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TALENTED Kintyre youngsters returned to the peninsula with an impressive trophy haul after wowing at the Mid Argyll Music Festival. Bethany Kelly, pictured, was just one of those to wow judges after winning the MacDonald Plate in the vocal solo singing competition in the S1-S3 age group. For more photos and a report, see page 8. 06_a12music20

On the brink...

THE fishing industry in Kintyre is on the brink of collapse, it has been warned.

Furious skippers gathered in Campbeltown last Thursday told Marine Scotland bosses how proposed cuts to days allowed fishing at sea could ruin them.

'This could definitely force men out of business,' said Andrew Harrison, skipper of Campbeltown prawn boat The Atlas.

Around 30 skippers of prawn fishing boats from Campbeltown, Tarbert and Carradale - who represent up

to 150 crew members - met Marine Scotland bosses.

Skippers told how they were already struggling to pay crews just £200 a week, and that proposed cuts averaging 15 percent of their allowed days at sea would make it uneconomical to fish.

At the root of the problem are a Cod Recovery Plan and 'nonsensical' European Commission regulations being imposed on prawn fishermen for whom cod represents less than 1.5 percent of catches.

Tommy Finn, chairman of

Campbeltown Fisheries Association, told the *Courier*: 'Clyde boats will be tied to the wall by these cuts. They can't go and fish and survive.'

Mike Palmer, head of sea fisheries at Marine Scotland

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This picture shows the extent of the challenge facing power staff working in bitterly cold and windy conditions. Pictures courtesy of Scottish and Southern Energy.

Epic effort to restore equivalent of two small power stations

by GRAHAM CRAWFORD
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IT was, by any standards, an epic undertaking.

It involved more than 500 extra staff, dozens of vehicles and six helicopters.

Ten steel towers damaged on the Inveraray to Carradale overhead transmission line needed replaced or repaired.

More than 350 wood poles and 50 pole-mounted transformers were replaced along with damaged conductors.

It was an 'unprecedented' amount of work involving the GB transmission network 'connecting the equivalent of two small power stations', and much of it was carried out in extremely harsh winter conditions in difficult terrain.

Yet, within seven days full power was restored to 20,000 homes in Kintyre and Arran which were struck by heavy snow and relentless winds two weeks' ago.

It was an incredible feat of logistics for Scottish and Southern Energy which called it 'one of the most challenging situations in the compa-

ny's history'.

Scottish Hydro Power Distribution (SHEPD) also provided mobile catering units which served more than 15,000 hot meals and more than 30,000 hot drinks.

Food was also provided to a number of local cafes/restaurants to provide free hot meals.

More than 450 engineers, linesmen, switchers and supervisors worked in the field as well as around 100 support staff working on logistics, co-ordination and resourcing.

Thousands of calls were made to customers and attempts were made to repeatedly contact



Power staff faced challenging terrain, up the sides of hills or in forests.

vulnerable customers.

Stuart Hogarth, SHEPD's director of distribution, said: 'It is recognised that no other generation mobilisation has been done at this scale before, connecting the equivalent of two small power stations.'

'The repair process was carried out in two stages involving the installation of generators to connect homes while repairs were made to the grid.

'Last Thursday, the successful re-energisation of the transmission network took place, using wooden poles to bypass collapsed towers.'

'Safety remained a priority for customers, staff and contractors. Crucially no member of staff was injured.'

'At times, atrocious blizzard conditions, with snow drifts of up to three metres deep, made the work even more challenging.'

'Gaining access to our

infrastructure was an issue until Monday, March 26 when roads started to clear and field staff were able to commence their work in earnest.

'SHEPD hired six helicopters to inspect the equipment and carry heavy poles. These helicopters were also offered, where operation requirement allowed, to help farmers with much needed food for livestock.'

Mr Hogarth added: 'I would like to thank everyone affected by the loss of power for their patience.'

'Although power has now been restored, our work is not complete. We still have to rebuild part of our network and we will be contacting customers about compensation, as well as organising roadshows in the area to listen and respond to customer feedback.'

Argyll and Bute Council leader, Councillor James Robb said: 'Kintyre and the islands faced unprecedented weather conditions.'

'The staff who worked in all weathers to care for vulnerable people, open roads and restore power supplies did a fantastic job. Well done and thank you to everyone.'

'These situations always give us the opportunity to learn and plan for the future.'

'I have no doubt that everyone will build upon the team spirit already shown and will continue to work closely together serving the communities.'



Another pole needs replacing c14power02no

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George sleeps beside landline for three nights

AFTER last week's power cuts rendered the Campbeltown Lifeboat's communications system useless, operations manager George Bradley came to the rescue by sleeping in the station.

The lifeboat's paging system, along with mobile phones, were out of action for three days while the power was off, meaning there was no way of contacting the crew if a lifeboat was needed.

George slept in a sleeping bag for three nights in the cold station next to the landline phone in case there were any emergency calls.

He said: 'When the power goes off the battery back up lasts for 15 hours.'

'We get called out by the Belfast Coastguard, so I said if they need a

lifeboat, phone the station. 'Then I would go round the town and knock on doors to get a crew.'

Flask

Speaking about how cold it was without heating in the station, he explained: 'I had a flask of water in the kitchen but I didn't get out of the sleeping bag to make a cuppa!'

George was quick to downplay his actions and highlight the hard work of all the lifeboat volunteers, who made themselves available during the week of power cuts.

There were no lifeboat callouts, however the crew drove around giving announcements to residents using their Landrover's Tannoy system and also assisted in transporting people from the outlying villages to Campbeltown Hospital.



Lifeboat operations manager George Bradley waited by the landline phone for three nights in case of a lifeboat callout after the power cuts left the crew with no other means of communication. 20_c14lifeboat01

Tribute paid to organisations who helped during the power cuts

SOMANY organisations played a crucial role in helping power being restored to Kintyre and Arran in extremely difficult weather conditions.

The main power provider Scottish and Southern Energy has paid tribute to the close partnership working which contributed to the success of the operation.

These included Argyll and Bute and Ayrshire councils, police, fire and rescue, NHS, mountain rescue, Red Cross, Transport Scotland and the Scottish Government.

Stuart Hogarth, SHEPD's director of distribution, said: 'We have successfully restored power in extraordinarily difficult circumstances.'

'This would not have been achieved without the exceptional dedication of our own staff and close teamwork of the multi-agency partners.'

Argyll and Bute Council leader, councillor James Robb said: 'All of the agencies involved have been working very closely together and this kind of teamwork resulted in a fantastic response and recovery operation.'

Grateful

SHEPD said they were grateful for the following support:

Staff from Aggreko, Norpower, Powerteam, PLPC, Babcocks, Balfour Beatty Utility Services Limited, Northern Power Grid Enterprise, SSEPD

from across Scotland and England, and Scottish Hydro Generation. Also Supreme Catering; SHB vehicle hire and Lix Toll Garage, Killin for the supply of 4x4 vehicles; PDG Helicopters, HG Helicopters and Helirig Helicopters; Ardsheil Hotel, Campbeltown and Auchranie Resort Spa, Arran; Mundells Transport, Tarbert, Barclays Brothers, Burt Boulton and Haywood Ltd for haulage and poles; Glencoe Ski Centre for a piste basher tracked device.

Mr Hogarth added: 'Special thanks also to Caldonian McBrayne ferries and all their terminal staff, as well as all the other hotels, guesthouses and restaurants and small plant hire and haulage companies who have assisted us over the past seven days.'

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Go Green Day at Clachan Primary



IT WAS green for go and a whole lot of fun for pupils of Clachan Primary and their visitors from Skipness and Achahoish primary schools last week.

The 'Go Green Day' hosted

by Clachan had plenty for the youngsters to do - lots to learn and lots to enjoy too.

Primary five pupil Morvern Paisley (9), of Whitehouse, told *the Courier*: 'We spent the

morning doing geocache which is like a treasure hunt with a sat-nav.

'After a packed lunch we had baking using Fairtrade products then we planted sunflower seeds

in pots we made with recycled paper before making a Go Green scarecrow. I really like it when we get together with the pupils from other schools.'

One last bit of fun for the

youngsters was led by Morvern's mum, Kirsti, who had them 'building a tree' and involved the pupils play the part of the wood, bark, branches, roots and leaves.

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High-speed fibre broadband project agreed for Kintyre

'This ambitious project is a gamechanger'

KINTYRE will be heading at full speed down the information superhighway in future after a £146m broadband investment project was agreed last week.

The project, led by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and delivered by BT, will allow around 84 per cent of Highlands and Islands homes and businesses access to fibre broadband by the time it is completed.

Ambitious

Alex Paterson, HIE chief executive, announced the project

at a contract signing with BT in Inverness. He said: 'This ambitious project is a game changer for the Highlands and Islands. It will roll out modern, fast and reliable broadband to areas that could not have hoped to have it introduced commercially.'

'High-speed fibre broadband in the Highlands and Islands will make a real contribution to our communities' prosperity, particularly for people in remote and rural areas.'

The agreement comes several months after it

was originally due to be signed and consists of a public sector investment of £126.4m through the Scottish Government's broadband fund, including up to £12m from HIE's budget.

BT is investing an additional £19.4m in the project.

Pleased

Alan Reid, MP, who has been campaigning for faster broadband in Argyll, said: 'I am pleased that this contract has at last been signed seven months behind schedule.'

'Both the UK and

Scottish Governments have contributed funding. High speed broadband will make a huge difference to the Highlands and Islands.'

Great news

Mike Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute said: 'This is great news and will be welcomed right across the Highlands and Islands and particularly in Argyll and Bute.'

'This is a large and difficult project but will bring a significant benefit to the region, particularly in terms of allowing our economy to be more competitive.'

Islanders keen to see a degree of normality restored

by **GRAHAM CRAWFORD**
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GIGHA islanders are looking forward to summer more than most.

By then, they should have their only store open again - supplying fuel as well as food - and be set to welcome the arrival of a fourth, cash generating turbine.

