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Deputy first minister to open New Quay

NICOLA Sturgeon, the deputy first minister, is expected in Campbeltown on Monday morning to officially open the harbour's New Quay.

The past year has seen the £4.6 million contract carried out on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council as part of the Kintyre Renewables Hub project to see Campbeltown and Machrihanish develop as a centre for the renewable energy industry in Scotland.



Police quickly cordoned off the scene after the horror crash in Lochend Street last May. 2013_c20crash01

Insanity verdict for horror crash driver

A CAMPBELTOWN man who caused a horrific car crash before swallowing part of his own flesh in a police cell has been detained in a high security psychiatric hospital.

Fraser Griffiths, 40, was accused of trying to murder a woman and three child passengers in a Vauxhall Zafira after driving it at excessive speed and colliding with a parked pick-up truck on May 11 last year in Lochend Street, Campbeltown.

However, a jury at the High Court in Edin-

burgh on Wednesday found him not guilty by a majority of attempted murder on the grounds he was insane at the time.

Griffiths had pleaded not guilty, lodging a special defence he was insane at the time.

Judge Lord Jones ordered that Griffiths, who was diagnosed with bipolar affective disorder, should be held under an interim compulsion order at the State Hospital at Carstairs.

He told jurors: 'This is a very tragic case for all those involved.'

The court heard agreed evidence that Griffiths had returned to Campbeltown with his passengers from a visit to Clachan when he accelerated in Kinloch Street and went through a T-junction with Lochend Street before crashing into the Ford Transit.

The passengers, including children aged 14, five and three, suffered serious injuries and were trapped in the vehicle.

Griffiths, who sustained superficial cuts and

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Electricity pole catches fire at Tangy

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Firefighters can be seen tackling the fire around the power poles at Tangy. Picture courtesy of Izzy Macpherson of Plymouth.



Scorched grass can be seen around the new power pole at Tangy. 08_c15pole01

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MORE than 240 households were left without power last Friday after an electricity power pole caught fire and collapsed at Tangy.

Surrounding moorland was also set ablaze in the incident, but was quickly brought under control by fire and rescue.

Power was restored to 100 homes within an hour, and a further 110 homes were reconnected a few hours later.

The remaining 30 homes had power restored at 2am, nine hours after the fire.

Residents praised the rapid response of Scottish and Southern Energy workers.

John Smith, of Tangy Lodge, told the Courier: 'They were brilliant, just like they were during last month's power cut with the heavy snow.'

A nearby resident, who

did not want named, said: 'I came home just before 5pm to see smoke on the nearby hill.'

'Part of the pole then snapped.'

'The fire brigade arrived very quickly, and within just a couple of hours Scottish and Southern Energy workers were putting in a new pole.'

'They worked away in the dark with head torches on until 2am.'

'I was amazed how quick they were.'

'It was good to get the power back so quick. We were without power for six days last month with the bad weather.'

Two fire appliances from Campbeltown attended the scene.

Police also closed the single track road to Tangy, just north of Westport, for a period.

A spokeswoman for Scottish and Southern Energy said: 'The problem was a faulty insulator, part of aftermath of last month's severe weather.'

'Our staff replaced 350 poles and 60 miles of overhead cables, however we have a programme of work surveying for further damage.'

Around 500 SSE drafted into Kintyre from all over the UK last month to restore power to thousands of homes have been heavily praised for the extensive work carried out in extreme weather conditions.

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For further information about the project, please contact Jamie Grant on 0131 243 1380 or musdale@infinis.com

Argent finally salvaged

THE ARGENT fishing boat, which ran aground at the end of last year, has finally been salvaged at a cost of £70,000.

The vessel had been stuck off Campbeltown Loch for months after running aground in December last year.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'Work was undertaken by Mellex Plant and Construction. The cost was £70,000 and this will be pursued with the owner.'

Councillor Rory Colville has expressed his delight. He said: 'I'm delighted it's been salvaged and it's just a pity it took so long. It was partly the weather and partly the legal issues. It was definitely a hazard to shipping.'

Sandy gets top award from HRH

SANDY Wilkie, owner of Kilchousland farm, thought 'someone was taking the mickey' when he was told he would be receiving an award from HRH Princess Anne last year.

The director of sales and marketing at Muller Wiseman Dairies was presented with the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers' (RABDF) Princess Royal Award on March 27 at Buckingham Palace in honour of his outstanding services to the industry.

Sandy's connections to Kintyre don't stop at Peninver, however, as he has always been keen to visit the Wee Toon and now

finds himself a member of the Campbeltown Town Hall Regeneration Project.

After being asked to get involved in the project, Sandy has nothing but praise for their work. He said: 'The plan is very comprehensive.'

Well-being

'I met with them on Friday and they are a good bunch of people. They have the well-being of the town at heart.'

Sandy has spent his career in the dairy sector, initially working for Robert Wiseman Dairies in sales, before moving to marketing. He spearheaded several campaigns including the 'Make Mine Milk' campaign, getting celebri-

ties to promote milk to young people and the black and white milk branding synonymous with Muller Wiseman Dairies.

He said: 'The farmers love to see their product being promoted and celebrated like that.'

He also remains an active part of the young farmers as president - 'I'm the old codger who comes in and keeps them right. They're a great crowd.'

His work throughout various sectors of the dairy industry led him to being chosen for the RABDF Princess Royal Award.

He said: 'They phoned me last October and I thought someone was



Sandy Wilkie, director of marketing at Muller Wiseman Dairies, receives his RABDF Princess Royal Award from HRH Princess Anne on March 27.

taking the mickey.'

Despite being told he would only have a short

length of time with HRH Princess Anne, they ended up chatting

for over an hour.

He said: 'She really knows her stuff.'

Speed limits to be looked at

KINTYRE councillors have asked for the speed limit on a number of roads to be looked at.

Argyll and Bute Council is currently doing a speed limit review of roads in the area and is asking councillors to identify any roads they feel need changing.

Councillor Rory Colville has suggested all residential areas in Campbeltown should have the speed limit lowered to 20mph due to cars parking at the sides of the road in places such as Ralston Road and Davaar Avenue.

John Semple, lead

councillor for economic development and infrastructure, suggested reducing the speed on the B842 towards the Moy. He said: 'It's something worth investigating.'

Discussion

The stretch of the A83 at Tayinloan also came up in discussion, with councillor Robin Currie suggesting the limit there should be dropped to 40mph - something West Kintyre community council has wanted for some time.

He said: 'There's a 40mph speed limit at Clachan so why is there not one at Tayinloan?'

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Generator information wanted

POLICE are keen for information on men with Irish accents who have been trying to sell generators in the Clachan area.

'They are believed to be driving a grey people carrier,' said a Campbeltown Police spokesman.

'We would welcome any more information about them or their vehicle.' Campbeltown Police can be contacted on 01586-862201.

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Wyvex Media Photo of the Year winners announced

AMATEUR photographers Linda Anderson-Kerr and Lucy Thornhill are celebrating this week after triumphing in our Tesco-sponsored Photo of the Year competition.

Linda Anderson-Kerr, 54, of Shuna Terrace, Oban, enjoyed the double honour of claiming most votes in the competition and the judges' favour with her stunning photograph of Puck's Glen, Benmore – claiming £300 of vouchers in the process.

Lucy Thornhill claimed the

people's prize, a Fuji S4240 camera from Tesco, after gathering the second most votes with her capture of a deep orange sunset over Oban Bay, taken from Pulpit Hill.

Linda has been taking photographs since she was four and is delighted to have won the top prize, having shot the image on her Canon EOS 550D.

Lucy, 32, took her winning shot on a Olympus bridge camera.

Wyvex Media news editor Steven Flanagan said: 'The judges

had a very difficult job picking winners - the public vote was also very close.

'Both winning photographs are examples of good technique and timing - importantly they've also captured the unrivalled beauty of the Highlands and Islands.'

Tesco duty manager Gary Killorn said: 'There was a lot of spectacular photos sent in for the competition, I think the good weather helped, but Linda and Lucy's pictures were excellent and they deserve their prizes.'



