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Wind of change at turbine factory

Exclusive by RUTH McCLEAN
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A CHANGE in shareholdings at the Machrihanish wind turbine factory is a positive move for the future of the facility.

It was exclusively revealed to *The Campbeltown Courier* on Wednesday that Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) are taking over as the main shareholder.

Previously Marsh Wind Technology Limited and SSE were in a partnership, with support from Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

Along with the new ownership structure, the company name will now change to Wind Towers (Scotland) Limited, as the new venture is taken on by SSE.

The agreement is in the process and was expected to be finalised towards the end of this week.

The work force was informed on Tuesday

when they arrived back from annual leave.

David Steele, head of business development at Wind Towers (Scotland) Limited, exclusively told *The Courier* on Wednesday: 'For us here at Wind Towers having a large Scottish company as the majority share holder is a positive thing.'

'Fundamentally Wind Towers (Scotland) Limited is in a good position and we are continuing to work to build a good business here with long-term prospects. The new name will help define our brand more in the Scottish market.'

Victor Stirling, head of performance for onshore renewables at SSE, said: 'We don't run the factory; the staff work for Wind Towers (Scotland) Limited and we help the management along the way.'

'As far as personnel at



HENRIETTA Jones has a go of Clydesdale horse, Bob, owned by George Robertson. The two-year-old jumped at the opportunity to sit on the back of the Clydesdale at Saturday's Largside Ploughing Match at Ferry Farm, Tayinloan. George Robertson with Bill and Bob are avid competitors at the local ploughing matches and travelled from Ayr for the occasion. For full results and photographs from the ploughing match see page 12. 20_c31plough07

the factory is concerned, nothing changes. The management team stays the same. It will be the

same amount of people, with the possibility of one or two more taken on in the future.'

According to Mr Steele the future is bright for the facility, with the order books full until the

end of the year.

'It is looking positive for next year also; we are very busy,' he said.

Rest and Be Thankful closed again

AS *THE Courier* went to press, the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful was shut due to a landslip.

Around 50 to 100 tonnes of debris blocked the carriageway at 4pm on Wednesday and geotechnical engineers were onsite to assess the damage.

The landslip happened after a period of sustained heavy rainfall and Scotland Transerv continued to assess the conditions overnight.

Alan Reid MP urged the SNP government to pull out all the stops to get the A83 re-opened as soon as possible.

Visit 6 website and Facebook page for up to date information.

Mobile phone signal lost

VODAFONE customers lost their mobile phone signal for a period of time on Wednesday morning.

According to a Vodafone spokeswoman a transmission problem with mast at Tomaig, Campbeltown, caused the loss in service early in the morning and was resolved at 11.15am.

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Local businessmen Jim Martin and Ian Ackroyd say they have lost a lot of business due to road works on Longrow. 20_c31roa01

Businesses up in arms over road works on Longrow

BUSINESS operators on Campbeltown's Longrow are up in arms at the impact of the current road works.

For the past five weeks, a one-way system has been in place around the premises where businesses including Jim Martin Supplies, and Hazelbank Motors operate.

The owners of both these businesses told *The Courier* they were unhappy with the way the road works were being carried out.

'We have had 11 de-

liveries bypassed because the drivers said they couldn't get in,' said an angry Jim Martin. 'I don't understand why they have carried on working on Aqualibrium Avenue, leaving Longrow in this state. It's killed our business since it started.'

Disappointed

Ian Ackroyd, who manages Hazelbank Motors, said he could effectively 'write off' two months' business, and was disappointed with the accuracy of information he had been given by Argyll and

Bute Council. He said: 'They told me they were going to be spreading tarmac today (last Friday) so I told people not to come, but then nothing happened. It means I can't plan for anything.' Responding to the complaints, a spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'Any inconvenience caused to local businesses as a result of the road improvement works is regrettable, but traffic management often dictates the sequence of works. For exam-

ple, surfacing on a side road may be prioritised if it allows the removal of temporary barriers or traffic lights and improves safety for pedestrians and road users.'

The spokeswoman added the surfacing work linking Aqualibrium Avenue to Longrow was 'nearing completion'.

The next step will be to finish the tie-in works for the new junctions, which will mean traffic coming out of town along Longrow will have to give way.

Whiteshore path in Tarbert reopens

A WHITESHORE path on the north side of East Loch Tarbert has been reopened after suffering damage over the last few years.

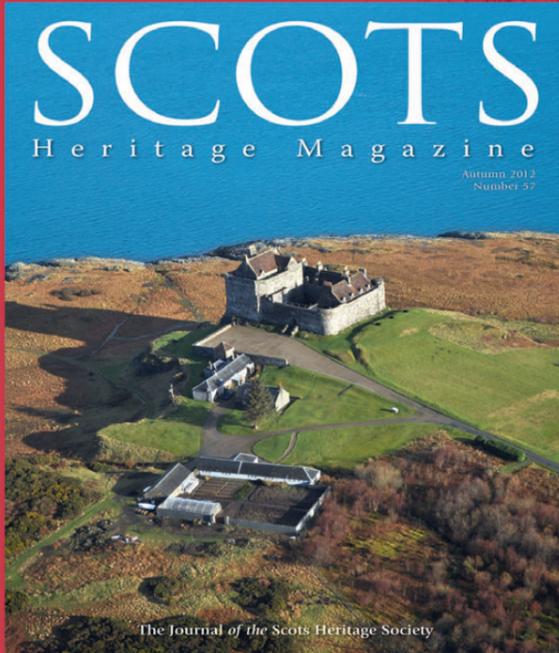
Lead councillor of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Anne Horn reopened the pathway.

Early in 2012 Argyll and Bute Council's access team asked Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise to re-instate it to its original condition which has now been completed. The walk is now available for public use.

As part of the works the team at Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise replaced many broken and rotten boards, drained a number of wet areas, placed new stepping stones, and replaced the picnic bench.

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Top honour for Tayinloan student

A GIFTED student from Tayinloan has been honoured for his hard work by meeting Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh.

Mark MacSporran, has also been named as Perth College UHI student of the year.

The first-class honours graduate was also given the opportunity to compose a piece for Her Majesty and in just a few days had to create a string quartet which was commissioned specifically for the Royal visit to the college campus.

The 21-year-old, who

attended Tarbert Academy, excelled in his studies at the University of the Highlands and Islands at Perth, through his Popular Music course.

The piece was performed on Friday July 6 by Perth Symphony Orchestra's String Ensemble, when Mark also presented a commemorative book to the Duke of Edinburgh.

Mark has also represented Perth College and University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) at several external events including Music For Youth Performance,

Glastonbury Festival and an exchange trip to the University of Evora in Portugal.

President of the Samba group Rhythm Wave, Mark is an exceptionally positive ambassador for UHI, and has given up his free time on many occasions in order to contribute to the life of the music department.

Mark's lecturer Dr Marlisa Ross paid tribute to him, and said he was a pleasure to work with.

'He has an extremely good work ethic, and it

is rare to find a student who is so committed to achieving excellence in every aspect of their work.'

Mark told *The Courier* it was an honour to meet Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, and said they were nice and pleasant and he really enjoyed the day.

He regularly teaches music in the Glasgow and Kintyre area, and is also part of Mamas Got a Brand New Band, which will feature at this month's Mull of Kintyre Music Festival.

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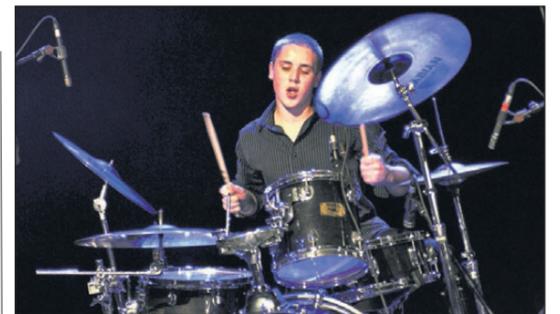
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Police files

Assault:
A WOMAN has been reported to the procurator fiscal for the alleged assault of another woman in the car park of a supermarket in Campbeltown last Wednesday afternoon.

Vandalism:
A TEENAGER was traced in connection to a vandalism to the roof of a vehicle in Campbeltown last Wednesday.

The matter is being dealt with by the children's reporter.

Break-in:
AN ALLEGED break-in last Thursday at an address in Burnside Square, Campbeltown, led police to arrest a man, who has since been reported to the procurator fiscal.

Witnesses:
POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a man was found with a broken leg on Campbeltown's Kinloch Road in the early hours of Friday morning.

A taxi driver found the victim who had been seriously assaulted and alerted police; he was taken to the local hospital.

Assault:
FOLLOWING an alleged assault at a flat in the town centre of Campbeltown, police are appealing for witnesses.

In the early hours of Sunday morning a 21-year-old woman claimed she was assaulted by another woman.

Drink driving:
A TARBERT man was arrested on Gigha on Sunday for allegedly drink driving. The man was on the island for the raft race weekend when a local alerted police he was driving erratically.

New Quay upgrade ready in October

A MULTI-million pound upgrade to Campbeltown's New Quay is on schedule to be complete by mid October.

BAM Nuttall, the Dutch-owned engineering firm awarded the project by Argyll and Bute Council, are progressing well with the work to deepen the harbour to allow larger vessels to berth.

