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# No one to blame



Farmer Colin McCallum and his son Alistair, who dug vehicles out of snowdrifts at Clachan, left. 08\_c20colin01

NO machine or organisation could have prevented the snow chaos on the A83 at Clachan last Friday and Saturday.

That is the view of the one man most qualified to comment.

Farmer Colin McCallum (55) was in the thick of road clearing efforts with two tractors and a loader as conditions deteriorated

rapidly on Friday morning.

'If I thought someone had made a mess of things, I'd be the first to tell you,' he told *the Courier*.

'No blame lies with anyone for the state of that road.

'I've heard a lot of talk about Argyll and Bute Council not coping, not handling

things properly. I can assure you no one could do any better.

'No machine could have coped with the volume of snow, and nothing more could have been done. The snow drifted as high as 20ft over the weekend.

'I have nothing but praise for the snowplough and Hydro men who worked for

hours and hours in appalling conditions.

'One Hydro boy who had been up a pole for two hours could not move his mouth or tongue he was that cold.'

Mr McCallum, whose Strathnafanaig Farm, takes the land either side of the worst stretch of the road going north out

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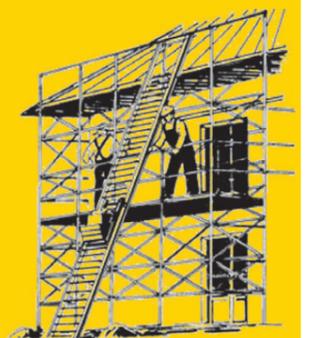
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# CUT OFF KINTYRE



## A week to remember, or forget, in Kintyre:

**9am Friday** - Power is lost in Clachan, the area hit by the most snow and strongest winds.

**Noon Friday** - Police shut off A83 in both directions at Clachan, with road crews beaten by 15ft high drifts.

**Friday afternoon** - All of Kintyre loses power, affecting thousands of homes. The Carradale to Skipness road is also impassable.

Flights to and from Campbeltown Airport are cancelled. Tesco and Co-op in Campbeltown close along with the Esso station.

**Saturday morning** - some smaller shops open using torchlight and candlelight. Some with generators or gas are able to provide hot food and drinks.

**Saturday afternoon** - extensive work to clear fallen trees and

cables on the A83 near Clachan. Motorists queue for diesel at McNair's in Campbeltown.

**Early hours of Sunday** - ferry arrives in Campbeltown in Kennacraig with the first of dozens of generators and power workers.

**Sunday morning** - The bulk of 500 power workers drafted into the area begin work. Tesco re-opens. Esso re-opens, selling

petrol only (diesel being saved for emergency vehicles).

**Sunday evening** - power is restored to hundreds, but not all, homes in Campbeltown. Another ferry arrives with generators.

**Monday** - A83 finally opened to traffic at Clachan, taken by convoy to and from Kennacraig. Local MP Alan Reid arrives to see extent of problem.

**Tuesday afternoon** - deputy first minister Nicola Sturgeon also visits along with BBC and STV film crews.

By evening almost all of Campbeltown had power restored. However, 925 Kintyre homes remain without power.

**Wednesday** - some outlying communities still without power.



Alan Reid speaks to some of those seeking hot food and warmth at the Victoria Hall in Campbeltown. 20\_c13alanreid01

### Widespread frustration, anger and disbelief

## MP calls for 'some kind of investigation'

by GRAHAM CRAWFORD  
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BY TUESDAY, more than 900 households in Kintyre were facing their fifth night without heating or lighting.

While that figure was expected to drop to 100 by Wednesday evening, in some areas, like Sound of Kintyre, residents were being warned they faced at least another couple of nights without power.

It was a situation which prompted widespread frustration, anger and disbelief - and a call from Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid for an inquiry.

'We need some kind of investigation to get to the nub of why it took so long to get generators and engineers in,' he told *the Courier* this week.

'Two days were lost before they got started.

'I remain convinced that if the A83 was a trunk road looked after by Transerv, rather than Argyll and Bute Council, it would have been open much sooner.

'It is a nonsense it is not a trunk road - it is a vital lifeline.'

Fellow Lib Dem, councillor Rory Colville, said his phone has not stopped with enquiries from concerned residents but that he had great difficulty accessing information from the council headquarters in Kilmory.

'Staff there were constantly in emergency meetings, so I had difficulty finding someone to speak to. I will be seeking assurances that we have learned lessons from all of this.'

#### Wrong

Councillor Colville said events of the past week had shown the council had been wrong to recently cut future roads spend by £500,000 annually.

'That will mean fewer men and machines, so we will be less resourced to cope with bad weather conditions.'

As Nicola Sturgeon, deputy first minister and minister for infrastructure, visited Kintyre on Tuesday for an overview of the peninsula's crisis, SNP councillor John

Semple praised the efforts of all those involved in trying to restore power to the area.

Councillor Semple, Argyll and Bute's lead councillor for environment, development and infrastructure, said: 'The power outage was completely unprecedented, with 20 problem areas identified across Kintyre.'

'Within 48 hours we had generators going out on ferries which was impressive. CalMac deserves praise for its role.'

'I'm satisfied that everything possible was done to resolve the power problem, with huge cooperation between council staff, police, other emergency services, power providers and community activists.'

'Everybody has done their bit.'

Argyll First councillor Donald Kelly said it was important to recognise the work and resilience of council and emergency staff and volunteers but it was essential the council 'revisits its emergency plan'.

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## When Clachan became an unforgiving place

FOR much of last weekend, the village of Clachan was one of the most unforgiving places to be in the country.

Struck with relentless Arctic conditions, only tractors and emergency vehicles were going anywhere.

Even they could barely see beyond their windscreens at times.

At one point on Saturday, the A83 was cut off in both directions.

To the north, there was impassable snow drifts up to 20ft high. To the south the road was blocked by fallen trees and cables.

At the centre of it all was Clach-

an Filling Station, which is also the village's only shop.

It was there where motorists queued, sometimes going back up to 100 vehicles, in the hope the road north would be opened.

Jacqueline Grant, who works at the filling station, told *the Courier*: 'The power went off about 9am on Friday.

### Two convoys

'A snowplough took two convoys through the six miles to Kennacraig before police shut the road before noon to anything but emergency vehicles.

'Some people stayed where they were in the queue and ended up

sleeping in their cars and trucks.

'Some were given beds for the night by Clachan residents.

'All our milk and bread was sold quickly as locals rushed to buy food.

'I don't think people fully appreciate how bad the conditions were in the village. They were unbelievable.

'It was a blizzard and so cold. The wind never let up.'

Police finally opened the road on Sunday morning, letting motorists through in convoys.

By then, at least one person was reported to have stayed two nights in his van.



Even on Tuesday, the height of the snow just north of Clachan was evident. 08\_c13drift02



Vehicles queued back last Friday morning in the hope of getting through the drifting snow at Clachan.

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## Five-hour trip by boat to get generators to Campbeltown

WHEN the horrendous conditions A83 around Clachan prevented generators for power being brought in by road, the only alternative was to bring them in to Campbeltown by ferry.

However, that was a tough and unpleasant

five-hour journey from Kennacraig for crew and passengers in the early hours of Sunday morning.

'I will never make that journey again,' vowed one Scottish and Southern Energy worker.

The Hebridean Isles re-

turned around the Mull of Kintyre the following day, again battling freezing strong winds, with another load of generators and support workers.

Within the first few hours of the first generators arriving, power

bringing light and heat had been restored to many homes in Campbeltown.

By Monday, Scottish and Southern Energy had ferried a total of 15 large generators and 40 smaller generators to Kintyre and Arran.



One of the massive generators which were up and running in Campbeltown on Sunday morning. This one was situated at Lochend Street.

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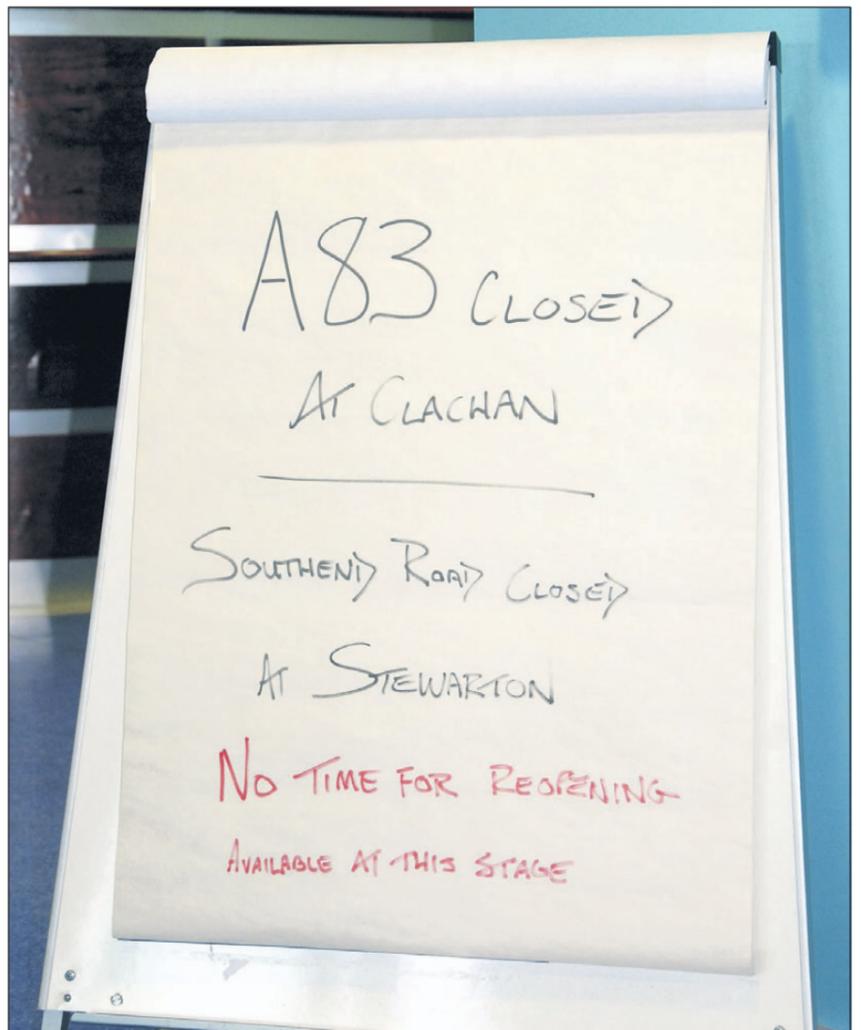
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## Hot food a major concern during power cut

FOOD - and in particular hot food - was a big concern for people in Kintyre over the weekend and the early part of the week.