Tesco's Gary Killorn presents Linda Anderson-Kerr, left, and Lucy Thornhill with their prizes after winning our Photo of the Year competition. 16_t15photowinner1

Area committee to press NHS Highland to hold public meeting

MEMBERS of Argyll and Bute council in Kintyre are continuing to press the NHS to hold a meeting in the town to discuss both the proposed methadone clinic and cuts to hospital beds.

It was decided at last Wednesday Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee

(MAKI) that the group would contact NHS Highland, asking them to hold a public meeting in the town and if they received no response, to invite them to attend the next MAKI meeting in June.

All local councillors at the meeting were agreed that a public meeting would be the best op-

tion.

Councillor Donald Kelly, who has been calling for a public meeting for some time, said: 'Many constituents are very concerned regarding the NHS proposals to reduce the number of beds at Campbeltown Hospital coupled with the methadone clinic proposal.

'I feel that it is important to have a public meeting to discuss both issues. The NHS have so far refused to do so, despite being asked by myself and Campbeltown Community Council.

'Hopefully the support from the MAKI Area Committee will convince them that the request for a meeting is not going away.'

Councillor Rory Colville added he felt issues relating to the cutting of beds came up in last month's emergency situation. He explained: 'Issues came to light during the Kintyre emergency, being able to actually care for people in these situations, so it's the council social work as well.'

Councillors are 'exasperated' over delay in road repairs

LOCAL councillors have said they are 'exasperated' with the constant delays to work on Kinloch Road in Campbeltown.

Argyll and Bute Council's roads department told councillors last Wednesday that they had found additional funding to cover resurfacing works on Kinloch Road, which has been left with no work done for months.

Stewart Clark, who is roads performance manager, said to councillors present at the Mid Argyll Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee: 'We found the drainage was next to non-existent.

'We are now only a few weeks away from having all that work done.'

The council hopes to have works by completed by the end of April,

although this comes after the deputy first minister's visit to open the New Quay on Monday.

SNP councillor John Semple suggested there were other parts of Kinloch Road which were more in need of work than the part the council is currently working on.

He explained: 'That section identified is not the worst bit of road in that area. Saddell Street

is in much worse condition.'

Argyll First councillor Donald Kelly added he felt 'very disappointed' that despite assurances of temporary repairs to the road they have not been done, especially with several big events taking place next month.

He said: 'The time this is taking to complete this section of the road is bor-

dering on the ridiculous.

'I am totally exasperated listening to excuses for delay after delay and I want to see action. A number of roads both in Campbeltown and the surrounding area require significant repairs. With the extra funding agreed by the council administration coming forward, it is hoped that many of them will be addressed in the near future.'

£140,000 bid for Carradale slip lodged

AN APPLICATION for £140,000 EU grant funding to build a slip at Carradale Harbour has been lodged.

Carradale Community Council heard last week that the project is seeking a large chunk of the £345,000 available to the South Ayrshire region from Axis 4 of the European Fisheries Fund managed by FLAGs (Fisheries Local Action Groups).

Shelagh Cameron, the council's acting convenor, said: 'There is a whole load more work to be done but nothing

that is insurmountable.

'Our bid has had loads of support from fishermen, councillors and out MP and MSP. The FLAG officer was most impressed with the application and the support for it.'

Alan Milstead of the Carradale Harbour Group said the proposed slip would be available not only for any possible ferry service to Arran, but any boat trip business that may be started as well as the launching of day boats and the landing of fish.

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Trying to contact Kilmory during power cuts was 'farcical'

'FARCICAL' is the word local councillor Rory Colville has used to describe his attempts to contact Kilmory during last month's power cuts while calling for a public meeting.

Speaking at Wednesday's Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee meeting (MAKI), councillor Colville asked if there was any action being taken to review the events which left Kintyre cut off and without power for several days.

Issues

He said: 'There are issues I'm aware of which need to be debated and need to be covered.'

'Trying to contact Kilmory was farcical - there was a recorded mes-

sage and I couldn't get through.'

Councillor John Semple explained to Mr Colville that the departments involved have had a 'debrief and have fed back lessons learned'.

He added: 'It was a first for here. You're never going to get all the things in the right place at the right time.'

Meanwhile, Argyll First councillor, Donald Kelly, believes every resident affected should have a letter sent to them by the council asking them for their opinions and feedback. He also cited the lack of communication during the power cuts as an issue.

He said: 'The council require to look at ways of improving commu-

nication links with the public.

'Simple things such as notice boards throughout the town and villages which could have been updated daily, providing all the basic information required; making sure that Argyll FM was treated as a priority from day one and the Victoria Hall should be identified as the initial contact centre for the public in the case of an emergency.'

Debrief group

Chairman of the committee, councillor Douglas Philand, suggested the emergency debrief group to meet with council members and representatives from community councils, with a report to be given at the next MAKI meeting in June.

Couple's Campbeltown venue for 39th wedding



Lisa and Alex experience a traditional Peruvian wedding.

A CAMPBELTOWN-connected man and his wife have decided to repeatedly go through the stresses of a wedding day, by getting married in every country they visit.

Alex Pelling, 32, whose family are from Campbeltown, and Lisa Gant, 30, are travelling around the world on the hunt for the most unusual and unique wedding locations in the world.

At the end of their three year odyssey, they will pick their favourite place of their 94 weddings and go back again to officially get married.

They have already married in Canada, Brazil, Hawaii and Las Vegas, as well as several other exotic locations.

Recently, the couple had wedding number 39 at Caisealrag Cottage in Knapdale, which they chose due to Alex's Argyll connection.

He said: 'I grew up in Yorkshire as my Grandma (Prosser) moved for business many moons ago.'

'We chose Crear as the wedding venue as it was close by to Campbeltown and they where keen to be part of the project.'

'It is one of the most spectacular landscapes we have visited out of the 26 countries so far. The venue is high up on the list of contenders for the final, official, wedding!'

Insanity verdict for Campbeltown horror crash driver

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bruises, climbed out of the car through a smashed window.

He stripped off his clothes and repeatedly shouted: 'Somebody die for me.'

The oldest child, a 14-year-old boy, managed to get out of the car but Griffiths ran towards him shouting: 'Kill him, kill him, it's the code.'

Griffiths punched the teenager, knocking him to the ground before kicking and stamping on him.

A police patrol grabbed Griffiths but he struggled violently. One officer used CS spray on him but he said: 'Don't bother. That has no effect on me. I eat it.'

Later at Campbeltown Police Station, Griffiths removed his

clothing and banged his head off walls.

When police using shields managed to pin him to a wall, he bit into his own right arm and swallowed his own flesh.

Advocate depute David Taylor added: 'He lashed out at officers, threatened them and made numerous references to Satan and the fact that he, the accused, was God and the Messiah.'

Following the crash the woman, the boy and two girls were flown by air ambulance to Glasgow for treatment. All four required surgery.

Mr Taylor told jurors that Griffiths had a history of mental health problems.

Lord Jones continued the case to the High Court in Glasgow in June.

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People continue to question whether more could have been done to bring the electricity back quicker, to clear the road faster or to deliver hot food sooner.

Even local councillors are demanding answers, on one hand hailing the actions of certain groups and individuals during the crisis, and calling for a review on the other.

Communication has been the word repeated over and over again during the past few weeks as something that needs to be improved on. A lack of noticeboards and a central information point have been cited as something needing looked at.

Not only that, several residents of the area have found it laughable that Argyll and Bute Council felt the easiest way to get information out to people was to update its website and create a dedicated Facebook page - something difficult for people in the area to check when they have no internet and the phone signal is down.

This led to, in some cases, relatives outside of Kintyre knowing more about what was happening than those inside, but with very few ways of being able to contact them to let them know about the situation.

Of course, there are lessons to be learned on all levels, from residents being a little more prepared for bad weather all the way up to the council, who should maybe think more carefully about its communication strategy.

However, the best thing to come from all this is the continuing stories of people helping others and the huge level of thanks residents have for everyone who did their part during that week.

