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# Ardshiel is the best - bar none!

## Hotel's delight as it clinches top whisky award

by **GRAHAM CRAWFORD**  
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THEY are celebrating in style - and no wonder.

Our picture captures jubilant Ardshiel staff moments after discovering their hotel had been declared Scotland's Whisky Bar of the Year.

It beat nine others, mainly big city bars, shortlisted by whisky experts for the prestigious Scottish Field Whisky Challenge, in a final decided by public vote.

Helped by the Ardshiel's numerous fans and supporters in Campbeltown, Kintyre and around the world, the hotel 'won by a country mile'.

'It is amazing,' said Flora Grant, co-owner

of the hotel with Marion MacKinnon.

'This is the most exciting I have been in years.

'This is huge for Campbeltown. The award will have enormous benefits for the town.

'I feel it is the town as much as the hotel which has won, and we are so grateful for the way it and the surrounding area really got behind us along with the many individuals and whisky groups from around the world who supported us.'

Marion said: 'A few years ago, Campbeltown was written off by a national newspaper as a place destined to fail.

'Look at it now. It is



**Cheers! Staff at the Ardshiel raise a glass to celebrate the prestigious Scottish Field Whisky Challenge win.** 08\_c45whisky01

clearly on the up. So many positive things are happening and more people are coming here to visit.

'This award is another big step in the revival of Campbeltown. A lot of whisky lovers are com-

ing to the town because of its heritage and the Springbank Distillery, but often they are making just an afternoon of it before catching a ferry to Islay or Arran.

'Now, our award-winning whisky bar is a

good reason for them to stay overnight and get to really know Kintyre.'

A few days later, Flora revealed that the hotel had been inundated with phone calls and flowers congratulating it on its victory.

When Flora and Marion took over the hotel five years ago, the bar had more than 100 whiskies on display. Now it has more than 500 - and some extremely rare and valuable ones.

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## Crying foul over dog mess

THE public is being asked to help target dog owners who refuse to clean up after their pets.

Argyll and Bute Council is taking a tougher line on the problem and wants people to report offenders to its environmental wardens team.

In the past year, the council has issued five dog fouling notices and nine warning letters in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area.

Full story on page 4.

## Plenty of birdies at Machrihanish

MACHRIHANISH may be well known for its golf, but it also has a strong reputation among keen birdwatchers.

The Machrihanish Seabird Observatory, which has just marked its 20th anniversary, gets around 3,000 visitors a year because of the rich variety of birds and other wildlife in the area.

It has also proved a valuable site for migration studies.

Full story on page 13.

## Hard lesson for Pupils

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils missed a great opportunity to go clear at the top of the league after squandering a two-goal, half-time lead at home last Saturday.

Full story on page 28.

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Flora Grant, left, and Marion MacKinnon, right, receiving their whisky bar of the year award from the Scottish Field's whisky project manager, Janice Johnston. 08\_c45whisky02

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The pair have also completed courses and sat exams to expand their knowledge and are now designated by VisitScotland as 'whisky ambassadors'.

Marion also runs a monthly whisky club attended by up to 20 locals.

Janice Johnston, Scottish Field's whisky project manager, said: 'Our competition was unique in that following a shortlist drawn up by eight whisky merchants and whisky expert Charles MacLean, it was put over to a public vote to decide the winner.'

'The Ardshiel won by a country mile, making them very worthy winners.'

Mike Lord, of the Whisky Shop Dufftown, nominated the Ardshiel for the shortlist after staying at the hotel this summer.

He said: 'It is a great bar with a fabulous selection of whisky and manages to maintain a friendly atmosphere.'

# Head teachers will be asked how to make budget cuts

HEAD teachers will this month be asked how best to slash £190,000 from the education budget before Argyll and Bute councillors make a final decision.

However, a former school rector has told

the local authority that any plan to cut its education service should be 'kicked into the long grass'.

Councillors were first presented with proposals to cut the budget of its largest department

in September after Education Scotland was charged with drafting a plan that would make the education service 'fit for purpose'.

The independent authority drew up an options appraisal identifying possible savings in the management structure of the education department.

Councillors were told at last month's full council meeting that this option would secure the necessary savings. It included a head of service, three education managers, eight education officers, an educational psychology team and communication and engagement officer.

But councillors failed to agree where the axe should fall on the education service and last week agreed there should be further consultation with headteachers.

Bill Crossan, former rector of Campbeltown Grammar and Church of Scotland representative at Argyll and Bute

Council said: 'Since September's full council meeting my disquiet with this paper has increased.'

'Much has been made of the fact that this work has been done by Education Scotland, to the extent that the mantra is used as a fig leave to cover up the inadequacies in the report in front of us. When fig leaves were used in the Bible it didn't end well.'

'I like the idea to kick this into the long grass. There's no need to decide this immediately.'

Consultation with head teachers was due to commence on Tuesday and run until November 14.

Oban councillor Fred Hall received assurances from council officers that if head teachers formed 'better ideas' for savings they would be considered.

The decision to reduce funding by £190,000 was made at the council's budget meeting in February.

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### WEDDING



**CAMPBELL - MCCARTHY**  
Sarah Louise Campbell BVMS RCVS, formerly of Campbeltown married William McCarthy BVMS RCVS at St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on August 16, 2013. They are now settled in Kirkcudbright.



A council snowplough working in Kintyre in March this year when hundreds of people were cut off after heavy snow and drifts.

## Ready to show grit over winter

GRITTERS and snowploughs are at the ready in Argyll and Bute as winter starts to bite.

The council has 33 frontline gritters which can also be used as snowploughs, a stock of 11,000 tonnes of rock salt and a trained team ready to treat the 1,455 miles of roads it is responsible for.

Of these 1,455 miles, 73 miles are pre-treated as priority routes.

Councillor Ellen Morton, policy lead for roads and amenity services, said: 'There are challenges in keeping our roads clear in Argyll and Bute with its unique geography. However, based on the experience of previous years we have winter standby arrangements in place from now until mid-April next year.'

'During the forthcoming months if extreme weather does come to Argyll and Bute, we will do everything we can to keep our roads network open.'

**Priority routes**  
Trial runs have been carried out over priority routes and vehicles serviced and overhauled, while grit bins are being filled, staff trained and rotas put in place to provide seven days a week cover.

A winter weather ready leaflet for householders and businesses will soon be available and information can be found on the council's website and social media. The council's preparations, including pre-treating routes with rock salt, are part of the national Ready Scotland campaign which urges everyone to prepare for potential severe winter weather. On November 13 the Scottish Government's Ready Scotland Roadshow will be travelling to the Aqualibrium in Campbeltown from 10am until 3pm offering first hand advice.

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# Watch out for pensioners dodging potholes

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IT is an interesting scenario: hordes of pensioners driving around south Kintyre trying to negotiate endless potholes.

That was the picture created by two passing remarks by Kintyre councillor Rory Colville at the recent Campbeltown Community Council meeting.

First, he informed members that Kintyre is reported to have more than half of all category one potholes in Argyll and Bute Council.

Then shortly afterwards, he revealed that South Kintyre had the highest percentage of people over the age of 60 in Argyll and Bute.

On the latter subject, he stated: 'We must pay attention to older people who contribute an awful lot to society as well as the economically active.'

After the meeting,

Councillor Colville said it would be next month before full details from the 2011 Census would detail the area's ageing population.

**Population**  
However, he said the overall population of South Kintyre in 2011 was 7,364, an increase of almost 150 in 10 years.

By contrast, the total population of Argyll and Bute fell by 3.4 percent over the same period.

Councillor Colville said that the council was working to stop the de-

population. 'If we don't it will affect services - it is a chicken and egg situation.'

Of the potholes, he told the Courier: 'The figures seem quite extreme, and it might be down to the way holes are reported in different areas.'

'However, I keep raising the problem and I am pushing for the council to allocate funding for roadworks more on the basis of need.'

'Hopefully we will see more money come to this area for that purpose.'

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# Mach' Dunes Village up for Thistle award

THE VILLAGE at Machrihanish Dunes will go up against three other tourism businesses in its quest to win a Scottish Thistle award next Friday in Stirling.

The resort won a regional award for training and skills development in June and next week will find out if it has beaten off competition from the other regional winners to be crowned Scottish champion in its category.

### Celebrate

This year's Thistle Awards, which celebrate

Scotland's tourism businesses, will take place at Stirling Castle and trophies made of red sycamore, beech and oak will be presented to the winners.

Machrihanish Dunes goes up against Mercat Tours, which does ghost and walking tours in Edinburgh, Frankie's Fish and Chips, Britain's most northerly chip shop in Shetland, and the Gleneagles Hotel in Perthshire, host of next year's Ryder Cup.

Mike Cantlay, chairman of VisitScotland,

said: 'Every year we set the challenge of improving and building on the success of the previous year and every year I'm blown away by the lengths tourism businesses go to in order to make this happen.'

### Benchmark

'Winners and finalists from our regional events and of course those competing at the national final are the benchmark for where we want to be in terms of quality and for going above and beyond the expectations of visitors.'



Dalintober Primary School pupils show off their new books with Willie McCallum, left, who presented them to the class, and their teacher, Pipe Major Ian McKerral, right. 20\_c45books01

## New books for budding chanter players

MUSICAL pupils across Kintyre have received new books to help them improve their chanter playing skills.

The Kintyre Piping Society has donated more than £1,000 worth of tutor books over the years to each school in the peninsula.

Their new books come with a CD Rom to help the children listen as well as learn the notes and

music. A classic in piping tutoring, the No.1 Tutor from the College of Piping is the biggest selling book on the bagpipe ever issued after first being printed in 1952.

Last Thursday, Willie McCallum, honorary secretary of the Kintyre Piping Society since 1971 and member since 1951, presented the new books to

chanter players at Dalintober Primary School.

The Kintyre Piping Society was formed in 1951 and its objectives are to encourage piping in Kintyre, to organise competitions, such as a junior competition in April and the famous Springbank Invitational when eight of the best pipers come to Campbeltown each year.

## Foul cried over Argyll and Bute's negligent dog owners

THE public is being asked to help in a crackdown against dog owners who refuse to clean up after their pets.

Argyll and Bute Council is urging people to report offenders to its environmental warden team.

The move follows a Clean Up Scotland campaign which ran for two weeks at the beginning of October and urged dog walkers to 'grab it, bag it and bin it'.

Communities were also encouraged to organise dog fouling surveys of their parks or sports pitches.

Recent research car-

ried out by Keep Scotland Beautiful reveals that almost seven in 10 people rate dog fouling as the item on streets, parks and beaches that bothers them most.

The UK's seven million dogs produce around 1,000 tonnes of excrement a day.