After a disruptive winter which saw Dutch-woman Aleid Kloosterhuis, 54, jailed for a year for embezzling £20,000 from the island post office she ran, the 170 islanders are keen to see a degree of normality restored to their routines.

So it was welcome news at a members' meeting of the Gigha Heritage Trust when it was revealed that an ad-

vert for a new post office owner could be placed this month.

'Life on the island has undoubtedly been harder,' admitted trust director Andy Oliver, of Tynavivish. 'These are very challenging times, but you make do. The members are understanding and still supportive.'

Positive

'The members' meeting was very positive.

'There were inevitable legal difficulties around the post office lease, but we now have three or four interested parties.'

'Once the advert goes in, we will get people in as fast as we can.'

The island's hotel man-

ager and his wife have also just resigned from their posts.

'The hotel is running itself at the moment,' said Mr Oliver. 'We are managing as best as we can.'

The trust is also looking for a new trust chairman, and remains short of directors for the businesses which support the island economy since the £4 million community buyout ten years ago.

'It's a big business running the island,' said Mr Oliver.

'There are four farms, 60 houses, self catering cottages and the wind turbines.'

'There is a lot of extra work involved in being a director.'

The three existing 30-metre high turbines,

known as 'the dancing ladies', generate up to £100,000 annually for housing improvements and other renewable energy projects.

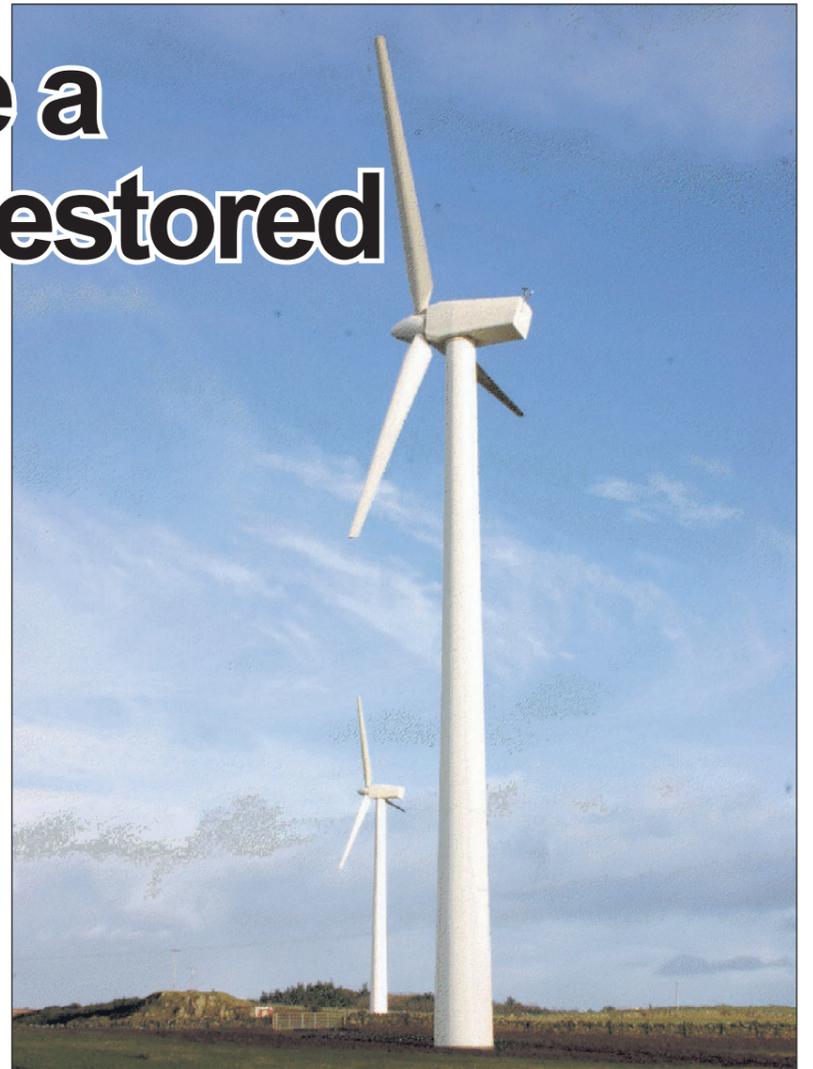
They have proved a good buy since being purchased second hand and shipped up from Cumbria in 2004.

Powerful

Now a new, more powerful turbine is set to join them by August or September.

Its output will be derated until a grid upgrade allows the islanders to export more power and bring in more revenue.

'Another good development for the island is that we have a superb head gardener who has been here for the past two months,' said Mr Oliver.



Two of the 'dancing ladies' on Gigha.



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Fighting for survival

NOT too many decades ago, Kintyre was a proud fishing area. The harbours of Campbeltown, Carradale and Tarbert thronged with boats, they were crewed locally and many quay-side businesses thrived.

Sadly, and largely for political reasons, that is no longer the situation. Today, the harbours are a shadow of days past, with little more than a handful of boats in each location. However, their reduced number is all the more reason for fighting to ensure their survival.

Skippers and crew total around 150 in Kintyre and, apart from the threat to a traditional way of life, that is a lot of jobs in doubt in a fragile economy. The fact that the proposed plan to cut days at sea to the point of being uneconomical to sail stems from regulations recognised as 'nonsensical' makes the situation all the more ridiculous. However, these days when abhorred bankers can continue to happily gift themselves billions in bonuses, it is naive to assume commonsense will prevail.

Anyone who listened to the Kintyre fishermen last Thursday was left in no doubt that, with previous cuts and increased fuel and ancillary costs, they are already finding it extremely tough to make a living. The days of wealthy fishermen - and besides who could grudge these hardy souls a decent livelihood - are long gone, and the good men of Campbeltown, Carradale and Tarbert simply cannot stand yet another restriction on their trade.

If a solution is not found soon, angry fishermen will protest even louder. The rest of us - who invariably take our seafood for granted - must surely back them all the way.

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Kept in the dark - literally

Sir,
I hope all those people responsible for the recent snow and power chaos will have got their act together and let us know why we were kept in the dark - literally.

The lack of information was unacceptable. Those of us with BT lines and battery-operated radios could keep in touch until the Tuesday when the BT lines were cut off for a time.

We had relatives visiting here in Campbeltown who left on Friday to get back to Glasgow by car and sat for 70 minutes at Clachan before giving up and returning to the town. Despite making several visits to our police station where they met with other disgruntled drivers, no new information was available, they said, from unhelpful staff. It was only on Sunday afternoon, when they emerged from another fruitless visit to the police station, they observed a fuel tanker going up the road and decided to follow it all the way to Clachan filling station where they joined a queue of traffic. A lady emerged from the car in front of them and informed them that a police escort had just left with several vehicles and would return to take them. Had they not followed their instinct, they would still have been sitting in town.

My family had evacuated me to Carradale, so I cannot speak to what happened in Campbeltown, but I know it was Sunday afternoon before my OAP sister living on

her own was contacted to find out how she was coping.

In Carradale those with no portable gas were left high and dry with no information until the Monday when I believe the residents of Abbeyfield were transported to accommodation out at the community-owned air base where there were a few unused generators available. Why were these generators not put to use earlier?

BBC Radio Scotland concentrated on Arran. I heard no mention of Kintyre until Monday when the spokesman for the electricity board was interviewed and ended up saying on the information was on their website. Could he explain how people could obtain that information without electricity?

It was not until Monday that the powers that be started to panic, when they should have been organised long before that. Well done Campbeltown Hospital, McIcher's, Salvation Army and others who provided soup, tea and sandwiches to the needy in town, but Carradale was absolutely left out on a limb.

Margaret McIntyre,
90 Millknowe,
Campbeltown.

Praise for workers during recent crisis

Sir
I have nothing but praise for the electricity, council and other workers who put in long hours in appallingly cold conditions to get services going again and rescue people who were trapped by the snowdrifts. The whole community came together to help each

other.

However, we must have an inquiry into why electricity was cut off for so long. I have asked the Scottish Affairs Committee at Westminster to conduct an inquiry. I hope that the Scottish Government too will hold an inquiry.

One of the big issues to investigate will be - had the resources that are available to trunk roads been available to Argyll and Bute Council would the A83 have opened quicker?

As we have seen, the A83 is a lifeline to Kintyre. Surely the Scottish Government must now listen to the A83 campaigners and upgrade the whole road to trunk status without delay.

Yours sincerely
Alan Reid MP
Argyll and Bute.

Community should be proud

Sir,
May I through the courtesy of your columns thank everyone involved in helping me during the power crisis.

Half-crippled with a back problem, I was taken to Campbeltown Hospital for warmth. There I was very kindly given a bed for two nights (thank goodness the beds in the Bengullian ward had not been thrown out).

From Sunday afternoon until that evening, I was in the room from where all the good work in the community was being directed from. I feel so much admiration and gratitude for what I witnessed; so many willing volunteers giving of time and effort under very difficult conditions to en-

sure people were safe.

The whole exercise was run on a very professional basis. It's important that everyone involved should be recognised. Personally, I'd like to give a special thank you to Jill.

Campbeltown should be proud of its community spirit. Once again, thank you one and all.

Doris McQuilkan,
20c Barochan Place,
Campbeltown.

Thanks to all the volunteers

Sir,
Through the Courier we would like to express our thanks to all the volunteers who braved the elements during the recent electricity breakdown to visit us. There would be a knock at the door, and there they would be with food, hot water and a friendly chat.

Also our grateful thanks to Mrs Elizabeth Irwin, West Drumlembie Farm, who treated us to some of her delicious home-made meals and checked to see if we needed anything.

Once again, our sincere thanks.

The Dohertys and
Flo Edwards,
Main Row Cottages,
Drumlembie.

Special thanks to kind cafe staff

Sir,
I would just like to thank Isabel and the staff of the Corner Cafe in Bolgam Street, Campbeltown for all their

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help during the recent loss of power. They supplied us with hot drinks, rolls and hot water in the absence of any information or help from our local council or anybody else.

My wife and I are pensioners and I am a cancer patient but no one called to advise us of the help which was apparently available in the town. Any information we did receive came from our daughter in America from the internet.