For all the mistakes and delays, at least one thing is sure: people in Kintyre know how to support each other in a crisis.

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What MACC actually did during the power cuts

Sir,

In a response to a letter in last week's *Courier*, I would like to correct a misconception of what Machrahanish Air Base Community Company (MACC) could have done last month during the bad weather and power cuts.

It was suggested that there were 'a few unused generators' which could have been put to use sooner.

However, we in fact had only one generator which could be used for an accommodation block. All others are fixed generators that cannot be transferred to other locations.

It is worthwhile taking this opportunity to outline what MACC actually did during the days when Kintyre had no power.

The generator in the accommodation block was started up on the Saturday morning, and the crisis centre at Campbeltown Hospital was notified that we had accommodation available at the air base (after beds and equipment were moved by staff into the block).

The crisis committee then decided to move approximately 30 vulnerable people and the carers to the base from the Campbeltown and Carradale areas.

The last of those was moved out of the base on Wednesday morning when power was restored to most of Kintyre.

On the Sunday night, we

also provided accommodation for 25 Scottish and Southern Energy emergency workers.

We also supplied the hospital crisis centre (at the Bengullion ward) with duvets, blankets and pillows.

All the above can be verified by Argyll and Bute Council and other relevant bodies.

MACC is still working with SSE to resolve power generation provision in the area.

I would like to thank everybody who helped, the MACC staff, the crisis centre staff, and the volunteers and carers who worked tirelessly to keep the generator going. It made me proud to be part of this community.

Not least of all, and I'm sure I speak for many, my gratitude goes out to the hundreds of SSE staff for restoring power in very difficult conditions.

Ian Wardrop,
chairman
MACC Group.

Campbeltown at its very best

Sir,

As one of the drivers turned back at Clachan during last month's snow, could this have been avoided with appropriate notices warning of the road closure i.e. perhaps one at Westport and much further up the road at Tarbert for instance to give drivers the chance to get accommodation, instead of being left to sleep in cars in some cases?

On the positive side, the community spirit kicked in. A big thank you to Alex Russell and staff who provided hot meals and drinks in diffi-

cult circumstances and all the volunteers who delivered hot food and drinks to vulnerable people.

Campbeltown at its best - well done everyone.

A visitor to Campbeltown.

A big thank you

Sir,

I would like to say thanks to Sergeant Stuart Watson and his fellow officers for the morning of Friday 22 March.

A big thank you from Bruce, Tracey and Hope for getting us on our holiday. If it wasn't for them we wouldn't have gone.

We would like to say a big thank you and well done.

Bruce Strang,
Campbeltown.

Looking for a female Befriender

Sir,

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ed and sometimes struggling to cope.

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If you require any further information, please contact me on 07972541830 or laura@butterflytrust.org.uk

Kind Regards
Laura Findlay
Volunteer Manager

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Anne Cowan said on our Facebook page:

You noted lots of wonderful people and organisations who contributed to keeping us all safe during the recent power cut, but the Co-op barely got a mention.

While Tesco remained resolutely shut, the Co-op opened and organised its staff to work with torches on their heads to let people get supplies.

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Faced with £8 cash in my purse, my fridge/freezer food either useless or going off and my weekly shop thwarted by the snow, I really appreciated the Co-op ensuring we had enough to cook on our wee calor gas stove.

Thanks guys!

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Sheilagh Cameron, acting convenor of Carradale Community Council, outside the village hall which is set to provide a main centre for the area's residents in event of an emergency. c15hall01no

Emergency plan for Carradale

CARRADALE residents are determined never to be caught out again by extreme weather or power cuts.

The isolated community plans to have its own emergency generator to provide heat and hot food.

The village also intends having its own communication strategy to ensure no one is left alone or uninformed.

The residents' move comes as a Kintyre councillor has hit out at his 'farical' experience trying repeatedly to contact Argyll and Bute Council's headquarters at Kilmory during last month's power cuts and being met simply by an answering machine.

Councillor Rory Colville insisted the council had lessons to learn. See full story on page 4.

Carradale's proposed generator would be based in the village hall, where other emergency items like candles, torches and small gas stoves would be stored.

'I think we have all learned lessons from last month's power cut,' acting convenor Shelagh

Cameron told Carradale Community Council last week.

'We were left out in a limb with no communication. Nobody knew what was going on.'

'Everybody was caught on the hop. The situation highlighted how vulnerable we were.'

'We were very lucky nothing untoward happened.'

Most Carradale residents were left without heating, light and hot food for six days.

Tony Leighton said he was 'very disappointed' that no Argyll and Bute councillors were at the community council meeting.

Praising the work of Scottish and Southern Energy staff in restoring power, he said questions needed to be asked of Argyll and Bute Council to see if it could have handled the crisis better.

'What happened demonstrated that are at the back of beyond here,' he added.

The community council members agreed the village hall would be an obvious location to site a 30 kva generator, suitable to power

the hall.

Second hand ones can cost around £4,000, and funding could be sourced from Argyll and Bute Council and the East Kintyre Windfarm Trust.

Mrs Cameron said the village also needed a communications strategy to ensure checks can be made on everyone during an emergency.

The community council agreed the Carradale area could be broken up into around a dozen key locations, each involving a volunteer ensuring residents were informed and safe.

In light of last month's experiences, it was suggested a proposed community minibus may be better as a 4x4 vehicle.

It was agreed to look into this 'more expensive' option.

Treasurer Catharine Forbes said: 'Perhaps instead of a bog-standard minibus we could have something robust and fit for purpose.'

'A lot of people are going to need help in their homes.'

Piping society hold recital

THIS weekend sees Kintyre Piping Society hold its last recital before the summer break at the Masonic Hall in Campbeltown.

Inveraray Pipe Band, under pipe major Stuart Liddell, will be performing on Saturday night.

The band has been competing well against the top bands and on August 14 they will be giving a concert ascension in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall

£625,000 upgrade for Argyll and Bute roads

KINTYRE'S roads are to receive a £625,000 upgrade between now and the end of August as part of Argyll and Bute's roads capital reconstruction programme.

Several small sections of roads are to be patched, and widened, including the B842 at Oakfield and Moy.

The A83 at Glenbarr is to have £65,000 spent on surface dressing prep-

aration, while Clachan Loop road is to have its drainage improved and carriageway resurfaced.

A section of the B842 in Carradale is to have £75,000 spent on preparation and surface dressing.

In Campbeltown, footways are to be repaired and just outside the town at Drum, £180,000 will be spent on structural widening and sur-

face dressing.

A further £25,000 has been allocated for structural patching on an as needed basis.

White lining, which has caused considerable concern amongst people in certain areas, is supposed to start on April 22 and will be done in area such as the B842 at Stewarton and the A83 between Tayinloan and Muasdale.

Survey to be carried out at Tayinloan Pier

A SURVEY is to be carried out at Tayinloan Pier to monitor the movement of silt and other material which caused disruption to ferry traffic in January.

The contractor was due to proceed with the survey some time ago, but due to the blizzard conditions three weeks ago, their progress has

been halted. The aim of the survey is to understand the movement of silt on the beach since November 2012 and decide what the best course of action is to avoid further disruption to the pier.

Diverted

In January, ferries between Tayinloan and Gigha were diverted to Kennacraig after the

pier was closed due to a build up of silt and sand at the pier.

This happened despite a multi million pound upgrade in the summer last year, clearing sand from the area.

Once the survey has been completed, a report will be sent to the council detailing ways to solve the problem.

Vandalism

VANDALISM at Kilkerran Cemetery in Campbeltown has sparked a police appeal for information.

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This scarecrow with his hi-viz jacket made an eye-catching sight at Waterside Cottage approaching Southend. 08_c15scarepower01

Scary goings on down Southend way

A WITCH crashed into a pole as a warning not to 'Drink and Fly' was the eye-catching winner of Southend's popular Annual Scarecrow Challenge.

The clever entry, by Margaret and John McDowall of The Whins, was picked ahead of the entry from John Bakes of Waterside Cottage.

His scarecrow portrayed a power engineer repairing the cables after the recent storm.