Councillor Dick Walsh, Argyll and Bute Council leader, said: 'Dog fouling is a nuisance to everyone and doesn't portray a good image of our area.'

'It is also illegal not to immediately remove fouling from any public place and can lead to conviction and a fine of

up to £500.'

A council spokeswoman revealed that 17 dog fouling notices were issued in the area last year, and 24 warning letters sent.

Five of those notices and nine letters were in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.

She added: 'To report someone who has left their dog's fouling behind, take a note of the type of dog, the location, and the rough time that the dog is usually walked and call Argyll and Bute Council on 01546 605514. Your call will be forwarded to a local officer.'

## Carehome makes key appointment

HC-One, which runs the Kintyre care home in Campbeltown, has appointed Andrew Williamson CBE to lead the care provider's independent quality and safeguarding board.

Mr Williamson is a former chairman of NHS Cornwall and Isle

of Scilly, former director of social services in Devon County Council, and co-chaired the Ministry of Justice enquiry into the use of restraints in young offenders' prisons.

### Important layer

A spokesman for the company said the ap-

pointment 'adds an important layer of independent scrutiny to the management of HC-One Homes, and cements residents' safety and well being as the highest priority for HC-One in its efforts to provide the kindest care in the country'.

## Lifeboat has quieter summer than normal

CAMPBELTOWN'S lifeboat service has carried out 50 per cent fewer launches this summer than last year.

Bucking the trend in the rest of Scotland, the lifeboat launched seven times during June, July and August, compared to 14 times during the same period last year.

Overall in Scotland, lifeboats carried out far more rescues than last summer, with current figures at 476 launches, just four short of the record 480 launches in 2008.

There were 440 launches overall last summer.

## Safe road ahead

SAFER Scotland will bring its roadshow on how the public can deal with all kinds of severe weather to Campbeltown's Aqualibrium on Wednesday, November 13.

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# Pupils are ready and set to make a change

## Campbeltown Grammar students inspired by Olympic champions

A SMALL group of Campbeltown Grammar School pupils are determined to keep the London Olympics torch blazing.

They want the 2012 legacy to live on after rubbing shoulders with Scottish Olympic and Paralympic champions at Hampden Park, Glasgow.

The pupils attended a Get Set to Make a Change workshop where they were given expert advice from Olympic canoeing gold medallist Tim Baillie and Paralympic rowing champion David Smith.

They were also offered support and ideas to plan a community project using the Olympic and Paralympic Games as their inspiration.

Morgan Irwin, one of those Campbeltown

Grammar pupils, is now bursting with ideas with how to best help the community.

'The Get Set workshop gave us loads to think about, like what different events we could do and the best way to organise them,' said the 16-year-old.

'We still don't know quite what project we want to do but we now know there are a whole host of different ones we can do.'

'I didn't realise that there are so many different community groups we can work with.'

'It was really amazing to hear Tim and David's stories, as they came such a long way to win gold medals.'

The Get Set to Make a Change programme will inspire almost 5,000 teenagers through 23 road shows in 12 cities across the UK to deliv-

er pledges of support to their community.

Canoe slalom double champion Baillie said: 'The Olympics and Paralympics were a massive success for the country as a whole.'

'As Britons we are tremendously proud of our values and we all saw that last summer with the nation being a really positive place - and we need to keep that going as much as possible.'

Through GSTMC, the British Olympic Foundation, in conjunction with the British Paralympic Association, is using the spirit of the London games to re-inspire young people across the UK.

The project is being supported by a £2.5m grant from the Big Lottery Fund's Keeping the Spirit of 2012 Alive campaign. <http://www.makeachange.org.uk/>



Morgan Irwin was among the Campbeltown pupils inspired by Scottish Olympic and Paralympic champions at Hampden Park.

## Police called to disturbance

POLICE were called twice over the weekend to disturbances at a property on Fisher Row, Campbeltown.

Last Friday night police attended the address after a noisy party where youths were drinking.

In the early hours of Sunday morning a group of youths at the property were warned after being caught fighting.

No arrests were made.

## Car vandalised on Meadows Avenue

POLICE are appealing for information after the wing mirror of a car on Meadows Avenue, Campbeltown was vandalised on Monday.

Anyone with any information should contact Campbeltown Police Office or call 101.

## Raw eggs thrown

POLICE increased patrols in Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown on Saturday after youths threw ketchup and raw eggs at a member of the public. No one was arrested.



All the mums and babies, complete with costumes, who attended the party last week.

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## Things go bump in the day at hospital

A CAMPBELTOWN mums and babies groups held a Hallowe'en party at the town's hospital.

The 'Bumps and Babies' group for mums with babies or expecting held the party last Wednesday with the little ones ranging from three weeks to 10 months old.

The group gets together every Wednesday and is a chance for new mums to meet and socialise.



Donna Graham, left, with baby Hollie, who is the oldest at the group aged 10 months, and Kelly Grogan with her son Aaron, who is just three weeks old and youngest in the group.

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## Putechan Hotel

Following the recent change in ownership we'd like to announce some upcoming events - we look forward to seeing you at the Putechan soon!



### Sunday 24th November: West Kintyre Stargazers

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## We are all winners

DO not underestimate the tourism benefits for Kintyre as a result of Campbeltown's Ardshiel Hotel winning Scottish Field magazine's Whisky Bar of the Year competition. Hotel owners Flora Grant and Marion MacKinnon are right in saying that this is as much a win for Campbeltown as it is for them.

Whisky tourism is big business, and it is growing - especially when it is linked, as it is in these parts, to the proximity of top golfing experiences like the world famous Machrihanish Golf Club and the lovely Dunaverty and Machrihanish Dunes courses. Retiring to a great whisky bar after a day out on a good golf course will be many people's idea of heaven.

Flora and Marion have earned the Ardshiel its limelight. They have invested a lot of time, money and effort into the place since taking it over five years ago. A big part of that has gone into creating a beautifully designed bar that now offers a fascinating choice of more than 500 whiskies, many rare. The two owners have also taken whisky courses; they do not just sell the drink, they understand it and know its many stories.

Many more whisky buffs are set to Explore Campbeltown because of the delights on offer at the Ardshiel, and the award win rounds up a good year for a town which has seen the introduction of ferry links with Ardrossan and increased flights from Campbeltown Airport. With the drive, determination and innovation of the many businesses and services now involved in the Explore Campbeltown campaign, that upswing must surely continue.

Let's drink to that.

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### Happy to debate Scottish independence

Sir,  
I welcome last week's response to my letter from Ron Knight of Clachan, however, I find it hard to understand how he came to the conclusions he did from the words I wrote.

I hope he will expand on how he derived any attack on English people, or how I suggest Scots as downtrodden, particularly given that every senior politician supporting the No campaign recognises the fact that Scotland could easily become a successful independent nation.

I too would like a mature and honest discussion as Mr Knight suggests and would be happy to engage in that with him. Perhaps we can start by discussing how the votes of Scottish MPs on major devolved issues do not deliver the aspirations of the Scottish people?

How come 91 per cent of Scottish MPs voted against the bedroom tax yet Scotland gets the bedroom tax?

Eighty-one per cent of Scottish MPs voted against the welfare cuts yet Westminster imposes welfare cuts?

Eighty-two per cent of Scottish MPs voted against the VAT increase yet our VAT increased nonetheless?

Seventy-nine per cent of Scottish MPs voted against the privatisation of Royal Mail yet our communities will have it imposed?

Scotland has the ability and resources to make its own way in the world guided by the values and aspirations of its people. We can and should

make all our own decisions and we can only do that as an independent nation.

Councillor  
John Semple

### Frequent problems at recycling bins

Sir,  
Frequently there is a problem at the recycling bins outside the Co-op in Campbeltown when these have not been emptied. As Mr and Mrs Cassidy state, bags of bottles or paper are left by the bins when it is no longer possible to put any more into them. Hardly an ideal sight to greet visitors to the town.

I find it convenient to bring my cans, paper, bottles and plastic to the recycling bins in town weekly rather than keep them for two weeks to be picked up by Waste Watchers. Waste Watchers do not uplift glass, so I would have to drive to the bins by the quay in Carradale to drop off my bottles.

On several occasions I have had to take my paper back home when the bins at the Co-op and Tesco were jammed full. Quite recently these bins were packed full on consecutive Fridays, indicating they are not monitored effectively to ensure they are emptied in a timely manner. This does little to encourage recycling.

Another hazard at the Co-op bins became apparent during heavy rain on October 25 when I had to stand in a fast-moving river in order to recycle cans, bottles and plastic. An improvement in the drainage on this road would not go amiss.

Brian Gee  
by email

### The full Norwegian story

Sir,  
I read with interest the article on Friday, November 1 regarding the marketing plan to re-brand the Rest and Be Thankful as one of Europe's most stunning roads. Mike Story stated that the inspiration for the marketing plan comes from Norway.

As someone who has been travelling to Norway for more than 40 years, I agree with his comments that Norway has turned its 'troublesome roads into tourist attractions, with better parking, information boards and visitor centres'.

Having recently returned from another visit to Norway, we have seen this plan in action. Some of the most stunning areas in the west of Norway have had glass-sided viewing points constructed, with information boards outlining the history and geology of the area, as well as including public toilets at some of these viewing points.

What Mr Story failed to mention was that where roads are troublesome, i.e. subject to landslide and avalanche, Norway has taken even bigger steps to make them safe by the construction of tunnels under the mountains which cause the problems.

We saw such a tunnel being constructed, even to the point where we had to watch and wait while the engineers blasted some of the mountain to carry out the construction work. This tunnel is the second one in the area, running parallel to an old tunnel, which is unlit and no longer fit for purpose. The new tunnels are lit and well ventilated, the longest

tunnel is 24km long and has rest areas in the middle. They are funded by the state and tolls are placed on them when they are new, then are taken off again once the tunnel has paid for itself. During the construction of these tunnels, the old roads over the mountains are kept open, with no disruption to traffic.

Is it not time for the Scottish Government to stop burying its head in the sand (or is that mud and rocks) and ask the Norwegian engineers to come to Scotland and give advice on the problem roads here, particularly the A83.

Margaret Bakes  
Southend

### Invaded by flies

Sir,  
I am informed by those in the know that flies have hundreds of eyes and 360 degree vision. I do hope that the ones that have invaded my home on Hillside Road, Campbeltown are gentlemen.

Since September they have shared my morning ablutions in the shower stall and, alas, at the toilet. They also contaminate my kitchen.

A pleasant, competent tradesman, sent by Argyll Community Housing Association (after a fortnight's delay) did his best to eradicate them but they have returned, 'not as single spies but in battalions'.