Roy Johnston
62 Longrow,
Campbeltown.

Kintyre was very well looked after

Sir,
Now that the electricity supply has been restored and life has returned to normal, Kintyre people will – or should – realise how very well looked after we have been.

Volunteers called on householders checking up, the health centre telephoned, food was laid on in various centres, both in town and in the villages. SSE flooded the area with workmen to reconnect the power supply, working in appalling conditions – to many people we owe gratitude.

Now that the emergency is over all of us should remember the local traders who, working with generators, and under difficult conditions, provided a wonderful service.

Let's show them some loyalty even although the large stores have re-opened.

Alice McLean,
Puball Cottage,
High Askomil,
Campbeltown

Less emphasis on the 'blame' culture

Sir,
There was a very interesting review in last week's Campbeltown Courier of the previous week's dramatic events.

Congratulations to the reporters who managed to review so much of the many different difficulties.

The question of 'mixed messages' to parents and pupils of Campbeltown Grammar School on page 11 struck a discordant note. There may be issues locally in Kintyre that those in the centrally heated, well lit, communication connected offices in Kilmory did not consider.

I shall refrain from raking over the many domestic difficulties faced by families without heating.

light and cooking facilities, even the least imaginative of us can work that out, but to refer parents and others to the council website, as 'the place to look for accurate information' shows ignorance of the situation on the ground. Most people were without internet, mobile phone, radio, television, and in many cases landline connections, some of these from Friday, March 22 till the following Tuesday or Wednesday.

I have no idea who Jo and Becky are, other than from the information in the article, but it ill behoves the administrators of Argyll and Bute to impugn that they were somehow collectively responsible for the 'mixed messages'.

We had the presence in Campbeltown on Wednesday, March 27, of the chief executive of Argyll and Bute Council, a senior member of her staff, and three senior police officers. When they broadcast on Argyll FM, there was no doubt that they viewed the events of the previous few days as a major incident. A period of calm to review the events is now needed, and less emphasis on 'blame' culture.

Elizabeth McTaggart,
Drumlemble,
Campbeltown.



Frances and Ian Hill and Maureen Doherty reckon they and other villagers are closer than ever after 'pulling together' when Southend was hit badly by the recent snows and power cuts. 08c14store01

Chance to say thank you

BY the fifth day without heating or hot food following the recent power cuts, the residents of Southend were becoming weary.

So it was a huge lift for them when the village's Muneroy Stores offered everyone free hot food and drinks from its tearoom for more than two days.

Owners Frances and Ian Hill served many hundreds of meals and snacks to locals - 'and they did it all with big smiles on their faces,' said one of the many extremely grateful villagers, pensioner Maureen Doherty.

'I'd like to say a great, big thank you to them from everyone in the

village.

'It was great to have something hot to eat and be warm.'

Scottish and Southern Energy supplied the food which fed the villagers.

Frances said: 'We had the coal fire and a gas fire, so people were able to get a heat as well.'

'Everybody pulled together. It's a friendly village, but I think we are genuinely all a bit closer now.'

Frances praised the 'tremendous' help she received from Ruth Semple (19), home from university, and the part played by SSE's community liaison officer Mo McDougall.



Members of Campbeltown Fisheries Association before last Thursday's meeting with Marine Scotland representatives. 08_c14fishing01

Fishing industry on the brink of collapse

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who reports to Scottish fisheries minister Richard Lochhead, admitted the EU regulations were 'nonsensical'.

He suggested he may be able to persuade Brussels to grant the Clyde fishermen exemption if cameras were introduced to boats to prove their negligible cod catches.

Mr Finn said his men 'did not want to go down that road'.

He explained: 'It would only take one box of cod to walk into

someone's net, and all the days used before cameras would be lost.

'Our only hope is that we can borrow days at sea in advance from 2014 and 2015.'

Not much optimism

Archie McFarlane, chairman of Clyde Fisheries Association, told the Courier: 'There is not much optimism about finding a solution to this when you look at the European Commission's past record.'

Councillor John Semple said: 'I have sent a full report of the meet-

ing to Argyll and Bute MSP Mike Russell and he will take the matter up with Richard Lochhead.

'Getting the fishermen's gear verified that it does not allow cod to be caught could be another way of gaining exemption.'

Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands MSP and the Scottish Conservative Fisheries spokesman, joined councillor Donald Kelly, of South Kintyre, in urging the Scottish Government to reconsider a decision to restrict prawn fishermen's days at sea.

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Maria Cairns, a pupil of Campbeltown Grammar, won the Argyllshire Advertiser Quaich for her performance of *The Trout* in the classical or modern art song competition for S4 to S6. 06_a12music24

Weekend weather and road closures fail to dampen Kintyre spirits

Festival voted a big success

KINTYRE'S youngsters put on an impressive display at the Mid Argyll Music Festival on March 21 and 22, with several taking top prizes.

Unfortunately, due to the weather and road closures, they were unable to take part in the weekend competitions. Bethany Kelly won

The MacDonald Plate for vocal singing in S1 to S3, while Maria Cairns took the Argyllshire Advertiser Quaich for her performance of *The Trout* in the classical or modern art song competition for S4 to S6.

Winner

Lewis McNeill from Clachan Primary School

was winner of the P2/3 speaking solo, while his sister Kayleigh McNeill received a certificate of achievement for her recital of *What To Do About Grandma* in the P6/7 verse speaking solo.

Emma McFarlane and Hannah Prill once again won the vocal duet for their age group.



Above: Regulars to the Mid Argyll Music Festival, Emma MacFarlane and Hannah Prill again won the vocal duet for their age group. 06_a12music28



Left: Lewis McNeill from Clachan Primary School, was winner of the P2/3 Scots verse speaking solo and sister Kayleigh McNeill was given a certificate of achievement for her recital of *What To Do About Grandma* in the P6/7 verse speaking solo. 06_a12music06

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Kintyre Songwriters Festival

AN UP and coming female folk singer who has already toured with Mumford and Sons is just one of the headlining acts at this year's Kintyre Songwriters Festival.

This year's festival, which takes place on the last weekend of May, sees a mixture of more local talent than ever perform alongside top-class guest artists.

Friday, May 26, is rock night, with nine local bands performing, including A New Hope, The Twisted Melons and Violent Echo, in Whisky Macs from 8pm.

On the Saturday afternoon, the acoustic open stage will be held at the White Hart, with all performers welcome.

That evening will see the Saturday Showcase taking place from 7pm, headlined by top emerging Scottish folk singer Rachel Sermanni, fresh from a headline appearance on BBC Hogmanay Live 2012 and tours with Mumford and Sons and Elvis Costello.

She is joined by Kenyan-born, Glasgow-based singer and songwriter Genesee and country-tinged artist Kerri Watt.

Also appearing are local artists Davy Roberson and Alex McAllister, Violent Echo, fuji above the lightning and The Gilchristians.

Headlining

Emma's Imagination, another top class musician, will be headlining on Sunday evening, as well as Colin Train, a regular at Celtic Connections.

Local artists include Adam Fortune, The Twisted Melons, Gullion, Colin Campbell and Rhiann Middleton. Super group Tales From Space will close the festival with their traditional singalong.

Tickets for the Saturday and Sunday showcases are available from The White Hart and from www.ticketweb.co.uk from 9am on Saturday April 6.



Singer Emma's Imagination, who is one of the UK's top solo acoustic performers, will be headlining at the Songwriter's Festival on May 28.

Old photos wanted

ORGANISERS of the Campbeltown Town Hall project are on the hunt for old photos and stories about the hall, with the chance of winning a prize.

The South Kintyre Development Trust is running a competition for both over 18s and under 18s, asking them to send in their or a relatives' old photos of the town hall along with a story, poem or short description of what was hap-

pening when the photo was taken.

The winner in the over 18s category will win a bottle of Springbank Whisky while the under 18 winner will get a £25 voucher for the Factory Shop.

Application forms are available from 3 Harvey's Lane, Burnside Square, tracyskdt@gmail.com and from campbeltowntownhall.org. The closing date is next Friday.

Rob Roy Way for charity

STAFF at Auchinlee Residential Home are getting ready to run and cycle along the Rob Roy Way for charity.

Each participant must raise £350 to take part in the Rob Roy Challenge, which sees teams or individuals walking or running and cycling 55 miles of the Rob Roy Way between Drymen, Loch Lomond and Kenmore.

A quiz has already been put on sale to raise money for the challenge on June 22.

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Wyvex Media have 2 prizes available, with each winner receiving 1 Family Ticket (4 seats), 1 DVD and 1 Funpack. The winning tickets are for the show on Thursday 25th April at 5pm. To enter, simply answer the following question correctly and return the form below by Friday 12th April.

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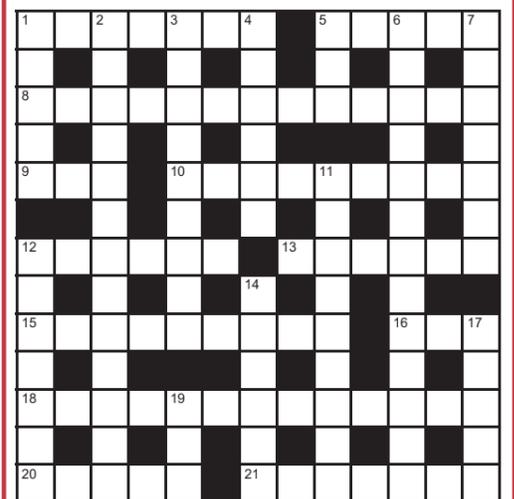
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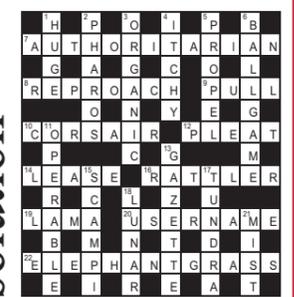
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- 5 Excited call (5)
- 8 Keep fit layout (7,6)
- 9 Sister or Mother maybe (3)
- 10 Artic animal (5,4)
- 12 Freshen (6)
- 13 Hound or shawl! (6)
- 15 Bond (9)
- 16 Former gold coin of Peru (3)
- 18 Endearments (5,8)
- 20 Afterwards (5)
- 21 Authorise (7)

Down

- 1 Exhaust (5)
- 2 Seen as ten to when orienteering? (4,9)
- 3 Flag to show when leaving (4,5)
- 4 Type of fencing (6)
- 5 What person? (3)
- 6 Conker tree (5,8)
- 7 To swarm (7)
- 11 Sound of a gun (5,4)
- 12 Charge of wrongdoing (7)
- 14 Again call (6)
- 17 Fine thread (5)
- 19 Viscid substance obtained from coal (3)

Last week's solution



Carer cooked meals for residents

All Kintyre carers pulled together

by PAMELA PATERSON
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A CAMPBELTOWN woman has described the smiling faces of those who received hot meals after she cooked the entire contents of her fridge and freezer during the power cuts.