Tied for third place was May and Tommy Wilson's difficult sign post for Alex Salmond as to 'Mibies Aye or Mibies Naw' in the forthcoming Independence Referendum, and David McCallum's 'Thistle Do'.

Judging on Sunday saw scouts helping the Dunaverty Village Hall committee and members of the community to raise funds towards a new hall.

'It was a good turnout of 18 entries very much appreciated by the committee,' said the event's chairwoman, Susan Paterson.

Bill and Linda Brannigan, of 12 Wallace Cottages, Southend, have created scarecrows for each of the four years of the competition.

'It had to be about the power workers this year,' said Linda. 'These guys were absolute heroes, battling with freezing weather last month to restore the power to Kintyre.'

Little Bo Peep and her impressive wooden sheep were the loving creation of Christine and Stuart Jar-

dine, of Glenburn, who moved to the area in December.

'We weren't really thinking of moving here, but we just fell in love with the place,' said Christine, who is originally from Clackmannanshire.

'It is so beautiful and the people here are so friendly.'

The pictures of all the scarecrows are going on Dunaverty Hall Facebook page shortly and the fundraising committee's next event is a table sale on April 21 in St Blaans Hall.



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Little Bo Peep and her wooden sheep at Glenburn. 08_c15scare sheep01



Pupils at Southend Primary School demonstrated their imagination.

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Bill and Linda Brannigan of Southend said they were determined to pay tribute to the engineers who last month brought heat and light back to Kintyre. 08_c15careheroes01



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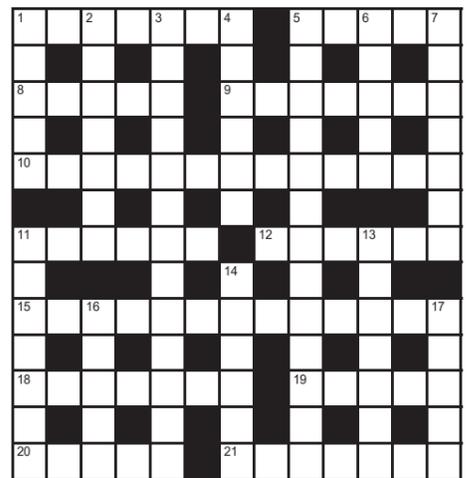
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Following the yellow brick road: Jane Griffiths created a Wizard of Oz arrangement. 20_c15flower09



Kilcalmonell Parish Church in Clachan hosted its flower show at the weekend with the theme of '100 years of Campbeltown Picture House'. 08_c15flower02



One of the most impressive arrangements was Pauline Simson's The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, which took up a large portion of the small church. 20_c15flower10



Sam Templeton, 12, from Whitehouse, enjoyed his tea and cakes in the village hall with his mum, Deborah Church. 08_c15flower01



Bilbo Baggins sits outside his house in Lori and Leo Silvan's arrangement of The Hobbit. 20_c15flower07

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Alice is lost amongst giant flowers and caterpillars in Gaia Silvan's Alice in Wonderland arrangement. 20_c15flower05



Peter Simson of Clachan horse in the church gro



Festival celebrates cinema's 100th year

FANCIFUL floral designs certainly helped 'reel' visitors in to Clachan when Kilcalmonell Parish Church celebrated 100 years of Campbeltown Picture House.

Held over the weekend, the annual flower festival marked the celebrations with a series of displays paying tribute to some of the most well known films of the last century.

From a display heralding the age of black and white films to more recent and colourful productions, such as Shrek and The Hobbit, there was something for all ages to enjoy.

Such was the creativity on display that some of the creations on show were cunningly hidden around the grounds of the church - a colourful surprise for visitors.

Local florist Pauline Simson pro-

vided a breathtaking centrepiece with her vision of the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, a display complemented by the host of displays created by locals to create a colourful and memorable occasion.

Visitors gathered in the Village Hall afterwards to enjoy tea, tasty home-baked goods and local produce.



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unds. 08_c15flower03

Clachan Youth Club got out the black ballet pumps for Black Swan.
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The recycling operations at Kintyre Recycling keep £300,000 in the local economy while also saving the council, and therefore council tax payers, in

landfill charges.

Amanda Card, general manager said: 'Recycling with us will help the community - not only for environmental reasons, but it is keeping money in the local economy.'

The company is meticulous when dealing with the recycling they are given by quality sorting through everything to make sure it is separated correctly.

They also make sure they get the best prices at market for all of the recycling, making sure it is as viable as possible.

Speaking about the direction the company is going in, she explained: 'There are challenges ahead, but there is a lot of optimism for the future.'

'The feedback from the guys is that it's very worthwhile and they enjoy their jobs.'

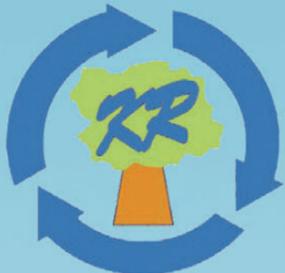
'I see the guys coming on and learning new skills.'

The future is indeed looking bright for the company with an agreement with Argyll and Bute Council to deal with recycling in the Kintyre area and a new set of brightly coloured vans so they are easily spotted in the town.

Amanda added: 'A thank you has to go to Gordon from Argyll Signs for the vehicles. We're really happy with them. Also to Argyll and Bute Council for their continued support.'

To start sending your recyclables to Kintyre Recycling, which helps not only their employees and the environment, but also the local community, contact the office. They can supply collection bags, which can be delivered and also inform you about pick up times.

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NFU discuss recent bad weather with the banks

NFU Scotland has met with bank representatives to highlight the impact that the March snowstorms have had on affected businesses as well as discussing the long-term legacy of the cold weather.

'In parts of Kintyre, Dumfries and Galloway, south Ayrshire and Arran— where stock losses have been considerable – there is huge pressure on farms to keep remaining ewes and lambs alive,' said NFU vice president Allan Bowie.

'That may require help to source feed and dispose of fallen animals while the budgetary implications of stock losses may not be felt on cashflows until the autumn and winter.'

Full extent

NFUS also explained to the bank representatives the full extent of the problems being faced on all farm types hit by the second coldest March on record. A cold, late spring has simply compounded the difficult weather year

endured across Scotland in 2012.

Mr Bowie said: 'All the banks present said they were committed to being sensitive to the circumstances and, where appropriate, would look at ways to assist viable farming customers.'

'The banks did stress that it was essential for farmers to be pro-active in approaching their bank for discussions rather than letting any problems mount up.'

'The union will also continue to work closely with the Scottish Government on identifying a support package for the sector.'

'We would urge any farmer that is struggling not to suffer in silence. NFUS members can draw on a great deal of support and advice from their fellow farmers and union staff and we would encourage them to contact us directly if they need any help or assistance.'

Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), meanwhile, is advis-

ing farmers on how to maintain the health of their hard pressed ewes and the supply of milk to their lambs. Senior sheep consultant Dr John Vipond said: 'It is important ewes keep producing milk for their lambs and with so little grass to eat that means supplementary feeding with either expensive concentrates or stored silage.'

Easy

'The key is to make it as easy for the sheep as possible, like bulking out silage with straw or presenting the silage on the ground rather than in feeders.'

Dr Vipond regards Soya as an important additional protein feed to help keep milk flowing in these conditions.

He recommends adding at least 200 grams of soya per ewe per day to existing rations. When grass does get growing again scattering turnips or swedes on the field can boost energy and help keep the milk on the ewe.



Kintyre has been one of several areas badly hit by sheep and lamb losses due to last month's bad weather.

MARKET REPORTS

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 235 live cattle at their weekly Primestock Sale last Thursday comprising 94 bullocks and heifers, 11 young bulls, 19 OTM clean, 90 cast cows and bulls and 21 calves and stirks.

Bullocks (43) averaged 221p per kg and sold to

258.5p per kg, 605kg British blue, Mains of Cultmalundie Farm, Perth or to £1,577 per head for 675kg Limousin, Pirnhall Farm, Bannockburn.

