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Teenagers urged to stay out of play parks

GROW up, and leave the play parks for the wee kids!

Campbeltown Community Council members said they are fed up with teenagers going into the town's play parks and using the equipment.

This use by people far too large and too heavy for the equipment is not helping with problems of play parks in need of repairs.

The paddling pool play park equipment is rusting and members believe the roundabout is unsafe.

In many places the safety surfaces are dangerously slippery. The play parks at Hillside and on Kinloch Green near to Tesco are also showing signs of wear and tear and damage from older youths.

Cathy Duncan reported that the Kinloch Green play park was suffering badly from litter.

'Perhaps *The Courier* can do something and embarrass them into stopping going into the play parks,' said Jim Martin, chairman of the community council. So stop it!



Big smiles on gala day: Lifeboat crew member Mark Scally with wee cousin Caitlin at the raft race on Saturday. Caitlin spent the day cheering on mum Elizabeth who was on one of the rafts taking part in the competition. 21_c29life13

Lifeboat party a success

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CELEBRATIONS to mark the 150th anniversary of Campbeltown Lifeboat at the weekend exceeded all expectations.

The sun shone throughout the raft race and gala day on Saturday and the dance at night in the Victoria Hall was a sell out with 350 people attending.

Organisers have thanked everyone who helped to make it such a success and David Cox told *The Courier* the events went better than he had expected.

A total of 18 rafts turned out with fierce competition between the teams for a place in the final. Once again the lifeboat crew retained

the trophy, with the others giving them a run for their money.

The *Hebridean Isles* at the ferry terminal on lay-up for a few weeks joined in and marked the start of each heat, and the final, by sounding its horn.

Thousands of people packed Campbeltown's Old Quay, Shore Street and New Quay to take in the action with double the amount of stalls than was there last year and plenty for the kids to do. Rescue helicopter 177 from *HMS Gannet* at Prestwick landed on Kilkerran Green and carried out an exercise with the all-weather lifeboat in the inner harbour.

'We really would like to thank everyone who turned out to celebrate the anniversary with us. We couldn't have asked for better weather and there was a great atmosphere at the dance,' said David.

The younger crew members donned their gear at night to put on a special show of the 'Full Monty', something that was certainly popular with the ladies in the crowd.

Karen Scally's young dancers put on a resounding show to impress the crowds with Jamie G finishing the night off with an eclectic range of music.

Plans are now being put together for a lifeboat crew calendar which it is hoped will be out in time for Christmas.

See inside for a page of photographs.



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Wind farm firm promises electricity and millions

THE COMPANY behind plans for a 26 turbine wind farm near Glenbarr say it would not only generate electricity but £5.9 million for the local community during its 25-year lifetime.

Burcote Wind is proposing to build the farm at Creggan; a planning application will not be submitted until the summer of 2012 at the earliest. In the meantime the Burcote team plans 'detailed consultations' over the coming months.

The Creggan site was chosen because it is distant from major settlements and benefits from wind speeds of around 10 metres per second. These will include a series of public exhibitions and the

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establishment of a website providing regularly updated information.

Burcote Wind also said it intends to work closely with local groups to determine how the associated community benefit fund can best be used.

'We understand the sensitivities around wind farm developments. That's why we're starting our engagement with the local community at such an early stage of the process, long before submitting a planning application,' said Graham Brown, chairman of Burcote Wind, which is an independent renewable energy company based

in Dunfermline. If approved, the project would be accompanied by a community benefit fund worth £234,000 per year or £5.9 million over its 25-year lifetime. This level of community benefit would be based on an installed capacity of 78 megawatts, with each megawatt providing £3,000 per year for each year of the wind farm's lifetime.

Each turbine would have an installed capacity of 3 megawatts 'Our proposed wind farm at Creggan has the potential to generate sufficient electricity to power substantially more than all of the households in Argyll and Bute,' said Mr Brown.



The exercise was organised by Campbeltown Young Firefighters in conjunction with Strathclyde Police and Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel. 21_c27fire01



Crash scenario exercise spells out road dangers

CAMPBELTOWN Young Firefighters gave their friends something to think about when they gave a demonstration

last Friday evening about the dangers of using a mobile phone whilst driving.

A staged road traffic collision was set up on the town's New Quay, organised by the young firefighters themselves, in conjunction with Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel and Strathclyde Police.

The scenario involved a motorcyclist who

had been hit by a car. It showed graphically the consequences of speeding and using a mobile phone whilst driving.

Demonstration
 Locals turned out to see the demonstration and braved the rain to see two girls being extricated from the car with help of firefighters from Campbeltown Fire Station. 21_c29ric01

Leader's warning on rural school commission

ARGYLL will be under-represented on the Commission on Rural Education set up by MSP Michael Russell, according to the council's leader.

Councillor Dick Walsh says members on the commission have already made up their mind with a 'fundamental opposition' to closing rural primary schools.

Councillor Walsh said: 'We are extremely disappointed at both the process adopted by COSLA in nominating local government representatives to the Commission on Rural Education and the outcome that means we will not be at the table.'

'While we have confidence in those nominated, it is hard to understand why the councils with the most significant recent experience of working with the government's defective legislation are not able to directly contribute their knowledge.'

Network

But the Scottish Rural Schools Network and the Argyll Rural Schools Network, both of which opposed the council's closure plans, will be on the group.

Councillor Walsh added: 'It is of further concern to note the Scottish government's nominations include organisations who have publicly confirmed their fundamental opposition to school closures under any circumstances, which does not suggest approaching the critical issues around rural education with an open mind.'

The commission will examine the link between rural education and rural communities and make recommendations on all aspects of education in rural areas to report back next spring.

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Post box puzzle

CAMPBELTOWN Community Council wants to know what has happened to the post box that used to be at Lochend in the town, and if it is going to be replaced.

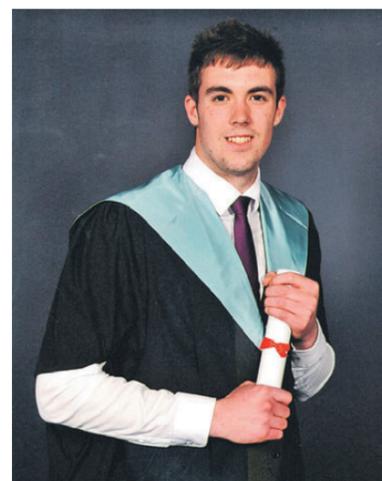
The council will write to the Royal Mail.

GRADUATION



Jamie Burden attended Furnace Primary and Lochgilphead High School, graduated Master of Architectural Engineering and Building Design at Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh

GRADUATION



David Stewart graduated from Stirling University with Bachelor of Accountancy with Honours. Elder son of proud parents David and Joanne Stewart, Lochgilphead. David is now working with Til Hill, Stirling, as a Trainee Accountant

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Police Files

Domestic incidents

POLICE in Campbeltown dealt with two domestic incidents this weekend.

One happened in Kintyre and saw a man charged with an alleged domestic breach of the peace.

The second happened at a house in the town and as a result a man has been charged with allegedly coming a domestic breach of the peace and assault.

Man arrested

A MAN was arrested early on Saturday morning after he was said to have indecently exposed himself on Longrow, Campbeltown.

Extra patrols

MAKE sure your driving is up to scratch or you could find yourself on the wrong side of the law.

Extra patrols are taking place as part of the summer clamp down on speeders, and people who are not wearing seat belts.

Witness appeal

POLICE are appealing for witnesses or any information after a car was vandalised on St John's Terrace, Campbeltown, over the weekend.

A window was smashed sometime between 1pm on Saturday and 10am Sunday morning.

Got a story? Contact the newsdesk: 01586 554646



Campbeltown boat high and dry on Oban reef

CAMPBELTOWN fishing boat *Gleaner II* found herself high and dry in Oban Bay on Monday when she went aground on Sgeir Rathaid bank, one of the hazards in the busy bay.

She went aground mid morning and remained there, listing.

Witnesses said the *Gleaner II* seemed to go the wrong way through the buoys marking the hazard.

Oban lifeboat launched and took the seven crew off, returning them to the vessel in the early evening to refloat her on the high tide. She was then escorted into harbour, where divers inspected her hull for damage.

Flashing North and South Cardinal buoys indicate the location of the Sgeir Rathaid, which dries at extreme Low Water. 07_t29fishing02

Fears over 'done deal' on drug clinic

CAMPBELTOWN Community Council members fear that NHS Highland plans to establish a Methadone clinic to help treat heroin addicts will go ahead regardless of public opinion.

At the council's July meeting correspondence was read out from Derek Leslie, general manager Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership, in reply to a letter sent by the council to him saying there were grave concerns about the plan.

Many fear it will attract more heroin users

into Kintyre. William McAllister said: 'It looks like a done deal.'

Mr Leslie said in his letter: 'NHS Highlands is fully committed to introducing this service in Kintyre.'

'We will of course take full account of community concerns but our aim is to have this service fully established by autumn 2011.'

Concerns

'I fully accept that your concerns are genuine but NHS Highland has a responsibility to introduce this service in Kintyre.'

The plan is for three

NHS salaried GPs to provide the clinic at Campbeltown Hospital.

Doctors at the Campbeltown GP practice have spoken out against the idea of a clinic.

But fears that the plans will attract more drug addicts to come and live in the town are unfounded NHS Highland has said, as other towns already have Methadone clinics of their own.

Lochgilthead does not, and many Kintyre people feel this would be a better, more centralised, place to host a clinic.

Police warning on mini motorbikes

YOU might think of them as toys, and you might be able to buy one for the price of a toy, but mini motorbikes are regarded by the law as the real thing and the same rules apply as to a full-sized model.

