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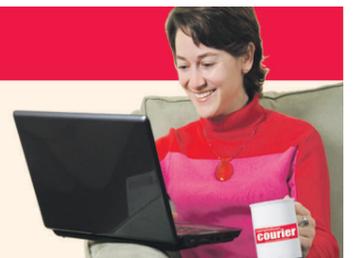
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'Robust' measures put in place to avoid A83 disruption

by RUTH McCLEAN
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'ROBUST' measures are being put in place to avoid further disruption to the Kintyre road network after an accident on the A83 last week saw the road closed for a day.

Only three days after the movement of large sections of wind turbines from Machrihanish to Mid Argyll began, an accident occurred just north of Tarbert in the early hours of last Thursday morning, causing severe disruption and delays for motorists.

Transport Scotland met with the haulage company, sub-contracted to

move the turbine sections, and has been assured measures are being put in place to avoid a repeat of this situation.

'Our meeting with the haulage company covered all aspects of the wind turbine movements with specific focus on recovery vehicles and contingencies to prevent another incident of this nature,' said a Transport Scotland spokeswoman.

The movements were due to run for 10 weeks to Carraig Gheal Wind Farm, but have been put off until October 15 whilst maintenance is

carried out on the road at Kennacraig by Scotland Transerv.

A convey system was put in place throughout the day on September 27 to keep traffic moving.

A full investigation is underway by Siemens to find the reason for the accident and prevent any reoccurrence.

Andrew Hemmings, convenor of the local community council said he is glad investigations are underway.

'It's imperative the A83 stays open at all times,' he stressed. 'They need to get a back up plan to open the road as quickly as possible if accidents occur; cranes had to be brought from Ayrshire

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EVER wanted to know what it was like to live for more than a century? Just ask this lady. Campbeltown's Mary McIntyre celebrated her 105th birthday this week surrounded by four generations of her family, including her great-great-grandchildren. Mrs McIntyre, a resident at Auchinlee Care Home celebrated her birthday in style on Tuesday with a special party and birthday cake. Lord Lieutenant for Argyll and Bute, Patrick Stewart was on hand to deliver a birthday card from Her Majesty the Queen who described it as a 'splendid achievement'. 20_c40mary01

Good progress on the Rest and Be Thankful emergency route

'GOOD progress' is being made on an emergency route for the Rest and Be Thankful.

A spokeswoman for Transport Scotland said their top priority has always been, and will continue to be, the safety of people using the A83.

'This includes the emergency route we are putting in place,' said the spokeswoman.

'Although the diversion route is a temporary solution it still requires to be built to accommodate all A83 trunk road traffic and designed to the appropriate standard.

'We are treating this project with a great deal of urgency and are working to have it up and running as soon as possible.'

Jewellery stolen

A HIGH value of jewellery was stolen from a town centre shop in Hall Street, Campbeltown, in the early hours of Wednesday.

Police were following a positive line of inquiry, and are appealing for any witnesses.

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Sunday school teacher starves two guinea pigs

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A SUNDAY school teacher from Islay starved two guinea pigs – one to death – after ‘forgetting’ about them. Sarah Catherine MacMillan, 41, of 24 Texa Crescent, Port Ellen, admitted causing two guinea pigs unnecessary suffering when she appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week. MacMillan, who kept the animals at the back of her home, failed to feed or water the animals properly and left them in an unclean hutch with no bedding. An officer with the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruel-

ty to Animals (SSPCA) was investigating another matter when he discovered the hutch, which was so filthy the floor was covered with around six centimetres of compacted faeces and stank of urine. One of two the animals was missing most of an ear and the other died during the officer’s inspection. Defence agent Iain Ferguson told the court MacMillan bought the guinea pigs for her twin daughters’ birthdays in 2009. The hutch was originally in the house, but was put outside to make

room for new bikes for the girls. ‘Over a period of time they got forgotten about,’ said Mr Ferguson. Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said it looked as if the animals had been ignored for ‘weeks’. Senior inspector for SSPCA who found the guinea pigs, John McAvoys said: ‘This is an extreme case of people that get small animals for children when the novelty wears off some are left in the hutch and forgotten about and this is an extreme case of this as some starve to death.’ MacMillan was ordered to pay a donation to the SSPCA for £500 over the next six months.



Left to right: Michael Nielsen and David Steele of Wind Towers (Scotland) Limited, with Rory Young of Clachan Community Energy with the memorandum of understanding. 20_c40wind01

Wind Towers signs up for nine-turbine wind farm near Oban

A MACHRIHANISH wind tower factory has signed an agreement which could see them supplying a proposed wind farm near Oban. Wind Towers (Scotland) Limited met with Clachan Community Energy on Monday to sign a memorandum of

understanding. The new nine-turbine wind farm has been proposed for land above Loch Seil, Clachan, near Oban and the group wants to support Scottish economic growth and reduce the carbon footprint as much as possible. **Largest** If consented it would be one of the UK’s largest locally and community owned wind farm. David Steele, head of business development at Wind Towers (Scotland) Limited said that with a competitive cost structure and significant experience of wind tower production, they are able to support a development such as Clachan. He recognised the contribution by Argyll and

Bute Council in developing infrastructure locally to support logistics and movements for them. Lead councillor for renewables Donald Kelly said: ‘I encourage all prospective companies who intend to pursue windfarm developments in the Argyll and Bute area to consider taking the same steps that Rory Young has and sign a memorandum of understanding with Wind Towers. ‘It is imperative that we retain as much business as possible within the Argyll and Bute economy.’ Energy minister Fergus Ewing said this agreement was a real vote of confidence for the workforce and the Scottish supply chain.

Picture House awarded investment

CAMPBELTOWN’S unique Picture House is amongst three projects to be awarded investment by Creative Scotland’s capital programme. The money has allowed for the stage one development of each project. Approval at this stage means funds have been identified for award and will enable the project to proceed to stage two of the application process. Louise Glen-Lee, Argyll and Bute Council’s lead councillor for community and culture said the projects bring real vibrancy and life to their communities and the funding boost would benefit the people of Argyll and Bute.

New armed forces grant scheme launched

A NEW grant scheme is available for charities and community groups throughout the area. This is following the recent signing of the Armed Forces Community Covenant by the Ministry of Defence, NHS Highland, Argyll and Bute Council and the Third Sector. The funding will be available for projects that promote greater understanding between the military and civilian populations. Up to £30million over four financial years has been set aside to help communities throughout the UK. For more details contact gillian@argyllvoluntaryaction.org.uk.

Man fined £280 for resisting arrest

A YOUNG Campbeltown man who resisted arrest was fined £280 at the town’s sheriff court last week. Fraser McSparran, aged 20, of 73 Ralston Road, admitted also behaving in a threatening and abusive manner and repeatedly lashing out with his arms and legs in an attempt to resist two constables. This took place on Main Street, Campbeltown on April 15, 2012.

Community council meets on Monday

THE next meeting of Campbeltown Community Council takes place on Monday night. There will be various topics discussed and James Lafferty will be giving a progress report on the Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative. The meeting will begin at 7.30pm in the town hall.

New internet booking system

A NEW service to allow patients to book appointments and order repeat medication through the internet is to be introduced. Campbeltown Medical Practice will be offering the service soon and anyone interested in signing up for the service should speak to the reception team at the practice on 01586 552105.

Make sure your homes are insulated

PEOPLE are being encouraged to ensure their homes and businesses across the area are protected and prepared for winter. Scottish Water launched a campaign this week to urge communities to follow its winter advice - protect your pipes, be prepared and heat, insulate and protect your home and business.

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GRADUATIONS



Isla Graham and Kieran Forbes, both from Lochgilphead High School, both left Edinburgh University with first class honours degrees this year. Isla’s degree was an MA in Social Anthropology. Isla attended Craignish Primary School before Lochgilphead, and is now studying for a Post Graduate Diploma in Primary Education at the University of the West of Scotland. Kieran’s degree was an MA in International Relations. He attended Prince Andrews Secondary School on the island of St Helena in the South Atlantic before returning to Scotland to do his Highers at Lochgilphead. Kieran also received the DP Heatley Prize while at Edinburgh. He is now studying For an M.Litt in Peace and Conflict Studies at St Andrews University.



Elaine Ferguson, formerly Campbeltown Grammar School, has graduated from Glasgow University with a BSc (Hons Upper Second Class) in Zoology. Elaine is the daughter of Iain and Alison and granddaughter of Aitken and Amy Wilson. Elaine is now studying for a Masters Degree in Quantitative Methods in Biodiversity, Conservation and Epidemiology at Glasgow University.

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Police files

Stereo stolen:
A STEREO was stolen from a car parked at the Lorne and Lowland Church between August 27 and 28.

Police are appealing for witnesses.

Youth disorder:
YOUTH disorder is continuing to cause people problems in Campbeltown.

Police received a number of complaints over the weekend about a particular group of youths causing problems.

The local police are well aware of this problem and are actively taking steps to address it.

Anyone who is affected by antisocial behaviour involving youths is urged to get in touch with police.

Stolen copper:
A QUANTITY of copper was stolen from two properties recently.

An isolated holiday cottage in the South-end area had been stripped of copper inside and happened sometime in the last month; it was reported to police on Monday. A building site at Dalaruan was broken into and a quantity of lead plating stolen. This is believed to have happened sometime over the weekend.



GILLIAN Edwards, and James Lafferty were some of the team on hand as part of a launch of a new tenement guide in Campbeltown. They had a good response at the launch last Wednesday, and are trying to encourage homeowners to take responsibility for their properties. They are also trying to get more people to set up owner's associations in the town too. 20_c40tene01

Sent to prison for 60 days for acting in a disorderly fashion

A 26-YEAR-old Campbeltown man was sentenced to 60 days imprisonment for acting in a disorderly manner.

Appearing from custody, Paul Thomas Richmond, address given in court as Unit 1, Kinloch Road, Campbeltown admitted also breaching the peace and shouting and swearing at a flat at 20 Burnside Street, Campbeltown on September 5; the offence was committed whilst he was on bail.

At the town's sheriff court last week, his sentence was backdated to September 6.