A series of telephone calls and emails (some to Argyll and Bute Council) seem to have fallen on deaf ears, though I have just learned that if the council does send out a pest control officer I will be charged.

Name and address supplied and withheld on request

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# opinion

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## Well done at the Royal National Mod

Sir,  
I would like to congratulate the winning competitors of the 2013 Royal National Mod Paisley who were representing Argyll and Bute. There was an incredible number of places won by competitors from throughout the constituency.

The Mod is a great way to spread the national language, to celebrate our culture and heritage.

I applaud all those who have participated and who give their time teaching the young competitors of the future.

**Michael Russell**  
Argyll and Bute MSP

## Thank you for your support

Sir,  
The members of the Campbeltown Branch of the Royal Air Force Association wish to thank the good people of Kintyre for the wonderful support given to the 'Wings

Appeal' campaign throughout the year.

The proceeds and donations given at our coffee morning, the ever popular 'bottle stall' invited to many events in the local area, the in-store collections made with the excellent co-operation of Tesco and the Co-op, and the street collection on the Saturday of Battle of Britain week have raised a magnificent £1,943 for 2013.

The Battle of Britain seems so long ago now, but the legacy of those brave young pilots and their ground support with the nation relying on them, lives on. The RAF has been called upon to operate in many conflicts around the world while maintaining its peace-keeping role also, and has assisted in most major disaster relief efforts after earthquakes, floods and famine as well as protecting the skies over the UK, especially in the years of the Cold War.

Close to home the familiar yellow helicopters along with the Royal Navy, Coastguard and lifeboats, not forgetting the RAF mountain rescue teams, have saved count-

less lives in their search and rescue role, often working in highly hazardous conditions.

The funds raised by the appeal, go to help with the running costs of our nursing and residential homes and respite care, as well as individual help to those RAF veterans and their families who may need support especially in their later years.

We are sure that everyone of those receiving help will join us in saying a huge 'thank you Kintyre'.

**R.P. Todd**  
5 Millers Park, Campbeltown  
**Sponsorship support**

Sir,  
I wish to thank those of you who sponsored my dad when he completed the Great North Run for Kidney Research UK.

We are all overwhelmed with the generosity from you and many others and we have managed to raise more than £6,000 for the charity. Unfortunately he didn't win, but we were amazed when he crossed the finish line in one hour

and 48 minutes - a great time for his first half marathon.

We chose Kidney Research UK because it is funding research to improve the understanding of kidney disease and its causes, treatment and management. The charity identifies and supports projects which will significantly impact on the health and well-being of people at risk of, or already identified with, kidney disease.

Thanks again.  
**Duncan Maccormick**  
Prestwick

## Information wanted on Dr Norman Morrison

Sir,  
I'm producing a documentary for BBC Alba about Dr Norman Morrison who was from the village of Shawbost on the Isle of Lewis, but spent most of his life in Argyll.

He was co-founder of the Scottish Police Federation, a keen naturalist and an expert on the adder.

He lived in Campbeltown, where he was a police sergeant, from 1919 until his death in 1949. Pri-

or to that he had been stationed in Islay, Dunoon, Kinlochleven and Oban.

I would be keen to talk to any of your readers who may remember Norman.

His obituary, written by Hamish Mackinven, describes him as 'something of a kenspeckle figure in Carradale as he hunted for adders, eels and grass-snakes along East Kintyre'.

He was also a talented photographer. Glass plate negatives taken by Norman in the early 1900s have recently been discovered which give a fascinating insight into life in Lewis in the early part of the last century. How he became interested in photography remains a mystery.

Although he is the author of five books, he doesn't mention in any of his writings, how he became interested in and learnt about photography.

If anyone has any information could they contact me on christine@siabost.wanadoo.co.uk.

**Christine Morrison**  
Glasgow

## Looking for relatives of HMS Tara survivors

Sir,  
I am researching for a book about the sinking and subsequent ordeal of the survivors of HMS Tara, which was torpedoed off the North African coast on November 5, 1915.

On board were four Campbeltown men - seaman Charles McNaughton of 10 Burnbank Place, Seaman Peter McMillan of 14 Fisher Row, fireman James McKinven (snr) of 12 Saddle Street and his son seaman James McKinven (jnr) of 23 Argyll Street who was killed during the sinking of the ship.

HMS Tara was the ex SS Hibernia, a London and North Western Railway Co steam packet which sailed between the port of Holyhead, Anglesey and Kingstown (now Dun Loaghaire), Ireland.

She was taken up by the royal navy in August 1914, converted to an armed boarding steamer, armed, renamed, her civilian crew doubled and with a sprinkling of royal navy and royal navy reserve personnel was sent to patrol the North Channel of the Irish Sea, being firstly based at Larne, Northern Ireland and then between March and September 1915 Campbeltown.

In October she was sent to the Mediterranean and was torpedoed off the North African coast on November 5.

The U boat then towed the survi-

vors ashore in their lifeboats and handed them over to the Senussi (pro-German Arabs). They took them to a camp 125 miles into the desert, their whereabouts remaining unknown to the British until their chance rescue by an armoured column led by the Duke of Westminster on March 17, 1916.

Out of a crew of 104, 12 men had been killed during the sinking, one man died shortly after landing and five died because of the privations suffered during captivity.

Through the Courier I would like to ask if any of its readers can remember or are perhaps related to those crew members from Campbeltown?

If so, could they please get in touch with me. I am searching for biographical details and also photographs of the four men - and also perhaps photographs of HMS Tara while based at Campbeltown.

If any photographs or documents are loaned, I will of course reimburse the costs of postage etc and will return same via recorded delivery.

**Geraint S. Griffith**  
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## Campbeltown Motor Company



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**Picture House online survey**

RESIDENTS in Campbeltown are being given the chance to watch live events such as Wimbledon, opera Turandot or the Nutcracker ballet in the comfort of the cinema.

The Picture House is set to offer live screenings of events as they happen nationally or internationally and cinema-goers are being given the chance to have their say on what they would like to see through an online survey.

Options include theatre productions, opera, ballet, rock concerts, musicals and sports events.

The cinema is also keen to see if people are willing to join a film club or arts forum to help the management choose programmes of events, promote the cinema and develop audiences.

To take part in the survey visit [surveymonkey.com/s/BXT2DGZ](http://surveymonkey.com/s/BXT2DGZ).

**Coffee morning**

A COFFEE afternoon is set to take place tomorrow (Saturday) at the Victoria Hall in Campbeltown at 2pm to raise funds for the town's grammar school.

# Pancake tea for band funds

STRONVAAR Bowling Club was filled to the rafters on Saturday afternoon as Campbeltown Brass held its pancake tea.

The junior band performed a number of songs while visitors enjoyed a variety of hot drinks and baked treats. The money raised will go towards the running of the band and help it travel to competitions across the country.

On November 17 the

band will once again be heading to Perth for the Scottish Youth Championships - the biggest youth brass band competition in the world - where it will be defending its first place for the third year running.

**Prestigious**

It has won the prestigious trophy three times, once in the novice section and twice in the development section.

Several members of

the band also had success recently in Kilmarnock at the West of Scotland Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Junior soloists Erin McLellan and Amy Paterson picked up gold and first and gold and third respectively.

Innes Roy, meanwhile, took gold and second while Owen Pickering won gold and third in the intermediate soloist competition.



Some of the junior members of Campbeltown Brass who will be hoping to repeat their previous success at Perth next weekend. 20\_c45brass01

## Science event at the Victoria Hall



From left: Charlotte Semple, Kirsten McLean and Caitlin Macpherson were manning the arts and crafts table while doing a bit of dressing up. 20\_c45science02

DARTH Vader made an appearance in Campbeltown on Saturday as part of a science event held at the Victoria Hall.

The hall was filled with youngsters keen to learn about science and try out some fun activities at the Elements Science event.

As well as Darth Vader and one of his storm troopers, there were live talks, a planetarium, crafts and fascinating scientific demonstrations all with a spooky theme.

Dundee Science Centre explained scary science while an expert was on hand to explain the science of zombies.

The event was organised by Bute Astronomical Club and West Kintyre Stargazers.



Darth Vader poses with his storm trooper and Morvern and Alasdair Paisley. 20\_c45science01

### COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

To advertise in the community noticeboard call 01586 554646 or 01546 602345

West Coast Events  
Presents a  
**CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
Friday 8th 4-8pm  
Saturday 9th 10am-4pm  
Christ Church,  
Bishopston Road  
Lochgilhead

**Sunday 10th November 2013**  
North Church Hall, Ardrishaig  
**Soup & Sandwich Lunch**  
12 noon - 2pm  
Afternoon Tea/Coffee with Home Baking  
2.30pm - 4.30pm  
Usual stalls, raffle etc.  
Donations will be gratefully received  
(Hall will be open Saturday afternoon & Sunday morning)  
Funds in aid of Erskine Hospital & Poppyscotland

**Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural History Society**  
**'Kintyre Bridges'**  
an illustrated talk by Murdo MacDonald  
in Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown,  
on Wednesday 13 November at 7.30 p.m.  
All welcome (non-members £2.50 at door)

**Mid Argyll Cancer Support Group**  
Red Cross Centre, Lochgilhead  
Monday 11th November at 7pm  
Speaker: Robin Finlay  
Talk and Slides on Vietnam & Cambodia  
All Welcome

**SWISH NIGHT**  
**Stag Hotel**  
Lochgilhead  
Thursday 14th November, 7.30pm  
£5 - Tickets from The Stag Ladies bring your clothes or accessories to swap for a new outfit!!  
MacMillan Cancer Support

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Community meeting to discuss the refurbishment of Mid Argyll Community Pool  
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**Oban Road, Lochgilhead, PA31 8NG**  
Members and public all welcome - tea and coffee available  
Please email [hello@macpool.org.uk](mailto:hello@macpool.org.uk) to confirm your attendance and to help us ensure we have space for everyone

**Friends of the Beatson ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING**  
Saturday 16th November 10am - 1pm  
Red Cross Hall, Kirk Street  
Home-baking, Raffles, Tombola  
All donations gratefully received  
Contact Jean on 01586 553654 for further details  
Admission £1.50

**Campbeltown Lifeboat Fundraising Branch CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING**  
In the Red Cross Hall, Kirk Street  
Saturday 9th November 2013  
10am - 12 noon  
Baking & bottle stalls, RNLI Xmas cards, calendars, diaries, stocking fillers & gifts  
All welcome

**MESSY CHURCH**  
Lorne & Lowland Church Hall  
Monday 11th November  
3.45pm - 5.30pm  
Everyone welcome

Come along to  
**CGS COFFEE AFTERNOON**  
on Saturday 9th November at Victoria Hall from 2pm - 4pm  
Tea, coffee, cakes & biscuits will be served

**Tayvallich Village Hall Saturday 16th November BREABACH**  
"Scots Trad Music Group of the Year"  
Tickets £10 and £5 for 16's and under from Tayvallich Village Shop and The Square Peg, Lochgilhead  
Doors open at 7.30 pm BYOB

**The Royal British Legion Scotland Campbeltown Branch MONTHLY MEETING**  
In the White Hart Hotel Friday 8th November @ 1930hrs  
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

**The Salvation Army COFFEE MORNING**  
Saturday 9th November 10am - 12 noon  
Home baking & hot pancakes for sale  
Entry £1

Inveraray & District Accordion & Fiddle Club  
Argyll Hotel, Inveraray  
Wednesday 13th November at 8.00pm  
Guest Artists From Lochmaben  
Nicky McMichan Trio  
Supporting players most welcome

# Vote for Sean's heroes

A MAN who was saved by two Kintyre fishermen is calling on locals to help him in his quest to have the pair awarded for their bravery.