And one family in Kintyre has found this out to their cost.

Police are stressing that the law is the law when it comes to motorbikes of any size and want parents and children to take heed.

This week a 13-year-old boy has been reported to the reporter to the children's panel for allegedly riding on a public road with no licence or insurance.

And his mother is also being reported to the procurator fiscal and facing charges of permitting him to ride

without insurance. 'These are not toys, even though you can pick one up quite cheaply on the internet,' said a spokesman for the police at Campbeltown.

'These tiny bikes and their riders are subject to the same legal requirements as any other vehicle if used on the public road. They need to be taxed and insured and registered.'

The only place the bikes can be used without complying with the law is if they are used on private land with the consent of the owner.

The beach is classed as a public place and the law applies.

'And we want to get the message across that parents will be held to account for their children's actions,' the spokesman added.



Royal date for Lord-Lieutenant

IN his capacity as Lord-Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, Patrick Stewart of Campbeltown, accompanied HRH Princess Royal during her visit to Oban to mark the 200th anniversary celebrations of the burgh. They are seen here, arriving at Oban War and Peace Museum and meeting with Kenneth MacKinnon CVO, former Lord-Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, who is the museum's patron and on the right is museum chairman Charles Struthers. 15_t28wap04

Work starts on budget

WE MIGHT still be planning summer holidays and not even thinking about Christmas, but Argyll and Bute Council is already working on its next budget. Councillor Rory Colville told Campbeltown Community Council members that work begins next month with the consultation period running for October and all of November for the budget and service reviews, which will be unveiled next March.

Tommy Millar Travel Counsellor

will be at the M.S. Centre Lochgilthead on Friday 29th July 10am - 3pm. For an appointment please phone 01586 810324 or email tommy.millar@travelcounsellors.com

Jamie gives a clearer picture on digital TV

CAMPBELTOWN'S own Jamie McIvor, from BBC Scotland went along to the July meeting of Campbeltown Community council, to help clear up any difficulties about the new digital television service.

Members of the community council had expressed disappointment that

the Freeview service did not have all the television channels available in Kintyre.

Jamie explained that, as was said at the start, the service was coming via a relay station and as such did offer less but people signing up for Freesat would receive more.

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Call for Clyde Coastguard reprieve

ARGYLL and Bute MP Alan Reid has called for a reprieve for the Clyde Coastguard Station at Greenock.

Mr Reid questioned the Transport Secretary Philip Hammond in the House of Commons last week following Mr Hammond's announcement of the Government's proposals for re-organising the coastguard service.

Mr Reid welcomed the Government's decision to keep both Shetland and Stornoway stations open on a 24-hour basis but the Government still plans to close the Clyde coastguard station in Greenock sometime between 2012 and 2015.

Mr Reid told Mr Hammond that the

Clyde Coastguard station should stay open because it currently looks after a vast area of sea and that the Transport Secretary should pay heed to representations made regarding this.

But Mr Hammond said that the Bangor station outside Belfast, which is currently twinned with the Clyde station, would in future serve the area and the staff there have knowledge of the area.

The men and women of Clyde Maritime Co-ordination Centre are campaigning to fight government proposals to close them down.

They condemned the move as a decision based solely on cost that will rob the service of vital local knowledge.

More people using website

MORE and more people are using Argyll and Bute Council's website to pay for council tax; school meals and planning application charges.

In June 2010, income from the website was more than £60,000 and this June it has risen to £100,000, an increase of nearly 70 per cent. It is also possible to pay non-domestic rates, invoices, commercial refuse and blue badges.



All the prizewinners from Dalintober Primary School.

Dalintober pupils rewarded at annual school prize-giving

Sports: Smith Cup for girls: P7 Sports Champion: Eilidh Anderson and Emma Lazarus; Silver medal: Jenny Semple, Bronze Medal Jenna Lamont.

McKinlay Cup for Boys: P7 Sports Champion: Ryan Blackstock, Silver Medal Andrew Kay, Bronze Medal Ryan McLachlan; John Meenan Memorial Trophy for Girls: P6 Sports Champion: Lucy Thomson, Silver Medal: Rosie Brodick, Bronze

Medal Kathryn Semple; McGlynn Sports Trophy for Boys: P6 Sports Champion: Andrew Duncan, Silver Medal: John Townsley, Bronze Medal, Jake Ronald. The Jack Barrett Shield: P5 Sports Champion Louise Dott, Silver Medal Alex Campbell, Bronze Medal: Dhyllon Cox; Crime Prevention Panel Trophy: P4 Sports Champion Lara Sinclair, Silver Medal Aaron McCallum, Bronze Medal Calum McKillop;

The Hume Sports Trophy: P3 Sports Champion Mary Thomson, Silver Medal Callum Englefield, Bronze Medal Jack Rennie; Bell Cup or Infants: P1-3 Sports Champion Euan Charlewood, Silver Medal Greg Sargent, Bronze Medal Arron Glen.

Hunter Cup Hope Strang; Alexander Colville Citizenship Trophy Connor Chinn and Daniel Kane; Jenny Ralston memorial Trophy

for Creative Skills Eilidh Anderson, runner up Caitni Campbell; Hector MacNeill Memorial Quach for Story Writing Andrew Kay; Catherine Bruce-Lockhart Award for Effort Natasha Graham; P7 French prize Jamie Green and Lauren McKellar.

Merit Prizes: P7 Merit Prize Boys: Andrew Kay, runner up Ryan McLachlan; P7 Merit Prize girls: Emma Lazarus, runner up Carly Robertson.

Drivers warned

DRIVERS parking at the top of the Old Quay in Campbeltown are being warned they will be moved on.

The harbour authority is asking people to be more considerate where they are parking their cars as some people have been blocking the pier causing chaos for lorry drivers and fuel merchants. Double yellow lines will be renewed and anyone found parking illegally will be moved by the authority, or could be given a fine of up to £60 by police.

Training

ACROSS Argyll and Bute 478 people signed up for national training programmes during 2010/2011.

The Skills Development Scotland's (SDS) programmes include Modern Apprenticeships, Get Ready for Work and Training for Work schemes.



Brothers hit the high notes at Inveraray Highland Games

Brothers Donnie and Jamie MacKerral, from Campbeltown, both competed in this year's Inveraray Highland Games. Donnie, seen on the left, took part in the Under 15 MSR Strathspey and Reel competition, whilst younger brother Jamie took part in the chanter competition. 06_a29games15

Trust says thanks as work starts

SOUTH Kintyre will have its first community action plan thanks to £33,515.64 of funding.

The cash will be used by South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) to carry out consultation and develop action plans for each of the communities in South Kintyre.

The trust wants to thank all the project's funders; Argyll LEADER, Awards for All, East Kintyre Windfarm Trust, Inspiralba, South Kintyre Area Development Group, SKDT members and the West Kintyre wind farm trust.

Malcolm McMillan SKDT project officer, said: 'It's fantastic the full funding package is in place; it's taken nearly a year but we are now able to get under way.'

Once completed the plans will identify the social, cultural and

economic priorities of the community over the next five years and will be a valuable tool for community councils, charities, the local authority and statutory organisations.

The project has now started and the development trust is looking for local people to join in. If you live within the community council boundaries of East Kintyre, West Kintyre, Southend, Campbeltown or the Laggan they want to hear from you.

Free training in community development will be available as is the chance to have your say on your community's future. If you are interested and want to know more then get in touch with Malcolm McMillan - malcolm.mcmillan@skdt.org / 07852 956 645 / www.skdt.org.

RNLI celebrates 150 years

THE RNLI celebrated its 150th anniversary in Campbeltown with a party on Saturday, which lasted all day and into the night

with a dance at the Victoria Hall. Congratulations and best wishes to everyone who

worked so hard to mark the occasion with a day everyone could enjoy and here's to the next 150 years.



David Campbell, David Mullen and Fraser McNair from Campbeltown Lifeboat. 21_c29life21



Rescue helicopter 177 from HMS Gannet carried out an exercise with Campbeltown Lifeboat in the inner harbour. 21_c29life23



Colin Noble with his son Logan, aged 15 months. 21_c29life03



Winners once again: Campbeltown Lifeboat retained the trophy once again, left to right: Robbie Lamont, Stephen Scally, Greg Scally, Kevin McCallum, Ronald Reid and captain David Mullen. 21_c29life22



The Oban Times, also celebrating its 150th anniversary came to Campbeltown to join in the fun. The Courier's Rebecca Harvey (left) and Anne Martin (right) were on hand with Pauline Clifford from The Oban Times. 21_c29life10



The young farmers got through to the final of the raft race. 21_c29life12



Clowning around: The canoe club got dressed up for the occasion. 21_c29life05



The Bangladesh Tandoori made it to the final of the raft race. 21_c29life19



The special act for Saturday night was the 'Full Monty' by the younger members of Campbeltown Lifeboat crew. 21_c29life24



Katie and James Borland. 21_c29life08



Cara Macpherson gives new wee sister Aimee a kiss. 21_c29life09



Stephen Scally and David Cox from Campbeltown Lifeboat 21_c29life14



Janna Scally. 21_c29life07



Jane Stewart and Sue Morgan from the fund-raising committee of Campbeltown Lifeboat. 21_c29life02



Don Mitchell and David Lord were part of the Rotary Club of Campbeltown's team producing their famous 'Wally' burgers. 21_c29life01

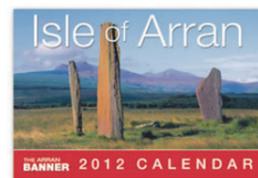


Seumus Kelly patches up the Highlands and Islands Airport's raft which was letting in water after the first heat. 21_c29life20



Kintyre Schools Pipe Band led the parade. 21_c29life04

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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



I LOVE the road across the Kintyre peninsula from near Whitehouse over to Cloanaig. At the summit of the single-track road, it is worth stopping to take in the amazing view. On a clear day looking back you can see the Paps of Jura while ahead are the majestic hills of Arran.