Once the £4.6million upgrade is complete, vessels large enough to carry six-metre diameter wind turbine towers will be able to use the New Quay.

Allan Finlay, piers and harbours technical officer for Argyll and Bute Council, said the project would 'future proof' the area's position as a hub for the renewables industry, by providing the facilities needed to export the latest and largest towers out of the area.

'It keeps Campbeltown as a key port for renewables, increases our capacity to take bigger turbines, and means we are in a position where if there are changes in vessel size and shape years down the line, then we can accommodate that,'



Local workers employed by BAM Nuttall and contractors working on the New Quay. 20_c31bam01

said Mr Finlay. The project, which began on February 27, has gone ahead on the north side of the quay, allowing harbour transport to continue to operate on the south side.

Nicholas McCormick, BAM Nuttall's regional business development manager, said a row of pilings up to 39 metres long have been driven into the seabed to ensure the harbour wall is stable enough for dredging work to take place.

He told *The Courier*: 'We had to strengthen the wall to allow dredging of an additional four

metres to provide greater depth for the boats that are going to be servicing the turbine manufacturing factory at Machrihanish.'

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Man who threatened woman and her family sentenced to four months in jail

A CAMPBELTOWN man who threatened a woman and her family with serious violence will spend the next four months behind bars.

William Dott, aged 23, of 2D Mafeking Place, was led away to the cells after he was sentenced by Sheriff Tom McCartney at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Tuesday.

Defferred

The sentence had been deferred following a guilty verdict on Dott when he went on trial for the offence on June 6 this year.

Sheriff McCartney rejected the appeal of defence agent, Gerard Devaney, for a non-custodial sentence, saying: 'The threats of violence were alarming and a serious view requires to be taken. In view of your record of previous convictions and failure to comply with court orders, I do not consider there is a reasonable alternative to a prison sentence.'

Dott was also admonished for failing to comply with a bail order following his initial conviction.

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Four Kintyre community projects awarded funding

FOUR community projects in the Kintyre area have been awarded funding to take forward their innovative carbon reduction activities.

Jura Development Trust, Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust and South Kintyre Development Trust, were four of six groups who received funding through the Climate Challenge Fund.

Jura Development Trust will use its £126,735 for energy advisers for its Power-down project.

Tarbert and Skipness Community received £26,500 to employ a North Kintyre Horticultural adviser.

A total of £24,087.50 was awarded to the Gigha Heritage Trust for its awareness raising scheme for the island with South Kintyre Development Trust receiving £24,108.10 towards its tidal energy project.



LADY golfers at Machrihanish Golf Club helped out the RNLI with donations at their recent open competition. Ladies captain and open winner, Lindsay Ramsay, presented a cheque last Friday for £223.40 to Campbeltown Lifeboat coxswain, David Cox. 'As the captain I was able to choose the charity, and I chose the RNLI, which is so important to this area,' Lindsay said. The money was gratefully received by Campbeltown's branch of the RNLI. It will go towards paying for equipment and training, David said. 20_c31che01

New prawn quota measures are put in place

by RUTH McCLEAN
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NEW measures have been put in place to ensure fishermen in the west coast can catch their full prawn quota this year.

After recent months of an unprecedented shift of vessels that normally fish for prawns in the North Sea, where prawns have been scarce this year, Marine Scotland has implemented the measures.

While there is sufficient quota and overall prawn fishing is at a similar level to 2011 and 2010, the displacement means the annual 'time at sea' constraints will be breached without action being taken.

This latest manage-

ment challenge starkly illustrates the need for an overhaul of the cod recovery plan - something the government and industry have been calling for some time.

The temporary measures include a basic allocation of 16 days fishing time for west coast vessels.

Restrict

President of the Scottish Fisheries Federation, Alan Coghill, said this is a problem directly related to the Cod Plan, which is meant to restrict the catching of cod.

'The prawn sector is an incredibly important part of the Scottish fishing industry, which

needs full backing at all levels,' he explained.

'Policies and measures need to be in place to ensure that fishery can be worked in a proper fashion that enables businesses to plan ahead and fish profitably and sustainably. This patently has not happened in this instance.'

Fisheries secretary Richard Lochhead said: 'I recognise the deep concerns of the industry over this issue, therefore it's important the government takes action to ensure west coast fishermen have their time at sea to catch their full prawn quotas this year.'

'With the temporary measures we now have in place, I'm confident the usual fishing season can continue.'

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Band all set for Glasgow Green

KINTYRE Schools Pipe Band gained a creditable fifth place at the European Championships on Saturday.

The Meridian Salmon Group-sponsored pipe band was placed in Juvenile Grade, which saw 120 pipe bands turning in some scintillating performances.

'Unfortunately we slipped back a bit today from our third place at the British Championships last month,' said pipe major Ian McKerral.

'But I'm not unhappy. We got a good sound though there was just a bit of roughness in the performance, in both piping and drum-

ming departments. Still, we know what we need to do, and we'll contin-



Piper Jane Millar with the Amsterdam Shield, awarded for fifth place.

ue to work hard ahead of the World Champion-

ships in Glasgow on August 11.'

Piper Jane Millar explained this is the band's first season in the Juvenile grade.

'It's a lot more challenging,' she said. 'But we're determined to do well at the Worlds. As well as the top Scottish bands, there will be visiting pipe bands from America and Australia up against us.'

Performing

On Friday August 10, Kintyre Schools Juvenile Pipe Band will be performing a set in Glasgow's George Square as part of the Piping Live Festival.

The band is scheduled to perform live for 50



Kintyre Schools Pipe Band performs at Stormont Castle Grounds at European Pipe Band Championships on Saturday.

minutes from 2.30pm to 3.20pm.

Supporters are advised to get to Glasgow Green early on Saturday August 11 as Kintyre Schools Pipe Band has been drawn to play first at 9am.

'The draw could have been a bit kinder,' said Jane. 'We'd encourage everyone to get there early and give us a good cheer.'

Before the Juvenile Band's appearance at the Worlds, the band will be out and about in Campbeltown.

They will be performing at the Kintyre Agricultural Society Show on Friday August 3 between 2pm and 3pm.

The band will then appear, weather permitting, in Main Street at 7.30pm on Saturday August 4.



Pipe Major Ian McKerral.



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Planning permission for 30-metre windfarm

KILDALLOIG Farm has received planning permission for a 30-metre high wind turbine.

The farm, owned by Joe and Mary Turner, already has a hydro turbine and one wind turbine to help meet its own energy needs.

Mary Turner said the hydro turbine has been performing well, but there have been some problems with the current wind turbine. This has led the Turners to move towards erecting a new one, which if and when erected would have a capacity of 100 kilowatts.

Architectural tour of the town

AN ARCHITECTURAL tour of Campbeltown led by local man David MacEwan took place on Wednesday night.

The next tour will take place on August 24, 2012, leaving Aqualibrium at 2pm.

Vigorous action by council on unpaid debts

ARGYLL and Bute Council recovered a four-figure sum in unpaid bills last month in its latest crackdown.

The council continues to take vigorous action to recover rates and other debts from those who are able to pay, but fail to do so.

When dealing with outstanding debts, the council has the power to obtain a summary warrant. This is passed to sheriff officers who will make efforts to negotiate settlement before taking any enforcement action.

However, if a ratepayer

refuses to agree to settle the debt, the council is then able to use the full powers granted by the summary warrant.

For commercial premises, this includes a money attachment – a process where money can be seized by sheriff officers.

Last month, sheriff officers instructed by Argyll and Bute Council recovered a four-figure sum, using a money attachment, from an Argyll business which failed to pay rates and reneged on a previously negotiated instalment agreement.



PIPERS from the local pipe band have been entertaining at the head of the Old Quay throughout the summer. Each Thursday from 1pm to 2pm, pipers have been playing next to the Tourist Information Centre in Campbeltown, and last week was the turn of Michael McKinlay, left, and Neil McFadyen. 20_c31pipe01

Hair salon's 'go for gold' raises funds for sports council

AN OLYMPIC fundraising effort is being made by a well-known Campbeltown hair salon.

Numero Dix Salon is raising money for the South Kintyre Sports Council by selling 'go for gold' tickets during the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

With tickets costing £1 each, all the proceeds will go to the South Kintyre Sports Council.

Prize draw

At the end of the Olympics a prize draw will be made, with gold, silver and bronze prizes for the first three tickets drawn.

The top prize is a colour, cut and blow-dry with treatment including products.

This and the silver and bronze treatments are also available at special celebratory prices during the games.

PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS

On a proposal for Blary Hill Wind Farm

RES is pleased to introduce plans for two wind farms on the Kintyre Peninsula - Blary Hill Wind Farm, near Glenbarr and Freasdail Wind Farm, near Whitehouse.

We will be holding exhibitions, to present our current proposals for Blary Hill Wind Farm at the following times:

Thursday 23rd August, 2pm - 8pm: Glenbarr Village Hall
Saturday 25th August, 10am - 3pm: Victoria Hall, Campbeltown

This will be an opportunity to meet staff, ask questions and find out more about the proposed project. Information about the range of environmental studies we are undertaking, including computer images illustrating how the project will appear in the landscape, will be on display.

The exhibitions are open to everyone and we look forward to meeting you.

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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



THE lovely sounds of a violin drifted over the guests at the garden party.