While many people had gas and were able to cook, many others on the peninsula were unable to because of the loss of electricity last Friday afternoon.

With bitterly cold winds blasting the peninsula, and no heating for thousands of households for days on end, it became a miserable endurance test.

The Courier heard of many reports of those with gas doing what they could to help friends, neighbours and elderly in the area.

Hot food, snacks and drinks were provided. Flasks and hot water bottles were filled.

Tesco and the Co-op in Campbeltown closed when power was lost on Friday.

The Co-op opened for a few hours on Saturday, letting a handful of people in at a time.

It also opened at midnight on Sunday night for an hour when it received a delivery.

Tesco was open again on Sunday, but many of the shelves selling perishables were empty.

It is understood the store gave them away to Campbeltown Hospital and care homes rather than see the food possibly go to waste.

Many smaller food and grocery outlets opened over the weekend, even if it meant staff operating by candle and torchlight.

McIlchere and Son in Main Street, Campbeltown, had a generator operating outside in the street which allowed it to do a roaring trade in hot snacks, soup and drinks on Saturday, and again on Sunday when it would not usually be open.



Empty shelves in Tesco, Campbeltown on Sunday. 08\_c13shelves01

Food supplies began to return to normal at the beginning of the week with the re-opening of the A83.



McIlchere had its own generator which allowed it to sell hot food. 08\_c13mcilcheregen01



### Generation game

EACH of the large generators used to restore power to the peninsula taking 10,000 litres of diesel to fuel them, it was reported.

Not surprisingly, keeping them and the many smaller generators supplied with fuel has been a priority for the power companies.



McIlchere and Son in Main Street, Campbeltown was packed with customers buying hot food and drinks over the weekend. 08\_c13mcilchere01

## Communication Breakdown

POLICE in Campbeltown admitted rapidly deteriorating conditions and communications difficulties led to outdated information being given to the public on Friday.

Officers were ran off their feet trying to deal with the host of problems caused by the weather, including handling questions from travellers anxious to return to Glasgow, Oban and elsewhere.

Some motorists were mistakenly told that the A83 was open on Friday morning - only for them to

then discover the road was closed at Clachan.

Many motorists were disgruntled by the situation.

One said: 'We were quite clearly informed earlier in the day that vehicles were being taken through Clachan by convoy behind a snow plough - yet when we arrived there, we discovered there never was a convoy.'

A police spokeswoman added: 'I would like to personally thank members of the public for all their help and assistance during these difficult times.'

Left: The notice greeting travellers at Campbeltown Police Station on Saturday and Sunday. 08\_c13station01

### Complaint because the deli was closed

THE vast majority of people in Kintyre have made the best of the situation in the past week.

They accepted the limitations, and many have helped others less fortunate than themselves.

However, some were less stoic.

One lady in the Co-op in Campbeltown at the beginning of the week was heard to complain because the deli counter was closed.

### GRADUATION



JENNA MacKAY

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Almost exactly 50 years on, the irresistible forces of nature have reminded us that we may have made enormous technological advances in the past half century but we are still easily outwitted and outdone by bad weather.

So what now? Not surprisingly, there has been a growing clamour in recent days insisting we could have been better prepared, that we could have acted quicker and that we could have made a better job at mastering the challenges which confronted us.

It has been suggested that a ferry link from Campbeltown to Ayrshire would have made a huge difference last weekend.

### Ferocious winds

Unfortunately, even if does make economic sense - and surely everything has to these days - would the ferry really have sailed in those ferocious winds?

Almost certainly not for passengers. The ferries that brought the first generators over the weekend were exceptions because of the need to get power to the peninsula as quick as possible.

It has been suggested the road could have been cleared quicker. That more or better machinery could have been thrown at it. Well, no one who was in Clachan on Friday or Saturday is saying that, especially not those trying to work in the hellish Arctic conditions.

Farmer Colin McCallum, who understands the land and weather better than most and was in the thick of rescue work at Clachan, summed it up perfectly when he said no machinery or organisation could have made a difference.

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### A public thank you from Auchinlee

Sir,  
I am sure there will be a full council debrief to see what worked and did not work over the weekend but Auchinlee would like to take this opportunity to say a public thank you to the members of the local community who helped over the weekend to keep Auchinlee warm and comfortable for the residents.

Thanks to Hector, Murdo, Allan and James who helped keep us warm and fed even without lights. Thanks to the staff, especially to those off duty who worked round the clock to keep the residents safe and secure within their own home.

Our thanks to Lorne and Lowland, Robert and Philip for the use of facilities which gave us time to get organised. Our thanks to the Hydro staff especially the two engineers who got us up and running eventually on Sunday night.

A last thank you to the members of the local community, social work and front line police staff who popped in, or kept us in touch over the weekend to see if they could help in any way.

**Residents and management of Auchinlee.**

### Kindness and compassion

Sir,  
My mobility is presently impaired due to my

accident.

On Saturday evening, 23 March, I was accommodated at the hospital for warmth.

Thank you, all volunteers for your kindness and help.

The following evening, I was transferred along with others to the RAF base where I spent two nights.

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The care and attention was really the best that could be delivered. I want to express my gratitude to you all, and also to Raymond.

Care and repair - you all went that extra mile with your care and attention.

**Eva Macdonald MBE.**

### Less negativity please

Sir,  
Councillor Rory Colville's recent letter states that millions of pounds of taxpayers' money has been spent on the New Quay for the benefit of the wind turbine and timber industries who currently use this facility.

May I point out that millions of taxpayers' money was also spent on building the infrastructure for the now abandoned Ballycastle Ferry Service.

When this ferry service was discontinued, I would have thought it prudent to have had the facilities mothballed until a new ferry plan was put in place.

Am I to believe that this facility was surrendered to the current users of the quay during the intervening years?

I would suggest that, in addition to the planned consultation with the existing users of the quay, a planned meeting should also take place with the local members of the tourism industry in Campbeltown and Kintyre.

They belong to an industry which has hit hard times and the introduction of the proposed new ferry route would be a boost to all concerned. It would also create a new and important tourist loop.

Finally, because of the Scottish Government's rejection of a year's delay in implementing the proposed ferry service, I would suggest that the new ferry route is put in place ASAP. It is astonishing to think that such a tourist friendly ferry service has taken so long to achieve. I would like to see less negativity and a desire to make up for lost time. After all, tourists, like the herring, might disappear for ever.

**Robert McCall,  
Sound of Kintyre.**

### Hats off to all services for a fantastic job

**Emily Peacock said on our Facebook page:**

I went and picked up my son from Campbeltown today.

There are so many power lines down in inaccessible areas and snow on the roads but saw so many different agencies doing everything they can to keep the road passable and get the electricity back on.

There were constant streams of SSE vehicles (travelling and working), other power

companies, Argyll and Bute Council, Transerv, lorries carrying generators, replacement telegraph poles, fuel and other supplies to the area. I take my hats off to them all, doing a fantastic job in the circumstances.

### Disgrace rural areas didn't receive food wagon

**Scott Gosling said on our Facebook page:**

I find it an absolute disgrace that the rural areas, ie. Carradale or Southend, didn't receive a food wagon after promises from the SSE that they would deliver.

Old people especially can't be asked to drive to the town for free food.

I was disgusted to hear reports from many people in the town that people with power or who have had an intermittent power supply were taking full advantage of free food when there were places open, ie. McIlchere's.

To my knowledge the free food was meant to provide people with no power a hot meal.

After being told to find my way to the town last night, I arrived to be told that everything was now rationed.

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## No power meant most garages had to close



ACCESSING fuel became a problem very quickly around Kintyre. With the loss of power last Friday afternoon, most garages could not operate pumps and had to close.

When the Esso garage in Longrow, Campbeltown was able to re-open just after 11am on Sunday, only motorists with petrol cars were able to fill up. A police officer was constantly on duty throughout the day

to ensure order as diesel was retained to supply emergency vehicles only. **400 metres** The queue of motorists for petrol stretched for up to 400 metres at one point.

The previous day, vehicles requiring diesel were able to fill up at McNair's in Kinloch Road, Campbeltown. Again, there were steady queues throughout the day. The fuel problem began to ease

as tankers were convoyed through the snow at Clachan on Sunday. **Priority** However, their priority was powering the temporary generators brought in for electric power for households and businesses.