Insanity plea from murder accused

A MAN accused of trying to murder a woman and three children by driving into a stationary car in Campbeltown says he is insane.

Fraser Griffiths, aged 39, is presently being held in the State Hospital, Carstairs.

He is being blamed for a smash in Camp-

beltown on May 11 in which his passengers were badly injured.

The children are a boy aged 15 and two girls aged five and three who cannot be identified for legal reasons.

Griffiths faces a charge of attempted murder or an alternative charge of recklessly endangering

the lives of his passengers and other road users.

He is also accused of breach of the peace, assault and struggling with police.

At a brief hearing at the High Court in Edinburgh on Tuesday defence advocate Lewis Kennedy said Griffiths

wished to enter a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity.

Griffiths had an extensive and documented mental health history, judge Lord Braccadale was told.

The judge ordered that Griffiths should stand trial in Glasgow next month.

Sentence deferred on man who threw can of juice

THROWING an unopened can of juice across a road at a group of people landed a young man in court last week.

Appearing from custody, Kevin Shields, aged 23, of 17 Princes Street, pleaded guilty to the offence on September 16 at Longrow South near Main Street junction, Campbeltown, and also at Campbeltown Police Office to acting in a racially aggravated manner.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC deferred sentence on Shields for one month until October 23.

Man given one final chance

A CAMPBELTOWN man who 'wants to get on with his life' escaped jail at the town's sheriff court.

Gavin Maguire, aged 28, was previously warned by Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC that custody was an option when she deferred sentence on him last month. Maguire, of 23F Albyn Av-

enue pled guilty to making the threats and struggling with officers on February 26. Maguire's defence agent told the court he wants to get on with his life and put this behind him.

'I am prepared to give you one final chance,' Sheriff Anderson told him last week, before fining him £800.

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£400 fine for assault

AN UNEMPLOYED man has been ordered to pay £400 after assaulting a man.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Thursday, James John McKay, aged 23, admitted the assault where he punched the man twice on the head to his injury on July 1 at a flat at Princes Street.

McKay of 24 Craigowan Park, Campbeltown was fined £150 and ordered to pay £250 in compensation.

GRADUATION



Craig Armour recently graduated from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow with the Degree of Master of Engineering in Structural and Architectural Engineering. Craig is now working with Cameron and Ross Consulting Civil and Structural Engineers in Aberdeen and is a former pupil of Campbeltown Grammar School.

Men fined £800 for 'barbaric' assault

A 'BARBARIC' assault on a man saw two local men fined a total of £800 at the town's sheriff court last week.

Calum Gilchrist, aged 35, of 55 Fairlie Street, Ibrox, and his nephew 20-year-old Greg Scally of 63 Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown admitted the assault on May 23 this year at Cross Street, Campbeltown.

They pled guilty to assaulting a man and repeatedly punching and kicking him on the head and body, to his injury.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard from procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty that the two men had 'a clash' with the complainer whilst he was moving furniture.

'Both accused took umbrage at this which resulted in the complainer being punched to his mouth by Gilchrist causing him to fall to the ground,' said Mr McGinty.

He said they left and the complainer approached both accused when they were on

Cross Street which was captured on closed circuit television.

'The complainer ran towards both men but before anything happened he's set upon by both accused,' explained Mr McGinty. 'He's repeatedly kicked and punched to his head and body.'

Gilchrist's defence agent told the court there was an altercation earlier and the complainer was particularly aggressive towards Scally.

He explained the com-

plainer had told the accused he was going to stab him.

'They became aware of the complainer running towards them, shouting and swearing,' said the agent. 'Their initial impression was they were about to be attacked. They went way beyond what is acceptable for self defence.'

Scally's defence agent explained when he saw the complainer coming towards them he took no chances because of the earlier threat.

'There was a family funeral and they had been drinking. Emotions were high. He's apologetic to the court for the incident; it is totally out of character.'

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC fined them each £400. 'It was a protracted assault, there was a pause and it starts again,' said Sheriff Anderson. 'This is a barbaric attack on somebody.'

Exercise Joint Warrior

MILITARY exercises have begun in the seas off Campbeltown in one of the largest tactical-focused exercises in Europe.

Elements of the exercise started on Monday and are due to finish next Friday, for Exercise Joint Warrior.

The tri-service, multinational exercise, which is held twice a year, will see participation from 27 separate naval units, 40 aircraft and a variety of UK and allied land forces. Royal Navy ships involved include Type 23 Frigates, *HMS Kent* and *HMS St Albans*, and mine hunters Her Majesty's Ships *Penzance*, *Cattistock*, *Hurworth* and *Bangor*.

Land troops will conduct military training at ranges across Scotland, using Defence Training Estate range areas, commercial ranges, Highland Agency and private land areas.

Exercise Joint Warrior allows the Armed Forces to practice the wide variety of skills needed by today's military.

Southend man admits sectarian abuse

A SOUTHEND man who admitted uttering sectarian abuse at police officers was fined £200.

Alan Rodgers of Ryshott, Southend, admitted that he behaved in a threatening or abusive manner, repeatedly swore and uttered sectarian remarks on Septem-

ber 16 on Main Street, Campbeltown.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told Campbeltown Sheriff Court Rodgers was warned several times by police on different occasions to go home.

'Eventually officers had no option but

to arrest him,' said Mr McGinty.

Rodgers' defence agent Christian Kane said incoherently drunk just about covers it.

'I think if he had been more sober he would have taken notice of the warnings by police,' said Mr Kane.

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'Robust' measures to be put in place on the A83

Continued from Page 1 to lift the lorry and its load from the ditch.'

Wind Towers (Scotland) Limited (WTSL) confirmed the tower section came from the Machrihanish factory and said it continues to work with customers, transport partners and Argyll and Bute Council, to minimise transport disruption when moving tower sections on the local roads system.

As millions of pounds have just been spent on infrastructure from the Machrihanish wind turbine manufacturing plant to the Port of Campbeltown, the company was questioned this week as to why this was not being utilised on this occasion.

'It is generally our policy to ship the bulk of our production through Campbeltown Harbour but this was not possible on this occasion,' said David Steele, head of business development at WTSL.

He said they understand the route has been extensively surveyed and risk assessed by the various bodies.

Joiner fined for racial and sectarian abuse

A JOINER has been fined £350 after admitting to using racially abusive and sectarian language towards police.

Twenty-seven-year-old Paul Clark of 3 Spence Street, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire, admitted behaving in a threatening and abusive manner and did swear at police officers, using the offensive language at Campbeltown Police Station on September 1.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC admonished Clark for possessing Cannabis resin and fined him a total of £350 for the other offences.

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Flu vaccination clinic in Lorne and Lowland Church Hall

THIS year NHS Highland has set a target to get at least 60 per cent of its staff vaccinated against flu.

A flu vaccination clinic is being run on Thursday October 18 for all over 65-year-olds and anyone with a chronic illness such as diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, asthma or COPD, and heart disease registered with the Campbeltown Medical Practice only.

The clinic is being run in the Lorne and Lowland Church Hall from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

NHS Highland is also running a 'trolley service' around the hospital and medical practice for staff to try and give as many people as



Clinical manager Donnie Cameron was given the flu vaccination by John Mathieson, a nurse with the public health team, last week.

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possible the chance to get vaccinated.

'The more people that get vaccinated the more

protection there is for the population,' said clinical manager Donnie Cameron.

Draft Third Sector asset transfer arrangements

A CLEARER process for transferring local authority assets to third sector groups has started.

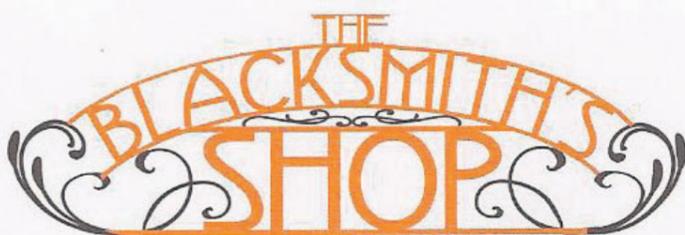
Argyll and Bute's councillors met recently to consider the Draft Third Sector Asset Transfer Arrangements relating to the local authority's property

assets. These properties are held by the council as resources to be used in the delivery of services.

Significant role

However, the council also recognises that it has a significant role to play in supporting the development of the third sector and its pro-

vision of services in the community. This means that, when it is possible, transfer of some council assets to third sector groups can help empower communities as well as ultimately achieving better value for money for both the local authority and the wider community.



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'Digital divide' phone service

THE AUTHOR of a recent report highlighting the danger of mobile phone coverage black spots has added his voice to the growing calls for better coverage at Southend.

Doctor Andrew Inglis is a consultant with the Emergency Medical Retrieval Service, a critical care transfer team based in Glasgow, which covers rural north, and west Scotland.

The service is responsible for arranging emergency transfers of critical cases from a total of 66 NHS facilities, from rural hospitals to isolated GP practices.

His report highlighted 34 of these where mobile coverage was in-

adequate, and while Campbeltown Hospital – the closest facility to Southend – did not report inadequate coverage, Doctor Inglis said he fully endorsed the call for better coverage at Southend.

'There is a strong safety argument in any rural area where people live with no mobile coverage,' he said.

'My fear is that those centres that currently have no basic phone cover will get left behind as urban areas that already enjoy 3G will move on to 4G cover.

'We risk establishing a 'digital divide' with remote and rural areas excluded from the many advantages, particularly

in health care, that mobile technology can provide.'

The safety issue arising from lack of mobile coverage in the Southend area was raised recently by the National Farmers Union of Scotland following concerns from its local members.

Members of the Kintyre Initiative Working Group, including Argyll and Bute councillors John Semple and Rory Colville, supported the calls for a campaign calling on phone companies to provide a better service.

Southend Community Council, which for years has been asking for a better service, is also behind the campaign.

This is your last chance to vote for your favourite pet! Votes must be registered by 12 noon, Monday, October 8, 2012.