Sean Taylor was pulled overboard by an automatic creel shooter when fishing aboard the Blue Angel near Gigha in 2011.

Skipper Mark Sheldrick from Tayinloan and crewman Darroch Fulton from Clachan winched him back onto the boat and gave him cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) before he was airlifted to hospital.

Their quick thinking meant Sean survived the ordeal despite being underwater for several minutes and bursting both of his lungs.

Sean nominated his two friends for the courage award category of the STV Real Heroes programme and the pair were picked as finalists by a judging panel.

Their story was shown last week and now the Scottish public will have the chance to decide who wins in each category. He said: 'I would ask every-

one to please, please vote for Darroch and Mark. I can't think of anyone more deserving of the award.

'They genuinely are my heroes - without them I simply wouldn't be here today.'

Sean made a miraculous recovery and was out of hospital less than a week after the accident, in time to see his daughter born.

The overall winners of each category will be revealed at a televised awards ceremony next Friday, November 15.



CGS4Gambia continues to receive donations from various fundraising events in Campbeltown, including Annie Watson, 5, centre, who raised £100 by doing the MOK Bike Challenge last month. She is pictured with Agnes Stewart, left, and her sister Lizzie, right.

## Grammar school's Gambia appeal

A TWO-night stay in a wigwam and a Chris Hoy signed shirt are just two of the many items up for grabs at an auction for Campbeltown Grammar School's Gambia appeal.

Tomorrow (Saturday) night will see Stronvaar Bowling Club filled with people hoping to buy themselves one of several locally donated prizes with all proceeds going

to the school's volunteering trip to Gambia in February.

Also available for bidding is tickets to the cinema for six months, a sheepskin rug, a voucher for coal or diesel, English and maths tuition, climbing and abseiling and a signed Alex Ferguson book, plus many more.

The auction starts at 7.30pm with auctioneer John Kerr taking the helm and there will also be a quiz hosted by Helen Gilchrist.

Tickets for the evening's events are available from Wee Toon Sports or Agnes Stewart at Campbeltown Grammar School.

If anyone who is unable to attend would like to make a proxy bid, they can do so by emailing Agnes.stewart@argyll-bute.gov.uk by 4pm today (Friday).



## Hallowe'en party at the Toy Library

CAMPBELTOWN'S Toy Library hosted ballerinas, a bat, a farmer and a pumpkin amongst others at its annual Hallowe'en party.

Children who attend the library on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays turned up for a ghoulish afternoon of

fun with dooking for apples and other activities. Kirsty Robertson, who organised the event, said they do not normally have all the children in on the same afternoon.

'It's nice when they all get together,' she said. 20\_c44toylib01

## Piping success for young Josh



Josh Barbour who finished first in the age 10 and under chanter competition at Saltcoats Festival of Juvenile Solo Piping.

A YOUNG up and coming Campbeltown piper won first prize last month at a juvenile piping competition.

Josh Barbour, 10, took first place in the age 10 and under chanter competition at the Festival of Juvenile Solo Piping in Saltcoats near Ardrossan on October 19.

It was the Castlehill Primary School pupil's second visit to the festival, where he finished second last year.

Josh has been playing the chanter for two years and has entered a number of competitions during that time.

A number of other Kintyre pipers took part in the competition, with Jack Ferguson taking runner up in the 11 years and under piping contest, Jamie McKerral winning the 12 years and under piping and taking third place in the 13 years and under piping, while Christina McFadyen placed fourth in the 14 years and under piping category.

An evening with poet and writer

## KENNETH STEVEN



Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in Campbeltown Library

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### Sunshine on Leith (PG)

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### SYNOPSIS

Synopsis: Sunshine in Leith  
Sunshine on Leith is based on the sensational stage hit of the same name, featuring music by pop-folk band The Proclaimers. The film follows the stories of Davy and Ally, who have to re-learn how to live life in Edinburgh after coming home from serving in Afghanistan. Both struggle to learn to live a life outside the army and to deal with the everyday struggles of family, jobs and relationships.  
For more what's on and coming soon visit the Wee Pictures website.

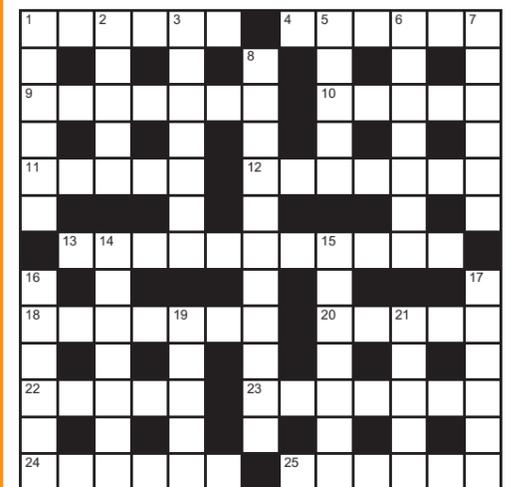
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## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD



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- 1 Park place? (6)
- 4 Online or on water (6)
- 9 Picked up (7)
- 10 Assail (5)
- 11 Score (5)
- 12 Sluggishness (7)
- 13 Analytical (11)
- 18 A shorter stud pin (7)
- 20 Doctor, not a good one (5)
- 22 Money in the bank! (5)
- 23 Picture to add on a computer (4,3)
- 24 Scope (6)
- 25 Shellfish (6)

Down

- 1 Source of lead... (6)
- 2 ...to change, chemically (5)
- 3 Report (7)
- 5 City living (5)
- 6 A pipe (7)
- 7 Turning club? (6)
- 8 Teenage years (11)
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- 17 Moves on wheels (6)
- 19 Pretense (3-2)
- 21 Change (5)

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# Islay set for packed musical festival

TODAY (Friday) sees the start of this year's Islay Sessions - a music festival with the aim of brightening up November.

Musicians from across the Scottish traditional folk scene will be performing during the weekend which will also have pub sessions, workshops and concert performances.

Taking part this year

are fiddle and guitar duo Ross Couper and Tom Oakes who were nominated for the best up and coming act in the 2011 Scottish Traditional Music Awards. Also performing will be the Jarlath Henderson Band from Ireland. At the age of 19 Jarlath was already a three-time All-Ireland champion Uilleann piper.

Hannah Beatson will

be singing Gaelic songs accompanied by Innes Watson on guitar and Daniel Thorpe playing the fiddle.

The event starts at 7.30pm tonight with a family ceilidh at Laphroaig Distillery where some of the line up will be performing along with students from Feis Oigridh Ile agus Dhuirra. Tomorrow (Saturday) will see workshops starting at 11am at Bowmore High School covering fiddle, guitar, Gaelic song, whistle and accordion.

The grand concert takes place at Bruichladdich Hall from 7.30pm while on Sunday sessions will take place at the Bridgend Hotel from 2.30pm until 5pm then 9pm until late at the Port Charlotte Hotel.

To sign up for the workshops email info@islaysessions.co.uk.

## TARBERT

### Fisherman buoyed by YouTube video

A TARBERT fisherman is hooking online followers after mimicking the video shot for Miley Cyrus' infamous Wrecking Ball song.

The video sees the pop star wearing little white sitting on a demolition ball and swinging a sledge hammer.

Frank Ronald swapped the demolition ball for a buoy and sang the number one hit while aboard a Loch Fyne fishing boat.

His version of the video, posted on YouTube, has seen almost 4,000 hits.



John MacLellan, distillery manager, left, Tony Rozga, distillery still man, and Claire Simers, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, in the new warehouse.

# Distillery's growth could lead to more jobs

DEMAND for whisky from a small Islay distillery has grown so much over the past two years that the owners have built a new warehouse to store its casks.

This week it was revealed that it could lead to more jobs.

Kilchoman Distillery grows barley for whisky production on site and is one of the smallest distilleries in Scotland.

Construction of its new warehouse has been completed and has the capacity to hold 10,000 casks. The £450,000 project has been supported by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) with a £110,000 grant.

It has been built on land close to the distillery at Rockside Farm. Kilchoman was established in 2005 - the first distillery built on Islay in 124 years.

### Exported

Over the past two years, sales of malt whisky at Kilchoman Distillery have grown by more than 50 per cent and it is now exported to 30 countries.

Claire Simers, from HIE, said: 'We have been working with the distillery since its inception and we are pleased to be providing support at this crucial time in its development in order to increase the growth of the business.'

'Now the new building is complete, additional jobs are planned to be created over the next few years.'

Kilchoman is one of eight distilleries on the whisky-famous island.

Anthony Wills, its founder and managing director, said: 'There has been a growing global demand for our products.'

'The assistance we have received from HIE has made such a difference and will transform how the business grows. 'We may even need to build a further warehouse if demand at home and abroad keeps up.'

# Pupils complete block of Gaelic tuition

## CLACHAN

Delighted Clachan Primary pupils are pictured with their certificates after completing a five-week block of Gaelic tuition with their tutor David McEwan and their teacher Mrs Blake.

Head teacher Catherine Black said: 'They were presented with their certificates after a wonderful performance during an open afternoon during which parents, friends and members of the community were treated to a performance

of songs and rhymes in Gaelic. Pupils, parents and staff are very grateful to Mr McEwan for his tuition and are going to keep on learning.'



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# Talk more to your bank manager, farmers told

THE steps farmers can take to help develop a beneficial, two-way relationship with their bank manager were highlighted by Sandy Hay, head of Bank of Scotland's agricultural department in Scotland, when he spoke at this month's Kintyre monitor farm meeting.

Mr Hay, along with chartered accountant Peter Innes, a director of Johnston Carmichael, emphasised the importance of communication to building a good working relationship with your bank manager.