It was the opening of the new garden at Auchinlee and we were blessed with lovely weather for the occasion.

There were some wonderful hats on display and the ladies looked splendid in all their finery – and the gentlemen looked very smart too.

It was a great day, and as I enjoyed cucumber sandwiches and strawberry tarts I thought how much work had gone into making this day special.

Auchinlee was marking 60 years of caring for the elderly in our community and what a tremendous commitment this has been by many folks over this period of time.

As I watched the yachts in the bay below come into the safety of Campbeltown harbour, I thought of the many ways in which Auchinlee offers a safe haven for the more vulnerable among us.

This sensory garden is a beautiful creation and a tribute to all who made it happen.

It is full of colour and life and vibrancy and will belong to the residents who will nurture it.

Mr Burroughs blessed the garden and he spoke of that first garden which God provided for the recreation and enjoyment of his creation.

This garden will also bring pleasure to many who can tend the flowers, grow the vegetables or just sit in the warmth of the sun and reflect on days gone by.

It is a lovely place and a place of peace and beauty.

I watched as folks chatted over old times and retold stories so worth the retelling.

I saw the residents enjoy the laughter of children amongst them and I wondered if they were back in their own childhood days.

May God's blessing be there in the care and the love in this special place for the next 60 years and beyond.



Down Memory Lane

IN THE early 1970s, a compulsory purchase order was sought to knock down buildings for the creation of Burnside Square, Campbeltown.

McFadyens Contractors were given the contract for knocking down Campbeltown Fruit Market, MacGeachy's Ironmonger and Greig's newsagents, and shown is Tommy McGrory.

Ivor Watson, who owns McIvors Florist on Longrow South, Campbeltown, told *The Courier* his father's aunt originally had the Campbeltown Fruit Market.

He said when his father finished in the Royal Navy he took over the shop when Ivor was a young boy.

'The fruit shop closed during the war because they struggled to get produce,' he said. 'My father's aunts were from Greenock and owned two shops there, and the shop in Campbeltown.'

'I am the third generation to own a fruit and flower shop in Campbeltown.' Do you have any memories of the Old Fruitmarket, or any old photographs you would like to share with our readers? If so, please get in touch by emailing editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk, writing to Campbeltown Courier, Main Street and Longrow South, Campbeltown, PA28 6AE, or phoning 01586 554646.

CCC is apolitical and its purpose is to ascertain, co-ordinate and express the views of the community to Argyll and Bute Council and other public bodies. It meets once a month on a Monday evening for one and a half to two hours.

Argyll and Bute Council will be advertising the six vacancies on August 13th and I very much hope that generous and knowledgeable people of Campbeltown who are 18 or over and on the electoral role, will step up to the plate and donate some of their valuable free time so that we can recruit some new community councillors and in particular someone willing to be the secretary.

Yours faithfully
Andrew Hemmings
Convenor,
Campbeltown
Community Council.

Prefabs in Stewarton

Sir,
Can anybody find me a photograph of the prefabs in Stewarton before they were pulled down?

My grandparents lived in one and we spent many summer holidays there with them.

Their names were Margaret and John, known as Big Jake, Reid.

It would be lovely to be able to show my family where their own grannie was brought up before she left Campbeltown to live in England.

Ishbel Burnham,
10 High Street,
Great Glen,
Leicester.

Rucksack Foodie

Sir,
I am a freelance writer and will be travelling through Campbeltown in early December, doing a bit of research for a book project.

A devoted lover of single malts, especially Springbank, your town was a must stop on my journey!

I'm looking to perhaps visit with some local residents known for their cooking skills, traditional and non. As well as any 'food traditions' your town/region may cherish, preserve and practice and/or celebrate.

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Confused councillor?

Sir,
It would seem that Councillor Colville is somewhat confused in his letter last week. The SNP do have control of Scotland, in the form of the Scottish Government and in the event of Scotland gaining independence in the 2014 referendum, it would be up to the people of Scotland to choose which political party, if any, forms the first independent Scottish Government.

By contrast, in Westminster we are controlled by two parties who hold no mandate to govern the Scottish people and who are causing immeasurable damage to

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Scotland through their severe austerity measures.

As for the smooth running of the Bolgam Street toilets, Councillor Colville is in-fact responsible for these problems on two levels; he was a senior spokesman in the formation and agreement of the budget measures for this year which brought about reductions in service, and, as a Liberal Democrat, he supports the Westminster Government who continue to reduce the budget passed to Scotland with direct

impact on the ability of the council to maintain the standards and facilities expected by constituents.

John Semple,
Councillor
South Kintyre
Community
councillors
wanted

Sir,
I am an incomer, only living here for the past six years and still very much learning about the area and meeting new people. I have come to love living in Kintyre

and have found the people here most welcome and friendly.

Due to a lack of volunteers and despite my limited local knowledge and experience of Campbeltown, I was, much to my incomer surprise, appointed convenor of Campbeltown Community Council (CCC) in June. I made it clear at the time that I would only be willing to carry on with sufficient support from fellow officers. We have however been unable to appoint to the key post of secretary.

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Council agree funds for war memorial

by RUTH McCLEAN
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MONEY has been secured for the first phase of the war memorial restoration in Campbeltown.

Councillor Donald Kelly announced this week that money has been put forward by Argyll and Bute Council to fund this phase. The cash was

previously going to come from the Royal British Legion with any shortfall coming from the Common Good Fund.

'I have been pushing the council hard to come up with money to restore the war memorial,' councillor Kelly told *The Courier*.

'The money will be used to put up scaffolding and re-point it.'

He explained this is one of three phases; the tablets replacement at the bottom of the memorial is phase two and the groundwork enhancements are phase three.

Work will now start at the end of August to re-point the memorial, making it wind and

water tight, and will last six weeks. Money for phase two is to come from the Royal British Legion with McFadyen's Contractors carrying out the ground works as a donation to the project; this will include installing floodlights.

It is hoped all the work will be carried in time for this year's Remembrance Day in November.



DURING the last week of term, P6 pupils from Dalintober Primary School entertained the patients of the Friday Day Hospital.

A varied programme was provided by the children which included singing, instrumentalists and a puppet show written by two of the pupils.

Both the audience and the artistes enjoyed the show.

Successful summer

THE former heritage centre of An Tairbeart is having a successful summer since reopening as a farm shop and coffee shop.

The WigWam holiday site is still run by the Duncan family, who first opened the former heritage centre in 1994.

Neil and Ileene Duncan are now assisted by their son Iain and daughter Cara, who told *The Courier* the new venture

was proving popular, especially the variety of fresh, locally sourced produce it offers.

'We have home baking, fresh fruit and vegetables, meat from Barbreck and fish from our suppliers in Tarbert,' Cara said.

'The cafe is doing well and we're encouraging locals as well as visitors to come in to sample what we have to offer.'



Kintyre Crafters hold craft fair

MEMBERS of Kintyre Crafters put on a craft fair at the Argyll Hotel in Campbeltown over last weekend.

The group's members have been very active recently, with displays at the Tarbert Seafood Festival, followed by the Inveraray Highland Games.

One member, Jo Goudie, is currently displaying her pencil drawings for the third year running at a prestigious

national show in the Wirral. **Fundraising**

In spring, members of the group also took part in a fundraising event at Carradale Village Hall, and an open-air craft show at Springbank Distillery.

The next stop for the crafters will be the Kintyre Agricultural Show.

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KYES hold an open day

AN OPEN day to celebrate the work done by the young volunteers at Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service (KYES) took place on Saturday.

Free tea and coffee was on offer along with a raffle, name the teddy, and a home baking stall, all baked by the young volunteers, but by far the most popular was the bottle stall. KYES would like to thank everyone who went along and to all the local shops and services for their kind donations of bottles and prizes for the event.

Thanks to the Voluntary Action Fund who funded the day's event. 'We would like to give a big thank you to all of our young volunteers for their hard work and dedication over the years, without them we would not be where we are today,' said Phil Edwards of KYES.

County's assets on show at Best of the West 2012

ALL OF Argyll's 24 distilleries will gather under one roof for the first time as part of a showcase of the county's assets – the Best of the West 2012.

Marketed Argyll and the Isles Tourism (AIT), the event held over the weekend of September 15-16 aims to provide a significant boost to the tourism numbers by highlighting all the assets to the domestic market.

Highlighted

Hosted by Inveraray Castle, everything from culture and crafts, music and food – and of course our drams – will

be highlighted to demonstrate the county's appeal to all, from families and couples to thrill seekers and outdoor enthusiasts.

Producers

For the foodies, a host of local producers will be showing off their goods, with the likes of Loch Fyne Oysters, Inverawe Smokehouse and Barbreck Farm set to feature.

Tickets for the event, which will musically be headlined by the Red Hot Chilli Pipers and Skerryvore, are now on sale and organisers are hoping the event brings in a broad spectrum of

visitors.

AIT's director, Mike Story, said: 'In essence, we want to show that no matter what you're keen on, you can find it here in amongst some of the most spectacular surroundings you're likely to find.'

Prize Draw

Meanwhile, everyone who buys tickets for the event will have their name entered into a special prize draw.

Mike said: 'Prizes will include hotel stays or meals throughout Argyll and Bute. The earlier you get your ticket in the more chance you have of winning.'