This is your last chance to get your votes in for any of your favourite pets that you have seen over the last eight weeks in our Pet Idol competition. All votes must be registered by 12 noon, Monday, October 8, 2012. Remember, you are voting for the pets you would like to see in next week's Grand Finale. There will be one finalist from each of the previous weekly rounds.

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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



THERE was a great buzz at the Southend coffee morning. Friends laughed and chatted as they snapped up bargains of baking, plants, cards, and garden produce.

Gathered round the tables, people met and shared news of joys and sorrows.

The laughter of children echoed throughout the hall and reflected a community alive with purpose.

After coffee and a blether with many friends, I headed for St Columba's Footprints, which is one of my very favourite places.

It was the quietness that struck me. The sea was still and nature was at peace. The only sound was the occasional call of a huge bull seal on a rock below and the contrasting soulful song of a robin nearby.

I looked down on the lovely wee chapel, which has been a focus of worship for centuries and thought of all the saints who have gathered here in the past to worship God.

I wandered down to the beautifully tended Keil graveyard and had another wee blether – this time with my friends now on the other side of time and safe in God's keeping.

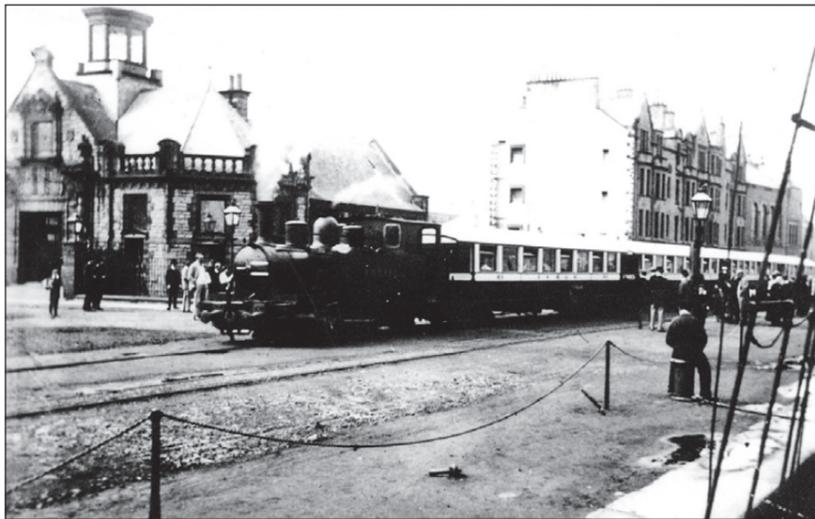
I thought again of George's MacLeod's words about Iona, which could also be said of Southend, 'this is a thin place – only a tissue paper separating the material from the spiritual'.

In this spiritual place there is a great awareness that 'the God of Heaven is present on earth' and holds us all, saints past and present in the hollow of his hand.

I sat for a while and listened to the silence in the presence of God and in the communion of saints.

It was time for lunch and so time to head to Frances's Tearoom.

There was a warm welcome from Frances - and the fire, and as I joined with friends once again I thought of that thin layer of tissue paper.



Down Memory Lane

Willie McMillan contacted *The Courier* this week with an old photograph which was taken of the old railway on Hall Street, Campbeltown. Do any of our readers have any idea when it was taken?

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Concerns about delivery of proposed new grammar school

Sir,
'Facts are chieles that winna ding, and downa be disputed' Robert Burns.

I would like to share with your readers some facts which I believe should be of concern regarding the delivery of the proposed new Campbeltown Grammar School.

Last week Argyll and Bute Council issued a press release headed 'Council successful in funding bid for new Oban High School Building'.

Fact: no council meeting approved this funding bid; fact: the provision of a new Oban High is not an identified council priority; fact: no business case has been developed; fact: there is no commitment in current spending plans for the money the council will have to find; fact: funding will need to be considered as part of

next February's budget.

The previous Administration of the Argyll and Bute Council at its budget meeting in February ring-fenced reserve funding of £12.5 million most of which was to be allocated for the new Campbeltown Grammar. But, at the council meeting of August 23 the new SNP administration removed that ring-fence and directed the monies towards social housing.

The Joint Futures Trust which was funding the Scottish Government share was dependent on the proposed Dunoon Joint Primary Campus proceeding in tandem with Campbeltown Grammar.

The SNP administration has removed the Dunoon Joint Primary Campus, leaving a huge question mark against the government funding for the new Campbeltown Grammar.

I will be seeking assurances from the chief executive of the council when I meet her this week that the decision of the elected members of Argyll and Bute Council

towards the provision of a new Campbeltown Grammar will not be overruled by a Scottish Government dictate that Oban High suddenly gets a higher priority.

**Councillor
Rory Colville
Ward 1:
South Kintyre**

Where is the Park Square postbox?

Sir,
I usually post my letters at Glenbar but last week was in a hurry for an appointment so thought I would post in the town.

Where is the post box which used to sit at Park Square? It was a busy box, as I sometimes saw the post woman empty it.

At the box opposite the Clydesdale Bank, if you're a passenger in a car it is impossible to post in a hurry as the car door hits the railings. I have sometimes, because of my foot, gone over to High Street on by way home just to post a letter.

Do tour drivers know

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KINTYRE'S roads were once branded the worst in Scotland, even the UK. Now large, heavy turbine sections are being transported along that lifeline route.

Last week the lorry came off the road causing a closure that lasted a day.

Utilising our port should be a priority for these wind farms, to reduce costs and the impact on our roads.

The A83 is in a bad enough state without adding to the already high volume of traffic using the route.

Following the accident last week motorists were diverted via the golf course route at Tarbert using a convoy system, causing delays and disruption.

During the night, when there is little to no traffic how is it possible that with a police escort, such an accident is possible?

Assurances have been given this week that an investigation is under way to avoid a future accident.

With another nine weeks worth of transportation ahead we could be set to once again being cut off from the rest of Argyll.

where to point out to tourists where a postbox is in Campbeltown? I know some still send postcards. We do not always want to go to supermarkets.

**Z MacDougall,
Glenbarr.**

Temporary taxi rank signs in Castlehill

Sir,
As a Castlehill resident I am really annoyed at the temporary taxi rank signs that have been sneakily put up during the early hours of Friday September 21 and us residents did not have a say in this.

It's hard enough to get parked during the day with the offices, court, bank and White Hart Hotel guests.

There are a lot of elderly people who cannot walk a great distance.

I had to park at the end of Barochan Place and lug my shopping from there to my house – it's just ridiculous.

It wouldn't have been so bad if they had put cones just to the end of

the railings at the solicitors but they are right along to the Post Office.

There are nine residents with cars staying here and now there aren't enough spaces for them to park because this taxi rank is taking up the spaces.

What happened with putting the taxi rank down at the factory shop, it would have made more sense, plus it wouldn't cause so much disturbance. Or is it because the Royal is now a high-class hotel that this wasn't an option to put the rank down there.

When I was told the temporary taxi rank was for six to eight weeks, I thought it wouldn't be that bad but it's just getting ridiculous for parking around the area.

Name and address supplied.

From our Facebook page

Laura-Ann Sneddon said: I have posted a photo on my page for the last pool tour of this season for the Scottish Eightball Pool Federation offering a free affiliation for new players so they can see what it's like for next year.

I would be very grateful if you could post it on here or even put it in your paper.

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Sudden death of well known Carradale baker

John Paterson 1923 – 2012

THE village of Carradale was saddened to hear of the sudden but peaceful passing of John Paterson, known as 'John the Baker'.

John was born at Kilbrannan in 1923 and after leaving school he worked in the bakery until he was called up and ended up as a baron boy as his number ended 09.

After three years down the mine at Buckhaven he attended the bakery college before returning to his lifelong work in the bakery.

Plain loaves

In these days they made 15 dozen plain loaves twice a week, not sliced and wrapped bread in these days.

They also made 1,500 rolls daily as well as

their other bakery products.

In the severe winter of 1947 they got an SOS from Skipness. A fishing boat was despatched with bread and essentials and the local men from the village rowed out to collect the supplies and distribute them round the village.

When the local fishing fleet was marooned in

Griaran due to stormy weather a call was put through to John the baker for supplies and money.

This was organised and a boat sent from Campbeltown to their aid.

John was a great Rangers supporter and played before he was married; he said he hadn't time then to play golf. John was the 'quiet man'. The only time I've heard of him refusing help was when one of the local traveller family arrived at the bakery in a state of undress and well under the influence – John sent her packing.

Once a local man was offered payment by cheque after doing odd jobs for a householder.

He said: 'I don't have a bank account – make it out to John Baker.' He arrived at the house and John said I couldn't cash it as it was made out to John Baker.

He was an advocate of the Macallen and was very proud of an oak tree which all the advocates were invited to plant in the grounds of the distillery.

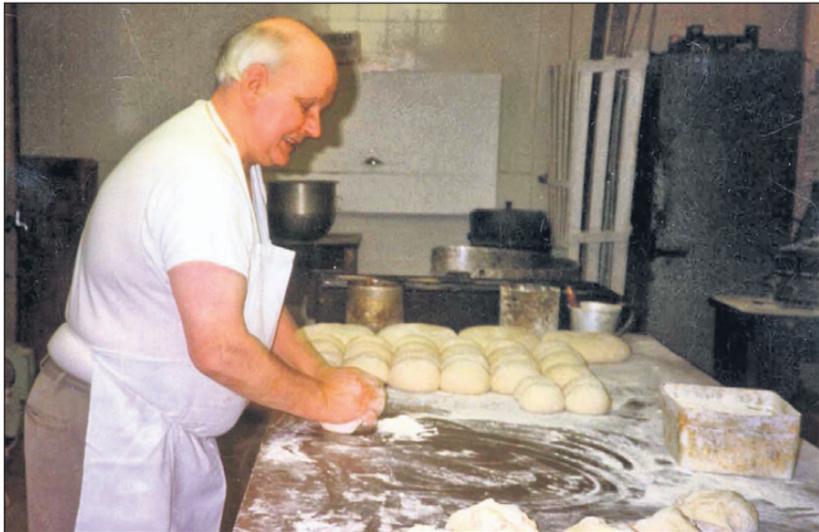
He had a photo taken by Angela of his tree with his name on it.