Often in life we look back at what has seemed to be so good, and we may yearn to have that time again. At other times we look forward and wish our life away by wishing it was time for whatever particular event we so eagerly anticipate, or we spend time worrying about what might never be.

Sometimes we need to just look around where we are and realise all the joy that surrounds us in the present – in the beauty around us and the friends beside us.

Sometimes, like the psalmist we need to lift our eyes to the hills and give thanks for the wonder of it all in the right here and now. For often the present is the best place to be, and often we miss its joy by yearning for the past and worrying about the future.

As we approach Cloanaig, we can no longer see the Paps of Jura behind but only the mountains of Arran ahead.

Goat Fell peeps out of the cloud and as the mist is scattered from the hills, a wonderful panorama lies before us.

And as I board the ferry and look at the waves and think of the storms in life, past and in the future, I am reminded of that lovely prayer: *Lord Christ, you are the still centre of every storm. In you is calm, whatever the wind outside. In you is reassurance, however high the waves. In you is strength, however contrary the tide.*

And I resolve once again to appreciate the present.



Down Memory Lane

The Christie family are trying to trace descendents of Daniel Christie-McConnachie, on the rear row second from left. See letter opposite.

Services being withdrawn

Sir,
Does Argyll and Bute Council plan to abandon the villages of Kintyre? Villagers pay council tax and collectively contribute a sizeable portion of council revenue.

Services are gradually being withdrawn; does the council think it can sneak the changes through without anyone noticing?

Southend recently had its already inadequate bus service reduced with the withdrawal of the late night service. Young people or non-drivers can no longer visit the town to go to the cinema, have a meal and drink without the additional expense of taxis.

Now we are being told that Argyll and Bute Council will no longer be responsible for the upkeep of the picnic areas.

Grass verges are overgrown and frequency of cutting is being further reduced. As a community council we try to

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ensure that we live in a village that's attractive to residents and visitors alike, but we are constantly being undermined.

What do we get for our council tax? Bins emptied once a week, a set of public toilets and a school!

We have no library, village hall or council sports facilities, and roads badly in need of repair. Surely it is not asking too much to expect the grass to be cut a few times a year.

It has been suggested that the community council could take over but we only get a grant of £300 per year to run everything.

Campbeltown is getting millions spent on its upgrade, which I agree needs doing, but not at the expense of rural communities.

If community councils were given larger grants then local people could

be employed to cut the grass.

John Bakes,
chairman, Southend
Community Council.

Catherine should get the credit

Sir,
With reference to the letter in last week's *Courier* praising Argyll and Bute Council for all its hard work at Clachan Cemetery.

Whilst the council may have put up a new gate,

All the actual hard work has been done voluntarily by Catherine Doyle from the village. She has done the bulk of the work alone and deserves to credit the council, definitely not the council.

So well done Catherine, everyone in the village is very grateful for all that you've done.

Margaret Weir,
Cara View,
Tayinloan

Dog dirt left in plastic bags

Sir,
Recently we walked along the path at the north end of Machrihanish Dunes Golf Course – a path that leads to Machrihanish.

It is a pleasant path, and on that particular sunny day, we admired the orchids and the small violas growing there. We also admired the many butterflies, fluttering near us. What we most certainly did NOT admire, and what makes me write this letter was the fact that by the side of that pleasant path, we saw several plastic bags – the kind used for lifting dog faeces – bags which had obviously used for that purpose.

Surely anyone with enough common sense to clean up after their dog should also have enough common sense to dispose of the waste

in a proper manner. I sincerely hope that the person who left these bags reads this letter, and I further hope that the next time I walk along that pleasant path, there will be no such litter. As I have written before in this paper, we are privileged to live in a very beautiful area. We should – all of us – try to keep it that way.

Agnes R Stewart,
Creagdhù Mansions,
New Quay Street,
Campbeltown.

Information wanted

Sir,
I was looking through your photograph archive and came across the school photograph with Miss McConnachie as the teacher.

Could any of your readers tell me if she was a descendant of Daniel Christie-McConnachie.

Daniel married twice, first to Susan Ross Mclean; they had seven children, Daniel, Neil, John (my grandfather), Peter, Mary, James, and William.

After Susan's death Daniel married Mary Forester and they had a further five children, Mary, Duncan, Catherine, Margaret and Jane or Jeanie.

Daniel and Duncan were both killed in Greece at the end of the First World War and both are buried there.

Neil went to Canada and fought with the Canadian Militia in the same period then returned to Canada where he married and settled down.

The photograph I have sent is off Daniel Christie-McConnachie, on the rear row second from left.

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Yacht caught in creels

A 40-FOOT yacht which got caught in lobster creels near the Mull of Kintyre was helped by Campbeltown Lifeboat last weekend.

The yacht, *Spadger*, got into difficulty between the Mull of Kintyre and Machrihanish in the main shipping lane.

The all-weather lifeboat was called out under coxswain David Conner with six crew on board and launched at 12.15pm on Saturday July 9.

The creels had anchored her to the seabed and a five-knot tide running at the time made it a challenge for the crew to free her.

It took the lifeboat two-and-a-half hours to free the vessel after various attempts, but eventually the creels cleared.

The lifeboat towed her back to Campbeltown, returning at 7pm; no damage was caused to the yacht.

More traffic at port

THE Port of Campbeltown is busying up again after a quiet time in June.

The *Hebridean Isles* came in to the ferry terminal at the weekend and is due to stay for three weeks.

At the start of the week *Selene Prahm* offloaded 1,550 tonnes of sheet steel for Wind Towers Ltd.

Last week saw 22 tall ships visiting Campbeltown as part of the Tall Ships 2011 event, and with a packed onshore itinerary throughout this week, more were expected to visit.

Necklace handed in

A NECKLACE was handed in at the end of the Campbeltown Pet Show last Saturday at Kinloch Green. Please ring 01586 810314 to reclaim.



THERAPY PET: Jan Bell and Fudge.

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'Therapet' Fudge laps up attention

MEET Fudge the Labrador and her owner Jan Bell.

The pair visit Kintyre Nursing Home and Auchinlee, both in Campbeltown, for Therapet which gives people in homes a chance to spend time with a pet.

'Some people don't like dogs but others really miss having a dog and look forward to our visits,' Jan said. 'I enjoy meeting and talking with everyone, too.'

And Fudge just laps up all the attention.

The charity is currently looking to recruit more members and their pets to help visit people at homes or in their homes and Jan visited

the Campbeltown Pet Show on Kinloch Green last Saturday to drum up support.

Therapet is a service provided through the Canine Concern Scotland Trust, a charity that is based in, and run from, Machrihanish.

The charity has 500 active Therapets and their owners in Scotland from Shetland down to the Borders with 19 area representatives who look after the volunteers in their areas.

Therapet also runs an education programme for schools.

Telephone 01586 810123 or email admin@ccast.freemove.co.uk for more details.

Tax dodgers cost council £1m a year

by STEVEN FLANAGAN
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COUNCIL tax dodgers have cost Argyll and Bute Council nearly £1million a year over the past 16 years, but the authority says collection rates are now better than ever.

Total unpaid council tax, across the 16 years of council tax from 1993/4 to 2010/11, amounts to £14.7m - prior to write-offs - compared to total bill of £555.3m.

The figures include the additional amounts due

from reduced second homes and long-term empty property discount, but exclude water, sewerage and statutory additions.

Improved

And in contrast to earlier figures released by Audit Scotland, which showed a year-on-year decrease for the past three years down to 95.7 per cent, the council reports its own collection rates have improved to 96.15 per cent.

The council claims the figures released by Audit Scotland are not directly comparable.

The authority is now anticipating future collection levels in excess of 97.5 per cent, adding that it continues to collect arrears from previous years.

In the last financial year, the council levied net council tax due across all areas of £40.99million and collected £40.55million, an overall collection rate of 98.93 per cent.

Argyll and Bute

Council leader Dick Walsh said: 'We are delighted people are paying their council tax more quickly than in the past, especially bearing in mind the current economic situation and the difficulties this may be causing some people.'

Priority

'We'd ask people in the area to give priority to paying their council tax as the money allows the council to provide valued and essential services to the community.'

Loganair to acquire Suckling

LOGANAIR, which provides the Campbeltown-Glasgow air service has announced that it is to acquire Suckling Airways, the Cambridge-based charter specialist.

Suckling is to become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Loganair

upon completion of the deal at the end of this month, and will continue to trade as a separate airline which holds its own licences and approvals.

It operates a fleet of five Dornier 328-100 fast turboprop aircraft on ad-hoc and contract charter

flights including high profile sports teams, political parties, blue-chip corporate clients and other airlines throughout Europe.

Until 2007, Suckling operated scheduled services from Dundee and from Edinburgh to London City trading as Scot Airways.

New head of roads to see problems for himself

COUNCILLOR Donald Kelly has invited the new head of roads and amenities at Argyll and Bute Council to come to Kintyre and see first hand the prob-

lems the area is experiencing.

Jim Smith has moved from Cumbria Council to become Argyll's head of roads and amenity services.

He will be touring Kintyre with Councillor Kelly on Monday, July 25.

Concerns

'If anyone has any concerns they'd like

to raise, about roads or grass cutting, they should get in touch with me before hand,' said Councillor Kelly.

The number to call is 01586 810193.

They've given blood, will you?