## Monitor farms

Monitor farmer Duncan Macalister, who owns the 1,730-acre Glenbarr Farms, gave the two speakers a tour

of his farm, one of the network of Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) monitor farms throughout Scotland.

'Every farming business is different,' Mr Hay told the community group. 'Within agriculture there's a diverse range of enterprises, and the personal approach of the farmer, along with other key members of the family or individuals within the business, also vary from farm to farm.'

'Take the time to explain the details of your business, along with your hopes and plans for the medium and long term, plus what you hope your business will achieve for you and your family.'

Planning for the fu-

ture of the farmer's family had been at the heart of a discussion on succession planning, led by chartered accountant Peter Innes at a previous Kintyre monitor farm meeting.

## Influence

Mr Hay reinforced Mr Innes's advice to ensure that all involved in the business, including the younger generation, are included in business discussions, particularly the discussions which will influence the future of the following generations.

Although a farmer may have substantial asset value in relation to the amount of money he seeks to borrow, Mr Hay explained that a lender's decision is more influ-



Sandy Hay, head of Bank of Scotland's agricultural department in Scotland, centre with monitor farmer Duncan Macalister, left, and chartered accountant Peter Innes. c45farmpic01

enced by the borrower's ability to service and repay the loan.

Before approaching the bank manager for a loan, Mr Hay strongly recommended a detailed business plan is pulled together, with income forecasts and ideally with figures from the three previous years.

## First Milk announces new partnership

FIRST Milk, which runs Campbeltown Creamery, has announced a long-term strategic partnership with Adams Foods, a leading UK supplier of cheese. The partnership will establish a fully integrated supply chain for hard cheese in the UK retail, foodservice and wholesale sectors.

It means Adams Foods will cut, pack and market Mull of Kintyre cheese produced at Campbeltown Creamery, while First Milk focuses on

exporting the cheese to value added international markets.

Adams Foods will also be working at Torrylinn Creamery, while using its own facility for cheese produced at First Milk's Lake District and Haverfordwest creameries. The two companies believe their new partnership will create a comprehensive integrated supply chain for the UK hard cheese market, guaranteeing customers a secure, efficient and traceable supply of

British and Irish hard cheese.

Ian Toal, chief executive of Adams Foods, said: 'This announcement is a further important move towards our strategic vision of becoming one of the leading suppliers of cheese in the UK and will increase our turnover to in excess of £500 million.'

Kate Allum, chief executive of First Milk, said: 'This partnership allows us to deliver a short, integrated supply chain, but most impor-

tantly guarantees secure returns for our members' milk.'

The partnership will be subject to competition approval.

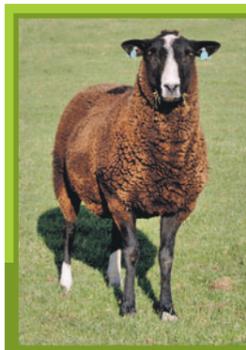
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# Show your spots let's raise lots!



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Next Friday, November 15, people across the UK will be selling home baking, wearing fancy dress, holding parties and doing all sorts of sponsored events to raise money for the BBC's UK corporate charity.

Children in Need aims to help children in Britain have a safe, happy and secure childhood and tries to give them the chance to reach their potential.

The BBC's first ever broadcast appeal for children was the Children's Hour Christmas Appeal in 1955 which continued up until 1979, raising £625,836 in total.

In 1980 the appeal was broadcast on BBC One in a new telethon format hosted by Terry Wogan. This first

televised appeal broke the million pound mark.

So far, more than £650 million has been raised and last year a record breaking £26,757,446 was raised on the night.

In 1985, Pudsey Bear made his debut and has become the face of Children in Need. Designed by a BBC graphics designer, who named him after the West Yorkshire town where she was born, he proved popular on his debut and has appeared on the telethon

ever since.

There are plenty of ideas for people who want to get involved and raise some money in school, at work or in the community.

A sponsored silence, dancing, wearing pyjamas or a onesie for the day, a fun run or being sponsored for an inventive challenge are just a few suggestions.

To get involved, further information and a fundraising pack can be found on the BBC Children in Need website

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# Eddie ensures Machrihanish is a fine site for birdwatchers

‘When you get the right conditions you could have 20-30,000 birds a day, not to mention other wildlife’

by PAMELA PATERSON  
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‘VERY few people are better at watching birds’ says David Millward, a keen ornithologist, of Eddie Maguire who has been sighting wildlife at Machrihanish Seabird Observatory for more than 20 years.

Eddie, a former RAF man, set up the observatory in 1993 after returning to Kintyre with a group of friends, monitoring the site to see how wildlife friendly it was and eventually raising the money to build it just outside Machrihanish.

### Unparalleled

Sitting on the outcrop, Usead Point, with unparalleled views across the Atlantic, the place is a hotbed for all kinds of

birds as well as dolphins and otters.

It is the variety of wildlife which keeps Eddie coming back on a daily basis. He said: ‘Every day is different.’

### Right conditions

‘It’s a tremendous place in a north west gale. When you get the right conditions you could have 20-30,000 birds a day, not to mention other wildlife.’

He also enjoys the social aspect of the job.

He said: ‘I meet so many different people. We get about 3,000 visitors a year including repeat visitors who return several times each year. Some have been visiting for nine years.’

The observatory is also

a site for migration studies after Eddie took a course on the subject.

A huge number of birds have been ringed to study their flight patterns.

These studies have resulted in Eddie writing papers about Pomarine Skua, grey and red-necked Phalarope and other seabirds.

He said: ‘The most exciting species I’ve found here is the Sabine’s gull, which is an Arctic species.’

### Migrate

‘They migrate from Canada to South Africa and use the mid-Atlantic, so we wouldn’t normally see them, but the weather throws them in-shore sometimes.’

The observatory also has the first recorded sighting in Kintyre of



Machrihanish Seabird Observatory which celebrated its 20th anniversary on September 11 this year. 20\_c43observatory02

the Pallid harrier, a bird of prey which usually lives in Asia and eastern Europe and rarely visits the UK. Eddie and the other birdwatchers were beaten to having the first sighting of the bird in Argyll by just two days. According to David Millward from South Wales, a repeat visitor to the observatory who has a caravan at Machrihanish, Eddie’s knowledge of birds and other animals is unmatched.

He said: ‘He can see things without binoculars, and if we aren’t

sure of something we ask him.’

### Record

A huge number of photographs have also been amassed at the facility as Eddie and other wildlife enthusiasts endeavour to record all the species they see. This year

they started a moth study and managed to find an unrecorded species. Eddie and the observatory featured on BBC’s Landward two weeks ago after the television team visited the site a few months earlier.

Eddie explained: ‘Pre-

sender Dougie Vipond was blown away with the wildlife images.’

For more information about the seabird observatory, including reports of bird and wildlife sightings and photos, visit machrihanishbirdobservatory.org.uk



From left: birdwatchers Davy Fuge, from Campbeltown, Jo Goudie from North Wales, Letita Conway from Cumbernauld, Eddie Maguire, who has worked at the observatory for more than 20 years, David Millward from South Wales and Martin Conway from Cumbernauld. 20\_c43observatory01

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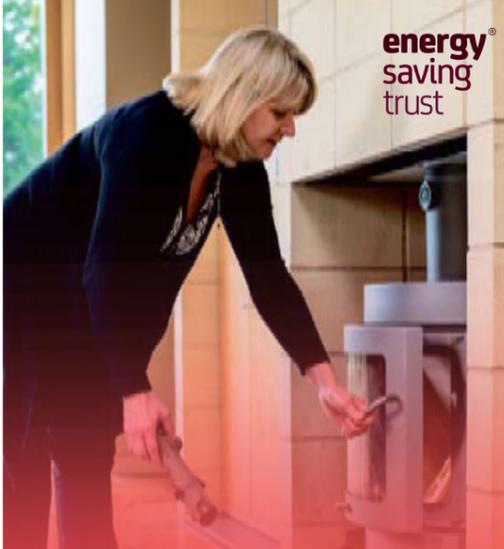
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# a cosy winter

and small wind turbines can help you reduce your electricity bill. Both can generate electricity, but solar panels can also be used to heat water, reducing your reliance on the grid to fill a warm bath.

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Throw a couple of logs in or woodchips - not to mention peat or other combustibles - and the system will pump hot air throughout your house for hours, all while keeping you away from the ever-increasing price of oil.

While these systems sometimes cost some money to install, they provide massive savings long-term - something that appeals more and

more while the big energy companies continue to impose hefty annual price increases.

Put simply, that means more money in your pocket to redecorate, buy a new car, go on holiday or invest in even more technology to take you off the grid.

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# Campbeltown sparkles on Guy Fawkes night



Lots of people turned out to see the fireworks. 20\_c45bonfire05



FIREWORKS lit up Campbeltown's sky on Tuesday evening as the town celebrated bonfire night.

The annual event, which is organised jointly by Dalintober Residents' Group and Campbeltown Fire Station, attracted hundreds of people to Kinloch Green.

Everyone was wrapped up warmly on the cold night and while they enjoyed the glow of the bonfire, fireworks were set off from Dalintober Pier.

Other communities across Kintyre also celebrated Guy Fawkes Night, with Southend holding a bonfire on Sunday night and Gigha on Tuesday night.

Launched from the end of Dalintober Pier, the fireworks lit up High Askomil. 20\_c45bonfire06

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From left: Chelsea Todd, John Willis, John and Heather Parkhouse were well wrapped up on the cold night. 20\_c45bonfire03



From left: Carla Cameron Smith, Andrew Allen, Tamara Lafferty and Jaime-Leigh Allen brought sparklers along to the bonfire. 20\_c45bonfire02



The rain, which had been threatening all evening, held off until the end of the bonfire and fireworks display. 20\_c45bonfire01



Rachel MacPhail, left, and Ashleigh Conner from the Young Firefighters, Campbeltown. 20\_c45bonfire04

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**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 10 NOVEMBER 2013**

**LOCHGILPHEAD**

The wreath-laying ceremony at the War Memorial will commence at 10.55 a.m. Ex-service personnel and other organisations are invited to send a maximum of two representatives to the War Memorial for the ceremony.

Members of the public are cordially invited to attend this act of remembrance.

There will be an opportunity at the end of the official wreath laying ceremony for individuals to place their floral tributes.

On Remembrance Sunday ONLY, all Lochgilphead Church Services will be held at the following times:

- 09.45a.m. Lochgilphead Parish Church
- 11.30 a.m. Lochgilphead Free Church
- 11.30 a.m. Lochgilphead Baptist Church
- 11.30 a.m. Episcopal Church Lochgilphead
- 10.00 a.m. St Margaret's Roman Catholic Church

Sally Loudon, Chief Executive

**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL AND THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SCOTLAND CAMPBELTOWN BRANCH**

**REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE 2013**

There will be an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, Kinloch green, Campbeltown on Sunday 10th November 2013 from 10.50 a.m. During which a two minutes' silence will be observed. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend this Act of Remembrance.