Anyone who visited the house was always offered a 'wee one', which certainly wasn't wee.



John Paterson.

John was delighted to see the bakery producing again and was always glad to give advice and his opinion of the products. John was never happier than when the family and grandchildren visited. He will be sadly missed.



John doing what he loved – baking; the bakery used to make up to 1,500 rolls a day.

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Airbase logo competition deadline extended

THE entry deadline for a logo competition has been extended. Machrihanish Airbase Community Company has asked for artistic people in the area to get their thinking caps on and design a logo for the company. There is three age categories in the competition: eight to 12 years; 12 to 17 years and 18 years and over. One winner from each category will be picked as well as an overall winner. The logo will be used on promotional material for the group. All logo designs must use the words 'Machrihanish Airbase Community Company'.

All entries must be submitted by October 29 to MACC, Redlands, 7 North Shore Street, Campbeltown, PA286EQ.



Harvest thanksgiving celebrated

A HARVEST thanksgiving service took place at Campbeltown Community Church on Sunday morning. The church was decorated with all kinds of produce from the land and sea and with a riot of colour from the floral displays. The service was led by Hamill Irwin, and Elizabeth Irwin based a talk on the early chapters of Mark's gospel. The church which started last year meets every Sunday at 11am in Kinloch Hall.

Basking shark spotted off the Dhorlin

A GROUP of men, sailing off Davaar Island witnessed a basking shark in the shallow water close to the Dhorlin. Campbell Fox, along with James McLean, John Mactaggart and Owen MacManus saw the shark swimming near the boat and then underneath, capturing it on video a few weeks ago. 'John thought it was an unusual sighting in recent times,' Campbell told *The Courier*. 'We estimated the size of the shark at around 16-foot.'

Assembly day for Jehovah's witnesses

JEHOVAH witnesses from Campbeltown will join other congregations from across the west of Scotland for an annual assembly day in Greenock this weekend. They will join with more than 1,200 members from the Ayrshire Circuit of Jehovah's witnesses. They will assemble in two sections to enjoy a one-day Bible-based programme of instruction, repeated each day, around the theme 'Safeguard Your Conscience', based on 1 Timothy 1:19,20. Following the Bible's command to meet together, they will listen to talks and discussions helping them see the value of a bible-trained conscience, and also how to safeguard and train it. Always a highlight of Jehovah's Witnesses Conventions, is the public baptism of new members by complete water immersion. The convention is designed to be an encouragement for those who already believe in God and wish to deepen their spirituality, and an opportunity for others to see the value of a spiritual aspect to their lives.

Elders given 50 years service certificates



ON SUNDAY, three elders of the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown were given their 50 years of service certificates. Tom McCorkindale, Duncan McSparran and Alex McLean were presented with their certificates by interim moderator Matthew Ramsay and reverend Charles Henderson.

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Community Noticeboard

BLARBUIE WOODLAND EVENTS

From October 1 - 24.
Thoughtful poetry on screen at Libraries in Campbeltown, Duncob, Helensburgh, Lochgilphead, Oban, Rothesay

Saturday Oct 6, 4 - 5pm
Screening of the Blarbuie Woodland films 'Healthy Woods Healthy People' 'Who cares for the Yellow Forest?'
Mid Argyll Youth Project, Union Street, Lochgilphead

Sunday Oct 7, from 4 - 9pm & Sunday Oct 21, from 4 - 9pm
Open Sessions and open music with the band 'Sanctuary' The Slainte Bar, Ardrishaig

Friday Oct 19, from 3 - 9pm & Saturday Oct 20, from 3 - 9pm
Market, Crafts, Games, Walks, Lights, Music and Poetry
Blarbuie Woodland, by the Hospitals, Lochgilphead

All events FREE, with a range of refreshments available

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Sale of the Century
Friday 5th and Saturday 6th October
Victoria Hall, Campbeltown
Doors Open 3.30pm Friday • 9.00am Saturday
Auction viewing & sale of bric-a-brac 3.30 - 5.00pm Friday 5th October
Auction starts 10am Saturday • Bric-a-brac 9.30am
Rotary Club of Campbeltown

Campbeltown Dog Obedience Group
Registration Night
(No dogs please)
Thursday 11 October at 7.30pm
in Campbeltown Heritage Centre
12 week course
For details contact Enid on 07747 172250

Argyll Voluntary Action
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY
Thursday 11th October
is all about pink
Feel free to pop in from 10.30am onwards
Information, cakes, tea & coffee
Healthy walk to Community Garden (optional)
Please wear something pink

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UPDATE PRESENTATION
Campbeltown Community Council
Town Hall, Campbeltown
Monday 8th October 2012
7.30pm
All welcome
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Royal British Legion Scotland
Campbeltown Branch
COFFEE MORNING
in aid of Erskine Hospital
Saturday 6th October
Red Cross Hall, Kirk Street
10am - 12 noon
Usual stalls
Admission £2.50

Friends of Campbeltown Museum
Burnet Building
Are having a guided tour of the museum, on Thursday 11th October at 7.30pm, with talks from Dr Sharon Webb and Murdo Macdonald.
Anyone interested in archaeology or social history, please come along.

Kintyre Youth Café
Presents Lantern Workshops
for taking part in the Christmas Lights Switch On
in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
Monday 8th - Friday 12th October 1 - 3pm
Please note under 10s must be accompanied by an adult
To book a space please contact Mandy on 550053/07988
640259 or email cfc2008@live.co.uk
Further dates for workshops will be announced at a later date.

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Lochgilphead Parish Church
Coffee Morning
In the Red Cross Hall
Saturday October 6th
10am - 12 noon
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Donations of Baking and Raffle Prizes Welcome

Inveraray & District
Accordion & Fiddle Club
Argyll Hotel, Inveraray
Wednesday 10th October
at 8.00pm
Guest Artistes
From Bridge of Earn
Steven Carcary Trio
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£9, £8 (conc), Free (school)
Kintyre - Lorne & Lowland Church Hall, Tuesday 9 Oct 7-30pm
£10, Free (school)
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Kintyre Crafters prepare for Christmas

KINTYRE Crafters Group continues to grow and has planned a host of events in the run up to Christmas.

There are now 22 members of the group who create and sell a mix of crafts and food.

The next event will take place on the afternoon of November 4 in aid of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

The group's usual Christmas Fair will

be held in the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown for the Christmas lights switch on event on Friday November 30 and all day Saturday, December 1.

The following weekend the group will return to The Putechan for a Christmas Market.

On Sunday December 9 a host of the crafters will be at Machrihanish Village Hall with the Christmas Fair.



Left to right: Bethany MacLean, Hannah Wilson and Ameer Spence. 20_c40peninver02



Connor Chinn and Jack McLelland. 20_c40peninver01

Peninver Players raise £900

PENINVER Players raised £900 towards staging the club's three plays this year.

The coffee afternoon was supported by the local community and visitors, and had home-baking, a raffle and bric-a-brac.

The money raised will go towards the cost of staging three plays this year – two junior plays and one senior.

Organisers would like to thank everyone who supported the event.



The local fundraising branch of Macmillan Cancer Support held its coffee morning on Saturday. This, and many others held across Kintyre, was part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning event held every year by the charity. 20_c40coffee03



Aimee and Cara Macpherson were some of the young folk enjoying the biscuits and juice on offer. 20_c40coffee01



John Manning enjoyed his cup of tea at the coffee morning. 20_c40coffee02



PUPILS and staff at Southend Primary School held a successful Macmillan Coffee Afternoon last Friday. Pupils worked hard to publicise the event as part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, and they organised stalls and a raffle. As always, the event was well supported by the local community and a grand total of £295 was raised.

Breast Cancer Awareness Day

IT WILL be all about pink this Thursday at Argyll Voluntary Action in Campbeltown.

As part of Breast Cancer Awareness Day, the group is holding the pink day at the centre on Longrow from 10.30am.

There will be information available and also cakes, teas and coffees.

Lantern workshops

LANTERN workshops are being run for children next week following their success last year.

Run by The Hub on Kinloch Road the workshops will allow children to take part the Christmas lights switch on parade at the end of November.

Taking place from 1pm to 3pm, the workshops will be run in the guide hall on Kinloch Road.

Any children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Museum tour

THOSE who are interested in archaeology or social history have the chance to tour Campbeltown Museum next week.

On Thursday October 11 the Friends of Campbeltown Museum has organised the tour at 7.30pm with talks from Dr Sharon Webb and Murdo Macdonald.

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THE EXPENDABLES 2 (15)
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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE
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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

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- Record or photo (5)
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- ...heated for cooking (3)
- Trophy (5)
- One to table (7)
- Scottish smoked fish (6,7)
- Place (3,4)
- About (5)
- Play on words (3)
- Unlucky (3-6)
- Discharge (5)
- Akin to (7)

Down

- Extreme (5)
- Pair (3)
- Jointfir (7)
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- The way one acts (9)
- Egyptian statesman (7)
- Irritation (9)
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- Tenths (7)
- Disgrace (5)
- Helped (5)
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Last week's solution

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Decrease in Campbeltown unemployment figures

OVER the last year Campbeltown has seen one of the largest decreases in the amount of people unemployed.

In August there were a total of 211 people out of work in the Campbeltown travel to work area (TTWA), of this 69 women and 142 men.

This is compared with 232 people out of work for the same area in May.

It is also down by 20 per cent compared with August last year.

This was one of the largest falls across the Highlands and Islands area for unemployment decreases.

Since May this year the rate has also dropped for the Argyll Islands TTWA, by one person to 56 people unemployed.

For Argyll and Bute as a whole the numbers have slightly decreased from 1,749 unemployed in May to 1,740 in August.

In August there were a total of 107 people out of work in the Lochgilphead TTWA, of this 72 men and 35 women; this was one of largest rises across the Highlands and Islands area of 12.6 per cent compared with August last year.

In the last month there has been a rise of 12 people out of work.

Opportunity Kintyre group gets back together

THE group behind an experiment which helped create local jobs and start new businesses now looking at its future.