Lorraine Taylor, who works as a carer for Allied Healthcare, decided that as the food 'was going to go off' she would cook meals for the residents of Lorne Campbell Court while the area was gripped with several days of power cuts.

She said: 'I just felt I had a gas cooker and it was just providing hot meals. I wasn't looking for anything.'

Despite playing down her actions, Lorraine's efforts were much ap-

preciated by residents, who have since given her cards and flowers as a thank you.

She explained they were grateful for any hot food, no matter what it was.

She added: 'The smiles on their faces when I went in with fish fingers and chicken dippers!'

After providing meals on Friday night and all day Saturday, Lorraine ran out of food, but continued to help by making toast for breakfast and - along with several other carers, nurses and volunteers - brought in water and made sure everyone was ok until the power returned on Monday.

Speaking for Allied

Healthcare, Lisa MacDonald explained that all 12 of their carers in Kintyre had pulled together during the power cuts.

She said: 'They exceeded expectations. When they were off duty they were helping social work at the hospital by handing out meals.'

She added that in some areas badly affected by snow, many carers had to park their cars and walk for over a mile to reach people.

Jackie McKnight, who is branch manager at Allied Healthcare, explained: 'They went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the safety of our service users.'

'It's exceptional care that they have provided.'



Safe driving campaign at the grammar school

POLICE cars and fire engines descended on Campbeltown Grammar School last week as part of a safe driving campaign.

The S5 and S6 classes attended a presentation about driver awareness and staying safe on the roads in the morning before the young firefighters, along with their older colleagues, did a demonstration of a road traffic accident.

The school's playground was transformed into the scene of a serious car accident, with two fire engines and a police car in attendance.

Firefighters demonstrated how they would respond to the situation, including cutting the top off the mangled car.

Rector Rev Catriona Hood explained the purpose of the demonstration was to show 'the dangers of speeding'.

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Cosmic talk at West Kintyre Stargazers

A PROFESSOR from Glasgow University will be giving a whistle stop tour through 13 billion years of cosmic history at a talk hosted by West Kintyre Stargazers on Sunday.

Professor Martin Hendry, head of the school of physics and astronomy at the university, will be giving a presentation at the Putechan Hotel when he will explain the history of the universe, including exploding stars, colliding black holes, dark matter, dark energy and the very latest theories of the origin and fate of the universe.

The lecture starts at 5pm on Sunday.

First time buyers offered hand onto the property ladder

FIRST-time buyers in Argyll and Bute are being offered a helping hand onto the property ladder.

Argyll and Bute councilors have agreed to adopt a Local Authority Mortgage Scheme which will provide assistance to potential buyers who can afford mortgage payments but are struggling to find an initial deposit on a new home.

The council will provide up to £3 million to fund the scheme over three years - an annual indemnity of £1 million.

'It will also help to stimulate the local economy and bring more life to our communities if people are able to afford to live and work in Argyll and Bute,'

said George Freeman, Argyll and Bute Council's lead councillor for housing.

Those approved for a loan will be able to borrow between 75 and 95 per cent of the purchase price, with the council providing a top-up indemnity for five years.

This means that people can effectively access the equivalent of a 95 per cent mortgage on the same terms as a 75 per cent loan without the need for a substantial deposit which is frequently out of reach.

In Argyll and Bute there will be a maximum loan value of £150,000.

For example, on a property costing £150,000,

there would be a five per cent deposit of £7,500 from the buyer and a 95 per cent mortgage of £142,500. The council would provide an indemnity of £30,000.

Argyll and Bute Council's lead councillor for housing, George Freeman, said: 'As the economic situation becomes tougher, so people find it more difficult to step onto the property. The Local Authority Mortgage Scheme will open up the possibility of home ownership for people all over the area.'

Dick Walsh, leader of the opposition, said: 'Anything that can help young people get on the property ladder can only be a good thing.'



Campbeltown Grammar School pupils look on as firefighters attend to a serious road accident as part of a driver safety campaign. 20_c14firefight01

Worrying time for sheep farmers after the recent horrendous weather

IT COULD be some time, and a worrying one at that, before farmer Jamie Black knows the full toll on his sheep flock from the heavy snows of two weeks ago.

That 'freakishly gruesome' spell of ferociously cold wind and snow is expected to be a big blow for many hill farmers in Kintyre and other parts of Scotland.

'It is the worst late March weather we have had to deal with,' said Mr Black, of Tangy Farm.

'It was the last thing farmers needed once the lambing season was under way. We desperately need some warmer weather to keep the loss of life to a minimum.'

'The sun may shine, but it is still too cold for spring growth and to melt the snow.'

Mr Black has 600 blackface and blackface cross sheep on his 1,000 acres high in the hills above Kilkenzie, near Campbeltown. His property overlooks the large Tangy Wind Farm.

He told the *Courier*: 'Three or four days without food takes a lot out of a pregnant ewe.

When she loses strength, she will walk away from her newborn.

'It is critical lambs get their first milk. The mother's milk is very thick and full of nutrients and essential antibodies.'

'If they can get that they can survive.'

By last week, around 100 ewes had lambed. Mr Black estimated dozens those lambs would already be lost.

He also reckoned some sheep may not be found until May. 'They could be in gullies under 20ft of snow.'

He added: 'This situation is not about the money. It is about everything that's alive staying alive.'

'Anything born or about to be born is at risk.'

'Just because the snow is over and everybody has got their power back on, it doesn't mean everything is okay.'

'This has knocked the animals' condition back inestimably. Probably a month was knocked off the mothers' condition in the space of three days because it was impossible to get out to feed them.'



Jamie Black, pictured last Thursday at his Tangy Farm, six days after Kintyre was hit by heavy snow and ferocious, freezing winds. 08_c14sheep01

Many of Scotland's sheep producers still toiling to feed and lamb stock

MANY of Scotland's sheep producers are still toiling to feed and lamb their stock following last weekend's devastating snow storms but NFU Scotland, on their behalf, is thanking the general public for the incredible support and sympathy they have shown.

Farmers in most of Dumfries and Galloway, parts of South Ayrshire, Kintyre and Arran were hammered by some of the worst snow storms ever recorded in March and the past week has seen

them valiantly attempt to rescue, feed and save vulnerable ewes and lambs.

NFU Scotland, working with Scottish Government and other stakeholders, has been working tirelessly to help those in most need of assistance through sourcing tracked vehicles to access and feed sheep, providing emergency power where possible and seeking help for those with significant numbers of fallen animals to be collected.

However, media coverage of the plight of some

producers has seen an unprecedented level of support shown by the general public, with hundreds of messages of goodwill and many offers of help and assistance to producers.

NFU Scotland president, Nigel Miller said: 'The devastating weather hit many producers at lambing time, the most crucial part of the sheep year. Those affected have spent a hellish week trying to find and feed vulnerable ewes and lambs, carry on caring for those

ewes still to lamb and preserve life where possible.

'Unfortunately, the weather has been so extreme that, as the snow recedes, considerable losses are also going to be found.'

'Head office, regional staff and local secretaries will continue to work with members in the worst affected parts of the country identifying where we can help and what assistance they may need to get through this difficult and traumatic time.'

Generator thefts a worry

POLICE are calling on members of the public to report any suspicious activity around the generators sent down to Campbeltown during last month's power cuts.

SSE has asked police to be extra vigilant around the generators which are stored in various locations around the town.

Not all of the generators are in use and SSE is worried about thefts or damage being done to them.

Thermal imaging helps

POLICE used state of the art technology to help farmers with animals trapped under the snow in Skipness.

Thermal imaging

The police launched a helicopter last Wednesday evening over one of the areas worst affected by the snow and used its thermal imaging camera to locate any stranded animals.

One farmer had recovered six sheep himself.



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THE extreme challenges faced by Kintyre residents as a result of the heavy snow and power cuts two weeks ago has got everyone thinking.

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Possibly the most obvious solution, already used by businesses and farmers who really cannot afford to lose power, is having your own generator as a back up.

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At this time of year, many motorists take their car for a winter check to help it withstand the worst of the cold, damp weather. But how many people ever think to do the same for their most valuable asset – their home – so they can stay warm and avoid emergencies?

According to the AA's Home Emergency Response experts, a burst pipe is the most common cause for a call-out during winter. Last year, homeowners faced an average bill of £343 for home emergencies, as a result of winter weather - but the total cost of a burst pipe incident often far exceeds this. The damage and distress it would cause also makes a burst pipe the most feared winter.

Tom Stringer, head of Home Rescue for the AA, says: 'A burst pipe needn't be such a worry, though. Help yourself by spending an hour giving your home a basic 'MOT'.

'As with your car, it does make a difference and could save you from the cost and distress of a household emergency.'

The AA's Home Emergency Response team has drawn up the following tips:

(If in any doubt, seek professional advice and assistance.)