Donor care assistant Elizabeth Kirkwood of the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service and donors Willie Woods and Rachael Pirie, at the latest donor session to be held at the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown. 0_c28don01

Planting perennials

RATHER than just leave some municipal flowerbeds empty or overgrown with weeds, Argyll and Bute Council should consider planting perennials, said Jim Martin, chairman of Campbeltown Community Council.

He was speaking at the community council's July meeting when the state of the public gardens was being discussed. Those beds that have been planted are looking very good this year, the community council noted.

ON SALE

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Campbeltown Brass on the Isle of Man

by **RUTH McCLEAN**
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CAMPBELTOWN Brass has just returned from a highly successful concert tour on the Isle of Man, by invitation of The Tynwald, the Manx parliament. The band had been invited over to play at Tynwald Day, which is the Isle of Man National day.

The band travelled overnight by coach and ferry to arrive on the Isle of Man. After a short rest it was back to work as usual with rehearsals followed by a social dinner with members of a local band by the name of Rushen Silver Band with whom several band members already have links. The following day there was a joint concert with Rushen Silver that was very well received by an appreciative audience, especially

the finale when the two bands combined to play together.

Popular

Monday of the visit saw Campbeltown Brass playing a concert in Douglas at the Villa Marina Arcade, which is a popular venue for all the Isle of Man brass bands

to play at throughout the summer; there are at least 10 brass bands on the island.

The culmination of the tour was the concert that Campbeltown Brass gave at Tynwald Hill to complete the Tynwald Day celebrations. After a rainy morning the day cleared up to a beautiful sunny evening, which was most fortunate as the



Campbeltown Brass pictured on the Isle of Man.

concert was open air.

These few days on the Isle of Man were thoroughly enjoyable, giving Campbeltown Brass an opportunity to play in other venues and to show-

case many of the band's younger players and their solo playing abilities. The band received a lot of positive comments and constantly impressed the audiences with their per-

formances. The whole trip was made even better by the warmth and hospitality shown by their hosts on the Isle of Man and as ever the superb services of Jackie

Morrison and West Coast Motors. To see more pictures from the Isle of Man trip please visit the Campbeltown Brass website www.campbeltownbrass.co.uk.

Busy summer programme begins with workshop

CAMPBELTOWN Brass now looks forward to a busy summer programme starting with its annual Beginners Workshops.

These workshops are for anybody from age eight to 80 who would like to try playing a brass instrument and this week and July 26 – 28 in the Community Centre, 10am to noon.

For further information please check the Campbeltown Brass website. The start of August will see many of the band's young players attending the National Youth Brass Band of Scotland in St Andrews. There will also be the usual Campbeltown Brass Coffee Morning on the Saturday of the Kintyre Music Festival weekend.

Before the summer break the P5-7 pupils at Carradale Primary School organised a soup and sandwich lunch to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. There was a great turnout and the pupils raised a fantastic total of £342. c29soup1NO



Community Noticeboard

SKDT APPLICANTS WANTED
 Volunteers aged 16+ living in South Kintyre to help create the South Kintyre community action plan.
Am I suitable?
 If you live in the South Kintyre area and can spare a few hours a month for up to 6 months then we would be delighted to hear from you.
How do I get involved?
 Get in touch with Malcolm McMillan from the South Kintyre Development Trust.
 Phone: 07852 956 645
 Email: malcolm.mcmillan@skdt.org

KINTYRE CRAFTERS JULY FAIR
 Friday 22nd July 7pm – 9pm
 Saturday 23rd July 10am – 4pm
 Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown
 MacMillan Cancer Support

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 Adults and Childrens entries welcome
 Themes this year are a beach scene on a tea tray and a creature made from fruit or vegetables

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The Fillers will appear at MOK Fest.

Top tribute band to appear at MOK Fest

Nothing is pre-recorded, all music is played live

by JOANNE SIMMS
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THIS year's MOK Fest is again bookended by two of its most popular concerts, Young Folk Night on August 18 in Campbeltown Heritage Centre and the legendary Survivors Night on August 21 in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown. The Young Folk night will, as usual, feature some of the best young musicians from South Kintyre whilst Survivors Night will not only feature some of the best bands from Kintyre but also the definitive Killers tribute band, The Fillers.

Both events sell out every year well in advance of the Festival so don't waste time if you want to attend as tickets are already extremely limited for both events. The Fillers were formed in late 2006 in the era of Sam's Town and the band have received the ultimate in recognition when they were given a glowing review by Ronnie Vannucci Jr of The Killers who also joined them on drums for a guest spot. Nothing is pre-recorded, all music is played live without the use of

backing tracks and as The Killers sound has progressed and expanded, so in turn have The Fillers. The Grand Parade this year will award two new cups, The Festival Cup for the winners of the best-dressed float and the Phoenix Cup to the best motor vehicle in the Parade. No theme has been set for this year so make it up as you go! Tickets are still available locally for the YFN and for the Survivors Night at www.ticketweb.co.uk or 08444 771 000. More details can be obtained at www.mokfest.com or email mokfest@hotmail.co.uk

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Coffee morning raises £1,000 for Cancer Research

A COFFEE morning in aid of Cancer Research in Campbeltown raised more than £1,000 for the charity. A total of £1,284 was raised and the committee's next event will be in October which will hopefully be a bingo night. A grand raffle was organised to help boost funds with a bottle and baking stall also in the Red Cross Hall during the coffee morning. Moira Menzies, Irene Millar and Mary Cameron were in charge of the kitchen at the coffee morning. 21_c27cof01



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Grumpy Old man's in town

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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 Visit the wee pictures website for more what's on and coming soon.

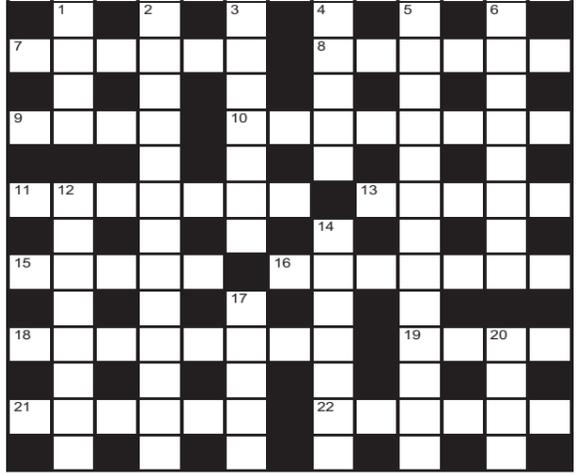
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

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- Felt hat (6)
- Early spring bloomer (6)
- Shop for cold meats (4)
- Making large profits (8)
- Convenience (7)
- Organic compound such as fat (5)
- Creep (5)
- Early dweller (4,3)
- Ornamental carving (8)
- Existence (4)
- The part that comes between the verse (6)
- Plant for bruising (6)

Down

- Arid (4)
- Film (6,7)
- Deficiency (7)
- Eight of (5)
- Hit money? It's ours! (5,8)
- Writ to enforce attendance (8)
- Rulers (8)
- Small bladed tool (7)
- A ride (5)
- Confront (4)



Last week's solution



Garden Clippings

with Robert Westerman

GADGETS, GIZMOS AND HANDY GARDEN TOOLS

The ever changing weather conditions at this time of the year can be challenging and can leave us with a tedious and difficult chore, however, there are items available on the market which could make gardening easier and quicker.

BERRY PICKER

This device makes the harvesting of berries easy. The berry picker has a comb to separate the berries from the stem and can make harvesting of the fruit faster than hand picking. This unique device is simple to use once you get the hang of it and 'combs' the branches to remove the fruit. The comb separates the berries from the stem as the picker slides along the stems lifting off berries and allowing them to fall into a container. Regular emptying is necessary so that the berries do not get squashed.



HANGING BASKET PULLEY



Hanging basket pulleys make the task of watering, maintaining and tending to your hanging baskets incredibly simple. Consisting of a clever spring and ratchet mechanism, the hanging basket pulley will allow you to raise and lower your hanging baskets by pulling down on them. Hanging basket pulleys remove the need to lift heavy watering cans above your head in an attempt to water your baskets.

GARDEN VAC

When it comes to tidying your garden, why spend time bending over lifting and brushing when you can vacuum. The windy conditions we have been experiencing has left many of our gardens looking like Autumn instead of Summer. A Garden Vac hung over the shoulder will lift fallen leaves, hedge clippings and small sticks with ease from gravel paths, lawns, patios and drives. The leaves are shredded and are held within a bag which can then be easily emptied into the compost bin. An item many gardeners very seldom seem to use, but tried once you will never be without.



BUMBLEBEE LODGES AND HIVES



Have you noticed there are fewer bees in your garden? One reason for this has been a loss of natural nesting sites. As well as thought behind what you plant up in the borders there are also a number of artificial lodges you can hang or place which will encourage them back into your garden. Coming in the form of small huts, logs and traditional shaped hives,

if set up in a sheltered corner of the garden protected from the wind and rain, in time will get occupied. Some companies will also supply a live hive so you don't have to be a bee keeper to use one. All you need to do is remove the hive from the shipping box, place it near your garden on a cinderblock or bricks, open the hive entrance, and walk away. The bumblebees will do the rest.

Knitters want to keep tradition alive

A GROUP of knitters has got together to try and rekindle the interest in, and keep alive, the traditional hand-knitted jumpers that were the everyday wear of fishermen.

The group meets once a month to exchange ideas and it is hoped that it will instil interest in reviving the skill and art of these unique patterns.

Intermingled

In some coastal areas of Britain the pattern was specific to that area but as fishermen were well-travelled, patterns became intermingled and probably no longer indigenous to a particular area but there is a specific Campbeltown pattern.

Traditionally these garments are knitted using five-ply wool on four or five fine-gauge needles but can also be knitted in the more modern way of using a circular needle if preferred.