Opportunity Kintyre (OK), which started in early 2006, ran for three years, but disbanded after running out of funds.

The group has since got back together after a report they carried out identified a need for more localised support for people starting a business, including

mentoring, training and networking.

A meeting was held last month in Campbeltown to share this with councillors, business support and various agencies and community groups from Argyll and some from further afield.

Over the three years more than 115 clients were helped with 42 still in business, and 24 jobs created.

OK was one of three pilot projects sought by

the Scottish Governments to trial a new community development approach to the economy to support people with business dreams and help develop their ideas.

It is based on the Siroli method, and has been successful in other communities to overcome empty shops and create employment, East Perthshire is one example.

'OK has been a useful experiment; local people helping local people to set up and grow



Various organisations and partners gathered at the Seafield Hotel last week to discuss how Opportunity Kintyre can help Campbeltown.



Representatives from a successful pilot project in East Perthshire, Growbiz, came along to talk to the meeting.

their own business,' said chairwoman of OK Morag Duff. 'I hope the lessons learned are passed on to all involved in business support though public, private and voluntary sectors.'

'It was heartening to see South Kintyre Development Trust and

Machrihanish Airport Community Company attending this event as well as Argyll and Bute Council and other interest groups. I hope we can, by working together, improve the outlook for small businesses in Kintyre.'

Another meeting will

be planned to take forward and discuss the points which came out of last month's gathering.

OK hopes to take the project back into the community once again and help to create jobs and businesses.

Local trust looking for officer

A LOCAL development trust is now looking for an officer to take forward its aspirations for the future, including the implementation of a work plan.

The successful applicant would be required to work with various community groups as well as the trust's board and various other bodies.

This vacancy has arisen after Malcolm McMillan who has been driving the project for the last few years has gone to pastures new outwith the trust.

Employers reminded about pension scheme enrolment

EMPLOYERS throughout Kintyre are being reminded that they must enrol all eligible workers in a pension scheme from this month onwards.

October 2012 marks the beginning of a new law that requires large employers to roll out the pension scheme for their workers to which they must make a contribution.

The law will come into force first for large employers and smaller employers will follow over the next three years.

Most businesses with less than 50 employees will have until 2015 to meet the requirement but the Pensions Regulator is urging all employers to give themselves plenty of time to prepare.

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Loganair chairman retires after 36 years

THE chairman of Loganair has retired after 36 years with the company.

Scott Grier joined Loganair in 1976 as financial manager and was made managing director seven years later.

Loganair runs the Campbeltown to Glasgow air service five days a week through FlyBe.

'Loganair has been a large part of my life for many years,' said Mr Grier. 'I will miss the daily involvement.'

Grier will still have involvement in the company as he will become Loganair's first president.

'Thorny' issue of unauthorised roadside advertising throughout Argyll and Bute

A NEW stakeholder group is to be established to deal with the 'thorny' issue of unauthorised roadside advertising throughout Argyll and Bute.

Planners want to look again at its strategy for signage in towns and rural areas, including obstructions on footways caused by sandwich boards and free-standing signs following criticism from businesses who say they don't know where the current rules leave them.

'Thorny' issue

Angus Gilmour, head of planning, said it was

a 'thorny' issue but one that a 'bottom up' approach could address.

He said: 'A lot of the signs are a reaction to downward times in trading and we're taking an approach to ask stakeholders to contribute towards a new plan.'

'What we want to do is help protect the business community but at the same time protect the environment and make sure road safety isn't impacted.'

Planning permission is required for all pavement advertising and roadside signs, while the landowner also has

to give consent. If someone trips over a sign on the street the council could be liable, he added.

Encourages

'People aren't applying for permission because they think they won't get it. We need a system that encourages people to apply while ensuring the safe placement of signs,' he explained.

The new group, which would represent access groups, businesses, tourism bodies and community representatives, will report back to the planning committee.

Businesses warned about unsolicited phone calls

LOCAL businesses are being warned about unsolicited phone calls offering advertising space after a spate of calls across the area.

Businesses in Argyll and Bute are being advised by the local council to be extra careful when dealing with calls from companies offering advertising in community-type calendars or magazines.

Reports have been received that an England-based company has been contacting businesses asking them to sign up for adverts without making it clear that they have no connection with any local publications.

They may also send an invoice and insist on payment when no contract or agreement has been made.

If any businesses have been contacted by a company offering advertising in this way and believe they were misled, or require further information, please contact trading standards on 01546 604801.

Self-assessment deadline

ANYONE who submits a paper self assessment is reminded to return their forms to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) by the end of October.

If they fail to do so they could face a minimum £100 fine, even if no tax is owed.

The reminder comes from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, whose head of taxation Chas Roy-Chowdhury, said HMRC is adamant a fine will apply whether or not tax is owed and even if any outstanding tax is paid by the end of January.

'It is hugely important that you make sure your return is filed with HMRC by the end of the month,' said Mr Roy-Chowdhury.

The deadline for those who submit their self assessment electronically is January 31. Visit www.hmrc.gov.uk/sa/index.htm for more information about self assessment and the filing deadlines.



Matthew Willis has taken over as business manager for the Machrihanish Airbase Community Company. 20_c40macc01

Business Gateway launch two new workshops

TWO NEW workshops have been launched by Argyll and Bute's Business Gateway team to help local businesses boost their business skills.

The workshops - public sector procurement and improve your business website performance - have been launched to help companies make the most of the opportunities with local government and online.

Aimed at businesses that have not tendered for public sector work in the past, or those that have bid unsuccessfully, public sector procurement offers a guide to the tendering process.

The workshop will introduce businesses to Public Contracts Scotland, the portal that hosts all public sector tenders, and help them register to the website, complete quick quotes and pre-qualification questionnaires. Practical tips and real life examples

will be shared and a free comprehensive guide on tendering for public sector contracts will be offered to all at the workshop.

The workshop is facilitated by Enterprise Europe Network and a number of experts will be available to answer questions at the event.

Two public sector procurement workshops have already been scheduled for October 31 in Dunoon and November 1 in Inveraray.

Places for both the three-hour workshops are filling up fast but Business Gateway will run more depending on demand.

The second new workshop, Improve your business website performance is aimed at small businesses that already have a website but feel it is not producing the results that they expect.

The workshop will cover key success fac-

tors for website development including visibility, appearance, functionality and compatibility, as well as online sales processes, search engine optimisation and feedback.

The course is open to people with no technical web development skills but basic PC skills are required.

Dates for the website workshops are October 25 in Dunoon, November 19 in Oban and Inveraray on November 21.

Many other workshops are available across Argyll, including in Campbeltown. Including business start-up, book-keeping, build your own business website, self-assessment for the self-employed and an introduction to social media.

To book a place or to find out more, call the local office on 01546 605 459 or email business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

New business manager at the airbase

'It is a commercial concern but the community very much has the final benefit'

by RUTH McCLEAN
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

THE NEW man behind the future of Machrihanish Airbase has taken up post, and is keen to make the buyout work for the community.

Matthew Willis has started as business manager for the Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) and will drive the project forward.

Matthew, who has a strong background in shipping, told *The Courier* he is looking forward to the challenge and wants to be a part of the community.

'My wife, Jacqui, and I, moved to Kintyre from London last December,' said the 40-year-old. 'We had the aspiration to be somewhere on the west coast and when we came here we liked what we saw.'

Matthew said the project is really interest-

ing and to him it looks like Kintyre is a place that has got to stand on its own two feet.

'If you live somewhere, especially a city, you are just a number. It's good to be part of a community,' he said.

'You can help to make changes in a place like this it is incredibly difficult in a city.'

Determined

Matthew is determined to make the project work for the community and wants to try and attract investment to create jobs, and put money into the local economy.

'Young people who grow up here work out that unless they want to go into farming then there isn't much here for them,' he explained.

'It would be great to have businesses here that would keep people here.'

He wants to get the message out that the airbase is not in any way a secret, just because it's behind a wire.

'I understand that although we do have grants we do have to make money and make the projects stand on its own two feet,' he told *The Courier*.

'It is a commercial concern but the community very much has the final benefit.'

The community became the owners of the airbase five months ago and he said marketing is key to making this work.

'It would be great to get more companies who have never heard of Campbeltown from out-with the UK,' he said.

If anyone in the community has any queries about the airbase project, Matthew is willing to speak to them and answer any questions. He can be contact on 01586 551555.

AJG parcels delivering the goods

A LEADING delivery firm in the Highlands and Islands has racked up a triple growth boost.

Investing

AJG Parcels which employees 120 people is also investing £50,000 in software enhancement to further de-

velop its customer service, and has opened a new base at Linwood.

AJG has won a new contract to deliver products from Forth Wines in an area from John O'Groats to Campbeltown. It is also taking on the UPS service for Argyll.

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Duck race for church funds

MORE than £4,000 was raised at a duck race last weekend for Saddell and Carradale Church.

The popular annual duck race saw a large gathering with a barbecue and various home-baking treats served to start off the day.

At the 16th annual event there were plenty of activities for children, including the popular coconut shy.

Charlotte Semple piped the crowd to the banks of the River Carra and 311 ducks were released at the starting line.

The prizewinners were



Charlotte Semple piped the crowd to the banks of the River Carra to start the duck race. 20_c40duck02



Ducks are collected out the water at the finish line. 20_c40duck01

as follows: 1 Archie Bob McMillan (£150), 2 Ian Armstrong (£100), 3 H & T Glen (Calmac voucher), 4 David & Nicola (round of golf for four), 5 Conor and Ralph (Springbank whisky), 6 J & A Ward (Seatours voucher), 7 Gregor Semple (Camera club photograph), 8 Morag Allan (Ashbank voucher), 9 B & G Brown (Wallis Hunter gift), 10 Judy Semple (Aqualibrium voucher), 11 Eilidh Johnstone (pony trekking voucher), 12 Carradale Primary School (G10 Bistro voucher).

Booby prize for last duck Bethany Denton; best-named duck Janette McKinnon and Fiona MacDiarmid with Olympic Golden Eye.