- Get your boiler serviced regularly by a qualified Gas Safe-registered engineer.
- If you regularly use an open fire or log-burning stove, get the chimney swept.
- Familiarise yourself with the location of your mains water stop valve (it's usually under the sink or stairs), in case you need to shut it off in the event of a burst pipe.
- If you know how to, bleed your radiators, as air pockets reduce their efficiency.
- Check pipes and water tank for missing insulation and arrange replacement if necessary.
- Check windows and doors for draughts – fit draught excluders or repair seals as necessary.
- When required, wipe condensation off windows to help prevent build-up of mould and damp – consider buying a de-humidifier if the problem is persistently bad.
- If your home is going to be empty for a while (for more than a few days) or if you have a second property, keep the thermostat set to low, to stop the temperature dropping too low.
- Keep a torch and spare batteries in a convenient place and have emergency contact numbers to hand, including a local plumber, electrician and gas engineer.

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Down on the farm

WELL, hopefully by the time you read this, all the white stuff will be gone and we will be basking in more cheerful spring weather.

It's been a testing couple of weeks for both people and livestock in the area.

Losses were inevitable in the circumstances and our thoughts are with those who have been hit particularly hard. Losing animals in such a heavily pregnant state is bad enough but being relatively helpless to prevent it makes it even more frustrating.

We are now entering the busiest three weeks

of lambing, and I have been forced to take some ewes inside to lamb and bring others down to fields that actually have some grass in them.

The ewes have already endured a horrible winter and for many they have no reserves left, with lambs being smaller and ewes having little milk; not a great combination.

On the upside, and there's always an upside (some days you just have to look a little harder to find it), the days are stretching, the cattle will soon be out and a long hot summer awaits.

Thomas Cameron



Thomas Cameron from Gartvaigh Farm, who farms sheep, dairy and beef cattle. 20_c14farmercol01

First Milk appoints marketing agency

FIRST Milk has appointed marketing communications agency Brass to support the company's strategy as it rapidly grows and develops its business in the food-service and out of home markets.

Brass will be working with the First Milk Foodservice Division, which in the past six months has expanded with the appointment of a dedicated Foodservice sales director, Rick Sanderson.

The First Milk portfolio includes an expan-

sive range of soft, block and regional cheeses, cream, and butter; servicing a number of out of home markets including coffee shops, sandwich retailers, delivered wholesalers, and pizza manufacturers.

Better time

David Young, marketing director at First Milk, said: 'There's never been a better time to reinforce our British farming story and the sustainability of our supply chain to Out of Home food and drink retailers.'

Short keep hogs average £53 at Stirling

Caledonian Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 457 store hoggets and feeding sheep at Stirling on Monday.

Short keep hogs averaged £53 (-£2.50) and sold to £70 for Texels from Woodhead of Mailer and to £69 for Beltex from the same home.

Feeding ewes sold to £54 for Bluefaced Leicesters from Thorn, with Bluefaced Leicesters from Leuchars Lodge and Blackfaces from Glenogle Estates selling to £40.

Warning to Kintyre farmers after Schmallenberg virus discovered

CONFIRMATION that a new viral disease has been discovered in Scotland for the first time was an expected but disappointing blow to Scottish cattle and sheep producers.

Spread by midges, the Schmallenberg virus (SBV) was first identified on German and

Dutch farms in 2011 and spread throughout parts of Europe and southern England.

Positive animals

The recent discovery of positive animals in a closed dairy herd in Dumfries and Galloway confirmed the widely held expectation that the virus has spread to Scot-

land and is likely to start to circulate widely this year.

Exposure to SBV can result in relatively mild conditions in cattle and sheep but where infection takes place during the early stages of pregnancy, it can result in congenital disorders of lambs and

calves. Infection may also be linked to poor breeding performance. NFU Scotland is urging cattle and sheep producers to remain vigilant and discuss the implications for their stock with their vet.

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TAYINLOAN

SWRI hold joint bulb show

BEST in Show at the SWRI annual joint bulb show went to Clachan's Barbara Bell, which was held in Tayinloan Village Hall on March 21.

The bulb show sees Clachan, Largside and Whitehouse compete in a variety of competitions, including baking and plants.

There was a good turnout with a lot of entries in all categories.

The judges were Linda Bryce, Janet (Nettie) Semple and Jean Teasdale, all from Bellochantuy WRI, who did an excellent job.

The prize winners were

as follows: Floral Cup: 1 Pauline Simson, Clachan; runner-up Linda Hutchinson, Largside. Baking: 1 Jane McCalum, Clachan; runner-up Helen Steel, Largside. Arts and Crafts: 1 Barbara Bell, Clachan, runner-up Pauline Simson, Clachan. Best in Show: Barbara Bell, Clachan. The points awarded to each institute were: Clachan 269, Largside 133 and Whitehouse 29. The vote of thanks was given by Pauline Simson, Clachan.

CARRADALE

Scarecrow hunters wanted

CARRADALE is calling for scarecrow hunters after a group of the

straw-made creatures decided to hide in the forest trails around the village.

Using global positioning system technology (GPS), visitors are invited to hunt for 10 scarecrows hiding in Carradale's forests, with a winner being announced for the family who find and answer questions about each of the scarecrows.

Three of the scarecrows have been designed and made by children from Carradale, Clachan and Glenbarr Primary Schools.

Visitors are being asked to vote for their favourite of the three and the winning school will receive a prize.

The hunt is from 10am until 4pm on Sunday.



Local councillor John McAlpine (centre right) opens the Carradale bikes and buggies centre with Sue Harris and Jim Galbraith (left) and Alan Walker (right).

Councillor opens Bikes and Buggies

COUNCILLOR John McAlpine has cut the ribbon to mark the grand opening of Carradale's new Bikes and Buggies centre.

Last Friday saw a large gathering of Carradale locals at the Network Centre to celebrate the opening of their new mountain bike and off road buggy hire centre.

Reopen

The centre was set up after Network Carradale applied for funding from the SOS Lottery Fund to reopen the village petrol station. Unfortunately, they realised the

amount of money they had applied for would not be enough, so they changed their plans and submitted an application for an activity centre instead.

Volunteers

Nearly one year after they received the £29,000 needed, the centre has opened, along with the adjacent tea room. It will be run using volunteers until April 20, when the new tenants take it on full time.

Stuart Irvine, speaking on behalf of East Kintyre Community Council, said: 'This might be the

start of great things to come afterwards.'

'An enormous vote of thanks must go to all the people who have tirelessly worked to get this event to take place.'

'Let's make this a rip roaring success.'

The centre allows visitors to experience Carradale's forest trails by hiring its 15 bikes and two all terrain buggies.

It also has a dedicated bike repair service, ably manned by Ian Brodie, and is the only one of its kind in Carradale.

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SOUTHEND

Southend Primary pupils use power cut theme for scarecrow competition

PUPILS at Southend Primary School are bright sparks after taking the power cut theme and using it in two scarecrow designs.

After managing to get back to school for just one day before the Easter break due to the power cuts, the children designed and made two scarecrows for the Southend village Scarecrow Challenge.

Designing

The challenge sees people across the village designing scarecrows of any theme they wish.

The children at the school, along with some helpful parents, make scarecrows every year and decided they

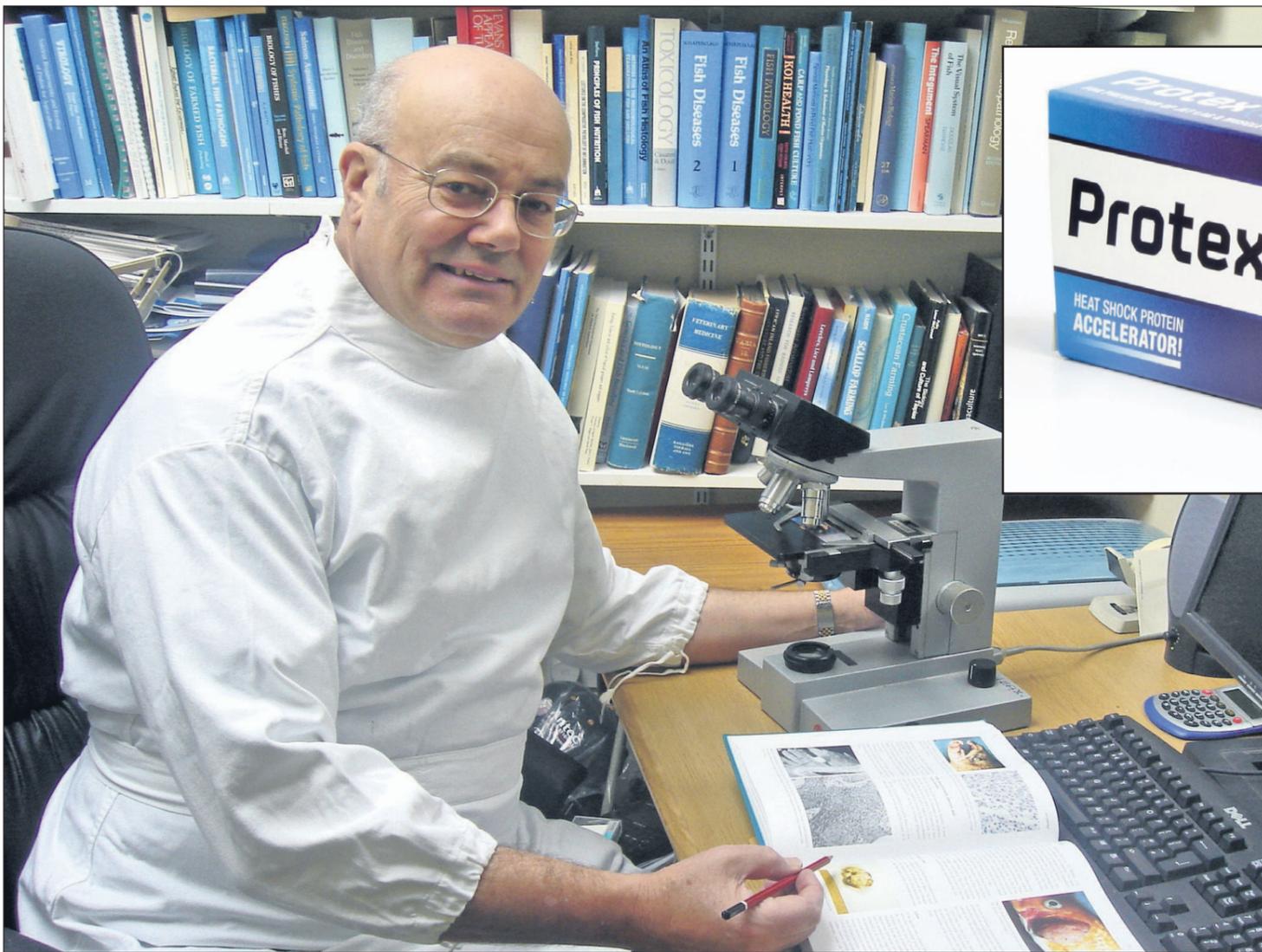
couldn't resist the power cut theme for this year's event.