Heifers (51) averaged 226p per kg and sold to 255.5p per kg, 510kg Limousin, Mains of Cultmalundie Farm or to £1,485 per head for 610kg Limousin, Rathillet Farm, Cupar.

Butchers cattle (28) sold in excess of 235p per kg to average 240.5p per kg and sold to 253.5p per kg, 520kg Blonde A'Quitaine heifer, Bogleys Farm, Kirkcaldy.

Young bulls (11) sold to 221.5p per kg, 700kg Limousin or £1,551 per head, Borrowstoun Mains Farm, Thurso.

OTM clean cattle (19)

sold to 197.5p per kg (twice) Simmental bullocks, Cowden Farm, Dolar and Napierston Farm, Cardross or to £1,474 per head for young AA Cow, Easterton Farm, Kirkintilloch.

Cast cows, bulls & OTM cattle (109).

Leading prices: cows: Char - £1,185 Dullomuir; Sim - £1,295 Westhills; Lim - £1,325 Burnhead; Frie - £1,055 North Mains, £1,025 Auchmedden; Blonde - £1,175 Easterton; High - £685 Bluebell; Ayr - £945 Badenheath; Luig - £1,055 Middlerigg;

OTM bulls: Char - £1,865 Duchlage; Lim - £1,715 Dullomuir; AA - £1,585 Prathouse; BB - £1,505 Raithillet; OTM clean: Frie - £1,445 Balegreggan, £1,340 Broompark; AA - £1,475

Easterton, £1,310 Wester Braco; Char - £1,465 Burnhead;

Calves (15) & stirks (6) Top price calf was £135 for a BBX from Airthrey Kerse.

Top price stirk was £385 for BBX from Airthrey Kerse.

Leading prices: calves: Frie - £60 & £55 Carneil; Ayr - £70 & £50 Badenheath; AAX - £90 Argaty; BBX - £135 Airthrey Kerse;

Stirks: Lim x - £230 Wester Braco; BBX - £385

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd had forward 2,704 prime sheep, ewes and tups for sale on Tuesday, April 9.

Prime hoggets (2240) averaged (-1.46p) selling to 279p per kg or £119 for Beltex's from

DS & RC Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill.

Leading prices - p per kilo & £ per head: Bel- 277p, £114.50 Easter Ochtermuthill; Bel x- 270p, £113.50 Easter Ochtermuthill; Tex- 261p Newton Farm, £110 Nethermyres; Tex x- 251p West Thomaston, £109 Ballinloan; Suff- 227p, £111 Boghall; Suf x- 224p Ballinloan, £110 Nether Strathkinnes; Chev- 232p South Park, £109 Baleave; Mule- 220p Newton farm, £108 Bankhead; BF- 221p Brackley, £99 Burnshot.

Heavy ewes (140) averaged £100 selling to a top of £150 for Suffolks from Robert Neill, Broadleys.

Export ewes (272) averaged £59.66 selling to a top of £67.50 for blackfaced from R Sibbald, Thorn, Dollar.

Tups (46) sold to a top of £132.50 for a Texel from Mr Farquharson, Horn.

Leading prices: ewes Suff - £149 & £147.50 Broadleys, BFL - £134.50 Broadleys, Suff- £132.50 Chalmerston, Cross - £131.50 Horn, Tex - £129.50 Horn, Cont - £128.50 Nr Strathkinness, ContX - £126.50 Harelaw, TexX - £123.50 Crathie, CharX - £118.50 Craigend, Char - £114.50 Chalmerston, Chev - £103.50 Ballinloan. Chev X - £98.50 Heights, Mule - £90.50 Heights, Mule - £62.50 Crathie;

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JURA

50th anniversary of Jura Distillery

LIVE music, interactive whisky tastings and storytelling are just some of the treats on offer when Jura Distillery celebrates its 50th anniversary on May 29 and 30.

The celebrations will be part of this year's Jura Whisky Festival, an established part of Fèis Ìle, Islay's Whisky Festival.

As part of the two day festival, visitors to Jura will be able to hear about the rebirth of Jura distillery first hand in 1963 and experience some of the finest malts Jura has to offer, including: Delme Evans Select, Festival Bottling 2013, Turas Mara and a rather unusual 39 ¾ year old whisky.

Distillery manager Willie Cochrane said: 'Jura has taken part in the Feis Ile for years; however 2013 is not just any ordinary year. Excuse the pun, but we are pushing the boat out to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the rebirth of our great distillery, and we're hosting more tastings, tours and activities than ever before.'

'Even those without tickets to the very special tastings can take part. There will be a range of activities and entertainment taking place around Craighouse, including live music in the local pub, Jura core range tastings, food in the cooperage and tours of the distillery.'

For more information on the Jura Distillery Whisky Festival please visit www.isleofjura.com or email shop@jurawhisky.com

Cemetery road may be fully adopted by the council

THE CEMETERY road on Jura may be fully adopted by Argyll and Bute Council according to the council's roads department.

Keils Road is already partly adopted by the council, meaning they pay for its upkeep. Their ownership stretches from its junction with the Ardlussa-Feolin Ferry Road

CARRADALE



A traditional scarecrow hides in the bushes.

The scarecrows designed and made by Clachan, Glenbarr and Carradale Primary Schools.

OVER 60 hunters took part in Carradale's first ever scarecrow hunt last Sunday, with visitors to the village winning the challenge.

The hunt, organised by Network Carradale, ended in a draw after two teams tied on points so both were given the Easter egg prizes.

Hunters were given a GPS and a question sheet with a question about each scarecrow.

They also had to give marks out of ten for the scarecrows made by Carradale, Clachan and Glenbarr Primary Schools.

The competition was very close, but Carradale just edged it, winning the £30 prize money.

Out of a possible 140 points the results were: - Carradale 113, Clachan 110 and Glenbarr 106.

(A846) and extends to the north bank of the Abhuinn nan Caorach opposite Keils.

The council is proposing adopting and bringing up to standard 590m of the road, which ends at Jura's main cemetery.

Stewart Clark, roads performance manager, told councillors at the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area committee meeting that they 'may feel there's a moral duty to do something about the road.'

The total cost of bringing the road up to standard is £72,000 - an amount the council does not currently have left in its roads budget.

The roads department has suggested asking other users of the road to contribute to the costs of upgrading it and to work in partnership with the community.

Councillor John Semple said: 'It means the council needs to make a difficult decision of how we find it.'

Islay-based councillor Robin Currie added: 'It's been coming for a number of years.'

'We can go through the process but at the end of the day it's going to be difficult to find the money. I move that we take this on board and put it to the council.'

TARBERT

First beach clean of the season

TARBERT Youth Group members have made sure their village is one to be proud of with their first beach clean of the season.

The young people, along with their youth

leaders, visited the beach at West Loch Shores and removed more than 40 bin bags of rubbish in under two hours.

The rubbish, washed onto the beach over the winter, ranged from milk cartons and plastic to a compost bin and three car wheels.

Group co-ordinator Heather Bellshaw said: 'I'm amazed at the amount of rubbish we picked off the beach.'

'One of the things we teach at youth group is that we should care for our environment. That's why it's so disappointing that people continue to litter and I'd appeal to everyone to please take their rubbish home.'

'The young people worked so hard and they will be rewarded with a barbeque and kayaking before the summer holidays.'

ISLAY

Third sector funding

A NUMBER of Islay-based third sector organisations have been given a boost with funding from Argyll and Bute Council.

Islay Gaelic Choir will benefit the most, with £2,800 being awarded to contribute towards a community musical event called BLAR.

Also benefiting will be Ionad Chaluum Ile with £1,250 for a series of Gaelic Summer Courses on Islay; Islay and Jura Community Enterprises Ltd gets £1,000 to allow 60 older people to meet and socialise each week; Islay and Jura Youth Wind Band is receiving £600 for travel expenses to attend the 2014 Mid Argyll Music Festival;

South Islay Development has £960 as a contribution towards providing a food fair, oral history exhibition and sailing classes; and finally, the Islay Festival Association plans on spending its £430 on getting a magician at the festival, plus venue hire and a fee for Islay Choruses.