Organisers are always grateful to Michael and Moira Foreman for the use of their garden. Also a big thank you to all of the sponsors, those who bought a duck, donated to the event, or worked so hard to make the day such a success.

The money raised will help towards the repairs to the church roof.

TAYINLOAN

Rebecca is the new secretary

FOLLOWING the recent sad passing of Nessie Nugent, Tayinloan Village Hall committee has had to appoint a new secretary.

Rebecca Harvey is now the secretary and bookings for the hall

can be made by contacting 01583 441292, by emailing tayinloanvillagehall@hotmail.com or through the hall's new Facebook page.

It was also decided at the recent meeting that Duncan Galbraith would take over as chairman of the committee.

BELLOCHANTUY

SWRI meeting

MEMBERS of Bellochantuy SWRI met at Ferry Farm, Tayinloan for an evening meal for their September meeting.

President Patricia Fair thanked everyone for attending the first meeting of the season and also to the owner and staff at Ferry Farm for an enjoyable evening.

The October meeting will be held at Glenbarr Hall on October 15 and new members are warmly invited.

GIGHA

Shellfish harvesting re-opens

TWO areas near Gigha, which closed to shellfish commercial harvesting a few weeks ago, have now reopened.

Argyll and Bute Council's environmental health team has confirmed the Sound of Gigha and East Tarbert Bay, Gigha have both reopened.

They were shut on September 3 after naturally occurring algal toxins were found to be at unsafe levels.

Notices previously erected to warn members of the public and casual shellfish gatherers will now be removed from various locations on the shore.

LARGIESIDE

Machrihanish coalfields

GEORGE McMillan gave a talk to Largieside SWRI to start off its new season.

Mr McMillan spoke about the coalfields at

Machrihanish, and how it was started in 1487 by a Mr Davidson. The poor quality coal really only suitable for steam engines and easy to get to as the coal seam ran into the hillside at Drumlemble no deep shafts required.

In the very early days ships from Machrihanish would sail round to Tarbert delivering coal. King James IV gave the rights of mining to the Duke of Argyll. By 1765 there were three pits producing coal to supply the 23 distilleries in Campbeltown and the Salt Pans at Machrihanish.

In 1773 as transportation prices increased Mr James Watt decided to create a canal to take the

coal to Campbeltown, it was four miles long, 17 foot wide with no lochs.

The town council would not allow it to enter the centre forcing the canal to finish at the location of the old Jaeger Factory. The canal opened in 1794 but was abandoned by 1856.

In 1875 when the Argyll Coal and Canal Company bought the colliery and the canal being unusable a railway was built to transport the coal from Kilkivan Pit to Campbeltown.

George talked about his days in the mine, three men working the face extracting 35 tons of coal per day, with 600 gallons of water being pumped out every minute, 24 hours a day.

CLACHAN



CHILDREN at Clachan took part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support last week. They raised £100.42 by making scones, selling some of their garden produce and serving teas and coffees. The school would like to thank everyone who supported the event.

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The price increase to 28 pence per litre, was achieved by the milk co-operative taking a forward view on where prices are going, having some robust conversations with its customers and identifying some further business efficiencies.

Due to the phasing of delivering the increased market returns and business efficiencies, its cheese pool increase will happen in two stages: 1ppl on November 1 and 0.75ppl on December 1. For balancing pool members, there will be an increase of 0.65ppl on December 1.

Texel shearling tops sale

A TUP sale last week proved another great success, with the inaugural sale of breeding sheep included.

Last Friday the Cumberland and Dumfriesshire Farmers Mart PLC, in conjunction with the Kintyre Agricultural Society held the sale at the Anderston Showfield.

An entry of 121 rams and 224 breeding sheep were forward to a full ring of buyers looking to make life easy and buy stock on their doorstep. The blustery conditions did little to dampen spirits and a near total clearance was had, apart from in the Blackface ram section, which proved very difficult.

Breeding females were keenly sought after, especially younger sheep and the quality rams on offer exceeded vendors expectations, especially in the Suffolk section where demand outstripped supply.

The sale was topped at £700 for a Texel shearling from A Pirie, Machrihanish and purchased by D Anderson, Barnakill, this was closely followed at £650 for a Suffolk shearling from T Cameron, Gartvaigh, purchased by Messrs Cameron, High Machrimore.

The female section was topped at £160 for Texel gimmers from Messrs Colville, Langa to A Pirie, Machrihanish, followed at £140 for Mule gimmers from Messrs Millar, Auchaleek, selling to High Cattadale.



John Ronald, Collinlongart sold 25 Blackface ewes (2and3 crop) to £87. 20_c40tup02

Texel gimmers £160, £120 Langa; Mule gimmers £140 Auchaleek, £105 Bunlarie, £100 Low Cattadale; Blackface gimmers £90 Arnicle. Mule ewe lambs £80 Auchaleek; Texel ewe lambs £80 High Dalrioch; Cheviot ewe lambs £66 Low Tirfergus; Blackface ewe lambs £60 Tangy.

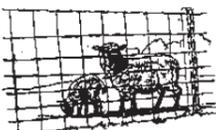
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This Blackface ram from Ballywilline sold for £140. 20_c40tup04



Ava McLatchie of the Moy sold this Suffolk ram lamb for £300. 20_c40tup06



In the female sheep section, Calum Semple of Low Cattadale sold 25 Mule gimmers to £100. 20_c40tup01

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The 2012 rate represents a significant weakening in the value of the Euro compared to the

historic highs of the previous three years.

The exchange rate used to determine the value of the SFP is set by the European Central Bank.

Working day

The Bank uses the Sterling/Euro exchange rate on a single day and the day traditionally chosen is September 30, or nearest working

day, which was September 28.

The rate sets the amount that those who take their SFP in sterling will receive. NFUS director of policy and regions, Jonnie Hall said: 'Scottish producers will be mulling over the adage that exchange rates can go up as well as down. This year has

been testament to that. 'The outcome of exchange rate fluctuations is that for those businesses receiving their support solely in sterling, SFP receipts are likely to be down on those received in 2009, 2010 and 2011 but higher than those received in the first few years of the scheme.'

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If the answer is yes then the Council would like to hear from you.
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If you think you could form part of the Audit Committee please write to the Executive Director - Customer Services, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT, explaining the skills, experience and personal attributes you believe you would bring to the role. Further information about the appointment is available from Charles Reppke on 01546 604192.
Applications must be received by 12 noon on Friday 12 October 2012.

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PLANNING

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/01571/PP	Demolition of existing dwellinghouse, erection of replacement dwellinghouse and boat store and installation of septic tank	Daiglen Shore Road Carradale Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6SH	Sub Post Office Carradale
12/02045/PPP	Site for the erection of 4 dwellinghouses	Land West of Dunelm Cottage Machrihanish Campbeltown Argyll and Bute	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
12/02049/PP	Demolition of existing extension and erection of single storey extension, formation of disabled access ramp and new vehicular access	1 Paterson Street Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8JP	Ardrishaig Area Office
12/02065/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse and formation of vehicular access	Plot 1 Land North East of Drimlussa Ardrishaig Argyll and Bute	Ardrishaig Area Office
12/02066/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse and formation of vehicular access	Plot 2 Land North East of Drimlussa Ardrishaig Argyll and Bute	Ardrishaig Area Office
12/02090/PP	Formation of forest access road	Baradaravine Wood Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tarbert

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/02050/LIB	Demolition of existing extension and erection of single storey extension, formation of disabled access ramp and new vehicular access	1 Paterson Street Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8JP	Ardrishaig Area Office

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

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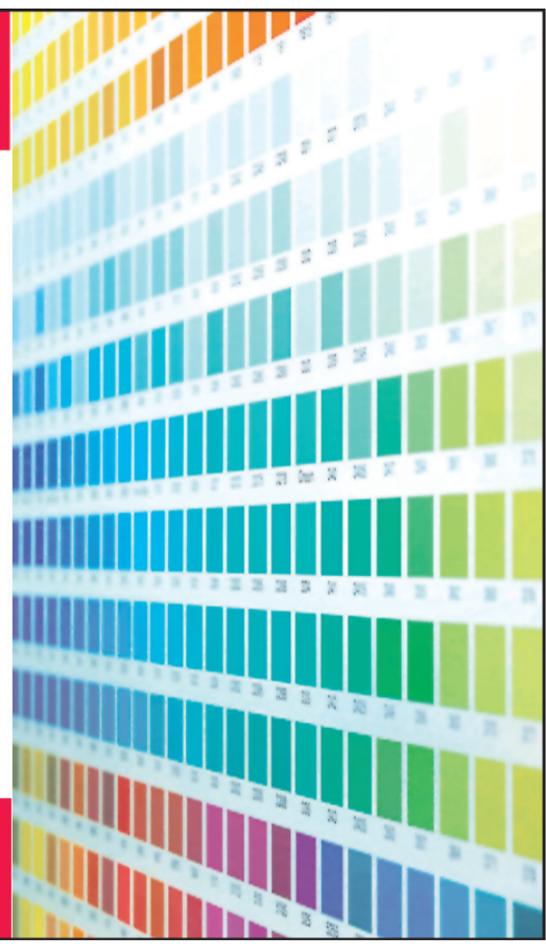
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

The Bible says, 'Hate what is evil; cling to what is good' (Romans 12:9).

BIRTHS



GRAHAM

Alister and Susan (née Ralston) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, James Thomas Alexander, on September 26, 2012. First grandchild for Tommy and Elaine, Dhurrie Farm, and Dougie and Jenny, Somerled. Many thanks to staff at Southern General Hospital and special thanks to all staff at Campbeltown Maternity Unit.

LIVINGSTONE - Ian and Jill (née Settrington) are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Ivora Jean, on September 26, 2012, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. A little sister for Thorstein, first granddaughter for Jean Settrington (Stirling) and second granddaughter for David and Sissel Livingstone (Glasgow). Thank you to all staff, particularly Professor Alan Cameron.

MACLEOD - Cara and Kenny are delighted to announce the birth of Iona Margaret, on September 15, 2012. A beautiful wee sister for Aimee.