Some of the ladies on the Mairi Semple Fund committee with church minister Catriona Hood. 20_c31flower01

Flower festival raises £1,780

A FLOWER Festival at A'Chleit Church raised £1,780 for Mairi Semple Fund for Cancer Relief and Research.

Flower arrangers put in effort to get their displays looking perfect for the festival with this year's theme 'Something Different'.

Thanks

The committee for Mairi Semple Fund would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway, including the con-

tributors, the helpers, Catriona Hood and the church officials.

Isabel Cook won the 'Buried or Sunk-en Treasure' competition and a dinner for two kindly donated by Craigard House Hotel, Campbeltown.

The committee would also like to thank everyone who went along and supported the festival, which took place over Thursday, Friday and Saturday last week.



Margaret Semple with her flower display, 'tea for two'. 20_c30flower02

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Irish connection at MOK Music Festival

CELEBRATING the historic links between Scotland and Northern Ireland, the Mitchell's Glengyle Dalriada Connections Concert will see one of the true greats of Irish music headlining.

Taking place at Campbeltown Heritage Centre on the afternoon of Sun-

day August 19 as part of the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival, vocalist and keyboard player Triona Ni Dhomhnaill Bothy Band will take to the stage.

Prominent

Triona is from a prominent musical family and her career took off when she joined The Bothy



Gillian Frame and Pdraig O'Neill.

Band in 1975 as vocalist and keyboard player singing songs such as *Do you love an Apple* before joining Relativity with her brother Micheal and Johnny and Phil Cunningham.

Gillian Frame and Pdraig O'Neill on fiddle, vocals and button box provide the main support in a concert that also features *Brave* musician Lorne MacDou-

gall form Carradale, Struan Thorpe and Mairi Voinot from Mid Argyll, Seudan Acadamaigh an Tarbert as well as a host of familiar names from the Argyll area.

Tickets for all Festival concerts can be obtained from AP Taylors, Campbeltown and 08444 771 000 or www.ticketweb.co.uk for more information go to www.mokfest.com.



Triona Ni Dhomhnaill.

Win tickets to see



Irish band The Saw Doctors will headline Mull of Kintyre Music Festival's Saturday night concert in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown on August 18 at 9.30pm. Over the years the band have had hits including *I Useta Lover* and *Downtown* featuring Petula Clark, which reached number two in the Irish singles Christmas chart.

To celebrate the return of the festival this year, the Campbeltown Courier and Argyllshire Advertiser have two pairs of Saw Doctor tickets up for grabs. Tickets

are worth £25 each. To enter, simply answer this question, complete the entry form and send to: Wyvex Media, Saw Doc Comp, PO Box 1, Oban, PA34 4HB. Entries must be submitted by Friday, August 10, 2012.

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- Jewelry metal (6)
- Throw in a game (4)
- Figure found on board (8)
- Give water (7)
- Church assembly (5)
- This is on the cake (5)
- Associate (7)
- Early flower, in winter weather (8)
- Booty (4)
- Shrubby plant with a milky juice (6)
- He found it!! (6)

Down

- Devoid of people (6)
- Cry out (4)
- Teach (7)
- Compound formed from organic acid and alcohol (5)
- Reply to expulsion of air! (5,3)
- Smooth, in music (6)
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Third Age art group on show

AMATEUR artists in Kintyre's University of the Third Age (U3A) art group are preparing for

their biggest show yet. With the local branch of the Red Cross holding an auction this month,

the members have been invited to display their works alongside the likes of Stella McCartney, Ewan Macgregor and Jolomo.

Group co-ordinator Alister Nimmo told *The Courier* the members have been working for the past two months on watercolours, taking inspiration from the natural beauty of Kintyre.

Like the other U3A groups, the artists work very informally, placing the emphasis on fun and sociability.

Long-time art enthusiast Marlyn Moffat, who leads the group, said: 'We're looking forward to displaying our pieces at the auction. We're just trying not to be intimidated by the artists we'll be up for sale alongside.'

Other U3A groups in the area include craft, archaeology, a choir and a new memory group.



The U3A artists with some watercolours they have been working on. 20_c31art01



Flights of fiction at the library

CHILDREN have been carried away on flights of fiction at Campbeltown Library this summer.

Tajrian Ali, aged nine, and Nancy Mackenzie, seven, were among the group of around 30 who have been attending weekly sessions as part of the

library's summer reading challenge.

The challenge started on July 7 and ends on August 11 with an awards ceremony in the library.

Children are awarded points for each book they manage to complete.

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Springbank dram features in *Angel's Share*

A FILM showing next week at The Picture House in Campbeltown features a local distillery.

Famous brand

Angel's Share features someone partaking a dram of the famous brand of Springbank whisky.

Springbank is donating a commemorative bottle to mark the occasion and it is intended to raffle the bottle on Saturday August 18 at the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival's Doon the Green.

There will be a bottle stall for adults and

a shoolen for the children as part of the Picture House's stall.

In the near future Disney Pixar's *Brave* will be showcasing at The Picture House, featuring Carradale's Lorne MacDougall who piped and composed some of the music for the film.

James judges at Australian Highland dancing

A CAMPBELTOWN man was judging at the Australian Highland Dancing Championships last week.

James McCorkindale, whose school of dance girls have been enjoying recent success in overseas trips, was one of a panel of judges giving scores.

Odd One Out window display competition

THE Odd One Out shop-window display competition will be running for one more week in Campbeltown.

Since it started on July 23 many locals have already done the rounds of the town centre, spotting incongruous items in the windows of participating shops.

Competition sheets are available from DM Brown, Neil Kennedy Shoe Shop and Rosy Cheeks, with a prize of £10 for the winner at the end of each week.

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mid argyll show 2012



Karina Black, Abbie MacKenzie, both Oban, and Charlie Nathan from Easdale, demonstrated their mastery of highland dancing. 07_t33midarg3

Supreme confined show champion of the Mid Argyll Show – blackface Sheep Sarah Jane. Shown by Iain Shaw of R&I Shaw of Acharonich, Ardfern. 06_a33mid33



Seven-year-old Archie Nickerson, from Cour in Kintyre, says hello to Speedy the tortoise at the popular Pet's Corner. 06_a33mid28

THE COUNTDOWN is on for the 2012 Mid Argyll Show as local farmers and stock handlers prepare their animals for the ring.

The event, which kicks off on August 11, will see a host of entries for the agricultural show, with entries up in a number of classes including the showing jumping and Clydesdale horse categories.

The show will welcome back a host of local farmers whose cattle, sheep and bulls won a number of classes in last year's event.

Ormsary Estate, Robert and Iain Shaw from Ardfern and Douglas Anderson of Barnakil Farm, Cairnbaan will all be returning to defend their 2011 titles.

Organisers are of course keeping their fingers crossed for good weather, hoping the umbrellas needed at last year's event wont be in attendance this year.

Charles Gorrie, president of the Mid Argyll Show committee, said: 'We hope that the weather will be good for this year's show as entries for all stock and horses are good and we have tried to cater for all those attending, locals and visitors- there will be something for everyone.'

This year also sees new additions to the entertainment programme, with BMX riders Unit 23 dazzling audiences with their daredevil stunts.

The riders, from Dumbarton, will take to the main show ring for their

performance alongside Highland dancers and an exciting new attraction – Quack Commandoes.

In an innovative take on sheep dog trials, dogs and their handlers will

take to the main ring to rounding up ducks, as opposed to their woolly friends.

The ever-popular Pets Corner will also be returning the event along with family-friendly ac-

tivities including bouncy castles, quad bikes and mini go-karts.

The show also offers locals the opportunity to get involved with the organising of the 2013 event as the show

committee is currently seeking a show secretary. People interested in taking up the role are being urged to call into the president's tent and meet the committee members.



Mid Argyll Show
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Main Ring
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Successful day for Dippen Farm at Dalmally



DIPPEN Farm at Carradale came away with champion and reserve champion calf at the Dalmally show and sale last Friday.

United Auctions held its annual fair day show and sale of 387 cattle. An excellent show of quality-bred cattle were presented and sold to average as follows: Bulls averaged £902.64 or 209.52 pk (£861.03 or 195.69 pk last year). Heifers averaged £827.36 or 196.10 pk (£748.24 or 184.07 pk last year).

Leading the top price of the day was a superb Limousin Cross Heifer from Mr Currie, Low Dunasherry which sold at £1,480 or 322pence per kilo to Gordon McGillivray, Lismore.

The show previous to the sale was judged by William Hamilton, Bee Edge Farm, Coldstream, and the following were his awards:

Limousin Bulls: 1 M/s Semple, Dippen, 2 Mr Currie, Low Dunasherry, 3 Mr Littleton, Killigruer.
Charolais Bulls: 1 M/s Semple, 2 Mr Glenn, Saddell Home Farm.

Any Other Breed Of Bullock: 1 M/s MacCallum, Strathnafanaig.

Limousin Heifer: 1 M/s Semple, 2 M/s Ronald, Laggan Farm, 3 Mr Currie.

Charolais Heifer: 1 M/s Semple, 2 M/s Ronald, 3 Mr Armour, High Tirfergus.

Any Other Breed of Heifer: 1 Mr Armour.