Scarecrows have been popping up all over the village all week, with

the winners set to be announced on Sunday at St Blaen's Hall.



Fraser MacBrayne and Ruari Barbour show off their lookalike scarecrows.



Protex H is already available on Amazon.

Professor Ronald Roberts saw the potential for Protex H in helping travellers avoid jetlag.

Campbeltown biotech firm has answer to jet lag - from a prickly pear

A TINY Campbeltown firm reckons it can offer a solution to jet lag for millions of long-haul air travellers.

The side effects of long distance flights - sleep irregularities, nausea and loss of ability to drive properly - are well

documented. They have plagued businessmen and tourists since global air travel became commonplace.

However, Bradan Ltd, a small Campbeltown biotechnology company, reckons it has the solution with a natural supplement derived from the skin of the prickly pear.

Protex H - already available on Amazon with a money back guarantee for those not delighted with it - stimulates the body's natural repair proteins to banish jet lag.

Developed by Campbeltown-born scientist Professor Ronald Roberts and tested internationally by doctors, businessmen and scientists over the past five years, it is already attracting some high-profile fans.

These include piper Lorne Cousin, also from

Campbeltown, who has worked with celebrities including Madonna, Stella McCartney and Missy Elliot.

He said: 'When I'm getting set to perform in front of an audience I don't want to feel floored by jet leg. I was bowled over by the difference it made.'

Prevent

Professor Roberts, 70, who uses Protex H regularly to travel as far as Alaska and New Zealand, stated that it was the only product he knew of which could prevent him feeling like a zombie when he arrived, however long the journey.

'I have to admit I was initially sceptical about the likely benefit of a cactus fruit extract,' he said. 'I became involved after hearing about its ability to reduce fatigue in commercial divers.'

'Now I would not even

consider taking an international flight without it.'

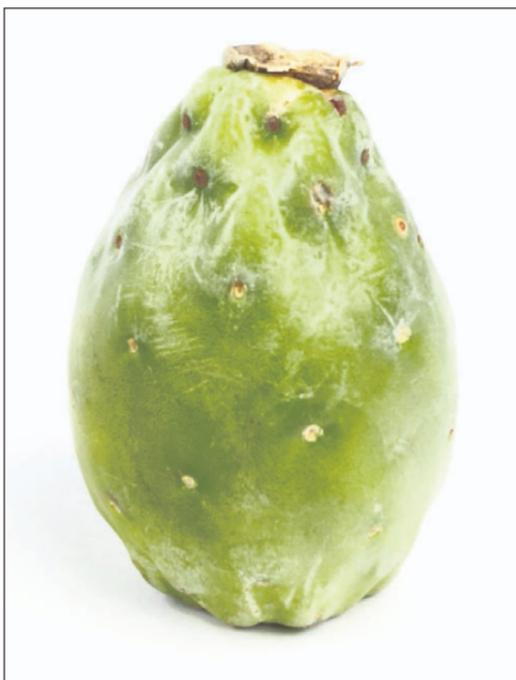
Bradan was founded in Campbeltown in 2003 by Professor Roberts and two friends, Michael Carmichael, retired owner of the Coun-

ty Garage in Campbeltown, and Professor Ronald Hardy to market biosecurity treatments which it had helped to develop.

Now the company has expanded into the whole area of stress manage-

ment in humans and animals.

Professor Roberts, who made his name as a fish farm scientist, has also developed Protex Hydro - to be used to cut mortality rates when moving fish smolt.



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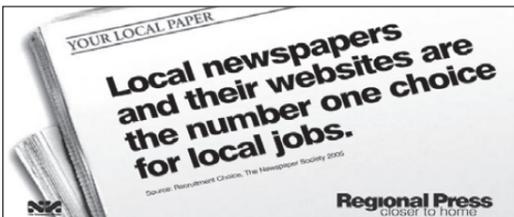
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Peggy McCallum

Eilidh

would like to thank everyone who sent cards, gifts and flowers for the "Big Birthday", they are all much appreciated. Thanks also to family for their gifts and for laying on the Saturday evening "entertainment".

All much enjoyed. Thank you all.

THANKS

Kenneth and Ellen would like to thank all who came to Beckie, Rachael, Sophie, Rhys and Maddison's Christenings at the Seafield Hotel on Sunday, March 17, 2013.

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Wully & Margaret, Drumlemble.

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Louise Gosling

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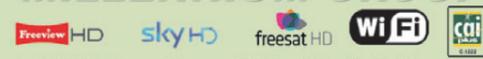
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We are soon to have two new additions to our family in the shape of Rough Collie puppies.

We have been planning this for a while now and given it much consideration.

Some folks tell us that our free time will evaporate and that these pups will be a tie which will restrict our freedom.

Others tell us it will enhance our lives in many ways and we will never regret our decision.

Some of my city friends cannot understand why we don't have a dog to walk with on these beautiful Kintyre beaches.

I have enjoyed the company of dogs most of my life and have missed that canine companionship lately.

So, at the end of April we will come home with two pups.

Springtime is synonymous with new life and what a joy it is to see the fields sprinkled with new lambs, especially at this time after the awful devastation of the recent snow.

The birth of a child always brings its own joy and is cause for celebration, even in difficult situations.

Having just celebrated Easter, we are reminded of the new life we can all enjoy in the here and now, and in life beyond this life.

When the snow melts we can see these indomitable wee spring flowers defying the odds to push through a cold earth.

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Lorna Fowler (right) hands the keys to the Lifeboat shop over to Sue Morgan (left).

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Sue takes over the running of the Lifeboat Shop

AS the tourist season begins in earnest, the Campbeltown Lifeboat Shop is having its doors opened by a new shopkeeper.

Sue Morgan, one of five Lifeboat Shop volunteers, has taken over the running of the shop after Lorna Fowler decided to hand over her keys and wave goodbye to the souvenirs after five years of service.

The shop reopened on Monday, and will be

opening from Monday to Saturday during holidays. It will open on Sundays when coach tours and cruise ships come in to the town.

According to Lorna, the shop is no small undertaking. She said: 'It's a big commitment.'

Sue, however, believes that between herself and the four other volunteers they will make sure there is someone on hand to open up when needed.

Islay pupils say no to independence

THE outcome of a youth question time at Islay High School would not have pleased Alex Salmond.

The First Minister is keen that 16 and 17 years should be given a vote for the referendum on independence in 2014.

He obviously believes that teenagers are open to the idea of Scotland going in alone.

However, that does not appear to be the case on Islay.

During a straw poll at Islay High youth question time, only four of more than 100 members of the young audience

said they wanted independence.

Such was the scale of the landslide that even staunch Unionist Alastair Redman, who runs Portnahaven Post Office, admitted being just as surprised as he was delighted.

Interesting

Mr Redman (25), a community councillor who failed narrowly to be selected as a Tory councillor for Argyll and Bute Council, told the *Courier*: 'I was at the event as a panel member, and thought it was a very interesting result.

'I had incorrectly as-

sumed that the younger generation was more likely to back independence.'

Mr Redman added: 'I think the general feeling on Islay is that we are under-represented by whatever government is in charge.'

'Islay contributes £200 million a year on whisky taxes alone, never mind the contributions made by farms, fisheries, forestry and individual taxpayers, yet we get so little back.'

'We have sub-standard roads and a hospital that has seen bed numbers drop from 14 to four since 1997.'

New look editorial team at the Campbeltown Courier



Graham Crawford

YOUR community newspaper has a new look editorial team after the appointments of Graham Crawford and Pamela Paterson.

Graham, who takes up the role of senior reporter, comes to the *Campbeltown Courier* with a wealth of experience and a knowledge of the west coast, having previously worked at *The Oban Times*.

Graham joins Pamela at our office on the corner of Main and Longrow South. She first moved to Campbeltown in November to take up her first full-time post as a reporter having graduated from Napier University with a masters degree in journalism.

Having grown up on a



Pamela Paterson

farm in Highland Perthshire, she's already familiar with many of the issues facing rural communities such as those across the peninsula.

Steven Flanagan, meanwhile, has taken up the role of the *Campbeltown Courier's* News Editor in addition to his position with *The Oban Times*, as your paper continues to develop as the voice for the community.

Welcoming the new team, Steven said: 'This is an exciting time for the paper and we are delighted to have Graham and Pamela on board.'

'We're confident we have the right people in place to ensure the *Campbeltown Courier* remains a key part of the



Steven Flanagan

vibrant Kintyre community.'

Graham said: 'We want our readers to know that this is truly their paper and hope they will use it more than ever as a hub for everything going on in Kintyre. I'd say call us, email us - let us know what is happening or concerns you, in your community.'

'The *Courier* has always been Kintyre's voice.'

Pamela, already a familiar face around much of Campbeltown, said: 'In my time here I have quickly appreciated how important it is that a rural area like Kintyre can be heard, and the important role the *Campbeltown Courier* plays in making that happen.'

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever' (Psalm 107:1).

BIRTHS

FULTON - Rory and Heather are delighted to announce the birth of Noah Daniel Murdoch Fulton on March 18, 2013. Grandson for Lorraine Campbell, Campbeltown and Murdoch and Rosie Fulton, Clachan. Thanks to both maternity units at Campbeltown and Crosshouse, Kilmarnock.

MATHIESON - Kim and Daryn are delighted to announce the early arrival of Blaze-Lee, born on March 29, 2013 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. Blaze weighed 2lbs 14oz and is doing very well. Chelsea has a cousin at last!