Marching contingents and members of the public who wish to parade to the War Memorial are asked to meet at 10.00am at Campbeltown Old Quay and those who are laying wreaths as part of the official ceremony are invited to attend a short briefing at the War Memorial at 10.15am. There will be an opportunity at the end of the official wreath laying ceremony for individuals to place their floral tributes at the War Memorial.

After the Act of Remembrance the Parade will march to the Lorne and Lowlands Church where the Service will begin at 11.40 a.m.

**PLANNING**

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00 - 17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 67 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk). Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

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

| Ref No       | Proposal   | Site Address   | Location of Plans                          |
|--------------|--|--|--|
| 13/02166/PP  | Re-painting of gatepiers to black  | Lorne And Lowland Church Longrow Campbeltown Argyll And Bute                   | Burnet Building St John Street Campbeltown |
| 13/02168/LIB | Re-painting of gatepiers to black  | Lorne And Lowland Church Longrow Campbeltown Argyll And Bute                   | Burnet Building St John Street Campbeltown |
| 13/02334/PPP | Site for the erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access                | Land Adjacent To Island View Bellochantuy Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6QE | Burnet Building St John Street Campbeltown |
| 13/02374/LIB | Alterations to existing boiler house and installation of flues to accommodate new oil/biomass boilers and fuel store | Aros Trust Headquarters Blarbuie Road Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8LE    | 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>

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

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

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

**DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (LOCHEND STREET, CAMPBELTOWN)(ONE WAY OPERATION) ORDER 201\_**

Argyll and Bute Council proposes to make permanent the temporary one way operation on that section of Lochend Street, Campbeltown which extends from its junction with Millknowe (A83) to its junction with Kinloch Road, a distance of 80 metres or thereby. The permitted direction of travel will be northeasterly. The restriction is necessary due to the likelihood of danger to the public on the grounds of road safety following the recent alterations to the road layout and the introduction of new traffic restrictions within the vicinity.

Full details of these proposals, which form the proposed "The Argyll and Bute Council (Lochend Street, Campbeltown) (One Way Operation) Order 201\_", together with a Plan, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing to make this Traffic Regulation Order, are available for inspection during normal office hours Monday to Friday inclusive at the offices of:

- (i) Argyll and Bute Council Offices, Burnet Building, Campbeltown;
- (ii) Argyll and Bute Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll.

Any person wishing to object to the proposals should send details of the grounds for objection in writing to the Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll by 29th November 2013.

Jim Smith, Head of Roads & Amenity Services, 1A Manse Brae, LOCHGILPHEAD, PA31 8RD



Dunbartonshire and Argyll & Bute Valuation Joint Board

The Scottish Government has announced that the date of the independence referendum will be 18 September 2014.

The Scottish Independence Referendum (Franchise) Act provides that the franchise will be extended so that those who are either 16 or 17 years of age on the day of the referendum will be entitled to vote in the referendum if they would otherwise be entitled to be included in the register of local government electors.

**The 2013 canvass will provide the basis for the registers to be used at the referendum**

**THE REGISTER OF ELECTORS ANNUAL CANVASS**

Electoral Registration Forms will be posted to every residential property in Argyll & Bute during the month of November, listing the registration details held by the Electoral Registration Officer.

Each residential property will be sent two forms: an annual canvass form and a young voter registration form.

**Register by Freephone, Internet or by Mobile Phone Text Message**

Residents will be given the opportunity to use FREEPHONE, INTERNET and MOBILE PHONE TEXT MESSAGE to confirm their electoral roll details.

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All services will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, throughout the canvass period and can be used by households where the names of the electors at the address remain UNCHANGED from the information contained in the forms.

It is hoped that these convenient choices for making the return will be of particular benefit to the housebound, people living in rural areas and of course busy households wanting to save time.

**Register by Post**

If there are any ELECTOR NAME CHANGES required to the details appearing on the Registration Forms, amendments should be made accordingly, and the forms must be returned by POST in the pre-paid envelope provided.

David C Thomson  
Electoral Registration Officer

**Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day Association AGM**

Monday 18th November 2013, 7pm  
MS Centre, Campbell St, Lochgilphead

In order for the continuance of our A.F.D. a good turnout is requested as new members are required. (Previous Service not necessary)

**Mid Argyll Pipe Band AGM**

26th November 2013  
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  - Call in the professionals. Ask friends or relatives who have moved recently to recommend removal firms.
  - Get at least three estimates from different firms and don't automatically accept the cheapest.
  - Establish a written timetable with the removal firm and check the foreman has all the necessary details.
  - Make sure the removal firm has a clear map showing how to find your new home.
  - Ensure your possessions are insured for transit. Most removal firms provide such insurance. Check what it covers and whether there are exclusions. Remember that anything you pack yourself may not be covered by the removal firm's insurance. If you are planning to transport any precious items yourself, check that these are covered when in transit by your contents insurance.
  - Hire professional cleaners to give your new place a thorough going over before you move in. Some removal firms will arrange to do this. This will make the whole move a more comfortable process.
  - Before the big day, have a clear out. Valuable items that are no longer needed can be auctioned or sold to a dealer in second-hand furniture. Other items can be donated to charity shops or recycled.
  - Get someone to look after the children for the day. The same goes for pets – or book them into kennels or a cattery. Make sure they have identity tags with their new address.
  - Compile a fact file for the people who are moving into your property, such as instruction leaflets and service information for the heating system and appliances you're leaving, together with details of rubbish collection etc.
  - Round up all the keys to your home, including those left with neighbours, nannies and relatives, and give them to your solicitor or estate agent.
  - If the move is going to be spread over a couple of days, arrange accommodation and pack a bag for an overnight stop.
  - Make a scale plan of each room in your new home to give to the removal team so, in theory, they know exactly where everything is to go. Colour-code packing cases and furniture in the hope that this will mean it ends up in the right rooms.
  - Make a complete inventory of everything to be moved.
  - Advise the post office to redirect your post.
  - Cancel milk and newspapers.
  - If you are moving to a different area, register with a new GP.
  - Get change of address cards printed
  - Notify Utilities: water, gas and electricity providers; Telephone and Internet service providers; Contact TV licensing in order to transfer your licence to your new address; Bank, building society, pension provider and company you have loans or investments with; Credit card and store card companies; Local council regarding council tax; Subscriptions to magazines, charities, etc; Employers; The schools your children attend; DVLA; It is a legal requirement to notify DVLA. You will need to renew your driving licence and vehicle registration document; Friends, family and colleagues.
  - Upon arrival, read the meters and check that the phone, security alarm, electricity, gas, central heating and water work.
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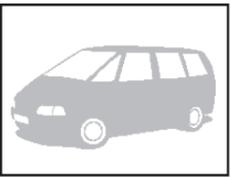
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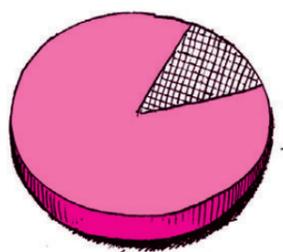
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'And did you leave a wife or a sweetheart behind

in some loyal heart is your memory enshrined?

And though you died back in 1916

to that loyal heart are you forever 19?'

At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we may all stop and think about the young men and women who have died in the many conflicts across the globe.

Our present has been shaped by their past but our future will be shaped by what we do now.

We owe it to them to strive for peace.

We owe it to them to make sure we do everything in our power to move from the horrors of war to the path of peace.

The final lines of the song end with these words:

'Did you really believe that this war would end wars?'

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The group of students with Poppy the teddy bear before she starts her big adventure.

## Kelsey's teddy is bearing up for Children in Need

ONE small teddy is about to take a giant leap for bear kind as she goes on an adventure around Argyll to raise money for Children in Need.

A group of students at Argyll College studying education and childcare have banded together to send a teddy bear on a grand adventure, taking photos of her exploits and raising some money along the way.

Kelsey Brown's teddy, Poppy, will be appearing in various plac-

es in Campbeltown, Glasgow, and the rest of Kintyre. She will be passed from person to person as she makes her journey with a little bag for donations and a camera.

### Idea

The group got the idea after it was done a few years ago by the childcare department in Argyll College.

Kelsey explained: 'It was a similar event to raise money, only that time the bear travelled around all

the learning centres before coming back to its original starting point.

'This time we wanted it to be more focused on Campbeltown and the surrounding community which is why we're looking for the support of the public and local businesses.'

Kelsey added that people should look out for Poppy as she makes her way around the town as there is no telling where she might end up on her big adventure.

## Campbeltown will remember war dead

CAMPBELTOWN'S Act of Remembrance will be held at the town's war memorial at 10.50am on Sunday.

After this, a service will take place at Lorne and Lowland Church at 11.40am.

### Poppy crosses

Tomorrow (Saturday) members of the public are invited to go to Kilkerran cemetery where the Campbeltown branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland (RBL) will lay a wreath at the Cross of Sacrifice and place poppy crosses on the war graves at 10.30am.

Alistair Kenny, chairman of the RBL Campbeltown Branch, said: 'Remembrance has different meaning to different people; some remember family and comrades lost during the two world wars; some remember the evacuation of children to safer areas while others remember more recent times when they have lost loved ones in the conflicts that our forces have and continue to be part of.'

'Some remember the horrors they witnessed and then there are those who are still suffering

from what they have been through.

'Remembrance Day is a time for everyone to come and join us in remembering and paying our respects and, even if you have not been directly affected, you are invited to show your support by remembering those who have.'

### Conflicts

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'There are very few families within our local community who have not been affected by the various conflicts throughout the years.'

'It is therefore a priv-

ilege and an honour to represent Argyll and Bute Council at this year's Remembrance Service.'

Marching contingents and members of the public who wish to march to the war memorial are asked to meet at 10am at the Old Quay where free tea and coffee will be provided.

Those laying wreaths at the official ceremony are invited to attend a briefing at the war memorial at 10.15am.

At the end of the Act of Remembrance the parade will march to Lorne and Lowland Church.

## New provost at Argyll and Bute Council

LEN Scoullar has been elected the new provost of Argyll and Bute Council following the resignation of Isobel Strong.

SNP councillor Mrs Strong resigned after months of political instability at the council and following major heart surgery.

Fellow Bute councillor Mr Scoullar, a member of the Alliance of Independent Councillors, took up his new post at last Thursday's meeting, which also saw a number of key positions in the administration confirmed.