Pens of Four Bulls: 1 Mr H Morrison, Kileonan, 2 M/s Semple, 3 M/s Wallace, Uigle.

Pens of Four Heifers: 1 M/s Ronald, 2 Mr Littleton.

Champion Calf: M/s Semple, Dippen - Limousin Bullock - £1,200 (263 pence per kilo) to the judge.

Reserve Champion Calf: M/s Semple - Charolais Bullock - £1,190 (236pence per kilo) to M/s Cameron, Keith.



Primrose Beaton of United Auctions presents Duncan Semple, Dippen Farm, Carradale, Campbeltown with the championship trophy. 17_t31dal03

The show champion was a 456 kilo Limousin bullock from M/s Semple, Dippen which sold to the judge, Mr Hamilton of Bee Edge, Coldingham, Eyemouth for £1,200 or 263p per kilo.

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Largieside Ploughing Match

VARIOUS titles were fought for on Saturday at the annual Largieside Ploughing Match, with Skernish sweeping the boards in the horse section.

Alex Harvey and Neil John McCorkindale judged the ploughing, whilst John Reid judged the tractor section and



Willie Reid came fourth in the 12-inch tractor class and got the prize for the least assistance. 20_c31plough03

Richard Semple judged the horses.

Iain McKendrick took first place in the 12-inch class, with Drew McKendrick winning the reversible class.

It was a family affair for the McKendricks, as husband and wife Drew and Margaret, Drew's brother Iain and father David, all took part, winning various prizes.

The event took place at Ferry Farm, Tayinloan, by kind permission of the Aitken family.

The committee would like to extend their grateful thanks to the Aitkens for their continued support in giving up their fields for the match and for the on field catering and also to the judges for their expertise.

It was the first year Michael Mayberry has ploughed with the Clydesdales. He usually works as the 'brakes',



Michael Mayberry ploughs with Clydesdales from Skernish Tommy and Poacher as Alan McFarlane leads. 20_c31plough09

and has taken over whilst Neil MacPhail is out of action. Alan McFarlane took up the front of the horses for team Skernish this time round.

The results were as follows: 12-inch class: 1 Iain McKendrick, 2 Tom McMillan, 3 Jock Sivewright, 4 Willie Reid, 5 Gavin Reid, 6 Craig Coffield, 7 Jamie Reid, 8 David McKendrick.

Best Break Jock Sivewright, Best first six furrows Iain McKendrick, Best last six furrows Iain McKendrick, Best Outs and Ins Jock Sivewright, Straightest Tom McMillan, Best Finish Tom McMillan.

Reversible Class: 1 Drew McKendrick, 2 Margaret McKendrick.

Best Break Drew McKendrick, Best first six furrows Drew McKendrick, Best last six furrows Drew McKendrick, Best Outs & Ins Margaret McKendrick, Straightest Margaret McKendrick, Best Finish Margaret McKendrick.

Horse class: 1 Michael Mayberry, 2 George Robertson, 3 David Duncan.

Best Break Michael Mayberry, Best first six furrows Michael Mayberry, Best last six furrows Michael

Mayberry, Best Outs and Ins George Robertson, Straightest Michael Mayberry, Best finish George Robertson, Best working pair Michael Mayberry, Best gelding George Robertson, Tidiest turnout Michael Mayberry, Best roadster David Duncan.

General prizes: Worst lot Craig Colville, Least Assistance Willie Reid, Best maintained outfit Tom McMillan, Best working plough Iain McKendrick, Furthest travelled David Duncan, First finished Gavin Reid, First on field Jock Sivewright, Oldest ploughman David McKendrick, Youngest ploughman Craig Colville, Best looking ploughman Margaret McKendrick, Oldest tractor Gavin Reid, Newest tractor Craig Colville, Hardest luck David McKendrick.

Trophies: Mr & Mrs Holder Shield for best overall: Iain McKendrick; Largieside Challenge Cup (restricted to Largieside): Michael Mayberry; Tayinloan Cup (restricted to Largie, Killean and Glenbarr): Craig Coffield; Glenside Tractors Trophy for best reversible:

Drew McKendrick; Glenside Tractors Trophy for best work by a Kverneland plough: Willie Reid.

George McFarlane Trophy for first in horse ploughing: Michael Mayberry; Alex McGill Trophy for best working pair of horses: Michael Mayberry.

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Investing in soil analysis

by **TONY GARNER**
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BIG investments are required – but Kintyre farmers were told last week that hi-tech solutions could increase their profits in the long run. Dave Cowe, from the Lothian-based firm, Soil Quest, told farmers



Ian Barbour from Glenside Tractors demonstrated the GPS spreading equipment. 20_c31mon03

gathered at the Kintyre monitor farm at Glenacardoch, part of Glenbarr Farms, that they could save themselves tens of thousands on wasted fertilisers by investing in soil analysis.

The monitor farm project is facilitated by Quality Meat Scotland, and aims to promote changes in farming to improve productivity and profitability.

Costly lime

Soil Quest charges £29 per hectare for detailed scan, sample, analysis and mapping. Mr Cowe said this would show how in a single field, some zones already have a high enough pH and do not require high volumes of costly lime.

Traditional ‘W’ soil sampling methods for a single overall field sample would not pick this up.

Regulate

By downloading zonal maps from the analysis, and using them in a tractor fitted with GPS and a computer-controlled spreader, farmers can automatically regulate fertiliser output as they move into different zones of fields.

This can allow them to plan scientifically the exact amount of lime, potash, and other fertilisers they should need.

Mr Cowe said in the future the same methods could be used to determine variable seed rates, slug pellet applica-

tion, and even the spacing of potatoes. He provided examples of other farmers who had benefited from the analysis and told the audience, which was not without sceptics: ‘You have got to be ahead of the game to keep it working.’

Seriously

Several farmers expressed interest in Soil Quest at the meeting, and monitor farmer Duncan Macalister, from Glenacardoch, said: ‘We are going to look seriously at doing it. The cost of the analysis is not too much but it’s the computer-controlled spreader which will be the difficulty. I think we’d be looking at working with a contractor for that.’



Soil Quest's Dave Cowe, right, with Thomas Ralston from Kilkivan Farm. 20_c31mon02

Three top awards for Kintyre cheese

KINTYRE'S popular cheese has scooped three top prizes at the prestigious International Cheese Awards.

Mull of Kintyre Vintage Cheddar, made in Campbeltown Creamery beat off competition from hundreds of other entries from around the world to win the DSM Trophy for best Vintage Cheddar in show and also won two further gold awards for its Vintage Cheddar.

Creamery manager, Martin Lomas told *The Courier*: ‘Everyone involved, from the farmers to the creamery staff, is incredibly proud of the cheddar we produce and we are especially pleased to have our work recognised with

these awards.’

These latest wins follow quickly on the back of four separate silver awards at the Royal Highland Show and numerous accolades over the last two years including Champion Scottish Cheese at the International Cheese Awards in both 2010 and 2011.

Mull of Kintyre cheddar launched a contemporary ‘new-look’ pack design last year which pays homage to the Kintyre area and the dedication of the work that goes to producing this cheddar.

Since this time, the brand has seen continued strong growth and is currently the fastest growing Scottish Origin Cheddar in the UK.

Experiment in grass re-sewing

AN EXPERIMENT in grass re-sewing methods was conducted at Glenacardoch Farm last week.

The comparison between a deep-seeding machine and an aerating grass renovator was made at Duncan Macalister's farm for the monitor farm meeting last Wednesday.

Different sections of one of the coastal fields were reseeded using the two types of machine, with the aim of finding out, which is more effective.

In another part of the experiment, different sections were sewn with conventional grass seed, and others with i-seed supplied by Ralph Bova, from the Ayr-based company Soil Fertility Dunns.

Mr Bova said the aer-

ating renovator was generally more effective in damp conditions, but may prove less effective where thicker existing growth prevents the new seeds taking root.

Early predictions on Glenacardoch favoured the deep-seeding method, but the results remain to be seen.

Stranraer trip

A CONTINGENT from the Kintyre farming community made an enjoyable trip across the water to Stranraer on Wednesday July 18.

The visit to Robert Parker's awards-nominated beef cattle farm was organised by the monitor farm project sponsored by Quality Meat Scotland.

The group had a trailer tour around Drumdow Farm.

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Pier now full operational

TAYINLOAN Pier is now fully operational after multi-million pound works have been completed.

The £2.3million project to improve the ferry facilities at Tayinloan are nearing completion, with just minor works remaining to be done.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman told *The Courier*: 'The pier is fully operational although there re-

main minor works to be completed on the timber aligning structure.'

She said in addition to this there are outstanding works to remove some sub sea piles, profiling the beach to the north, cleaning the south beach, putting up fencing to protect the marram grass planting programme and other landscaping work.

Originally the works were due to be completed by May, but due to the weather they have been delayed and pushed back a number of months. The aim of the project is to improve

the reliability of the ferry service to the Gigha community and to ensure its long-term sustainability.

TARBERT

Coastguard search

TARBERT Coastguard was involved in the search of the owner of a dinghy found drifting off Minard, Loch Fyne, last Thursday morning.

They were tasked along with Loch Goil's coastguard team and after four hours of searching, the owner was found safe and well.

Broadband speeds in Southend lagging behind

BROADBAND speeds in Southend may be overestimated on maps produced by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE).