BELLOCHANTUY

SWRI hold bulb show

The members of the SWRI Bellochantuy met for the annual bulb show at Glenbarr Hall on March 11.

Largieside provided the excellent judges in the afternoon. The judges were surprised by the large number of entries and the high standards of the entries. The president Mrs Patricia

Fair welcomed the members in the evening and everyone was able to see all the entries and the judges marks and comments.

Most points in the bulb show: 1 Libby Kerr, 2 Alice McLean, 3 Margaret Campbell.

Best Exhibit: Lois Fell. Best Plant: Nettie Semple.

The president Mrs Patricia Fair congratulated all the winners and thanked all the participants.

The next meeting will be the AGM, bring and buy and the prize giving with supper on Monday, April 29.

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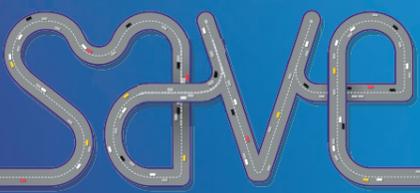
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Very special thanks to my family and hospital staff for lovely soup and sandwiches and to everybody who helped.

A Graham
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Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/00303/PP	Erection of 44 dwellinghouses and formation of vehicular access	Land North of Sunnybrae Tarbert Road, Campbeltown Argyll And Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
13/00568/PP	Conversion and alterations of former hotel to form 3 dwellinghouses, removal of existing outbuildings and extension, and associated landscape works	Former Bridge House Hotel St Clair Road, Ardrishaig Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA30 8EW	Ardrishaig Area Office

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/02310/LIB	Installation of satellite dish	The Picture House 26 Hall Street, Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6BU	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
13/00698/PP	Re-renewal of Planning Permission reference 10/00052/PP (Change of Use from Smithy to dwellinghouse)	Machrimore Smithy Southend, Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6RO	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Whitegates Office Whitegates Road Lochgilphead PA31 8SY.

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.

Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

SURGERY NOTICES

Councillor Sandy Taylor
Councillor Sandy Taylor (Ward 3 Mid Argyll) will be holding a drop in surgery in the Community Centre, Lochgilphead on Monday 22nd April from 4.30pm - 6.00pm.
Councillor Taylor can also be contacted by e mail - sandy.taylor@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by Tel: 01546 604184

Councillor Donald Kelly (Ward 1 South Kintyre)
Councillor Kelly can be contacted on Tel: 01586 810193/07977327751 or by email - donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk
Councillor Kelly will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

Councillor Rory Colville (Ward 1 South Kintyre)
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In the darkness the torches of other pilgrims cast their glow and spread their shadows.

It was just before 6am on Easter morning and the air was full of promise.

We gathered by the Reilig Oran, that lovely graveyard which holds the last earthly remains of many saints.

Hushed voices hung in the early dawn and our breath was visible in the coolness.

The last stars merged into the first streaks of morning as we wavered between life and death.

We had come to a graveyard to find the one who had died.

The graves looked sombre in the half light and figures blurred into the gloom.

Then some women looked into the empty tomb and called to the rest of us, 'He is not here – he is risen!'

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Flamingos spotted in Machrihanish during last month's bad weather.

Keep an eye out for a flock of pink flamingos

KINTYRE bird watchers are being advised to keep an eye out after a small flock of pink flamingos were spotted in the area.

Their flocking season is believed to start at the end of April, although these birds are a very rare sight in this part of Scotland.

Confirmed

Sources at Campbeltown Grammar School have confirmed reports that a

large flock of flamingos will soon be landing on the lawns or in gardens of unsuspecting residents and businesses in the area.

The tacky birds, known as pinkus flamingous plasticous, tend to show up in the early hours of the morning, accompanied by several members of the Gambia Fundraising Gang from the Grammar School.

These pupils try not to laugh too loud-

ly while they surreptitiously plant flocks of flamingos on lawns.

Insurance

If you have a flamingo phobia, anti-flamingo insurance can be purchased by emailing agnes.stewart@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

Any lawn could be on their flight path so residents are being urged to keep their eyes peeled in case a larger number of the birds make an appearance.

Roadblocks set up to help crackdown on fuel thefts

RANDOM police roadblocks are being set up around Kintyre in a crackdown on fuel thefts.

It follows a 'marked increase' in thefts since the start of the year.

A Campbeltown Police spokesman said: 'We have had around 10 reports of thefts since the beginning of the year.'

'This is a marked increase on previous years, and we now intend to carry out random spot checks to curb this problem.'

'We would also ask people to be vigilant and to keep their oil tanks as secure as possible.'

The last meeting of Carradale Community Council heard that there had been thefts in that area.

Oban Chief Inspector Alasdair Davidson has

also said targeted action is to be taken in a bid to halt the fuel thefts.

The latest is a report of 2,000 litres of heating oil being stolen from the Barcaldine House Hotel, Oban between March 10

and April 8.

CI Davidson said: 'It is a problem we're looking at and we're now co-ordinating our approach across the region.'

'We're asking analysts to look at the data to see

if there's any patterns forming that we may not have identified.'

Two arrests were recently made in connection with heating oil thefts in the Mid Argyll area.

'It is a continuing problem,' added CI Davidson. 'We have a lot of isolated houses and a lot of holiday homes in the area, so in some respects it's easy pickings for these people.'

Centenary of The Picture House Cinema to be celebrated across Kintyre

PEOPLE across Kintyre are doing their bit to mark the centenary of The Picture House Cinema, which will be celebrated on May 26.

Last Friday marked the 50th day before its centenary and directors of the cinema are busy planning a special gala event for the day itself.

Last weekend saw Clachan hold its Flower Festival with the theme,

'Campbeltown Picture House – 100 Years of Films'.

On Wednesday, Dr Gordon Barr of Scottish Cinemas made a presentation to The Antiquarians about 'Scottish Cinema Architecture: Over 100 years of Entertainment' with particular reference to the importance of Campbeltown's cinema.

Dr Barr is dedicated to

recording and archiving the historic cinema architectural heritage of Scotland and is an enthusiastic cinema architect.

Special cake

Students in the hospitality department of Campbeltown Grammar School, meanwhile, have started baking a very special celebratory cake for the Gala Day Reception.

A number of other masterpieces will be displayed in one of the shop windows during the preceding week and photographs of the whole baking process can be seen on the Grammar School website.

And finally, training has begun for those running in red for The Picture House at MOK Run on the day of the centenary.

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

ENGAGEMENTS



WELCH - MCCALLUM
 Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Lauren Helen Maxwell McCallum, to Thomas David Welch, at Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh, on Sunday, March 31, 2013.

RUBY WEDDINGS

MACCALLUM - MCPHERSON - Bill to Mary, on April 14, 1973, at Glassary Parish Church, by Rev W C B Smith. Present Address, 38 Fernoch Park, Lochgilphead.

DEATHS

ANDREW - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 6, 2013, Emily Craig Andrew, in her 88th year, 7 Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, dearly loved sister of Janet and the late Agnes and Sam and a much loved aunt and great aunt.

CARMICHAEL - Suddenly, after a short illness, on April 5, 2013, Sheena Carmichael (née Wilson), aged 92 years, of Ford, Argyll, wife of the late Alasdair Carmichael, mother of the late John Roderick Carmichael, and grandmother of Alasdair and Neil. Funeral service will be held in Kilmartin Parish Church, today, Friday, April 12, at 12 noon, thereafter to Kilmartin Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Mary's Meals

CUNNINGHAM - Suddenly, at the Golden Jubilee Hospital, Clydebank on April 6, 2013, Isabella (Isa) Brown Cunningham, aged 76 years, of 23 Seaside Park, Ardrishaig and formerly of Port Ann, beloved wife of the late Jock Cunningham, much loved mother of Jane, Eileen and the late Alex and Jessie, much respected mother-in-law of Tony, Alistair and Anne, cherished grandmother of Alex, Alisdair, Andrew, Sarah Jane and Siobhan, and great grandmother of Alexander. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Tuesday, April 9, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

GILLESPIE - Peacefully, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on April 5, 2013, Adam Gillespie, in his 75th year, 18 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, beloved son of the late William and Ina Gillespie, a much loved brother to all the family and a dearly loved uncle.