## Scottish Water makes epic 13-hour journey to help customers affected by the weather and power cuts

SCOTTISH Water battled the elements to help customers whose supply was affected by the weather and power cuts. That involved an epic journey taking 13 hours to cover less than 30 miles. About 100 properties in Tayinloan, Muasdale and Glenbarr are on a pumped water supply from Campbeltown Water Treatment Works and suffered a loss of supply on Saturday because of the lack of electricity. Ross Barclay, a Scottish Water leader, and his team worked in 'atrocious conditions' on Saturday to transport a back-up generator and equipment from Ardrishaig, where it is stored, to Glenbarr Pumping Station. They used two 4x4 ve-

hicles to drive through blizzard conditions to get the generator to Glenbarr. With the snow piled up to 20 feet high in the Clachan area, they needed an Argyll and Bute Council plough to clear a way through for them. They arrived with the generator in Glenbarr at about 8pm on Saturday - having taken 13 hours to complete the journey of 25 to 30 miles. **Horrendous** Mr Barclay said: 'The conditions were horrendous. It was like driving through the Arctic. When we eventually arrived at Glenbarr we were able to restore normal water supplies shortly afterwards.' Scottish Water has been running all of its water treatment works

in the area, at Campbeltown, Carradale, Tarbert and Machrihanish, on generators because of the power cuts. At sites without generators, such as Saddle, Peninver and Kilberry, water was taken in by

tanker to ensure normal supplies. Scottish Water staff also came off annual leave to deliver soup and sandwiches to elderly customers in the Campbeltown area affected by the power cuts.

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# Cuillin Sound pay a visit to the town

THE PRESTIGIOUS wind trio, Cuillin Sound from Manchester performed for the Kintyre Club audience in the Lorne and Lowland Church Hall a week last Tuesday.

This was the second concert in their current ABCT tour, with visits to Inveraray, Bute, Mid-Argyll and Oban to come.

Cuillin Sound is a

woodwind trio with a real difference. Three of Britain's leading players, Amina Hus-sain (flute), Sarah Watts (clarinets) and bassoon-ist, Laurence Perkins, form a beautifully bal-anced ensemble, ideal for this and other music club venues.

### Inspired

They named their group after being in-spired by the land and

seascapes around Skye and Raasay, and their relaxed playing style comes to the fore in all their music, especially in their Scottish pieces.

Their generous pro-gramme was varied and included works by clas-sical and contempo-rary composers, three of them with very Scottish dimensions.

Totally memorable was the first item after

the interval, *The Heart of the Hebrides* by Re-becca Mackay, not only because of the evocative sounds of the music, but also for the accompany-ing visual images, su-perlative colour scenes of the Hebrides, project-ed onto a large screen.

The combination was effective and strangely moving and was much appreciated by the audi-ence.

Other items in the more traditional classi-cal style included pieces by Beethoven, Kummer, Lorenzo and Villa-Lo-bos.

Outside the concert hall, school workshops are a speciality of the group. In Kintyre, we were able to take ad-vantage of this, and two such workshops were held.

### Instructive

For the young people present, it was very in-structive how the three artists watched one an-other carefully and blended perfectly. In their concert, this was shown in a very extreme way when they played *The Carnival of Venice* in a hilarious slapstick manner - as you have never seen or heard it before.

The whole evening was one of great enjoy-ment and our three mus-icians fully deserved the warm and long last-ing applause at the end. JH



CLACHAN Primary School pupils have sung all the right notes after their vocal ensemble came first in the Vocal Ensemble Competition in the Mid Argyll Music Festival last Thursday. Proud mums Lori Silvan, Frances McNeill, Kirsti Paisley and Lesley Norris with the pupils: Lewis McNeill, Leo Silvan, Morvern Paisley, Eilidh Norrish and Kayleigh McNeill.



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## Campbeltown Sailing Club win Rotary quiz

AFTER a closely fought contest, Campbeltown Sailing Club came out victorious in the annual Rotary Quiz during March.

There were 12 teams taking part in the competition, but it was the team of Hilary Lord, Judy Orr, David Lord and Dave Morris who took the honours.

After 14 rounds of questions, delivered by question master Clive Good, two teams tied for first and second place, and two teams tied for third and fourth place. These four teams were given a further round of six questions, which decided third and fourth places, but still left a

tie between the Sailing Club, and Rotary team, consisting of David Gardiner, Don Mitchell, David Ropper and Ronald Togneri.

A final tiebreak question gave victory to the Sailing Club.

### Newcomers

In third place was a team called Leftovers, who were never far behind the leaders, and pushing them hard in fourth place were newcomers to the competition, the team from Stewart, Balfour and Sutherland.

The Rotary Club wishes to thank all who took part in what proved to be a very enjoyable evening.

## Several events had to be cancelled due to the weather

DUE to the weekend's severe weather, several events due to take place were cancelled.

The Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning on Saturday had to be called off due to the power cut, as well as the Highland Parish Church's coffee afternoon due to take place the same day.

The annual diecast model show, which would have seen a plethora of model vehicles fill the Masonic Hall, was also cancelled on Sunday.

## Adjudicator impressed by some 'incredible' playing at Campbeltown Brass Solo and Ensemble Competition

THERE were 35 entries keeping adjudicators busy at Campbeltown Brass' annual Solo and Ensemble Competition on March 17 at Lorne and Lowland Hall.

This year, beginners from local primary schools were also invited to take part in the competition even though they were not all members of the band.

Bede Williams, adjudicator at the competition, currently teaches at St Mary's Music School and St Andrews University.

He said he was very impressed with all the players and found the standard of playing incredible.

This made his decision on the eventual winners very difficult.

In the beginner class, Shanna Brown was named the winner and the junior class was won by Amy Paterson. Innes

Roy won the intermediate solo, with the open solo going to Aimilia Chute.

Results: Beginners Solo: Winner - Shanna Brown, Second - Katie MacPherson; Beginners Ensemble: Winner - Shanna Brown and Katie Macpherson; Second - Beginners Ensemble; Junior Solo: Winner - Amy Paterson, Second - Erin McLellan; Junior Ensemble: Winner - Amy Paterson and Hannah Oman; Intermediate Solo: Winner - Innes Roy, Second - Kirsten Souter, Lucy Kerr, Owen Pickering and Dylan Brown; Intermediate Ensemble: Winner - Trombone and Euph Quartet, Second - Maddie Roy and Abbie Mathieson; Open Solo: Winner - Aimilia Chute, Second - Tanya MacDonald; Open Ensemble: Winner - Sally Chute and Murray Ralston, Second - Cornet Trio.

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# CUT OFF KINTYRE

## Powered to keep going - into the night



Power workers back at their vehicles having just come down off the hill on the outskirts of Campbeltown. 08\_c13workers01

THE first power crews to arrive in Kintyre immediately worked well into the night - despite ferocious and bitterly cold winds.

Their vehicle lights could be seen on the wind-blasted hill at the mast above Fort Argyll until 9pm on Sunday.

One team leader, from Stornoway, told the Courier on Sunday: 'It is crazy, the damage all over.'

'It is a lot worse than we thought originally.'

'We are going to be here for days and days.'

'Some people may be without power for a few days yet.'

'Some of the jobs need a lot of material and machinery. It's easy enough once you get that in place.'

'However, there are things we can do in the meantime. We can put in temporary generators in certain sections.'

'Most people are appreciative of what we do. It is 5.30pm but we will keep going for as long as we feel we are working effectively.'

Asked if the extreme weather conditions were a problem, he smiled: 'It's not too bad today.'

'Anyway, we see it as a challenge. It goes with the job.'

### Missing the power point?

MOST power workers have been going about their tasks quietly and valiantly in extremely challenging conditions this week.

However, at the Ardshiel Hotel on Tuesday morning - where around 14 of the engineers were given hot food and a bed at short notice despite the hotel having no electricity - one worker was heard to moan the following morning that it had been cold in the room and that he could not get a hot shower.

Perhaps one of his colleagues eventually reminded him why he had been brought into Campbeltown in the first place?

## Engineers drafted in from all over the country

### Three pylons had come down and five were damaged

HUNDREDS of engineers were drafted in from all over UK, from Stornoway to Hampshire, to work on restoring power to Kintyre.

More than 500 extra staff arrived in Kintyre at Arran at the beginning of the week, with others on standby.

These included crews with specialist equipment, tree cutters and linesmen.

By Monday, 60 Scottish Hydro Power Distribution (SHEPD) staff alone were working on restoring the main power transmission line

in Crossaig Forest north of Carradale.

Three pylons had come down there and a further five were damaged.

'It was a real team effort with police and the local authority to gain access,' said a Scottish and Southern Energy spokesman on Monday.

'Now we are hoping to get things moving.'

'Instances of significant damage to the electricity network infrastructure have been among the worst seen for 30 years with the weight of line

icing pressurising the transmission lines around Crossaig.

Six helicopters have also been dedicated to the work in Kintyre and on Arran, with four capable of lifting heavy materials and equipment.

#### Hot food

Mobile hot food outlets were organised by SHEPD at eight strategic locations in Argyll and Arran, offering hot food and drinks.

Extra call handlers gave advice to those who lost electricity.

Stuart Hogarth, SHEPD director of distribution, said: 'Gaining access to our infrastructure has been very challenging for us.'

'Staff have been wherever it is safe to do so but conditions have been particularly challenging.'

'Road conditions have made it difficult for us to reach areas of damage.'

'Every effort is being made to 'keep the lights on' in these extremely challenging and unseasonal weather conditions.'

### No one to blame

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of Clachan, said he and his son, Alistair (24), spent the best part of Friday digging out cars stuck in drifts and even a snow plough.

'A van got stuck in front of the plough,' he said. 'By the time it got the van out and turned, the snowdrift was that big that it couldn't get through it.'

Mr McCallum, a beef and sheep farmer, lost a 90ft shed under the weight of 18 inches of snow. Most of his buildings' roofs and gutters collapsed. Hedges and fences were also flattened.

He added: 'I have lived here all my life, and I have never seen it as bad since 1963.'