The maps show the areas around Campbeltown, Southend and Carradale have, or are expected to have within the next three years, one supplier offering a minimum speed of two megabytes per second, which is defined as 'basic availability'.

However the indications are that while most of Campbeltown has this level, Southend is currently lagging behind.

Deirdre Henderson, whose community development work requires her to use the internet from home, told *The Courier*: 'Our part of Southend doesn't even reach one megabyte on a good day.'

John Bakes, chairman of the community council, agreed, and said: 'Between 7pm and 10pm most people in Southend have real problems checking their e-mails.'

He added the community council would be considering the need for faster broadband, but with its next meeting not until Septem-

ber, responses to a HIE consultation will have to be put in by individuals.

HIE has invited the public to give feedback on broadband speed by August 13.

It aims to build a more accurate picture of broadband availability prior to implementing a £120 million Scottish Government-funded programme to bring 'next generation broadband' to all of the Highlands and Islands by 2020.

Next generation is defined as a speed of 30 megabytes per second.

the island's commercial activity.

CalMac plans to remove the *Finlaggan* from December until Easter to cover its winter refit schedule, while maintaining the two-vessel service on Islay by redeploying the smaller Lord of the Isles to the island.

The ferry company also denies promising islanders that the *Finlaggan* would never be removed from Islay routes.

Islay Community Council vice-chairwoman Roberta MacNeill said: 'The main issue is about the reduced capacity on the Lord of the Isles but people also feel let down and disheartened that the boat has been taken away.'

A spokesman for CalMac said the reshuffle was required to make sure other islands were not left without a ferry for days on end.

He added: 'Reshuffling the fleet to maintain service levels during the winter refit period is a major challenge because we have limited flexibility within the fleet, and this is especially true on the routes which are traditionally operated by our larger vessels.'

'We recognise that Islay will be disappointed to lose *MV Finlaggan*, but hope they will recognise that we have to balance the needs of the whole network.'

CalMac is currently considering how best to deploy its spare ferry, the *MV Isle of Arran*.

Weekend sport

ANOTHER busy, sporting weekend is coming up, with the Ardbeg Islay Half Marathon to be held on Saturday August 4 and the annual Ride of the Falling Rain, the island's 100 mile cycle run which starts from Debbie's Mini Market, Bruichladdich on Sunday August 5.

If water sports are more of interest, Islay Rowing Club will also hold a race day on Sunday.

SADDELL

Surfacing, verge and ditch work

PREPARATION for surfacing, verge and ditch works was carried out last week on the Campbeltown to Carradale section of the B842 at Saddell Hill.

One-way systems were in place while the Argyll and Bute Council-funded work was undertaken by sub-contractor TSL.

work, sculpture and floral art are welcome, as well as paintings, drawings and collage. Please label with name, address, medium and price if for sale. Exhibits will be lifted from the following places on Thursday, August 16th at noon from Lochgilphead - The Archway, Tarbert - Loch Fyne Gallery and Campbeltown - Coastal Design.

6.45pm. There are 200 ducks available to race and prizes are £100 for first, £50 for second, and £25 for third.

Weather permitting, a barbecue will follow on Dunaverty beach.

Funds raised from the race will go towards the new hall, which the recently published South Kintyre Development Trust community plan earmarked as a top priority for the village.

DUNAVERTY

Duck race at Golf Course Bridge

DUNAVERTY Hall Committee is holding its annual duck race tonight (Friday) at Golf Course Bridge at Dunaverty.

The race is set to start at 7.15pm, and anyone who wants to sponsor a duck should arrive by

CLACHAN

Entries wanted for art show

CLACHAN will be holding its ever-popular art show later this month, which will feature artists from across Kintyre and Mid Argyll. Photography, craft-

ISLAY

Finlaggan will be removed in the winter

NEWS that *MV Finlaggan* will be removed from its established Islay route during the winter period has outraged islanders, who say it will adversely affect

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The specialist business team is reminding people they are always on hand to offer help and advice to those stepping in to self employment.

Support

The gateway team offers individual support from an experienced business adviser, a range of locally delivered workshops, covering a range of business skills, and access to a wealth of online information to help with researching and planning a new business.

Last year Business Gateway assisted more than 150 new start-up businesses across Argyll, 31 within Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay.

Responses from people using the service have also been very positive with 93 per cent customer satisfaction.

'An excellent service which helped me gain enough confidence to start trading,' one budding entrepreneur said. 'I also feel there is someone there I could approach again if I needed to.'

To find out more about the support on offer call the local office on 01546 605 459 or email business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk.



Ciara Logan 20_c31cia02

Ciara's a cut above the rest

AN ADVENTUROUS trip round India was the inspiration for a young Campbeltown hairdresser to move into business by herself.

Five years ago Ciara Logan was working at a salon in Ardrishaig when she decided to pack a rucksack and take off for the subcontinent.

Green hair

Taking her hairdressing kit with her, she found the locals more than willing to put themselves in her hands.

'One of my favourites haircuts I did in India was of an 89-year-old tribal elder,' she said.

'He saw my green hair and got me to do his the same for a Hindi festival. I also cut hair in the

jungle, and in the deserts of Rajasthan. I was inspired by the hair the gypsy women had there - combed forward with lots of jewellery in it.

'I fell in love with India, and got so many ideas there for alternative styles.'

Ciara told *The Courier* she is enjoying the freedom of cutting hair by herself, and decided when she was in India that on returning she wanted to go into business by herself.

When she came back after six months, she set about establishing herself as a freelancer, specialising in alternative styles. She continued to make trips abroad and last year was one of four

on the artistic team styling models at the Maltese fashion week.

Techniques

Earlier this year Ciara moved back to Campbeltown, where she is now based as a freelance 'mobile hairdresser', also offering a nails and make-up service. She said she still uses the techniques she learned in India, even if its diverse cultures are sometimes a world away from Argyll: 'When I was cutting the hair of women in the jungle villages, it was the husbands who would pick the style and the length of hair for their wives. You wouldn't catch that happening here very often.'

SSE cancel hydro-electric investment

RESPONDING to the news announced that Scottish and Southern (SSE) are cancelling new hydro-electric investments Highlands and Islands MSP Rhoda Grant expressed concern.

The cancellations are a result of the UK government's decision to reduce the subsidy for hydro-electric power by 30 per cent.

'Hydro is clean, renewable and offers a consistent and predictable supply,'

she said. 'Moving towards a greater use of renewables relies upon ensuring consistency and hydro must continue to be an essential part of Britain's energy supply in the future.'

'I will be seeking reassurance from the UK government that they also recognise hydro's importance and that it will remain an integral part of the UK energy supply. We can't afford for it not to be so.'

Unemployment in Argyll and Bute

THERE were a total of 1,749 people out of work in the Argyll and Bute travel to work area (TTWA) in May this year.

The figures, published by the national Employment Department, report this as 1,235 men and 514 women.

In the Campbeltown TTWA there were a total of 232; 161 men and 71 women and for the Argyll Islands there were 57 unemployed, of this 37 men and 20 women.

This is compared to 228 for the Campbeltown area in May last year, and 84 in the Argyll Islands.

The report said the

number of unemployed in the whole of the Highlands and Islands area fell by 306 in May which compares to a fall of 575 in the same month of 2011.

Argyll Islands TTWA saw one of the largest falls in unemployment with -13.6 per cent.

The unemployment level is probably the best single indicator of short-term changes in the local economy.

There are various measures of unemployment, of which the wider rate including the economically inactive is probably the best. However, official statistics on that measure are not

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The claimant count rate of unemployment in Scotland is currently 5.2 per cent.

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Alice Russell was presented with a quach by councillor Rory Colville to make her 25 years of service as she retires. 20_c31a1f01

Alice retires after 25 years

THE retirement of a well-known member of Argyll and Bute Council's adult care team was marked by a presentation last Friday in Campbeltown's Burnett Building.

Alice Russell was presented with a quach by councillor Rory Colville, thanking her on behalf of the council for the 25 years of service she has given helping older people in Kintyre. 'You have always done the work

with a smile,' councillor Colville said. 'The council does appreciate your work and how difficult it is.'

Colleagues

Alice told *The Courier* she would miss her colleagues, while very much looking forward to a well-earned retirement: 'I will be staying in Campbeltown, but also I have a caravan up at Glenbarr and so I'll hopefully be spending more time there.'

Local soldiers at the Olympics

TWO local men have been getting a taste of the Olympics, as they were part of the squad of troops drafted in to assist with security.

Sergeant Robert Semple and Lance Corporal Mark Charlwood from Kintyre of Delta Company 7 SCOTS are assisting at the London 2012 Olympics for six weeks, due to the shortfall by G4S, the security firm originally in charge of providing security.

There are 19,000

troops involved, and Robert told *The Courier* they have been doing long shifts, providing security 24 hours a day at the various venues; the longest they have done is a 29-hour shift so far.

They provided the cor-don for Sir Steve Redgrave and David Beckham before they went out with the Olympic torches at the opening ceremony.

'It's fantastic to be involved with the Olym-

pics, it's been so positive,' explained Robert. 'We have both been in the Territorial Army (TA) for 10 years, and we've had great support from the people in London so far.'

'Many have come from Afghanistan and Germany to help make up the shortfall.'