JACKSON - Peacefully after a long illness, at Glassary Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital on April 10, 2013, Dr Gordon Jackson, aged 78 years, of Lochgair, beloved husband of Hazel and much loved father of Helen, Nicholas and Adrian. Funeral service will be held at Lochgair Parish Church, on Wednesday, April 17 at 12 noon, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery, Crarae.

KELLY - Peacefully, after a short illness, in the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on April 9, 2013, Donald Kelly (Donnie), in his 82nd year, 73 Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Anne Kelly, much loved father of Dawn and Fiona and a loving granda. Service in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Friday, April 12, 2013 at 2.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retreat collection will be held in aid of the Highland Parish Church.

MACDONALD - On April 8, 2013, peacefully at Glenarary Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Ian Jeffrey MacDonald, in his 58th year, beloved husband of Diana and much loved son of the late Jock and Greta. Funeral service was held at Inveraray Parish Church, on April 11, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

CLEUGH - Rena and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the cards, flowers and kind words of sympathy following the sudden sad loss of George. We would like to convey our sincere gratitude to all the kind people who came to George's assistance, also the ambulance crew and hospital staff. Heartfelt thanks to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their very caring and professional services and our thanks also to those who attended the service and to all who donated to the British Heart Foundation.

HARDIE - Anne, Lisa, Jamie and all the family would like to thank everyone for their many kind expressions of sympathy received on the sad loss of David. Thanks to doctors, nurses and ambulance crews involved throughout the years in David's care, to Reverend Steve Fulcher, MA for the lovely service, Alasdair Blair & Son for professional service, staff at Seaford Hotel for excellent purvey, Strathclyde Police for all their help and fitting tribute and to all who attended the church and graveside, your support and kindness was greatly appreciated. Finally, to everyone for the retreat collection, which raised £2,123 for The Brain Tumour Trust.

SMITH - The family of Hamish Smith would like to thank all those many friends who helped

us through this difficult time. Hamish and Jean were welcomed on their return to Campbeltown and so enjoyed being an integral part of this wonderful community. We were touched and humbled by the outpouring of loving support from the community at the service and by those who travelled so far to attend this celebration of his life. Our humble thanks to Reverend Steve Fulcher for his amazing eulogy and sincere understanding of an outstanding son of Kintyre, who was loved and respected by all who came to know him. With sincere thanks from the Smith family.

IN MEMORIAMs

BROCK - Treasured memories of my loving husband, Ian, who passed away on April 11, 2006. Forever in my thoughts.

- Love, Flora x.
BROCK - Ian, a dear brother-in-law. Simply the best.

- May x.
COLVILLE - In loving memory of our loving mum and granny, Renee, who passed away on April 9, 2012.

A special person, a special face
 Someone we love and can't replace
 Never selfish, always kind
 These are the memories you left behind
 Always Remembered.

- Barry, Lindsay, Kyle, Logan and Emma.
MALOY - With treasured memories of our dear mum, Mary, who died April 12, 2012.

- With love from Ann, Margaret, Andrew and Stephen.

MCSPORRAN - In loving memory of Alastair, who died on April 17, 2012.

Much loved and greatly missed by Ann and all the family.

WILLIAMSON - In memory of our beloved dad and grandad, George (Geordie) Williamson, who died April 6, 2011.

Always in our thoughts.
 - Much love, Sylvia and Simon, Malcolm, Ross and Lynne.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

THE SALVATION ARMY
 Burnside Street, Campbeltown
 Sunday Services
 10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz)
 6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
 12.15pm Lunch Club (Over 60s)
 1.30pm Home League
Wednesday
 7.00pm House Group
Thursday
 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
 SUNDAY 14TH APRIL
 11am Morning Worship
 Dr. John L. Morrison
 All Welcome
 Further information
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Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
 Charity No. SC016097
 Morning Service Lochfyneside (Minard) at 10am
 Gaelic Service Lochgair at 3pm
Glenaray and Inveraray
 Charity No. SC016665
 Morning Service Inveraray at 11.30am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
 Sunday, 14th April, 2013
 Ford 11.30am
 Rev. Cliff Acklam
 Holy Communion
 All welcome
 SC002121

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
 All Welcome
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
 Sunday 14th April 2013
 11am Morning Service
Jumpstart Group
 Friday 10.00 - 11.30am
 Scottish Charity SC015187

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
 Sunday 14 April 2013
 11.00am
 Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
 Speaker: Stan Holloway "Sonship" (Part 1)
Thursday 18 April 2013
 7.30pm
 Praise, prayer & sharing
 All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
 Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 14 April
 Bellanoch Church 10 am
 Morning Worship
Tuesday 16 April
 Tayvallich Church 7.30 pm
 Congregational Board
 Rev. Cliff Acklam
 All welcome
 www.angylcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
 75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 14th April 2013
 10.00am Breaking of Bread
 Mr James McLellan, Kilmichael
 10.50am Coffee
 11.15am
 Family Service with Crèche
 Mr James McLellan, Kilmichael
 7.00pm Youth Group
Wednesday 17 April 2013
 10.00am Parent and Toddler Group
 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
 For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary
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 www.springbankchurch.co.uk
 For Furniture Recycling Project call 01586 551547
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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

Highland Parish Church

 SCO02493
Sunday 14th April 2013
 11.15am Morning Service
 Fun Day Club & JAM in church
 Rev. Catriona Hood
Tuesday 16th April 2013
 Badminton Club - Kirk Street Hall
 Primary 1 - 5 - 6pm - 7pm
 Primary 6 - 7 - 7pm - 8pm
 Final evening for this session
Wednesday 17th April 2013
 7.30pm Bible Study
 Ballywilline Farm
 Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
 Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday, 14th April
 Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche, Triple C, Next Generation) (Mr. Scott Reynolds)
Monday, 15th April
 Messy Church - 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 16th April
 Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
 Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys - 6:00 p.m.
 Boys' Brigade Junior Section - 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, 18th April
 Prayer Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
 Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 19th April
 Lunch Club - 12:00 noon.

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church

 Argyll Street, Campbeltown
 St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
 Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 14th April 2013
 Third Sunday of Easter
 10.45am Family Communion
Details of services are on the church door
 Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
 The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 14th April
 12.45pm Worship Service
 'No such thing as a free lunch?'
 Rev Finlay Mackenzie
 11.30am Sunday School
Thursday 18th April
 12 noon Bible Study and Prayer
 All welcome
 Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

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 is an informal christian meeting held at 7.15pm every Thursday in the Meadows Pavilion Sports Hall, behind the creamery.
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Presentation of bowling prizes

CAMPBELTOWN Bowling Club brought the curtain down on the winter season when the Stronvaar clubhouse was the venue for the presentation of trophies.

The prizewinners were as follows: men's championship - Steven Dickson, runner-up Hugh McCorkindale; ladies championship - Susan Gilchrist; runner-up Roberta Robertson; Burnett Cup - James McPhee, runner-up Vince Jordan; John Buchanan Memorial - Roberta Robertson, runner-up Mary Anderson; B&D Cup - Neil Maguire, runner-up George Allan; Ian Johnston Cup - George Allan, runner-up Jean Miller; John Bannatyne Cup - Neil Maguire, runner-up Hugh McCorkindale; men's pairs - George Reid and Robert Hendrie, runners-up Steven Dickson and David MacMillan; ladies' pairs - Roberta Robertson and Betty McNaughton; runners-up Doreen MacMillan and Lorraine Brodie. Mixed pairs - Hugh McCorkindale and Roberta Robertson, runners-up David Brown and Simon Rochford; ladies' mixed pairs Roberta Robertson and George Reid; runners-up Susan Gilchrist and Hugh McCorkindale. Tuesday night league - Neil Maguire; Monday League - George Allan and Katrina MacMillan.

Islay Golf Club

ISLAY Golf Club April medal: 1 Ross Johnston, 80-10=70, 2 Brian O'Neil, 83-12=71, 3 Alistair Livingstone, 83-12=71, CSS 72.