# CUT OFF KINTYRE

## Tractor gets Lynn to New York flight

by GRAHAM CRAWFORD  
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NOTHING - not even a road closed by blizzard conditions and 20ft high snowdrifts - was going to stop Lynn McKay catching her flights to New York last Friday.

The 25-year-old Campbeltown woman was absolutely determined she would find a way to meet three former schoolfriends for their week's holiday in the Big Apple.

However, nobody could have guessed that would involve hitching a lift with an obliging farmer who took her - and her suitcase - 10 miles to Tarbert where she caught a bus to Glasgow.

Her mum, Kate, of Craigowan Road, Campbeltown, told *The Courier*: 'She arrived at Clachan with her boyfriend who was taking her to Glasgow Airport.'

'When it became clear the police had shut the road and no one was going any further by road, she somehow got herself a lift by tractor.'

'She was determined to get to New York no matter what. She wanted to meet her friends

and she didn't want to lose the money she had spent on flights.

'She met Karen McCormack in Glasgow but their connecting flight to London was 90 minutes late.

'They missed the connection in London where Lisa Hardy, now working in Reading, met them but they got on the next flight and made it to New York.'

There, the trio met schoolpal Katherine Ronald who has been in New Zealand for the past few years.

Alisdair Sloan, 27, of Gartnechenach, Clachan, was Lynn's knight in a tractor - if not on a white charger.

He told *The Courier*: 'I felt bad for her when I heard of her plight and how much money she had spent on the holiday.'

'Luckily, the tractor had a passenger seat, and we tucked her bag down the other side of the cab.'

'I had to clear my way up the hill at first. I reckon it took us about an hour in whiteout conditions.'



Alisdair Sloan who saved the day for New York bound Lynn McKay. 08\_c13newyork01

## Mixed messages over whether the grammar school was open or not

CONFUSION over whether or not Campbeltown Grammar School was due to open on Monday will prompt a review of the council's internal communications.

This comes after a school employee was involved in a debate with Argyll and Bute Council's 'Weathering the Storm' Facebook page administrator over whether the school would be opening on Monday due to a heating failure.

The council's page insisted the school would be opening, while Becky McTaggart argued the school was closed.

She said: 'Hi, I work in the

school and I've been told to let pupils know that the school is definitely not open to any pupils, one of the depute heads is trying to get in touch with communications to let you know as there are problems with the heating.'

The school's website also stated it would be closed.

However, the council responded: 'Hello Becky and Jo - we understand the statement on the website was made earlier today. We have just double-checked and the heating/power issue is resolved, the school can open and will be open tomorrow - for pupils who are able to walk to school safely.'

The *Courier* learned the school's deputy head had contacted former employees of the press office in order to have the council's posts removed, fearing pupils would travel to school with no staff present.

A spokeswoman for the council said: 'We've got very tight resources at the moment but the council website is the place to look for accurate information.'

'From the point of view of mixed messages from individuals we will have to look into that.'

The school opened on Monday, despite its website continuing to say it would be closed.



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TARBERT



CHILDREN at Gigha Primary School showed off their dance moves while taking part in a non-stop hour-long dance for Comic Relief. The pupils managed to waltz their way to raising £510 for the cause on March 15, with a well earned rest and finger buffet at the end to celebrate their success.

TARBERT

Medieval Melee at Tarbert Castle

WANNABE knights are invited to join in the historical fun at Tarbert Castle's Medieval Melee on June 1.

The fun and games start at 10am with the old favourites crossbow and jousting practice, along with stalls and a barbecue.

At 12.30pm Robert the Bruce arrives and Tarbert Academy pupils will welcome visitors to the event, after which the saltire will be raised to celebrate the completion of preservation work at the castle.

Those who wish to visit are advised to bring a camera as there will be plenty of medieval outfits floating around.

CLACHAN

Flower festival

FLOWERS and Campbeltown Picture House are the unlikely combination at Clachan's flower festival at Kilcalmonell Church during Easter weekend.

The theme this year celebrates Campbeltown Cinema's 100th anniversary and will be sure to inspire some fascinating displays.

Arrangers from Tarbert all the way down to Campbeltown will be showing off their arrangements as well as individuals and various groups from the village.

The festival starts today (Friday) opening from 2pm-6pm, then from 10am-6pm tomorrow and 11am-5pm on Easter Sunday.

ISLAY

Toy Library has got its wheels

ISLAY and Jura's toy library has now got wheels, after buying a mini van to transport toys, resources and

equipment across the two islands.

The library also recently held a junk modelling and valentine craft afternoon, with a range of different creations made, including a giant robot and a luxury house.

To view photos of a variety of the crafts made visit the Toy Library.

Siobhan aims high

AN ISLAY youngster has put herself through tough auditions and interviews to win herself a place on Scottish Youth Theatre's Performance and Production Programme.

Siobhan MacNab, who hopes to one day study a BA in acting at Glasgow's Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, will be taking part in the six week summer course which is part of the Scottish Youth Theatre's summer festival.

In order to gain a place on the course, Siobhan attended a workshop where her abilities were judged and an audition where she performed two monologues - one which she devised herself and another from Liz Lochhead's Mary Queen of Scots Got Her Head Chopped Off.

She also played the clarinet and sang a verse and chorus of her own choice.

CARRADALE

Easter Bunny Hunt

CHILDREN and adults will be hopping around Carradale's forests on the hunt for bunnies at the annual Easter Bunny Hunt on Monday.

From 11am until 3pm people are invited to go on the hunt, which takes place at Carradale Network Centre.

SOUTHEND

Primary school awarded £1,000

SOUTHEND Primary School has been awarded £1,000 from the Scottish Hydro Tanga2 Community Fund.

Other organisations to have benefited from the latest awards announced by Southend Community Council are: 4th Argyll (Southend) Scout

GLENBARR



PUPILS at Glenbarr Primary were thinking of the delights of homemade soup as they all mucked in to prepare the school's vegetable patch for sowing and planting. 'They are very fond of their soups,' smiled head teacher (and head gardener) Maureen Taylor. 'We will eventually be planting carrots, leeks and potatoes. We also grow our own tomatoes.' All 13 of the school's pupils, from primary one to seven, get stuck into the digging last week. 20\_c13glenbarr01

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# CUT OFF KINTYRE



## Hospital provides essential lifeline

CAMPBELTOWN Hospital has been a hub of activity since Saturday as the location of Kintyre's emergency volunteer centre.

Several beds in the hospital were opened up to allow the vulnerable to stay somewhere warm, as several people were in danger of going hypothermic.

After making a call for volunteers, over 70 people turned up on Saturday, with even more on Sunday willing to look after those who were struggling in various communities in Kintyre.

Those who work at the hospital were on site flat out throughout the weekend, working for three or four days straight.

Six beds for females and three for males were opened in the Bengullion ward to accommodate those brought in because of the cold. They will not return home until power is restored to their houses and they can be sure it is warm enough.

### Very busy

Kitchen staff at the hospital were also very busy, cooking 1,000 hot meals on Sunday alone for those in the communi-

ty who needed them most.

Councillor Donald Kelly believes the situation over the past few days has shown the hospital in Campbeltown is very much needed.

He said: 'The NHS need to revisit their ill-advised plan to reduce bed numbers at Campbeltown Hospital.'

MSP Jamie McGrigor also echoed these sentiments when he brought the matter up in the Scottish Parliament on Wednesday, asking for transport minister Keith Brown to acknowledge the importance of the hospital.



Hospital kitchen staff and volunteers have been preparing food for vulnerable people in the community since Saturday. 20\_c13hospital01

## Lack of information the big problem

A LACK of information has been identified as the main problem for those stuck outside Kintyre trying to get home after a weekend away.

Several people who had gone up the road on Thursday or Friday found themselves unable to get back home once the road was closed.

Lorriane McPhail, who lives close to Glenbarr, had tried to get home on

Sunday night but to no avail.

She said: 'The most frustrating thing up the road was the lack of information.'

'A lot of us up the road were texting each other if we heard anything.'

### Rarely updated

She added the council's website was rarely updated and often old information was given a newer date - although

nothing has changed. She did, however, praise the council for creating a dedicated Facebook page: 'The Facebook page was of a help to those of us who were up here, but there were no answers to questions posted.'

With mobile networks also down in Kintyre, her only way of contact to home was by landline, but even this was in

danger after the phone line at her house went down.

Her husband, Neil, discovered the weight of the ice had pulled the wire out, but luckily was able to put the wire back in the box and get the phone working again.

Lorraine said: 'If I couldn't have spoken to him on the phone I would have been absolutely frantic.'

## Flights affected by the weather

CAMPBELTOWN'S flights were affected heavily by the severe weather which hit the Kintyre peninsula on Friday.

Flights to and from Campbeltown were cancelled on Friday afternoon, leaving passengers stranded both in Kintyre and Glasgow.

With no flights scheduled over the weekend, no ferry and road closures, there was no way out or in to the peninsula on Saturday or Sunday.

However, flights resumed on Monday morning to their normal timetable.

## Salvation Army provides hot drinks

THE Salvation Army in Campbeltown had planned a fundraising coffee morning last Saturday.

Instead, it cancelled that and spent the day providing hot drinks for any members of the public. Flasks and hot water bottles were also filled up.

Signs were quickly put up in local shops, letting people know what was available.

Corp Sergeant Major Stuart McLean said: 'At one point we had quite a queue of people getting flasks filled so they could get tea in their own homes or take hot water to friends or neighbours.'

'One or two of our members also went around to our corp locals, taking them hot water and soup.'

'When I was a boy, I remember fishing boats from Ayrshire bringing us food during the heavy

snow storms of 1963.