Based at Dumbarton, the men normally train in Lochgilphead and travel across the area to recruit and encourage people to join the TA.

Transerve questioned on the A83 diversion

SCOTLAND Transerv has been questioned about the proposed emergency diversion route at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Following speculation last week Alan Reid MP was assured by Scotland Transerv that it was possible to construct the diversion route to take lorries and buses.

After this meeting Mr Reid wrote to Scottish Transport Minister Keith Brown MSP to urge that the emergency diversion route must be able to take lorries and buses.

'It is vitally important for the local economy that lorries and buses can use the emergency diversion road and I am pleased that Transerv confirmed that it is possible to construct the emergency road to take lorries and buses,' said Mr Reid.

Work is due to commence this month on the Old Military Road.



Sgt Robert Semple and LCpl Mark Charlwood from Campbeltown of Delta Company 7 SCOTS outside the stadium.

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Christopher John King graduated from Heriot-Watt University with BSc Hons in Physics. Christopher is the grandson of the late Flo and Henry O'Hara of Ralston Road, Campbeltown. Christopher is continuing his post-grad studies at Murray House, Edinburgh.

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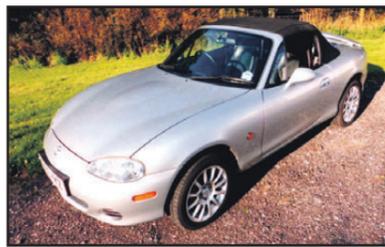


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Would like to thank everyone for their kind cards, gifts and letters received on the occasion of their wedding on 27/07/2012.

Thanks also to all concerned at Victoria, Tarbert Hotels, The Souden family for wedding cars, 'Mamas got a brand new band' for music, Lindsey and Gary, Susie and Ronald, Peter, Abby and Mark, Margaret, Marion and Donald, A very enjoyable time was had by all.

We'll have a "toast" to Mairi on her 21st birthday!



Love Mum, Dad, Elaine, Stuart, Graeme & Nigel.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy 70th Birthday

Sandra Harrison

Lots of love from Craig, Margaret, Christopher, Hannah, Erin and Josh.

xxxx

Happy 70th Birthday

Granny

Love from Eilidh and James

x

Congratulations mum on your

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Love from Andrew and Helen

PETER LANG

would like to thank everyone for gifts and cards received on his 40th birthday and to all who attended, to make it a night to remember, Simply the best. Special thanks to family who organised the night (Revenge is Sweet!)



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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Praise the Lord, O my soul: all my inmost being, praise his holy name' (Psalm 103:1).

BIRTHS

OWENS - John and Gayle (nee McPhee) are delighted to announce the birth of Matthew on June 22, 2012. A little brother for Josh and Sam.

WOODS - Robert & Emma (nee Macdonald) would like to announce the birth of their daughter Nina Maisie on July 9, 2012, a gorgeous wee sister for Angus. Second grandchild for Iain and Lesley Lochgilphead and fifth for Robert and Moira Uddingston. Many thanks to midwives in Campbeltown and SGH.

ENGAGEMENTS



LAW - ARMOUR

Katieanne Law would like to announce the engagement of her dad John Law to her mum Natalie Armour on Friday 20th July, 2012.

MARRIAGES

MCINTOSH-CRETTON Laurene McIntosh and James Cretton were married on July 21, 2012 at Carramhor, Carradale - a wonderful day.

DEATHS

CURRIE - Suddenly, but peacefully, at Ardfenaig Residential Home, Ardrishaig, on July 29, 2012, James Johnson Currie (Jim), in his 82nd year, formerly of 8 Letterdaill, Cairnbaan, by Lochgilphead. Beloved husband of the late Nancy and much loved father of Flora. Dear brother of Bunty, Myra and the late Dohchie, Donald and Neil. A much loved uncle to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, today, Friday, August 3, at 11am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Flowers, or donations, if desired, to Ardfenaig Residential Home.

GALBRAITH - Peacefully on July 24, 2012 at Kitimat, British Columbia, Canada, with his devoted wife Gertrude (Tuding) by his side, Neil Gilchrist Galbraith (Fleen), after a long illness bravely born. Dear brother of David and son of the late David and Rosie Galbraith, formerly of 5 Wallace Cottages, Southend. He will be sadly missed by his family, his friend Nancy and many more friends.

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HARRISON - Peacefully on July 29, 2012, at his home, Allanmyo, Minard, by Inveraray, with his family by his side, Thomas Harrison, aged 84 years, beloved husband of Catriona MacDougall, loving father of Ann and Kathleen, and much loved grandfather of Alasdair. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service was held from the family home, on Thursday August 2, 2012, followed by interment at Kilevin Cemetery, Minard.

MASON - On July 31, 2012, peacefully at home, with her family and friends beside her, Catherine (Kate) Ann Mason, nee MacAlpine, aged sixty years, dearly beloved Mum of Ruairidh and Ryan, cherished daughter of the late Archie and Daisy and a dear friend to many. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, (Today) Friday, August 3, at 12noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection if desired for Tarbert Parish Church, Restoration Fund.

MCCULLOCH - On July 27, 2012, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Willie, in his 90th year, beloved husband of the late Nan, much loved father of Janette, Ann and Allison, dear father in law of Ken, adored Papa of Carrie, Barry, Mhairi, Chloe and great Papa of Bella. Funeral service was held at Inveraray Parish Church on August 1, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery.

MCLACHLAN - Peacefully at her home, 34 Brodie Crescent, Lochgilphead, on July 25, 2012, Anne M. McLachlan, aged 83 years. Loving daughter, sister, cousin and godmother. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. A private funeral service was held, at Anne's request.

RICHARDS - Margaret Rose Richards (nee Munro) died peacefully July 28, 2012. Beloved wife of Paul. Mother to Sharon and Jamie. Grandmother to Sophie. Always in our hearts Truro, Cornwall.

TONER - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on July 31, 2012, Mary (May) Toner nee Collins, aged 84 years, of 7 Coronation Terrace, Lochgilphead. Much loved and loving mother of Margaret, Marie, Jim and Joseph; dear mother-in-law of Arthur, Hervey, Fiona and Sandra. Adored granny of Verona, Sandie, Alasdair and Robert and great granny of Rose and Briony. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in St. Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead, on Monday August 6, 2012, at 10.30am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Flowers or donations, if desired, to Mary's Meals. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

LOGIE - Rhona. The family wish to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy, their cards and phonecalls which we received after our sad loss. We would like to thank the medical staff both at the hospital in Lochgilphead and at the ICU unit RAH Paisley for their best efforts. We would also like to record our appreciation to the Rev. Hilda Smith for conducting such a moving and appropriate service. We thank Roddy and Fiona, Undertakers, and the Stag Hotel for their professional and kind handling of the funeral arrangements.

MACMILLAN - The family of the late Margaret MacMillan would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy received on their sad loss. Special thanks to Rev. John Paton, to Nettie Semple and A'Chleit church, to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional services and to Bellochantuy Hotel for catering. A retiring collection for Crieff Medical Practice raised £500.80.

IN MEMORIAMS

CAMPBELL - Jean. In loving memory of our dearest mum, gran and great gran, sadly left us on August 6, 2011.

- Tricia and family, home and away.

GRAHAM - Precious memories of my beloved husband Archie passed away August 3, 2008.

Miss and love you every day.

- Ann x

Dad, Miss you so much.

- Mandy and Pauline xx

MARTIN - Precious memories of Catherine, a dearly loved wife, mum, mother-in-law and grandma who passed away August 3, 2008.

We miss you more than words can say. Loved and remembered every day.

- Iain, Paul, Yvonne and family.

MACINTYRE - In loving memory of Janet, who died on Aug 3, 2010.

A loving mother, granny and great granny.

From Janette, Lesley, Neil, Oliver, Harry and sister Meg

MCLELLAN - Precious memories of a dear mum and granny, Blondie, who passed away August 8 2009. We lost a mum with a heart of gold, but in our hearts you're always there. Loved and remembered every day. Love all the family.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC11686

Sunday, 5th August

Informal Early Morning Worship in Church Hall - 10:00 a.m. (With the Praise Band)

Morning Service - 11:15 a.m.

Rev. Philip Burroughs

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75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 5th August 2012

10.00am Breaking of Bread

Pastor Chris McKenzie,

Mosaic Church, Glasgow

10.50 Coffee

11.15

Family Service with Crèche

Pastor Chris McKenzie,

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Wednesday 8th August

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Sunday, 5th August, 2012

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Sunday 5th August 2012

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Sunday 5 August 2012

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Thursday 9 August 2012

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Morning Service at 11.30am

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Sunday 5th August

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Springbank boys win Shepherd's Cross competition

NOW in its third year, the popular Shepherds Cross competition took place on Sunday over two golf courses.

With 30 teams of four taking part, the format for the day was a Texas Scramble with the front nine played at Machrihanish Golf Club and a selection of holes on Machrihanish Dunes to make up the back nine.

The winning scores did not reflect the breezy conditions thrown up particularly with the Dunes being protected by a crosswind that punished anything other than the straight shots.

The Springbank boys were the first team in

with a score that was virtually guaranteed to be in the prizes. The team of Stephen Kelly, David Rankin, Calum Fraser and Norman Gwynne got through the first nine at Machrihanish, 7 under par.