Mr Scoullar is the new lead spokesman for island affairs, Douglas Philand lead councillor for adult care, Dick Walsh is head of strategic finance, Ellen Morton spokeswoman for roads and amenity services, while Aileen Morton is responsible for education.

Duncan Macintyre is policy lead for European affairs, economic growth and transport, Donald Kelly is responsible for human resources, customer support and facility services, and Vivian Dance spokeswoman for the environment, renewables and tourism.

Mull councillor Mary Jean Devon is spokeswoman for children and families and Islay's Robin Currie the lead for housing.

On the planning protective services and licensing committee, David Kinniburgh will be responsible for planning and Rory Colville responsible for licensing.

Alastair MacDougall is chairman of Oban Lorne and the Isles Area committee, while Elaine Robertson is deputy.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

The Bible says, 'Live in harmony with one another' (Romans, 12:16).

**BIRTHS**



**PATTISON - GEDDES**

Sean and Stephanie are delighted to announce the arrival of their gorgeous daughter, Millie-Rose Brieze, on October 30, 2013, making Eleanor (Cox) Ferguson a very proud grandmother.

**ENGAGEMENTS**



**DOCHERTY - WELCH**

With great pleasure David and Karen (Ardrishaig) announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Rebecca, to Christopher, the youngest son of Dorothy and John (Austin, Texas). Both families are delighted.

**DEATHS**

**BAXTER** - Suddenly in Edinburgh, on November 4, 2013, Barbara Scally Kennedy, in her 79th year, Arran View, Ardnacraig Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Rae Baxter, much loved sister of Alex and Neil Kennedy and a dearly loved aunt and great aunt. RIP. Service in St Kieran's RC Church, on Monday, November 11 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Cancer Research.

**BROWN** - Peacefully, after a short illness, at home, Drumore House, Campbeltown, on November 2, 2013, surrounded by her family, Margaret Anne McSporran, in her 59th year, dearly beloved wife of Angus Brown, much loved mum of Fiona and a loving and much loved granny of Kelly and Jamie.

**GILBERT** - Eunie MacVicar, passed away peacefully, in Bristol, on October 28 2013, in her 95th year. Last surviving sister of Niven MacVicar, Barrachuile.

**KELLY** - Peacefully, with his family around him, at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, on November 4, 2013, James Malcolm Kelly (Jim), in his 89th year, formerly of Ralston Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Jennie Duncan, much loved father of Pat, Malcolm, Jim, Betty and Ronald and a loving and much loved granda and great granda.

**MORTON** - At Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on October 30, 2013, in his 83rd year, Iain Morton, McCracken Court, Lochgilphead, formerly of Dunamara, Benderloch, beloved son of the late Jack and Sarah Morton, brother to the late Mae MacInnes, brother-in-law to Angus and uncle to John, Colin and Isobel. Funeral service was held at Ardchattan Kirk, Achnaba on Thursday, November 7.

**MUNRO** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on October 30, 2013, Neil James Munro, in his 55th year, 197 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, beloved partner of Elizabeth, much loved father of Zara, Roberta, Jordan and Sammy-Jo, a dearly loved grandfather, beloved son of Betty and the late Toby Munro and brother of Bobby.

**WILSON** - Peacefully at home, 33b Glebe Street, Campbeltown, on November 4, 2013, Janet Pollock (Jenny), in her 100th year, formerly of Baraskomel Farm, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Robert Wilson, much loved mum of Robert, Mary, Alex and Janette and an adored granny and great granny. Funeral private.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**STEWART** - Annie and girls would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for all the phone calls, cards, flowers and gifts received following the sad loss of Dave. Thanks to all at the Mid Argyll Hospital, the district nurses and Marie Curie nurses for their support. Thanks also to all at Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for their professional service and to Rev Roddy McLeod and Rev Hilda Smith for their fitting services. Also to the Stag Hotel for purvey. Finally, thanks to all who attended the memorial service. The retiring collection for Marie Curie raised the sum of £380.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**BEATON** - In loving memory of Angus, died November 10, 2003, dear husband, dad and papa.  
- From Mary, Neil, Claire and Cairan.

**DAWSON** - Jack Dawson, followed by Mamie Dawson, followed by Gladys Dawson. Dearly loved, sadly missed.  
- Inserted by son and husband, Bill.

**GALBRAITH** - Willie, died November 13, 1996. Loved and remembered every day.  
- Maureen and family.

**MACHRAY** - Our thoughts and love are with you always, Mac.  
- Gladys and family.

**MACRAILD** - In loving memory of Mary (née McSporran), who died November 3, 2012. Dearly missed.  
- From all the family, at home and away.

**MACQUARRIE** - In loving memory of our sister, Christine, who died November 5, 2005. Always remembered.  
- Hamish and Kenneth.

**MCCAIG** - In loving memory of our dear dad, Peter, who passed away on November 8, 2010. Also our dear mum, Isa, who passed away on November 9, 1999. We never lose the ones we love  
For love itself lives on  
And the joy we knew together  
Is really never gone.  
- From your loving family, at Meadows Avenue and Peninver.

**MCQUARRIE** - In memory of our beloved daughter and sister, Rhoda, who passed away on November 8, 2012. We treasure all our memories  
The things we shared together  
And in our hearts the love we shared  
Will be with us forever.  
- Mum, Dad and Donna.

**ROBERTSON** - In loving memory of my dear loved brother, David, died November 11, 1972. I loved you, David, I always will  
The day I lost you the world stood still  
You won't come back I know that's true  
Some day I will come to you.  
David, I will always love you.  
- Sister, Nan.

**SMITH** - Gladys Mary, passed away November 7, 2012. Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day, Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear.  
- With much love from all the family.  
**TYRRELL** - Remembering my beloved husband, John, died November 9, 2007. Treasured memories are for today, tomorrow and forever.  
- Jenny.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**  
Remembrance Sunday  
Services 10 November - all welcome!

**Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair**  
Charity No. SC016097  
10am Cumlodden Church  
10.45am War Memorial Lochgair  
11.30am War Memorial Minard  
2pm War Memorial Fumace  
3pm Gaelic Service Lochgair Church

**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
10.50am War Memorial Inveraray  
11.30am Inveraray Church  
Soup after the service in Inveraray Church

**ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH**  
LOCHGILPHEAD  
Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY  
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
Fr. David Connor  
01546 602380  
All Welcome  
(SC0002876)

**free church of scotland**  
George Street, Campbeltown  
Sunday 10th November  
11.00am Sunday School  
12.45pm Communion Service led by Rev Finlay Mackenzie  
Thursday 14th November  
12 noon Prayer and Bible Study  
All Welcome  
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
Sunday 10th November  
Remembrance Service at Ford 11.30am  
Rev. Cliff Acklam  
All welcome  
SC01212

**LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
All Welcome  
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
Sunday 10th November 2013  
11.30am Morning Service  
At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae  
Remembrance Service at Cenotaph at 10.55am  
Scottish Charity SC015187

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
Remembrance Sunday  
Services in Ardrishaig at 10:45am followed by Laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial (approx 12noon) and Achahoish at 12:30pm

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
Charity Number SC001002  
Sunday 10 November  
Barnluasgan Memorial 9 am  
Wreath Laying Ceremony  
Inverlussa Church 10 am  
Remembrance Service  
Retiral offering for Poppy Scotland  
Rev. Cliff Acklam  
Thursday 14 November  
Messy Church 4 - 6 pm  
Tayvallich Hall  
All welcome  
Enquiries 01546 606926  
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknappedalecofs

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
Sunday 10th November  
10.45am Service at War Memorial  
Morning Worship - 11.40am  
(Creche, Triple C)  
Rev. P Burroughs  
Tuesday 12th November  
Parents and Toddlers 9.45am - New Hall  
BB Anchor Section 6-7pm in Church Hall  
BB Junior Section 7.15-8.30pm in Church Hall  
Thursday 14th November  
Prayer Meeting - 4.00pm  
Choir Practice - 7.30pm  
Friday 15th November  
Lunch Club - 12 noon - New Hall

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Sunday 10th November 2013  
Remembrance Services  
Tarbert Service 10.45am  
Please gather at War Memorial thereafter to Tarbert Free Church  
Kilberry Service 2pm  
Rev. Tommy Bryson  
Kirk Session meets Tuesday 12th November in Tarbert Free Church 7.30pm  
For all church enquiries and pastoral care  
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**THE SALVATION ARMY**  
Burnside Street, Campbeltown  
Saturday 9th November  
10.00am - 12.00 noon  
Coffee Morning  
Sunday Services  
10.30am Morning Worship (Army Kidz)  
6.30pm Evening Worship  
Tuesday  
12.15pm Lunch Club  
1.30pm Home League  
Thursday  
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer  
Lt. Mark Scouling

**Highland Parish Church**  
SCO02493  
Sunday 10th November  
11.30am Rev C Hood  
Tuesday 12th November  
Badminton  
P1-5 - 6-7pm  
P6-7 - 7-8pm  
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Sunday 10th November 2013  
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Mr R H Craig  
Wednesday 13th November 2013  
No toddler Group this week  
7.30pm Bible Study  
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St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277  
Sunday 10th November  
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Remembrance Sunday at the memorial, followed by early communion at St Kierans at approx 11.30am  
All Welcome  
Details of services are on the church door  
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141  
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**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
Remembrance Sunday  
10 November 2013  
10.50am Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch. Speaker: Jo McCord from Texas, U.S.A.  
Thursday 14 November 2013  
7.30pm  
Praise, prayer & sharing  
All Welcome

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Remembrance Sunday  
10th November  
11:00 am  
Visiting Speaker Deans Buchanan with Sunday school  
Tea & coffee after the service  
Baby & Toddler Group  
10.00 - 11.45 am  
Every Thursday  
We meet in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
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## Campbeltown youngsters hosting Argyll teams

FOOTBALL teams from Oban, Lochgilphead and Tarbert will be visiting Campbeltown on Sunday to play four and five a sides.

The 2006-07 (P2-3) age group will play fun fours while the 2004-05 (P4-5) age groups will enjoy five-a-sides.

Kick off is 11.30am on the all-weather pitch at Kinloch Green and Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association welcomes everyone along to support the youngsters.

## Mhairi makes her mark at the darts

MHAIRI Morrison, Kenny Docherty and George Gamble were the top scorers during the first three weeks of Campbeltown District Darts Association competition.

Mhairi scored 171 (T19x3) for the Ailsa during week one's competition, while Kenny hit a finish of 146 for the Burnside in week two. George scored 180 for Kilbrannan A in week three.

Results: Week one: Kilbrannan A 8 Fiddlers B 2, Burnside 10 Commercial 0, Fiddlers 8 Kilbrannan C 2, Kilbrannan B 5 Ailsa 5, Southend Bye.