'This is the worst situation in Kintyre since then.'

The hall in Burnside was also open on Sunday offering hot drinks for those still without power.



The Salvation Army in Burnside, Campbeltown provided hot drinks and water over the weekend. 08\_c13sally

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# Deputy first minister pays a visit to assess the damage and speak to residents

## However, she refused to say Kintyre would get extra funding from the Scottish Government

DESPITE Kintyre being effectively cut off over the weekend, cabinet secretary Nicola Sturgeon refused to say if Kintyre would receive extra funding from the Scottish Government.

The deputy first minister made a visit to Kintyre on Tuesday to assess the damage and speak to people in various villages in the peninsula, including Clachan and Machrihanish. She also paid a visit to Campbeltown Hospital where she spoke to volunteers.

Her comments came after a Campbeltown community councillor said the events of the previous few days had emphasised how reliant the peninsula is on the one road.

Ann Gallacher said: 'I think the road situation highlighted the problem that if the road is closed we're cut off.'

'We need to focus on ensuring it's not so severe ever again and

that we do have an out.

'If we had the direct link to Ayrshire it would be a lot easier.'

While Ms Sturgeon admitted there would be a review of what happened once the situation had settled down, she refused to be drawn in to answering questions about whether more money needed to be put into Kintyre's infrastructure.

She said: 'I think after any other incident once we get through the crisis point and things are back to normal a process is gone through. Together with our partners we look and see if there are lessons to be learned.'

When repeatedly asked by the *Courier* if the trunking of the A83 from Kennacraig south would be prioritised because of the events of the weekend she explained: 'We have set out our transport priorities in the Strategic Transport Project Review and it is kept

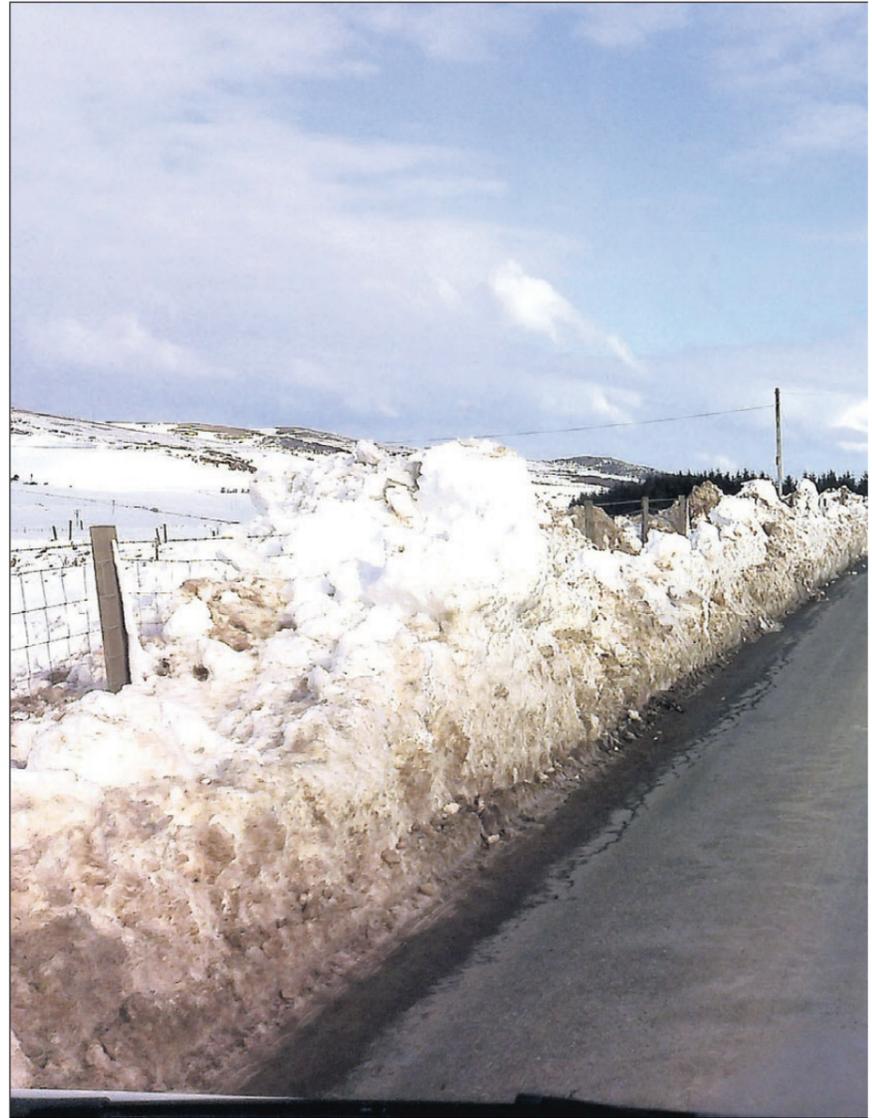
under review all the time.

'The key priority here has been to deal with the problem and the main focus has to remain at getting the power back on as quickly as possible.'

Argyll First councillor Donald Kelly praised the work of staff and volunteers over the past few days. He said: 'The resilience and camaraderie throughout our community has been second to none with many people going far and beyond the call of duty.'

'However Argyll and Bute Council must and will, as a matter of priority, revisit their emergency plan and make it more robust, concentrating on simplicity and developing better communication links with the public.'

'The Scottish Government will also require to step up to the plate and honour their commitment as per the Argyll First Group's petition to trunk the A83.'



The road to Southend was clear by Tuesday, but the level of snow which hit the area was still evident.

## Delivery of generator at Carradale delayed by wrong information

WRONG information has caused Carradale to have delivery of a generator delayed, with power finally restored to the village on Tuesday morning.

Electricity in Carradale initially went off at 10pm on Thursday, leaving the 500 people living there with no heating, cookers or hot water for five nights in all.

Community councillor Shelagh Cameron believes they would have had power sooner, which was desperately needed at Auchinlee home to keep residents warm, if it were not for misinformation given to Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) about road conditions.

She said: 'SSE phoned and said they were sorry they couldn't get the generator to Carradale but it was due to ice on the road.'

'I said there's no ice on the road and the road to the south is completely clear.'

Later, the representative from SSE called her back and told her that the information they had been given was incorrect, and she was right about the road.

It is not known where SSE had got their information about road conditions from, although Shelagh believes they may have been looking at the road north of Carradale, rather than the one going south.

Despite the difficult conditions, villagers made sure to look out for each other, especially the large elderly population.

Shelagh said: 'People are going to neighbours and checking up.'

'The school cook took all the food from the school and the hotel is cooking it and giving it out.'

## Gigha Hotel comes to the rescue

GIGHA Hotel was the saving grace for islanders during the power cut.

'It has its own generator, so most of the 150 resident on the island knew they could find their way there if they wanted hot food or drinks,' said Jackie Currie, administration assistant with Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust.

She said the island lost power at 9.30am on Friday and returned for some islanders on Monday evening.

### Intermittent

However, the power went off for them on Tuesday at 8am and proved intermittent until being fully restored across the island by Wednesday morning.

'Hopefully, that is it back on for good,' added Ms Currie.

Resident were also unable to get off the island for food or fuel on Friday and Saturday, with the ferry unable to run because of the high winds. Many islanders also lost food which had been kept in freezers.



Deputy first minister Nicola Sturgeon meets Mary Binnie who lives in the Ralston Road area of Campbeltown and is staying in hospital after there were fears she would go hypothermic in her home. 20\_c13sturgeon01



## MSP praises work of the SSE teams, council staff and emergency services

MIKE Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, praised the work of the SSE teams, council staff and emergency services.

He said on Monday: 'I spoke to Councillor John Semple in Campbeltown and to a number of other people on the ground.

'The situation remains very serious but everyone is full of admiration for the work of the SSE teams, council staff and the emergency services.

'There is also much comment about the community spirit that is prevailing and the mutual help that is being provided.

### Emergency support

'I have also been in touch with the people in the Scottish Government who provide emergency support and help with resilience and who have been liaising closely with the council, SSE and the police.

'I have passed on to them issues raised by Councillor Semple about South Kintyre and Campbeltown, and concerns raised by him and others about Carradale where there have been particular difficulties arising from lack of fuel, gas and heating for three days now.

### Alleviate

'Work is being done to try and alleviate these problems and to ensure that information is given to all communities as quickly as possible about the restoration of power and telephones, what areas are likely to get service back and when.

'My office and I remain keen to help in any way possible and will offer whatever support we can to individuals, communities and those working so hard in such difficult conditions.'

## The land the world forgot

FOR a few days, Kintyre appeared to be the land the world forgot.

Early news reports on weather problems focused almost entirely on the plight facing Arran - despite similarly severe weather and power cuts affecting even more people in Kintyre.

Most newspaper reports on Saturday, Sunday and Monday barely gave Kintyre a passing mention, much to the frustration of the area's residents.

Television coverage was equally scant, and it was Tuesday before the media finally woke up to the peninsula's problems. That was when BBC and STV camera crews arrived along with a Press Association reporter.

Hardly breaking news - but better late than never.

Ann Gallacher, a Campbeltown community councillor, said: 'Everything was about Arran. It didn't help Kintyre that we got so little coverage in the regional news.'

## Southend a 'forgotten community'

THOSE living in Southend have felt like a 'forgotten community' after several problems with generators during the last few days.

Despite this, they have soldiered on through some of the worst snow conditions in the peninsula, having what was described by community councillor John Bakes as

a 'Dunkirk spirit'.

On Tuesday night there was renewed hope the village had its power back after a generator was brought in, and for a brief moment part of the village was lit up. Unfortunately, the generator then tripped out and Scottish and Southern engineers have been left trying to figure out how to stop it

happening.

