
| Total    |                 | 15Miles                                                     |               | 2hrs 55mins                         |

## Arrows fly at Wee Toon darts

CAMPBELTOWN District Darts Association had a full programme of fixtures with some close matches and some not so close.

The results for week 16 were as follows: Burnside 9, Ailsa 1; Fiddlers 10, White Hart 0; Southend 5, Kinloch 5;

Commercial 4, Kilbrannan 6; Argyll Bowling Club v Fiddlers B: result not received.

Standout performance from this set of fixtures came from Jamie McGougan, who scored two 180s and had a 14 dart leg.

Jock McLatchie also

managed to record a maximum on one occasion.

The Agnes Goddard Memorial will be held tonight (30th March) in the Argyll Bowling Club.

This is a charity mixed doubles event and is open to anyone.

## Triathlon places filling up quickly

PLANS for the first Campbeltown Triathlon are continuing quickly, with spaces for entrants filling up.

Competitors taking part in the event on August 25 will face a half-mile swim in the Aquilibrium pool, followed by a 20km bike ride to Machrihanish and back

and will finish with a five-km race to the finish line.

Organisers Multisport plan to make the day a 'community event', with a BBQ and other events held near the start/finish line.

The race will also be raising money for the Children's Hospice As-

sociation Scotland.

Elaine McGeachy, who is helping to organise the event, told a meeting of the South Kintyre Sports Council on Monday night places were filling up fast.

She said: 'We can take up to 200 entries. There's a lot of entries coming in already.'

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## Promotion for Pupils still on right course

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Campbeltown Pupils kept their promotion hopes on course with a hard-fought win against a very physical Clydebank 11.

Make no mistake; the opposition will cause problems for the other contenders, so Saturday's result may well prove crucial at the end of the day.

It wasn't a pretty affair, with too little in the way of flowing football; however, ultimately the result was more important than the game's entertainment value. The Pupils dominated the

early possession, pressing the opposition into defensive mode as they looked for the early breakthrough.

But as the home defence squeezed the space they were continually caught with a simple long ball over the top.

Clydebank shocked the home support by taking the lead against the run of play. There seemed little danger from a long through-ball; however, a wicked bounce resulted in a miss-kick by the home keeper, with the ball dropping kindly for

the incoming forward to score with ease.

The Pupils were back on level terms almost immediately, after a fine piece of inter-play releasing Ryan Gilchrist on the right flank. The youngster showed maturity beyond his years when he drilled the ball with accuracy across the face of the goalkeeper into the far corner of the net.

The second half was a dour physical affair, with both sides trying their utmost to take full points. However a smart through-ball from Fraser

Wylie changed the complexion of the game. G Grant latched onto the pass and quickly released Gregor McFadyen, with the forward's first-time effort finding the bottom corner for an excellent winning goal.

Standing out for the Pupils were McKiven, Grumoli, G McFadyen and Lamont; however, everyone worked their socks off to secure a crucial victory. The team will take plenty of confidence into their next match against Gourock Thistle tomorrow.



Ryan Gilchrist winds up his right foot to score the equaliser 2\_c13foot3



## Wilma and Charles are double top

Willma Campbell and Charles Roberson were the winners at the Jim Allibone Memorial Doubles held in the Fiddlers Inn last week. Donald Stewart and Mhairi Morrison finished in the runners-up positions. There were check-outs of 127 (T19 20 Bull) by D Allen and a 117 (17 T20 D20) by Charles Robertson, as well as a maximum score of 180 by Ali Brodie.

## Sport Relief Mile

SUNDAY was the culmination of a series of events for the nationwide charity, Sport Relief.

Many people of all ages from Campbeltown and the wider area got involved - most by completing the iconic distance of one mile, though some went further, and others complicated matters in different ways.

Pupils from Campbeltown Grammar School found arguably the most imaginative ways to do the distance, when they completed it last Friday. Methods ranged from three-legged competitors, to those who decided to 'power hoop' it all the way round.

Aqualibrium was the

scene for the major event on Sunday, with over a hundred setting of on a one mile, three mile or six mile course just after 11am.

For the more serious athletes from Campbeltown running club, it was a chance to test their legs on part of the route for the Mokrun at the start of June. Others were quite content just to get round and raise the money for sport relief, which distributes cash to numerous charities across the country.

In the afternoon, anyone who wanted to had the opportunity to swim the mile in the pool. Turn to inside back for more photographs.



Champions! Campbeltown Grammar School with their trophy. 2\_c13volley01

## CGS are champions!

THERE was a home victory at the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay League volleyball tournament in Campbeltown last week.

Four secondary schools from across Kintyre and the Isles each entered two teams of six into the round-robin event, with Campbeltown Grammar School emerging undefeated to take the trophy.

The winning school was decided by the combined points total of both of its teams.

Active Schools co-ordinator Robbie Kupris said: 'The competition was played in good spirits with the players umpiring the games themselves.'



The competing teams 2\_c13volley02

## SAFL results and fixtures

RESULTS: Premier Division - Oban Saints 7, Kilbowie Union 1; Premier Division Two - Campbeltown Pupils 2, Clydebank 1; Division One - Lochgilhead Red Star 2, East Kilbride YM 1. West of Scotland Cup - Ashvale Vics 3, Dunoon 1.

Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Thorn Athletic v Oban Saints; Premier Division Two - Gourock Thistle v Campbeltown Pupils; Auldhouse v Dunoon; Division One - Tarbert v Aikenhead Thistle 'B'; Coronation Cup - Lochgilhead Red Star v Strathaven Dynamo. Games kick-off at 2pm

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