They are traditionally



Angus Brodie wearing his wife's own pattern and James Stevenson in a jumper in the traditional Campbeltown pattern. These two jumpers are on display in the window of Winehouse, Main Street, Campbeltown.

knitted in the round so there are no seams. They are tight fitting with gussets under the arms for ease of movement and a tightly fitting neck.

These are working garments.

There are many well-written books on the subject not only giving patterns but also the fascinating

history of these jumpers. The group is for experienced knitters and meets once a month at the Ardshiel Hotel on a Thursday.

A dreich day for ducks!

ONE-hundred-and-fifty-two ducks and a large number of humans witnessed the Southend Duck Race take part on a very windy and wet Sunday evening.

The contestants were slow to start off and soon took shelter in the stones at the side but were coaxed out by John Bakes, who had the honour of starting them off.

Breakaway

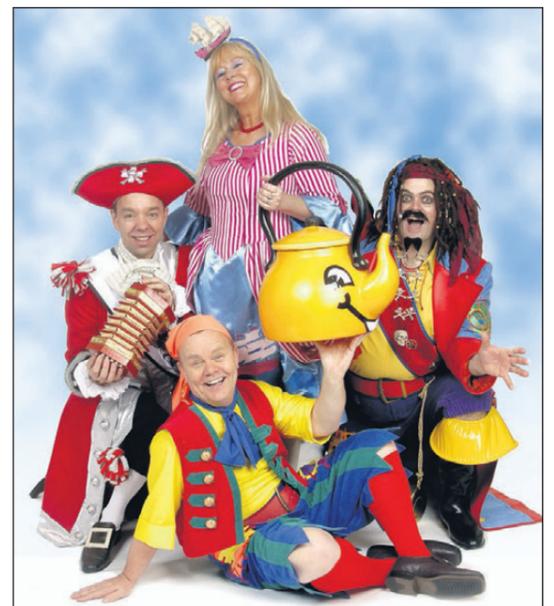
There was then a breakaway group that sped towards the finishing line to be caught by Joey Reid and David McDowall.

The winning duck was 173, 'Kirk Duckclass' sponsored by Donnie

McKerral, second was 8 'Plain Sailing' sponsored by Hamish Taylor and third was 85 'Sea Breezes' sponsored by Janet Ferguson.

Due to the bad weather the beach bonfire and barbecue had to be abandoned, but everyone went along to St Blaas's Hall for burgers, tea, coffee, ice cream and the tombola which, although a bit chaotic, was enjoyed by all.

The organisers give grateful thanks to all who turned up and who helped on the day; funds raised will be around £650 once all expenses are paid, for the village hall fund.



Singing Kettle to appear on Islay in September

AHOY there! Scotland's favourite children's entertainers The Singing Kettle have just announced they will make their first ever appearance on Islay in September when they bring their fantastic Pirate Party show to the Islands Bowmore Hall. The one-hour singalong show will take place on Saturday September 10, with shows at 1pm & 3pm and it's sure to be a huge hit with the local kids.

The event has been organised by hall committee member Kate MacAffer. 'We have wanted to bring the Singing Kettle over as there has not been anything like this on Islay for some time,' she said. 'It can be difficult to take children away for events such as this and we want our children to have experiences equal to those in the rest of Scotland.'

Tickets are now on sale.

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SOUTHEND

Problem of overgrown picnic areas

THE best way for Southend folk to solve the problem of overgrown picnic areas is to cut the grass themselves, a councillor has recommended.

At the last meeting of the Southend Community Council the issue was raised about how overgrown the grass was at Keil Point, so high that you couldn't see the picnic benches.

The community council raised the issue with Argyll and Bute Council.

Councillor Rory Colville admitted that the area was a problem; the employability team installed the benches sometime in the past and it cut the grass until its funding and remit changed.

Last year the Kintyre Way team cut the grass but now their funding has been cut. Argyll and Bute could cut the grass but as it is not a council responsibility the council would need to charge someone for it.

Councillor Colville suggested the community council take on the job but in the mean time he has asked council officials to track down who is formally responsible for the land.

John Bakes the Southend Community Council chairman told *The Courier* this week: 'Surely it is not asking too much to expect the grass to be cut a few times a year.'

'As a community council we try to ensure that we live in a village that's attractive to residents and visitors alike, but we are constantly being undermined.'

'What do we get for our council tax? Bins emptied once a week, a set of public toilets and a school!'

'We have no library, village hall or council sports facilities, and roads badly in need of repair.'

● Read John Bakes' letter in full on our letters page, page 6.

TARBERT

Waverley docks at Tarbert's East Pier

TARBERT residents and business owners were celebrating when the paddle steamer *Waverley* docked at the village's east pier.

The world's last sea-going paddle steamer, the *Waverley* enjoys a long history with the Loch Fyne village but has experienced trouble berthing at the pier in recent years.

Explaining the poor state of Tarbert East Pier raised health and safety concerns for the docking of *Waverley*, chairman of Tarbert Harbour Board, Alan Macdonald said:

'The *Waverley* has actually called in over the last two years but she has only been able to call in at the top half of the tide and with the assistance of small fishing vessels to guide her in.'

Describing the paddle steamer's visit as an 'exciting day for us' Mr Macdonald added: 'It really is quite exciting to get to this stage where she can now come straight in on her own steam and any time she wants to call we will be here waiting for her.'

A landmark day for the harbour board and locals, last Wednesday marked the end of a six-year campaign to strengthen the pier, ensuring larger vessels can visit the area.

Seeking funding from the European Rural Development Fund



The *Waverley* sailed into Tarbert East Pier unaided for the first time in more than two years. 06_a28waverley02

(ERDF), and receiving a donation from a benefactor of the *Waverley* meant the harbour board could finally afford to carry out the work, which was completed last month.

Describing Tarbert as one of the most popular *Waverley* trips, Captain of the paddle steamer, Andy O'Brien, said the *Waverley* visits Tarbert following the route Queen Victoria made famous on her first visit to Scotland in 1847. 'The work on the pier secures over 160 years of history,' he said.

Labelling the return of the *Waverley* to Tarbert as a great tourism and economic boost Mr McDonald said the 'village should feel the benefit'.

Agreeing Tarbert retailer Ian McIntyre said the village could benefit from tourists coming by boat as well as road: He said: 'We are losing



Alan Macdonald, chairman of the Tarbert Harbour Authority Board of Trustees, presented a picture of the *Columba*, the first boat to use the previously extended East Pier in 1879, to Graeme Hogg, chairman of *Waverley* Excursions.

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out on tour buses at the moment as they have nowhere to park so the *Waverley* is all the more welcome.'

The *Waverley* will visit Tarbert once a week until the end of August, with possible additional sailings scheduled for Sundays.

● The *Waverley* had been due to visit Campbeltown on Sunday but bad weather led to a cancellation; it is doubtful if the paddle steamer will be able to fit another Campbeltown trip into her summer schedule



As an end of term treat, before the schools broke up for the holidays, Drumlemble Primary joined Carradale Primary for a bay day, where they enjoyed a lunch, and had great time playing on the sand and taking part in a sandcastle competition.

ISLAY

Volunteers wanted for the 'Three Rs'

VOLUNTEERS are wanted on Islay to help adults with their reading writing and arithmetic.

Argyll and Bute Council's community learning team is keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in becoming an adult literacy or numeracy tutor.

Nearly a quarter of

adults in Scotland have some difficulties with reading, writing or numbers.

Tutors will be given free training and access to resources, and be fully supported through a partnership of adult literacy services in Islay and Lochgilphead.

The council hopes to hold the initial training over three two-day sessions in the autumn. For those who want to get accreditation, Argyll College offers the possibility of further training through the local college.

Anyone who might be interested, or would like more information, is urged to go along to Bridgend Community Garden Open Day, 11am-4pm on Saturday July 22, where members of the team will be able to answer any questions.

Alternatively, please contact Pam Staley or Kirsty Simpson at Lochgilphead Community Centre on 01546 604750 or email Pam.Staley@argyll-bute.gov.uk or Kirsty.Simpson@argyll-bute.gov.uk for more details.

CARRADALE

Primary school prize-giving

THE pupils of Carradale Primary School enjoyed their end of year prize-giving before the school closed for the summer holidays.

This year the Harlow Award for Citizenship (P7 Award voted for by P7 pupils) went to Niall Gemmill.

The other awards were: Matthew Neil MacDougall Memorial Prize (P7 Award): Bethany Paterson; Carol Anderson Memorial Quich for Citizenship (P1-7 Award voted by all pupils): Shauna Brown, P7; CPS Personal Achievement Award: Shauna Brown, P7; CPS Creativity Award: Niamh Baxter, P5; CPS Junior Sports Champion: Elliot Gemmill, P3; CPS Senior Sports Champion: Lauren Burns, P7.

Clan Shield (awarded to clan relay winners): Carradale Glen. Henry McGougan Memorial Prize for Perfect Attendance: Raymond Gosling, P7.



Niall Gemmill, Bethany Paterson and Shauna Brown.



Shauna Brown and Niamh Baxter.



Elliot Gemmill and Lauren Burns.

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Donald Morrison looks forward to the Autumn Sales.



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AS WE approach 2011's bustling autumn market season, one man will be busier than most, making sure every sale goes through without a hitch.

In recent years Uist native Donald Morrison, United Auctions' regional managing director for Argyll and the islands, has overseen some of the most dramatic changes in the company's infrastructure throughout its centres at Oban, Dalmally, Islay, Tiree and South Uist.

New pens, lairage facilities, and state-of-the-art equipment have been installed at marts and lairage sites but this major investment doesn't mean Donald has any less to do.