MACMILLAN - DURMAN

Calum and Michelle are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, Sienna, on Friday, September 21, 2012. First granddaughter for Willie and Margaret, Southend and third for Johnny and Eila, Carradale. Special thanks to midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit, especially Isabel, and staff at Southern General Hospital.

MCEACHRAN - James and Carol are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful son, James Malcolm, on September 22, 2012. A precious little brother for Jack, Niamh, Samuel and Harry. Grateful thanks to all at Campbeltown Maternity Unit, especially Isabel.

ENGAGEMENTS

GLENDINNING - MCALINDEN - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Lindsay, daughter of Sandy and Elise Glendinning, to Paul, son of William and Marie McAlinden.



MCINTOSH - MAGINNIS

Both families have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of Rowan McIntosh, Carradale, and Colin Maginnis, Edinburgh.



MORRISON - MARTIN

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Nicola, younger daughter of James and Mary, to Andrew, only son of David and Morag, on Friday, September 21, 2012.

RUBY WEDDINGS

MURPHY - SIMPSON
On October 7, 1972, in Glasgow, Brian to Lesley.

DEATHS

FUGE - On September 29, 2012, her 92nd birthday, Anne, beloved wife of the late Dick Fuge, dear mum of Tom and Richard, dear mum-in-law of Ann and much loved granny of Jacqueline, David and Graham, and Richard and the late Alice-Anne.

HAY - Peacefully, on October 2, 2012, at Inverclyde Royal Hospital, after a short illness, Annie (Ann), née Wallace, recently of Hutton Park, Largs and formerly of Skelmorlie and Ardrishaig, beloved wife of the late John, much loved mother, sister and granny. Funeral service at St Columba's Episcopal Church, Largs, on Monday, October 8 at 12.45pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Committal thereafter, at Greenock Crematorium at 2.00pm. Family flowers only please.

HOPE - Peacefully, at his home, Cherry Lodge, Bridgend, Kilmichael, by Lochgilphead, with his family by his side, on September 30, 2012, Jim Hope, aged 68 years, beloved husband of Helen, loving father of Alan, Brian, Linda and Angela, step-father to Fiona, Duncan and David, special grandfather to all the grandchildren, dear brother of Lorna, Janice and the late Bert, respected brother-in-law and much loved uncle to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many, and much respected work colleague. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Friday, October 5 at 11.00am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired to Marie Curie and Macmillan Nurses.

MACARTHUR - Peacefully, at the home of her daughter, Mu-Dheireadh, Tarbert, on September 29, 2012, Mary Isabella Smith McPherson (Mabel), in her 79th year, Escart Farm,

Skipness, dearly beloved wife of the late Angus MacArthur, much loved mum of Catherine, James, Alan, Lynne and Bruce and a loving and much loved grannie and great grannie. Service in Skipness Parish Church, on Saturday, October 6 at 1.00pm. The interment will take place at Escart Farm. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. A bus to transport mourners to Skipness Church will leave from the Tarbert Hotel at 12.15pm.

POTTS - Peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Centre, Campbeltown, on October 2, 2012, Richard Potts (Dick), in his 71st year, 33 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of May McArthur and a dearly loved father and grandfather. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, October 8 at 2.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Kintyre Care Centre and the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital. A cremation service will take place in Clydebank Crematorium on Tuesday, October 9 at 1.30pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ENOCK - Sandra, John and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy received in their sad loss. Sincere thanks to Rev David Carruthers for his uplifting services, both at Cardross and Ardrishaig. Grateful thanks to Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald for all their help and to Sheila, Bruce and staff of the Smiddy for their splendid purvey. A very special thanks to the Lochgilphead police and fire service, and finally thank you to all who paid their respects at Cardross and Ardrishaig. The sum of £680 was raised, by generous donations, to be shared between Macmillan nurses and the Arms Centre.

GOODWIN - Jan and the family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind phone calls, cards and flowers after the sad passing of Peggy. Thanks to Dr Elder, surgery staff and staff at Oban Hospital. Special thanks to Matthew Ramsay for his comforting service, Stuart Irvine for his beautiful music, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional services and Carradale Hotel for the catering. Many thanks to all who paid their respects at church and graveside and who contributed to the retiral collection for the Vine Trust.

MCCULLOCH - Allen. On the loss of a much loved husband, Meg would like to express her thanks for the many flowers, cards, phone calls and expressions of sympathy received, and for all the support and comfort given, especially by friends and neighbours. Grateful appreciation to doctors Ward and Philips, practice nurses, local district and community nurses, for their care and attention over Allen's long illness, also to the Western Renal Unit, CPD team, Dr Margaret MacMillan and all nursing staff for their kindness, support and care

through a very difficult time. Thanks also to Annie Loughlin for a fitting service at the crematorium and to the Coachhouse Inn, Cardross for fine purvey. The generous donations collected over £500 for the Western Renal Unit.

PEARSON - Trish and family would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their uplifting support and kindness following Dave's sudden death. Dave loved living here and he truly found his niche. Special thanks to Chris Holden for not one, but two exceptional services, at St Blaas's Church and at Cardross Crematorium, celebrating Dave's unique view of life. Also many thanks to Frances and Ian at Muneroy for the excellent refreshments and to Kenneth Blair for all his care and direction at this difficult time. The retiral offering raised £630.12 for Campbeltown Community Orchard and Garden.

SOUDAN - The family of the late Duncan M Soudan would like to thank all friends and family who telephoned, visited and sent cards to express sympathy for their sudden loss. Special thanks to Jim Clark, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional and caring arrangements and to the piper whom Dad will have appreciated with a smile. Grateful thanks to the Rev P Burroughs for his comforting service, to the Ardsheil Hotel for providing an exceptional reception and finally to all staff at the Ugadale Hotel for their warmth on such a sad occasion.

IN MEMORIAMS

LIPPE - Precious memories of our dear daughter, sister and aunt, Feuna Margaret Kerr, who died October 9, 1992, age 26 years. The years are slowly passing but in our hearts you stay. Along with all the memories Time cannot take away. - Mum, Dad, John, Iona, Paul and Feuna.

Love you always, Mum. - Peter John xx.
MACDONALD - Remembering Hector, much loved and loving husband, father and grandpa, died October 3, 2005.

Another year gone, but everlasting memories live on. - Mary and family.
MACLULLICH - In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Peter, who died on October 6, 1992.

Precious are our memories, and we have quite a few, We will treasure them forever, because they are of you. - Mum, Dad and Alasdair.
MCKINLAY - In memory of our precious friend, James, who died October 7, 2011. Happy and smiling, always content. Loved and respected where ever he went. To this beautiful life came a sudden end. He died as he lived, everyone's friend. - Norma and Billy.

O'MAY - Precious memories of my dear, caring sister-in-law and best friend, Vera, who sadly left us on October 11, 2011. Loved and remembered every day. - Jenny.

PICKERING - In loving memory of a dear husband and dad, Dave, who died October 8, 2007.

Always in our thoughts, Forever in our hearts. - Eli, Marte and Lorne, Karen and Barry, and Marc. Night Night Grampa. - Elin.

SOUDEN - In loving memory of our mother and gran.

This day is remembered and quietly kept. No words are needed, we will never forget. - Inserted by her loving daughters, Isabel and Elizabeth and grandson, Graeme.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

THE SALVATION ARMY
Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Saturday 6th October
6.00pm Harvest Dinner
Major David Burns

Sunday Services
10.30am
Morning Worship
4.00pm Evening Worship
(Please note time change)

Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club (Over 60s)
1.30pm Home League

Thursday
7.30pm Prayer Meeting



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 7th October 2012
Pentecost 19
8.30am Holy Communion
10.45am Morning Prayer

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WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Church Services 7 October - all welcome!
Cumlodden

Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Harvest Service in Lochgair Church at 11.30am

Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Harvest Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30am

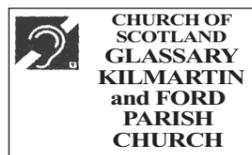
Service in Chalmers Court at 3pm

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
George Street Campbeltown

Sunday 7th October
12.45pm
Worship Service
Rev Ken Cameron
All Welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SC003847

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"Come and worship the Lord" in Achahoish at 9:45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am
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Church of Scotland
Glassary Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church
Sunday 7th October, 2012
Ford 10a.m.
Rev. Cliff Acklam
Holy Communion
Harvest Thanksgiving
All welcome



75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 7th October 2012
10.00am Breaking of Bread
Mr Steve Davies, Glasgow

10.50am Coffee
11.15am
Family Service with Crèche
Mr Steve Davies, Glasgow

Wednesday 10th October
No Toddler Group this week
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer

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All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

Sunday 7th October 2012
11.00am Morning Service
Harvest Thanksgiving followed by soup lunch

Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 - 11.30am
Scottish Charity SC015187



Lochgilphead Parish Church

SUNDAY 7th OCTOBER 2012
11.00 am Worship Service
Rev. Hilda Smith

7.30 pm Youth Fellowship Group Meeting
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SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER 2012
10.00 - 12.00 midday
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Morning Worship: 11-15am
(Creche, Bible Class and Triple C)
Mr. William Crossan

Campbeltown Churches Together
United Harvest Thanksgiving Service in Stewarton Village Hall - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 11th October
Choir practice: 7-30pm

Friday, 12th October
Lunch Club: 12noon

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 7 October
Tayvallich Church 11:30 am
Harvest Festival Family Service

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Sunday 7th October 2012
Guild Dedication Service
11.45am

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Rev Tommy Bryson

Guild meets Monday 8th October
Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre
2.30pm

Board and Session Meeting
Tuesday 9th October 7.30pm

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CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service
11:00 am

with Sunday school
Tea & coffee after the service

Thursday 11th October
No Baby & Toddler Group

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Highland Parish Church



SC002493

Sunday 7th October 2012
11.15am

Morning Service
Harvest Festival

All Age Family Service
Mr. William Taverner
6.30pm

Campbeltown Churches Together

Harvest Festival Service
Stewarton Hall

No Bible Study Fellowship
This Week

Everyone very welcome

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 7 October 2012
11.00am

Worship service for all ages
followed by light lunch

Speaker: Graham McLean
"Mirror, mirror on the wall"

Thursday 11 October 2012
7.30pm

Praise, prayer & sharing

All Welcome

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Some of the younger members of the swimming club who are starting out. 20_c40swim04



The Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club's Performance Squad who did well at the West District Spring and Relay Championships. 20_c40swim01

Argyll and Bute Championships

SWIMMERS from the local club have been excelling themselves at competitions over the last few weeks.