GRIFFIN - SHAW - Ross and Laura are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Reece Donald Griffin on March 17, 2013. A wee brother for Bryce and Connor. Third Grandchild for Bobby and Janice of Inveraray. Sixth Grandchild for Donald and Morna of Ardfarn. Not only did baby arrive on mummy's birthday, but she said yes to Ross's proposal. A birthday she will never forget!

MARRIAGES

MCLAREN - HARROW Married at Stirling University on March 30, 2013, Graeme, only son of Robert and Joan (Crieff) to Paula, youngest daughter of Alan and Carole (Campbeltown). The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Gary McIntyre. A huge thank you to all family and friends who travelled to Stirling after the atrocious week we all had. A wonderfully happy day.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

GILCHRIST - GRAHAM - William and Isabel, at Lorne Street Church, on April 4, 1963, by Rev J Hood.

DEATHS

CLEUGH - Suddenly, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 26, 2013, George Lindsay Cleugh, in his 80th year, 6 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, darling husband of Rena, wonderful father of Marie, Linda and Anne and a loving and much loved papa.

HARDIE - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, after a long illness, on April 2, 2013, David Alexander Hardie (Davie) in his 50th year, Innisfail, Summerhill Crescent, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Anne McMillan, much loved father of Lisa and Jamie, great uncle and son-in-law. Service in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Saturday April 6 at 1.00pm. 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 Brain Tumour Trust.

JAMES - Ernest Frederick (Jim) WO(Rtd.) Royal Air Force passed away peacefully after a short illness on March 25, 2013, aged 87. Beloved husband of Betty Bannatyne, 47 Chichester Way, Yate, BS37 5TB. Sadly missed by all the family.

JOHNSTON - Peacefully after a long illness, borne bravely, at the Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead on March 29, 2013, Victor P. Johnston, aged 65 years, of 9 Brae Road Ardrishaig. Much loved husband of Patsy and loving father of Stuart and Blair. A dear brother of Malcolm, Walter, and Janice. A much admired brother-in-law and uncle to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend and former work colleague to many. A keen and involved member of the local community. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Friday 5th April, at 1pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Mid Argyll Hospital.

LAWRIE - Suddenly but peacefully at home, Dunlossit House, Machrihanish, on the March 22, 2013, Reidon Bjørg Lawrie, in her 84th year, dearly beloved wife of the late John James Lawrie, much loved mother of Eric, Ian, Kenneth and Gavin and loving grandmother of Andrew and Kathleen

MANNERS - On March 31, 2013, peacefully at home, Beryl Manners in her 93rd year, beloved wife of the late Peter Manners and mother of Rosemary, David, Arthur and John, a grandmother nine times and great grandmother seventeen times. Funeral service at Cardross Crematorium, on Monday April 8, at 12.15pm, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

SMITH - Suddenly at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow on March 30, 2013, Hamish Smith, in his 89th year, Adylinn, Loch View Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Jean Smith, much loved father of Margaret, Alistair and David and a loving and much loved grandfather and great grandfather. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church on Friday, April 5, 2013 at 1pm to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Rotary Club, Campbeltown. A private Cremation Service will be held in Clydebank Crematorium at a later date.

WOODS - Mary Cavanagh. Died March 19, 2013, in her 94th year. Beloved wife of the late Peter Joseph Woods, much loved mother of Michael, Andrew and Frances; dearly loved grandmother of Kate, Tim, Michael and Tom and great grandmother of Angus Peter. Funeral service will be held in St. Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead, Thursday April 11, 2013, at 11.30am. All friends are respectfully invited to attend. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Barnardos. The family would like to extend their thanks to the doctors, nurses and care teams of the Mid Argyll Community Hospital for their compassion and dedication.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACDONALD - The family of the late Mary Ann MacDonald would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy during their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to the staff at Auchinlee Residential Home for the care and attention given to mother during her time there. Thanks

also to Mathew Ramsey for a comforting and appropriate service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for professional service, Joan McKerral for playing the organ so beautifully and lastly the staff at the Ardshiel Hotel for their purvey on this sad occasion. Your kindness and support was greatly appreciated.

SOUDEN - Isobel and family would like to thank everybody for their kindness and support on the sad loss of Neil. Special thanks to all doctors and nurses both in Glasgow and Campbeltown. Thanks to Alasdair Blair for a caring and professional service, to Matthew Ramsay for a comforting service and the Argyll Hotel for catering. The collection for Milton Animal Home raised £452.75

SUGARMAN - Len, Gail, Yvonne and family would like to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many cards, letters and kind words of sympathy received, together with the beautiful floral tributes and donations in the sad loss of a dearly beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Special thanks to Rev Phillip Burroughs for an uplifting service and Mr William Crossan for his beautifully delivered eulogy. Deep felt gratitude to Alisdair & Kenneth Blair for their professional services and especially for arranging mum to leave from her birth place in Machrihanish. Grateful thanks to Penny, Vicky, Campbell, Jill and Margaret for all the love, care and attention shown to mum and to Kitty Millar palliative care nurse, district nurses and her family doctor Dr Lazurus for his care shown to mum over the years. Thank you also to the Royal Hotel for providing a beautiful funeral tea, Charles McMillan for his piping tribute and to all those who paid their last respects at the graveside. Love Never Dies. A total of £1292.34 was raised for McMillan and District Nurses Kintyre Locality.

IN MEMORIAMs

GLEN - In loving memory of Patricia, died April 5, 2002. Not just today, but everyday.

Catherine x We remember. Davie x Miss you. - Karen x **GLEN** - Patricia Memories, that's what our life is.

The things we said, The things we done, The cries the laughs and having fun, Nothing can take them away from us. So make good memories to have and share, When the ones we love, Are no longer there. Alistair, Catherine Ann, Alistair, Alan.

HOULDSWORTH - In loving memory of a loving husband, dad and papa, Peter, who died April 5, 2005.

Within our store of memories He holds a place apart For no one else can ever be More cherished in our hearts Eleanor, Amanda and Linda Love you always Papa - Ashley and Lewis

LIDDELL - In loving memory of our dear Mum Elizabeth Died April 2, 1990 Let the winds of love blow softly

And whisper for you to hear We love and miss you dearly As it dawns another year Loved and remembered everyday Missed more than words can say - Evelyn and Hamish, Elaine, Robert, Grant and Stephanie

MCLEAN - Charles. Promoted to Glory on 6 April 1995.

Precious memories of our beloved Dad, Granda and Great-Granda. Too good to be forgotten, always loved and sorely missed by the family at home and away xxx

MACAULAY - With silent memories, no words are needed. - Mum, Thomas, Alec, Kat For a special auntie Diane - Donna Marie, Chloe, Connor, Lucy xxxx

MACAULAY - In loving memory of my precious wee sister Diane a special Auntie. We miss you everyday, memories never go away. All our love Julie and Chloe.

MACGREGOR - In loving memory of a dear mum and nanny (Mary Orr), who died April 8, 1982. Also a dear dad and pappy (Charlie), who died on December 18, 1999. Always remembered. - From all the family.

MACKINLAY - In loving memory of our dear parents Isabella who died April 5, 1993 Peter who died April 30, 1988 To all of you who have parents, cherish them with care because you never miss their value till you see their vacant chairs. Simply the best - Angus and Margaret

MARTIN - In loving memory of Jimmy, who died on April 11, 1998. Always in my thoughts. - Love, Alice.

MARTIN - In loving memory of a dear dad and grandad, (James) who died April 11, 1998. Forever in our hearts. - From all his family.

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of our dad, Rufus, who sadly passed away on March 27, 2007. You are in our thoughts every day. We love and miss you so much.

- Morven, Ian, Jamie, Carol and John. Pappy Rufus, we love you. - Arran, Kyra, Darcey and Kenzie.

SMITH - Iain Smith (Smit) - Died April 5, 2011 I hold you close within my heart, And there you will remain To walk with me throughout my life Until we meet again. Love from Carol & family xxx

SMITH - In loving memory of my son-in-law, Iain, a loving brother-in-law and uncle, who died suddenly April 5, 2011. Our memories of you are like beautiful flowers, As they last through sun and showers, Never will these memories fade, The greatest gift that God has made.

Cathy & family Tarbert, Mull, Glasgow, Wales.



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CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Family Service 11:00 am
Tea & coffee after the service
Baby & Toddler Group starts again on 18th April
We meet in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
For more information please visit our website
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 7th April 12.45pm Worship Service Rev Finlay Mackenzie
Thursday 11th April 12 noon Bible Study and Prayer
All welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

CHRIST CHURCH SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead 01546 602315
Eucharist service Sundays 11 am
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SC013787

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Church Services 7 April - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service Lochgair at 11.30am with AGM
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service Inveraray at 11.30am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday, 7th April, 2013
Kilmartin 11.30a.m.
Mr. David Logue FAMILY SERVICE
All welcome
SC002121

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 7 April 2013 11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean "Having our eyes opened"
Thursday 11 April 2013 7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 7 April
Tayvallich Church 10 am
Family Service David Logue
Saturday 6 April
Tayvallich Hall 10:30 am
Coffee Morning
Tuesday 9 April
Tayvallich Church Kirk Session 7:30 pm
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Sunday 7th April Achahoish at 9:45am Ardrishaig at 11:00am
1 Corinthians 15 "Christ has been raised from the dead"
Saturday 6th April Coffee Morning hosted by the Guild North Church Hall from 10:00 till 12noon
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Highland Parish Church
SC002493
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Tuesday 9th April 2013 7.00pm - Kirk Street Hall Nominating Committee
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Thursday, 11th April Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 12th April Lunch Club resumes - 12:00 noon.

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Wednesday 10 April 2013 No toddlers this week 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
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'Glamping' company receives £30,000

AN INNOVATIVE Islay company is to take advantage of the growing 'glamping' market after it won £30,000 to help develop their unique idea.

Glamping – or glamorous camping, to the uninitiated – is a term created for those who like the idea of camping but prefer their home comforts.