'It is hard work but I really get a buzz out of the sales at this time of year, especially in years like this when trade is looking favourable.

'I am looking forward to this autumn because I am forecasting sheep trade to be buoyant and it will show increases on last year's values.

'Likewise finished cattle prices at the moment have crept over £3.20 per kilo, deadweight. I don't remember it ever being as good as that and allowing for the high cost of 'the three Fs' (fuel, feed and fertiliser) it is still looking like a good autumn.'

A lot of eyes will be on the first sale of the autumn, the Fair Day Sale at Dalmally on July 29, where suckled calves are the main talking point.

This sale will be full of high quality stock and the prices are usually the indicator for the rest of the sale season throughout the country. It is therefore a sale that buyers and sellers, alike, don't want to miss.

Indeed, Dalmally mart is a busy place throughout the autumn - not least for its record-breaking October Blackface ram sale - and is expected to see a through-put of more than 2,000 cattle and 27,000 sheep. On Islay, which will

host an opening sale of lambs and sheep on August 26, there will be in excess of 2,000 cattle and 20,000 sheep coming through.

For Donald, who has spent the past 38 years working in Argyll and the islands with United Auctions, this season will be one of the most exciting, as the company has invested heavily in his 'patch'.

Island stock coming from, and going to, mainland markets can be stored at United Auctions' lairage facility in Oban, meaning Oban is also a busy place at autumn sale time.

From this Oban base it can also offer customers use of livestock trailers; the two larger trailers measure 22 feet and 18 feet to meet the modern day needs of buyers and sellers.

Using the Oban lairage, United Auctions also undertakes its pioneering Direct Marketing service.

Established 10 years ago, Direct Marketing allows stock to be sold through United Auctions as agents and weighed and priced on a per-kilo basis. This takes place at the Oban lairage, when it is not being used to store cattle. A suitable buyer is then found from the company's huge list of finishing farmers.

The company can expect to see more than 1,000 cattle and 12,000 sheep be sold via Direct Marketing.

The mart at Dalmally has undergone a £300,000 facelift in the past few years, with wooden pens replaced with steel, a new high-spec washing facility has been built and the mart's roofing has been completed. On Islay, steel pens and concrete flooring has been introduced and more car parking spaces created.

Electronic tag readers have also been installed at all United Auctions markets, including the lairage facility at Oban.

Donald said: 'If you compare our marts to how they looked fewer than 10 years ago you will notice a huge difference.

'We have met all the EC standards, regulations and criteria that have been put in front of us.

'We have done that to give our customers the best we can offer. We could have just put handheld electronic tag readers into these marts but we owe it to our customers here to give them the same standards they would expect at our main centres in Stirling and Huntly.

'Since our management buyout four years ago, everyone in the company has one thing in mind: Marketing livestock. That is a big bonus for today's United Auctions.'

And there's more to the 21st century United Auctions than just running mart sales.

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and haulage is done months in advance, road transport to take stock to and from marts is arranged and buyers from as far afield as Aberdeen and Wales are encouraged to attend sales.

Donald said: 'No longer is it enough to simply bring stock to a market and sell them. You have to provide other services to customers.'

'For the direct marketing service we are happy to go to farms to assess stock and give the owners a price. Our customers are the most important part of our business.'

The appreciation United Auctions has for its customers extends into the communities it serves. Where possible it uses local staff in its seasonal west coast and island markets, as well as local hauliers.

'I have always felt strongly about hiring from the communities we work in and being mindful of giving something back to

these places,' said Donald.

'Because we have a lot of small crofts in the area, I have made it a personal policy that the crofter who has two cows is just as important as the farmer with 100

cows. Both deserve my highest level of commitment.'

It is this dedication to the area that has given Donald a unique view of the farming and crofting landscape.

And this autumn he will be passing on his expertise to United Auctions' newest recruit, Derek An-

derson, who said he was looking forward to meeting the company's west coast customers.

Donald Morrison, United Auctions' regional managing director for Argyll and the islands

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First Milk delivers good cash returns

FIRST Milk says it has delivered solid financial results for the year to March 31 2011.

All of Kintyre's dairy farmers are members of the milk co-operative which also owns Campbeltown Creamery.

Bill Mustoe, chairman, reports: 'The business made substantial progress. Financially,

we are strong with improved profitability, a more competitive milk price, a sound balance sheet and lower net bank debt.'

Despite challenging economic conditions, a positive swing in profitability was achieved. This resulted in a pre-tax profits of £7.2m (2010: £360k). The milk prices paid

to producers increased significantly in the year. The standard litre liquid pool price increased by 3.35ppl and the cheese pool price increased by 3.15ppl during the year. So far a further 1.4ppl has been put on the liquid price and 1.98ppl on the cheese price in 2011/12.

The business is committed to rewarding farmers for capital they have invested in the business and is paying a six per cent return on members' capital in 2011 (£2m). Group turnover was £573m (2010: £536m), an increase of 7 per cent on 2009/10. First Milk has substantially lower net bank debt than last year at only £44m (2010: £69m) mainly as a result of stronger operating cashflow and lower stocks.

The company has a 'robust' balance sheet,

with total net assets of £51m at 31 March 31 2011 (2010: £46m).

And Mr Mustoe added: 'This year has started well and we have been able to make further milk price moves and another return on members' investment.

'Additionally in May, we announced the acquisition of Kingdom Dairy and Kingdom Cheese, which greatly broadens our product, customer and market mix.

'Thanks to the efforts of our farmers, our employees and our partners, the business is moving forward on all fronts. This progress has opened up opportunities and presents us with a variety of paths to grow turnover and profits. We will select our route carefully with a clear focus on building sustainable returns for our producers.'



Dugald Graham of West Backs Farm, with judge Kenny Robison, right. 21_c29herd01

Kintyre Holstein herds compete in annual contest

ELEVEN local Holstein cattle herds took part in the annual Herds Competition last week with a large number of breeders and supporters following round.

Judge for the two-day event was Kenny Robison, Ardlamy Farm, Gigha. He kindly stood in at short notice and impressed all in the manner he went about his duties and in particular for his constructive and complimentary comments at the prizegiving after the dinner in the Ardshiel Hotel.

Vice chairman Dugald Young suitably thanked the judge and all who helped in the event that was kindly sponsored by Alta Semen Company.

The results, as announced by chairman, Donald Armour were as follows: Small Herds



Prizegiving at the Ardshiel Hotel, from left: Gavin Semple, Kenny Robison, judge; Sandy Pirie. Absent: John Smith.

& Parkers Cup: 1 G Motor Co Quach; Semple, Kilkeddan; J. Smith, Drumalea. 2 WG Ralston, West Individual & Bowie & Darloch; 3 H Aram Cup: 1 S Pirie, McCorkindale, Eden. Machrihanish; 2 WG Ralston; 3 G Semple. Large Herds and Production/Inspection & SAI Cup: 1 J Smith, Drumalea; 2 D Graham, Campbeltown Creamery Cup: 1 S Pirie; 2 WG West Backs; 3 T Ralston, Ralston; 3= S. Pirie & Dhurrie. Best Herd Overall & Campbeltown

Open day fun for all

THERE will be an open day with the Kintyre NFUS branch on Tuesday July 26, beginning at 11am at 'The Big Shed', Charleston, Barrglen, by kind permission of Duncan Macalister and family.

The farm tour of Barrmains leaves at 11.30am where visitors will get an insight into Glenbarr Farms enterprises. Then it's back to the shed for a barbecue lunch and stock judging in the afternoon.

The prize for most points overall is £100 worth of mineral buckets kindly donated by Harbro.

Everyone welcome. Wear suitable footwear and bring waterproofs if wet. Also, if you're going, please telephone 01586 820226 or 07725 994521 so it's known how many people to cook lunch for!

Grassland production in the spotlight for organic and conventional farmers

KINTYRE farmers, organic and conventional, enjoyed the backdrop of Davaar Island at Kildalloig courtesy of Mrs Mary Turner and her manager John McLachlan for an informative, practical day on grassland production led by Dr Peter Shipway from Scottish Agricultural College, Aberdeen.

The members discussed the importance of maintaining drainage, soil fertility, and aeration as key elements, which contribute to good grass growth.

As a classroom exercise and enjoying the sunshine Peter demonstrated with his trusty spade the soil structure in one of the fields at Kildalloig. This exercise highlighted soil structure, panning

and root activity, from this simple test a farmer can get a good idea of what the soils are really like.

Within the discussion various topics were aired, the value of clover in the sward, attention to grass mixtures, diploids and tetraploids and their roll. Weeds in an organics system must be addressed at an early stage either before going organic or by implementing good practice, not allowing weeds to seed, picking livestock which enjoy certain weeds was indicated by one member!

The roll of FYM, slurry and nitrogen-fixing crops were all mentioned and individuals had the chance to pick Dr Shipway's

experience; another problem that affects everyone is rushes, again well debated. This was a very hands-on event where specific areas of grass production, care of, establishment and how important a well thought out grazing cutting regime is paramount if farmers are to maximise the output of their grass swards. Compliments to the host where some good clover mixes were observed; regrowth especially under an organic regime after silage, was applauded by the conventional members and everyone took something back to their own farms to try or fine-tune, all to reduce the reliance on inorganic fertilizers and improve their carbon footprint.

Great show result for Kintyre heifer

THERE was a great result at the Great Yorkshire Show last week for a heifer that won at Kintyre Show last year.

In the commercial beef classes, the top prizes went to a Charolais cross heifer which was bred by Duncan Semple, Dippen, now owned by Neil Slack, Plum Tree House, Newby, Penrith.