John said: 'Francis at the tea room has been providing food and hot water for people.

'The community council and health workers have been going round everybody we think is vulnerable and checking on them.

'As far as I can tell, everyone is very resilient.'

## Special travel arrangements for Oban doctors

TWO doctors from Oban Hospital were given special treatment to get out of Kintyre and back to their duties.

The surgeon and physician, who had been working in clinics in Campbeltown, had been due to return north on Friday.

However, the A83 road closure at Clachan prevented them returning in time for scheduled appointments.

A special arrangement was made for them to board the Hebridean Isles ferry which was returning to Kennacraig on Sunday morning after delivering generators to Campbeltown.

## 'People a lot worse off than we are'

'THERE'S people a lot worse off than us' was the message coming from Peter Sinclair at Glenbarr Stores in Glenbarr, despite the fact the village still had no power on Tuesday morning.

The power cut in the village began on Friday morning at 7.15am, with electricity finally restored later on Tuesday, although some of the houses further out of the village remain without power.

Luckily at the shop in Glenbarr they have a generator, so have been able to stay open to allow people to buy much needed supplies.

However, it does require a lot of fuel to

keep it running and Peter has had to get up at all hours of the morning to make sure it continues running.

### Plenty stock

He said: 'We do distribution of fuel like coal and we have managed to get to all the villages in the peninsula. We've had plenty stock, luckily, and have managed to keep everybody happy.'

In the coffee shop, Peter was serving soup to those who needed it on Sunday.

He said: 'We've been making sure we go and see people. There's a bit of community spirit.

'We're working away as best we can.'

## Kind kindling offer by Tayinloan youths

YOUNGSTERS in Tayinloan certainly did their bit for the community last weekend.

Half a dozen boys and girls between the ages of eight and 12 went around

all the 40 houses in the main village offering free kindling for fires.

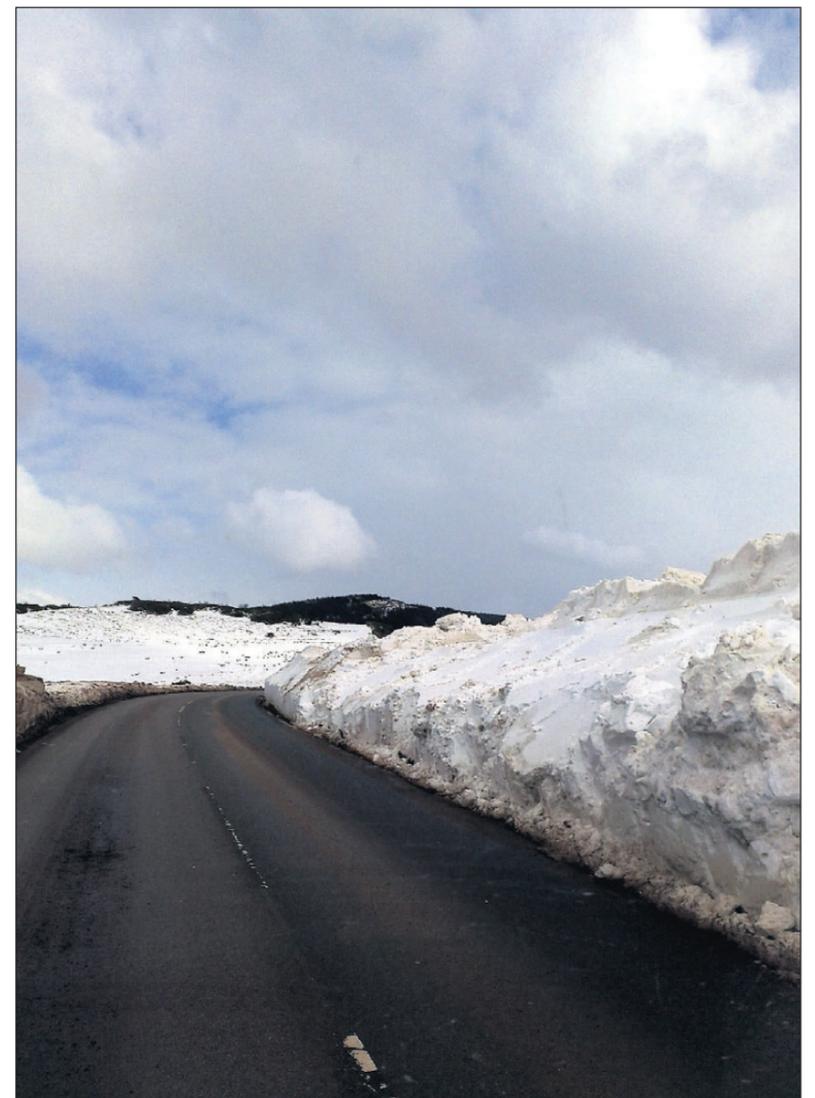
'They had chopped up old orange boxes and pallets and were knocking on all the doors,' said Lin-

da Hutchinson, of Cara View, Tayinloan.

'I thought it was a lovely thing for them to do when a lot of people would have been struggling to get out of their homes.'

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# Young farmers receive special mention in parliament

CAMPBELTOWN Young Farmers received a positive mention in the Scottish parliament last week.

Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands Conservative MSP and the Scottish Conservative environment spokesman, praised the role of young farmers' clubs in.

He was speaking in a marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Scottish Association of Young Farmers' Clubs (SAYFC).

Mr McGrigor said: 'Young farmers' clubs across Scotland are an extremely important part of rural life and offer an excellent oppor-

tunity for young farmers, as well as those who are not farmers but who are interested in the sector, to meet others, learn new skills and share experiences.

'The SAYFC represents more than 3,000 members including next generation farmers, food producers and young rural citizens.

'Young farmers' clubs engage in a wide range of activities - including stock judging, lamb and cattle dressing, sheep shearing, curling, football, tug of war, charity fundraising and performing arts - which help our young people develop very important

interpersonal and team-building skills, as well as expertise that can be used in agricultural work.

'I know that in my native Argyll and Bute we have good young farmers' clubs in Bute and Campbeltown and I am delighted that a new T-tree group has now started.

'All of us in this chamber support action being taken by government to encourage and support new entrants to farming, and young farmers' clubs have a very important role to play in nurturing the ambitions of those who want to join our farming sector.'



Last week's bad weather took a heavy toll at Colin McCallum's Strathnafanaig Farm at Clachan when a 90ft shed collapsed with the weight of snow. Mr McCallum also suffered extensive damage to fencing and hedgerows on his 550-acre farm which sits on either side of the A83.

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## Sheep perish in severe weather

SEVERAL farmers in the Kintyre area have been left looking for their sheep after the severe weather left some caught in huge snow drifts.

Neil MacPhail at Skernish has lost quite a few sheep in the storms and is now battling to keep them fed after running out of feeding.

Thick snow, which has settled far up the glen, has

covered the grass the sheep would normally be eating.

### Desperately need

In order to get them the food they desperately need, Neil has had to travel to Lochgilphead to buy feeding on Tuesday, as he has nothing else left to give them.

## Market Reports

### Caledonian Auction Marts

A TOP price of £1,080 for a 435kg Simmental from Mathew Ralston, Rhoin Farm was achieved at Caledonian Marts on March 18.

Bullocks (387) averaged 233p per kg no change to 271p per kg for a 210kg Limousin from, Upper Inchwood, Kilsyth and to £1,420 gross for three 615kg Simmentals from Peacockbank, Stewarton.

Heifers (253) averaged 224p per kilo up 1p to 265.5p per kilo for two 290kg Charolais from Offers, Gargunnoch and to £1290 gross for a 570kg Charolais from Burnhead, Kilsyth.

Bulls(5)averaged223p per kg (no change) to 316p per kg for a 250kg British Blue from Tay-

lorton, Stirling and to £830 gross for a 430kg Simmental from Easter Dullatur, Kilsyth.

Argyll Leading Prices: 78 Cattle forward from Kintyre & Knapdale Area which sold to a top of £1,080 for a 435kg Simmental from Mathew Ralston, Rhoin Farm and to 262p per kg for Shorthorn's from Kennacraig, Tarbert.

Heifers topped at £1,080 for two 485kg Simmentals again from Mathew Ralston and to 245p per kg for a 330kg Limousin from Jamie Black, Tandy.

Leading the Native Bred Section was John McDonald, Knocknaha with a 455kg Aberdeen Angus which made £1,000.

Other leading prices: Simmental Bullocks - £1,070 Rhoin; Charolais Bullocks - £990

Knocknaha; Limousins Bullocks £980 Tandy; Cross Bullocks - £800 Langholm; Charolais x Heifers - £910 Knocknaha.

### Islay Auction Mart

UNITED Auctions held a special sale of 208 grazing cattle at Islay Auction Mart last Thursday.

Bullocks sold to £1,110 per head for Angus Crosses from Aoradh and 272p per kilo for Charolais Crosses, also from Aoradh.

Heifers sold to £1,070 for Charolais Crosses and 263p per kilo from Aoradh.

The overall average for Bullocks was £883.94 or 243.76p per kilo while Heifers averaged £744.56 or 229.25 pence per kilo.

A good selection of grazing cattle met a firm trade and sold to a good following of regular mainland buyers.

Top prices per head: Bullocks £1,110, £990 (7), £980(8), £840 (6) - RSPB Aoradh.

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Limx £1,020 (4), £1,010, £970 (9), £900 (3), £890(4), £870 (6) - RSPB Aoradh : £860 - Woodend.

Heifers AAX £800, £700 (7) - RSPB Aoradh.

Charx £1,070, £1,020, £960, £940 (5), £930 (4), £910, £900,£850 (5) - RSPB Aoradh : £830 - Cladville £820 (4) - RSPB Aoradh.