A huge 300-yard drive on the second last hole from Fraser was right on target, to encourage the team in front to move on and let Springbank finish off a great score of 11 under par.

Still out on the course going well were The Big Hitters starring Ross Robertson, Mark Davies, Jimmy McKinven and the on form Craig Barr.

Craig had already had an exceptional week going into the competition by winning the D McKinlay Cup, five-club competition on Wednesday with a gross 74, followed by a win on Saturday in the Ugadale Trophy.

Five under par at their home club was a good start but left a bit of work to do on the more difficult Machrihanish Dunes back nine.

The lads pushed on home picking up another six birdies on the Dunes to match the Springbank score at 11 under par for the day.

Ironically, both teams had the exact same

handicap to be applied so both teams had a net score of 55.9, however the Big Hitters took first place courtesy of the better inward score, leaving Springbank in the runners up place.

Kevan Gilchrist, Ryan Gilchrist, Andrew Robertson and Alan Glendinginning took third place after finishing with a net score of 57.2 later in the day.

In addition to the main competition there were a few special prizes on each course. Nearest the pin at the 4th on Machrihanish Golf Club went to A Ossinoff, nearest in two at the 7th was R Coffield, and the longest drive at the 9th was C McMillan.

On the Dunes nearest the pin on the 14th and 15th holes went to Janice McGregor and Ian Robb respectively, and the longest drive at the 7th was David Graham for the men and Hazel Scally for the ladies.

Dorothy Biggins and Elaine Lewis presented the prizes to conclude another successful year for the Shepherds Cross.



A GROUP of children recently enjoyed a fun day at Dunaverty Golf Club playing a variety of holes and taking part in a putting and chipping competition. The 23 children were then served refreshments in the clubhouse after a prize-giving. The organisers would like to thank all the members and parents who assisted on the day.

Dunaverty juniors

IN CONJUNCTION with the Dunaverty Junior Championship, members also competed in the Argyll and Bute Order of Merit competition.

This is being held over the summer season on many of the courses throughout Argyll and Bute.

Seven boys entered the competition for boys and girls aged under 18.

In category one, 0-18 handicap, Stuart MacBrayne gained maximum points with an ex-

cellent 57 nett with Niels Andersen and Andrew Wallace taking nine and eight points, respectively.

In category two, 19-36 handicap, Kyle Egan from Lochgoilhead scored 10 points with a nett 56, closely followed by Cameron Ronald (57) and William McKinnon (58).

Niels Andersen took the prize for the best scratch score of the day with a magnificent 61. Well done to all participants.



Prize-winners in the Dunaverty junior section.

Pupils pay the penalty at Rhu

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils made it to the final of the Rhu Ams in Helensburgh last weekend, losing out on penalties.

It was a very long day with the team leaving at 9am and not returning until 10pm. Eight teams split into two sections took part and the matches were 10 minutes each way on a full sized pitch.

Results: Pupils 4 v Cambusbarron 1, Pupils 1 v Rhu Ams (A) 0, Pupils 3 v Partick West 0. Semi final: Pupils 3 v Rhu Ams (B) 0. Final: Pupils 1 v Bellsmyre Utd 1. Bellsmyre won 4-3 on penalties.

Carradale net 14 in easy win

CARRADALE'S football team had an easy-run out in a pre-season match on Saturday, beating a hastily assembled Rutherglen side from Glasgow 14-1 at home.



PUPILS from Dalintober Primary completed their Argyll and Bute Health and Sports Awards during the last week of term. The primary six pupils received a certificate and a hat or bag from Active Schools co-ordinator Robbie Kupris for their achievements in the bronze and silver awards.



CHILDREN from Campbeltown's Juvenile Football Association (CJFA) travelled to Lochgilphead on Sunday to take part in Fun Fours competition. The two Campbeltown teams performed well and joined their peers from Oban and Lochgilphead. CJFA would like to thank everyone at Lochgilphead Soccer Centre as well as the children and adults who made the effort to go along and show their support.



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Select are big favourites to lift league title

KINTYRE Select are all but mathematically certain to win the Campbeltown District Amateur Football League with only one round of fixtures to play.

Select cemented their grip on the league with an 8-2 win over Campbeltown Loyal at the weekend, while in the other game Meadows beat Southend 4-1.

This now makes Meadows the closest challengers, and they could still overhaul Select if this weekend's fixtures take a surreal twist their way.

Meadows would have to thrash Loyal by around nine goals, while Select would need to lose to a Southend side whose form has dipped after an encouraging start.

Following a two-week break after the end of the league season, there will be a cup for the five district league sides.

Margaret lifts the silverware at Dunaverty

CAPTAIN of Dunaverty Golf Club Margaret Macfarlane lifted the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) Quach on Tuesday and took two strokes off her handicap in the process.

At the Southend club her nett score of 65 playing off 29 gave her a comfortable win and all proceeds from the competition went to the SSAFA. SSS 65 CSS 68.

Six of the best for Pupils

Pre-season friendly Campbeltown Pupils 6 Taynuilt 2

THE McFadyen sponsored Campbeltown Pupils eased to a comfortable pre-season friendly win against new West of Scotland League side, Taynuilt from North Argyll.

Early goals from Gary Grumoli put the home side on course for victory within 15 minutes of the start; an angled drive across the goalkeeper, followed by a delightful chip to put clear wa-

ter between the sides in the early stages of the match.

An own goal added to the visitors' problems in the 17th minute, and the loss of their goalkeeper shortly after did little to encourage an already spirited team.

Learning curve

However, no game is ever easy for a home team still on a learning curve, and, even with the lion's share of possession the Pupils contrived to lose a simple goal against the run

of play. The visitors attacked down the left flank, and, a low drive found the net as the home defence failed to close down on the edge of the box.

The home side was more composed in possession during a bright second half, and were in complete control of the game even with the management ringing the changes. Gary Grumoli completed his hat-trick, and Grant Grant added two fine goals as the home side eased to vic-



Action from last Saturday's game between Campbeltown Pupils and Taynuilt.

tory, although the visitors weighed in with a clever second goal as consolation for a spirited performance against the odds.

John McCallum had a fine game at the heart of

the home defence, and the two front-runners, Grumoli and Grant, found acres of space to inflict maximum damage. There was a host of missed chances against a team in the process of

finding its feet; however, it was a good workout for both sides, and it gave the Pupils a chance to blood a number of youngsters who will figure in the not too distant future.

Annual pony club camp at the Barrglen Centre

THE annual pony club camp was held at Barrglen Equitation Centre at Glenbarr at the start of July.

Every day the children were responsible for their pony of choice, grooming, tacking up and general looking after.

All the children start-

ed off each day with tack and turn out, working very hard on their presentation of themselves and their ponies, some worked as teams and others individually. During each day the children had a lesson of their choice, choosing from jumping, flat work and poles.

There were also quizzes and games all working towards points to see who would be the winners of camp 2012.

Badges were also a key feature this year with lots of new children starting the pony club.

The following badges awarded: Mini Grooming Caitlin Russell; Grooming and Handling Elsie MacArthur, Lucy McKinven, Ni-amh Reppke, Emma Clark and Imogen O'Hanlon; Public speaking Caitlin Ronald, Aifric Pirrie and Cerys Baird.

Overall winners of Barrglen Equitation Centre Pony Club Camp 2012 were: senior group 1 Sally Chute on Rory, 2 Aifric Pirrie on Nharla; junior group 1 Cerys Baird on Max, 2 Emma Clark on Nharla.

The next pony club will be on Saturday August 11 with a sleep-over to incorporate the club's sponsored ride in aid of breast cancer on Sunday August 12.

Sponsorships is welcome and contact Fiona MacArthur, Barrglen Equitation Centre, Glenbarr, or see the club's Facebook page: Barrglen Equitation Centre Pony Club.



The pony club members who attended the camp last month.

Carradale back in the big time

CARRADALE is gearing up to return to a higher level of football for the first time since the 1980s.

In three weeks time the club will begin a campaign in the Central Scotland Welfare League, mostly contested by sides around Glasgow.

Coach Nonnie McAllister told *The Courier* the Carradale boys are ready for the commitment of long trips to and from games, and hope to prove more than a match for the opposition.

'The whole idea of going into this league is to give boys from this area a game at a decent level,' Nonnie said.

'It will take a big commitment, especially in the worst days of January. But we have done

it before in the 80s so we know what it's like. Also, a few of our players were with Campbeltown Pupils, so they are used to the commitment and the travel.'

Carradale began their warm-up for the new season last Wednesday with a friendly against Campbeltown amateur side Kilbrannan.

Six weeks without playing showed as they went 3-0 down. However they recovered to grab a draw and maintain an unbeaten record

against the district league teams stretching back 22 months.

Then on Saturday they welcomed a Glasgow team to Carradale for another friendly.

The season will properly start with a cup game in the third weekend in August, before moving on to the bread and butter of the league.

Local support will be warmly welcomed for home games, as Carradale bids to put its name back on the wider football map.

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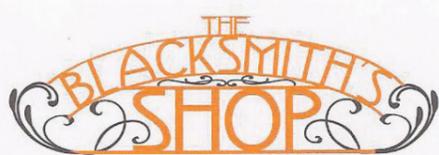
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