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Applications are invited for 3 or more persons to serve a five-year term as a member of the Crofting Commission commencing 1 April 2012, alongside up to 6 elected members. Members will commit to a minimum of 4 days per month and will receive remuneration of £7,440 per annum. The appointments carry reasonable expenses (including travel and subsistence costs and childcare and carer expenses) associated with Board work. On occasion substantial travel may be required as Commission meetings are held throughout the crofting areas of the Highlands and Islands.

In particular, applications are invited from Gaelic speakers and representatives of the interests of landlords of crofts.

One of the Members appointed must demonstrate the ability to communicate in Gaelic, and one must demonstrate the ability to represent the interests of landlords of crofts. This could be the same person. For the avoidance of doubt, it is stressed that applications from persons with neither of these abilities are also invited.

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- Deciding on difficult regulatory casework and develop procedures for delegation of casework.
- Ensuring compliance with all statutory requirements relevant to the business of the Crofting Commission.
- Ensuring appropriate standards of corporate governance in the work of the Board and the organisation as a whole, including observance of collective responsibility for Board decisions.

You will be required to demonstrate:

- Knowledge and understanding of crofting tenure and issues.
- Knowledge, and practice if possible, of the principles of public life and the requirements of effective corporate governance.
- Highly effective communication skills, including the ability to work as part of a team, used internally and externally to carry out the functions of the Commission.
- Ability to work effectively on strategic and specific policies and priority setting within a regulatory framework; and to take decisions accordingly, with sound analytical and problem solving skills.
- Commitment to delivery of National Outcomes promoting the occupation and use of land and shared management of communal resources.
- Ability to operate in a politically sensitive environment.

Closing date for applications is Tuesday 9 August 2011.

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If you are interested in applying for this position please send your CV, by Friday 5th August 2011, to:

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Marion McKinven (Maisie), would like to thank all her family, friends and neighbours who visited and sent flowers, cards and good wishes on her 95th birthday! A "special thanks" to the Ardsheil Hotel for their excellent menu and impeccable service, to Lorna Hume for her singing, David Brodie for his dynamic flower demonstration and Mari Martin for the beautiful birthday cake! A memorable evening of song and laughter was greatly enjoyed by all!

I wish to thank staff and all who helped me get home when I fell in Tarbert Post Office in April.

I also wish to thank Staff at the Mid-Argyll, Southern General and RAH for their Nursing Care, Help, Encouragement and Patience from 29 May to 29 June 2011.

Special Thanks to the Larder Staff who alerted my family. All Phone Calls, Cards, Visits and Kind Enquiries were much appreciated.

Nan Crawford

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Love, All the Gang! x

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus taught us to pray, saying, 'Our Father ... lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one' (Matthew 6:13).

BIRTHS

GRIFFIN - SHAW - Connor Ross arrived safely on July 12, 2011 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, to Ross and Laura. A baby brother for Bryce. Thanking Mid Argyll midwives for all their care and support.

LINDSAY - At Horton Hospital, Banbury on July 13, 2011 to Mike and Lisa (McMurphy), a son, Jacob Donald John. First grandchild for Helen and the late Don Lindsay and sixth grandson for John and Alice McMurphy.



MACEACHERN

Chris and Natalie are delighted to announce the early, but safe, arrival of Steaphan Christopher Dempster. A gorgeous little brother for Danaidh. Thanks to everyone involved, especially Jenny and Karen.



MCCALLUM

Raymond and Valerie are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Luke Raymond Thomas, born July 5, 2011. A wee brother for Blair and Jade and fourth grandchild for Raymond and Elizabeth. Thanks to all staff involved.



MCINTYRE - JACKSON

Patrick and Sandi are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Annie Grace born on June 30, 2011, weighing 5lbs 14½ oz. Fourth granddaughter for Marleen and Alex, Tarbert and second granddaughter for Helen and Frank from Joppa.



MCLEAN - BRODRICK

Andrew and Kelly are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful baby boy, James William, born June 23, 2011. Special thanks to the Maternity Unit, Campbeltown and Special Baby Care, Southern General Hospital.

ROWAN - SLOAN - Sandy and Julie are delighted to announce the birth of Jake Alexander

on June 20, 2011 at the Southern General Hospital. A wee brother for Sean and Michael. Thanks to all the midwives at Campbeltown and SGH for their care.

ENGAGEMENTS

MCKINNON - PAGE - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Miss Katy McKinnon, elder daughter of Peter McKinnon, Ceres and the late Marjory McKinnon and elder granddaughter of Tommy McKinnon, Claonaig to Captain Mike Page Royal Artillery, only son of Professor Alan and Mrs Sheila Page, Cupar.

MARRIAGES

MACKINNON - DRYDEN - At Balmaha, on July 9, 2011, Ian, son of Malcolm and Jane, Tarbert to Lynn, eldest daughter of John and Barbara, Glasgow. A perfect day and wonderful weekend.

DEATHS

CORDLE - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on July 14, 2011, Kenneth Isaac Cordle, Fleet Air Arm, Royal New Zealand Air Force, in his 92nd year, Achavinish, Isle of Gigha, dearly beloved husband of Jessie Wotherspoon, loving father of Rosemary and Susan, and a much loved grandad of Iain, Faye and Shona.

CUMMING - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital on July 14, 2011, Iain Cumming, aged 91 years, of 4 Torran Mhor, Ford and formerly of Inverliever, Ford. Son of the late Andrew and Catherine Cumming, and dear brother of the late Peter. A much loved uncle and great uncle to all the family. Funeral service will be held in Ford Parish Church today, Friday, July 22, at 11.00am, thereafter to Cardross Crematorium arriving for 2.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Ford Church Funds.

PROVAN - Peacefully at Alfred Bean Hospital, Driffield on July 15, 2011, Anne Provan, in her 75th year, formerly of 3 Highbank Park Lochgilphead. Loving wife of the late David Provan, much loved mother of Stephen and Kenny, and adored granny of Fiona, Alasdair, Kirsti, Matthew, Samuel, Gemma and Sophie, and much loved great granny of Bethany and Caitlin. A very special mother-in-law. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Thursday, July 21, 2011, followed by interment at Ach-na-breac Cemetery.

SMART - On July 18, 2011, at her home, Garden Cottage, Stronachullin, Ann (Nan) Smart, née Campbell, in her 92nd year, beloved wife of the late Alex Smart and dearly loved aunt of all the family. Funeral service at Ardrishaig Parish Church (today) Friday, July 22, at 12 noon, interment thereafter at Ach-na-breac Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DUNN - Kevin and Stacey would like to thank family and friends for their love and support following the loss of their beautiful baby boy, Taylor. Thanks to Alasdair Blair for his caring funeral arrangements and for bringing Taylor home, Rev Philip Burroughs for his heartfelt service and The White Hart for the lovely purvey. A special thanks to our friends who donated money in memory of Taylor for the Sands charity.

MCTAGGART - Margaret, Florence and families would like to sincerely thank everyone for cards, letters and flowers received on the sudden death of our brother Daniel. Many thanks to Rev Burroughs for his touching service at the cemetery, Dr Norrie and the police for all their help. Special thanks to Joseph Ruesgen and to all who paid their last respects at the cemetery, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their caring handling of all arrangements and Ardsheel Hotel for a lovely tea.

IN MEMORIAMS

GILLIES - In loving memory of my dear sister and friend, our Auntie Nettie, who passed away July 17, 2009.

To be together in the same old way
Would be our dearest wish today
Missing you.
- Cathie and family xxxx.

HART - Treasured memories of a much loved dad, granda and great granda, Duncan, who passed away on July 26, 2010.

Always in our thoughts.
- Duncan, Margaret, Betty and families.

JOHNSTONE - In loving memory of our brother, Ian (Chic) Johnstone, who died July 25, 2008.

Loved and remembered every day.
- Hamish and Kenneth.

MACFARLANE - In loving memory of my husband, Ian, who died July 23, 2002, a loving dad, seanair and father-in-law. The gates of memories are never closed

They are always open wide
The one that we have loved and lost
Is forever there inside.

- Cathy and family, Tarbert, Mull, Glasgow.

MCLELLAN - Precious memories of a dear dad and papa, Ian, who passed away July 21, 2002.

We hold you close within our hearts
Loved and remembered every day.
- Love all the family.

WHELTON - Inserted in loving memory of my beloved mother, Agnes Morrison McEachran Stewart (Nana), who died July 14, 1996.

Along the road of memories
That leads me back to you
Are thoughts of us together
And the happy times we knew

And every day that passes
I seem to find a way
To wander back to meet you

On the road to yesterday.
Sadly missed.
- Johnnie.

WILSON - In loving memory of Davie, died July 23, 2007.

You're deeply missed by both of us.
- Isobel and Gordon.

WILSON - In loving memory of a dear dad and grampa, Davie, who died July 23, 2007.

Memories of you are fondly kept
Someone too special to ever forget.
- Stewart, Heather, Kerry and Louise.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Church Services Sunday 24th July (Minister: Louis Bezuidenhout)

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Lochfyneside (Minard) 10 am
Cumlodden (Furnace) informal evening service in Furnace Village Hall with refreshments 6.30pm all welcome

Glenaray and Inveraray (Inveraray Church)
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morning service 11.30 am

summer sale in Inveraray Church Hall
Monday - Saturday 11am-4pm
July - August



Argyll Street, Campbeltown

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Sunday 24th July 2011
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SC002493
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Rev Michael J Lind
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Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Saturday, 23rd July
COSY Coffee House
Trip to Southend Highland Games
Meet at church - 5:30 p.m. [for S3 to S6 students]
Sunday, 24th July
Informal Early Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m. (With the Praise Band)
Morning Service - 11:15 a.m.
Retiring Collection for the Africa Crisis Appeal
Rev. Philip Burroughs
[SCEM Group at both services]

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5.45pm Prayer Meeting
6.30pm Evening Worship
Major Dolores Thomson

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Saturday 23rd July 2011
Coffee morning in Tayvallich Hall
10.30am
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Sunday 24th July 2011
11.00am
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Speaker Graham McLean
"Tares among the wheat"
Thursday 28 July 2011
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
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Yachts on the horizon?