Limx: £790(2) & £770 (7) - RSPB Aoradh.

Top price per kilo

Bullocks AAX 263p (6), 254p (7) - RSPB Aoradh : 248p (2) - Dunlossit Estate : 246p (8) - RSPB Aoradh: 230p -Dunlossit Estate.

Charx 272p, 268p (2), 258p (8), 249p (2), 246p (5), 243p (5), 241p, 237p (2) - RSPB Aoradh.

Limx: 256p (4) - RSPB Aoradh : 254p -Woodend : 253p (4), 250p (4), 249p (3) - RSPB Aoradh 248p (2) - Dunlossit Estate : 245p (2), 243p (9) & 238p (2) - RSPB Aoradh.

Luing 210p (2) - RSPB Aoradh.

Heifers AAX 213p (7) - RSPB Aoradh.

Charx 263p, 252p (4), 250p, 248p, 246p (5), 245p (6), 240p (4), 222p, 221p (2) - RSPB Aoradh.

Limx 252p (7), 236p (7) - RSPB Aoradh 220p & 216p (5) - Dunlossit Estate.

### Caledonian Marts (Stirling)

CALEDONIAN Marts Stirling Ltd had forward 2116 Prime Hoggets and 638 Cast Ewes and Tups for sale on Tuesday.

Prime Hoggets (2116) sold to 263p per kilo for 41kg Beltex's from DS & RC Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill and £120 for 49kgs to average 197.23p (-10.02p on the week). 1,007 SQQ Hoggets averaged 210.92p per kilo.

Leading prices - p per kilo & £ per head: Belt - 256p Cuilburn, £108

Easter Ochtermuthill; Belt x - 246p Easter Ochtermuthill, £105 New Farm; Cont - 238p Ballinloan, £105 Meikle Seggie, Whitecross;

Tex - 236p Drumcairn, £110 Letter; Tex x - 231p Whitecross, £106

Nether Strathkinness, Whitecross, Drumcairn, Letter, Drumloch; Chev - 230p Ballinloan, £98.50 Ballinloan;

Suff - 219p Newton Farm, £97 Summerhouse Farm; Suff x - 216p Summerhouse Farm, £96.50 Nether Strathkinness; Cross - 218p Touchie, £92.50 Blair Mains; BF - 202p Easter Cash, £87 High Dyke;

Also forward were 638 Cast Ewes and Tups.

Heavy Ewes (216) averaged £87.66 selling to a top of £126.50 for Texel's from Mr R Downie, Newton of Crathie.

Export Ewes (410) averaged £60 selling to a top of £79.50 for Cheviots from Mr J Haggart, Aberuthven.

Tups (12) sold to a top of £105.50 for a Texel from Mr D L Young, Finmont.

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A Meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee will be held in the Town Hall, Campbeltown at 10.00a.m. - Wednesday, 3 April, 2013

Members of the public are welcome to attend and a public question time will take place for 30 minutes during the meeting. Questions can be asked on the day or can be submitted in advance to the Area Governance Manager, 22 Hill Street, Dunoon PA23 7AP. Telephone: 01369 707134.

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**Seawater Operations Manager  
Loch Etive, nr Taynuilt**

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If you are interested in applying for this position please send your CV, by Monday 18th April 2013, to:

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

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

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Please apply in writing with CV and mark the envelope 'Vacancy' to, The Port Manager, Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority, Garval Road, Tarbert, PA29 6TR by 8th April 2013.



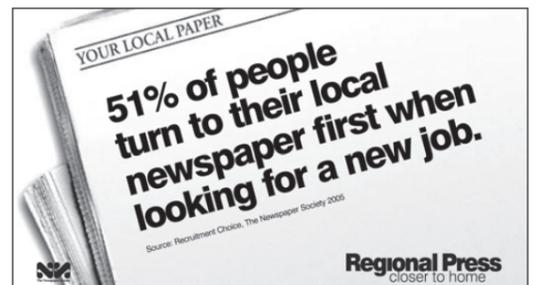
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A full job description is available on request. Applicants should apply in writing including their CV, preferably online to Julie.Lockhart@dawson-energy.co.uk or by post to J.Lockhart at the address below. Closing date for applications is 5th April 2013.

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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



HOW often this week I have thought of the Beatles' song, *I can get by with a little help from my friends*.

We were just not prepared for the awful weather that struck Kintyre and Arran last Friday, and we are still coping with its impact.

Eighteen feet of ice wall cut us off at Clachan and a similar scenario was played out at Cross-aig.

Siberia like conditions prevented rescue services getting through and right along the peninsula we froze and shivered.

Power was off, phones were down, water supply failed, and we felt helpless.

But how this brought out the best in people.

Teams of volunteers set up soup kitchens and neighbours went round the doors of the most vulnerable with hot drinks and soup.

McIlchere's provided a wonderful service to the community by opening all day on Sunday to make sure people had something hot to warm them and friendly chat to cheer them.

The Red Cross and Salvation Army went into action to reach the most at risk.

Kindness and concern wrapped Kintyre in a blanket when it was most needed.

As we approach Easter this weekend, we think of the who asked us to look out for our neighbour.

We remember the great command of Jesus who told us to love one another, for in so doing we would be doing the will of God.

Whatever your belief or persuasion, it was love of neighbour that held us all together in this winter time.

I think we all got by 'with more than a little help from our friends'.

So to all these who went out in the cold, armed with soup and compassion, thank you.

And when the snow has long gone, the memories will remain of stories of kindness that came in the guise of a good neighbour.

Happy Easter!

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# CUT OFF KINTYRE

## Hotels praised for looking after stranded guests

HOTELS in Campbeltown were praised for the efforts they made on behalf of guests stranded in Kintyre.

Languages teacher John Morrow, 62, of Paisley, who was in Campbeltown on Advanced Higher duties, was unstinting in his praise for the staff at Ardshiel Hotel.

He told *the Courier*: 'They could not have done more to feed and accommodate guests.'

'We may have been without heating like everyone else, but we were still provided with good hot meals throughout the day - and excellent food at that, despite the cook working with just limited emergency lighting.'

### On our way

'There were about 10 of us who had to stay Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights instead of being on our way up the A83.'

'Nothing was too much trouble for manager Flora Grant and her staff, and it was all done with the minimum of fuss.'

Four Ayrshire golfers who were transferred



Stranded guests heaped praise on staff at Ardshiel Hotel, Campbeltown. 08\_c13ardshiel01

from Ugadale Hotel to the Royal in Campbeltown on Friday said: 'Staff at both places were really friendly and helpful.'

'They made sure we always had soup, sandwiches and coffee.'

On Monday, Ugadale

Hotel invited Machrahanish residents for free lunches and dinners.

One villager said on Monday: 'We had gorgeous soup and stew followed tea, coffee and toast. I'm feeling totally rejuvenated.'

### Hot meals

Hotels in the area also took hot meals to regular customers who were unable to leave their

homes because of the weather.

However, they have not always been able to help as much as they would have liked to.

'I have had a phone calls from families with young children who had gone days without heating or hot food and were desperate,' said Flora Grant at the Ardshiel on Tuesday.

'I've also had calls from people living outside Kintyre wanting me to take in their elderly relatives.'

'I'd love to help everybody, however sometimes I can't because I'm fully booked.'

On Tuesday, the Ardshiel's function room was taken over as an operations centre by Scottish Hydro staff.

## Motorists caught out on the east road

SOME motorists thwarted at Clachan on Friday and Saturday determinedly returned to Campbeltown and tried to take their chances on the east road through Carradale to Skipness.

A challenge at the best of times with its twists and turns and slopes before going into single track with passing places, it caught a number of motorists out.

Those who made almost as far as Skipness found it blocked by snow and had to make the long and tricky trip back to Campbeltown.

One couple hit ice on a slope and ended up in a ditch on a remote stretch of road north of Carradale on Friday evening.

Shocked but uninjured, they were taken back to Campbeltown by a motorist in a following car who had witnessed the incident and narrowly avoided also ending up in the ditch after losing control at the same spot.

Later, a common complaint was the lack of signs on either route warning drivers that the road ahead was impassable.

## Helicopter used to fly emergency medical help to Campbeltown

A SERIOUSLY ill patient was attended to by medics flown into Campbeltown on Sunday.

Because of the power cuts, the landing lights for the air ambulance were out and it was unable to attend.

A Royal Navy helicopter from HMS Gannet in Prestwick first flew to Glasgow to pick up emergency medical retrieval experts as well as battery powered tem-

porary landing lights for the air ambulance.

Gannet's crew then flew rapidly to Campbeltown, where they left the medical team, as well as the landing lights - allowing the air ambulance to go over and take the casualty back to Glasgow.

### Busiest weekend

A Royal Navy helicopter spokesman said it was the busiest weekend of the year, providing lifeline aid and emer-

gency response to communities stricken by the heavy snow.

The duty search and rescue crews from HMS Gannet in Prestwick, Ayrshire were called out 10 times from mid afternoon on Friday through to Sunday evening.

Saturday's crew, which went on shift at 9am that morning and off shift 24 hours later on Sunday morning was active for a full 17 hours on back-to-back jobs.

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

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**THORNTON - MACLEOD** - Seonaid and Edward Thornton of North Connel, by Oban are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Isabella, to Kenneth James MacLeod, eldest son of Grace and Kenneth MacLeod of Castleton, Lochgilphead.

**DEATHS**  
**ARMOUR** - Peacefully, at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, on Friday, March 22, 2013, Eleanor (Ella) Mackay McSparran, beloved wife for 61 wonderful years of Robert Ralston Armour (Bobby), mother of Robert, mother-in-law of Anne and grandmother of Katie and Iona. A funeral service is being held in Edinburgh on March 29.