There has been some excellent swimming at the Argyll and Bute Swimming Championships in Dunoon and West District Spring and Relay Championships.

In the first event of the weekend's competition there were some excellent swims in the women's 13 and under 200m IM with 21 swimmers competing.

Caitlin Campbell (2:52.63), Becky Dott (2:54.85), Emma Lazarus (2:56.23) and Kirsten McLean (2:58.65) from Kintyre all swam under three minutes finishing second, third, fourth and fifth place, respectively.

In the eight and under girls 25m butterfly Kintyre swimmers Caitlin Russell and Astrid MacLellan took silver and bronze medals with Andrew Dott finishing in third place in the boy's event.

Caitlin Campbell swam an excellent personal best (PB) in the 100m butterfly in a time of 1:19.19 with Kirsten McLean in third place. Kintyre swimmers again dominated this event with six swimmers in the top 10.

In the backstroke Andrew Dott was again on the podium finishing in third place in the boys eight and under 25m back.

His older sister went

one better in the girls 12-13 years 100m backstroke finishing in second place in a new PB of 1:21.21. An excellent 10 swimmers from Kintyre finished in the top 14 in this event.

Saturday's competition concluded with breaststroke with the men's eight and under event when Andrew Dott had an excellent swim taking the gold medal in a new championship record time of 26.65 seconds.

In the women's event Logan Colville finished in an excellent fourth place in her first ever Argyll and Bute Championships.

Kintyre swimmers picked up more medals in 100m breaststroke events with Fiona Kay finishing second in the women's 11-year-old event, Emma Lazarus was second with Becky Dott third in the women's 12-13 years and Andrew Kay finished in



One of the performance squad during the butterfly. 20_c40swim03

third place in the men's 12-13 year's event.

Sunday morning saw swimmers return to the pool to compete in freestyle events as well as the much anticipated club relay events.

Twenty-five swimmers lined up in five heats in the women's 13 and under 200m freestyle event.

In heat four of five Emma Lazarus led powerfully from the start finishing her eight lengths in an excellent 2:30.04. In the final heat Becky Dott worked hard and the excitement built when she caught the

leader Kate Storey on the final turn only for Kate to again move into the lead down the final 25m finishing in a time of 2:30.42 just behind Emma who took a much deserved gold medal for Kintyre. Five Kintyre swimmers finished this event in the top seven places.

Kintyre's Caitlin Russell took only 22.23 seconds to swim 25m freestyle finishing in silver medal position in the girls 8 and under event. Andrew Dott finished third in the boy's event in a similar time of 22.32.

For the first time since the club re-started two Kintyre swimmers swam under 1:10 for the 100m freestyle with Becky Dott taking silver in 1:08.21 and Emma Lazarus taking bronze in 1:09.36.

Head coach Stuart McQuaker was delighted with the girl's swims as this challenge to beat 1:10 was set at last year's club championships and to get 1:08 was a fantastic achievement.

The culmination of the weekend's swimming was the relay events which saw an excellent display from Kintyre A team in the mixed 50m Free relay finishing in first place from 14 teams in a time of 2:09.26. The team was Emma Lazarus, Andrew Kay, Caitlin Campbell and Becky Dott.

Kintyre swimmers are looking forward to the area trials for the Scottish Schools Championships which this year takes place on Tuesday October 30 in Aqualibrium.

A full set of the championship results can be found on Kintyre ASC website at www.swimkintyre.org.

Performance swimmers travel to West District Championships

The Performance Squad of Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club (KASC) travelled to Ayr in September for the West District Spring and Relay Championships.

First up for the day on the Saturday was Emma Lazarus in the 50 metres freestyle. Emma swam well and took an impressive second off her previous sprint personal best. She finished 11th overall.

The 4x50 metre Freestyle relay was next, with team Aimee McGougan, Caitlin Campbell, Kirsten McLean and Becky Dott.

The girls finished third in their heat and seventh overall.

Becky Dott was the only swimmer competing in the afternoon session on Saturday and she almost equalled her previous personal best in an impressive heat.

None of the girls were swimming on Sunday morning so all enjoyed a relaxing morning shopping before heading back to the Citadel Pool in Ayr for the 1.30pm warm up session.

Unfortunately, once changed and ready to warm up, the meet had to be cancelled due to a burst water main.

This meant that Emma Lazarus and Caitlin Campbell missed out on individual swims. The girls in the relay team were left unable to race in the 4x50 metre individual medley.

At the swimming club recently presentations were made to club captains Ruth Semple and Frank Rochford who are moving onto pastures new.

Ruth and Frank were thanked for all the hard work, support and friendship they have offered to all club swimmers and were given everyone's best wishes for the future.

In return, Frank and Ruth presented KASC with a Captain's Cup which will be awarded annually to the most improved swimmer of the year.

This was a lovely gesture and is much appreciated by the club.

Charlotte and Kelly Gilbert were awarded club captaincy for 2012 - 2013.



Eilidh Anderson dives into the water. 20_c40swim02

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Good win for Under 17s

EXCELLENT football was played when Campbeltown Pupils Youth welcomed Oban Saints Youth Under 17s on Saturday.

Two goals each from Martin McCallum and Ryan McConnachie and one from Donald McCallum saw the local side run out 5-1 winners against a very good Oban team.

The football from both sides was of a very high standard with excellent goals to match.

Pupils Youth would like to thank Oban Saints Youth for making the journey down to Kintyre and look forward to a return tie very soon.

See the Kintyre Forum for photographs.

Pupils at home to Aikenhead

WITH the weather causing havoc for most football fixtures last week, the quarter final for Campbeltown Pupils against Aikenhead Thisle is due to go ahead tomorrow (Saturday).

The kick-off is scheduled for 2pm and will be played either on the all-weather pitch or at Kintyre Park, Campbeltown.

Carradale take on the Rovers

TOMORROW (Saturday) Carradale is due to play a league fixture against Clydebank Rovers.

The team was due to play away on Saturday but the match was called off due to a referee taking ill.

The fixture in the West of Scotland Welfare League will kick-off at 2pm.

No winners

THERE were no winners in last Sunday's three number lottery at Dunaverty Golf Club.

The winning numbers were four, nine and 12 which means the next draw on Sunday October 14 will be for a jackpot of £500.

Duncan wins Gary Thomas Memorial Cup

A TEXAS Scramble was played for the Gary Thomas Memorial Open on Saturday at Dunaverty Golf Club.

A total of 122 players took to the course with the competition enhanced by many special prizes including a nearest the pin at every short hole.

The proud winners of the trophy were Ross Currie, Duncan Johnstone and Iain McAlister of Tarbert.

Lorraine Thomas presented a beautiful trophy to Duncan in a packed

clubhouse at the end of the day.

Dunaverty Golf Club thanks everyone who helped to make the day such a success.

Results as follows: 1 Ross Currie, Duncan Johnstone, Iain McAlister 54-1.4 =52.6, 2 Ross Sinclair, Kenny Cameron, John Downie 56-3.2 = 52.8, 3 Mark Davis, Ross Robertson, James McKinven 56-2.2=53 .8, 4 Campbell MacBrayne, Robert Irvine, John Ronald 59-2.9=56.1.

Special prizes, near-

est the pin: 2nd C MacBrayne 101 inches, 4th R Currie 91 inches, 7th B Cook 23 inches, 10th W Young 66 inches, 14th R Mitchell 62 inches, 16th W MacDonald 47 inches.

Nearest the pin in two shots: 18th J McKinven 31 inches, Gent's Longest Drive SA Campbell, Ladies' Longest Drive E Marrison.

Additional prizes, best all-ladies team: Denise Fawcett, Elsie Ronald, Margaret Macfarlane; best-dressed golfer by a mile: Raymond Harvey.



TWO young teams from Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association travelled to Oban on Sunday. The children played against Oban and Lochgilphead and thoroughly enjoyed their day as part of a Fun Fours Football Festival organised by the Oban Primary League which operates every Sunday . 16_t40fours02



Lorraine Thomas presenting Gary Thomas Memorial Cup to winning team member Duncan Johnstone.

Campbeltown darts gets underway

THE new season for Campbeltown and District darts got under-way on Monday evening.

Twelve teams took part in a five-player team competition in the Fiddlers.

The last two standing were the Fiddlers team of Vince Jordan, Steven Jordan, Thomas Jordan, James Wilson and Tony McMillan and the

Burnside team of Kenny Docherty, Charlie Robertson, Gary Grumoli, Martin Coffield and Gregor MacGregor.

The Burnside team proved too strong in the end and took the six legs required to win the competition.

Thanks to Jim and Carol Green for donating the prizes and providing the venue.

The first league games start on Monday October 8: Fiddlers v Commercial, Kilbrannan v

Ailsa, Kinloch v Burnside, Southend v Fiddlers B, Kilbrannan B v Bye.



THANKS to a memorial competition at Stronvaar Bowling Club, the funds of the local Sun Room at Campbeltown Hospital have been boosted.

The George and Jenny Mackay Memorial Pairs competition was played recently with £870 raised on the day; the club made it up to £1,000.

The winners on the day were George Reid and Stephen Conley and the runners up were Gavin McLachlan and Moira Wareham.

Alistair Mackay and Simon Rochford from the club presented Macmillan nurses Maggie Wilkieson and Kitty Millar with the cheque this week. 20_c39cheque01



John McLean and John McMillan were the winners of the Archie and May Graham Memorial Pairs recently played at Stronvaar Bowling Club. Runners up were Steven Dickson and John McCormick and the prizes were presented by May's sister Kathleen and her husband Clark. Left to right: Clark and Kathleen Lafferty, John McCormick, John McLean, Steven Dickson and John McMillan.

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