Former Wimbledon champ visits Kintyre

A FORMER Wimbledon Doubles Champion visited Kintyre recently and made time for a game of tennis with a local lad.

Cara Black, who was also the doubles number one, has several relatives living in the area and met up with some of them for lunch at the Watering Can, Glenbarr recently.

Farm

Cara's grandfather Donald Black left Port A'Bhorrain, now Dalkeith Farm, Glenbarr, to go to Zimbabwe in 1913.

She also visited Killean Cemetery, Dalkeith Farm and fitted in a game of tennis at Glencreggan with Neil Littleson of Killiegruer Farm.

Neil's great grandmother was a sister of Cara's grandfather.



Fun in the sun for Pony Clubbers

ARGYLL (South) Branch of the Pony Club held its annual summer camp at Skipness earlier this month.

Riders from Arran, Kintyre and Mid Argyll all took part in the week-long event with members enjoying a variety of tuition from flat work to show jumping.

The club would like to thank their instructors for the week - Jane Gilchrist, Sheena Adams, Lucy Hallett, Katie Wilson and Laura Campbell.

Fields

Thanks must also go to Shelagh Oakes for providing road safety training, and to Cloanaig and Skipness Estates for the use of their fields.

The club would also like to thank all parents

and friends involved in the organisation, before, during and after the week.

At the end of the camp, which ran from July 4 to 8, prizes were presented to the following riders: dressage: walk/trot test: 1 Jay McConnachie; intro dressage test 2007: 1 Hannah Bone; horse trials dressage test 1998: 1 Sara MacDougall.

Small course

Jumping: small course: 1 Morwen Phillips; 2 Katie Luxmoore; 3 Joey Luxmoore; 4 Leah McConnachie. 75cms: 1 Lori Young; 2 Hannah Prill; 3 Signe Riddell; 4 Rosie Richmond. 90cms: 1 Hannah Bone; 2 Eilidh McNeil; 3 Gemma Rae; 4 Taylor Smith; 5 Lauren MacAlister; 6 Janey Van Stone.

Citizenship award: Rosie Richmond and Taylor Smith. Most improved junior rider: Katie Luxmoore. Most improved senior rider: Lauren MacAlister.

Pony Club tests: E Test: Leah McConnachie and Jay McConnachie.

D Test: Joey Luxmoore, Katie Luxmoore, Rose Richmond, Lori Young, Hannah Bone, Eilidh McNeil.

D + Test: Katie Luxmoore, Rosie Richmond, Lori Young, Hannah Bone, Eilidh McNeil and Hannah Prill.

Mini road rider: Joey Luzmoore, Katie Luxmoore, Rosie Richmond, Lori Young, Hannah Bone, Eilidh McNeil and Hannah Prill.

Golf boys in action

THIS weekend the Argyll and Bute Golf Union's boys championship will take place at Taynult on tomorrow (Saturday).

The following day the Handicap Championship will take place at Rothesay.

Late entries for the Handicap Championship are available by calling Graham Bolton on 07720627397.

The draws for both events will appear on the website www.argyllandbutegolfunion.com.

Yacht week

THE FOLLOWING boats from Campbeltown Sailing Club have confirmed they will be taking part in West Highland Week: *Eureka*, *Carna*, *Inspiration*, *Stargazer* and *Blue Liz*.

Tarbert's top golfing ladies

TARBERT Golf Club held its annual Ladies Club Championship last weekend July 16-17, with 18 holes being played each day.

In spite of poor weather forecasts for both Saturday and Sunday, the ladies turned out to brave the weather and each other, with five

players scoring within five points of each other, over 36 holes.

Winners

The trophy winners were Heather Brownlie, who won the Club Championship with a scratch 166, and Janeanne Reppke, who won the net competition with 130.

The Ladies Captain, Rona Young, would like to thank all the players who participated in the competition, with particular thanks to the green keeper Steven Barclay for his work on improving the ladies tees for the Club Championship.



Golf club winners. From left are: Janeanne Reppke, Rona Young, Heather Brownlie.



Alison at the summit of Kilimanjaro.

Alison's unforgettable adventure

A KINTYRE woman has thanked the people of Campbeltown for helping her raise a lot of money for charity by turning into a mountaineer.

Alison Hutchison (née Millar) climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in her bid to raise funds for Alzheimer Scotland.

Her current total raised stands at £7,093.87 and Alison said that this could not have been achieved had it not been for the outstanding generosity and support of the Campbeltown community.

She said that she would not have made it to the top without the very sound advice from another local Peter Graham, who earlier this year also climbed Kilimanjaro for charity, and the thoughts and well wishes of friends and family.

'Those thoughts were never far from my mind during the extremely punishing climb to the summit,' Alison told *The Courier*. 'This was an adventure that will never be forgotten and one I will never repeat.'

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Southend win Provan Shield

Provan Sports Shield final 2010 Kintyre Select 2 Southend 9

SOUTHEND lifted the Provan Sports Shield for the first time demolishing their opponents on Sunday. This game was being played for the 2010 Provan Sports Shield which had been

postponed from last season. The game kicked off at The Meadows with a strong cross wind blowing across the park and heavy showers making conditions very difficult for both sides.

Southend got off to the best start and within five minutes took the lead when a cracking shot from Liam Renton at 15 years out gave the keeper no chance.

McBrayne made it 2-0 at 23 minutes and added a third goal on the 44th minute to give the South Kintyre side 3-0 half time score.

The best chance in the first half fell to Currie for the Select side, the keeper making a great save to deny the striker.

Hat trick

Further goals in the second half, two from McKerral and two from McBrayne completed his hat trick and Miller, Galbraith and McKinven completed the scoring for Southend.

Consolation goals came from Deans and McConnachie for Kintyre Select.

League

Last Wednesday Lochgilphead travelled to Carradale as league leaders they left pointless



Officials for Sunday's match.



Southend took the 2010 Provan Sports Shield on Sunday for the first time. The competition had been postponed from last season.

with the home side winning 4-1 with Donald McCallum scoring a hat trick. On Sunday the Wee Toon went down 8-3 to Ardrishaig at the Meadows.

There are two mid week games. Kintyre Athletic v Carradale, Southend v Tarbert Boy and Kintyre Select v Lochgilphead.

This Sunday sees the eight-club 11-a-side tournament getting played at the two parks at the Meadows with the first matches kicking off at noon.

The league would like to thank Ian and Frances Hill of Muneroy Stores for their kind sponsoring of the match ball for the Provan Sports Shield.



Action from the match which Southend won 9-2 against Kintyre Select. Photographs courtesy of Kintyre Forum.

Annual mixed open golf at Dunaverty

FINE weather greeted the 61 men and 29 ladies who participated in Dunaverty Golf Club's annual mixed Open Seniors event.

In the men's scratch section Tarbert's Duncan Johnstone took the honours with a 65 which included no less than eight threes.

Duncan Watson III (Dunaverty), out in 37 but back in a fine 31, was next best. Lochgilphead's Kenny Crawford, handicap 18, blew away the opposition in the handicap section by coming in with a nett 58. Duncan Johnstone was second by virtue of a better inward half from Glencrutin golfer Kenny Devine both carding nett 60s.

There were age category prizes a Nearest

the Pin on the 16th for all competitors plus the longest drive at the 17th for men and ladies.

Men's results: Handicap: 1 Kenny Crawford 76-18-58, 2 Kenny Devine 75-15-60, 3 Willie Young (Tarbert) 78-16-62 (BIH), 4 Brian Hone (Dunaverty) 77-15-62 (BIH), 5 Alistair Brown (Dunaverty) 74-12-62, 6 Alan Hair (Dunaverty) 63.

Scratch: 1 Duncan Johnstone 65, 2 Duncan Watson III 68, 3 Donald Taylor (Dunaverty) 69, 4 A Napier (Shiskin) 69, 5 Ian McKinnon (Dunaverty) 70, 6 Sandy Watson (Dunaverty) 72. Nearest the Pin at the 16th: Jana MacPherson 1.35m; Ladies Longest Drive: Myra Spierings (Machrihanish); Gents Longest Drive: Duncan Watson III. Age Categories (Men): A Alan Hair, B Brian Hone, C Terry Fowler (all Dunaverty)

Ladies: A Ann Munro (Dalmailly), E Janet Buchanan, F Margaret

Campbell. Mens CSS 63. Ladies CSS 65. Other Dunaverty results Tapoc Cup: 1 Mark Eagers 44pts, 2 Tony Haysom 41, 3 Brian Hone 40 (BIH), 4 Sandy Watson 40, 5 Darren Kelly 39 (BIH), 6 Alex Arkle 39. CSS 63. RNLI Cup: 1 Gary Thomas 45, 2 Andrew Robertson 44, 3 Ian MacKinnon 42, 4 Donald Brown 41, 5 Alan Hair 39 (BIH), 6 Stewart McGougan jnr 39. CSS 62.

Games cup double for Matthew

MATTHEW Turner picked up the Duke of Argyll Cup for a second year for best local athlete at Inveraray Highland Games this week.

He won the cup for his effort in the track and jumping light events. He won the open handicap 800 metres running event.

His brother Gary also attended the games being placed in his competitions.

The boys headed for Mull Highland Games and will be competing at the local Southend Highland Games tomorrow night (Saturday).



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