Reacting to the trend, the Islay-based Stormpods, a sister company of Stormcats run by Gus Newman, has developed a small hut – or Storm-

pod – which is fully furnished with a bathroom, kitchen, bedroom and living area.

The turf-roofed Stormpod is so sympathetic-sited that people passing by the demonstration pod on Islay have failed to even notice it.

Connection

Inside, however, connection to mains electricity allows for a microwave, fridge, heater, shower and other mod cons.

Stormpods managing director Gus Newman explained: 'With the turf

on the roof, you can't hear the wind and rain hitting it, so it is ideal for west coast weather.

'The demonstration Stormpod is only 10 metres from the road but people just walk past it. When people are staying in it, passers-by are more likely to ask why there's a car in the middle of the field!

'This is the first ever fibreglass shell accommodation and is aimed at the tourist market but I have already been approached by people who want a 'granny annex'

extension on their property or even a hot tub.'

Stormpods recently reached the final 20 of a competition run by Scottish EDGE and were one of the 17 businesses that were awarded £30,000 of funding.

The company plans to use this funding to assist with the marketing of the pods and building new demonstrator model pods.

Gus added: 'The £30,000 will build a new pod market the product and hopefully allow us to employ more people.'



John Swinney congratulates Scottish EDGE competition finalists Gus Newman and Naal El-nakla of Stormpods.

Councillor calls for NHS to hold a public meeting

LOCAL councillor Donald Kelly has called on NHS Highland to hold a public meeting about the proposed substitute prescription clinic in Campbeltown.

The councillor has contacted director of operations for the NHS in Argyll and Bute, Derek Leslie, after constantly hearing concerns from constituents about the proposals for a methadone clinic.

He has asked Mr Leslie to hold a meeting in the Victoria Hall in the town and invite all community councillors, councillors and MSPs to at-

tend.

He said: 'A public meeting would give the NHS the opportunity to allay any fears or concerns which may arise from this proposal going forward.'

This comes as Campbeltown Community Council also tries to organise an extraordinary meeting with NHS Highland to discuss changes to the hospital, including the reduction of beds at the facility.

Both of these meetings would be open to the public, allowing anyone with concerns over either issue a

Southend residents have a chance to say thanks

RESIDENTS in Southend had a quick opportunity last week to express their immense gratitude to the hundreds of workers involved in restoring power to Kintyre.

Southend was one of the worst hit areas by the unprecedented bad weather two weekends ago.

Indeed, when 20 residents turned up for the village's community council meeting in the Argyll Arms last Wednesday evening, they fully expected to be operating by candle-

light. However, after being without power for nearly six days, it was restored just 20 minutes before the meeting got under way.

Inform

John Bakes, Southend Community Council chairman, told the *Courier*: 'Two community liaison officers from Scottish and Southern Energy attended the meeting to inform us of the present situation.

'They were asked if they could take the thanks of the community back to the engineers

for restoring the power.

'As chairman, I also thanked everyone in the community who had pulled together to help each other, especially those who provided warm food and drinks to those without.'

Also in attendance was Argyll and Bute councillor Rory Colville who was told by residents that the three-day closure of the A83 at Clachan by snow had emphasised the need for a ferry link from Campbeltown to Ayrshire.

'Perhaps a ferry may

have not been able to sail because of the weather, but what if there is a serious crash or diesel spill on the main road?

'If the A83 is blocked for any reason, you are stuck.'

Demonstrated

Mr Bakes said recent events had also demonstrated the need for Southend to press ahead with its proposed emergency plan.

He added: 'It was a very positive meeting, and people felt they had learned from what had happened.'



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Catherine wins open singles

LAST Wednesday saw Catherine McEachran, fresh from coming runner up in the Mary Meenan trophy, win the ladies open singles bowling competition.

It proved to be second time luck for Catherine as she overcame a one shot deficit in the penultimate end to take two shots in the last end to secure the title over runner up Moira Wareham. The finalists and

semi finalists, Maureen MacInnes and Ria Johnston, were presented with their prizes by director Ranald Watson and ladies' president Jean Miller.

This competition finished the indoor season at Stronvaar and the members now look forward to the opening of the green, snow, frost and east wind permitting, on Saturday April 13.



Ladies' president Jean Miller (far left) presents prizes to semi finalists Ria Johnston (middle left) and Maureen MacInnes (far right), finalist Moira Wareham (middle right) and winner Catherine McEachran (centre). Bowling club director Ranald Watson stands at the back. c14openingles01no



Presidents Robert MacCallum (far left) and Jean Miller (far right) present the prizes to runner up Catherine McEachran and winner Maureen MacInnes.

Power cuts fail to stop Maureen winning singles competition

MAUREEN MacInnes came out on top at the Campbeltown Bowling Club's singles competition during a short time of restored heating and power on March 24.

The Bowling Club's ladies section are a hardy bunch and are totally undaunted by major events like power cuts so they forged ahead with the very popular Mary Meenan Memorial singles.

With only minutes of heating and power remaining, the final between Catherine McEachran and Maureen MacInnes concluded with a win for Maureen before the plug was pulled and the clubhouse was plunged in to its second Arctic winter in a matter of days.

Presidents Robert MacCallum and Jean Miller presented the prizes.

Pupils at LEAD 2014 Conference

A GROUP of pupils from Campbeltown Grammar School made the long trip to the University of Stirling to take part in an event management course last week.

The LEAD 2014 Conference, a partnership between Youth Sport Trust, sportscotland and Glasgow 2014, gave the four pupils the opportunity to attend various workshops.

These were based on event management, leadership skills and volunteering, while also raising the profile of the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games across Scotland.

The pupils aim to host a Commonwealth Festival during the summer

term, putting into practice what they learned on the day.



Kate Cameron, William McKinnon, Darren Souden and Anna Colville made the trip to Stirling to learn about volunteering and leadership.

Gary plays for SAFL Select

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils striker Gary Grumoli has been given his first representative honour by being asked to play in a Scottish Amateur Football League Select match last weekend.

The SAFL Select team played Carlton YMCA at the Kibble Complex in Paisley in a very one sided match for the Douglas Harvey Memorial Trophy.

The host club's annual Sportsman Dinner Awards is normally preceded by a game against the league's top performers, and it was an honour for both Gary

and his club to be included in the proceedings.

The match produced a runaway win for the SAFL Select, and although injured earlier in the match, Gary returned later in the game to score on his representative debut in an 8-0 victory.

Gary joins a proud list of Campbeltown Pupils players who have league representative honours, and his inclusion gives hope to many of his young team mates who are only beginning their journey in amateur football.

Gregor Peacock of Lo-

chgilphead Red Star was also in the squad.



Gary Grumoli holds the Douglas Harvey Memorial Trophy.

MOK Run 10k and half marathon training schedule

WEEK five of training for the MOK Run 10k and half marathon sees a continued build up in the distance and length of time of your run.

The 10k training is still split into three sessions during the week, leaving a gap of one day between each session.

These sessions should consist of a five minute walk, a 15 minute run and a five minute walk.

In the half marathon training, there are four sessions, on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Sunday: eight miles long run.

Monday: rest
Tuesday: three miles hard run.

Wednesday: rest.
Thursday: four miles, quality run.

Friday: rest.
Saturday: four miles, easy run.

Campbeltown and District darts results

KILBRANNAN and Burnside darts teams both scored convincing wins in week 18 of the Campbeltown District Darts Association.

The Agnes Goddard Memorial mixed doubles will take place tonight (Friday) in the Kilbrannan, while the league singles will also be at the Kilbrannan on Monday.

Results: Commercial 2 Fiddlers 8; Ailsa 1 Kilbrannan 9; Burnside 9 Kinloch 1; Fiddlers B 5 Southend 5; Kilbrannan B /Bye.

Dookers looking to pick up all three points

TARBERT AFC return to league action tomorrow (Saturday) after a week's rest over the Easter holidays. Tarbert face a tough match as they take on East Kilbride YMCA at Cil Andres.

Hoping to secure all three points from the match, the Dookers remain at the bottom of division 1A.

The game kicks off at 2pm.

Tight lines as angling season gets underway



There were 23 members at the opening weekend of Kintyre Angling Club on March 16. c14angling01no

DONALD Lawson and Cameron McKinnon hauled in a respectable catches on the first two weekends of competition of the Kintyre Angling Club.

The opening competition took place at the Lussa Dam on March 16, and despite

the very cold and windy day, 23 members braved the elements.

Only five fish were caught on this occasion, but Donald Lawson had a very creditable catch of two trout weighing a total of 3lbs 2oz.

The second competition took place last weekend, once again at the Lussa Dam. Once again, the weather was not kind for fishing but Cameron McKinnon ran out a worthy winner with a rainbow of 2lbs 12oz.

Carradale back in action

CARRADALE AFC are back in action this weekend playing away against league champions Kirkmichael.

After two weekends of no football due to snow and no match over Easter, the team face the Central Scottish Welfare Football association league champions in Helensburgh.

Islay Golf Club

DAVID Lamont has won last weekend's Islay Open golf competition with a net score of 144.

Results: 1 David Lamont 71 - 73, 144; 2 Keith MacDonald 75 - 72, 147; 3 Ross Currie 73 - 74, 147.

Pupils take on old rivals in Marshall Trophy semi final

THE MCFADYEN sponsored Campbeltown Pupils play host to old rivals Eaglesham tomorrow (Saturday) in the quarter final of the Jimmy Marshall Trophy.

The game will be an indication of the amount of progress made by the home club over the past

12 months, as the visitors hold a solid mid-table position in the Premier League, the top division of the SAFL.

Injury

The home club have been injury ravaged over the last two months, but the in-depth strength in the squad has kept the local favourites on a

winning run.

The cup will give the team a little relief from the tension of league fixtures, but the management will be keen to progress to the semi-final after losing out to Aitkenhead Thistle at the same stage of the Centenary Cup.

The Pupils remain top

of Premier Two with five games left to play and a good performance will build confidence for what promises to be a grandstand finish to the season.

The venue for the match had still to be decided at the time of writing, so look for local posters.



Winner of the opening weekend of angling was Donald Lawson.

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