Dookers pick up vital points in their battle against relegation

SAFL Division 1A
Tarbert 5
East Kilbride YM 2

JAMES Prentice was a hat-trick hero when Tarbert gained a vital three points against East Kilbride YM at Cil Andres last Saturday.

The 5-2 victory was a reverse of the team's fixture earlier in the season.

With the park in good condition, the Tarbert Hotel sponsored side raced out the blocks and put the visitors under pressure, winning several corners and free kicks.

After ten minutes, a Ronald long throw into the box found Prentice at the back post, and he took one touch before firing into the bottom corner of the net from six yards.

The Dookers doubled their tally five minutes later when a cross found Prentice on the edge of the box and again he took one touch before finding the bottom corner.

Tarbert worked hard

to limit EKYM to long shots from distance which keeper Martin dealt with easily.

Tarbert got another with half an hour played when MacDougall cut in from the left and fired into the bottom corner from 20 yards.

Tarbert's Smith was replaced by Meechan after the left back picked up an ankle knock.

Handled

The second half started in much the same fashion with Tarbert over-running the visitors, however against the run of play EKYM pulled a goal back when Martin was harshly adjudged to have handled the ball during a slide tackle and a penalty was awarded.

The Dookers replied quickly when Prentice fired a free kick into the roof of the net from 35 yards to complete his hat trick.

With half an hour of the game remaining, Tarbert left an EKYM forward free on the six-yard line to tap into the net.

It was to be the last



Hat-trick hero James Prentice, player manager of the Dookers, is full of concentration. 06_a15star04

time the visitors troubled Tarbert and with 10 minutes remaining they completed their scoring when a corner was nod-

ded on at the front post and the in-rushing Johnstone volleyed into the net.

It was an excellent

team display from Tarbert and the midfield worked extremely hard. Tomorrow (Saturday) Tarbert are away to Ea-

glesham and that will be followed by their Coronation Cup semi final against Goldenhill on Tuesday, April 23.



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OVER 60 children have been running, jumping and throwing as part of a four week Kintyre Athletics programme.

Pupils from classes P1 to P7 have had the chance to try a range of activities over the past few weeks which was de-

livered by Moira McLellan, Jamie Morris, Fiona Armour, Leanne Thomson and the CGS Young Leaders.

Active Schools aim to run another block of athletics after Easter, with more information to follow in the coming weeks.

Pupils defeat old rivals to march into the Marshall semi finals

Jimmy Marshall Trophy - Quarter Final
Campbeltown Pupils 5 Eaglesham 2.

THE MCFADYEN-sponsored Campbeltown Pupils stormed through to the last four of the Jimmy Marshall Trophy on Saturday with a fine 5-2 win over Eaglesham.

This is a first semi final for a set of players who have only been together for a little over two seasons.

Progress was made at the expense of Eaglesham, old rivals from

years gone by and a team two divisions above them in the rankings.

The locals started the game with the bit between the teeth, and for most of the opening quarter had the Lanarkshire club pinned back in their own half.

Ball to feet on the new artificial surface is fast becoming a way of life, and the home side continually had their more experienced opponents struggling to keep in touch with the game.

The Pupils took the

lead 25 minutes into the match, a goal which arrived on the back of a Stuart Crossan break from mid-field. Driving hard to the edge of the box, his parting shot came back of a defender, before the same play-er laid off to John McCallum whose parting shot took a wicked deflection over the stranded goalkeeper into the undefended net.

Five minutes later the home side were two ahead, this time a good move down the right saw Kenny Galbraith outflank a flat footed defence, and his fine cross to the back post was headed home in clinical fashion by John McCallum for his second goal.

Shortly before half time the home side scored a third, when a corner kick from the right was only partially cleared, and as the visiting defence appealed for offside, centre half Sorley McKiven stroked the ball home with the coolness of an experienced striker.

Unfortunately the

home side took their foot of the gas, and were punished severely when Eaglesham scored twice early in the second half.

Fortunately the home side recovered their composure to put the match beyond their opponents. Substitute Gregor McFadyen was next on the score sheet when he scored at the back post after some fine ap-

proach play by Kenny Galbraith and Rob-in Barr.

A fifth goal put the icing on the cake, and Martin McCallum distinguished himself by chasing down an appar-ent lost cause, before knocking the ball be-yond the last line of de-fence to score from an acute angle.

Campbeltown Pupils

travel tomorrow (Sat-urday) for an important top of the league clash against Rutherglen, a match which neither side will be keen to lose. A re-run of last Satur-day's performance will do nicely for the league leaders. Every match now assumes the im-portance of a cup final as teams enter the last quarter of the season.



Campbeltown's John McCallum spins away in delight after putting his side 2-0 ahead early in the first half. 08_c15footdelight01



Willie Russell won the annual Aucharua Darts Competition at The Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend last Saturday. Runner up was Cameron MacLean. Lynn Crawford and Malcolm Maguire, right are presenting the cup and prizes to Willie and Cameron. The Macharioch Darts competition will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend and anyone wishing to play will be very welcome.

Argyll and Bute Golf Union

THE first event of the Argyll and Bute 2013 season begins tomorrow (Saturday) with the matchplay championship at Machrihanish.

Holder Stephen Renfrew will be looking to repeat his 2012 victory, but will receive fierce competition from the likes of Bob MacIntyre, Craig Pirie and Ross Currie.

The draw is as follows: Robert MacIntyre v Andrew Mullen, David Graham v Les Pirie, Alan McKie v Philip Murphy, Donald Standaloft v Ross Currie, Bobby Willan v Rory McEwan, Stuart Campbell v Fraser McDonald, Graham Bolton v Stephen Renfrew, Kevin Mackie v Craig Pirie.

Seven-a-sides and fun fours

THE 2003 age group at Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association will be travelling to Helensburgh to play in the Ardencaple seven-a-sides on Saturday.

On Sunday the 2005-06 will host an afternoon of fun fours as Lochgilphead visit Campbeltown. Kick off is 1pm on the 3G pitch on Kinloch Green.

As the *Courier* went to press the under 13s were due to travel to Lochgilphead to play a mid week fixture - updates will appear in the *Courier* next Friday.

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Pupils defeat
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march into the
Marshall semi
finals

Clydebank legend coaches the kids



Fifteen youngsters between the ages of five and 12 enjoyed a week-long Total Soccer Experience course at The Meadows, Campbeltown which was led by Clydebank goalkeeping legend Jim Gallacher, pictured with the youngsters, who played more than 700 games for the club.

April 27 is the date set for Carradale's cup semi final

CARRADALE AFC found themselves on the losing side on Saturday after being defeated 4-0 by Kirkmichael.

Kirkmichael have won all their 11 league matches since the start of the season, with Saturday's game against the Meridian Salmon sponsored team being no exception.

Carradale play their last home game of the season tomorrow (Saturday) against Yoker Boys who will travel down to this area for the first time.

The game will be played in Carradale with a 2pm kick off.

Meanwhile, the date and venue for the team's semi final match of the SWFA cup against The Bank has been announced.

The Forth Valley WL team will be played on April 27 at Millburn Park, home of Vale of Leven Juniors with a 2pm kick off.

High standard of darts at two competitions

IN A PACKED weekend for darts competitions, it was Pete Todd paired with Mary Ross and Vince Jordan who took the spoils at the Kilbrannan Bar.

In the Agnes Goddard Memorial mixed pairs competition last Friday, Pete and Mary beat Alan Glen and Michel Todd to the top prize.

The well attended event raised £530 at the raffle, which the family will be donating to charity.

Meanwhile, in the league singles,

played on Monday, 45 players took part, showing just how popular the event has become.

Very high

The standard of play was very high, especially from the two finalists, Vince Jordan and Tony McMillan.

Both played great darts in their respective semi-finals but it was Vince who carried the form to the final to take the league singles trophy.



Above: Winner Vince Jordan and Elaine Munro of the Kilbrannan.

Left: Pete Todd and Mary Ross, winners of the Agnes Goddard Memorial mixed pairs.

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