Week two: Southend 5 Ailsa 5, Kilbrannan C 6 Kilbrannan B 4, Commercial 2 Fiddlers 8, Fiddlers B 1 Burnside 9, Kilbrannan A Bye.

Week three: Kilbrannan A 8 Southend 2, Fiddlers 8 Fiddlers B 2, Kilbrannan B 4 Commercial 6, Ailsa 8 Kilbrannan C 2, Burnside Bye.

Katie Umpherson of Kilbrannan B finished with 114 and Tony MacMillan of Fiddlers with 112.

## Islay Golf Club

ISLAY Golf Club November Medal, November 3: 1 A. Holyoake 76-6=70, 2 N. Johnston 91-9=82, 3 B. O'Neil 98-12=86. CSS 74.

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# Early Carradale goal takes the sting out of Erskine Thistle

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Carradale            | 9 |
| Erskine Thistle      | 2 |
| West of Scotland AFL |   |

CARRADALE stunned their visitors with a goal in 20 seconds and never looked back.

A quick-thinking pass from Ryan McConnachie set up David Johnstone and his snap shot from 16 yards caught the Erskine keeper cold and it sneaked in at the near post.

The home side doubled their lead in the 11th minute when Cammy Maguire picked a loose ball 20 yards out. He turned his man before rifling a powerful, low shot into the corner of the net.

Thistle to their credit were playing football from the back but

lacked bite up front. The McFadyen's Transport sponsored side went four up before the half hour, again Johnstone and Maguire were the scorers.

Erskine pulled one back in the 38th minute from the penalty spot, but it only took 30 seconds for the home side to regain their four-goal advantage in a four-man move from the kick off - Johnstone finishing it off to complete his hat-



Carradale captain Ewan McIlroy runs in for a tackle on an Erskine player. 20\_c45carrfoot01



Cammy Maguire, right, was Carradale's man of the match after scoring a hat-trick. 20\_c45carrfoot02

trick.

Carradale continued to dominate and in the 59th minute the visitors, trying to play the offside trap, were caught napping as Maguire timed his run to perfection to round the keeper and tap the ball into an empty net for his hat-trick.

Not long after that the Kintyre side used their five substitutes. Two goals followed from Adam Graham and an own goal from McWilliams gave the visitors their second goal.

Man of the match was Cammy Maguire and the match ball was spon-

sored by Andrew Smith and Son.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Carradale will welcome Callander Thistle from the Stirling & District AFL in the third round of the Scottish cup, kick off 2pm at Campbeltown's all-weather pitch.

## Fun festival for young Campbeltown players

SOME of the youngest players from Campbeltown and District Junior Football Association attended the Dumbarton Riverside fun four and

five-a-side festival at the Vale of Leven Academy in West Dunbartonshire.

One team of 2005s had an early start at 9.30am

and enjoyed seven 10-minute games of five-a-sides and played superbly well against sides from Kilpatrick, Dumbarton United, Dumbar-



Campbeltown's 2007s youngsters.



Campbeltown's 2005s youngsters.

ton Riverside and Ardencape in Helensburgh with the youngsters enjoying the step up from fun fours to five-a-sides. Later in the afternoon it was the turn of the 2007 (P2) age groups who made the long journey from Campbeltown thanks to the support of their parents.

The two sides enjoyed a couple of hours of fun fours against other

youngsters and played extremely well in their first away day to an official Scottish Youth Football Association organised festival.

Each child was presented with a medal for all their efforts with everyone praising the organisation and hospitality of Dumbarton Riverside which is now keen to make a return trip to Campbeltown.

## SAFL results and fixtures

SATURDAY'S results: - Scottish Amateur Cup 1st round - Tarbert v Yoker, postponed; West of Scotland Cup, 2nd round - Colville Park 10, Dunoon Athletic 1; Dunoon 1, Maryhill Black Star 6; Premier Division - Castlemilk v Oban Saints, postponed; Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils 4, Paisley 4; Premier Division Two - Lochgilphead Red Star v Glencastle Sparta, postponed.

Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup 1st round - Yoker v Tarbert; 3rd round - Clermiston Star v Dunoon; Glenmuir Thistle v Campbeltown Pupils; Oban Saints v Rosyth; Premier Division Two - Dunoon Athletic v Port Glasgow United; Goldenhill v Lochgilphead Red Star.

# Campbell puts tin lid on a fine season

KENNY Campbell from Southend set a course record of 31mins 55secs, winning the Tin Farm 5 race on Sunday at Ormsary Estate.

The Campbeltown Running Club athlete led home a strong contingent of teammates on a challenging, hilly trail and road race which finished on a beach for good measure.

Returning from a three-week lay off from injury, Kenny's victory meant he dominated local races this year having already won the MOK half marathon, the Gigha Challenge and the Tarbert 10k. He also re-wrote his PB at the Stirling 10k and won the Forres 10k.

Other notable results included Stuart McGeachy, second in 33.06, smashing his previous best for the course, ahead of club-mates Tommy Morran,

seventh in 35.20; James Murdoch, ninth in 36.25; Allan Reid 10th in 37.07; and Alisdair O'May, 14th in 38.14 (third male vet).

Jennifer Martin finished second senior female in 39.44, Emma Morran third senior female in 41.09 and Jennifer Reid was first female vet in 41.36, a female vet record.

### Success

There was success for CRC juniors with Maryann Wylie finishing first female junior in 45.28 and Ashleigh Conner third female junior in 48:20.

There was also a team event for the best total time of three competitors. CRC team 'JTS' which consisted of Stuart McGeachy, Jennifer Martin and Tommy Morran, won the event for a second year in a row with a combined time of 1:48.10.

Team 'On the Spot' - Kenny Campbell, James Murdoch and Jennifer Reid finished a close second with a combined time of 1:49.56.

Other Campbeltown runners were: Darren Renton (vet) 23rd in 40.49, Sarah McFadzen 29th in 43.10, Elaine McGeachy 34th in 45.17, Neil John McPhail 37th in 45.42, Robert Semple 41st in 46.18, Kerry O'May 50th in 49.21, Iona McIntosh (vet) 54th in 50.29, Janette Hannah (vet) 57th in 50.46, Dougie Wylie 58th (vet) in 50.46, Jackie Fulton (vet) 62nd in 51.19, Margaret Sinclair (vet) 66th in 52.02, Mairi McKillop, 73rd in 54.26, Lorraine O'May (vet) 82nd in 55.48, Joanne Tiffin (vet) 85th in 56.57.

Mairi McKillop was among Campbeltown runners who did well recently over the half marathon and 8k distances in Amsterdam.



Campbeltown Grammar's winning boys S1-S3 team.



Campbeltown Grammar's winning girls S1-S3 team.

## Young grammar pupils shine in football tournament

THE first competition of the Active Schools, MAKI Schools Sports League kicked off with a football tournament at the all-weather pitch Campbeltown.

More than 140 pupils enjoyed a full day of football, topped off with a glorious day of sunshine.

There were four competitions throughout the day: S1-S3 boys, S1-S3 girls, S4-S6 girls and S4-S6 boys.

All four competitions were closely matched, however Campbeltown Grammar School came out worthy winners in both the S1-S3 age groups, with Islay High School runners up in the girls' tournament and Lochgilphead runners up in the boys' tournament.

In the senior school events, Lochgilphead High School won the boys' tournament ahead of Campbeltown.

Tarbert Academy were worthy winners in the girls event ahead of Lochgilphead HS.



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# Hard second half lesson for Pupils

Home team throw away 3-1 half time lead

**Campbelown Pupils** 4  
**Paisley** 4  
**SAFL Premier Division One**

PUPILS will look back on this game as one thrown away, after surrendering a two-goal half-time cushion.

As the match wore on it became a day when nothing would go right for the McFadyen-sponsored side.

Paisley produce a spirited comeback and in the end deserved their share of the points; however, the home side failed to maintain their tactical shape and were punished accordingly in a

second half best forgotten.

It was all so different in a first half which saw the home side score almost at will, a powerfully struck corner from Martin McCallum finding the net via a goal-keeping error in the 17th minute.

Within minutes the home side were two ahead, courtesy of a solo effort from Gregor Croll. Receiving the ball on the edge of the box, the Pupils front man

made a jinking run past two defenders before firing home in decisive fashion.

It was one-way traffic at this stage, and it could have been worse for Paisley when Craig Lang was upended in the box, but the referee awarded a corner kick and the visitors heaved a sigh of relief.

From what looked an irretrievable position, Paisley mounted an isolated attack and scored against the run of play.

After surviving a number of challenges in the box, the ball broke kindly for their centre forward and he scored

from close range.

Stung into action, the home side swept up the park and Martin McCallum found space to send a thunderous drive high into the roof of the net - without doubt the goal of the match.

What transpired in the second half defies explanation, but it certainly suggests the home side were guilty of thinking the game was already won.

Two ahead and coasting, the measured approach of the first half was replaced by a cavalry charge and the space left in front of the back four was exploited to the full by Paisley.

Playing neat possession football, the visitors broke clear to send an inviting ball across the six-yard box, an opportunity gratefully received as the ball was driven home from close range.

Worse was to follow when the visitors were awarded a penalty kick and levelled the scoring.

The home side's play was neat and tidy, but keenness became the enemy with too many in front of the ball.

It was heart in mouth whenever an attack broke down, with the ball returned quickly to



**Striker Gregor Croll scored the Pupils' second goal of the match.**

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the other end as both sides chased the winner - good from a spectator's point of view but a nightmare for management.

The home side grabbed the lead once more when Lewis McFadyen stole in on the blind side to fire his side ahead, but then Paisley equalised with a delightful chip after some fine approach play.

The Pupils could have won it in the dying sec-

onds, but a fine cross into the box miscued in front of goal by Gregor McFadyen.

Tomorrow (Satur-

day), the Pupils travel to Cumnock to play Ayrshire First Division side Glenmuir Thistle in the Scottish Cup 3rd round.



**The Pupils' John McCallum gets past two Paisley players.** 20\_c45pupils01

## Kintyre golf clubs unite to encourage young players

MACHRIHANISH Golf Club and Dunaverty Golf Club are starting a joint winter league for juniors and juveniles.

All children from eight years and upwards, members or not, with or without handicap, are

invited to go along to Machrihanish Golf Club tomorrow (Saturday) at 1pm.

PGA pro Ken Campbell will give beginners an introduction, and the experienced juniors will play a little competition.

Over the winter season there will be a variety of golf activities on Saturdays at 1pm.

The activities will be alternating between the two golf clubs, but membership is not required.

Machrihanish and Dunaverty golf clubs are keen to encourage juniors to play golf and are hoping to set a winter fixture list for all ages to enjoy. Anyone interested will be made very welcome.

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