**MCROBERTS** - Emily, formerly of Clachan and latterly Dunoon, passed peacefully on March 20, 2013, within Cowal Hospice. Private family funeral.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**MACBEAN** - Janette would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in the sad loss of Sheena. Special thanks to Rev Jeff McCormick, for a comforting and appropriate service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Lochnell Arms Hotel, for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside.

**MCALLISTER** - The family of the late R McAllister would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy during their recent sad bereavement. Thanks also to the doctors and nursing staff involved in Roddy's care, Father Azad and Alasdair Blair and Son for professional service, and lastly staff at the Ardshiel Hotel for their excellent purvey on this sad occasion. I thank you all. Mrs Mary McAllister and family. I fought to keep you here with me, but God has set your spirit free.

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**MICHIE** - Pepe and all the family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy and for all the cards, flowers, visits and not forgetting home baking and food, following the sudden loss of Ian. Thanks also to Margaret Sinclair for the lovely service and tribute to Ian; to Donald MacDonald's for the very efficient and sensitive funeral arrangements; to the Argyll Arms Hotel, Ardrishaig for excellent purvey. Finally our thanks to everyone who attended church and graveside to pay their respects. Your kindness and support was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to everyone for the retiral collection, which raised over £300 for the local ambulance service.

**IN MEMORIAMS**  
**DEANS** - Precious memories of a dearly loved husband and much loved dad, Willie, who passed away March 26, 2012.

We miss you more than words can say  
But in our hearts you will always stay.  
- Love Muriel and family.  
Granda, remembered with a smile  
Loved always.  
- Mark, Claire and Ryan xxx.

**MCALLISTER** - In memory of my dear brother, Roddy, died March 18, 2013. Your legacy of love and kindness lives on in your children.

I miss you more with every passing day.  
- Christine, Dave and family.  
**O'MAY** - Malcolm, March 31, 2011. The greatest man we ever knew. Cherished memories of our dearest, irreplaceable and one in a million dad.

Simply the best!  
Love forever and always.  
- Your loving family, home and away x.

**O'MAY** - Years pass, one to another, and bring back treasured memories of my beloved caring, brother Malcolm, who sadly left us March 31, 2011.  
- Love Jenny.

**SCOTT** - Treasured memories of Cathy, passed away March 27, 2011. Two years have come and gone  
But special memories still live on  
Always in our thoughts.  
- Love from all the family.

**WISHART** - Treasured memories of Duncan, a much loved son and brother, who passed away March 30, 1998. Forever in our hearts.  
- Love Joyce, Ian and Calum xxx.

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**Evening Reflections**  
Ardrishaig Church at 6:30pm  
**"Later that Evening"**  
Columba's Cave, Ellary at 8:00pm  
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11am Morning Service  
All Age Easter Celebration  
6.30pm Easter Evening Service  
"He is Risen"  
Hallelujah  
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10.00am Clachan Church  
Mr James McLellan  
11.30am A'Chleit Church  
Mr James McLellan  
All welcome



**Highland Parish Church**  
SCO02493  
**Friday 29th March 2013**  
Good Friday Communion with Lorne & Lowland Church  
Highland Parish Church 7pm  
**Sunday 31st March 2013**  
11.15am Morning Service  
Mr. Matthew Ramsay  
All Age Family Service  
Service followed by Annual Stated Meeting  
Everyone very welcome

**THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown**

**Friday 29th March**  
7.30pm Good Friday Service  
**Sunday Services**  
10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kids)  
6.30pm Evening Worship  
**Tuesday**  
12.15pm Lunch Club (Over 60s)  
1.30pm Home League  
**Wednesday**  
House Group 7pm  
**Thursday**  
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Friday, 29th March (today)**  
Breakfast and Easter Reflections - 7:30 a.m.  
Good Friday Communion (Highland Parish) - 7:00 p.m.  
NO LUNCH CLUB TODAY  
**Saturday, 30th March**  
Breakfast and Easter Reflections - 7:30 a.m.  
**Sunday, 31st March**  
EASTER DAY  
Family Worship - 11:15 a.m.  
(Triple C Easter Egg Competition)  
Rev. Philip Burroughs  
**Thursday, 4th April**  
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.  
**Friday, 5th April**  
NO LUNCH CLUB TODAY

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**

**Sunday, 31st March 2013**  
Glassary, 11.30a.m.  
Easter Day  
Rev. Cliff Acklam  
All welcome  
SC002121

**FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**George Street, Campbeltown**  
**Sunday 31st March**  
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# CUT OFF KINTYRE



## Blown away by the weather



NUMEROUS fallen trees and bushes had to be removed from the A83 at Ronechan, south of Clachan on Saturday. 'The conditions were atrocious,' said one Argyll and Bute Council worker. 'There was a blizzard coming off the hills. You could not even see the road.'

'We had to get a tractor to clear the way for us so that we could get to the trees. 'I reckon we must have cut away at least a dozen large trees as well as removing the bushes. 'It was terrible conditions to work in, but we had to clear those trees before other

work could go ahead. 'The weather around Clachan was unbelievable. 'The weather in Campbeltown, where it was cold and very windy but dry, gave no indication of what it was like up the road.'



Police cordoned off an area of Main Street, Campbeltown outside the former Martins booksellers on Saturday where falling tiles were presenting a danger to passers-by. 08\_c13slates



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Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday.

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No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery. The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company. In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company. The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time. Employees of The Oban Times Limited, their immediate relatives and any persons otherwise connected with the competition are ineligible to enter.

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This week's nearest the ball winners who each receive £25 are: H Thomson, Hazelbank Court, Campbeltown and C Mathieson, Drumlembie, Campbeltown

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Send to 'Spot the Ball' Competition, Campbeltown Courier,  
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## MOK run week four training

WEEK four of training for this year's MOK run sees a small increase in the time and distance of your run.

For the 10k, each of the three sessions should be split into a five minute walk, two eight minute runs, a one minute walk and a five minute walk. Make sure you leave a day between each session.

For marathon training, you are just adding one more mile on to your distance over the week:

Sunday: seven miles long run  
Monday: rest  
Tuesday: three miles easy run  
Wednesday: rest  
Thursday: four miles quality run  
Friday: rest  
Saturday: three miles easy run.



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## Hamish conquers Notorious Night Run

Hamish Duncan navigates his way through the darkness in the Mighty Deer Stalker: Notorious Night Run.

A CAMPBELTOWN Grammar School pupil has conquered mud, water, hills and darkness to finish third in a 10k night run.

Hamish Duncan, 17, took to the Mighty Deer Stalker: Notorious Night Run at Traquair House in Peebles on March 16, finishing the race in one hour and 47 minutes.

This gave him a third place finish in the under 18 category and 40th overall.

The flagship event in the Notorious Night Run series, the Mighty Deer Stalker course starts at 5.45pm and continues into the night with hills, rivers and manmade obstacles all en route to the finish.

Known locally in Argyll as a keen rugby player, this was Hamish's second year of taking part in the challenging race which featured over 2000 other runners.

He is already looking forward to next year's event where he will aim for an even better result.

## Campbeltown Grammar takes on Lochgilphead in football friendly



Lochgilphead High School's Ewan Dudding tackles a Campbeltown Grammar School midfielder in a friendly match at Ropework Park.

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SENIORS on Lochgilphead High School football team have marked the end of term and their final days on the squad with impressive victories over their Argyll competitors.

A nine-a-side team picked up silverware on Wednesday afternoon when they won the first Argyll and Bute Senior Football Tournament after defeating teams from Islay, Rothesay, Oban and Tobermory at Lochgilphead Joint Campus. An 11-a-side team later played their Kintyre rivals, Campbeltown Grammar School, in a friendly at Ropework Park defeating the side 9-1.

Hat tricks came from Lee McLean and

Cameron Hendry, whilst Alistair MacVicar, Kier Whitefield and Calum McGuinness all got one past the keeper.

Jillian Gibson, Active Schools co-ordinator for Mid Argyll, organised the events for the senior boys after they said it would be a great way to end the school year.

'The boys really wanted a way to end the term and play all the schools one last time. We hope to make the senior tournament an annual event that will travel around the various high schools,' she said.

'There has been a tremendous display of football from the Lochgilphead boys, they have been a credit to their school.'

## Football in memory of Johanna

THE ANNUAL football tournament organised in memory of Lochgilphead woman Johanna MacVicar will take place on Sunday.

The competition sees friends, work colleagues and community teams from across Mid Argyll go head to head on the football pitch in a battle of goals and pride.

The competition, normally held during Lochgilphead's annual

Anthony Nolan Weekend, will raise funds for Rainbow Valley, a new charity established by Johanna's mother Angela MacVicar.

### Round up

A full round up of events to be held over the Lochgilphead fundraising weekend will be in next week's *Advertiser*.

The football event kicks off at Ropework Park at 1pm.

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Grammar  
pupils night  
run in mud**

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£650!**

## Liam turns on the pedal power



A PUPIL from Campbeltown Grammar School has decided to take on a massive challenge - cycle across Britain from John O' Groats to Land's End. Liam MacCallum from class 5.4 has already started his 963 mile challenge on the Cross Britain Cycle Route on an exercise bike.

Last week, he reached Glasgow, a total of 319 miles from John O' Groats and will set off on the next leg to Carlisle after Easter. The school hopes to arrange an event for all of the pupils to congratulate him as he crosses the line at Land's End, which will be some time next year. Students at the school can follow Liam's progress on the map outside G8.

**Liam makes it to Glasgow after cycling 319 miles from John O' Groats.**

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